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## Area seniors lobby for community center

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For years the need for a community center in Independence Township has been tossed around.

It seems now the idea has taken on new life through the actions of a small group of concerned, well-organized elder residents, spurred on by the debate of whether a new township hall or civic center should be built.

They call themselves the Senior Center Advisory Committee and they're proposing to the Township Board, that along with their decision for a new hall or civic center, they consider building "an intergenerational activity center."

As it is worded in their mission statement, they desire "to so effectively influence the voting public of Independence Township in order to raise a groundswell supporting of voters and sweep the Independence Township Board into action for their approval to construct a new building(s) (or a campus of buildings) to

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Lois Seddon, spokesperson for the Senior Center Advisory Committee.

## Strike up the band



From percussions to brass and winds to color guard, the Clarkston High School marching band has geared up for the start of a new school year. Band camp last week had the 190 high schoolers working hard every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cliff Chapman, Clarkston High School band director, said, the time involved at band camp is important in "bringing everyone together in order to make a cohesive unit and to make us effective." Photo by Jennifer Nemer

## Village Players hope to move to Cinema theater

BY MARALEE COOK  
Clarkston News Editor

With some prayers and a lot of community support, a very large gift may fall into the lap of the community theater group, the Clarkston Village Players.

A developer, who prefers to remain anonymous for the time being, has agreed to purchase the Clarkston Cinema building on Dixie Highway, and make the theater portion of the building available to the CVP at an as yet undis-

closed cost. The catch is, the Players have to come up with the funds to renovate the theater.

CVPlayer Dean Vanderkolk said Tuesday that the players have about six weeks to figure out if they can swing the funding, which they estimate will be at least \$100,000.

"The developer is a big fan of the organization, and is doing this specifically to help us," said Vanderkolk. "We will never get a better opportunity than this. If CVP turns down the offer, the devel-

oper will walk away from the deal."

The Players hope to open their 2002-2003 season at the new facility.

Vanderkolk said the group needs a lot of support from the community to finance the renovations. Their annual operating budget is about \$20,000, said Vanderkolk.

The group is hoping for donations and will continue a hefty schedule of fundraisers this year. In the future they hope businesses will underwrite specific productions.

The Players have performed at the Depot Theatre on White Lake Road by the railroad tracks for many years.

The building is owned by Grand Trunk Railroad and leased to CVP for "next to nothing," said Vanderkolk. The group's agreement with Grand Trunk stipulates the building be destroyed if it is no longer used by CVP.

If the group moves to the Clarkston Cinema, the Depot Theatre would be used as a secondary theater for concerts

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## The News in Brief

### City hosts public hearing for grant funds

The Clarkston City Council will discuss the reallocation of 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 Community Development Block Grant Funds at a public hearing Monday, August 27.

City Council will consider transferring these funds to the Independence Township Senior Citizens Center for the purchase of a van. Funds under consideration are as follows: 1998, \$1,697; 1999, \$2,000; 2000, \$4,000; 2001, \$2,400; for a total of \$10,097. These funds are presently programmed for equipment for the senior center kitchen.

City Manager Art Pappas said while a refrigerator has been purchased with part of the funds for the senior center, a van is more urgently needed than kitchen equipment at this time.

The meetings will be at 7:30 p.m. at city offices, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston.

### Plan now for community sale in Springfield Twp.

There's still time to sign up for a table at the Community Garage and Sidewalk Sale September 14 and 15 at Springfield Township's Hart Community Center at Mill Pond Park.

Get rid of hidden treasures that have been packed away. Crafters are also welcome. Tables are \$5 per day for residents, \$8 for non-residents. Setup is at 8:30 a.m. and the sale will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

Hart Community Center is located at 495 Broadway in Davisburg. Call (248)634-0412 for more information.

### Boardwalk Realtor scheduled for sentencing

Larry Sefa, former owner of Clarkston Cinema and Boardwalk Real Estate, Inc., is scheduled to be sentenced in an embezzlement case on Wed., Sept. 19 at 10:30 a.m., before Judge Wendy Potts of the Oakland County Circuit Court.

Sefa, who plead no contest at an August 13 trial, was arrested on a different embezzlement charge following his appearance before the judge. He was released August 15, after posting a \$1,500 bond.

In the present case, Sefa is charged with embezzling \$2,800 from a Pontiac couple who placed the money as a down payment on a new home.

Many similar complaints have been filed against the realtor through the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and Michigan Consumer of Industry Services as well as the U.S. Department of Labor Wage and Hour Division, for failing to pay his cinema employees.

### Fall perennial plant swap

The Springfield Garden Club will host a fall perennial plant swap Saturday, September 8 at the Mill Pond Park at 495 Broadway in downtown Davisburg at 10 a.m.

You may take home as many perennials as you bring. The plants must be in groups of two or three and in four-inch or six-inch containers. Call (248)634-0412 for information.

### Area punt, pass and kick competitions coming up

Area kids can compete in football skills in Punt, Pass and Kick competitions, at Independence and Springfield townships' parks and rec departments in September.

The competition is free and open to boys and girls ages 8 to 15. They will compete separately in three categories -- punting, passing and kicking. Winners will advance to sectional competitions. Sectional overall winners will advance to team championships, and team winners will advance to national championships.

The competitions are held in conjunction with Michigan Recreation and Park Association, Michigan NFL-Gatorade Punt, Pass and Kick. The competition is designed to encourage youth participation and emphasize fun in football.

Only soft soled gym shoes are allowed during competition. Pre-registration is encouraged and a copy of the child's birth certificate is required.

**Springfield Township:** Sept. 8 (raindate Sept. 15) at the Shiawassee Basin Preserve, off Davisburg and Eaton roads in downtown Davisburg. 12 p.m. registration, 12:30 p.m. competition. Call (248)634-0412 for more information.

**Independence Township:** Sept. 15 at Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road west of Sashabaw. Registration at 9:30 a.m., competition begins at 10 a.m. Call 625-8223 for more details.

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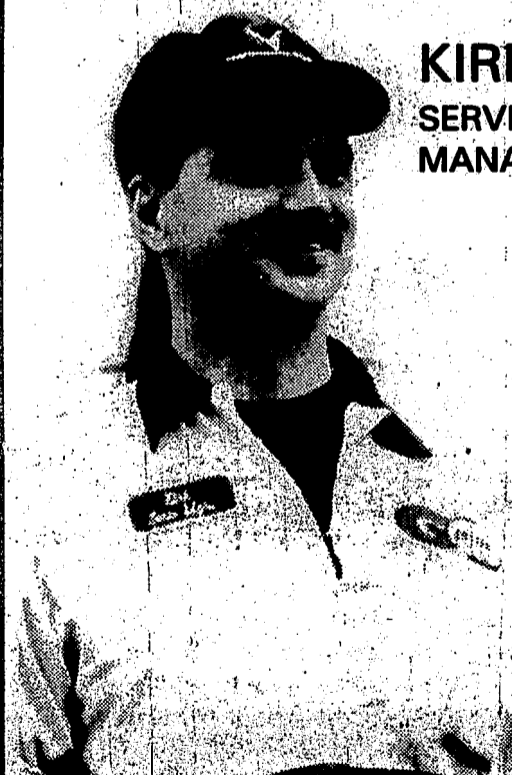
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# The Second Front

## Pond tour celebrates outdoors, supports charity

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's been called peaceful, tranquil, relaxing and wonderful.

Clarkston residents Debbie and Bob Gay can't say or get enough of their water garden.

To them it's become a hobby, a way to soothe the soul; and now it's being featured on an upcoming pond tour sponsored by Aguafina Gardens and Imports and co-sponsored by Bordine Nursery.

The third annual pond tour, which supports Gilda's Club of Royal Oak, is August 25 and showcases over 20 water gardens from surrounding areas. The Gays' creation is one of two Clarkston ponds featured.

More than a year ago at the Gays' home, anyone visiting would've found a simple 100-gallon pond with a few fish and lilies.

"The problem with having a pond is that you want to get bigger, bigger and bigger," laughed Debbie.

Nowadays, to step into the Gays' backyard is a unique experience. Off their deck is a 4,000-gallon, 19 by 15 foot pond, with riverbed, three waterfalls, and slate bridge.

There are five varieties of waterlilies, 12 imported Japanese Koi fish, surrounded by an array of perennial plants.

Within the garden are ornaments to enhance the environment. If you look closely you'll find a turtle camouflaged so well with the rocks it's hard to notice him; a bouncing frog that's actually a numbered piece of art; brass sculptures of a dragonfly and butterfly; a large welcome sign; bird feeder; lighting; and stepping stones.

"I'm thinking about adding a bench," said Debbie. "It's a work in progress. We'll always keep adding to it."

In the early evening, when the shadows are just so, the Gays enjoy sitting before the water garden, watching and noticing nature.

"Observing nature is so relaxing," said Debbie. "It's soothing for the soul."

"We get lots of interesting creatures out here-- lots of frogs," she said. "We have one frog that's so big, it ate another frog. I've never seen a frog eat another frog!"

They also see many dragonflies, hummingbirds, and butterflies.

Debbie said the biggest problem for ponds are heron. "We haven't had that problem, knock on wood," she said. "Crucial to keeping predators out is building a pond with straight up and down edges, so all those heron and raccoons can't get to the fish."

The Gays can be at ease and enjoy their pond, now that all the hard work is done.

Aguafina helped the Gays with the design of their pond, but the Gays did all the construction themselves last summer.

It took two weeks, with about seven working together, and almost every waking hour devoted to building the pond.

Bob, the master gardener in the family, landscaped the whole thing.



Bob and Debbie Gays's water garden at their Clarkston home will be one of 20 featured at the third annual pond tour sponsored by Aguafina Gardens and Imports

and Bordine's Nursery, August 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds go to Gilda's Club of Royal Oak. Bob and Debbie got the itch to construct their own pond after going

on several pond tours themselves. Of the pond, Debbie said, "It transforms your whole yard. You could have a deck and grass, or you could have this."



There are three waterfalls in the Gays' pond. The pond only takes about 15 minutes to clean, once a week.

"We hand-placed every single rock. I never want to touch another rock," said Debbie. The pond has four tons of rocks, the Gays hand carried from the front yard.

The filtered pond is easy to maintain, now. Debbie said it only takes around 15 minutes, once a week to clean. "It totally runs itself," she said.

However, over the year, there have been a few bumps along the ride.

When the pond was first constructed, Debbie became anxious to fill it with fish. "I bought goldfish. Then reality sets in and you realize you want quality. We learned a valuable lesson--

goldfish multiply. At one point we had 150 babies." The Gays tried different tactics to rid the pond of the goldfish and even sought direction from experts.

"No one gave us good advice, they just said, why'd you do that in the first place?"

Finally, the Gays found the best way to rid the pond was to drain it. They still have about ten babies they're trying to catch.

"It's been hilarious," said Debbie. "You learn by your mistakes."

For others interested in putting in a pond, Debbie suggests having it installed



A sassy fish is one of many decorations around the pond area.

and says people should be educated before taking on such a hobby.

"I want to encourage others to do the tour," she added. "It's for charity and it is a hobby anyone can do."

The tour is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, August 25. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages five to 12, and free for children under five.

For tickets or more information call, Aguafina Fine Water Gardens at (248)738-0500 or Bordine Nursery at (248)651-9000.

# Advance Floors, Karen's Carpets move into old Moon Valley site

## Liberty Golf also gets conceptual site approval for PUD

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Ground work has been set for the merging of two Waterford carpet and flooring companies to be housed in one building in Independence Township.

Advance Floor Covering and Karen's Carpets received conceptual site plan approval at the August 9 Independence Township Planning Commission meeting for a renovation and addition to the old Moon Valley facility at 6465 Dixie Highway.

The businesses share the same owners, who purchased the site following the relocation of Moon Valley, a rustic furniture company, to Springfield Township.

The proposed project will have two phases.

Phase one includes parking, drainage, and internal building improvements. Two old buildings on the site were already removed and rolled into the first phase. Because of limited site improvements, phase one was handled administratively, said Planning Consultant Dick Carlisle.

Phase two will consist of parking lot and loading area expansion and the development of an addition to the showroom building.

The addition will be a 4,900 square foot showroom which will connect to the existing 10,400 square foot showroom. The existing 10,500 square foot warehouse will remain.

Petitioners are proposing 47 parking spaces, when only 26 are required by the township. Carlisle said they would prefer less, but based on the planned layout that may be difficult.

Currently, there are a limited amount of trees randomly dispersed throughout the site. Petitioners are

proposing a significant increase in landscaping including several varieties of trees and plants.

At the meeting, commissioner Cheryl Karrick stated concern with delivery trucks to the site. One of the owners, Richard Hillman, said one to three trucks will visit the warehouse a day, Monday through Friday, typically from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Carlisle questioned the need for the existing gravel access off Maple Drive following renovation to the loading area. "If possible we would suggest removing this commercial drive from the primarily residential Maple Drive," he said. "If this inhibits truck circulation, we would recommend some restriction on use such as 'exit only.'"

Planning member David Lohmeier suggested looking in to connecting the parking lot with the Outback Steakhouse, located adjacently to the north.

Both Lohmeier, Karrick, and fellow commissioner Jill Palulian requested to change the cinderblock expansion proposed, to vinyl siding for a more aesthetically pleasing outer appearance.

Before final site plan approval can be granted, a number of issues will need to be addressed including lighting plan, safety path installation, signage details, and more.

Also at the August 9 Planning Commission meeting, Liberty Golf and Banquet, formerly Clarkston Creek, received conceptual PUD (planned unit development) approval for their mixed use development which includes 18-hole golf course, clubhouse with banquet facility, condominiums, commercial restaurant and retail on approximately 175 acres on the west side of Sashabaw and the north side of Maybee.

## 'Manson' charged with assault at DTE Theater

Shock rocker Marilyn Manson likely won't be welcome to perform at DTE Energy Music Theater anytime in the future.

Oakland County Prosecutor David Goreyca has charged Manson, whose real name is Brian Warner, with two assault crimes stemming from an incident July 30 at the theater.

Manson was charged with criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree, a two-year felony, and with assault and battery, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in prison.

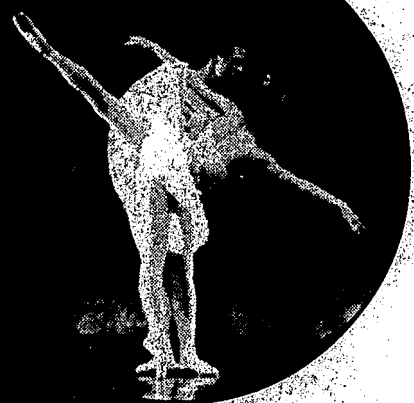
Joshua Keasler, 25, a security guard at the theater, told deputies he was assigned to the concert stage area when he was assaulted. His assignment placed him just below the stage at crowd level. The report said that Manson, dressed in a G-string, walked behind the security guard, spit on him and then wrapped his legs around Keasler's head, rubbing up against his neck and head.

"Warner/Manson's actions far exceed any freedom of expression or artistic license," said Goreyca in a statement. "His conduct was in no way choreographed or part of a performance. These acts are sexual and physical assaults on an unsuspecting individual whose job it was to protect the performers. This disgusting display and conduct cannot go unrecognized, and for those reasons, these charges were issued."

Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Independence Township substation, said Warner has not been located yet by the Sheriff's Department.

"He's out of the country, as far as we can tell," LaBair said. "They (the Oakland County Prosecutor's office) expect to get a call from one of his agents to arrange a time for his surrender."

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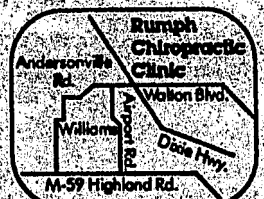
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# 'Tough kid' is battling rare bone cancer

## Lu Kuhta Open Aug. 24 at Liberty Golf Club benefits Clarkston teen

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Joe Kuhta thought his daughter, Lu, was suffering from an injury when he took her in to see Dr. James O'Neill in June.

What she was actually suffering from was far worse.

