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Independence beefs up emergency response team

Fire Department performs
mock run for board

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It wasn't your typical Township Board meeting.

A rush of excitement and urgency filled the air as 911 was called, paramedics were dispatched, and ambulances, with their flashing lights, invaded the parking lot at the police and fire complex on Citation Drive.

The victim, a 55-year-old male, lay in the middle of the floor, silent, not a breath, no signs of life.

But, unlike reality, death was nowhere near.

That's because the victim was actually a test dummy for the Independence Township Fire Department, and paramedics only acting in a true-to-life medical rescue presentation for township officials.

At the August 30 special meeting, board members got an up close and personal look at the ins and outs as well as status of the Fire Department's Advanced Life Support (ALS) program, which residents voted for in August 2000.

Fire Chief Steve Ronk said the department has all the equipment and training needed to begin the ALS program,

but does not have the personnel required yet. The Fire Department is currently looking to hire 14 engineer-paramedics this fall in order to activate the ALS program by the end of the year.

Notices for the open positions were sent out to 6,000 paramedics across the state, and applications were taken for two weeks, before the August 31 deadline.

Over 130 individuals have shown interest and at least 85 applications were returned, said Ronk. Out of the 130, 13 of the applicants are Clarkston residents, one from Davisburg, and others from "the southern border to the bridge," Ronk said. At least ten of the applicants are women.

Throughout the hiring process, engineer-paramedic candidates must complete and pass a series of tests including a written examination, physical ability test, oral interviews, psychological evaluation, medical/physical examination, and background investigation.

Each test will take two to three weeks, said Ronk. The first phase, a written exam, is scheduled for September 16.

Candidates hired will be employed on a probationary status for one year, which can be extended if circumstances call for that. "Plus, those hired will have to complete a series of classes within the first nine months of employment.

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And the Oscar goes to... the Independence Township Fire Department. Paramedics double as thespians as they enact a life-like medical rescue situation for Township Board members in a special meeting about the status of the Advanced Life Support program. Photo by Jennifer Nemer



Smiling faces like these from the Chiefs Cheerleaders could be found in abundance at Monday's Labor Day Parade. See page 20A for photos.

Trustee hopes to find new home for Village Players

By JENNIFER NEMER
Staff Writer

A love of the theatre, music, and specifically the Clarkston Village Players, has one Independence Township official offering over 3,500 square feet of generosity.

Trustee Dave Wagner is hoping to purchase the Clarkston Cinema/Boardwalk Real Estate building on Dixie Highway, and make the theatre portion available to the CVP.

For rent, Wagner said he is trying to make an at-

tractive offer, something the CVP will be able to afford. He is also adding perks to the deal like utilities paid for the first year.

The deal for purchasing the building, Wagner said, is still in negotiations. Given the financial troubles of former cinema owner and Realtor Larry Sefa, there are two differ-



Dave Wagner hopes to purchase the Clarkston Cinema building.

ent attorneys working on the situation and delays have incurred, he said.

On Sept. 11, the CVP will hold a membership meeting and Wagner is hopeful he will know by then whether the deal will go through.

"It's a big step for them,"

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Spotlight



David Pierce and Kevin Worley received Eagle Scout badges at a special ceremony August 5. From left in the front row are: David Pierce, Jill Oberlee, Kevin Worley and Dan Hill. Back row from left are: Kyle Walkowski, Matthew Dearing, Joe Oberlee, Mike Walkowski, Dave Dearing, Steve Voorheis, Joe Oberlee, Cathy Cowger and

Eagle Scouts honored

On Aug. 5, Kevin Worley and David Pierce of Boy Scout Troop 189 had their Eagle Court of Honor at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston.

One requirement of each Eagle Scout is that they plan and execute a community project. At Orion Oaks County Park, Kevin Worley, with the help of a Webelo den, constructed and installed six bat houses. Then, over 30 adults and scouts assisted in installing two cubic yards of crushed limestone for scenic overlook trail #19, plus a bench and picnic table. Afterwards, the group cleared brush and debris and raked and graded a new quarter-mile hiking trail.

At Independence Oaks County Park last October, David designed new stairs to the waterfront. He oversaw the assembly and installation of the stairs, during bad weather, which included hail.

The Eagle Scout Badge is the highest award to youth members of the Boy Scouts of America. Approximately two to five percent become Eagle Scouts. It represents the successful completion of a long process which started when the young man became a Boy Scout.

Famous Eagle Scouts include President Gerald R. Ford, Steven Spielberg and astronauts Neil Armstrong and John Glenn.

The News in Brief

Voluntary watering restriction lifted in Independence Twp.

The voluntary watering restriction for Independence Township residents has been lifted as of September 1.

Hillview Estates will remain on the mandatory restriction until further notice. For more information, contact the Independence Township Department of Public Works, 625-8222.

Public Hearing for Everest Academy

On Thursday, September 13, the Independence Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for a request for Everest Academy to add grades 9-12 to an existing Special Land Use approval, for a private school in a residential district R-1R zone.

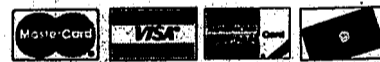
The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

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The Second Front

Local artists showcase work

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Whether it's an oil painting of meticulous work, a unique sculpture, a snapshot in time, or fine adorning jewelry—art can be viewed and appreciated in many ways.

Tierra-Fine Jewelers and Seescape Gallery understand this. For the month of September, the public is invited to the two businesses to take in the talent of a couple Clarkston artists.

First time exhibitors, Jewelry Designer Heidi Abbott and Photographer Judith Hetem, will represent their respective mediums at a special reception September 8 from 2-6 p.m. Their work will then be on display for several weeks.

Heidi Abbott

From jewelry repairs, restoring antiques, to creating her own designs, Heidi Abbott can do it all, according to Tierra-Fine Jewelers owner Buck Kopietz.

"There's nothing she can't do," agreed Tierra Manager Terry Tracy.

"Whatever style people are looking for, she can do it," Kopietz said. And she works with all kinds of metals, Tracy added.

Custom jewelry is what Abbott enjoys working on the most as well as generational pieces, recasting stones to

make new an old, memory-filled piece of jewelry.

When it comes to her own designs, Abbott prefers the contemporary, using unusual gemstones with silver, white gold, platinum, and yellow gold.

"Heidi's designs are so incredible. She does an incredible job," said Tracy, who encourages Abbott to submit her work in competitions, though Abbott hasn't yet. "Her pieces exceed what you would see in competitions."

For years, Abbott, who is hearing impaired, loved drawing and was involved in several art classes throughout middle and high school. In her senior year at Waterford Mott High School, the 1975 graduate took a jewelry class, shaping the direction of her career.

She then went to the Center for Creative Studies College of ArtDesign in Detroit where she studied metalsmithing for two years.

Abbott, a Clarkston resident for 15 years, was first employed with Paul Haig Jewelers of Rochester for seven years, but then transferred to Tierra to be closer to home. The mother of four teen daughters has worked at Tierra for the past 12 years.

"We're so happy to have her and feel blessed she works here," Tracy said. "We're not gonna let her go," she teased. Kopietz said, "Her work compares



Left, photographer Judith Hetem, and above, jewelry designer Heidi Abbott, prepare for their upcoming show at Tierra and Seescape. Below are more examples of their work. Below left, Hetem said of her photograph, "It was incredible the way the sun shone in through the front. It was thick, thick frost." Abbott said when it comes to her designs, she prefers the contemporary, using unusual gemstones with silver, white gold, platinum and yellow gold.



with the best design houses in the country. I don't think this area realizes the artistic talent Heidi has."

Judith Hetem

For Judith Hetem, it all started with a simple gift.

On her first wedding anniversary,

her husband bought her a camera. For their 21st anniversary he bought her another, and most recently she received from him her first digital camera.

"Given that, it's hard not to take pictures," she said.

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Comerica approved for Stonewood commercial park

Saddlebrook Hills subdivision also approved at last Planning Commission meeting

Bank receives unanimous conceptual site plan approval for Dixie/White Lake Road site

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The first stage in one of Independence Township's larger developments is taking off.

It may be appropriate, since the first tenant of the Stonewood Village Planned Unit Development, Comerica Bank, architecturally looks like a "mid-field terminal," in some Planning Commissioners' eyes.

According to Trustee Dan Travis, the 3,400 square foot bank, with its 27-foot tower and curved roof, makes him feel like he's at Metro Airport.

Chairman Steve Board agreed, applauding the architects for being different. "Not everything in this area has to look the same," he said.

Planning Consultant Dick Carlisle said the architecture is visually interesting and attractive.

Unanimously receiving conceptual site plan approval at the August 23 Planning Commission meeting, Comerica Bank will reside on 1.08 acres of the 17-acre commercial portion of Stonewood Village, proposed for the east corner of

Stonewood Drive, on the west side of Dixie Highway.

Plans show the bank with three drive-thru islands as well as a drive-up ATM. Red brick, stone, and wood siding will decorate the exterior. Inside there will be an open ceiling with exposed trusses.

Surrounding the bank and parking lot will be 22 shade trees, 16 evergreen trees, 13 ornamental trees, and 119 shrubs—in a variety of species.

Comerica Bank is the only tenant committed to the development so far.

As part of the Parks of Stonewood development, Stonewood Village will be a mixed-use development totaling 146,000 square feet.

Approved permit conditions allow the project to proceed in stages, said Carlisle.

Last year, the Planning Commission approved plans for the entire project which consisted of three restaurants making up 26,250 square feet, a 40,000 square foot market, retail totaling 37,350 square feet, 35,350 square feet of office space, 7,000 square foot bank, with 613 parking spaces and 18 townhomes.

However, developers have submitted an alternate plan with slight variations including eliminating an access



Independence Township Planning Commissioner Dan Travis said the design of Comerica Bank makes him feel like he's at Metro Airport.

drive to the townhouses from the commercial development.

Board said the Planning Commission bought into the plans because of what was proposed—a place where one could essentially live, work, eat, play, and bank.

"We're losing a bit of that," he said. "I was hoping this didn't become another suburban shopping center surrounded by a sea of asphalt."

He wants the townhouse access to return and suggested petitioners from Comerica Bank and Victor International move the building in order to get away from that "sea of

parking" look.

Fellow Commissioner Cheryl Karrick wasn't too keen on the building's unique architecture and suggested a more traditional approach. She also noted a concern with illumination.

Planning member David Lohmeier said the building doesn't fit with Clarkston architecture.

There are still a number of items to be addressed before petitioners return to the Planning Commission for final site plan approval.

Also at the August 23 Planning Commission meeting, conceptual site plan approval was granted to Saddlebrook Hills, a 32-unit single family residential development on 20.26 acres on the east side of Allen Road between Hubbard and Cranberry Lake.

Previous plans submitted to the board by Robert C. Kraus, Inc. were revised to meet concerns of the commissioners.

Alternative plans include the elimination of a cul-de-sac, a concern of the Fire Department. However, roads added in the new plans will have to be approved by the Road Commission for Oakland County because of tight curvatures in the layout.

Also, the alternative proposal asks for less wetland impacts. These plans require the removal of 9,500 square feet of existing wetland, but will be replaced by the creation of 12,700 square feet of new wetlands.

A handful of residents were in attendance to express worries regarding drainage, runoff, impact to their properties, and the removal of trees for sewer and water on the east side of Allen.

Petitioners will need to provide representation of proposed impacts to existing woodlands, wetland permits, sign detail and location, landscaping plans, and safety path detail before final site plan approval can be granted, said Planning Consultant Dick Carlisle.

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Did Internet play role in man's disappearance?

