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Over crowded schools means . . .

Restructuring, redistricting and rethinking but no more high schools

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools are reaffirming their facilities goals and gearing up for an election in 2003.

Throughout the past two years, the Board of Education has brought much discussion to the table—addressing various configurations, plans for additions, and more, to combat the overcrowding issue, specifically at the high school level.

At the Aug. 26 Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts and Deputy Superintendent for K-8 operations Dave Reshke recapped these

discussions and the progress made since including projected enrollment increases impacting the future and review of all district buildings and educational needs.

Public Relations Director Anita Banach said at the meeting the board reaffirmed to switch configuration for the school year 2005-06 to kindergarten through fifth grade at the elementary level; have two six through seventh grade buildings; one eighth and ninth grade building; with the high school housing 10th through 12th grades.

"We know we are out of space at the high school, but we also know we are

not ready for two high schools," Banach said, adding the resources aren't there and enrollment numbers don't indicate the need.

Seeking a formal consensus, Roberts and Reshke recommended the board consider an addition of a six and seventh grade facility on the grounds and adjacent to the current Sashabaw Middle School campus, allowing all district six and seventh graders to be housed at one location.

Essentially, the schools would remain as two separate schools, but the addition could provide shared amenities like

a performing arts center and enhanced athletic facilities, bringing the Sashabaw Middle School facility up to equal standards with Clarkston Middle School.

Roberts said a two story structure might be considered to save space. He said the district's concept is to keep the school buildings small for an intimate environment for students.

Clarkston Middle School would then be converted into an eighth and ninth grade facility. Roberts said this would serve for social purposes, keeping the ninth grade younger longer. "I feel they

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Strolling through town



Labor Day fun—The Labor Day Parade in downtown Clarkston brought out people of all ages. Above, Andrew [Name] who is enjoying the festivities in the corners of his wagon. Photo by Kara McCallum.

Local doctors:

Don't panic over West Nile virus

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The West Nile virus has been a hot-button topic in recent conversations and news reports.

However, local doctors interviewed believe the actual risk of obtaining the virus is minimal, and advised residents take precautionary steps to reduce the risk of getting the virus.

According to George Miller, Oakland County Health Division Manager, two deaths in Oakland County in the last two weeks—a 90-year old Berkley man who died Sunday and a 65-year-old Ferndale man who died last week—may have been related to the West Nile virus, although he could not confirm any official connection between the virus and the deaths.

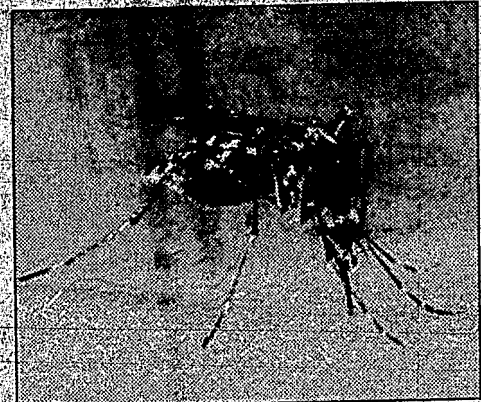
In addition, he said there have been nine other cases of the virus reported in Oakland County, compared to three others in the rest of the state. He could not pinpoint a specific cause as to why the virus is more prevalent in Oakland County.

"There's no rhyme or reason to it," he said.

Dr. James O'Neill of the Clarkston Medical Group, located on Dixie Highway, stated residents need not get alarmed over the virus.

"People should not panic," he said. "Even though there's a lot (of the virus) around the county, it's extremely unlikely people will get infected. Even if they do get infected, and they have a good immune system, they'll get better."

The Center for Disease Control's Web site, www.cdc.gov, defines West Nile encephalitis as "an inflammation of the brain and can be caused by viruses



Ouch—the pesky mosquito has had many locals going to their doctors concerned they may have the dreaded West Nile virus.

and bacteria, including viruses transmitted by mosquitoes. West Nile encephalitis is an infection of the brain caused by West Nile virus, a flavivirus commonly found in Africa, West Asia and the Middle East.

A press release issued by the Oakland County Health Department said the locations of dead crows are being plotted to track the occurrences of the virus.

"Michigan does definitely have it in the bird population," he said. "This appears to be transmitted by all mosquitoes."

Dr. Anthony Aenle, who operates the Clarkston Clinic on Dixie Highway stated his patients have been coming to him with issues about the virus, but none of them have displayed symptoms severe enough to warrant further action.

"They have been coming in with concerns," he said. "Unfortunately, it's the flu season, and a lot of patients have come in concerned that it's the West Nile virus. Basically, I reassure them and

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Briefly

Falls to be recognized by Patterson

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson will salute two citizens and one company, including Independence Township resident Joe Falls, for their generous contributions to charitable causes at the annual Quality People, Quality County special recognition breakfast at the Centerpointe Marriott on Sept. 19.

Falls has been one of America's best-known and most respected sportswriters for nearly half a century. He recently became one of only a handful of sportswriters to be inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, NY.

For nearly 25 years, Falls utilized his celebrity status to promote and bring greater recognition to the Michigan Special Olympics. His colorful and insightful writing has provided an enriching, vicarious experience that has given sports fans across Michigan and the nation a front-row seat at sports history in the making.

Also set to receive the Q2 award is Noreen Keating, president of Lighthouse of Oakland County and company Flagstar Bank.

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Independence water restrictions lifted

The mandatory watering restrictions were lifted for residents on the Independence Township water system as of Sept. 1.

The restrictions began in July due to the low water pressure in the area's supply. The restrictions indicated those with even addresses could only have outdoor water use on even days, with odd addresses limited to odd days.

For further information contact the Department of Public Works at 625-8222.

Blood drive set for September

The Colombiere Center Health Care is set to host a blood drive on Monday, Sept. 9. The blood drive will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Colombiere Center is located at 9075 Big Lake Road in Clarkston.

Village Players schedule performances

The Clarkston Village Players are set to perform "Visiting Mr. Green," by Jeff Baron in September. Show dates are from Sept. 5 to Sept. 15.

Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m., Thursday performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances start at 2 p.m.

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CHS journalism students earn recognition at summer workshops

BY JENNIFER NEMER
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This just in...

Fifteen journalism students from Clarkston High School recently attended two publication workshops at Michigan State University, in hopes of honing their techniques. Some even won awards for their efforts.

Both workshops helped students practice skills not only in journalistic writing but desktop publishing, photography, graphic design and marketing as well. Amber Gebrowsky, Clarkston High School journalism teacher and yearbook advisor, said,

"Students who attend our summer workshops are exposed to all the basics of creating an award-winning yearbook." Dave Loney, director of the camp, said. "They are taught by some of the best yearbook advisors in the state of Michigan and some of the most energetic yearbook representatives."

The initial workshop was sponsored by Herff Jones publishing company and held July 14-17 at MSU's Aker's Hall. More than 300 students from across Michigan, Ohio and Indiana attended. Clarkston students included seniors Julie Crane, Jacquelyn Jaikins, Ashley Kramer, Lindsay Walkers, juniors Lauren Ferraro, Mallory Mast, Morgan Sheets and Shanna Williamson.

Jaikins received special recognition for her photography work at camp. "I was very surprised. I was like, 'me?'" she said, whose work will now

be featured in a calendar that will be produced for workshop participants.

The second workshop was sponsored by the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association and was held from Aug. 4-8 at MSU's Holmes Hall. Attending from Clarkston were seniors Amanda Littleton, Nicole Seabert, juniors Heather Colpaert, Kelly Dougherty, Lauren Ferraro, Ashley Hughes and Morgan Sheets, sophomores Matt Clark and Elizabeth Eastman.

Seabert received a "best in class" award in her publication design class, Dougherty earned a "best in class" award for her photography, and Eastman received a second place award for her work in a beginning yearbook class.

"This was a big honor," Seabert said. "I felt good, like I had accomplished something; something that I had went there to accomplish."

"By attending these workshops, our students had a wonderful opportunity to get a jump start on our school's yearbook and newspaper," Gebrowsky said, who also attended the camp as an instructor for beginning yearbook students. "Over 600 students from the U.S. and Germany attended the camp, making our award winners some of the very best student journalists out there."

For more information on the journalism programs at Clarkston High School, please contact Amber Gebrowsky at 623-3782 or gebrowam@clarkston.k12.mi.us.