O'Neill told Kuhta that Lu, 13, had a tumor on her left knee. Further tests would indicate that she had a rare type of osteosarcoma, or bone cancer. Only 200 people each year are diagnosed with the disease.

"The chances of her getting this were a lot worse than her winning the biggest lottery in the country," he said.

The Clarkston community will be coming together Aug. 23 to rally behind Lu. That day, the Lu Kuhta Open, a golf outing, will be held that day at Liberty Golf Club, formerly known as Clarkston Creek. The event will kick off at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start.

The cost for the four-person scramble is \$65 per person, and hole sponsorships are available for \$50.

Kuhta said Lu was at a basketball camp at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., when he noticed an uncharacteristic limp from his daughter. "She has never, ever, been hurt, not a sprained finger," he said. "Lu has always been one of the quicker kids in any sport."

After she came home from Notre

Dame, she began preparing to attend a hockey camp at Dartmouth College. On their way to practice, Kuhta suggested Lu go in to get her knee checked out.

So, they went to O'Neill's office, and that is where they heard the bad news.

"You've got a limited amount of people that have this kind of thing," Kuhta said. "This just doesn't happen in too many people... This is a tremendously deadly disease. This is something you don't wish on your biggest enemy."

In addition, Kuhta said there are a limited number of doctors who perform surgery on this type of cancer. "There's only four surgeons in the entire state of Michigan that perform this surgery," he said.

Kuhta said Lu was someone that excelled both in athletics — "You name it, she's done it," he said. — and in the classroom, earning straight A's as a student at Clarkston Middle School last year.

Jack Mellon, Lu's AAU basketball coach, said her attitude has been exceptional.

"Lu is a winner," he said. "She is one of the finer athletes you'll find. Her athletic ability is nowhere near what kind of kids she is. She's a great kid. She's a leader."

When he heard about the disease, Mellon said his reaction was one of "shock and disbelief," but said the community has rallied behind Lu.



Lu Kuhta, a 13-year-old Clarkston teen, is battling a rare bone cancer. Photo courtesy of Joe Kuhta.

"The support from the Clarkston area has been truly overwhelming," he said.

"It makes you proud to live in Clarkston."

Despite the disease, Kuhta said his daughter is determined to keep on fighting and keep a positive attitude.

"We've got a kid who's never been sick a day in her life," he said. "This is a tough kid who is now in a struggle for

her life and limb."

Two incidents that happened this spring demonstrate the type of person Lu is, her father said.

The first happened when Lu was on the Clarkston Middle School seventh and eighth grade softball team this spring. Kuhta said Lu went 42-for-42 at bat, drawing ten walks, and never making an error in the field at first base. Despite those lofty stats, Kuhta said Lu would never brag or toot her own horn about her own individual stats.

The second incident happened when she was on an AAU basketball team this spring. Kuhta said Lu, who had never been a benchwarmer in any sport, became the team's "sixth person" off the bench.

"She met with her coach and asked, 'What do I do when I'm not playing? What do I do to get better?'" Kuhta said. "She never bad-mouthed another teammate. She was an incredible team player."

Kuhta, who along with wife Kathy has three other daughters (Teresa, 16; Maureen, 15; and Elle, 12), said he is excited about the potential turnout for the golf outing. He said so far, 160 people have registered to golf, and he expects over 300 people to show up for the event.

For more information on the Lu Kuhta Open Aug. 24, call Joy Kelly at 625-6649; Jack Mellon at 623-2785; or Ted Bennett at 620-5326.

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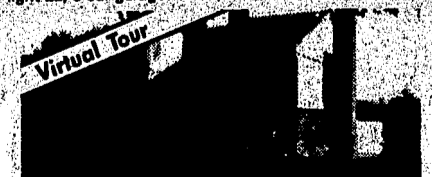
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## Letters To The Editor

### Many finally realizing water more precious than oil

Recently, *The New York Times* reported that "many parts of the country have discovered water may be a commodity more precious than oil." And, that many parts of the country "are also facing the prospect of running out of water in a generation's time."

In addition, recently, many of our local communities have had to institute various kinds of watering bans, in an effort to cope with the diminished supplies due to the drought this summer.

Many reasons are cited for the water shortage, including the loss of pervious open spaces, especially wetlands, which filter and replenish both surface waters (lakes and streams) and aquifers (the source of well water for most people in this part of Oakland County). One of the costs of the demand for and limited supply of clean water is evident by the construction on Main Street in downtown Clarkston, where a "public" water system is being installed.

The primary mission of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy is "conserving the woods,

fields, streams and other natural resources (i.e., open spaces) in the headwater areas of the Clinton, Shiawassee, Huron and Flint Rivers." For example, NOHLC is working diligently to help preserve the very headwater properties of the Clinton River in Independence Township, and the Shiawassee River in Springfield Township.

Such preservation, and protection, efforts are major tools in the saving of the surface and ground waters in Northwest Oakland County. But, such efforts require cooperation and support.

Please consider assisting NOHLC in trying to avoid the catastrophe in this area suggested by *The New York Times* report. Why not contact NOHLC today and offer your help: 248-620-4700, NOHLC @ hotmail.com, or PO Box 285, Clarkston, MI 48347.

Who knows, today's efforts may preserve tomorrow's glass of water.

Tom Stone  
Clarkston

### Leola Stageman was thoughtful, generous and will be missed

On August 18, we witnessed a lovely and loving tribute to the memory of Leola Stageman, a modest matriarch, who died earlier in the week after 93 years. We extend our sincerest sympathies to her family.

For us she was a thoughtful and generous neighbor,

who will be sorely missed. Fortunately, our community is blessed with her living legacy, in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and their loved ones. Such families are the lifeblood of the intimacy and caring of Clarkston.

Tom and Arlene Stone

### If they want it, a community center will come

Area resident Ray DeFiore didn't like our recent editorial saying it was too late for Independence Township to build a township hall that is part of a large campus-style civic center similar to Waterford and West Bloomfield.

He thought we were putting the kabash on any project other than a new township hall. Not necessarily so.

Ray is part of the senior citizen advisory group researching the possibility of building a community center. Originally, the group was considering a structure to house the community center and a township hall, but they've changed their direction. Now they're focusing strictly on the community center.

I spent about an hour with Ray Friday, letting him think he had to convince me of the need for the community center.

What a great guy! I was completely charmed by his devotion to the proposed project, his energy and conviction.

Ray is a retired industrial engineer from General Motors, obviously a can-do guy, who doesn't want to wait for the bureaucratic red-tape to play out before he sees this project finished.

He showed me copies of the drawing done by fellow committee-man John Thomas, and the research on what DeFiore thinks is the perfect location -- Clintonwood Park.

What I tried to make clear to Ray, is that I think it's a great idea. I would have loved to have had a community center to take my kids to when they were younger. As a borderline empty nester (both kids are in college), I'm sure there would be lots for my husband and I to do now. And everyone who's seen the Senior Center knows it's woefully inadequate.

But I'm not the one who has to be convinced.



Maralee Cook

Different groups in this community have been calling for a community center for years. Most recently, the Clarkston Coalition for Youth found that's what area kids wanted when they were surveyed just three years ago.

But nothing has come of the requests. Different spots around the community have filled the bill in different situations.

For instance, Clarkston schools and Parks and Rec have partnered with Mt. Zion Temple to shuttle middle school kids to Mt. Zion's Clarkston Christian Association at Maybee and Sashabaw roads for after school activities.

Clarkston schools offer programs for kids and seniors through their community education department.

And during the bond issue campaign for the new high school, getting a pool at the school was sold partially on making it available for use by the whole community.

But it will be the community which makes the decision. Residents will have to agree to a millage or bond issue for a community center, and before the township asks them to do this, board members will want to be sure it will be used by enough people to pay some of its costs for building and operations.

The hard work and dedication of the committee is admirable. But we caution (again) against comparing Independence to much larger communities.

The committee referenced Canton, Dearborn, Royal Oak and Southfield in their research -- communities with populations three times the size of ours.

We can't assume that we need the same size center as a larger community. We also can't assume that what a larger community will support with their pocket books and in person, we will also, even if we draw patrons from Orion, Oxford, Brandon and other communities.

Oxford failed in its attempt to pass a bond issue for a community center two years ago. The community was not convinced that it was the right time or facility.

This campaign must be fought carefully and slowly if it's to be won.

Questions? Comments? E-mail Maralee at clarkstonnews@adni.net

# Dead crows and mosquitos

In a word, nuts.  
Nuts, 'cause it's brave new world we're living in, folks. Like some black and white science fiction movie from the 1950s, nature is turning the tide -- fighting back. I see, in monochromatic splendor, a newspaper coming off the press, then spinning on the big screen. While it spins it gets bigger and bigger until in a neck jarring moment it stops. The banner headline screams:

*Marcus of Queensbury rules be damned*

## MOTHER NATURE DROPS THE GLOVES AND KICKS MAN'S BUTT!

The scene dissolves to the hero, a reporter (played by some unknown 1950s B-actor schlep), unshaven, smoking an unfiltered cigarette. His white shirt is rumpled; the thin, black tie askew, his fedora is pushed way back on his head. He's sitting at his desk over looking an empty city.

On his desk amongst the heaps of paper and next to the old, black typewriter, is a half-empty bottle of scotch. In his trembling hand is an empty tumbler. The camera pans in on his hands while he grabs the bottle, fills the glass and throws back another shot of the dark liquid. He grimaces, his eyes are wet, tears stream down his face. Then in a hoarse whisper he says to nobody, except the audience, "Too late. If only they would have listened to me . . ."

The scene dissolves again, back to the happy, sunny days before nature started its all-out assault to take back the earth from its careless, if only temporary, master, man.

I can't stomach whiskey (or any hard liquor, for that matter) and I don't smoke cigarettes, so I'm not the dude in the scene, but nuts, what's happening?

Here's what's happening.

Sharks are circling their wagons down in the waters off the Florida coast, nipping at the tourists with rows and rows of razor sharp teeth. Did anybody see last week's video clip of all those sharks? Yikes!



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don't rush  
me

Way up here in the north, we've got dead crows to think about, which makes us worry about another of Mom Nature's bloodthirsty monsters.

I'll make my predictions here: Humankind's downfall will not be by atomic bombs, nuclear winters or greenhouse heat. Man will be brought to his knees by those blasted, little smacker frackers we all know and love as mosquitos.

I can honestly recall saying to myself some years ago, "I don't hate anything. I love all of God's creatures, blah, blah, blah."

Well, I was wrong. I lied to myself. I hate mosquitos and I'll go out of my way to squash one. This hatred goes way back, and now I have another reason not to love 'em: The dreaded West Nile Encephalitis Virus.

WNV causes mild inflammation of the brain, accompanied by fever, headaches, body aches, skin rash, swollen lymph glands and, oh yeah, according to reports has killed 10 Americans in the last two years, while '76 have become seriously ill."

Can somebody answer me this: What is a "mild" inflammation of the brain? The idea of any brain being inflamed, even a little, makes me cringe.

It's not bad enough that mosquitos can carry malaria, yellow fever and other things not good for humans, now those winged creeps are packin' heat from Uganda (that's in Africa, for all you geography challenged folks). What's worse is those WNV skeeters are on Michigan's doorstep.

Last week a dead crow was found in Windsor, across the Detroit River. Dead crows are a sign WNV skeeters may be in your neighborhood. The State of Michigan has made this posting: "Therefore, any 'big black birds' that are sick or dying should be reported to Michigan's West Nile Virus Hotline: 1-888-668-0869."

Sharks, mosquitos . . . what's next, giant mutant rabbits? Fungus spreading mushroom people? Forty-foot tall blond women? What? Hmm, maybe I don't want to know.

E-mail for the alarmist Rush can be sent to: donrushemdon@aol.com

# The rambling mind of this 75-year-old

My birth date is August 10. Hold your applause. Early that month daughter Luan called about a couple things: What do I want for my 75th birthday, and would I pick up granddaughter Karen at 11:00?

The adjectives describing my thoughts as I keep gaining age are very mixed. I am both surprised at some of my thinking and discouraged.

I wonder at what I should be doing and what I am doing, not knowing which is best.

It's like living from habit, but not having that much time to have established a habit.

There are times when I feel like I'm existing, and left wondering at the worth of it. What in the world am I doing here? What's the purpose? Why?

Now, don't read something into that that isn't there. I don't think thoughts that I'm experiencing are any different from other men who have lost their wives after over 50 years of marriage.

Though I play golf with friends at least four days a week, there are at least three nights a week I prepare dinner for one.

I make light of doing the 'whites' one day, and the 'coloreds' another, and of not knowing Fantastic from Fabreze from 409 from Shout, All Tide, Dynamo, Vivid, etc., but it fills periods of time.

At 75 you know a whole lot of people who have lost their spouses. Ask any of them what it's like and they'll immediately respond: "Lonely!"

(However, I have received no casseroles, nor do I want any.)

When you're alone at 75 the most popular question asked is: "Are you going to move into a condo?" Since I enjoy yardwork, keeping flowers bloom-

Jim's  
Jottings



Jim Sherman

ing, riding the mower, killing weeds, stalking moles and trimming, you know, all the things real men do, moving from five acres to no acres doesn't appeal to me.

All the other popular questions come via telephone: Do you want a kitchen cabinet appraisal? Would you like to switch to MCI and have your local call charges cut in half? President Bush is working hard for you, would you donate \$1 a week to the Republican Party?

Will you give to a police fund, subscribe to *The Oakland Press* or like to have your mortgage reduced?

There's a philosophy that says it doesn't hurt to ask. My philosophy is that it doesn't hurt to hang up.

Back to Luan's question: What do I want for my 75th birthday? She added to it: Do I want to go to dinner with my children?

Of course I want to go to dinner with my children, but I don't want them to change their plans for me. If we go, I don't want them to buy.

I'd also like the grandchildren at the dinner, partly to watch the 2-year-old twins misbehave. It makes grandpa chuckle.

The only birthday gift that had come to mind was a wheelbarrow. Mine broke. A couple days after it broke I dropped that gift-hint to Luan. Being able to read blank looks of our children, I went out and bought my own wheelbarrow.

That's when I came to realize that the blank, innocent looks a child learns when a parent asks, "How did that get broke?" stays with them through adulthood.

The second part of Luan's question, would I pick up granddaughter Karen, may be the answer to my various wonderings.

Being here for grandchildren is, I think, a pretty good purpose.

# the People Poll

By Jennifer Nemer

*The Clarkston News asks:  
What do you think is better  
for Independence Township —  
a new township hall or a civic  
center?*

"I love the (existing) township hall. If they do anything, I think they should spend the money on renovation."

— Denise Seifferlein



"I prefer the civic center. I like the idea of everything in one area."

— Kristin Anderson



"A civic center. It'll allow for more access for the residents and could be a focal point for the downtown area."

— Jim Secreto



"I'd vote for a civic center. The (existing) township hall building is so old, they need a new one."

— Cindy Debruyne



# Clarkston schools ready to kick off 2001-02

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Students returning to school in Clarkston this year may notice a few things missing from last year — namely, jackhammers, bulldozers, and dump trucks.

A tour through the district's buildings reveals that the construction and renovation projects that have been taking place the past few years are a thing of the past. Instead, the schools are focusing more on touching up their physical appearance and offering different activities for their school communities.

The school year will kick off Monday, Aug. 27 with a half-day of school for students in grades 1-12. From there, full days of school will be held Aug. 28-30. There will be no school on Friday, Aug. 31, and Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3.

Here is a sampling of what's going on in each of the individual schools in preparation for the first day of school:

■ **Andersonville Elementary:** Principal William Potvin said the Andersonville building is "pretty well complete" and no major physical changes were made. He also said third grade teacher Liz Sagan has transferred to Pine Knob, and the school will be welcoming a couple of new staff members from within the school district.

■ **Bailey Lake Elementary:** The good news for Principal Martin Chaffee is that the renovations which were taking place at the school at this time last year are a thing of the past. "We're done with construction, and all of our portable units are gone," he said. "We're excited about that."

He also said the school will have a new PTA president this year, Daneen Kincaid, and two new staff members, second grade teacher Alexis Iveson and Danielle Block.