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Bruce MacDonald's sisters suspect his need for companionship may have led to his disappearance over a month ago.

Laurie Campos of Novi and Mary Kovach of Milford both described their brother as in good spirits the last day they saw them, and said his disappearance is uncharacteristic of the man.

MacDonald, 41, of Clarkston was reported missing to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department July 28.

Police reports state MacDonald stands 6'0", weighs 225 pounds, with blue eyes and partially gray hair. He was driving a 1992 blue Ford Ranger pickup at the time he was reported missing.

Kovach said MacDonald, who is single, may have met a potential female companion on the Internet and disappeared to meet her. "Since nothing else makes sense, he may have met someone on the Internet," she said.

However, she said nothing definite can be proven. "It's all speculation," she said.

Deputy Chuck Young of the Independence Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department said he has not heard information from MacDonald's sisters about his computer



Bruce MacDonald has been missing since July.

usage that may indicate where he is.

"I never saw what is on his computer," Young said.

Kovach also said Steven Cao, owner of Oakland Computers, Inc. in Waterford Township, where MacDonald was a manager, has been uncooperative when she has inquired about her brother's whereabouts.

"His employer, to me, is questionable," she said. "He's never given us a straight answer as to his whereabouts."

However, Young said Cao has been cooperative with police investigators.

"He's answered all my questions, and the Waterford Police Department has talked to him," Young said. "Hopefully, he's being honest with her. He's made a criminal complaint to Waterford (about MacDonald's disappearance)."

Young said in handling a missing persons report, the complainant makes a report, and the police obtains as much information as possible. He said information on the missing person and their vehicle is available for police if they come across someone who they suspect may be missing.

"If someone runs a vehicle through

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Macsay cleans up Mill Pond with new fountain

BY ED DAVIS

Many Clarkston city residents will see an increase in their winter tax bill. But if more residents had done what Tom Macsay did they might not have seen the increase at all.

Macsay, who lives off the upper Mill Pond, owns one of the 67 parcels which are now part of a three-year special assessment district (SAD).

The SAD comes as a result of the the Mill Pond's overgrowth of algae and surface material build up, which made Macsay want to change things. He said the upper Mill Pond averages only four feet deep and often times is coated with algae and cotton which gives it an unpleasant appearance.

City Councilman Walt Gamble said about 30 residents turned out for a Mill Pond Lake Improvement Board public hearing July 26. There, residents, including Macsay, strongly supported the SAD. The new SAD will owners of those 67 parcels \$179.10 per year for the next three years, Gamble said. Residents will see the change in their winter tax bill.

"We looked at a few different ways to tackle the problem, but in the end people were receptive to the idea we came up with," Gamble said.

To combat the problem, Macsay built and paid for his own fountain, which

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Tom Macsay stands in front of his fountain, which he built. The fountain helps clean the Mill Pond, which has had a problem with algae and other plant growth for years. Photo by Ed Davis.

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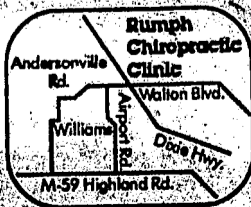
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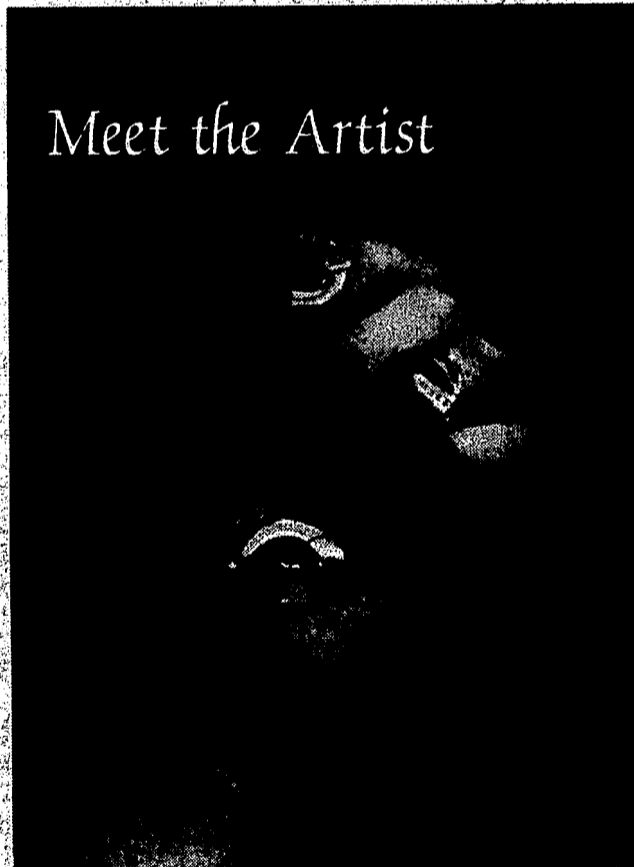
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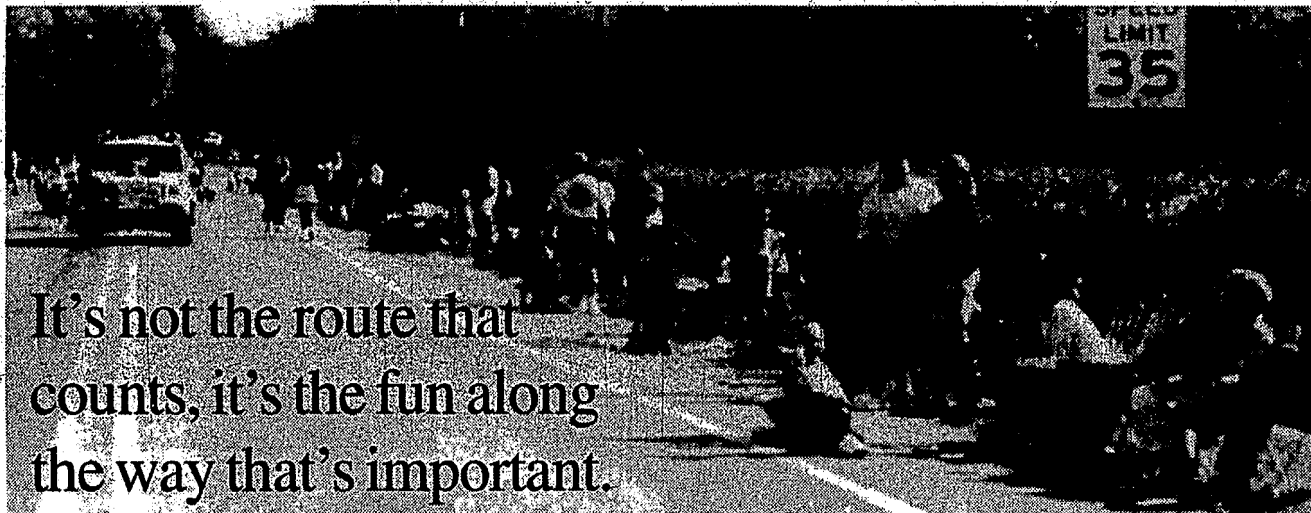
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It's not the route that counts, it's the fun along the way that's important.

While planning their Labor Day Parade route, Clarkston Rotary Club members asked Holcomb Road residents how they'd feel about having the parade on their street. Everyone approved, said Rotarian Joe Jackson. Parade-goers also enjoyed the route, viewed above from White Lake Road across from Deer Lake Beach facing north. Rotarians would like to know if the Holcomb Road route is more popular than the Main Street route. We heard lots of positive comments -- no negative ones. But changing the route permanently would eliminate some of the larger floats and entries. Photo by Jessica Holman

Letters to the Editor

Property taxes due Sept. 14; options for payment

I wish to remind property owners that 2001 summer property taxes are due by Friday, September 14, if you wish to avoid late fees.

There will be no parking at Independence Township hall on Friday, September 7, due to the resurfacing of the parking lot and driveway. For those wishing to pay property taxes that day you may want to consider other options than coming to township hall.

Local branches of Clarkston State Bank, Fifth Third Bank (formerly) Old Kent and Oxford State Bank have

agreements with the township to collect property taxes. You could wait and pay next week, mail it, or drop the payment in the drop box at the front of township hall. There will be staff available to answer the phone at 625-5111, ext. 212 and 248.

I apologize for any inconvenience.

Sincerely,
Jim Wenger,
Independence Township Treasurer

Alternative middle school will be asset building tool

The Clarkston Coalition for Youth would like to acknowledge and celebrate the latest asset-building efforts by Dave Reschke, the Board of Education and all other participants, in working together to establish an "Alternative Middle School" for the upcoming school years.

Adolescence can be overwhelming for some, with the numerous physical, emotional and social changes that occur. What a tremendous opportunity for those who need the additional support.

As a community which cares about its youth, let us all

parents, media, government, law enforcement, faith community, and businesses, support our school district's efforts. Each of us can make a commitment to do our part in developing the necessary assets in all our kids.

Thank you, Dave, the Board of Education and participating individuals, for being "Champions for our Youth"!

DreeAnn Wint
Coalition President

Holcomb Road parade route has cozy feel

Some thoughts about Monday's Labor Day Parade:

Three cheers for the Clarkston Rotary Club and parade entrants for a job well done. The Labor Day Parade came off without a hitch, to those of us who enjoyed it from the sidelines. If there were any glitches, they sure didn't show.

Seems to me, the Holcomb Road route is pretty popular. Fourth of July parade-goers loved it, and so did everyone I spoke with at the Labor Day Parade.

Rotary members want to know how you feel about the parade route -



-Main Street or Holcomb Road.

I like the coziness of Holcomb Road. The route seems longer, too. But there were not as many big entries as in the parades on Main Street, and I have trouble imagining big trucks and floats on Holcomb Road.

Someone on Holcomb put out a nice breakfast spread. I didn't get a chance to ask the resident if the delectable spread was for guests only, or parade goers, too. But next year, if the parade's on Holcomb, that's where I'll put my lawn-chair, just in case.

The Clarkston Chamber of Commerce hasn't said for sure, but I expect the December 1 Holiday Festival parade will be on Main Street. What a parade-happy community this is.

Let us know where your favorite parade route is. E-mail Maralee at Shermanpub@aol.com

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PC, environmentally friendly I ain't

Over the holiday weekend, wherever we traversed, inadvertently the topic of "bees" would be a-buzz.

"They're everywhere."

"I've never seen them so bad."

"It's been 20 years since I've been stung, but dang it, I've been stung twice this summer already."

This hot, dry summer has put a world of hurt on the world of stinging insects. Wasps, hornets and yellow jackets, are stressed. My dear wife Jen and our mutual bud Tom Roberts raise bees for honey. She said her "gals" have not been unduly mean. Our boys (Shamus 3 and Sean 1) and I have walked right up to the hives and have not been stung. Jen says it's because their bees are being fed with sugar water so they are not stressed. Domestication is a wonderful thing.



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The other winged, sting-ed critters are in a frantic search for supplies to last through fall/winter. The lack of moisture has put a dent in their food cache, and they are taking out their frustrations on the mammalian bipeds who currently rule the roost. Namely, us.

I had to spray down a newsstand in Clarkston because a woman put her 50 cents in, opened up the green box, reached in for her newspaper and —BANG!

It wasn't a stinging headline that rocked her world, it was just a stinger — a whizzed off yellow jacket. In 11 years of tending newsstands I have never had a customer get stung. Sorry, lady.

But, like I said, I went out and blasted the things with a half a can of Raid. I have never been shy about waging war against yellow jackets, hornets or wasps. Even as a kid, I had an understanding that war is war. If you find yourself in a war, you should never be afraid of winning the battle. I used whatever weapons I had at my disposal, be it chemical, incendiary or even feed corn.