Journalistic minds—Clarkston High School students including seniors Amanda Littleton, Nicole Seabert, Julie Crane, Jacquelyn Jaikins, Ashley Kramer, Lindsay Walkers, juniors Lauren Ferraro, Mallory Mast, Morgan Sheets, Shanna Williamson, Heather Colpaert, Kelly Dougherty, Lauren Ferraro, Ashley Hughes, sophomores Matt Clark and Elizabeth Eastman recently attended publication workshops at Michigan State University and won awards for their efforts. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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The Second Front

National scholarship goes to Clarkston student

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It hasn't been an easy road for Michael Wood.

The 2002 Clarkston High School graduate has autism, but it hasn't stopped him from accomplishing his goals. And, in fact, his endeavors have earned him national honors.

Wood, 19, was recently awarded the Eden Services Ann M. Martin Scholarship at the 2002 National Autism Society of America Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. July 19. He'll now be able to apply \$1,000 to his studies at Grand Valley State University this fall.

"It's truly an honor," he said. "It feels like a privilege to be one of the selected few (to receive the scholarship)."

The endowment is available to an individual with autism who has been admitted to a post-secondary program of study.

To be considered for the award money, Wood was asked to write a personal statement outlining his proposed plan of study, and chose commitment as a topic to include within the body of work.

In it he wrote, "Commitment is the most admirable quality. Very few individuals are born with this trait. It doesn't necessarily have to do with a person's particular talent. Instead it has to come from within to achieve one's goals in life. Those who know me, Mike Wood, know that I wouldn't be standing here without having made many commitments. I may not be gifted and talented, but I was smart to realize that when I want something out of life, I have to earn it."

Specifically he told conference audience members in a speech what life

was like for him in elementary, middle school and high school.

"In elementary, getting along with other people was a big hurdle and adjustment." He also had to work on a speech impediment, he said. "In middle school my biggest leap was dealing with academics." Homework wasn't easy, and he had to work twice as hard as others to succeed.

And in high school, where he ran cross country and track and was on his class executive board for two years, it was social skills and what he calls "street smarts" that he had to learn.

"It was fine tuning," the Waterford resident said.

Now a graduated man, Wood said his struggles in school has taught him much that he's applied to his academic life as well as life outside.

"It's taught me to be more easy going, open-minded, to enjoy things, not to be satisfied, and once you accomplish your goal go on to the next. Set standards."

His latest plans are to focus on his college requirements, with a long range goal of becoming either a secondary education teacher or special education teacher.

Currently he's holding two jobs: landscaping during the week, and working at a Waterford restaurant on the weekends.

"I want to thank my family. Without their strong support and dedication I wouldn't be the person I am today."

In particular, Wood wanted to thank his mom Sue "for helping me on the path of righteousness," and dad Gary for "helping me become really serious and



National honors—Clarkston student Michael Wood accepted the Eden Services Ann M. Martin Scholarship at the 2002 National Autism Society of America Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. He'll apply it to his studies at Grand Valley State University this fall.

Photo provided.

mature at an early age."

Wood's brother Robert, who is also autistic, has been an inspiration in his life as well.

"He's helped me. When I'm feeling down, he doesn't care what happened, like if I lost in cross country, he'll just be smiling. That keeps me going."

Others who have been there for an appreciative Wood over the years include Maureen Ziegler, Robin Erkritz, Coach Steve Himburg and Patricia Evans.

Ziegler, special education supervi-

sor said, "We are very proud of Michael and commend him and his family for their hard work and dedication to learning."

Wood said he was uncomfortable with being recognized in The Clarkston News. "I don't like to be the center of attention. But a lot of people have known me over the years. They've done so much for me. I hope to have something positive come out of this."

As Wood begins a new chapter in his life's book, he recalls words of wisdom from his middle school days, "The race for quality has no finish line."

Kyiv's Rotary Club celebrates 10-year anniversary

Clarkston Rotary influential in helping to start first Rotary Club in Ukraine in 1992

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The idea for the first ever Rotary Club in the Ukraine began more than a decade ago with Clarkston Rotarian Lubomyr Hewko.

In 1990, Hewko was invited to his homeland to give a presentation at the Kyiv Polytechnic Institute on the workings of the auto industry. During that presentation, he talked about Rotary International, a worldwide service organization that began in 1905.

After the talk, some of the professionals in attendance spoke with Hewko about what the Rotary was all about.

"In private discussions, I suggested that some of the faculty would be interested in starting a Rotary Club," Hewko recalled. "They had never heard of Rotary, but when I explained what it was all about, they were very enthusiastic."

He explained how it was possible for the Rotary to exist in the Ukraine after the fall of Communism in the former Soviet Union.

"When the Soviet Union fell apart in 1991, it was possible to look into starting a Rotary club, because Rotary International does not allow Rotary clubs to exist in totalitarian states," he said. "It became possible to travel there freely."

When Hewko approached the European headquarters of Rotary in Zurich, he learned five other clubs from around the world — the Vancouver and Toronto organizations of Canada, the Lynnwood, Wash. and Shrewsbury, Pa. clubs of the United States, and the Edinburgh club of Scotland — had also made inquiries about helping to start a club in Kyiv.

The six clubs decided to pool their efforts and contribute \$2,000 each to the development of the club, and their efforts paid off when the Kyiv club received the first Ukrainian Rotary charter in May 1992.

According to Hewko, there were 48 members in the original club, and there are currently 40 members in that charter, although there are two other clubs in

the Ukrainian capital. There are currently 35 Rotary clubs in the Ukraine.

Hewko explained how the other Rotary clubs chipped in to help the Kyiv Rotary get established.

"The most important part, besides the economic factor, was we had to bring someone from the West to help them acquire the Rotary spirit and methodology," he said.

On May 17 of this year, a banquet was held to celebrate the group's 10th anniversary. Among the people on hand were Hewko, Rotary International President Richard King, and Volodymyr Kulyk, the first president of the Kyiv Rotary.

According to Hewko, the Kyiv club is different from the Clarkston club in terms of their traditions and customs, but still sticks to the basic tenets of Rotary.

"European Rotary clubs in general tend to be more formal," he said. "Because of the economic difficulties in the Ukraine, people of higher positions are members of the club, because they can afford the expenses. They have formed some of their own traditions. In principle, they're actually very similar."

Hewko noted the Clarkston Rotary has helped out their Kyiv counterparts in the following ways:

- Sending a mammogram machine to Kyiv.

- Working with the Rochester Rotary to send several eye doctors to the Ukraine to help teach their doctors how to perform eye exams.

- Sending English textbooks from Clarkston High School to Kyiv so they could start a high school English program.

- Sending a shipment of medicine, estimated at \$420,000, to hospitals in three different cities in the Ukraine.

There is one more project the Clarkston club is undertaking to help their fellow Rotarians in Ukraine, Hewko explained.

Due to the effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster and the economic difficulties in the former Soviet Union, there are a disproportionate number of orphans in the Ukrainian system, according to Hewko. The Kyiv Rotary is working with a club called God's Hidden Treasures to build an orphanage in the Ukraine.

"That's a very ambitious project," Hewko said.

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Clarkston comes together for Sept. 11 remembrance

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A year ago, Sept. 11, Americans watched their televisions and listened to radio broadcasts in horror as our country was attacked by terrorists. We cried in fear, disbelief, and in sympathy for those who lost their lives in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C.

A year later we remember those who were innocently taken and the heroes that emerged from this tragedy. And many in Clarkston are coming together in honor.

Several local churches—including Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, Church of the Resurrection, Sashabaw Plains Presbyterian, Clarkston Community Church, First Congregational Church, Clarkston United Methodist and St. Daniel Catholic Church—will hold a community prayer service, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Clarkston High School on Flemings Lake.

Residents are invited and also encouraged to sing in the Community Choir during the special service. Rehearsal times prior will be Sunday, Sept. 8 at 4 p.m. at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church and Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 6:15 p.m. at the high school.

Selections sung will be "Be Ye Glad," arranged by Tim Jenks, and "A Time to Remember, a 9/11 Remembrance Prayer" by Tim Graf. Call Graf at 625-3288 ext. 206 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Clarkston

and Maranatha Baptist Church will hold a combined memorial service 6:30 p.m. at Depot Park in downtown Clarkston on Sept. 11.

The community is invited to participate in this tribute to those who lost their lives due to the attack on America. Those who are serving their country at home and overseas will also be honored and remembered. Contact Pastor Russ Reemtsma at First Baptist Church of Clarkston at 625-3380 for more information.

Clarkston United Methodist Church is encouraging residents to use Sept. 11 as a day of prayer and fasting for the leaders of our country, state, community and our military personnel serving during this critical period as well as for those who lost loved ones on Sept. 11.