■ **Clarkston Elementary:** Interim principal Bill Neff said no major changes have been made as far as the building itself is concerned, and there will be one

new teacher added for the autistic impaired program. He said no one has been hired yet to fill that position. The district conducted interviews last week for the permanent job. According to Anita Banach, public relations coordinator for Clarkston Community Schools, the district has not hired anyone as of press time for that job.

■ **Independence Elementary:** Principal Chris Turner said he hopes to form a robotics team that will be taking place after school. He said some members of the staff will be involved in that activity.

New teachers at the school are as follows: Kelly Berti, special education; Sarah Evans, speech/language; Beth Kulka, fourth grade; Mary Schulte, fifth grade; Carolyn Armitage, art; Pat Kent, physical education; and Gwen Stewart, a music teacher who is returning after a one-year leave of absence.

■ **North Sashabaw Elementary:** Helping students make good decisions will be the focus of principal Debbie Latozas and her staff.

She said William Glasser's "choice theory" will be adopted at the school. The idea behind that theory, she said, is "teaching kids how to make good choices and to get along with one another."

In addition, students at North Sashabaw will be the beneficiaries of some new technology. She also said Computer Services Corporation has donated 10 computers to the school, and as a result, a mini-computer lab will be set up at the school, along with a Homework Club. There, the students can get help with their homework and use the lab for different projects.

■ **Pine Knob Elementary:** The school has been "adopted" by a neighboring business. Principal K.C. Leh said the Costco store in Auburn Hills has adopted Pine Knob for the upcoming school year, and to that end, they will be providing a backpack for each student there. They will be distributed Friday, Aug. 24 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at the school.

■ **Springfield Plains Elementary:** Principal Dr.

Sharon Devereaux said she expects banners recognizing the school as a National Exemplary School to be up shortly. She also said the school's PTA has been working on a landscape project at the parent entrance. "It should provide a more welcoming entrance," she said.

In addition, she said the school's custodians painted the building on the inside during the summer. "The school's in great shape," she said.

Devereaux also said the school's fifth grade students painted a mural of an underwater scene that is now on display at the school. She said the mural's theme is along the lines of "investigating the wonders of our world."

■ **Clarkston Middle School:** Principal Linda Armstrong said the school's staff is still involved in team planning, and each team meets first thing in the morning to discuss their plans for the day. Other than that, she said no major changes have been made.

■ **Sashabaw Middle School:** Principal Tom Bialk did not return phone calls as of press time.

■ **Clarkston High School:** Principal John Diliiegghio said student artwork will be a more prominent feature at the high school, both in the hallways and stairwells. He also said the CHS class of 2000 donated money toward beautification of the facility, and banners will be hung for the school's Performing Arts Center.

The Developmental Days program will take effect at the beginning of the school year. Under that program, teachers will have over three hours each Wednesday morning to be used for professional development.

Also, he said each student will be assigned to a faculty member, which will allow the school environment to become more personalized for each student. "There will be a significant adult that they will have contact with," he said.

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# Area runners raise \$4,000 for SCAMP



From left, Katie Bills, Sarah Wallace and Lissa Lukens, Clarkston High School graduates, manage smiles as they approach the beginning of a downhill to the finish line at Clarkston High School during the Clarence Catallo 5K Run for SCAMP. Photos courtesy of John Meyland

Linda Papagna and Gunner (the dog) of Oxford head uphill on Walters Road. A total of 123 runners turned out for the run despite overcast, cool weather.

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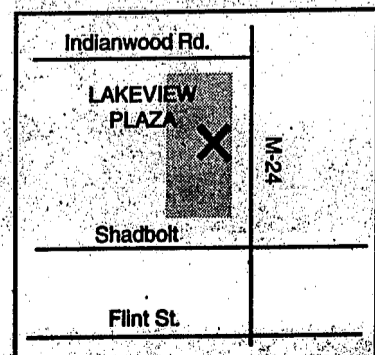
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# Young swimmers rewarded with party

Young folks who took part in Independence Township Parks and Recreation's swimming program were recognized last week.

The Parks and Rec Department held a Family Fun Day Aug. 17 at Deer Lake Beach. Hundreds of people, including the young swimmers and their families, turned out to enjoy food, games, and fun at the beach. Activities included face

painting, a dunk tank, and a magic show. "This is the eleventh year we've been doing this," said Rich Ashley of Team Reptile in Clarkston, who presented the event. "We have this once a year for all the swim lesson kids."

Ashley said the event is a reward for the youngsters for all the work they put in during the swim lessons.



Elizabeth Sheill, 3, of Clarkston and her brother Thomas, 6, do their part in building a sand castle

Aug. 17 at Deer Lake Park during the beach party, which was put on by Team Reptile of Clarkston.



Left, Nadia Berman, 2-1/2, of Clarkston has her face and hands painted during Independence Township Parks and Recreation's

beach party, held Aug. 17 at Deer Lake Park for all area youngsters who took part in swim lessons offered by the Parks and Rec Department.

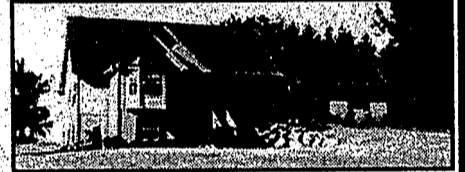
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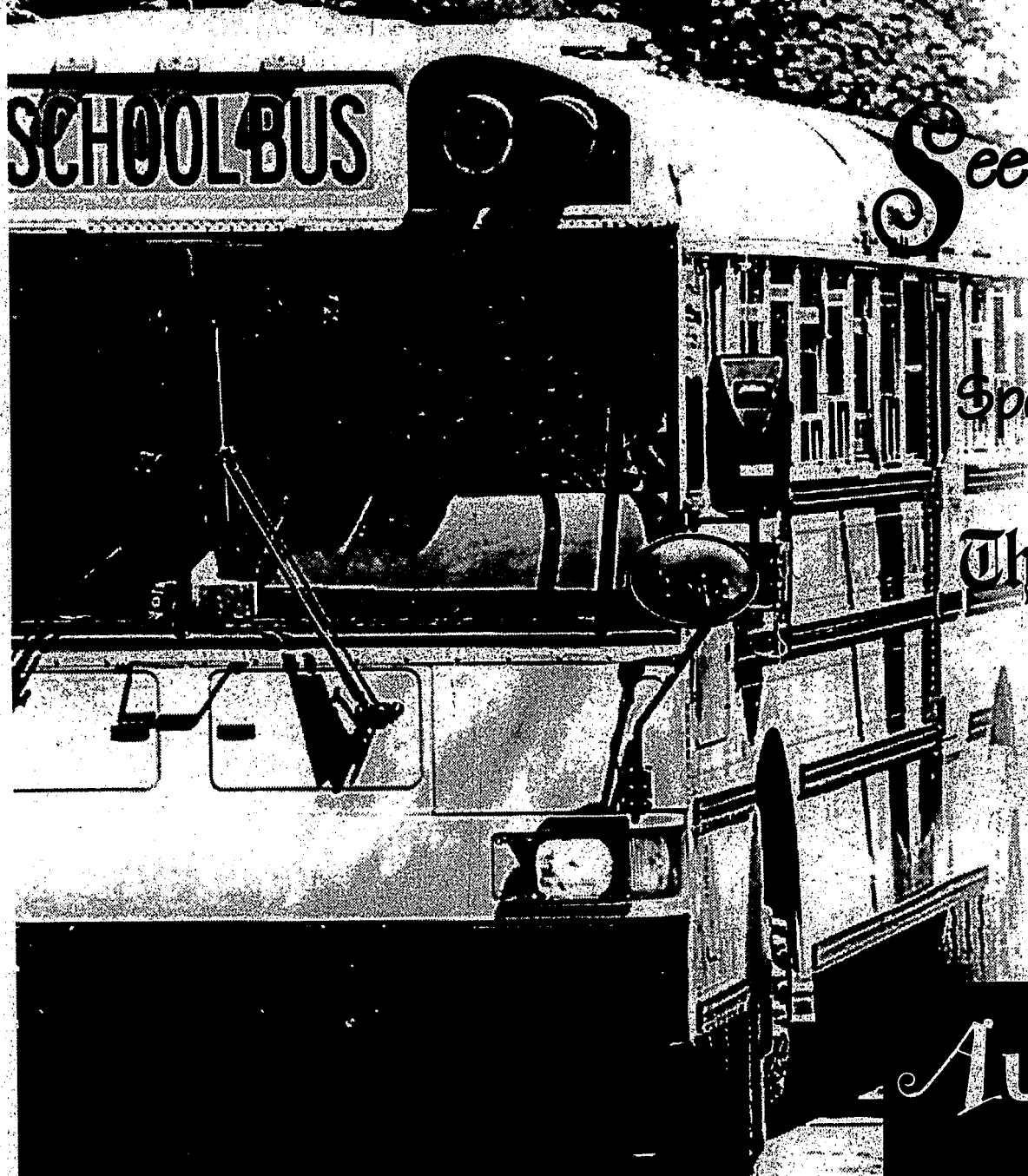
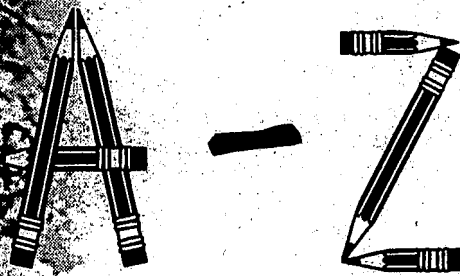
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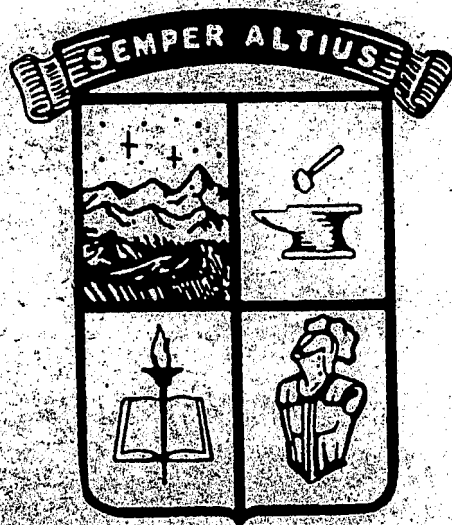
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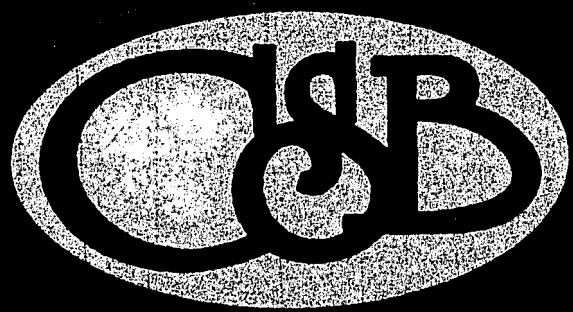
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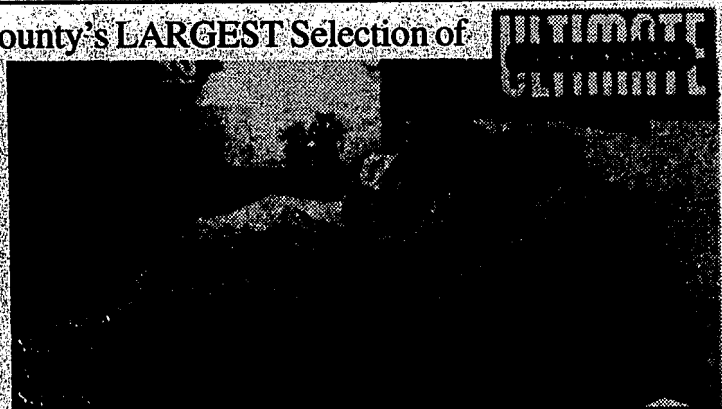
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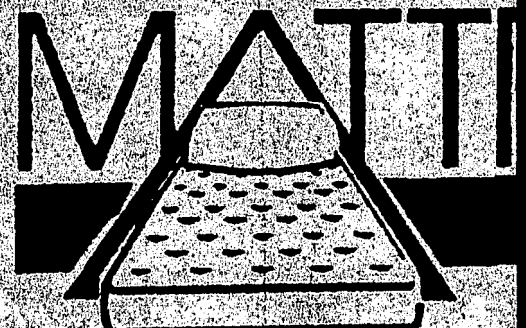


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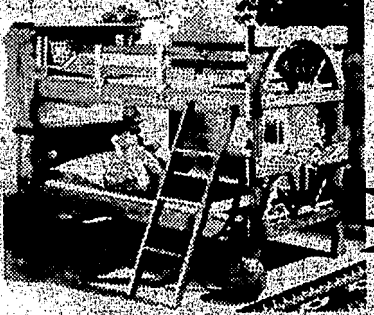


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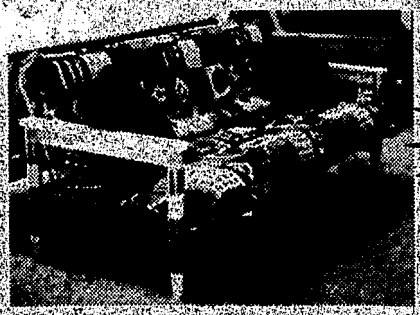
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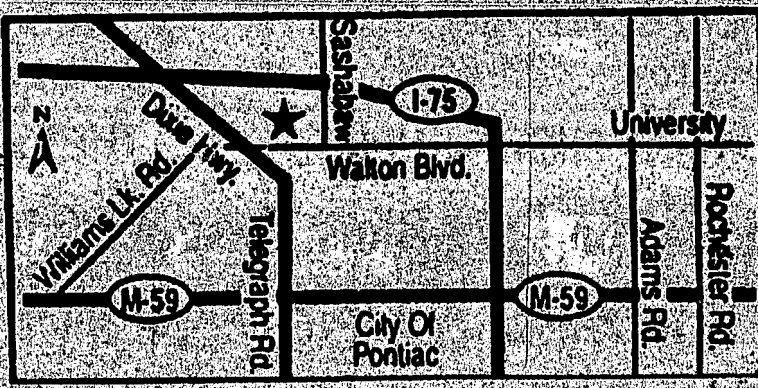