Yep. Nothing better to raise the wrath of a wasp tending it's papery nest than to chuck a handful of corn (intended for ducks and geese) at them. Look, I never said I was an intellectual giant — I was a kid, I was

bored. The idea was to climb a ladder to the hay loft of my neighbor's barn with corn in hand. Throw it and make it back out again without getting stung. Actually, it was an agility test.

When I'd run into a nest of hornets while cutting the grass, the lawn chore immediately stopped and the job of ridding the property of stinging critters became top priority. (I guess I was always looking for the opportunity to stop cutting the grass.)

The locale of the nest dictated the extermination tactic. If it was a hole in the ground, under a rock or under the front cement steps it was time to pull out the heavy artillery. Ever so carefully, making sure the sun was not at my back (I didn't want to cast a warning shadow over the nest), I would quickly shove a hose down the hole. With a funnel I would dump in as much gas from a can as I could in three or four seconds. Then I'd jump back, light a wooden match, throw it and high-tail it for the hills.

If'n they were in a tree or as in one occasion, in between two pieces of wooden house siding, an aerosol can and a butane lighter were my weapons of choice (do you think I had a problem with fire?). This was close range fighting, with the homemade flame thrower only about a foot and half from my face. As they tried to exit or enter their nest, they were toasted.

Amazingly I was never stung, but I've always had pretty quick reflexes and a strong sense of survival.

Gee, now that I am older, that was pretty dangerous stuff I dabbled with.

Yikes. It's a wonder I didn't A) harm myself; B) start a grass fire in the yard (that only God watered) or; C) burn down the house. More importantly, it's a good thing Dad didn't know of my home-bound heroics or I may have lost a few stripes (not to mention a whooping).

I know it's not politically correct, or environmentally friendly to treat God's creations as I did, but, tough rocks. I can only hope God isn't a giant wasp, waiting to exact vengeance for his people on Judgment Day. If he is, I'm toast.

E-mail Rush, the exterminator at:
donrushmedon@aol.com

the People Poll

By Jennifer Nemer

The Clarkston News asks:
What was your most memorable experience this summer?

"I went out of state to Six Flags. It was fun because I never went there before. And I didn't think the rides were scary."

—Chynna Erickson



"Probably, going to North Carolina—for the ninth time! We go with a couple friends every single year. We have so much fun in the water and playing on the beach."

—Steve Chalker



"I went to Louisiana with my cousins. We went to a theme park called JazzLand. They had really fast, really big rollercoasters."

—Robert Maes



"My cousins from California came out to visit. And I went to the Jackson Hole Grand Tetons at Yellowstone. We stayed there a week."

—Evan Martin



What happens to building when gravel's gone?

Oxford has been known for more than half a century as the "Gravel Capital of the World." It was the gravel companies, rather than the Chamber of Commerce, who came up with the slogan.

Probably the boasting originated with the findings, though I've never seen written proof, that the Oxford area had the largest known deposit of gravel in one area.

In 1956 gravel people told me there was a 55-year supply of the building material. Well, 45 years have passed and the mining continues. However, some huge pits have become subdivisions and another operation has been slowed considerably.

I'm sure people in the construction industry are aware there could be a gravel shortage, if for no other reason than they've seen it happen in Canada; Vancouver, British Columbia to be exact.

When Ed Bossardet was there, enroute to Alaska, he picked up a copy of the Vancouver Sun with the front, lead story, "B.C. faces crisis in supply of gravel."

Who would envision Canada without gravel? Well, it's threatening economic prosperity there according to the Sun.

"Within three to six years, the cost of everything from a new sand trap at a golf course to a concrete sidewalk or an asphalt road could climb dramatically," it reads.

A few municipalities in the Vancouver area are getting their aggregate via barge from up the coast.

This is not being done because there is a shortage

of material in the Vancouver area. It's because: 1. Local governments have allowed other types of development and thereby forbid the extraction of gravel, and, 2. Trucking gravel over 50 kilometers (31 miles) from the source, the price of delivery becomes prohibitive.

However, according to the Sun, of all the problems faced by the industry, a spokesman says, the biggest one is overcoming the resistance of the public to the opening of new pits.

"Local residents will always resist new mines because they don't like the traffic, dust and noise," he concluded.

That area's future will see increasing costs to the consumers and users.

Well, that's this and every other area's future.

However, what was not mentioned in this article was what has happened in communities where local objections have caused rejections.

In many cases the property owner has pursued the court route. Often they find justices and juries of the opinion that: 1. Land owners have the right to use their land in any reasonable way.

2. Gravel is a diminishing resource, therefore irreplaceable, thus should be allowed to be extracted.

Back to Oxford, the Gravel Capital of the World, it's the judge/jury, and cost of a lawsuit that, in my opinion, has brought some gravel pit zoning.

Also, and perhaps because mining of my past managers' friendships, I have never opposed gravel zoning, and a few hundred gravel trucks go by my house every day.

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Jim Sherman

A Look Back

15 YEARS AGO (1986)

Citing increased crime and insufficient police numbers in Independence Township, Supervisor Frank Ronk requested at the Sept. 2 board meeting that a two-mill police increase for a three-year duration be placed on the November ballot. However, after much discussion, the board agreed to a proposed 1.5-mill increase for three years.

The Mill Pond dam will be fixed at last, decided the Clarkston Village Council. Because dam owner Ed Adler hasn't fixed it yet, the council plans to sue for right of entry, pay for dam repairs and settle the costs with Adler at a later date, if Adler doesn't reply to its letter within two weeks. The dam broke earlier this year, and the council asked Adler to fix it several times.

It took just minutes for the Clarkston Board of Education to unanimously ratify the teachers' contract Sept. 8. Following the meeting, the district's chief negotiator, Conrad Bruce, and Clarkston Education Association (CEA) President Allen Bartlett and CEA chief negotiator outlined the contract highlights. The contract includes a 6 percent wage increase for each of the three years the contract covers, August 1986 to August 1989.

25 YEARS AGO (1976)

Though Clarkston High School is bulging at the seams, there were seven less students there last week than had been anticipated for the coming year by education officials. Assistant Superintendent Mel Vaara said unofficial tallies showed 1,750 students as compared to an official enrollment for last year of 1,669. Overall, the district has 6,894 students, compared to 6,976 last year.

Springfield Oaks golfers may soon be able to have a cool beer in the clubhouse after a round on the links. Golf club concessionaire John Laffrey is attempting to transfer a St. Clair liquor license to the Springfield Oaks facility. The old resort license is one of a few in the state still eligible for transfer, since the state liquor control commission cut off resort license transfers in 1964.

A new Independence Township sewer ordinance that includes assessment deferrals for senior citizens is being drafted by the township attorney. The special provision for seniors says that anyone 65 or older with an income of \$6,000 or less annually can delay paying his or her special assessment. Seniors must have occupied the home for five years before being eligible.

50 YEARS AGO (1951)

The consensus of opinion is that this year's Rotary Labor Day Parade was the best yet. Headed by uniformed men carrying the colors and the Clarkston Drum and Bugle Corps, the line of march extended from Miller Road to Church Street. More people were interested in making this year's parade bigger and better. There were more children in line and several adults got the urge to get into costumes and make fun for everybody.

The electors of the Clarkston Community School District will vote upon the following propositions Sept. 6: Bonding the district for \$375,000; levying 1 mill for payment of a \$45,000 Sashabaw School debt; shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed each year against property in the Clarkston Community School district be increased for a period of 20 years for the purpose of raising money for a building and site sinking fund.

The Dixie Saddle Club is anticipating a large crowd at their third annual Horse Show on Sept. 9 at the Glenn Ellis Farm, 9331 Dixie Highway. The program this year is bigger and better than in the past. There will be 25 events, which will include 4 classes especially for children.

Clarkston Village Players

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up with the funds for that. CVPlayer Dean Vanderkolk said the group needs a lot of support from the community to finance the renovations. Their annual operating

budget is about \$20,000 and the group is hoping for donations. They'll continue a hefty schedule of fundraisers this year.

Wagner said the Boardwalk Real Estate portion of the building he

plans on renting out as office space.

However, he's on pins and needles waiting for the deal to go through.

"We'll keep our fingers crossed," Wagner said.

ALS

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Base wage for an engineer-paramedic is \$44,879.33. Concerning the emergency presentation, Ronk said he wanted to give the township officials a visual of the ALS project. "Up to this point it's been all numbers and projections. I wanted them to actually see the difference of what we're doing today and what will be doing in six months."

"It was very realistic," said Township Clerk Joan McCrary, who admitted she felt tremors as if it were real life.

"I feel comfortable knowing we have (this service) in the community," she said. "And others in the community will also appreciate it when they see it in action."

McCrary said the ALS program is worth the cost. Trustee Dave Wagner agreed. He said the ALS program is something he really believes in and seeing it in use is knowing it is money well spent.



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Business Briefs

New video tribute program at Wint Funeral Home

The Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home has implemented a video tribute program called "Lasting Impressions". The video has been created to capture special memories of a loved one's life.

By using still images, video footage, quotes and stories an heirloom is created that can be cherished for years.

The video can be played during visitation or ordered at a later date after the funeral.

The staff at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home helps the family create a lasting memory as a celebration of the loved one's life. Planning, with memories, stories and reflections by family members, friends and the pastor's eulogy creates a lasting tribute for future generations. The service can also be video-taped as a keepsake and for guests who cannot attend the service.

The Wint staff believes that creating a meaningful funeral celebration of the life of a loved one is an important first step to healing through the pain of grief. Confronting loss through sharing memories and focusing on positive thoughts during difficult times helps all to understand the meaning of life.

The staff believes there is truth in the saying, "Joy shared is joy increased. Grief shared is grief diminished."

For more information, call 625-5231.

CSB opening 5th branch

A fifth Clarkston State Bank branch is scheduled to open in October. CSB President Dave Harrison announced regulatory approval was received earlier this month.

The branch will be located in the Farmer Jack supermarket at 7121 Dixie Hwy., at the corner of White Lake Road. It will have a customer-service counter, conference room, 24-hour ATM and offer a full array of loan and deposit services.

CSB opened its third branch office in Waterford in June, and its fourth in August, just north of downtown Clarkston on M-15. There is a branch in the Farmer Jack supermarket at Waldon and Sashabaw, and the main office is on M-15 in downtown Clarkston.

Chamber honors Barbara Thomson

Clarkston resident Barbara Thomson has been recognized by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce for her commitment and support to Concerts in the Park. Mrs. Thomson was presented with a plaque at the July 27 concert in Depot Park, the last concert of the 2001 season.

Mrs. Thomson donated the Depot Park gazebo in memory of her husband, Ted, 14 years ago.

Chamber annual meeting this month

Liberty Golf and Banquet will be the setting for the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting Thursday, September 27. Social hour will be from 6 to 7 p.m., with dinner and program from 7 to 9 p.m. Call 625-8055 for more information.

Bytner Design hosts wine tasting

Bytner Design, an interior design firm in the Clarkston Mills Mall at 20 W. Washington Street, will host a wine tasting event Saturday, September 22 at 6 p.m. during the Taste of Clarkston festival in downtown Clarkston.

Nidal Daher will speak about fine wines. Beaulieu Vineyards in Napa, California, the oldest on-going vineyard in the U.S. will provide the wine.

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Macsay cleans up Mill Pond with fountain

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is about 15 feet off his deck from his backyard. The fountain serves several purposes, including helping to clean the Mill Pond, Macsay said. The fountain shoots water over 40 feet in the air and is pleasant to look at and listen to, he said.