Anyone who desires to come to the sanctuary and pray is invited. The 6600 Waldon Rd. church will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Oakland Woods Baptist Church will also hold a remembrance service Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. Representatives from the Independence Township Fire Department and Police Department will be presented with a plaque in honor.

Pastor Bob Galey said there will also be a sermon and a video on the "good things that came out of" Sept. 11 as well as a list of all those who lost their lives to remember their loved ones in prayer. Call the church at 625-7557 for more information.

At the schools, the students are

being encouraged to wear red, white and blue, Sept. 11, and a moment of silence will be shared at some point during the day.

"It will be more of a patriotic feel," Public Relations Director for Clarkston Community Schools Anita Banach said. "We're doing this in memory of all of the lives that were lost, but we don't want to dwell on it for the kids sake. We want to keep the environment as normal as possible."

This is acting upon feedback Banach said she has received from social workers and related organizations to maintain a normalcy. The kids will be hearing enough Sept. 11 news at home, she said.

There will also be no television watching for the day in the schools, since Banach said the word is most networks are removing all programming for the day and are airing commemorative shows.

Banach said the schools stance on the Sept. 11 also depends on your geographical location. Obviously, students

in New York City who may have lost a parent in the World Trade Center are going to be hearing about it at school, she said.

"We're removed enough here it isn't necessary," she said. "We don't relive Pearl Harbor every year."

Mainly, she said getting over a crisis is easier when removing yourself from it and returning to every day activities.

Other organizations within the community doing their part in honor of Sept. 11 are plenty, and include Cub Scouts pack #126, led by Scott Gieske, in Clarkston.

The group of boys and other Cub Scouts will plant pine trees, donated from the Boy Scouts of America, at the Independence Township Fire Department and Police Department on Citation Drive, Sept. 11 at 7:15 p.m. to honor the heroes and victims of the day.

Representatives from the Fire Department and Police Department will be on hand and will be presented with certificates in gratitude from the scouts.

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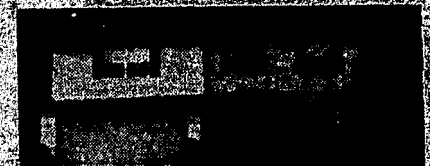
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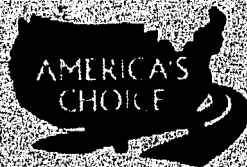
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Basinger's contributions to Clarkston widespread

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston community lost one of its strongest supporters in Susan Basinger.

Basinger, 57, died Wednesday, Aug. 21. She was remembered by local residents for her pride in her downtown Clarkston home, which had originally been saved from demolition by her husband Bill's parents.

In addition, she and Bill, a former Clarkston City Councilman, played a key role in the successful drive for the Village of Clarkston to become a city in 1990. Bill Basinger recalled the events that led up to Clarkston achieving that distinction.

"I was on the Village Council at that time, and she gathered a lot of signatures," he said. "Cityhood requires a hearing before the state boundary commission. We opened our presentation with a slide show narrated and shown by Susan."

The presentation obviously worked, for the Village of Clarkston is now known as the City of the Village of Clarkston. However, Basinger contributed much more to the Clarkston community.

Basinger was known for opening her home to guests. She and Bill held numerous dinners and fundraisers for their family and friends over their 30 years in Clarkston. In addition, she was an avid gardener and offered her house and garden for tours by several garden clubs and other organizations.

She was also an early member, board member and past president of the Clarkston Community Historical Society, and served as chairperson for the Village of Clarkston Historic District Commission from 1986-1998.

In recent years, she researched and recorded information about Clarkston's historic district structures, and with some help from the Independence Township Library, this material is now available on the Web. To access this information, go to <http://www.metronet.lib.mi.us/INDE/>, then click on "Community Information Network" and then on "History."



Proud resident — Susan Basinger, who passed away Aug. 21 at the age of 57, was remembered for showing her home to visitors and as a person who actively promoted Clarkston's history. She is pictured here, at right, with husband Bill. Photo provided.

Kim Huttenlocher, a member of the board of directors for the Clarkston Community Historical Society, recalled Basinger as someone very dedicated to educating residents about Clarkston as well as encouraging the Independence Township Library to obtain materials on history and architecture.

"She was very active," Huttenlocher said. "She and her mother-in-law were some of the founding members of the Historical Society. She served as the past president for many years. Her commitment to education was tremendous. It was her idea to get local history in the schools. Her main focus was architectural history. She did a lot of research on the homes."

Basinger was also generous in allowing the

community's second graders to tour her home when they would make their annual trips through downtown Clarkston, according to Huttenlocher.

City Councilman Scott Meyland stated Basinger's contributions to the community will be a part of her legacy.

"She was a tremendous resource and just a wonderful person," he said. "She is somebody that will be sorely missed."

In addition to husband Bill, Basinger was survived by son Bill (Kim) Basinger of White Lake and granddaughter Heather. Memorial donations may be made to the Independence Township Library memorial book fund. A private family memorial was held.

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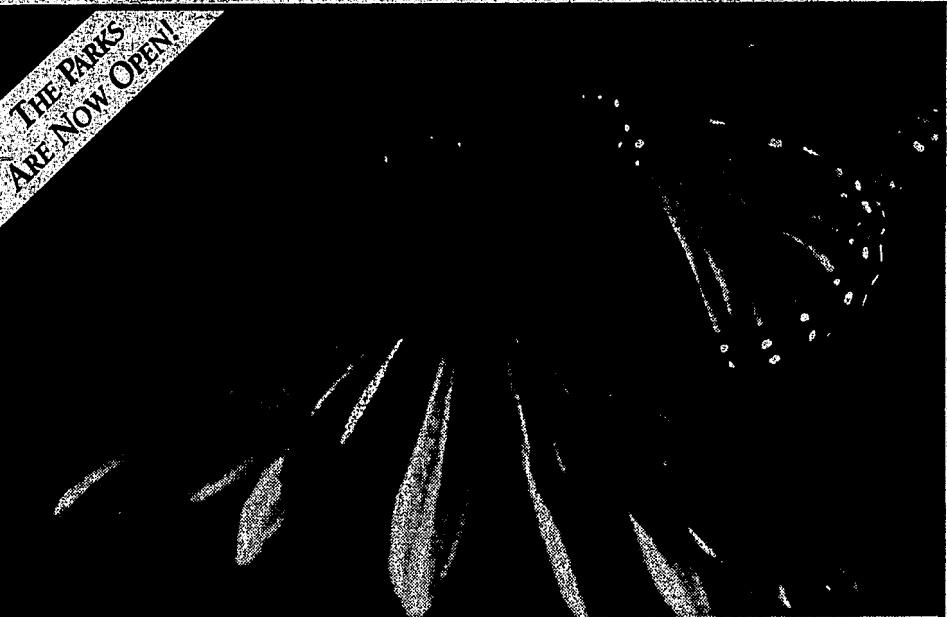
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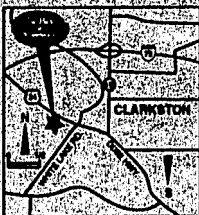


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Opinion

Making the big bucks

I'm taking what they give me cause I'm working for a living... -- Huey Lewis.

A major league baseball strike was side-stepped last last week, but not before a few anxious moments.

Baseball players have been called a lot of names in the past few weeks and most of them have been accurate.

Greedy? Yes. Selfish? Sure. Short-sighted? Maybe. Overpaid? No.

The players get paid a lot of money for playing a game which makes many believe they are being overpaid. However, what most fail to realize is these players are also bringing in a whole lot of money. I could not imagine many stadiums being filled to watch the owners toss a baseball around.

Sure these players are making multi-millions per year, but is that really different from some other professions. Movie stars, musicians and big business CEO's get paid just as much money to do their jobs and you rarely hear complaints.

Considering the amount of individuals who would like to play baseball for a living, the current group of Major League players would be considered in the top one percent of their profession. Shouldn't people at the top of their professions be paid accordingly? What do the top one percent of lawyers make? How about doctors?

Many complain about ticket prices skyrocketing to pay for the salaries. But do you really think if the players were making less money the savings would be passed on to the fans?

Hardly.

Instead of the players earning the money, the dough would just stay in the owners' pockets. I would much rather the money go to the talented and dedicated players than the owners.