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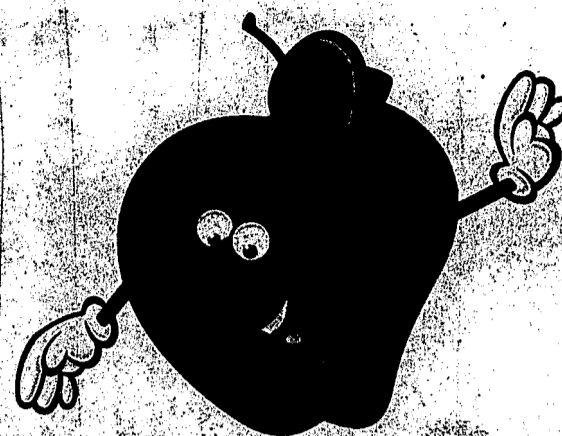
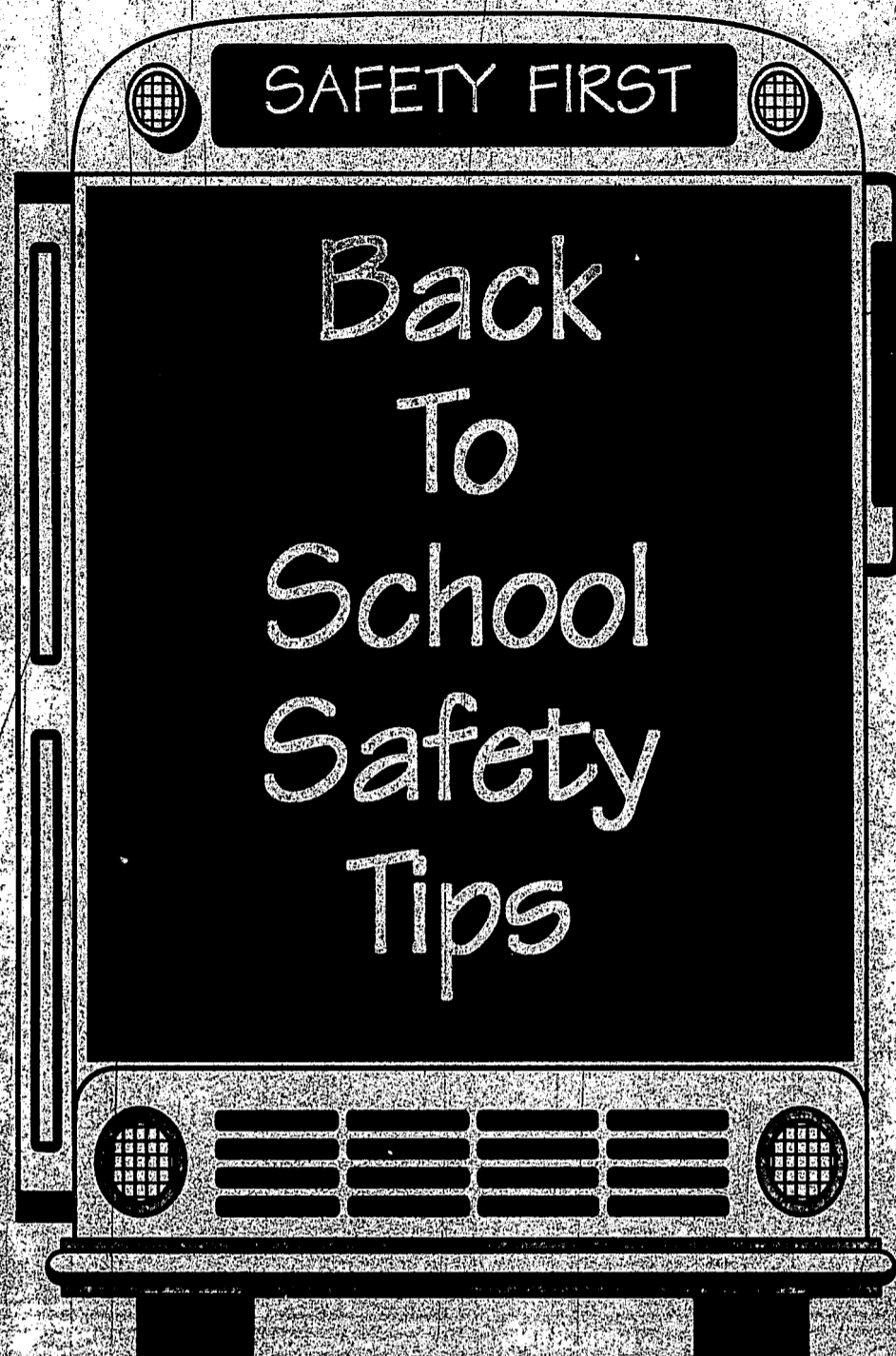
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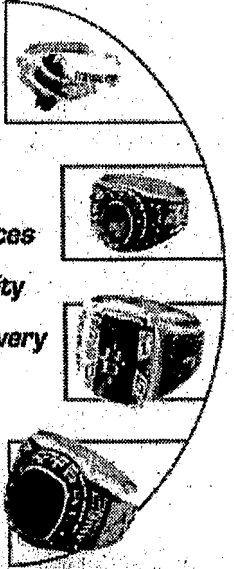


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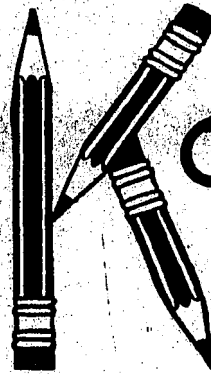
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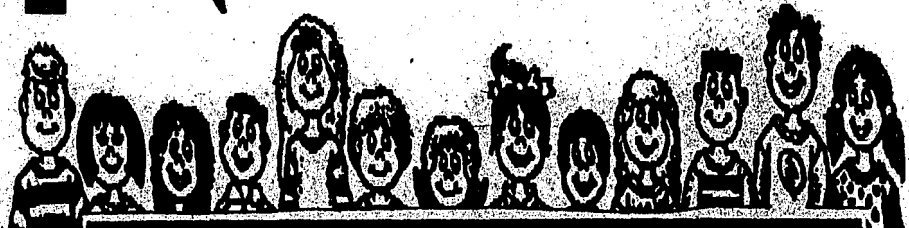
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## Clarkston Village Players people, projects and plays will be chronicled

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Now that the 40th anniversary season of the Clarkston Village Players is complete, plans for a book detailing the history of the group are underway.

Marlene Sewick, the Clarkston Village Players' historian, is spearheading the project.

She said she has a lot of the information for the book in place, and it is a matter of putting it together. "It's a big job," she said. "I need to sit down and do some good work. I'm not quite ready yet."

The book will cover all 40 years of the theater's history, from 1961 to the present. According to Sewick, the book hopefully will be ready to go by the end of the summer. Proceeds will be used to raise funds for the possible purchase of new land.

"I have taken (the information) from the beginning, and divided it into four decades," she said.

She said the book will chronicle the people, projects and plays that have been a part of the Clarkston Village Players since their inception. The group acquired the Depot Theater, located at 4861 White Lake Road in Clarkston, in 1962 and put on their first performance in that facility two years later.

In putting together the book, Sewick said she intends to create a book rich in detail that will serve as a summary of the organization's history.

"We want to appeal to the community and past members," Sewick said. "I want it to have more of an artistic-type look. I'm not going to throw something together just to have it done."



As a fitting end to Clarkston Village Players 40th Anniversary year, the group established the "Applause" award to recognize community support for the performing arts. Marlene Sewick, left, of CVP, presents the Applause award to Joan and Buck Kopietz of Tierra Fine Jewelers. For 26 years Tierra has been CVP's

ticketmaster providing a business hour place to purchase tickets for their productions. This has been a great convenience for their theatre patrons as well as a much-appreciated service for CVP. Joan and Buck were dinner guests of the Players at their recent end of season celebration at Liberty Banquet and Grille

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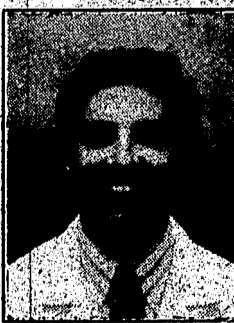
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## Police and fire

### Independence Township

**Monday, Aug. 20,** a larceny from a vehicle was reported at Mary Sue and Maybee. The victim said he was out of town for the day and returned home to find his vehicle's windows were broken out and a bass unit in the rear hatch was missing.

**Saturday, Aug. 18,** a malicious destruction of property and larceny from an auto was reported at Park Valley. The victim said someone smashed out a passenger side rear window. He said he had found a broken air conditioner sparkplug next to the vehicle. No witnesses or suspects have been reported.

**Friday, Aug. 17,** a larceny was reported at Mann and Clintonville. The victim said her two daughters had three young men over to their house while she was at work. She said one or more of the men allegedly took two cell phones from her residence.

**Thursday, Aug. 16,** a larceny in a building was reported at Lake Forest. A man's white gold diamond bracelet was taken from the victim's jewelry drawer at the house. He noticed it missing Aug. 15.

An arrest was made for a first offense of operating under the influence at M-15 and Waldon. The responding officer entered northbound M-15 from Citation Drive and noticed a vehicle about 15 cars ahead. It continued northbound at 20 mph when he stopped at M-15 and Waldon. He approached the suspect, a 42-year-old Clarkston male, and administered a PBT, with a result of .16. The suspect was arrested, transported to Oakland County Jail, and lodged for operating under the influence.

**Wednesday, Aug. 15,** a robbery was reported on Pine Knob Road. The victim said he was riding in a friend's car on eastbound Clarkston from Sashabaw. He said an unknown car pulled up to them and was tailgating them. The driver of that vehicle got out and kicked the victim in the chest and told him to get off of his car. At that point, the victim fell to the ground. One

of the suspects checked the victim's pockets, then took money from that pocket. Then the three suspects left.

**Tuesday, Aug. 14,** a felonious assault was reported at Sashabaw and Waldon. The victim said she was southbound on Sashabaw and inadvertently cut off another vehicle. She continued down Sashabaw, and the other vehicle started riding a bumper. She started to turn into the parking lot as he passed her on the left, threw several coins at her, hitting her in the face. She said she almost lost control of the vehicle.

**Monday, Aug. 13,** a malicious destruction of property was reported at Ranch Estates and Clarkston Road. The victim said between Aug. 12-13, someone damaged two lights that light the entrance to the driveway. The victim said the concrete that the lights were installed upon was also damaged. The responding officer said there was a volleyball-sized stone laying next to one of the damaged lights.

A malicious destruction of property was reported at Stone Meadow and Maybee. A check of the area revealed two damaged signs, located at Maybee and Stone Meadow, and Spring Meadow and Golfview Drive. No suspects or witnesses have been reported.

### Springfield Township

**Sunday, Aug. 19,** a larceny from a vehicle was reported at Louise Court. The victim said his vehicle was entered, and two of his subwoofers, valued at \$300 each, were stolen from behind the driver's seat. The writer did not observe any door or window damage to the vehicle.

**Saturday, Aug. 18,** a larceny from a vehicle was reported at King and W. Ellis. The victim said the driver and passenger doors were taken from a vehicle sometime during the night. No fingerprints were found, and no suspects have been reported.

**Wednesday, Aug. 15,** a malicious destruction of

property was reported at Southshore Drive and Bridgelake Road. The victim said on Aug. 14 his wife heard the screeching of car tires in front of the home. She looked outside and saw an unknown vehicle driving away. The victim said when he went outside, he saw circular tire mark ruts in the front lawn.

An assault and battery was reported at Dixie and Graham. The victims said their upstairs neighbor walked into their apartment and assaulted one of them with his fists. The assault victim had some redness behind his left ear and his right hand was deeply cut. The Springfield Township Fire Department responded and treated his cut hand. He was advised to go to the hospital and/or a clinic and get it checked out. The other victim said she was not harmed. She was present and witnessed the assault. The case is pending a review by the Prosecutor's Office. The victim said he wishes to press charges.

**Monday, Aug. 13,** a larceny from a vehicle and malicious destruction of property was reported at Dixie Highway, north of Davisburg. The victim said a friend of his had allowed him to leave the vehicle at Dixie in an attempt to sell it. He said he left the vehicle there from Aug. 6-13. When he went to pick it up Aug. 13, he discovered someone had taken the tonno cover and mount. He also said someone keyed the entire perimeter of the vehicle. No witnesses or suspects have been reported.

An arrest was made at southbound I-75 and Dixie Highway for a first offense of operating under the influence. When traveling southbound on I-75, the responding officer noticed a vehicle swerving in a lane. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was given a field sobriety test and PBT. The driver was taken to the Oakland County Jail for a breath test, and was lodged there for OUIL.

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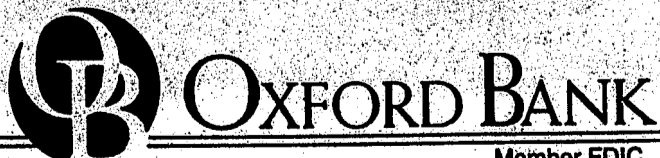
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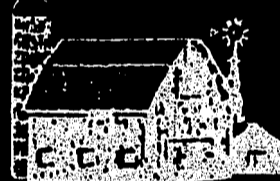
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## A Look Back

### 15 YEARS AGO (1986)

It went down to the wire, but teachers in the Clarkston school district voted to ratify their contract Aug. 25. Approximately 210 members turned out to approve the contract by a three to one margin, according to Allen Bartlett, president of the Clarkston Education Association. Teachers failed to ratify the contract Aug. 18 when some 120 members missed the association's general meeting.

Some of the parents of area soccer players are unhappy with the condition of Independence Township soccer fields. About 15 people attended the Aug. 19 township board meeting to present problems as well as a petition, signed by 250 to 300 concerned people. The petition listed inadequate maintenance as the big problem which has caused several injuries this season.

A new subdivision is in the works for Independence Township. On Aug. 14, the planning commission voted 5-1 to grant tentative preliminary plat approval for the Independence Valley subdivision proposed by Dr. John Ylvisaker of Bloomfield Hills. Owner of the 140 acres off Pine Knob Road near Sashabaw Road for nine years, Ylvisaker proposes dividing the site into 51 lots of at least 1-1/2 acres each.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1976)

The Clarkston Village sewer committee will call a special session soon to determine how to force hook-ups into the village sewer system. Some 66 villagers with sewer service available have failed to hook in by the 18-month deadline. The village has received complaints from those who have already hooked in, according to village clerk Bruce Rogers.

A recurring problem with heavy truck traffic in Clarkston's residential areas has prompted the village council to try and place weight limits on some of its streets. The council instructed the village attorney to draw up an ordinance restricting truck traffic via weight limitations. Delivery trucks and school buses would be exempt from such an ordinance.

Independence Township's right to create an animal control program is being examined by the Oakland County legal department. According to county public services director Robert Chisholm, the county is empowered by state law to provide animal control to its unchartered municipalities. By passing its own animal control ordinance and hiring a dog warden, Independence may have given up its right to supplemental animal control service rendered by the county, he said.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1951)

Plans for the coming school year were discussed at the first executive board meeting of the Clarkston PTA, held in the home of Mrs. Walton Robbins. The first event of the year will be a reception dinner for the faculty and all employees of the Clarkston Community Schools. The dinner will be held Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Clarkston High School auditorium.

The Clarkston 4-H Club was well represented at the Oakland County 4-H Fair held on the fairgrounds in Pontiac last week. This is a livestock club and every member had an exhibit. Much praise is due Mrs. Ralph Walton, local leader, who made many trips each day to the fairgrounds to see that all was going well with her young people and to give them all the encouragement she could.

The people of this vicinity are looking forward to the Rotary Labor Day Parade to be held in Clarkston on Labor Day morning. Each year the parade is bigger and better because the folks in the area feel that it is much better to have fun in your own neighborhood than to get into traffic on the crowded highways. This year, the grown-ups are invited to get into costume to join with the young folks in the parade.

## Donations and support from community will help Players move to Cinema

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or comedy nights, for storage, or rented to churches or other groups for special events. "We'd certainly like to keep it," Vanderkolk said.

"This is a great opportunity for us and our goal is to have a decision by mid-October," Vanderkolk said.

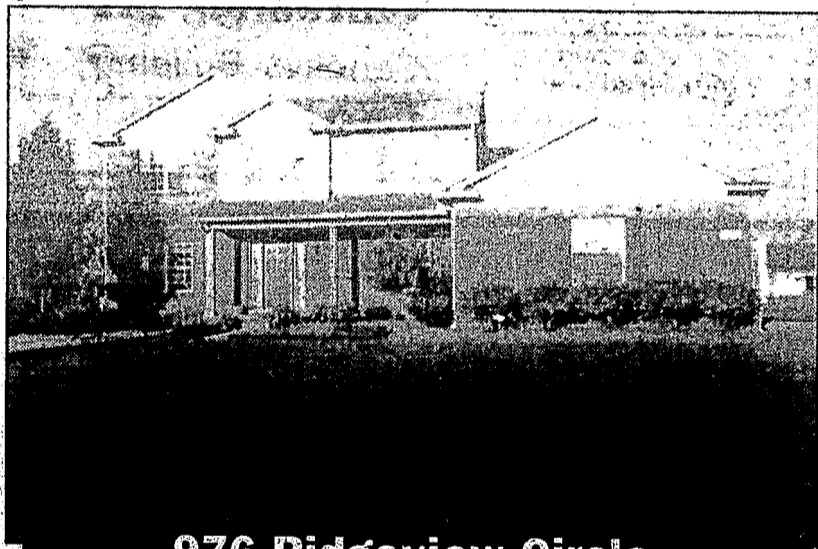
Until then the Players, who operate on a volunteer basis, will gather renovation estimates and the board will make a recommendation to the group's regular membership of about 65 people, he added.