"So far none of my neighbors have complained about it. Everybody's been very supportive," he said.

"It aireates the pond and collects oxygen in the air which helps to keep the pond healthy," he said. "Sometimes so much stuff is floating on the top of

the pond and it can stink and look bad. So I just got tired of seeing all that and decided to do something."

Macsay approached City Manager Art Pappas about installing the fountain. His actions caught Pappas by surprise.

Macsay said Pappas said in the 12- and a half years, he's worked as city manager, he never once was asked that question. But Pappas said there was no problem with it. Macsay went on to ask the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and a few other agencies for their okay, and before long he had installed his fountain.

Did Internet play role in man's disappearance?

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a lien and calls a person, they will call dispatch and let them know what's going on, and they will let us know what's happening," Young said. "The information stays in lien until the person is found."

He said he has not had to deal with any cases where the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been called to investigate a missing person. "I've never had one missing this long," Young said.

According to Campos, a Father's Day gathering June 17 at the home of sister Carol Krist was the last time anyone from the family saw MacDonald.

"We're just very concerned," she said. "This is not like him. He was with us on Father's Day. He was playing with his kids. We had a large family gather-

ing, everyone was there. He was in the pool swimming with kids. I didn't see him because I was in the hospital, but everyone saw him."

Kovach, who did see MacDonald that day, also said her brother was doing well. "He was in great spirits," she said. "He was having a ball. He was playing tennis."

In July, their father became sick and landed in the hospital. The sisters' first hint of MacDonald's disappearance came when they tried to notify him of that bit of news.

"When I called his work to tell him about his dad, they said he was gone," Campos said. "I called him on July 24 and couldn't locate him. There were no maps in his apartment, no correspon-

The Mill Pond has already been treated this year, Gamble said, but next year will undergo supervised weed control. Gamble said the new technique will be more specific.

In addition, part of the money from the SAD goes to geese control and removal, Gamble said. He said a professional company, approved by the DEQ will transport the geese to another location as they have become a problem for area residents.

Macsay's fountain has been operational since early August and took him only about \$250 and a month to build.

"I'm no plumber and I learned a lot as I went, but now it works real well."

But how much difference can one little fountain make? Plenty, Macsay said.

"After a few days you could see around the base of the fountain that the bottom of the Mill Pond was all clean. The ripples from the waves probably go out about 30 feet and it seems to have made changes for the better in that entire area," Macsay said.

"The first night I had it going my neighbor next door was having a party and wondered what was going on in my backyard. But nobody around here seems to have a problem with it. I don't know if I'll put lights on it. I don't plan to, but maybe I've started a trend around here."

dence. He's just gone. He's not there. We've called all people in his phone index. No one has seen or heard from him."

MacDonald, according to police reports, did not take any article of clothing, money, or credit cards with him, and he has not called or used any checks.

"We don't have a single clue," Kovach said. "We can't find anything. We have no idea where he might have gone. His apartment definitely looked like he was coming back. He used to live in Texas, and we've made phone calls to his friends there. They haven't heard anything. It doesn't appear anything was packed. He's very computer savvy, but he's made no attempts to retrieve information from the computer."

Kovach also said she did not believe MacDonald disappeared because

he was running from anything or that he was in trouble.

Although MacDonald disappeared for a period of time when he was 19, Campos emphasized that the two incidents are completely unrelated. "They're like apples and oranges," she said. "It's not the same."

Kovach said the family is, above all else, at wit's end over MacDonald's disappearance, and unsure why he disappeared.

"We're frustrated and we don't know what to do," she said. "This is not someone who took off and never intended to come back."

Anyone who has any knowledge of MacDonald or his whereabouts is advised to call the Oakland County Sheriff's Department's missing persons hotline at 1-888-TURN-1-IN.

Notice of Public Hearing on Increasing Property Taxes

The Charter Township Board of Independence will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of 0.1614 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2001.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 17% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 7% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

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Independence wants to limit soliciting

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With several resident complaints regarding solicitors at one of Independence Township's busiest intersections, township officials may soon adopt a new ordinance limiting the amount of solicitation in the community.

A first reading for the ordinance amendment was approved at the August 21 Township Board meeting.

Clerk Joan McCrary said the township has had 50 phone calls and ten letters from residents upset with members of the House of David, a Pontiac church group, who have been soliciting at the Maybee and Dixie Highway intersection. Numerous residents said a change is needed.

One resident, in a letter to board members, said "to continue allowing the solicitation at such a busy intersection would be irresponsible on the part of the township. If this circumstance persists, I am quite certain someone is going to be seriously hurt."

Another Clarkston resident, also in a letter to the Township Board, noted specific dangerous instances she witnessed with the House of David members.

One solicitor, she said, walked between the southbound left turn lane and northbound lanes on Dixie Highway while Dixie had the green light. Another solicitor walked in front of

her car when the light turned green. "I'm very thankful I was able to stop in time," she said. "This behavior is totally unacceptable to me and I am very angry the Township Board is allowing this situation to continue."

She also said there have been several times when a solicitor banged on her car windows, complaints others have had as well, said McCrary.

The ordinance amendment would regulate soliciting within public rights-of-way as well as ensuring residents and drivers are kept free from unwanted intrusions, traffic congestion is prevented, and unsafe traffic conditions are absent.

If passed, the amendment would ask solicitors to limit their collection time to five days per year, with the possibility for a five-day extension. Currently, solicitors are allowed 30 days, with a 30-day extension.

Four solicitors would be allowed at an intersection, basically one for each corner, which the board feels would be a safer situation. And solicitors would be allowed to work from dusk to dawn.

McCrary said this is the first time a soliciting organization has generated complaints.

"This one organization has stayed too long for people to like it," she said.

Around Town

The Springfield Garden Club will host a fall perennial plant swap Sat., Sept. 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.

Save all your cans from Labor Day weekend! A can drive will be held Sat., Sept. 8 and Sun., Sept. 9 to support the Clarkston Middle School Clarkston Chiefs football team. Students will come door to door for pick up. Leave your cans on your porch if you're not going to be home, or bring your cans to CMS on Fri., Sept. 7 from 5-7 p.m. and look for the football trailer where the Clarkston Chiefs practice. For more information, contact Susan Joseph at 673-3973.

Get rid of hidden treasures that have been packed away. There's still time to sign up for a table at the Community Garage and Sidewalk Sale Sept. 14 and 15 at Springfield Township's Hart Community Center at Mill Pond Park. 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. ***
The Davisburg charity group, Neighbor for Neighbor, is having a fundraising event Fri., Sept. 14 and Sat., Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Treasures and Treats" will be an opportunity to purchase donated items and baked goods. The fundraiser will be at the Hart Community Center in downtown Davisburg. ***

The Pontiac Chapter of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship is sponsoring a testimony banquet Sat., Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. at Cooper's Family Restaurant, 4737 Dixie in Drayton Plains. Kennard Van Camp, of Fenton, will be the speaker. Van Camp is an evangelist with Father's Heart Ministries and has been in full time ministry for over 23 years. Invite a friend to hear Van Camp share his testimony of what the Lord has done in his life. For more info call 625-5221. ***

The Clarkston Community Women's Club will meet at the Independence Township Library Youth Activities Room on Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. Rep. Ruth Johnson will be the speaker this month. She'll speak on water wells and the environment in the Clarkston area and how they affect everyday living. There will be a question and answer period afterwards. Refreshments will follow. Call Gail at 623-9462 for info.

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Note: In terms of comparative negligence, some states have adopted a pure comparative negligence system, while others have adopted various modified comparative negligence systems.

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Monday, Sept. 3, personal injury accident at Ortonville.

A larceny in a building was reported at Lancaster and Dixie. The victim said he noticed four of his rings, valued at approximately \$900, were missing from his apartment Aug. 31. He said no one was in the apartment that day except his 14-year-old son, and a painter contracted by the apartment complex. The case has been turned over to the Independence Township Detective's Bureau.

A larceny from a vehicle was reported at Sashabaw and Moody. The victim parked the vehicle in the employee parking lot in the southwest parking area of DTE Energy Music Theater at 4:15 p.m. He returned at 10:30 p.m. and noticed the top of the vehicle and the doors missing. No damage was reported, and no other property was stolen. No witnesses have been reported.

Sunday, Sept. 2, personal injury accident at Sashabaw and Maybee.

An arrest was made at Andersonville and Parview for a first offense of operating under the influence. The responding officer was dispatched for a possible operating under the influence at southbound Dixie at M-15. A traffic stop was made on the suspected vehicle. The driver, a 31-year-old Waterford female, was arrested for operating under the influence and given a breath test. The driver was taken to Oakland County Jail without incident.

Saturday, Sept. 1, a larceny from a vehicle was reported at Fox Creek. The victim said the driver's front vent window was smashed out, and one AM/FM cassette player was taken, along with a cassette tape.

Friday, Aug. 31, personal injury accident at Dixie and Maybee.

A malicious destruction of property was reported at Lancaster Drive and Dixie. The suspect, a 12-year-old Clarkston boy, was caught breaking a wooden fence on another person's property.

A malicious destruction of property was reported at Bridgewater. The victim said when she came to work, she discovered damage had been done to a pool gate, two screens, and a door handle at the office area of the apartment complex.

Thursday, Aug. 30, a larceny was reported at Menominee and Indianwood. The victim said on Aug. 23, someone entered his vehicle and stole the following construction tools: a circular cement saw, valued at \$895; a 14-inch diamond saw blade, valued at \$295; and an 18-volt combination drill/saw, valued at \$389.

A malicious destruction of property was reported

at Pine Knob Road at DTE Energy Music Theater. The victim said upon returning to her vehicle after a show, she saw her vehicle had been keyed on both sides.

Personal injury accident at Sashabaw and Flemings Lake.

Wednesday, Aug. 29, personal injury accident at Oakhill and Sashabaw

Personal injury accident at Sashabaw.

Personal injury accident at Sashabaw, south of Clarkston.

A malicious destruction of property to a vehicle was reported at Pine Knob and Sashabaw. The victim said while parked for a concert, someone scratched one long, deep scratch into the paint. The vehicle was scratched from the front passenger fender to the rear of the van, possible with a key.

A larceny was reported at the DTE Energy Music Theater on Pine Knob Road and Sashabaw. An employee at the theater reportedly left a fanny pack containing a wallet, \$70 in cash, three sets of keys, and ID's, on an employee break table. When he returned approximately four minutes later, the fanny pack had been stolen.

Tuesday, Aug. 28, personal injury accident at Sashabaw, south of Waldon.

Automatic alarm at Allen.

Monday, Aug. 27, a larceny was reported at Riverview. The victim said her van was unlocked and parked at her residence between Aug. 24-27. During that time, someone entered her vehicle and stole the in-dash Sony stereo and CD player out of her car. No witnesses or suspects have been reported.

A larceny of vehicle parts with force was reported at Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. The victim said between Aug. 26-27, someone smashed out the front passenger door window of her car to gain entry, then attempted to pry out the stereo system, causing damage to the dashboard. The radio was not stolen. No physical evidence was found at the scene.

A larceny of a bicycle was reported at Pine Knob and Maybee. The victim said he rode his mother's bicycle to football practice at Sashabaw Middle School. He said he locked it up at 2:30 and when practice was over at about 5:20 p.m., he found the bicycle gone. He said he looked all over the school, but couldn't find it.

Monday, Aug. 27, wires reported down at Clarkston.

Personal injury accident at I-75 and Clintonville.

Personal injury accident at I-75 and Ortonville.