Ticket prices are what they are because people pay them. The market is what the market is. The Pistons were not getting much fan support at the Palace so they had to slash ticket prices last season. The only way to get ticket prices down is for people not to pay the insane prices to go to watch an athletic contest.

So everybody should quit complaining about the money baseball players make. I realize it is a lot more than the average worker, but hey that's life.

If you think the players are greedy and self-centered just don't go to the games and don't watch them on television. It seems pretty simple to me.

Gargaro's Hall of Fame: The Rotary Club for organizing this year's Labor Day Parade in Clarkston. The parade looked super and everybody seemed to be having a great time.

Gargaro's Hall of Shame: Summer colds. I had a summer cold this past week and there is nothing worse. I can barely put up with them during the winter months, but when it is nice outside?

And like any other male I become the biggest baby when I am the least bit sick. Whenever I get a cold, somehow it is the worst cold every in the history of colds.

(Kyle Gargaro is the editor of The Clarkston News. His e-mail address is KyleG44@aol.com.)

Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Condominiums will bring traffic problems

I have been a landowner in Independence Township since January of 1972 and a resident since April of 1978. I am writing as a concerned and longtime resident of Independence Township regarding the proposed rental condo development at Maybee and Dixie.

Please don't let this happen. My bank is Bank One and I don't even bother to try to get into the bank off Maybee. I go through Burger King parking lot to get to the bank. Having a possible 200 more cars and another entrance at that area is something I can't even fathom.

About a week and a half ago I was going north on M-15. I was the only car just south of the dip in the road before you reach the Waldon light. Lo and behold a deer ran out from the western side of M-15 to the eastern side; right there in the road dip. The poor baby was looking for a place to hide.

I love Independence Township but I'm beginning to feel like I live in Troy. Enough with all the new subs and traffic already.

Eileen G. D'Anna-Mallett
Clarkston

Couple thanks those involved with cleanup

We wish to extend a sincere "Thank You" to all the volunteers that helped with the Clarkston Soccer Stadium cleanup this past Saturday. The couple of hours spent volunteering bodes well for the Clarkston community and the support this community provides our kids. It was especially great to see all the Freshman, JV, and Varsity players who put forth the effort to ensure that the Soccer Stadium is a place that they can be proud of when hosting visiting schools.

The community of Clarkston should be proud of all the hours of effort put forth by not only the parent volunteers, but also student volunteers and local business donations. Together we have created an en-

viable soccer stadium and seen the best soccer practice field go from the drawing board to reality.

Please mark Friday, September 20th as a date to once again support the Clarkston High School soccer program on Youth Soccer Night, a fun time for all. This year will be special, as we will recognize all contributors to the practice field. Kids wearing their soccer jerseys will be admitted free. There will be a kid's shoot-out at halftime during the JV match and a coach's shootout during the Varsity match.

Thanks again and we'll see you on the 20th!

Andy & Mary Pinkos
Clarkston

Susan Basinger remembered fondly by couple

We were privileged to be among the many who celebrated the life of Susan Basinger, who died recently, and to be among those who shared the pain of the loss of such a lovely and loved member of our community.

We think of Clarkston as a village of lights, some shining brighter than others, where many people shine by sharing their time, energy, resources, insights, and caring to make our community the special place that it is. With Susan's passing, one of our brightest lights is gone.

But, Susan's light does live on. She will always be with us, in our hearts and minds, by the example of how she lived her life. Memories of her, and of the others who have preceded and will most surely follow her, are the real source of the lights in our village. Our challenge is to nurture that light, to keep it shining brightly, and to remember those, like Susan Basinger, who were the original sources.

Tom and Arlene Stone
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Buttercup survives her first mauling

Scenario: It's a beautiful, warm Sunday afternoon. The sky is blue the songbirds are a-singing and the butterflies are a-buttering. A family takes advantage of the great weather and heads north to a blueberry farm in Montrose, Michigan. Nothing like picking blue berries to keep a family bonded. The pickings end up great and then you and said family go up behind the farmer's stand to look at all the smelly animals.

Question: What do you do when your kids find a cute, snuggly, wooodle bunny that has been harassed by some other critters, but you're an hour and some minutes away from home?

Answer One: If you're a cranky old guy like me, you say, "Put that thing down, it could have the mange or lice or something."

Answer Two: If you have a heart as wide as the Detroit Zoo, like dear wife Jen, you say, "Let's go tell the farmer his pet bunny is loose."

Sounds logical.

Question Two: What do you say to your wife when she comes back with said bunny held close to her bosom, in her arms and tucked under her chin, when she says, "The farmer says it's not his. It must be a drop-off... we can't leave it here, it was somebody's pet. It'll get hurt."

Answer One: If you're a cranky old guy like me you say, "Put that thing down, it could have the mange or lice or something and let's get the hell out of here fast!" Even while you're saying one thing, you're thinking, "That argument is a losing proposition, we're getting a new pet."

Answer Two: If you're four and a half years old or younger, like dear lads Shamus and Sean, you say, "Yippee, yahoo! Let's take the bunny home!"

The Correct and Final Answer: If you're a cranky old guy like me, outnumbered by three gentle souls like Jen, Shamus and Sean, you say, "Go see if the farmer has a box we can carry the rabbit home

in." They asked, he did and that is how we got a bunny. We left Montrose Orchards with eight pounds of blueberries and two pounds of hausenviver. There ever after to be called, Buttercup (unless you're Shamus who doesn't like the name Buttercup, then you call the bunny, Daisy).

Besides a little wet and sticky incident involving a 50 pound bundle of joy named Mickey The Wonderdog, Buttercup/Daisy has been living the life of Reilly. Jen and the boys have built a little bunny village in the backyard, under a shady maple tree. Shamus, the proud kindergarten, has the added responsibility of opening her cage up and feeding her in the morning before school. Buttercup/Daisy Reilly, that wascally wabbit gets snacks from our garden like lettuce, green beans and carrots.

(For those who want to know, before he goes to bed at night, Shamus feeds the dogs, Mickey and Pork Chop. Two-year-old Sean has the chore of feeding Keetcha, the cat.)

Jen had a twinge of second-guess-itis after Buttercup was safe at our home (brought on, no doubt, by the sour look on my face). But, she shouldn't have worried. She actually showed her boys how to be kind and gentle. More than just words, they have seen an unselfish act come to fruition. They may not remember bunny when they're adult males, but they'll surely remember how to be compassionate.

On the flip side, I can only hope they'll forget the, "tastes like chicken" comments from their dear old father and not be too emotionally scarred by my insensitivity.

* * *

So, we have a cat, two dogs and a bunny. We've had (and killed) three pet fishes. I think Jen and I are in agreement, however, we'll not bring in birds to our home, nor any rodent that resembles a mouse or rat. I can safely say snakes, lizards or any other cold-blooded critter, will also not find a safe haven in our home. We do stop for and help turtles cross the road.

Of course, I should remember the old saying of, "Never say never."

Comments for your boy, Don can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com



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A look back From The Clarkston News

15 YEARS AGO (1987)

■ Against the township zoning ordinance and against the fire code, about 600,000 tires are piled on a site off White Lake Road, Independence Township. The vacant lot, northwest of White Lake Road behind the Depot Theatre, is zoned suburban residential, so the storage of tires is not allowed, said township building inspector Derek Place.

■ A preliminary enrollment report and the first reading of a policy regarding communicable diseases highlight the Monday, Sept. 14 meeting of the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education. Superintendent Milfred Mason said the enrollment report is expected to reflect a number equal to last year's enrollment.

■ Builders in Independence Township have a new policy to follow when installing off-site utilities. According to the policy, building permits won't be issued until the water and sewer lines have been constructed to the property line of the project site and adequate provision is made for the use of water to extinguish fires.

25 YEARS AGO (1977)

■ Members of the Clarkston Education Association and the board of education are expected to vote next Monday on a proposed two-year agreement. The tentative contract between the board and the 327-member teacher union was reached following a marathon bargaining session that ended after 2 a.m. last Friday.

■ The Clarkston Wolves are going to make it interesting for their football fans this year. Coming off a 7-2 season in 1976, there are 20 lettermen returning — 13 of whom were starters on last year's team. There were two big questions when practice started for the 35 varsity players — mental attitude and defense.

■ Clarkston School officials and the Independence Township Police Services have reestablished guidelines to insure orderly spectator participation during the 1977 football season. Any elementary school aged child attending a game must be accompanied by parents or guardian of at least high school age. After the game, parents are urged to pick up students in front of the gym in the high school parking lot.