For information on donations, visit

the Players' new Web site: [clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://clarkstonvillageplayers.org). E-mail them: [depot@clarkstonvillageplayers.org](mailto:depot@clarkstonvillageplayers.org); leave a voice-mail message at 625-8811 or write them at CVP, 4861 White Lake Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

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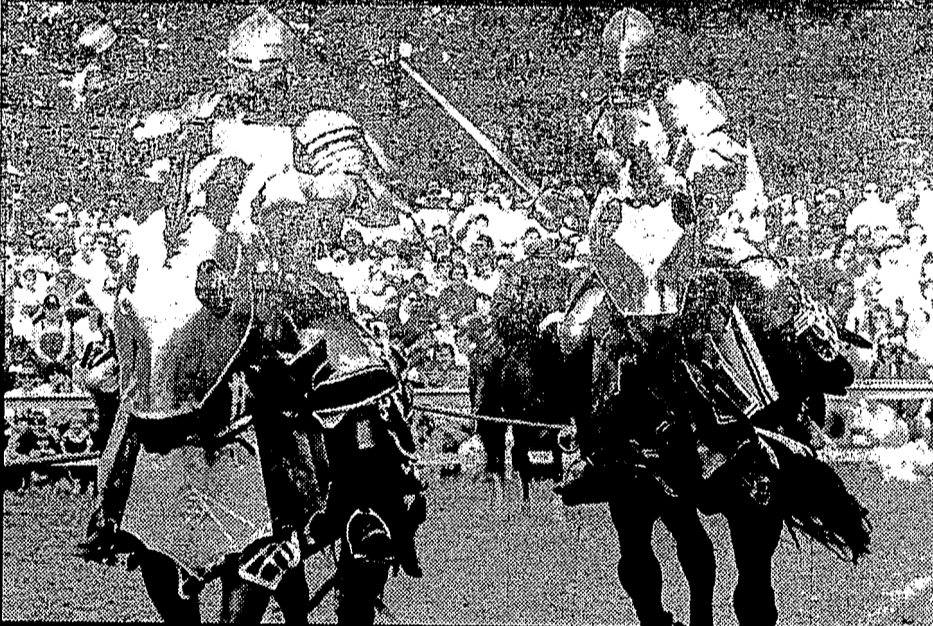
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# Independence Township seniors lobby for community center

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house an 'intergenerational activity center' and 'township municipal offices.'"

In spring, the committee—made up of six men and seven women; ranging in age from 58 to 94—met with township officials for their advice on the matter as well as blessing to pursue it further, said Senior Center Director Margaret Bartos. Over the recent weeks, the group has researched and studied to bring to the community and Township Board's attention, a well-planned proposal.

After assessing the community's needs and looking at township halls, civic and community centers in Canton, Dearborn, White Lake, Lapeer, Sterling Heights, Royal Oak, and Springfield Township, they came up with a proposal for a two-story, 87,530 square foot facility.

A tentative layout—drawn by committee member John Thomas, retired from the General Motors Pontiac engineering department—only accounts for the intergenerational activity center and does not include municipal offices. But the committee may add that in soon.

Featured is a gym and pool area

encompassing 51,345 square feet. Two volleyball and basketball courts, bleachers, a 116-by 50-foot-pool, smaller children's pool, 8,010 square foot track, locker rooms, stage area, childcare center, storage and offices are also included. On the upper level is a 10,080 square foot weight training and exercise room.

Another portion of the center would be 9,048 square feet, with two levels. It would house meeting rooms, a dining room, kitchen with walk-in freezer, lounge, computer room, woodshop, ceramic craft room, billiard room, exercise room, card room, coat room, restrooms, offices and storage as well as an outside deck.

Automatic sliding doors are also noted on the plans.

Thomas said as the group continues researching, plans will evolve. Recently added to the proposal were offices for the Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

Costs for the project are still being looked at, said Bartos, who added there could be different sources of funding such as grants. The committee plans on talking to experts to gain an accurate cost

per square foot estimate.

Proposed sites are also under discussion, said Media Spokesperson for the Senior Center Advisory Committee Lois Seddon:

Committee members feel moved to be a part of this township decision, not only because they feel what they have proposed could be an asset to the community, but because of strong concerns with the inadequacies of the current senior center.

Bartos said, the approximately 1,300 square foot, 1950s renovated home that is used today as a senior center, was not intended for it's current use.

For a center with 2,500 seniors on its mailing list, that accommodates 50 to 200 seniors a day, there are many problems to contend with including structural, wiring, dampness and parking problems at the center located at 6000 Clarkston Rd. in Clintonwood Park.

"It wasn't meant to be a senior center," said Bartos. "It was meant to be a house."

The building itself isn't handicap accessible. Individuals with walkers and wheelchairs must be helped into the

building, due to a lack of automatic doors. The hallway is barely wider than a wheelchair or walker and causes traffic backups, especially since restrooms are located in the hallway. And those in a wheel chair can't participate in ceramic crafts since the kiln area is located in the basement, said Bartos.

A tornado drill was once conducted for preparation of an actual weather emergency, and Bartos found, many people could not be accommodated.

Space is an ongoing concern. Social activities must be limited to 65 people, there is not enough office space, and no room for commercial kitchen appliances though the senior center makes 100 to 140 meals a day for the Meals on Wheels program, Bartos said.

Now the committee is looking to township officials for guidance and support, she said.

Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary is behind the proposal. "That is a very outdated, over-utilized building we have out there. There's no

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# Community center would benefit all ages

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doubt we need (a new senior center)."  
But for an intergenerational activity center, McCrary said. "The question is, will the taxpayer be in favor of an additional millage? Where will the funds come from? And where will this be located?"

"I want this, but I don't know how much of the general public wants it," said McCrary. "We need the people to say they want this and they're willing to pay for it."

McCrary did say this was a good time economically to do something.

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Turk agrees it boils down to what the community wants.

"We can provide more opportunities for the seniors if we have more room," he said. "And (if a community center is built) we can provide opportunities for a lot of kids—give them something to do instead of running around on the streets. It could be a great thing, but it's up to the community."

He added, "There are two things this township needs—number one; a new town hall, and number two; a new senior center. If a community center can be fit in along with that, that would be great."

At the July 26 special meeting regarding this matter, township officials set

Media Spokesperson for the Senior Center Advisory Committee, Lois Seddon, right, with Susie DePoorter, said inadequacies at the senior center include a hallway that's not handicap accessible. The hallway is barely wider than a wheelchair or walker and causes traffic backups, especially since restrooms are located in the hallway. Seddon, a retired registered nurse, said, "We want to promote independence throughout the entire life span. It can enhance one's health, rid depression, and also keep youth busy."

a deadline to make a decision between a township hall or civic center. A decision should come no later than the second Township Board meeting in September.

Studies conducted by Planning Consultant Dick Carlisle's office and Tower, Pinkster, Titus suggest the township build a 23,000 square foot building for administrative and meeting functions at a total cost of \$5 million, or a campus of buildings on five to ten acres.





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# Milestones



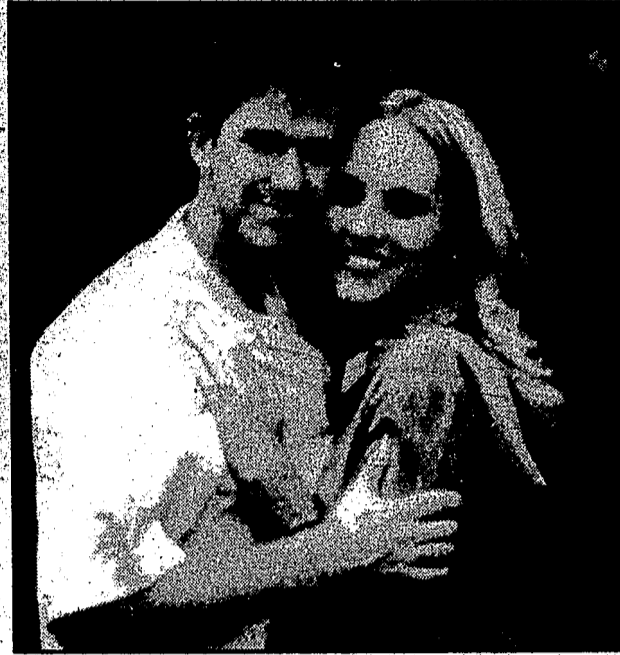
**Congratulations, Dr. Munk**

Doctor Charles Wakefield Munk graduated with honors from the University of Michigan in May of 2001. While at U of M, he was elected to the Ormirron Kappa Upsilon Honorary Dental Society. He is currently pursuing a specialty degree in orthodontics at the University of Detroit. Upon completion of the program, he plans to practice orthodontics here in Clarkston, with his father, Dr. Charles F. Munk.



**Mr. and Mrs. Mallett**

Marjorie and Richard Chandler of Richmond, Va., and Eileen and the late Charles Mallett announce the marriage of their son, Nathan Mallett, to Debra Daniels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Daniels of Petoskey. The marriage took place on January 6, 2001 at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston. Nathan is a 1992 graduate of Clarkston High School and is currently a Senior Airman in the United States Air Force stationed at Warner Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia. The matron of honor was Carrie Haneckow, sister of the groom, and the best man was Todd Haneckow, brother-in-law of the groom. Dinner was enjoyed by all at The Clarkston Cafe.



**Rolenda-Harrison**

Gary and Valene Kolenda of South Lyon announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Angela, to Brian Harrison, son of Mary Jane Harrison of Clarkston and Jerry Harrison of Spring Hill, Fla. Renee is a 1994 Clarkston High School graduate and a 1998 Oakland University graduate. She works as a customer support manager at Morrell, Inc. in Auburn Hills. Brian graduated from CHS in 1990 and attended Oakland Community College. He works as a unigraphics designer at Knight Industries in Auburn Hills. The couple plans a December, 2001 wedding at St. Hugo of the Hills, Bloomfield Hills.

## At School

The following Clarkston High School graduates were named to the dean's list at Grand Valley State University for the winter 2001 semester: **Kevin L. Altenburg, Jodie L. Barger, Lisa A. Jennings.**

**Keirsten Leigh Deegan**, a graduate of Clarkston High School, earned a bachelor of arts degree in Architecture from the University of Virginia at commencement May 20. She is the daughter of Phil and Barbara Deegan of Va., formerly of Clarkston.

**Katherine Julian**, a graduate of Clarkston High School, received an Endowed Scholarship Award from Hope College. She is the daughter of Frank Julian and Patricia Wienczak of Clarkston.

Former Clarkston High School student **Erik Kenerson** made high dean's list honors for the spring 2001 semester at Case Western Reserve University.

Kenerson also plays wide receiver for the school's football team.

The following Clarkston High School graduates graduated from Grand Valley State University at the end of the winter 2001 semester: **Kevin L. Altenburg**, bachelor of science; **Jason G. Ostrom**, bachelor of business administration; and **Matthew S. Zynda**, bachelor of arts.

The following Clarkston High School graduates received Regents Merit Scholarships from University of Michigan for the fall 2001 semester: **Joshua William Brown, Tygre Barbara Callaway, Adam Wesley Duddles, Aaron William Tyler, and Erin N. Wilke.**

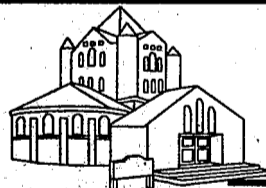
**George E. Cannon**, a graduate of Clarkston High School, earned associate of arts and bachelor of

business administration degrees from Northwood University. He is the son of Yvonne Cannon of Clarkston.

**Tara N. Green**, a graduate of Clarkston High School, earned an associate of arts degree from Northwood University. She is the daughter of Ken and Marcia Green of Clarkston.

**Lindsay A. Talbot**, a 2001 graduate of Clarkston High School, was awarded a University Challenge Grant and a Discover Challenge Grant from Capital University. She is the daughter of Stephen P. Talbot and Elizabeth A. Talbot of Clarkston.

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# Dolphins wrap up busy swim season

Swimming is always fun in the summer but competing in swim races on a team can be even more fun. That's probably why the Deer Lake Athletic Club's Dolphins swim team boasted 70 children this summer.

Or maybe it's because of swim instructor and Dolphin Coach Jill Hancock who has been teaching youngsters to swim for six years at the club. "The kids learn a lot competing and they get to use what they've learned here in the races," she said.

The Dolphins last meet of the season was August 2 and there was no pressure. It was all about fun. The youngest Dolphin is 6 years old and the oldest is 13. "The older swimmers take this more seriously and want to win," Hancock said. Some of the older Dolphins will be trying out for the Clarkston High School swim team this month.

The youngest members of the team seem to especially please the bystanders. According to Coach Hancock sometimes they stop in the middle of the race to rest. "That's okay," she said. "They're trying and they're learning!"

The team is not in an official league but that doesn't slow their spirit. "They're happy to win ribbons and swim in front of their folks," she said.

Throughout the summer the Dolphins have intramural competitions and occasionally swim against a smaller team from Franklin Athletic Club.

"The team practices for two weeks, Monday through Thursday, and then we have a competition," Coach Hancock said. "The parents help by doing the scorekeeping at the meets and acting as timers."

With the help of her assistant coach, Sarah Kleinedler, she said she teaches the Dolphins to push themselves to do their best and about the value of teamwork.

According to Hancock, some outstanding personal times in the Aug. 2 race were: in the 100 yard individual medley, Danny Brickley with a time of 1:25:60; in the 50 yard butterfly, Aimee Jones with 43:31; and, in the 25 yard butterfly, Robbie Arden with 38:44.

She said notable personal times in the 100 backstroke included Gabriella, with a time of 1:02:34; in the 50 backstroke, Paige McClelland with 1:02:47; and in the 25 yard backstroke, Johnathon Rich with a 34:06.

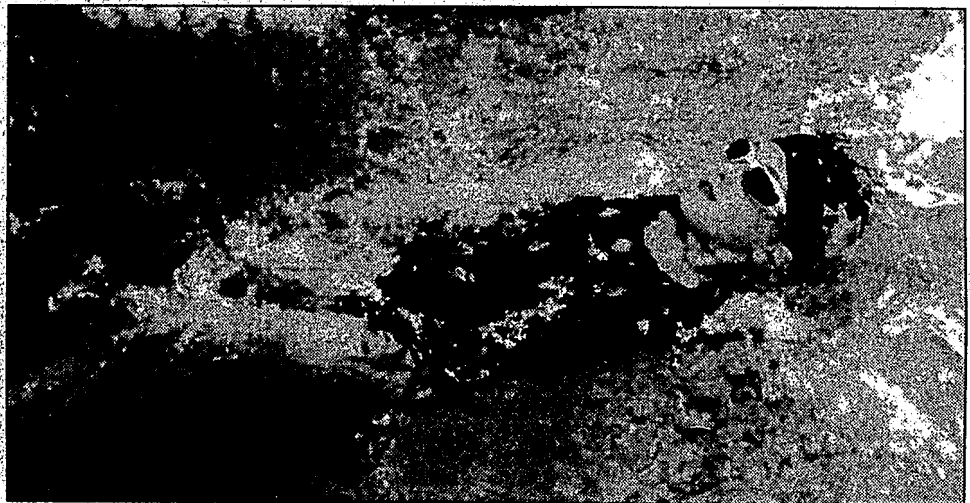
In breaststroke Jackalyn Adams swam 50 yards in 1:00:46 and in 50 freestyle, Tara Streng swam a 51:06.



Kelsey Merz looks on as Coach Jill Hancock passes out ribbons to Jimmy Bowers.



Sean Smith does the 50-yard butterfly.



Rosie Brickley competes in the 100-yard backstroke.



Above, a few Dolphins take a break from competition. Top row from left are Morgan Rich and Paige McClelland. Bottom row from left are Mac McClelland, Rob Carson and Johnathon Rich. Left, Blake Adams shows off his ribbons.

*Story and photos by Jason Pace*

# And, they're off!



About 123 runners turned out at the inaugural Clarence Catallo 5K run August 18 to benefit SCAMP, a summer camp for special needs kids and young adults. Photo courtesy of John Meyland

## \$4,000 raised at Catallo 5K run to benefit SCAMP

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The first Clarence Catallo 5K Run for SCAMP drew a spirited crowd in his honor Aug. 18.

A total of 123 runners turned out at Clarkston High School, despite overcast weather, to take part in the inaugural event, according to Geri Batt, fundraising director for SCAMP.