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Wednesday, Aug. 29, a malicious destruction of property was reported at Walnut Hill and E. Holly. The victim said someone had thrown rocks at his vehicle, parked in the backyard. He said the vehicle's rear window was broken out and the vehicle had passenger side body damage as a result from rocks being thrown at the vehicle.

A malicious destruction of property was reported on Dixie on Aug. 29. The victim said he heard a loud pop outside his home, but when he looked outside, he saw no one. The responding officer observed four flat tires on the victim's vehicle, and sugar that appeared to have been poured in the victim's gas tank.

A malicious destruction of property was reported at Ute Point and Farley. The victim said someone had broken her windshield between Aug. 27-28.

Monday, Aug. 27, a larceny was reported at Dixie, south of Davisburg. The responding officer arrived at the above address and met with the business owner. She said she came into the business and could not locate \$300 worth of the store's money. She said her niece, who works at the store, was at the store Aug. 25, and could have possibly taken the money. She said the niece has also taken cash from the store on other occasions. She said she does not wish to file charges; instead, she will ask for money first from her niece.

A larceny was reported on Julie and Oakhill. The victim said sometime on Aug. 26-27, someone took the taillights from her vehicle parked in the driveway. No suspects have been reported.

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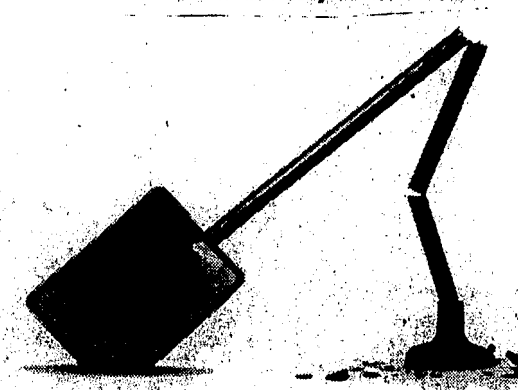
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To most of us, \$1.35 trillion sounds like a lot of money. And in fact, the \$135 trillion tax relief plan passed by Congress and signed by President Bush is pretty sizable. But what does it mean for you?

Initially, you may be most interested in the \$45 billion in tax rebates and tax cuts that took effect this summer. These moves will put more money in your pocket right away. For example, if you're married and you had taxable income of more than \$12,000 in 2000, you will receive - or you already have received - a rebate of \$600. And you also got the equivalent of a small raise when the government started withholding less money from your paychecks in July.

What will you do with this money? If you're like many people, you'll spend it. In fact, the government hopes that you, and millions more like you, will spend at least part of your tax rebate - thereby stimulating the economy, which has slowed in recent months.

Helping to boost the economy may be a laudable goal - but you might be better off putting your rebate into a retirement plan.

You might not think that the additional money you get to keep will be enough to make much of a difference in your life. But you might be surprised. Suppose, for example, that you get to take home an extra \$100 in income each month. If you were to put that \$1,200 per year in a tax-deferred retirement account that returned 7 percent annually - a reasonable assumption - you would have accumulated approximately \$51,000 after 20 years, and about \$117,000 after 30 years.

That amount of money can make a big difference in your retirement savings - and it all started from that \$100 a month you got from this year's tax break. Furthermore, the extra \$100 isn't really "costing" you anything, because you didn't have it in your possession in the first place.

This year's tax relief package also will help you save for retirement in other ways. That's because the tax plan also includes provisions to gradually increase the contribution limits to important tax-deferred savings plans such as your 401(k) and your IRA. For example, starting in 2002, you may be able to contribute up to \$3,000 a year to your IRA (\$3,500 if you're 50 or over), up from the current limit of \$2,000.

As positive as all these tax break numbers are, you do need to keep one thing in mind: Tax laws can change again in the future. That's why it's important to get the most out of the opportunities you have right now. By taking advantage of the provisions found in the tax relief plan, you can make substantial progress toward achieving your retirement goals - but you've got to take the first step.

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Local jeweler and photographer showcase their work at Tierra Fine Jewelers and Seescape Gallery

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Now, 28 years after that first gift, photography has evolved into quite a hobby for Hetem.

She's only taken two semesters of photography at Oakland Community College, which she admits was only to use their darkroom. But, Hetem's creative side has always been active.

A former public radio personality and marketing writer, Hetem has been drawing since she was very little. She enjoys viewing art (Van Gogh is her favorite), designs the windows for Tierra,

and is passionate about gardening.

Her first exhibit, entitled "North by Midwest," will run through October 13.

From the tall ships that graced Michigan's waters recently, to barns, cats, old cars, and other interesting objects and unique moments in time, Hetem will have over 30 pieces of work on display at Jo Grossman's Seescape Gallery.

She chooses to take pictures of what is pretty, serene, and happy. "I don't make a political statement," Hetem, who works mainly in black and

white, said. "I'm not a photojournalist by any means."

To Tierra owner Buck Kopietz, "Judy has the unique ability to take average objects and make them interesting in a photograph. She can see something we can't see, until we look at her pictures and say 'wow.'"

Hetem whose roots stem from

South Africa, became an American citizen in February. She has lived in Clarkston for six years.

Tierra-Fine Jewelers and Seescape Gallery are located at 64 S. Main. To visit Seescape, enter off Waldon Road. Call Tierra-Fine Jewelers at 625-2511 or Seescape at (248)922-9116 for more information.

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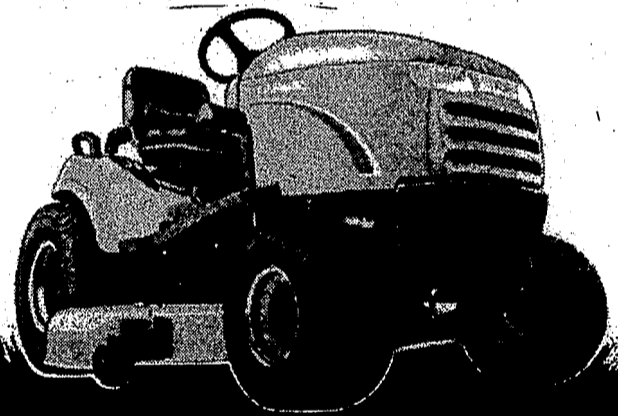
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MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA

Students address fears, questions about entering middle school

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Locker combinations, dances, detentions, bullies--there are so many new situations a first-time middle schooler can encounter.

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club as well as Junior Optimist Clubs of both Sashabaw and Clarkston Middle Schools have recognized this.

As an ice breaker for students entering this new stage in their life, the clubs hosted the Fifth Annual Making the Most of Middle School event, August 22.

The affair, which lasted from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., gave students a chance to meet hundreds of their future classmates and see what middle school life will be like; from a fellow student's point of view.

Students already at the middle schools, led the youngsters through a series of fun-filled, team-building activities, games, and question and answer sessions.

Doing this, hopefully, will ease the stress of the new middle school students, said Optimist member and event organizer Don Brose.

It seems to be working. "All my worries have gone away," said sixth grader Marjorie Amor. "This is going to be fun. You get to do a lot of stuff and learn how to do a lot of stuff in

sixth grade."

Mary Niezgoda isn't worried anymore, either. She said entering the sixth grade is exciting. "You get new challenges and make new friends."

Junior Optimist members are happy they could help the new kids on the block.

"You get this tingly feeling inside," said Co-President of the CMS Optimist Club Natilee McGinnis. "Helping out is fun."

'I was really shy too, so it feels good to help others who are the same way.'

Natilee McGinnis

Eight grader and Junior Optimist clubber Derek Illis said the kids "actually listen to you better than they would with teachers. We're in the same age group, so they can relate

better."

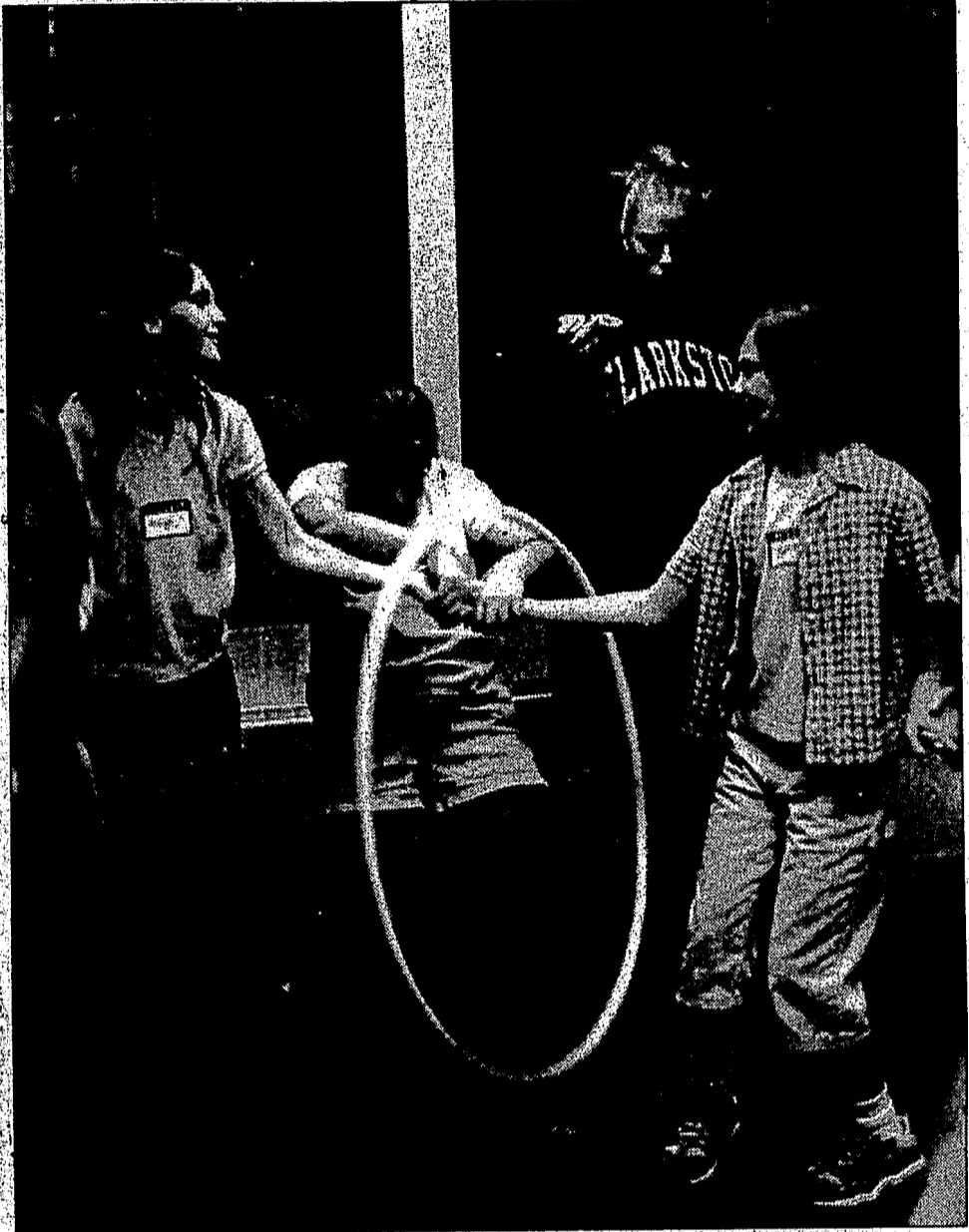
"It's funny to hear what questions they have, and what they're afraid of," Natilee said, "like detentions, forgetting their locker combinations, or getting shoved in their lockers by bullies, but that's a myth."

"I was really shy, too, so it feels good to help others who are the same way," she added.

Natilee and Derek offer new students some words of wisdom.