50 YEARS AGO (1952)

■ The parade in Clarkston on Monday morning drew the largest number of participants and the greatest crowd of onlookers in the history of the Rotary Club's Labor Day Parades. Leading the line of march were the color bearers and the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps with Majorette Carolyn Yoder twirling the baton.

■ Another worthwhile community event will take place on Friday, Sept. 12, when the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club sponsors its first Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Show in the building of the rear of the Township Community Center. Everyone is invited to participate in this show. Registrations must be made before Sept. 10 in order that the Garden Club may plan the space.

■ The following items were on special at Terry's Market in Clarkston: boneless rolled hames, Armour's, 69 cents/lb.; head lettuce, large size, two for 35 cents; Campbell's tomato soups, six cans for 59 cents; Bontia flakes, 19 cents/can; Remus butter, 77 cents/lb.; smoked picnics, 39 cents/lb.

'Dad, can Dan stay with you this weekend?'

Many parents probably feel they can leave their 17-year-old son home alone while they go away for the weekend. Daughter Luan gave that some thought, but that thought vanished when son Dan failed to follow some of her instructions.

This is her fault. She never should have expected a 17-year-old to follow instructions. They don't hear instructions. They hear noise from radios and telephones ringing in their pockets, but not parental words.

Dan's failure prompted Luan to ask if Dan could spend a weekend's nights with me. Obviously my memory of teenage inadequacies is gone, because I willingly agreed.

Dan's a good kid. He's near the top on his class academically, captain of the golf team, competitive skier, semi-coherent talker and his job pays him enough to pay his \$20 a week car insurance, buy \$400 golf clubs and \$900 skis.

But he's a teenager!

That fact further imbedded itself in my mind when I realized that weekend was Dream Cruise weekend. What Luan had done is transfer parental worries to Dad while she got 330 miles away. What is there to worry about in Engadine?

Dan says, after answering his phone, "I'm, going to the Dream Cruise tonight!" Mother, didn't you teach him to ask permission? Oh, yeah, you did but he didn't hear.

"What time can I expect you here?"

Jim's
Jottings



Jim Sherman

"I should be in about 1:00." It was now about 5:00. I pulled back the covers on "his" bed, fluffed the pillows and opened a window.

At 12:45 a.m. nature called and I arose. It wasn't 1:00, and I decided to not check his bed. It might cause me to worry. So, I went back to bed and started to worry.

First I went through the, "What is there to worry about" routine that ends up, "If you die there is nothing to worry about."

The Dream Cruise! Nothing to worry about there, just 1.5 million people, free flowing booze, drugs, loose women, com men/women, terrorist threats, disease and... how do I tell his mother?

At 1:30 I decided to check the bed I'd pulled back. It didn't have a body in it. Back to my worry-bed.

The Dream Cruise! Before leaving the house Dan talked about getting dual mufflers for the bright red Grand Prix his dad lets him drive, and of a racing incident.

Racing! Car crash! Speed chase! Car crash! Road rage! Car crash!

At 2:30 I'd lost all power over my reasoning. Reasoning, like, I really have no control over what might happen. Surely they will contact his parents first; Remain calm when answering the phone; The evening is in God's hands and I hope he's not too busy to handle it; I'm sure they are all right, I'm sure they are fine, I'm sure they can find some common sense.

No I'm not!

Like I said, at 2:30 I could reason no more. I came downstairs, and there was grandson Dan, stretched out, sound asleep on the sofa.

Asked later in the day what time he got in, he said 12:15.

Damn teenager!

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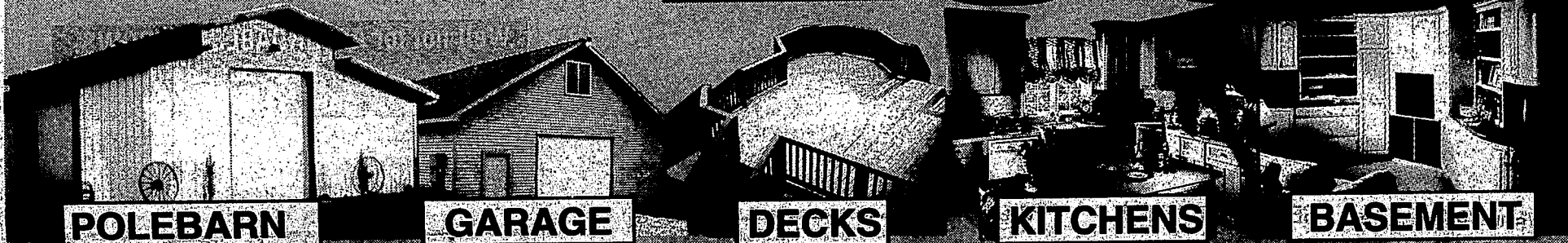
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Around Town

There will be a **blood drive** at the Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Rd. in Clarkston on Monday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Learn about a natural alternative to hormone replacement therapy at a free seminar for women entitled, "Your Body is Talking are You Listening?" Sept. 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Colombiere Conference Center, 9075 Big Lake Rd. in Clarkston. Call Deb Gruber for more information 625-2150.

Neighbor for Neighbor, a nonprofit charitable organization which provides food, clothing and financial assistance to Springfield, Holly, Groveland, Rose, and parts of Independence and White Lake townships, will hold a fundraising event, "Treasures and Treats" will be inside the Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway in downtown Davisburg's Mill Pond Park on Friday, Sept. 13 and Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A wonderful opportunity to buy homemade baked goods and one-of-a-kind donated items.

Refugees arrive in the United States with little more than the clothes on their backs. Homeless families who finally find a place to live often have nothing to furnish their new homes. To help them and others in similar straits, Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston will hold a **Kitchen and Dining Shower** the week of Sept. 15. Donations will benefit clients of Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. Church members and area residents are invited to bring in new and gently used items

such as pots and pans, dishes and bowls, cups and glasses, kitchen utensils, silverware, small kitchen appliances, dish towels and plastic storage containers. Donations of paper towels, napkins and dishwashing detergent are also welcome. Donations can be brought to the church at 6805 Bluegrass Drive in Clarkston, before worship services Sept. 15 and 22, or be dropped off any time during the week in between. For more information, call the church at 625-3288.

If you would like to obtain a high school diploma and are over the age of 20 as of Sept. 1, 2002, please call the Clarkston Community Education Center call 623-4321. Classes are free and will start Sept. 16 at 6300 Church St., across from Clarkston Elementary of Waldon Road.

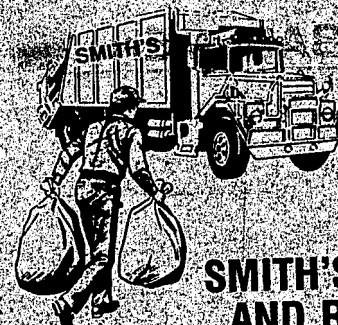
Clarkston Community Education will offer a variety of day and evening **fitness programs** beginning the week of Sept. 16 including Tai Chi, Total Body Conditioning, Deep Water Aerobics, Mid-Impact Sculpt and Tone, Aerobics, Tap and Ballet, Clogging, Yoga, Yoga for Expectant Moms, Gentle Yoga, Yoga in the Afternoon, Therapeutic Yoga, and a variety of partner dance classes. Registrations are now being accepted at 6300 Church St. from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 623-4321. Clarkston Community Education, in partnership with Fitness Rx, will offer a free preview of classes on

Sept. 16. This is a great way to find out if you like a class before you sign up. The Abominable Abdominals will be held 6-6:30 p.m., Pilates from 6:30-7 p.m., Pilates on the Ball at 7-7:30 p.m., and Yoga for Weight Loss from 7:30-8 p.m. at the Community Education Center.

Cruise Independence Oaks County Park in a wagon under the light of the Harvest Moon, Sept. 20 and 21 from 7:15-8:15 p.m. or 8:30-9:30 p.m. during **Harvest Moon Hayrides**. Cost is \$2.50/person. Call 625-0877 for more details.

The Clarkston Community Historical Society's 28th annual **Crafts and Cider Festival** will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 and 22 in the historic City of the Village of Clarkston, Depot Park. This outdoor art show features more than 100 fine artists and crafters from all over the country. The festival will be open Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call the historical society at The Clarkston Heritage Museum, 922-0270.

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City Council receives 12 bids for Phase II of water project

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A not-so-dirty dozen companies are vying for the contract to implement Phase II of the city's water system.