Batt said over \$4,000 was raised at the event for SCAMP.

The event kicked off with an address by Rick Brooks, who co-chaired the event with Jamie LaBrosse. Brooks praised Catallo, who died in 1998, for his involvement with SCAMP and the Clarkston community.

He said he knew Catallo from working out with him at the Oakland

Athletic Club, and said Catallo was a man of no pretense, and would have enjoyed the event.

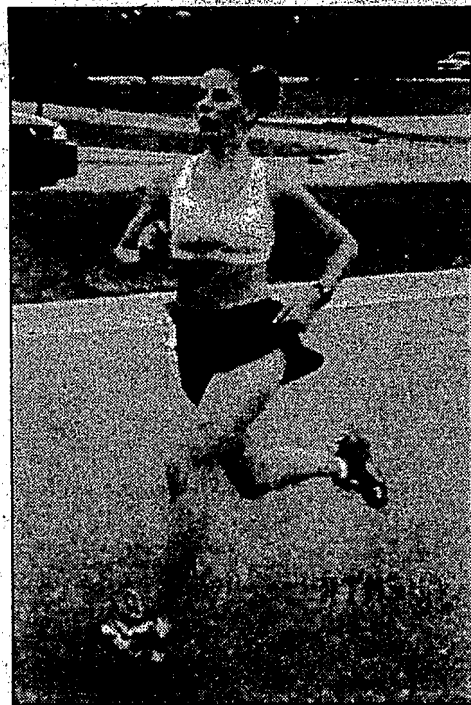
The leading time in the race was posted by David Sage, 20, of Clarkston, with a time of 15:18. Sarah Pepera, 20, of Ortonville, finished first among the women with a time of 17:54.

Batt praised Brooks and LaBrosse for their work on the inaugural run.

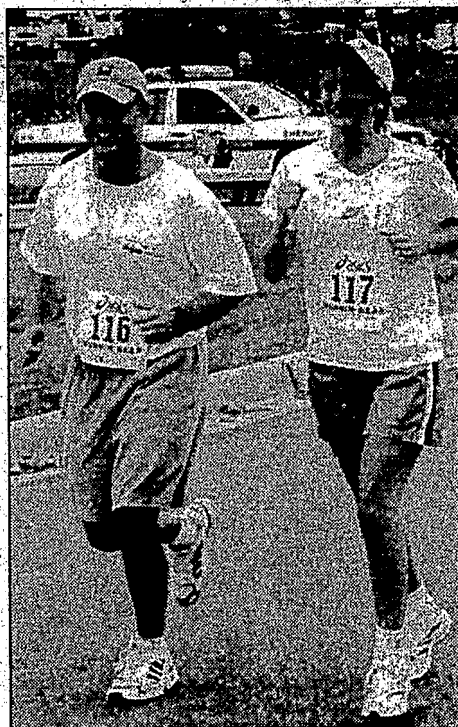
"They did a great job," she said.

One of the participants was Clarkston resident Maureen Ziegler, who ran in the event with her husband Greg Johnson. "This is the best race we've ever been to," she said.

The event was sponsored by the Clarkston Union, Microsoft, and the Oakland Athletic Club. Donations were made by Arthur Greenstone and Running Gear.



Sarah Pepera, 20, of Ortonville, finished first among the women with a time of 17:54. David Sage, a Clarkston High School grad who ran track and cross country, and now runs at University of Michigan, came in first with a time of 15:18. Photo by Jeff Patrus



Waterford residents Tom and Tiffany Benedict are the final runners to the finish line. Photo courtesy of John Meyland



Above right, Scamp Director Jodi Yeloushan, right, registers Susan Johnson, center, while her daughter Elyse keeps her company. Far right, Jennifer Phyle of Clarkston accepts her first-place medal in the "Women 20 to 29" category. Near right, members of the CHS cross country team warm up prior to the race. Photos courtesy of John Meyland



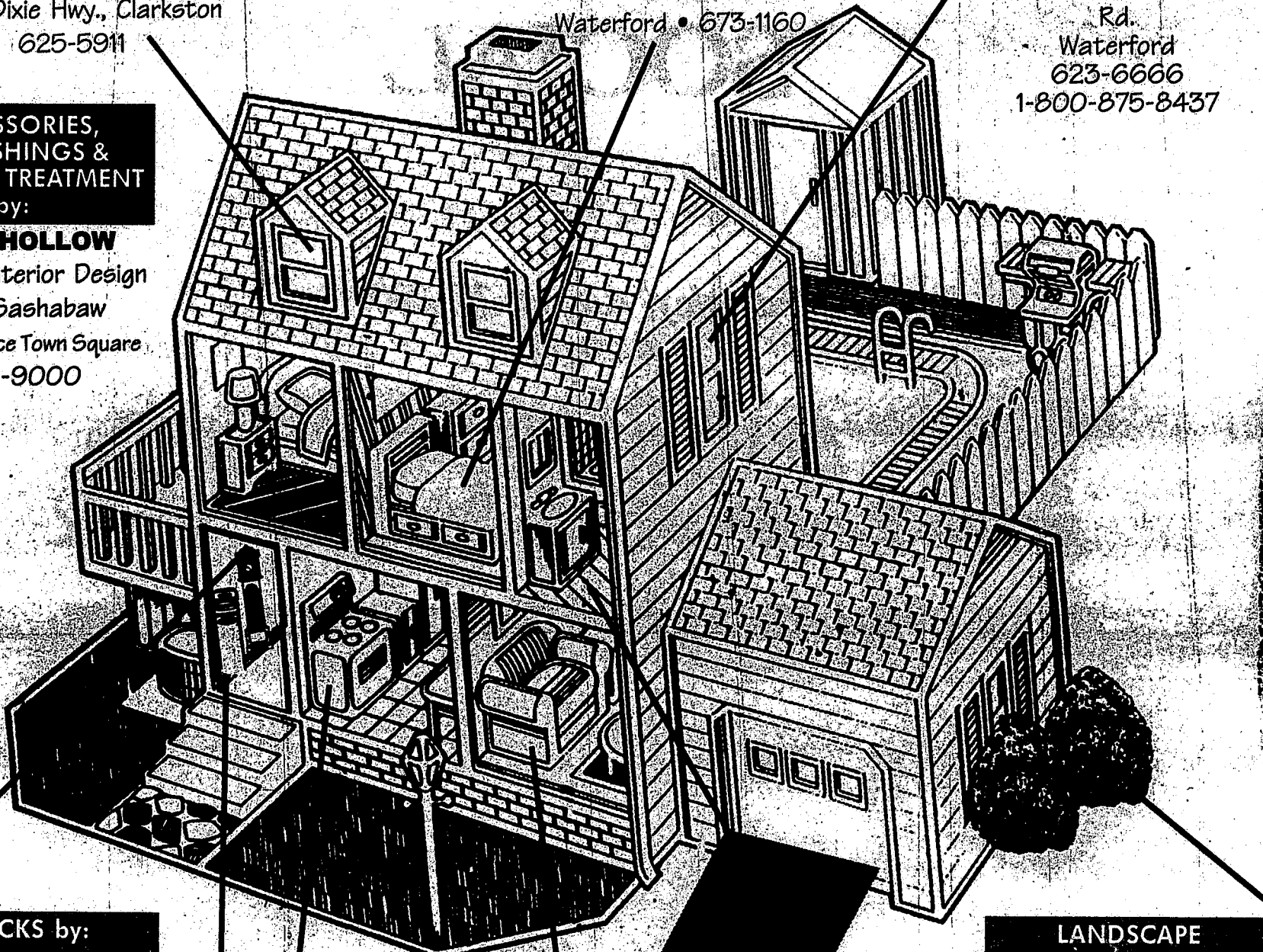
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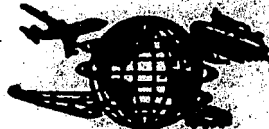



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## Stonewall Farms emphasizes country-like setting

*New development north of Clarkston Road, just off Sashabaw, offers 40 lots, spacious homes*

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Subdivisions seem to be popping up all over the Clarkston area these days. But not too many offer the kinds of surroundings you'll find at Stonewall Farms.

Stonewall Farms is a new development located a few blocks north of Clarkston Road, east of Sashabaw. It branches off of the dirt portion Stickney Road and leads into an area which offers 40 lots and plenty of nature.

One of the unique characteristics of this development is the nearly 34-acre nature preserve.

Sales Associate Bob Pizarek and Vice President of Operations, Linda Gee both said they've seen deer in the area and an eagle is also nesting in the preserve.

"Quite a few developments these days offer nature preserves, but not many in this size," Pizarek said. "There are going to be walking trails and a gazebo there too."

Lots vary in size from about half an acre to three-fourths of an acre and all homes within the Stonewall Farms will be in the \$460,000-\$600,000 price range. Home sizes range from 2,500 square feet to 3,300 square feet.

"Some of the other developments in the area like Oakhurst offer homes anywhere from around \$200,000 to well over a million. The people that buy a million



This is one of several homes available for sale within Stonewall Farms. All houses will range in price from \$460,000 to \$600,000. Lots vary in size from around half an acre to three quarters of an acre. Photo by Ed Davis.

dollar home a lot of times don't want to drive by the other homes in the neighborhood. This way, with all the homes being in relatively the same price range, it helps protect the buyer's investment," Pizarek said.

Currently, three homes are available for sale in the development with two more homes under construction. If a buyer wants to build in the develop-

ment, it won't take all that long before a lot is turned into a home, Gee said.

"Usually it's about four to six months after the basement is in. We can build over the winter months, but it all depends on the harshness of the season. But we can get through the ground if a person wants a home in here."

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## Dr. Derrick Fries racks up numerous honors with his one-man boat

*Clarkston man's love for sailing has earned him numerous first place finishes in the water*

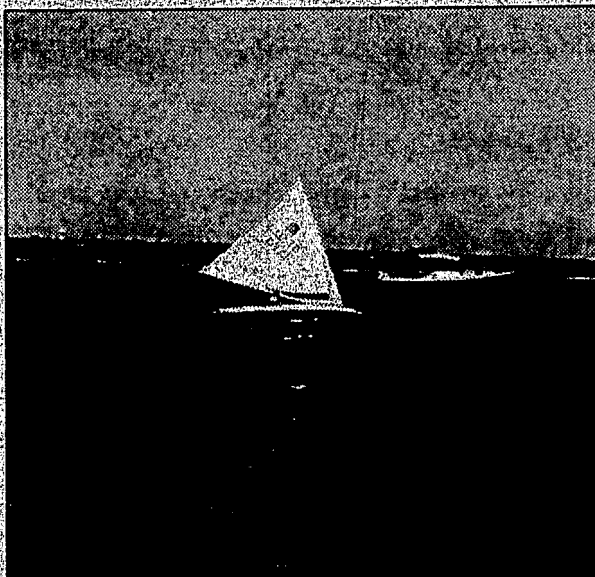
BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Dr. Derrick Fries of Clarkston has always loved the water. He's always been comfortable being in it. But his love for competing with other sailors brought him his most recent North American sailing championship.

"I'm a sailing freak," he admits. "I've just always loved the water and loved to sail."

He grew up sailing, learning from his parents who sailed on Watkins Lake in Waterford. At the age of 11 he began sailing in the North American Sunfish Sailing Championships. Since that time, he's racked up numerous titles including a championship in 1989 in Tawas Bay. He also has won world titles in 1975 in



Dr. Derrick Fries of Clarkston crosses the finish line in one of his sailing races. Photo courtesy Dr. Derrick Fries.

Miami and 1978 in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

So how does a man, who captured first place continue to dominate the sport? "I run a lot to stay in shape," he said. "I run to stay fit for sailing."

Dr. Fries is the oldest man to ever win the annual Sunfish North American Sailing Championships at the age of 48. He finished higher than 98 other one-man crews from seven different countries. The competition is made up of five different races, each about five or six nautical miles.

A point is awarded for the place each sailor finishes. Dr. Fries finished in ninth place in the first race, but followed that up with two second place and two third place finishes, which gave



Dr. Derrick Fries

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# Inexperienced football team has tough act to follow.

*Only one starter returns as Wolves challenge for third straight OAA I title*

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston has won its league the last two years. The Wolves are not favored this year though, but that may be the motivation this pack of Wolves needs as it seeks its third straight Oakland Activities Association Division I title.

The Wolves are coming off their best season in school history. Last year Clarkston won a school record 12 games and came within one game of heading to the Pontiac Silverdome for the Division I state title. The Wolves lost a heartbreaking game to the eventual state champion Grand Ledge, 17-15. However, only one starter from that team returns this year in center Eric McKnight. About 30 of the players on the roster have varsity experience, but nobody can argue this group of players will have some big shoes to fill.

Starting at quarterback this year will be last year's back up Eric Kieras. Kieras played sparingly last season, but has never started a varsity game. Last year's starting quarterback Ryan Kaul is now at Ferris State.

"Eric's getting better and has looked more comfortable in the pocket for us," offensive coordinator Mike Stefanski said during Wolves training camp.

This year's big receiving targets will be Justin Whetstone, Ryan Talbott, Chris Cutler and Case Bannasch at tight end. Cutler and Bannasch were both impressive in the Clarkston's annual blue-gold scrimmage Aug. 11. Last year Kaul had an excellent group of receivers at his disposal in tight end Bryan Endreszl and wide receivers Adam Gebus and Ryan Briceland.

Clarkston's offensive backfield is also vastly different from last year as halfback Rob Conley and fullback Nate Davis have been replaced by Shane Bennett, who will start at tailback and fullback Mike Loveless, who played a lot of defense for the Wolves last year. Loveless will play both ways this year, but he won't be alone.

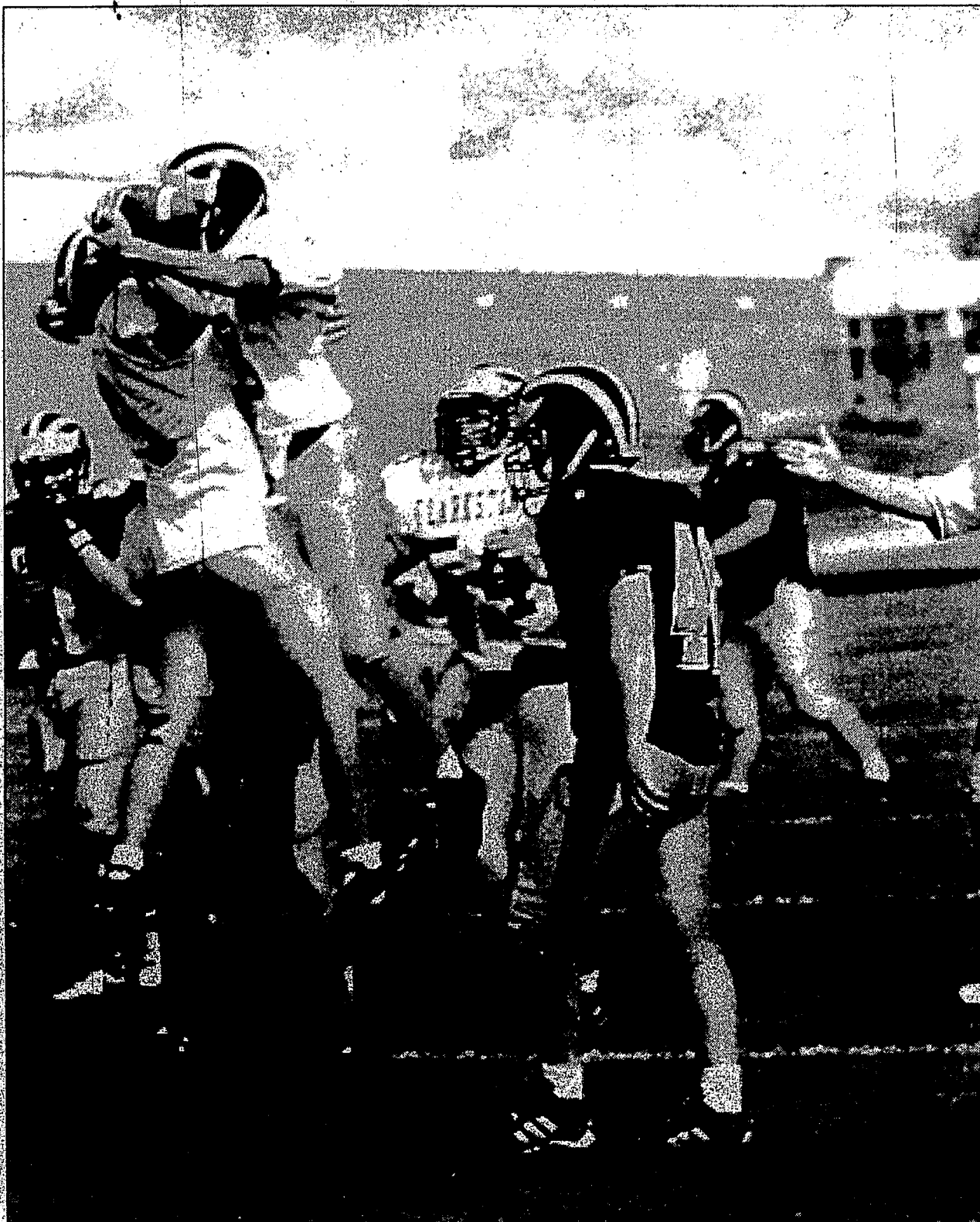
"We're going to have a lot of guys going both ways for us for a while and that's going to make it tough in the early going," coach Kurt Richardson said.