Derek recommends, "If you get in trouble don't wait. Tell Mom and Dad right away. They want to hear it from you and not the school. It'll really tell your parents you trust them!"

"You want your teacher to know who you are," said Natilee, "but don't show off...it won't work."



Getting to know your peers can be difficult for those who tend to be on the shy side. At the Making the Most out of Middle School event, students break the ice with a series of games. Trying to get the hula hoop around without unlocking hands, a circle of students get to know each other by having fun together.

Above right, a group of sixth graders struggle to get the hula hoop around the circle without unlocking hands. Leading the game, older middle school students look on. Right, looking like they should join the cheerleading team are Megan Barr, Jennifer Cooke, Melissa Corazza, Rachel Hudson and Kara Grappin, having fun in the gym. Below, Sashabaw and Clarkston Middle School Junior Optimist presidents (from left) Natilee McGinnis, Lindsay Hultman, Christine Alexander and Marina Dabrowski. At left, A few sixth-grade guys find room in the cafeteria to play an action-packed game of Duck, Duck, Goose!



Obituaries

Adeline Smith

Adeline Smith of Clarkston died August 29, 2001 at the age of 104.

Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband George N. Smith. She was the mother of Marjorie (Paul) Kittredge of East Tawas and Ethelyn (Les) Hyde of Clarkston. She was the grandmother of David (Karen) Kittredge, Alan Hyde, Nancy Schwartz, Stephen (Mary) Hyde and the late Carol Hyde.

Private arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Jeffrey Thomas Liming

Jeffrey Thomas Liming of Keego Harbor died August 29, 2001 at the age of 26.

Jeffrey was the son of Morris and Connie of Holly, and the grandson of Fred and Phyllis Liming of Waterford and Stanley and Dorothy Whitham of Gladwin.

He was the brother of Timothy of St. Johns and Christina (Michael) Miller of Oxford and the uncle of Jacob.

Jeffrey was a 1993 graduate of Holly High School and attended Ferris State University.

A memorial service was Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston, with Karen Geno officiating. Interment at All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Genesee County Humane Society (www.legacy.com)

Judith S. Brudnak

Judith S. Brudnak of Clarkston was taken to the Lord by angels suddenly, August 31, 2001. She was 60 years old.

She was the wife of George, the mother of Lisa (Bob Floros) Brudnak of Bloomfield Hills and Kerri (Aaron) Hesse of Highland. She was the grandma of Zachary and Zoe.

Judy was employed as a medical technologist at Bon Secours Hospital, Grosse Pointe. She enjoyed her family and cooking.

Funeral Mass was Wednesday at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Committal at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society. (www.legacy.com)

Garrett Allen Flannery

Garrett Allen Flannery of Ortonville died suddenly September 1, 2001, at the age of 20. He was the son of Gerald and Geraldine of Ortonville, the grandson of Gerald (Lucille) Flannery of Spruce and the

brother of Jennifer of Ortonville. He is also survived by many friends.

Garrett graduated in 1999 from Clonlara and was a machinist at Mercury Gage Co., Detroit.

Funeral service is Thursday, September 6, at 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Friends may visit Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Any donations to the family will be used for a marker in Garrett's memory (www.legacy.com)

George Saad, III

George Saad, III, of Pasadena, Calif., formerly of Grosse Pointe and Houston Tex., died August 31, 2001 at the age of 47.

He was the husband of Rebecca (Masterson), the father of Matthew and Rachel, the son of George and Joan of Tex, the son-in-law of Beryle and the late John Masterson of Clarkston, the brother of Katherine (John) Garnett of Ga., Walter (Sue) of Tex., Mary (Robert) Williamson of Ga. and John of Tex.

A funeral mass was Tuesday at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, Bloomfield Hills. Rite of Committal at All Saints Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Any donations to the family will be used for the future education of Matthew and Rachel.

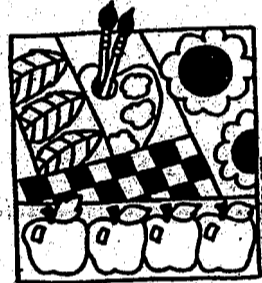


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Bryan Hurley steps off the bus at Pine Knob Elementary School and receives a reminder of his bus number.



Laura Wright and Meghan Hodge wait for friends outside Clarkston Middle School.



Above, students walk to Clarkston Middle School with friends.

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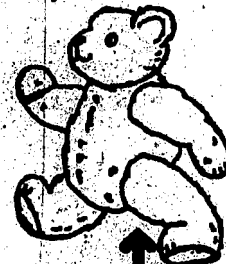
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Celebrating Labor Day



Clarkston High Band Director Cliff Chapman was Grand Marshal.



Brooke and Holly Grow watch the parade entries and collect candy.



U.S. Marine Don Parker, a 2000 CHS grad, watches the parade.



Left, Al Peterman and Larry O'Dea make parade-goers smile with their antics. Above, Spray Master Water Ski team members wow the crowd. The First Congregational Church received Best Theme; Red Carpet Keim, Carter-Reed Real Estate won the President's Award; Rotary received the Best Float award; and North Oakland Shriners received the award for best costume. All photos by Jessica Holman.



Labor Day Parade goers made themselves comfortable to watch the fun Monday morning. From left are Ryan Welch, Andrew Reed, Chris Reed, Sean Reed, Tommy Reed on top, Dan Reed and Megan Garrett.

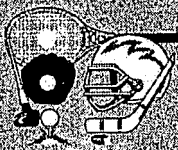
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 9/6 vs. Berkley
- **Cross Country:**
 9/8 at W. Bloomfield Inv.
 9/11 at Rochester

For more information on Clarkston athletic events, call the CHS Athletic Office at 623-4003.

Wolves win offensive show

Talbot scores two TD's as Clarkston earns first win of season



Clarkston quarterback Eric Kieras (15) evades the West Bloomfield pass rush as he looks to find the open receiver downfield. Kieras completed nine of 15 passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns as the Wolves won an offensive shootout with the Lakers, 34-27, on Aug. 30. The Wolves open the OAA I portion of their schedule Sept. 7 as they travel to Rochester Adams. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It came down to the wire, but the Clarkston football team hung on for a hard-fought first victory of the season.

The Wolves won an offensive shootout, 34-27, in an OAA crossover game with West Bloomfield Aug. 30. The win evens Clarkston's record at 1-1.

Clarkston scored what proved to be the decisive touchdown with 4:32 remaining in the game, as senior quarterback Eric Kieras hooked up with senior running back Brad Moore on a 30-yard pass to put the Wolves ahead, 34-20.

Junior defensive back Justin Whetstone intercepted his second pass of the night at the Clarkston 34-yard line with 11:07 remaining in the fourth, and Clarkston up 27-20, to set up the drive.

The Wolves found themselves with a fourth-and-three situation at the West Bloomfield 40 with 5:54 left. Clarkston converted the fourth down situation to set up the touchdown.

West Bloomfield would not go quietly, however, as they scored on a two-yard touchdown run to bring the Lakers within seven.

However, Clarkston recovered the onside kick, and the Wolves converted a key third down play with 1:59

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Turnovers key in girls' basketball loss

Robinson to return for Wolves in home game vs. Southfield

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A combination of turnovers and injuries hurt the Clarkston girls' basketball team in their matchup against Rochester Adams Aug. 29.

The Wolves turned over the ball 28 times, including 19 steals by the Highlanders, as they were trounced by host Adams, 63-34, in an OAA crossover game.

Junior guard Jenn Carlson struggled for the Wolves, finishing with two points in the game. Jenn Karstensen was the only player in double figures for the Wolves, finishing with 12 points.

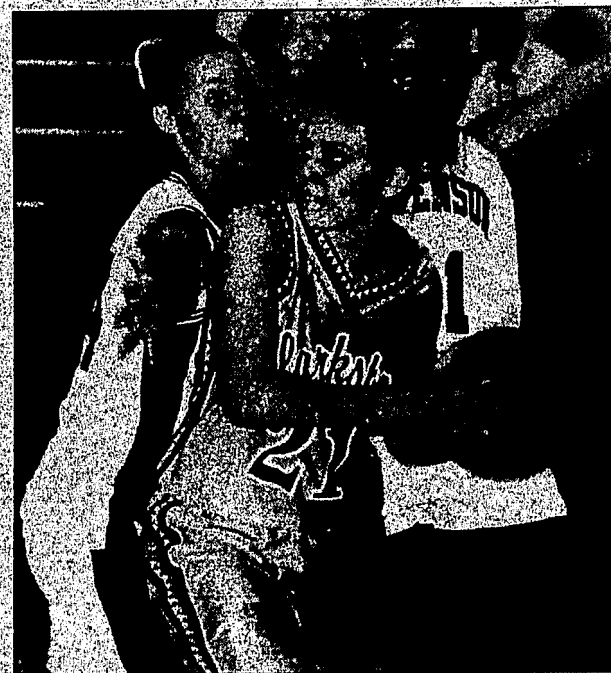
"No one else stepped up," said Clarkston coach Ann Lowney. "The other kids weren't ready in that situation."

Lowney said when facing a quality opponent like Adams, Clarkston cannot afford to turn the ball over the number of times they did. "I think they were a much better team than we were," she said. "I think we had a lot of turnovers. When you have an experienced team like that (Adams), that hurts."

The Wolves will be receiving good news on the injury front for their home contest against Southfield Sept. 4. Junior forward Kristy Robinson, who has been out with a sprained ankle, will return to action for that game, Lowney said.

However, the Wolves still will be without guard Kira Karlstrom for another

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Clarkston's Laura Richards fights for position against a Stevenson defender Aug. 27. Photo by Ed Davis.

Soccer squad shuts out Lapeer East

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston soccer team bounced back in shut-out fashion after a close opening game loss.

Seven players contributed to the Wolves' offense in their 8-0 win over visiting Lapeer West Aug. 29. Sean Gardner scored two goals, while Brady Gardner, Grant Henderson, Matt Morris, Nick Muchiando, Mike Holody and Steve Hardy.

Erik Kammayer and Ryan Cocciolone split time in goal for the Wolves, Kammayer playing the first half and Cocciolone the second. The Wolves led 3-0 at the half, and then pulled away with five more goals in the second half.

The win evened the Wolves' season record at 1-1.

Coach Dan Fitzgerald said Henderson's goal about 2-3 minutes into the game set the tone for Clarkston. "We got a real early goal in the first few minutes," he said. "We pretty much dominated after that. They chased us around because we had possession. Getting an early goal helped. It helped us to play better."

The previous day, Aug. 28, the Wolves dropped their opener, 3-2, against visiting Troy. Sean Gardner scored both goals for the Wolves in that contest.

Clarkston was leading 1-0 at the half of that game, before Troy answered back with two goals in the early part of the second half to take the lead. Gardner then notched his second goal of the game to tie things up for Clarkston, but Troy answered right back with a goal of their own.

"I thought we let in two of the three goals that were kind of soft," Fitzgerald said. "One of them was on a goalie mistake, and the other one happened when one of our defenders passed the ball to the other team's



Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald and his team survey the action during the Wolves' Aug. 28 game against visiting Troy. The Wolves have started their season at 1-1. Photo by Ed Davis.

guy. We had 4-5 good chances to tie the game at three, but we just didn't score."

Fitzgerald said his team has been proving itself very adapt on the offensive end, but needs to step up the defensive effort. "I think our strong point is we're creating a lot of scoring chances," he said. "We can't give away soft goals. We need to tighten up defensively. We give other teams too much time and space

to play."

The Wolves head on the road for their next three games: Sept. 5 at Lapeer West, Sept. 6 at Kettering, and Sept. 10 at Holly. "We're capable of beating all of those teams," Fitzgerald said. "They're all away games, which will make it more difficult."