Twelve bids were forwarded to the Clarkston City offices by the Aug. 21 deadline. The council was originally scheduled to vote on the bids at their Aug. 26 meeting, but city engineer Gary Tressel was absent, so the vote will take place at the council's next meeting Monday, Sept. 9.

According to City Councilman Scott Meyland, the council has reviewed the bids, and have forwarded them to the city's engineering firm of Hubbell, Roth & Clark for their review.

"We're looking into the bids to make sure we choose the best overall package," he said. "They want to be able to provide us with an accurate recommendation. There may be a reason not to go with the lowest bidder."

Each bid was for the entire Phase II project, including tearing up the roads, installing the system, and then repaving the roads. Construction is scheduled to get underway in September, and the project is scheduled to be finished in August 2003.

In addition, Meyland stated the council received easement updates for new storm sewers, and everything was to the council's satisfaction. "Overall, it appears that everything that needs to be resolved is taken

care of," he said. "Everything seems to be where it needs to be."

The second phase of the project will affect residential communities, as opposed to the first phase of the city's water system.

The first phase, completed in 2001, involved the businesses and residences located on M-15. City voters have authorized a total of \$3 million in general obligation bonds for the project; about \$800,000 of that was used toward the first phase of the project.

The cost of the project will be split between ad valorem taxes and the establishment of a special assessment district. The taxes will involve an average millage of approximately 4.8 mills for 21 years.

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Local gridderers score for needy with Rush for Food

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's football team may be starting its season this week, but they already gained a victory for Lighthouse Emergency Services in Clarkston.

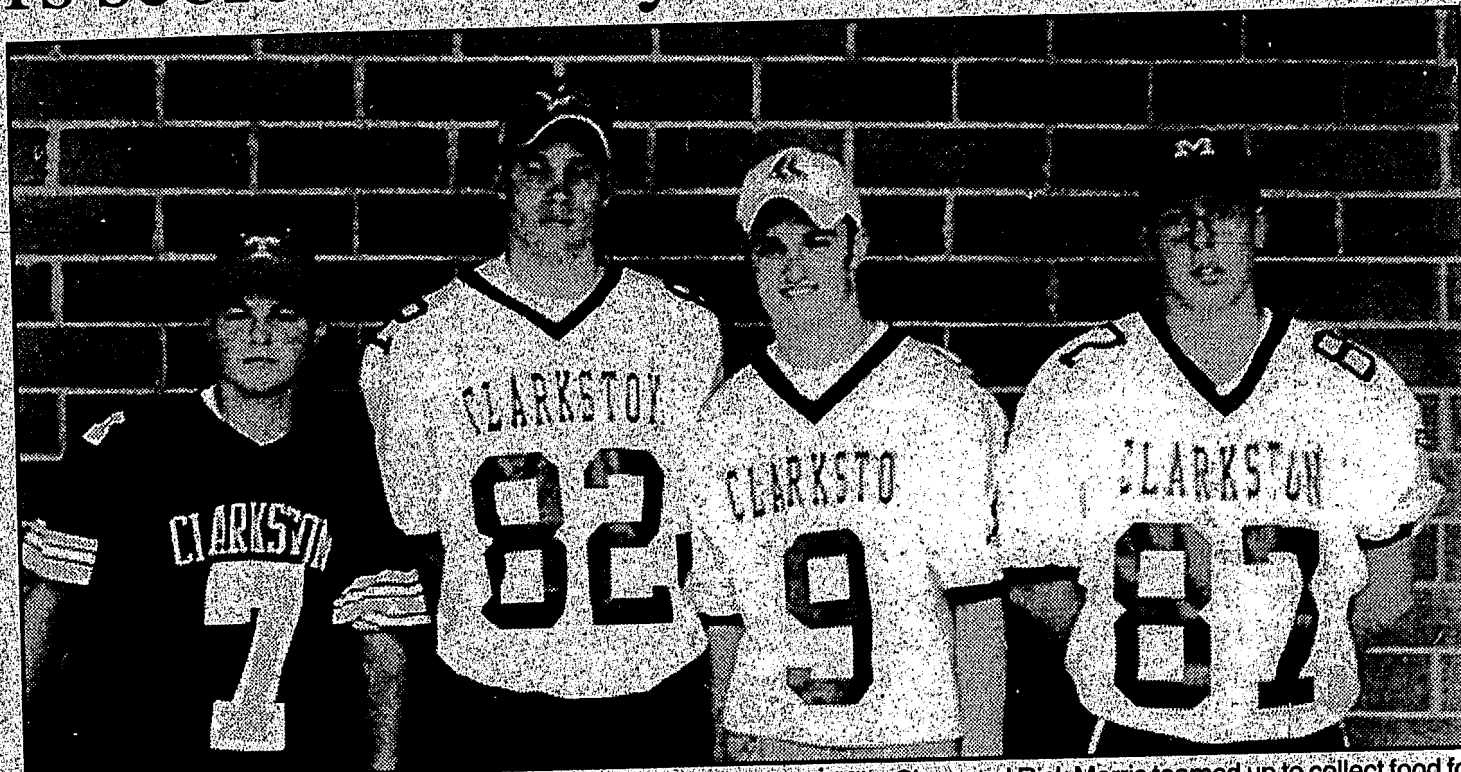
Approximately 150 players from the varsity, junior varsity and freshman football teams, along with several parent volunteers, donated their time Friday, Aug. 23 to collect non-perishable food items to stock the pantry for Lighthouse.

The varsity and junior varsity players practiced until 4:30 p.m., and gathered at the Clarkston High School stadium at 5 p.m., and were placed in groups of two to four players and assigned an area of Independence Township or Clarkston. The players wore their Clarkston football jerseys while collecting donations.

The players collected 90 crates of food, each averaging approximately 10 pounds, for a total of approximately 900 pounds of food — or enough to stock the Lighthouse pantry for about six weeks, according to parent volunteer Mary Anne Kenerson.

"The storeroom was nearly empty when we started, and we filled it by the time we were done," she said. "In the past, what we've collected has lasted for several months."

The freshman football team practiced until 5 p.m. before reporting to Lighthouse's headquarters on Sashabaw Road at 6 p.m. After a tour led by Jane Carr, volunteer/special events coordinator for Lighthouse, the freshmen sorted, boxed and stocked the collected food as



Ready to go — CHS football players (l-r) Scott Medlien, Chad Zelinski, Mike Claus and Rick Morris teamed up to collect food for Lighthouse Clarkston Aug. 23. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

the varsity and junior varsity players were returning.

According to Kenerson, twenty parent volunteers helped out with the event, helping with the sorting of the food, directing traffic and providing refreshments. Several other parents donated beverages or money to buy pizzas for the players, and freshman coach Dave Whitehead and assistant Mike Robinson helped out as well.

A total of 42 pizzas and 200 soft drinks were consumed during the event, with an assist from Gregg's Gourmet Café, Little Dana's Pizza, Pine Knob

Wine Shoppe and Hungry Howie's Pizza, who donated some pizzas and provided the rest at a reduced price.

The event was organized by the "Rush for Food" planning committee of football parents Mary Anne Kenerson, Julie Moehlig, Nancy Hanna, Molly McCallum, Anne Chesley and coach representative Mike Robinson.

Getting things started — Clarkston freshman football assistant coach Mike Robinson organizes the groups to collect food for Lighthouse Clarkston during the fifth annual CHS Football Rush for Food Aug. 23. Photo by Jeff Patrus.



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Meet the CHS administration team for 2002-03

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston High School administration has a new look.

Since the promotion of principal John Dilegghio, the transfer of assistant principal Michael Krystyniak to Sashabaw Middle School and the retirement of assistant principal Ron Santavicca, four have been asked to fill the vacant positions.

At the Aug. 12 Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education meeting, Dilegghio, now the district's executive director for secondary education, introduced Jan Meagher as acting principal as well as Mike Stefanski and Jodi Yeloushan as dean of students.

Shawn Ryan was named assistant principal at the July 15 Board of Education meeting. The four will join Vince Licata, who has been an assistant principal at the high school for the past three years.

"This should be a very smooth transition. Parents can feel comfortable their kids are in very good hands," Dilegghio said, adding the new administration team should already be well known to the student body and parents.

But for those not as familiar let's meet them.

■ Jan Meagher, 54, has been an assistant principal at the high school for the past five years.

She is a graduate of Western Michigan University and received her administrator's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Born and raised in Waterford,

Meagher taught social studies for years as well as worked extensively with athletic activities.

Meagher is single and has one daughter, Jennifer, 33.