Bennett got some carries last year, but had trouble running between the tackles. Bennett is primarily an outside runner. Don't look for that to change this year, Richardson said.

"Shane's never going to be a great between the tackles runner, but he's beefed up a lot and got thicker for us over the summer. We're going to be doing things to get him outside. We know that's where he's best," Richardson said.

Defensively, the Wolves will be powered by Wolfman Miles Purdy, who Richardson said, has looked outstanding throughout camp. In addition, Loveless will play cornerback and Brian Larsen will get the start at defensive tackle. Outside linebackers will be Isaiah Bazley and Bannasch, both of whom are returning play-

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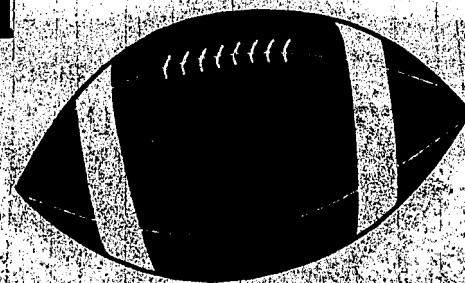
Two Wolves celebrate a touchdown at the Blue-Gold game Aug. 11. The Wolves kick off their season Aug. 24 at home against Utica Eisenhower beginning at 7 p.m. Members of the 2001 varsity football team include Chris Cutler, Mike Loveless, Kirk Hanna, Myles Purdy, Brad Moore, Justin Whetstone, Nick Craig, Brian Oltman, Eric Kieras, Kevin Sherman, Andy Breen, Jay Martello, Mark Kraus, Chris Moore, Clint DeGain, Mike Claus, Ryan Talbot, Adam Rath, Brandon Anderson, Brian Olsen, Mark Vercauteren, Shane Bennett, Kyle Post, Kyle Brownell, Matt MacKinnon, Ryan Hurley, Zane Pockrandt, Brad Spencer, Nick Fenton, Eric Buetow, Dave Kittle, Ken Coventry, Steve Eby, Mike Bradish, Jon Langdon, Derek George, Brian Larsen, Garrett Dees, Addison Turk, Bradon Miller, Brett Parcell, Brett Kenerson, Matt Tolbert, Jay Walkowski, Eric McKnight, John Eubanks, Tim Ellsworth, Ryan Blough, Mike Shaw, Scott Fritz, Tyler Mitchell, Andy Hendron, James Welch, Nate Garcia, A.J. Harris, Mark Lyyski, Justin Pita, Isaiah Bazely, Jason Setla, Noah Fields, Jacob North, Derek Ranck, Jeff Burleigh, Case Bannasch and Bob Bisialek. The Wolves are coached by Kurt Richardson and assisted by Phil Price, Gordie Richardson, Mike Stefanski, Rich Porritt, Steve Pearson and Tom Hurley. Photo by Ed Davis.

Good luck for the season ahead

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# Wolves host powerhouse Utica Eisenhower in season opener

Clarkston hosts Division I state runner up in week one

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston varsity football coach Kurt Richardson got a chance to see how his team stacks up against the competition last week — he just didn't like what he saw.

The Wolves were one of four teams to participate in a scrimmage held Aug. 17 at Farmington Harrison, who many claim is the best team in the state. In addition to the Wolves and Hawks, the Wolves took on Plymouth Salem and Marysville.

"We pretty much stunk the place up," Richardson said. "We did okay against Salem, but we didn't do very well against Harrison and Marysville. It was an ugly day for us all around."

Richardson said his team did get better as the day progressed, but overall he wasn't happy with his team's performance, or its attitude.



"We didn't seem intense and we didn't look excited. We were very lethargic and just looked like we were there because we had to be," he said.

He said about the only player who stood out in the scrimmage was the running of Ryan Talbott.

"Other than that, there were not a whole lot of positives for us out there," he said.

The Wolves will need to improve this week if they're to win their first game. Clarkston hosts Utica Eisenhower, who made it to the Division I state finals the last two years. In the two teams only meeting, the Wolves fell 14-9 in the state semifinal game. No players from that 1999 Clarkston team are on this year's club so while there may not be a revenge factor, the Eagles are still loaded with talent, Richardson said.

"They've got an excellent quarterback and an excellent, big, tall receiver who will be going up against


VS.


**Who:** Clarkston vs. Utica Eisenhower  
**Where:** CHS Football Field  
**When:** Aug. 24 7 p.m.  
**What to watch:** Even though this is a non-league game, the implications of this one could be huge. The Wolves are very inexperienced and will be forced to play several players both ways. That could come into play in the second half, especially if the temperature is high. The Wolves are very strong at home, and will have a loud, boisterous crowd, but there is no substitute for experience.  
**Prediction:** Anything can happen in high school football, especially in week 1. The Wolves inexperience hurts them here as they lose 24-14.

Whetstone for us. They've always got excellent linebackers over there too," he said.

Utica Eisenhower coach Bob Lantzy did not return calls by press time.

Kickoff is set for Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at Clarkston High School.

"Our kids realize nothing's going to be handed to them. We've just got to play hard, have fun and be aggressive. Our kids will come to play, we'll be ready to go," Richardson said.

So will the about 10,000 fans who plan to be there.

## Dr. Fries

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him a total of 15 points, 11 lower than the second place finisher.

"I had set my eyes on winning that race a few years earlier and started training by competing in a few local regattas," he said. "I didn't compete as much for a few years there because I went back to school to get my Ph.D at UofM."

However, after he earned his degree from Ann Arbor, he went on to win at a competition at Devils Lake, east of Jackson. Dr. Fries has won that event the last three years. That win qualified him for the world championships.

"I got myself in optimal shape, which for sailing in these one-person boats is about 160 pounds. The

boats are small, but they're the best kind to learn the basics of sailing on. That's the tip I'd give to anyone who is interested in sailing. Learn the basics in a small boat. Once you master that, you can take those skills and use them in the bigger boats."

Just like he learned from his parents in Waterford, Dr. Fries is now teaching his children the basics of sailing. He said his house has had as many as four one-person sailing boats at a time.

"I learned in a snipe boat. That's the kind of one-person boat I began with. Now it's a lifelong sport for me and I've had no problems with my knees so I hope

to continue to do it for a long time. You just have to be comfortable in the boat and start with a small boat. I just love the competition of it and all the technical aspects that go into sailing," he said.



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'I think the kids have already gotten a taste of that (fans not expecting us to be as good as years past). We've already talked about that and I think our kids will use that to their advantage.'

**Kurt Richardson** -- Clarkston varsity football coach

ers. Derek George will also see minutes at linebacker. Kicking duties will once again be controlled by Andy Breen. Garrett Dees will also play linebacker and will be a two-way starter for the Wolves as well.

With only one starter returning, Richardson is very uncertain what to expect this season.

He could not identify his team's biggest strength, nor would he comment on the overall quality of his team.

"This is the most uncertain I've been in a while," he said. "I just don't really know what to expect."

One thing a lot of Wolves are expecting however is that to follow the last two teams' performances will be a tall order, especially considering a lack of experience. But that may be the glue which holds this group together.

"I think the kids have already gotten a taste of that (fans not expecting us to be as good as years past). We've already talked about that and I think our kids will use that to their advantage," Richardson said.

Clarkston will need every advantage it can get early on this season. The Wolves open up with state finalist Utica Eisenhower Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. and follow that up with hosting West Bloomfield.

"Adams is the favorite in the league, but we'll be right up there," Richardson said.



Two Clarkston Wolves football players collide in the annual Blue-Gold scrimmage Aug. 11 at Clarkston High School's football field. The Wolves come off an appearance in the state semifinals last season, but only return one starter from last year's squad. Photo by Ed Davis.

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## Stonewall Farms

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Gee said.

The two builders in the development are SRG Construction and Marty Godard. SRG Construction built 14 houses in another subdivision in the area, Pine Breeze while Godard is responsible for several homes in Troy and Macomb Township, Pizarek said.

Pizarek pointed out several features, which he felt set Stonewall Farms apart from other subdivisions. All homes offer nine-foot first floor ceilings, three car garages and baths situated away from high traffic living areas. In addition, large walk in closets and spacious master suites with his and her sinks also come with oversized walk in closets. Kitchens average around 170 square feet and come standard with General Electric profile appliances including microwave. Glass flat top stoves are also standard, although gas stoves are available as well. Also in the kitchen, buyers will find seven foot islands and breakfast areas measuring 17x10 feet. Also standard are masonry fireplaces, which accommodate gas and natural logs, oak hardwood floors as well as the buyer's choice of maple or oak cabinetry. Spacious foyers, large furnished basements with half bath are also standard. The basement baths are also plumbed to become a full bath if the buyer is interested.

Pizarek said the homes within Stonewall Farms cater to two different types of people.

"These homes are for families who are looking to move to a nice neighborhood, but are still looking for exceptional value. And they're also great homes for the empty nester. They're good for having the grand kids over for a visit. These types of homes are great for family gatherings," Pizarek said.

He added that a lot of the appeal to the development is that it emphasizes old world style architecture.

### Tryouts for Dragons held soon

The Lake Orion Dragon youth baseball team will hold open tryouts for 12 year old boys for the 2002 season. Competitive play will include local tournaments, league play and a planned return to Cooperstown, NY for the Dreamspark Tournament. Tryouts will be held Aug. 25 at Orion Township Civic Center, located at 2525 Joslyn Road (across from Canterbury Village) from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

The second tryout has been changed to Aug. 27, 2001 at Orion Township Civic Center from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Boys competing cannot turn age 13 before Aug. 1, 2002.

The Dragons enjoyed much success in 2001, ending up first in the state and placing third in the National AABC World Series in Brooklyn, NY. For more information contact manger, Dave Richards at 391-6687, coach Bob Kada at 391-6199 or coach Greg Deeg at 391-4879 or CoachDeeg@aol.com



This spacious kitchen offers an oversized seven foot island and a choice of either maple or oak cabinetry. Photo by Ed Davis.

"We've seen a lot of people move to Clarkston from Rochester because those people remember the way Rochester used to be. We're trying to instill that same type of living here," he said.

Families who elect to move into Stonewall Farms

will be able to enroll their children in the Clarkston School district, including Bailey Lake Elementary, Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston High School.

For further information on Stonewall Farms, log on to [www.thehomeguy.com](http://www.thehomeguy.com).

### Fall sports picture day

Time	Sport
11 a.m.	Boys golf (JV & Varsity) at Liberty Golf Course
12 p.m.	Varsity girls bball in gym
12:20 p.m.	JV girls bball in gym
12:40 p.m.	Freshman girls bball in gym
1 p.m.	Varsity football on field
1:30 p.m.	JV football on field
2 p.m.	Freshman football on field
2:30 p.m.	Girls swim at pool
3 p.m.	Freshman cheerleading Meet outside pool and decide
4 p.m.	JV boys soccer
4:20 p.m.	Freshman boys soccer
4:40 p.m.	Varsity boys soccer
5 p.m.	Cross country by track
5:30 p.m.	Varsity cheerleading
6 p.m.	JV cheerleading

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Artists of all types including painters, drawers, sculpturers and all other art mediums are welcome to join a workshop at the Seescape Gallery, located at the corner of Main and Waldon Roads. Artists must bring their own materials to participate. Workshops are held twice a week on Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 6-9p.m. Call Florence at 922-9116 for more info.

The Clarkston Co-op Preschool, 6600 Waldon Rd., is holding their final registration for the upcoming 2001-2002 school year. Children who will be three or four-years-old before Dec. 1, 2001 are eligible. For more information on the four-year program, please contact Tracie McCallum at (248)922-9571; or for the three-year program, contact Kim Farstdvet at (248)391-6127.

Crosshill Community Preschool, located in the Davisburg United Methodist Church at 803 Broadway in Davisburg, is accepting enrollment for classes for the 2001-2002 school year. Openings are available for the afternoon three-year-old, four-year-old, and Young Five's classes. Crosshill provides a developmental program with free play, directed activities, art, music, gym, and snack. For enrollment or more info call Mary at (248)922-1657 or Vivian at 625-6399.

The Clarkston Rotary Club presents the 61st annual Labor Day Parade. This year's theme is "Old Past--New Roads to the Future." The Rotary invites area businesses and organizations to join the fun with a float, band, clowns, or other entry. Show the people of Clarkston your energy and team spirit. Register by Fri., August 24. There is no entre fee for participating. Call Vince Peraino at (248)394-1663 for more information.

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Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. To learn more, call Oakland County Youth Assistance at (248)858-0041.

On August 25 from 9-11 p.m., a Summer Star Party is scheduled at Independence Oaks. Telescope viewing (weather permitting) with the Oakland Astronomy Club, a planetarium show and an astrocraft will help everyone appreciate the wonders of the summer night sky. Not recommended for preschoolers. Cost is \$2 per person. Call 625-6473.

It's more than half way done! The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is celebrating the Main Street construction crossover on Sat., August 25, from 4-9 p.m., at the Main Street Ice Cream Social.

## Fun on the river!



Local residents enjoy canoeing in an area park.

There will be ice cream stands, food, popcorn, face painting, music, children's activities, and fun! Shopping open until 9 p.m., with special sales events. Rain or shine, there will be plenty to see and do in downtown Clarkston. Call 625-8055 for more information.

Garden Club events: Tomato Festival, August 28; Care and Pruning of Small Fruit Trees with Dennis Folger, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. at the Davisburg-Hart Community Center; First Aid for House Plants with Jane Suhail, Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. at the DHC Center; Herbal Seminar II, Nov. 7; and Christmas Party, Dec. 5. To join or more information, call Chairman Mary Bertolini at 620-9281.

"Michigan Childcare Futures--Administrative Training for Childcare Providers," will be Tuesdays, August 28 to Sept. 25 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Lake Orion Community Educational Center, 455 E. Scripps Rd. Cost is \$5. To register please contact Lisa at the Michigan 4-C at 681-5633. This administrative training focuses on job duties and responsibilities of the childcare administrator. Each class features issues on working with staff, building a team, review of personnel issues, and the development of a staff handbook. Childcare is available by request. Participants can earn 1.5 continuing education units from MSU, and optional college credit.

The Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts of Waterford will host guest performers from Germany's Gospel Art Studio, a performing arts school and touring company, to perform a dramatic play on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer entitled "Candles In The Window." The drama was inspired by the life and work of Bonhoeffer, a German theologian and resistance worker executed by the Gestapo. "Candles" is an intimate meeting of two women struggling with grief, betrayal, guilt and passivity in post World War II England. The event will be held at The Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts, 4453 Clintonville Rd. on Sat., Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. Box office opens at 7 p.m. Tickets go on sale August 5 for reserved seats and are \$8 and \$7 for students, seniors and groups of 20 or more.