Clarkston Riverdaws holding tryouts for 2002 season

The Clarkston Riverdaws Baseball Club of the North Oakland Federation will hold tryouts for the 2002 season for players ages 11-14.

Competitive play will include local tournaments and league play in Oakland County.

Tryouts will be held on the following dates at Clintonwood Park Baseball Fields on Clarkston Road: Saturday, Sept. 22, 1-3 p.m. for 12 and 14-year-old

teams, 3:30-5:30 p.m. for 11 and 13-year old teams, or Sunday, Sept 30, 3:30-5:30 p.m for all four teams.

Each boy must attend at least one of the dates. Also, if you are interested in coaching the 12-year-old team, please contact the club.

For more information, please contact the Independence Township Parks & Recreation Department at 625-8223.

Lake Orion softball meeting set for Sept. 11 at Waldon

The Lake Orion Girls Softball League will be holding their next meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at Waldon Middle School, 2590 Waldon Road.

The meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, and are open to the public, for anyone interested in volunteering or obtaining information about the league.

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Clarkston running back Brad Moore (7) makes his way to the end zone on a 29-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Eric Kieras. The Wolves defeated West Bloomfield, 34-27, on Aug. 30 for their first win of the season. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Football

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remaining, as Kieras connected with senior fullback Mike Loveless on a 26-yard pass to seal the win.

Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said the win was a big morale boost for his team, and also said his squad faced a tough challenge against the defending OAA II champions, who feature one of the state's most highly regarded players in senior Kyle Brown.

"It was a big win," Richardson said. "They're explosive. We played well enough to win. They're a good football team."

Junior running back Ryan Talbot was a key offensive weapon for the Wolves, gaining 127 yards on 16 carries and scoring two touchdowns.

Although Richardson said the team has been using a tailback-by-committee approach, and will continue to do so, he also said the coaching staff planned on working Talbot more into the game plan.

"We did plan on getting him the ball tonight," said Richardson. "He was pretty darn good tonight."

The Wolves were effective in the air as well as on the ground against West Bloomfield. Kieras finished 9-of-15 with 158 yards, two touchdown passes, and one two-point conversion to balance the three Wolves rushing touchdowns (two by Talbot, one by Loveless).

Girls' basketball

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month, as she is still suffering from a broken foot.

Lowney said the injuries have had an effect on her team. "Those are two of our top eight players," she said.

The Wolves fared better in their opening game of the season Aug. 28 against Sterling Heights Stevenson, winning in a rout, 60-30.

Carlson led the Wolves with 23 points, while Emily Butzine added nine points and nine rebounds.

"We played some good man-to-man defense," Lowney said. "We had 19 steals in that game, where in the Adams game we had only four steals."

After their game against Southfield, the Wolves open the OAA Division I portion of their schedule Sept. 6 when they host Troy Athens.



Case Bannasch had two catches for 44 yards for the Wolves, and was on the receiving end of Kieras' successful two-point conversion. Justin Whetstone added three catches for 30 yards, while Brad Moore caught one pass for 29 yards and Derek Ranck one pass for four yards. Both Moore's and Ranck's catches went for touchdowns.

Richardson said their balance was a key to the win, and will be important as Clarkston progresses through their season. "I think Eric Kieras was pretty good tonight," he said. "That's our goal, to be balanced."

Defensively, the Wolves received contributions from several players. Loveless had four tackles and two assists; Miles Purdy had five tackles and one assist; Ken Coventry had five tackles and two assists; Derek George had four tackles and four assists; Whetstone had two interceptions; and Isaiah Bzely had four tackles for losses.

Clarkston faced a critical juncture as the third quarter was coming to a close. They were ahead, 27-20, but West Bloomfield drove their way to the Wolves' three yard line, where they had the ball first and goal.

After the Lakers failed to cash in on their first two downs, they had the ball third-and-goal at the Clarkston 7, but Whetstone came up big with an interception, picking off a West Bloomfield pass in the end zone.

"That was a huge play," Richardson said. "That was big."

Clarkston opened the game's scoring in the latter part of the first quarter, as a Talbot run to the West Bloomfield eight set up a touchdown pass from Kieras to junior tight end Derek Ranck to put the Wolves up 7-0.

The Wolves then capitalized on special teams, as they recovered a pooch kick on the ensuing kickoff, taking over at the West Bloomfield 31. Talbot would eventually score on a 15-yard touchdown run with 11:10 left in the second quarter, but the extra point attempt failed, leaving the Wolves with a 13-0 advantage.

West Bloomfield answered back with 4:19 remaining in the second, as quarterback James Ferngren found Brown for a 33-yard pass. The extra point attempt failed, and the Wolves held on to a 13-6 lead.

However, Talbot would answer back for Clarkston with his second touchdown run of the night, this one of 30 yards, to put the Wolves up 19-6 with 2:14 left in the second quarter.

The two teams then traded scores throughout the third quarter.

Brown was again a big playmaker for West Bloomfield, scoring on a 76-yard touchdown run to cut the Clarkston lead to 19-13 with 10:12 remaining in the third quarter. The Wolves would answer with a Loveless five-yard touchdown run with 7:21 left, giving them a 27-13 lead. The Lakers responded with a seven-yard touchdown pass from Ferngren to Zach Hillers to bring them within seven, 27-20.

However, West Bloomfield would get no further than that.

The Wolves open the OAA I part of the schedule Sept. 6, as they travel to Rochester Adams. Richardson said stopping Adams' Wing-T offense will be key for the Wolves next week.

Sitko helps boys' cross-country take second

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston boys' cross-country coach Mike Taylor said that given the competition his team faced Aug. 31, he was happy with how they responded.

The Wolves took second place at the Cavalier Classic at Carmen-Ainsworth High School in Flint. They finished with 109 points, well behind first place finisher Grand Blanc, who had 54 points. Flushing finished third with 115 points.

"They have an excellent team this year," Taylor said of Grand Blanc.

Nonetheless, he was happy with how the team competed. "It was a decent showing for our first race," he said.

Junior Mark Sitko paced the Wolves, finishing seventh overall with a time of 17:07. "That, I felt, was a good job by Mark," Taylor said.

Junior Jared Elmore was next for Clarkston at

Mengyan takes first for Wolves at girls' invite

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Even though the Clarkston girls' cross-country team took first place in their first invitational of the season Aug. 31, coach Jamie LaBrosse said the best may be yet to come.

The Wolves won the Cavalier Classic at Carmen-Ainsworth High School in Flint, taking first place out of 17 teams at the tourney.

Four Wolves finished in the top 10 runners. Freshman Liz Mengyan took first place overall, while freshman Gillian Nordquist took fourth, senior Carla Delvecchio took sixth, and freshman Anne Oltman ninth. Freshman Anna Kerr rounded out the top five for the Wolves, finishing 11th overall.

What made the win more impressive, LaBrosse said, was the fact that two of Clarkston's top runners, Lauren Witt and Mo Kuhta, sat on the sidelines.

"They've got little nagging injuries right now," he said. "We wanted to rest them."

LaBrosse said his young squad answered his concerns about how they would handle the competition. "The big concern was that they're so young," he said. "I didn't know how they were going to compete. They stepped up to the challenge."

Mengyan took first with a time of 19:56 overall, which LaBrosse said was the best time for a freshman in the history of Clarkston girls' track.

"She won the race in the last quarter-mile," he said. "She was going up against a senior from Hartland High School. She made a break and put her away in the last 100 meters."

The Wolves will face stronger competition Sept. 8 when they compete in the West Bloomfield Invitational, LaBrosse said.

"This will be a little tougher," he said. "We got our feet wet this past weekend. I want to see how they'll fare on Saturday."

LaBrosse said he is optimistic his team will get better once his two injured runners return, and also said his team has a chance to be one of the best in the state.

"We have a really good team, possibly one of the top five in the state," he said. "If we can get Mo and Lauren back in the mix of things, we'll be that much stronger."

18th overall, followed by Jack Kinsey at 21st overall, Derek Coe at 29th overall, and Evan Schneider at 34th overall.

In addition, Taylor said his team's reserve runners did well for themselves.

Taylor said all five of his team's top runners won medals, which are awarded for the top 25 runners each among competing Class A schools (such as Clarkston) and competing Class B-C-D schools.

"I was pleased with Mark's performance," Taylor said. "I was pleased with how Jack Kinsey did. Evan Schneider showed some promise. Elmore and Coe weren't where I'd hoped they'd be."

On Sept. 7, the Wolves will travel to West Bloomfield to face some tough competition at the West Bloomfield Invitational.

"That's such a high-powered invite," Taylor said. "It attracts a lot of good teams. I hope we can be in the top third of the teams there."

Tennis team splits against Fenton

Little, Mead lead way for netters as they look toward home opener this week

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After some tough early-season competition, the Clarkston tennis team is ready to open their home season with a couple of OAA Division II foes.

The Wolves split their most recent meet Aug. 29 against Fenton, 4-4. The team excelled in singles competition, with Lauren Little (#1 singles), Colleen Mead (#2 singles), and Sydney Bassett (#4 singles) all winning their matchups.

However, it was a different story for the doubles teams, as Andrea Gibson and Michelle Dodge (#2 singles) were the only Clarkston team to win their match.

On Aug. 28 the Wolves fell to OAA II rival Andover, 5-3. Little and Mead were again triumphant on the singles side, while Kalin Thomas and Alex Heinrich (#1 doubles) took their match.

Coach Beth Manojlovich said her team needs to turn up the heat as they progress through the season.

"We need to be a little more consistent, a little more aggressive in our doubles play," she said.

However, she said the top two singles players, Little and Mead, are doing a good job of leading the team.

"They are what everyone strives to be as tennis players," she said. "They lead by example. The rest of us are lifted up by how they play."

Another player who Manojlovich said is coming on strong is senior co-captain Sydney Bassett, who is excelling in both singles and doubles action, making it difficult for the coach to determine which level Bassett plays at.

"We're trying to decide whether she plays singles

"They (Little and Mead) are what everyone strives to be as tennis player. They lead by example. The rest of us are lifted up by how they play."

Beth Manojlovich
Clarkston varsity tennis coach

or doubles," she said.

Clarkston finished a strong second in the Holly Invitational Aug. 25, behind only Farmington Hills Mercy, whom Manojlovich said is one of the top teams in the state.

"We were very pleased to take second," she said. "I was very pleased with the effort. Everyone got at least one point. It was a team effort, and that's what we need."

The Wolves also came up strong in an OAA cross-over meet Aug. 23 against host West Bloomfield, who is in OAA Division I. Clarkston came out on top by a 6-2 margin.

"We were quite pleased with that win," Manojlovich said.

Clarkston opened their season by competing in the Troy Invitational Aug. 22, placing fifth. Host Troy and Farmington Hills Mercy placed first and second in the invite.

"That was about what we expected," said Manojlovich of her team's finish. "Troy and Mercy are both in the top five in the state. We got a lot of good experience there."

Golfers look to right ship at tournament

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was not a good week for the Clarkston golf team.

The Wolves competed in two dual matches last week against Rochester, and Lasher, and dropped both of them. That was not good news for Clarkston coach Tim Kaul.

"We didn't do very well last week," Kaul said. "I was disappointed we didn't play better, even though they're two teams we lost to in the league tournament last year. We didn't play as well as we could have."

Their most recent effort was Aug. 30 against Bloomfield Hills Lasher at Forest Lake in Bloomfield Hills. Lasher won that match, 164-167, although Kaul said "neither team played very well."