■ Jodi Yeloushan, 33, is going into her fifth year with the district, during which she spent as a Learning Resource Center teacher, working with special education students at the high school.

Throughout her Clarkston career, Yeloushan created and implemented a Saturday tutoring program, has been the advisor for the service-minded Octagon Club, and is the director for Clarkston SCAMP, a summer camp for special needs children and young adults.

She received her undergraduate degree at Bethany College in West Virginia, her master's from West Virginia University, and has taken post master's courses at the University of Detroit.

The four year Clarkston resident is married to Eric and has three children Nathan, 7, Erica, 5, and Isaac, five months.

As dean of students, Yeloushan's will be responsible for 1/4 of the CHS student body as well as oversee student activities and special services.

"This is an exciting opportunity to grow personally and professionally and to provide service and have an impact within the community," she said.

■ Mike Stefanski, 38, is a longtime Clarkston resident, with the district for 18 years as a coach and nine years as an educator.

The social studies teacher spent his first five years as an educator at the

middle school level before moving to the high school. For the past two years, has also been the Summer School coordinator.

He has coached football, baseball and basketball, and plans to continue coaching football for the upcoming school year.

Before beginning a career in education, he worked for many years with the Independence Township Parks and Recreation program.

The 1982 Clarkston High School graduate, is also a 1993 graduate of The University of Michigan-Flint, and completed his master's at Michigan State University.

Stefanski is married to Kari Jo. The couple has four children, Cameron, 9, Sean, 6, Dominic, 4, and Ryan, 1.

As dean, Stefanski will oversee 1/4 of the student body along with ninth grade transition and teaming, and the Renaissance high school program, an alternative to CHS.

He said he is looking forward to the school year to offer students a different "flavor" in its administration of varied generations.

■ Shawn Ryan, 30, has been working in the district for seven years, starting out as a substitute and student teacher before jumping on board full time as a general science teacher.

Ryan graduated from St. Vincent College in Pennsylvania and earned a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

For many years he has been in-

involved with the summer school program and adult education as well as most recently becoming the Saturday School administrator.

Ryan is married to Melissa and has two kids Jake, 4, and Alec, 2.

As assistant principal, Ryan's area of responsibility encompasses student accounting, attendance and security in addition to his student body caseload.

"I'm excited about the new challenge and working with the building's administration, staff and kids."

The administration team has been hard at work, gearing up for the first day of school Aug. 26.

"We had a very good year last year. I don't see very many changes. I hate to fix something that's not broken," said Meagher, who plans to formally apply for a permanent position as CHS principal.

Meagher said the focus for the year will be on the continual improvement of MEAP scores.

"We've always done well on the MEAPs, but if we don't improve we could become a failing school. We really have to focus on this. We want are kids to be the best."


Moreover, Meagher and colleagues have set a goal to "deliver the best possible education in the friendliest environment possible."

Clarkston Community Schools Public Relations Coordinator Anita Banach said the district's goal is to find a permanent principal by February.

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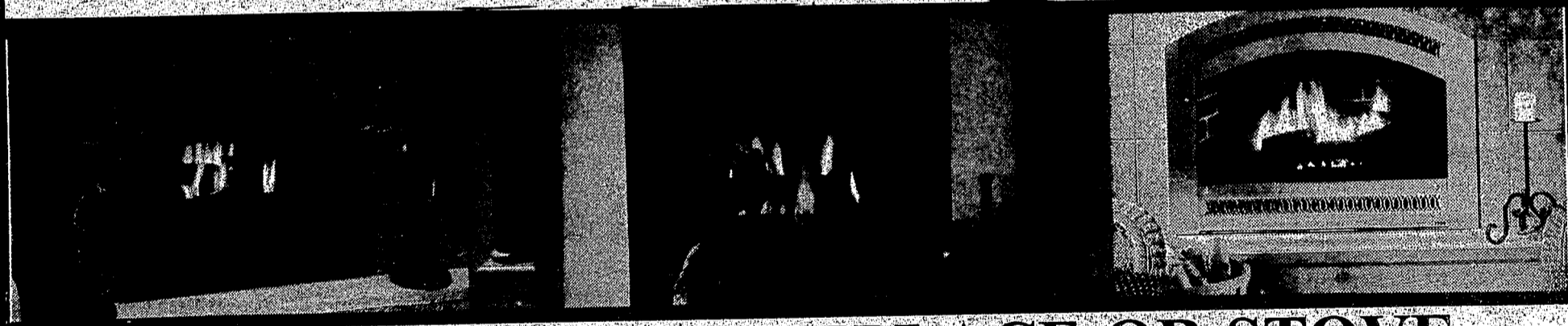
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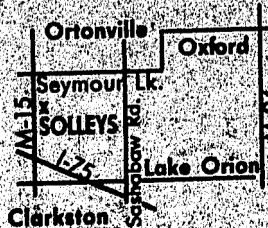
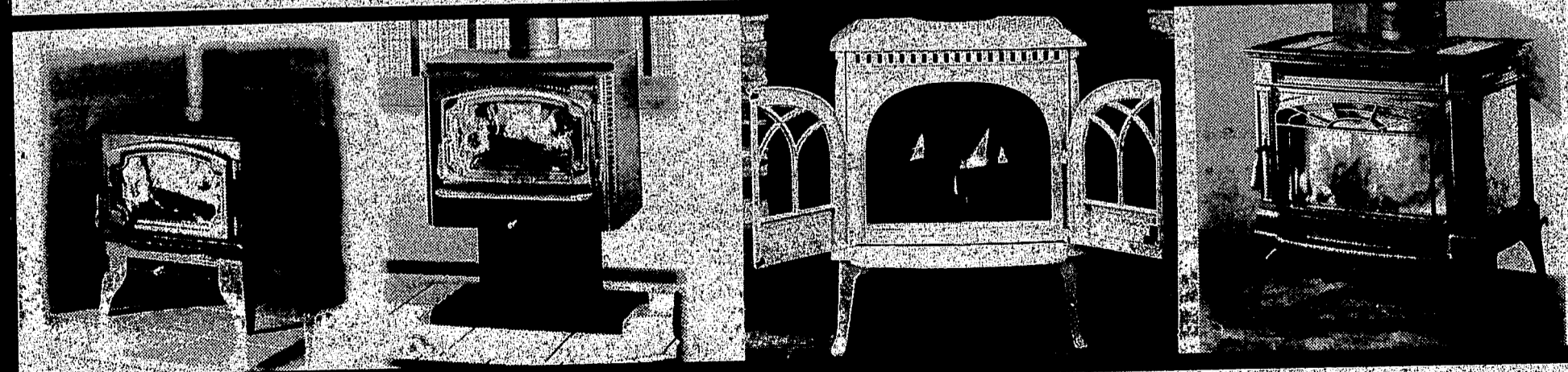
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What will it be this week for the writer?

It's something different almost weekly.

Last week I was flying to a remote country to aid in disaster relief from those affected by a recent typhoon, which was after I got back from helping the homeless in the western U.S.

Two weeks ago I was the only woman on a male-dominated Fire Department accepting an award for saving an elderly man's life.

At an earlier point, I was working to make a difference in a wayward teen's life, who I took under my wing through a mentor program.

Whatever will be my heroic task for next week?



Just Jen

Jennifer Nemer

Okay, fine, it's not really me doing all these things. It's you--the individuals who make up this community that I have the opportunity to write about each week.

I may not be organizing fundraisers or participating in a three-day walk for a charity like some of you, but I am definitely inspired by each and every one of you.

Sometimes a little too inspired.

At its extreme, I'm doing things like considering making a life changing decision. After I did a story on Clarkston resident Martina Kuechle who served the last year in AmeriCorps, a community service program, flying to Guam, New York City and more helping those in need, I was actually on their website looking at what field I would like to serve in.

Each week I'm ready to sign up for this program and give to that charity, when in actuality I just don't have the time or resources sometimes to do all that my little mind thinks it can do. I have to focus on the tasks that I have been given

and give my all to those.

Overall, though, after I realize your calling isn't always my calling, I notice how much I've learned.

You guys have taught me a lot over my two years at the newspaper. You've broadened my perspectives, given me goals I'd like to see accomplished in my life, and are forming me into a more well-rounded person. And I thank you for that.

I enjoy getting to know you and becoming a part of your lives, if even just for a short while.

I feel your pain, your joy, and the broad range of emotions that I try to relay back to readers.

Your stories are amazing, and it gives me pleasure to share them through this medium.

As does this particular story. Yet another who has inspired me, changed me in many ways, and given me goals for my life. The Lord.