Fun, fun for the entire family. The annual Labor Day Fair will be at the First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Rd. on Mon., Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event follows the community parade in Clarkston and is a family oriented event. Featured will be a classic car show, giant rummage sale, Midway games for the kids, craft show, auctions, pony rides, bake sale, great food, and more. Mark Farnsworth, a popular local DJ, will be back with 50's music throughout the day. Admission is free. Parking is \$2 donation to the local youth ministry. Everyone is welcome.

The Widowed Support Group will meet Thurs., Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. The topic for the evening is "Grieving the Loss of a Pet." There is no registration and no fee. Men and women of all ages, who have recently been widowed, are invited. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, call Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home at 625-5231.

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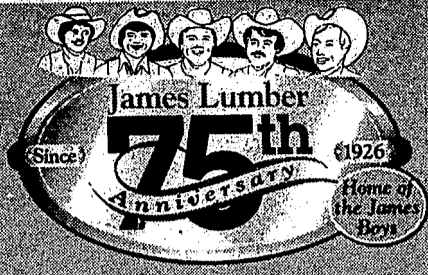
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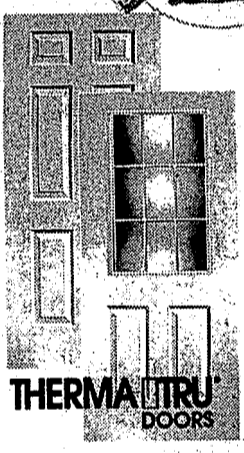
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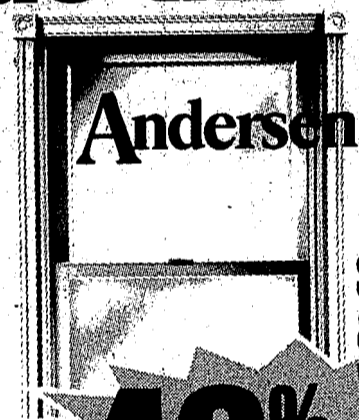
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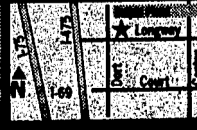
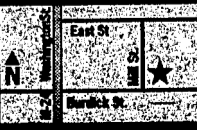
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# Golfers come out in numbers to remember, honor "Wig"

## Four scholarships given out in annual event

BY ED DAVIS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

People came from all over the state Michigan to Heather Highlands Golf Course to honor and remember John Wigman at the second annual John Wigman Memorial Golf Outing.

The event was held Aug. 19 and was just as successful as last year's event.

Wigman, known as "Wig" was killed June 17 in a drive by shooting on Scott Lake Road. Wigman was a graduate of Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes and was employed at Shepherd's Hollow Golf Course when he was murdered. He was a big fan of golf and that was how his friends chose to remember — by playing golf.

Over 150 golfers and 250 people total enjoyed food, drink and golf at Heather Highlands Golf Course last weekend. The event was sold out according to Maryanne Altenburg, who is the mother of Kevin.

Kevin, who is from Clarkston, attended Grand Valley State University with John.

Last year's event helped raise \$10,000 and three scholarships were given away to area students. This year's event offered four scholarships to area students. One of the scholarships from last year's golf outing went to Clarkston resident Sean Hogan, who was a passenger in John's car at the time of death.

Independence Township resident Curtis Frye began his sentence of life in prison with possibility of parole earlier this year.

In addition to the golfing and banquet, friends of "Wig" enjoyed an auction which also helped raise money. Prizes in this year's raffle included autographed sports memorabilia, Michigan State University and University of Michigan Golf Bags, a round of golf at Shepherd's Hollow Golf Course as well as vacations.



Pictured above, from left, are Jim English of Clarkston and Dennis Nault of Clarkston, who were part of this foursome which competed in the golf outing. Also pictured are P.J. Dsika and Steve Ryner. Photo by Ed Davis.

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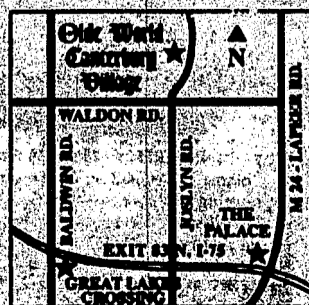
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# Obituaries

## Barbara B. Talbot

Barbara B. Talbot of Clarkston died Aug. 14, 2001 at the age of 80.

She was the loving wife of Dr. Frank and was the mother of Pam (Tom) Bills of Clarkston and Linda (Bob) Soukup of Richland. She was preceded in death by her son Jeffrey and was the grandmother of Mike, Beth and Katie Bills and Steve, Lauren and Brad Soukup.

Funeral service was held Aug. 16 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Don Kevern officiating.

Private interment at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Clarkston United Methodist Church or Cranbrook Hospice. (www.legacy.com)

## Charlotte A. Patterson

Charlotte A. Patterson of Lake Orion died Aug. 12, 2001 at the age of 91.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ernest "Pat" and was the mother of Holly Ellen Stephens of Independence Township. She was the grandmother of Beth (Gordon) Garten of Waterford, David (Jennifer) Stephens of Farmington Hills and Paul Stephens of Bay City. She was the great-grandmother of Gidget, Jeff and Darra.

Funeral Mass was held Aug. 20 at St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal Church in Lake Orion. Memorials may be made to Eden Alternative Fund, Detroit Zoo or Alzheimers Association.

## Margaret M. Turk

Margaret M. Turk of Davisburg died Aug. 15, 2001 at the age of 81.

She was preceded in death by her husband Willard

"Red" of 54 years. She was the mother of Margaret Ann Willis, Amanda Chandler, Willard Jr., Carol, Chris and Mike. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She was the sister of Ruth and Bill.

Mrs. Turk retired from the Clarkston Schools as a manager/cook after 21 years of service.

Funeral service was held Aug. 17 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor Dave Coleman officiating. Interment at Hillview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation (www.legacy.com)

## Dorothy M. 'Dot' Sturgis

Dorothy M. "Dot" Sturgis of Davisburg died Aug. 15, 2001 at the age of 69.

She was the mother of Richard (Cindy) Lyyski of Clarkston and was the grandmother of Mark Lyyski. She was the sister of Donald (Lois) Kushio, Sue Averill, Ron (Carla) Kushion and Alice (James) Greene. She was also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Aug. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Rev. Paul Wilson officiating. Interment at Lakeview Cemetery. (www.legacy.com)

## Robert E. 'Bob' Holland

Robert E. "Bob" Holland of White Lake, formerly of Waterford, died suddenly Aug. 19, 2001 at the age of 49.

He was the husband of Pam for 24 years and was the father of Robert (Jenny) Smith of Lake Orion and Michelle (fiance Chris Slabinski) Spencer of Gaines. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law Twyla Evans and son-in-law Mark Spencer. He was the grandfather of Robert (fiance Jaime), Samantha, Kristine, Alyssa and Kaleigh. He was the great-grand-

father of Tiffany. He was the son of William and Annabelle Holland of Ariz. He was the son-in-law of Richard (Carol) Hall of Pontiac. He was the brother of Janet (Roy) Midkiff of Ariz., John (Celeste) of Pontiac and Edward. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Holland was an autobody technician for 23 years at Bowman Chevrolet, Clarkston and more recently with Palace Chrysler in Lake Orion. He was an avid street rodder and good friend to many.

Funeral service was held Aug. 22 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Any donations to the family will be used for a marker in his memory.

## Sharon Kaye Welch

Sharon Kaye Welch of Sylvan Lake, formerly of Ortonville, died unexpectedly Aug. 16, 2001 at the age of 56.

She was the sister of Chris (Janice) Babler of Westland, Richard (Shirley) Babler of Edwardsburg and Wanda (Phillip) Timmons of Gaines. She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Karen. She was the aunt of Debbie, Eric, Cheryl, Chris, Jeff, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Richard Jr., Theresa, Robert, Linda, Pamela, Phillip Jr., David, Angela and Michael. She was the best friend of LaVerne Logan of Bloomfield Hills and was like a daughter to Franklin and Beulah Smith of Ga.

Mrs. Welch was a nursing supervisor at Bloomfield Hills Nursing Center and enjoyed golfing and bowling.

Funeral service was held Aug. 20 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross. (www.legacy.com)

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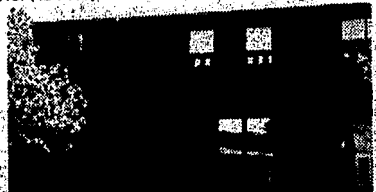
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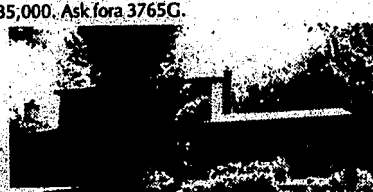
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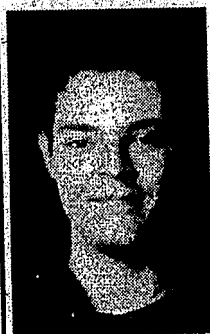
As the World Wrestling Federation's "People's Champion" The Rock would say, "Finally... Ed has come back to fantasy football!"

Yes sir, after refusing to take part in any league last year, whether there be money involved or not, I was talked into a fantasy football league this year. So far it's been fun, but of course the season hasn't even started yet.

For those of you not familiar with fantasy football let me give you a quick crash course.

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Ed Davis



The Bottom Line

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Our league is made up of eight teams. My team is the Clarkston Pugs — pretty fearsome sounding, I know. Those 20-pound sleep-all-day companion dogs can quickly evoke plenty of fear in the eyes of their opponents though.

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, September 5, 2001 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #01-0077 Joseph and Beverly Territo, Petitioners  
APPLICANTS REQUEST SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 4' TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION Allen Rd., R-1R  
08-07-400-014
- Case #01-0078 Milton Haines, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS SIZE VARIANCE OF 336 SQ. FT. TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION TO ATTACHED GARAGE Mary Sue Ave., Lot 84, R-1A  
Sunshine Acres  
08-35-126-010
- Case #01-0079 Tony V's Sunrooms 3c Spas, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 3' TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION Pine Needle Dr., Unit 11, R-1A  
Lake Waldon Village II  
08-28-278-010
- Case #01-0080 Walter Mosner, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 2.5' TO CONSTRUCT REPLACEMENT SHED (USING EXISTING CONCRETE) Columbia St., Lot 108, R-1A  
Goodrich Farm Sub  
08-26-304-013
- Case #01-0081 Helen Giegler, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD (LACKS ROAD FRONTAGE AND PROPERTY SIZE) Columbia Ave., Lot 150, R-1 A  
Round Lake Woods  
08-02-479-010
- Case #01-0082 John Pennington, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD (LACKS ROAD FRONTAGE AND PROPERTY SIZE) Second St., Lot 187, R-1A  
Woodhull Lake Sub No. 2  
08-34-379-009
- Case #01-0083 Dennis Forhart, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY (LACKS PROPER WIDTH AT THE SETBACK LINE) Sashabaw Rd., R-1R  
08-10-300-021

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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August 13, 2001

#### CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catallo at 7:05 p.m. Derek Werner was sworn in to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Karen Sanderson.

Roll: Present: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Werner.

Absent: Savage

Minutes of July 24, 2001, accepted as presented.

Agenda accepted as presented with the addition of Proposed Lot Split, Steven Wylie under New Business.

Bills in the amount of \$100,893.57 approved for payment.

Gamble reported on the Public Hearing of the Mill Pond Lake Improvement Board wherein a special assessment of \$179.10 for three years was established for each property on the Mill Pond.

Gamble asked that signs be posted in the City prohibiting the feeding of ducks and geese.

Mike Scott resident and owner of 75 - 77 South Main reported that South Main Street residents were not notified when their driveways would be closed due to curbing construction.

Colombo was appointed Legislative Director for the Michigan Municipal League from the City Council.

Correspondence from overlook Drive resident Dan MacLennan was reviewed by Council and City Attorney Ryan.

Correspondence from the City Planner indicates that two people are allowed as renters in a home in addition to the homeowner. City Attorney Ryan stated that this is a United States Supreme Court ruling.

Moved That the City Council approve the request for the Clarkston Union to hold an Oktoberfest on September 22, 2001.

City Attorney Ryan advised the Council that the Zoning Board of Appeals would determine if a variance could be granted on a proposed lot split on Middle Lake Road, and the variance applicant would return to the City Council for the lot split approval if a variance was granted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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The reason I didn't play fantasy football last year was because of all the bad luck I had in 1999. I had Kurt Warner on my team. I also had Drew Bledsoe. I traded the wrong guy as Warner went on to win the Super Bowl and have one of the best years at quarterback in recent history. However, I must point out that at the time I traded Warner he and Bledsoe had very comparable statistics.

I also had Jamal Anderson who went down in week one with a season ending injury. I later replaced him with Gary Brown of the New York Giants. He also went down with an injury, so by the end of the season I was starting Sedrick Irvin at running back — not good.

This year's draft was kind to me. I have three talented quarterbacks in Warner, Steve McNair and Rob Johnson. Guess who I won't be trading this year? My running backs look good also. I have Eddie George, Corey Dillon, Dorsey Levens and, yup, you guessed it, Jamal Anderson. My receivers include Germane Crowell, Jerry Rice and

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Fantasy football can be a lot of fun, but it can be very frustrating too. The second your "superstar" goes down with an injury you begin to feel the season slip through your fingers.

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So as if women didn't complain enough about men not leaving the couch on weekends from September through December, they now must prepare to tolerate another season of fantasy football.

Fall without football — now there's a football fantasy women can really get into.

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#### Marilyn E. Siterlet

Marilyn E. Siterlet of Clarkston died Aug. 16, 2001 after a long battle with cancer at the age of 44.

She was the beloved wife of Al and was the loving mother of Cody and McKenzie. She was the dearest daughter of John and Audretta Cuchetti. She was the dear sister of Lois, Cheryl, Susan, Ruth Anne, Wendell and Carl. She was preceded in death by her brother Russell. She was also survived by many loving extended family and friends.

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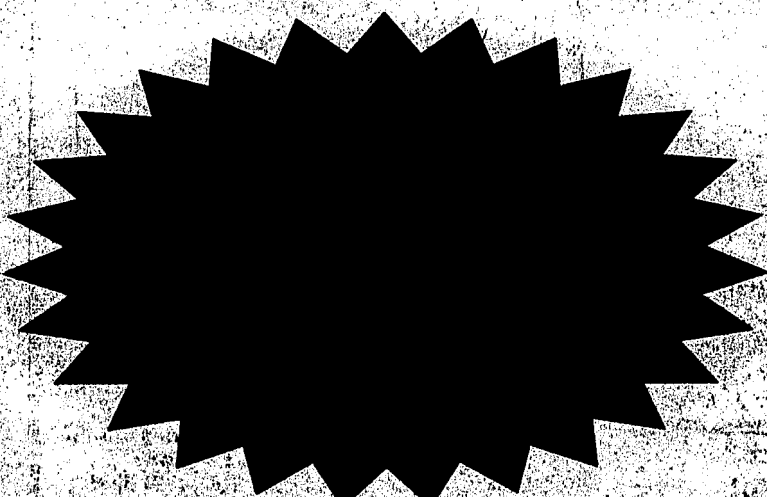
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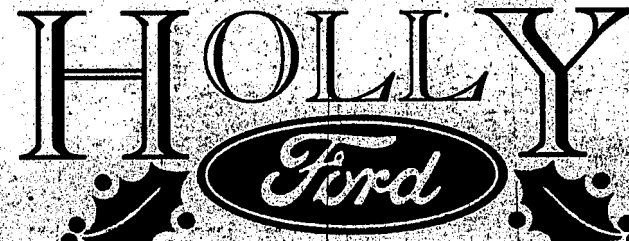
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Full	\$1499/set	<b>\$699/set</b>
Queen	\$1699/set	<b>\$799/set</b>
King	\$2099/set	<b>\$999/set</b>

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	REGULAR	OUR PRICE
Twin	\$1699/set	<b>\$799/set</b>
Full	\$1899/set	<b>\$899/set</b>
Queen	\$2099/set	<b>\$999/set</b>
King	\$2499/set	<b>\$1199/set</b>

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