Ollie Ollinger was the top golfer in the match for either side, with a score of 38. "I was really disappointed we didn't win the match, because we had the medalist," Kaul said.

Dustin McMillan was next for Clarkston with a 42, and Matt Baker also scored a 42. Carlos Galaviz rounded out the Clarkston scoring with a round of 45, which Kaul said was bad news for the Wolves.

"If you have to count a 45 in OAA Division I, you're in trouble," Kaul said.

On Aug. 27, the Wolves fell in a dual meet against Rochester, 153-160, in a match at Liberty Golf Course. Galaviz was the top golfer for either side, with a round of 36, while McMillan scored 40, Ollinger 41, and Zack Shook 43.

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Wolves have shown plenty of heart

They must have known I was coming. That's the best explanation I can think of for the offensive fireworks the Clarkston Wolves and West Bloomfield Lakers put on during their varsity football contest Aug. 30 at Clarkston's home field.

The game was my first varsity football game since taking over the sports beat, and the Wolves made it a memorable one with a 34-27 win over the Lakers, their first of the season.

In all seriousness, both teams made a number of big plays — the Wolves just made more of them, enough to pull off a big win over the defending OAA II division champs.

West Bloomfield's Kyle Brown, one of the top players in the state, showed why several major college teams are recruiting him for next year. He scored two touchdowns in the game, one on a 32-yard touchdown reception, and another on a 76-yard touchdown run. His explosiveness proved to be a handful for the Clarkston defense, as acknowledged by Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson in his postgame comments.

Clarkston led throughout the game, but West Bloomfield just wouldn't go away. Each time the Wolves seemed like they would pull away, the Lakers would answer right back with a touchdown to keep things interesting until the very end.

However, the Wolves proved they had their share of big playmakers, as well. Leading the way was running back Ryan Talbot, who scored two of the Clarkston touchdowns. Quarterback Eric Kieras showed good mobility out of the pocket and engineered a balanced offensive attack. Defensive back Justin Whetstone picked off three West Bloomfield passes, including one

in the end zone as the Lakers were driving toward a tying score late in the third quarter.

They have demonstrated one common trait in both their win against West Bloomfield and their opening-game 14-7 loss against Utica Eisenhower — the team has a lot of heart and will remain mentally tough regardless of the circumstances.

The Wolves never lost their composure despite West Bloomfield continually chipping away at their lead. They made the plays when they had to — witness Whetstone's third quarter interception — and gained a crucial win heading into their first OAA I game Sept. 7 against Rochester Adams.

They also showed their mettle in their loss to Utica Eisenhower, who, like Clarkston, was a state semifinalist last year. The offense had their struggles in that game — and the swarming defense of Eisenhower had a lot to do with that — but the team stayed mentally tough, making plays on defense and special teams, which eventually led to a Clarkston touchdown off a blocked punt, making things very interesting toward the end.

Going into the season, the Wolves faced a rebuilding year, at least compared to the two most recent teams that made the state semifinals. This was due largely to the fact they had no returning starters on either side of the ball.

However, they have proven so far that they are going to be a handful for their opponents to deal with. This will be a very competitive team, and that's one thing that has remained consistent about Clarkston football during Richardson's 15 years as head coach.

What's up with that!



Jeff Patrus

Golf

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"Anytime Dustin and Ollie are both over 40, we're going to have trouble beating anyone," Kaul said. To win in our division, you have to have at least three kids under 40."

Kaul noted Galaviz's contrasting performances in the two meets, and said that applied to his team as a whole.

"The way Carlos played this week is kind of indicative of how we played as a whole," he said. "We're searching for consistency."

The Wolves will be back on the links Sept. 4, when they go back to Forest Lake to compete in the Eccentric Tournament.

Kaul said that course is a target area golf course, meaning players there need to learn to be accurate, and know what clubs to use in certain areas of the golf course.

"You have to hit to a lot of landing areas," he said. "You have to be precise."

Kaul said he is looking for other golfers besides Ollinger and McMillan to step up and become a mainstay for the Wolves this season.

"The only two players that have been consistent have been Dustin and Ollie," he said. "We need more people we can count on match in and match out."

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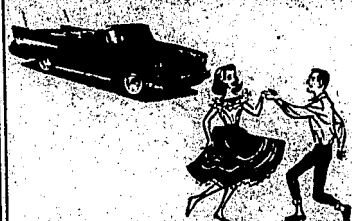


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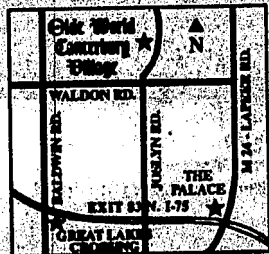
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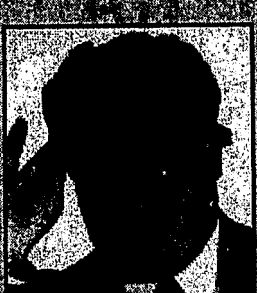
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The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on: Thursday, September 13, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. At Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road Clarkston, MI 48346 to consider the following:
FILE #2001-022
Keith Laser, Executive Director, EVEREST ACADEMY REQUEST AMENDMENT OF SPECIAL LAND USE TO INCLUDE HIGH SCHOOL EVEREST ACADEMY 5935 CLARKSTON ROAD
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY
AUGUST 27, 2001

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catallo at 7:07 p.m. Roll. Present: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Savage, Werner.
Minutes of August 13, 2001, accepted as presented. Agenda accepted as presented.
Gamble asked that City Attorney Ryan consider an ordinance regarding solicitors in the City of Clarkston.
Clifton reported that three Council members were participants in the recent SCAMP run in honor of Clarence Catallo. Clifton stated that she felt the run was very successful. Clifton also stated that the Chamber of Commerce did a fine job in sponsoring the Ice Cream social on August 25, and she offered the Council's congratulations on a job well done.
Meyland reported that the ZBA had met on August 16 to clarify the application procedures for ZBA cases.
Meyland reported that Ed Davis, reporter for the Clarkston News, has resigned to obtain a teaching degree, and Jeff Patrick would be covering Council meetings.
Mayor Catallo reported that she had correspondence regarding Oakland County's credit rating and financing program and will report on this at the next meeting.
A Public Hearing for the consideration of reallocating Community Development Block Grant funds was opened at 7:22 p.m. Under consideration was the reallocation of funds designated for the Senior Center kitchen equipment. The Independence Township Senior Center has asked that these funds be reallocated to a van purchase. Amounts are as follows: 1998, \$1,697; 1999, \$2,000; 2000, \$4,000, and 2001 for \$2,400, for a total of \$10,097. Council had no objections to this reallocation. Public Hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.
Michael Alessi of 6391 S. Main Street was present to express concern over the construction on the street in front of his home.
Resolved That the matter of Mr. Wylie's lot split request be referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
City Attorney Ryan will review the file from Mr. MacLennan regarding storage of recreational vehicles.
City Building Inspector Sy Stone is to contact City Attorney Ryan regarding procedures for inspecting homes suspected of renting rooms in excess of ordinance provisions.
The City of Detroit Waste Water Discharge Ordinance Amendment was tabled until the next meeting.
Budget Committee scheduled a meeting for September 10, at 6:00 p.m. prior to the City Council meeting.
Council will set a date for a water hearing at the next Council meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, September 19, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #01-0084 The Parks At Stonewood, L.L.C., Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE Clement Rd. & Stonewood Dr. PUD The Parks at Stonewood 08-31-126-009
- Case #01-0085 Jack and Margaret Hays, Petitioners APPLICANTS REQUEST FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 8' AND SIDE YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 27' TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD Whipple Lake Rd., Lot 19; R-1 R. Supervisor's Plat No. 7 08-11-100-019
- Case #01-0086 Richard Moscovic, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT DETACHED GARAGE IN FRONT YARD PLUS HEIGHT VARIANCE OF 6' Clinton Dr., Lot 14, R-1A Oakland Ridge Sub 08-34-452-029
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- Case #01-0088 John and Brigitte Heitkamp, Petitioners APPLICANTS REQUEST VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY (WIDTH AND DEPTH) Clarkston Rd., R-1A 08-14-326-004
- Case #01-0089 Paul Wilmoit, Petitioner APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE TO EFFECTUATE SPLITTING OF PROPERTY (LACKS FRONTAGE ON PUBLIC ROAD, WIDTH TO DEPTH, LOT AREA, AND SIZE OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES) Clarkston Rd., R-1A 08-21-251-022 & 023
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Creditors of the Deceased are notified that all claims against the Estate will be forever barred unless presented to the Personal Representative or to both the probate court and the Personal Representative within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.
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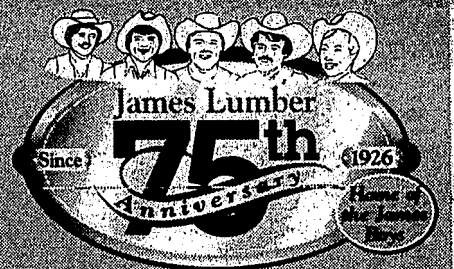


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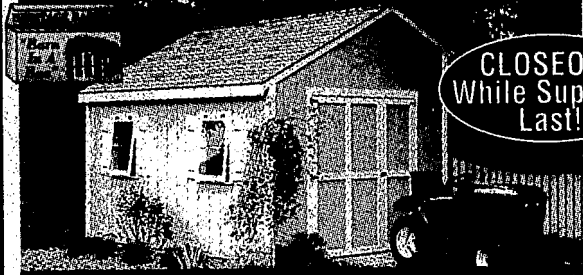
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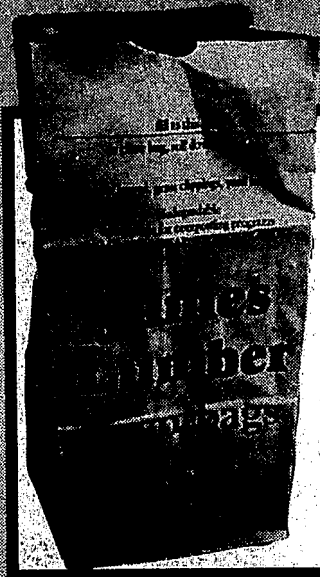


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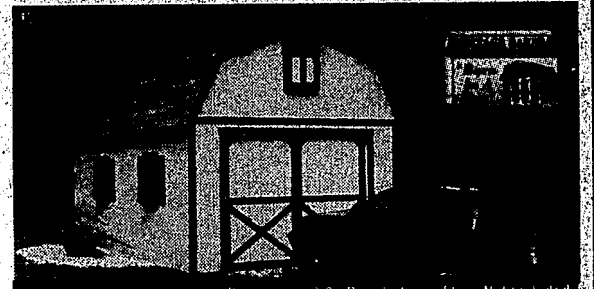
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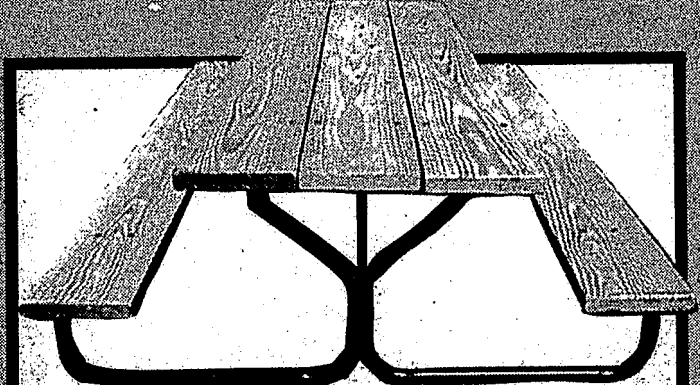
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