Through His flawless life as a man

on earth. He has set an example I strive, even though unsuccessfully, to follow. "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Matthew 5:48 says.

His death, burial and resurrection brought the gift of salvation which has transformed me and continues to transform me. "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not by works, so that no one can boast," Ephesians 2:8-9 says.

And the promise of eternal life and His return, has given me a purpose. "I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace." Acts 20:24.

I may not always be sure the dream I chase this week is the one for me, like it is for you, but I know I have the Lord to direct me to the right one. I hope you do too.

Upper Peninsula offers many sights for columnist

While on vacation last week, your fearless reporter made his way to Paradise.

No, really.

Actually, that was just one of the towns we passed by on our way to Tahquamenon Falls, a very scenic state park located in our state's Upper Peninsula.

In all seriousness, the vacation I went on from Aug. 8-13, along with three of my friends, was a treat and one that will be long remembered.

It all started Aug. 8 when a Jeep Grand Cherokee that looked suspiciously packed with travel bags and groceries made its way toward my humble abode. Sure enough, it was my three

friends, ready for me to hop aboard on a journey to brand-new territory.

After about six hours, it was on to the ferry at DeTour that would take us to Drummond Island. Definitely a far cry from your normal means of transit, the ferry is what island residents use to get to and from the mainland, as several cars are loaded onto the ferry and then transported.

The first couple of days were spent hanging out at the island, just taking in the beautiful scenery of Drummond Island and Lake Huron. Granted, at times, we felt like the castaways on Gilligan's Island, but it was awfully relaxing nonetheless.

Since we were surrounded by nature, it only made sense for us to cook outdoors. So, we grilled steaks the first full day on the island -- a tasty treat. I don't mind saying that was followed by Smores over a campfire, a great reminder of our younger days. The next day, it was hot dogs over the grill, along with corn

on the cob, also over the grill.

The secluded nature of the island was evident in the island's one traffic light and the decided lack of traffic there. We joked that instead of "traffic and weather every 10 minutes on the eights," as advertised on radio station WWJ, there should be traffic and weather updates every eight hours on the island. For effect, we gave mock traffic updates.

On Aug. 11, it was off to Mackinac Island, definitely the highlight of my vacation. After taking the ferry to the island, we toured a few different shops and sites before taking a horse-drawn tour of the island.

On that tour, we saw various highlights of the island -- the Grand Hotel, the Governor's Mansion, Fort Mackinac, to name a few -- accentuated by color commentary on the part of the tour guide. There were plenty of photo-taking opportunities. On the halfway point of the tour, we stopped at the transfer station, where I bought a Mackinac Bridge T-

shirt.

After the tour, it was off to lunch at the Village Inn, and then to get some Mackinac Island fudge. My colleagues at the Clarkston News were very appreciative of my selection of peanut butter and chocolate fudge.

Then it was back to Drummond Island, where we rested for the next day's visit to Tahquamenon Falls.

That did not disappoint, although it seemed to take forever to get there. Like Mackinac, Tahq Falls provided plenty of picture-taking opportunities, not to mention another T-shirt and opportunities to get in some quality walking time.

Unfortunately, Aug. 13 came around, and we had to make our way back home. However, the camaraderie we shared during our vacation will be long remembered, and for that, I am thankful to my three friends Amy, Steve and Theresa. It was a vacation well spent.

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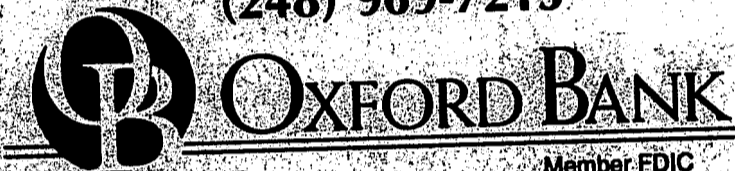
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WTVS-TV56 (Detroit)	3	6
WGN	6	17
Turner Classic Movies	74	68
HBO	68	74
Cinemax	71	77
CBET-TV9 (Windsor)	17	99

In addition, the Travel Channel will no longer be available.

Be sure to read your next Comcast bill closely. It will include a new channel lineup that reflects these changes and includes more information. As always, you can reach a local Comcast customer account executive 24 hours a day at 1-888-COMCAST.

Obituary

Derek Gauthier

Derek "Jake" Gauthier of Clarkston died Thursday, Aug. 29 at the age of 40.

He was the father of Derek, preceded in death by his father Eugene and brother Darrell; son of Jeanette and Jim LaVallee; brother of David (Norma),

Douglas (Kim), Don and Dannette (Scott); loving uncle to several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 2 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment held in Garden, Mich.

Schools

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grow up too fast these days." And the high school would become a 10th through 12th grade campus.

Reschke said there may be some need for either expansion at some elementary schools or redistricting K-5 students to even out enrollment.

To create the facility recommendation, the administrative team used an average based on the Stanfred numbers between the highest projected counts and the most likely projected counts.

Next on the district's agenda is a presentation of a facilities report and plan at the Sept. 9 Board of Education meeting. Comprehensive enrollment projections and further details on the grade configura-

tions as well as needs at the K-5 level will be discussed.

A review of other district facilities and educational needs there will be conducted and a report will be presented at the Sept. 23 meeting. These include the Renaissance Program, Community Education Center, South Sashabaw Early Childhood Center, Special Education Center and the Administration Building.

Regarding the June 2003 election, Reschke said the board would need to decide how extensive the campaign should be, how to coordinate volunteers, and determine what issues should be included on the ballot. This will be brought up again at an October board meeting, with action to be taken in November.

West Nile

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treat them for the specific problem they have. None of them have had symptoms severe enough to obtain samples.

According to Aenlle, the onset of autumn means the mosquitoes will disappear and there won't be any opportunities for scientists to study the disease further.

"Unfortunately, we're coming into the fall and winter seasons, so it will disappear for a while," he said. "I would hope the state would do some precautionary things. We're almost over this hump be-

cause of the cool weather."

In the meantime, Aenlle advised letting kids go outside in areas where they could be bit, and use appropriate repellents and sunscreens.

Miller also suggested residents take the necessary precautions to prevent the virus, such as dumping water in kiddie pools and birdbaths, and getting rid of old water in tires.

"The early morning and early evening is when the mosquitoes seem to be most prevalent," he said. "People think it's a city problem, but it's really a community problem."

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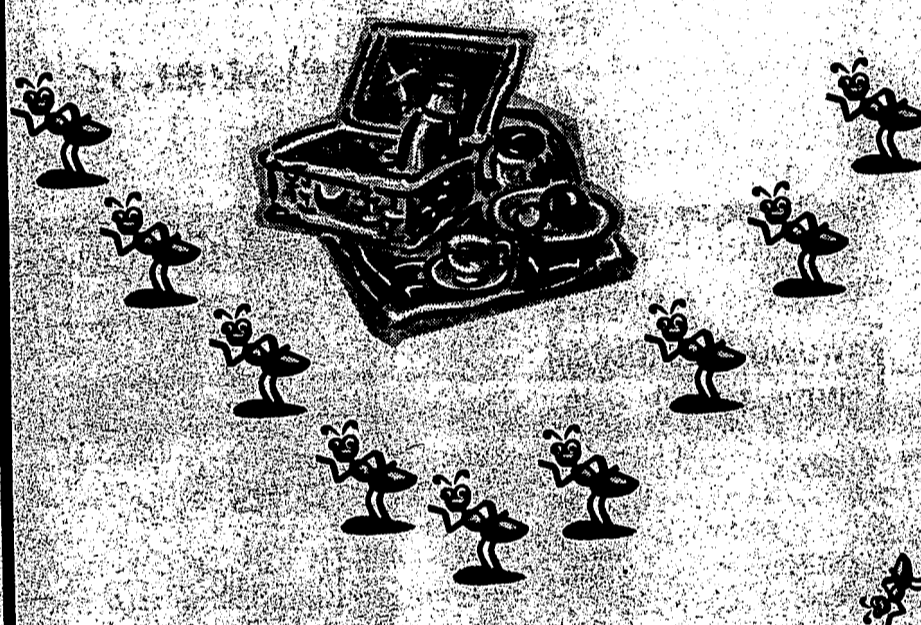
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Embarrassed and Ashamed

I dreaded my yearly visits to the doctor. My weight was climbing at a rate of ten or more pounds a year. It was dangerous for me to gain weight. My blood pressure and cholesterol were sky high. My joints were stiff and ached constantly. I could barely lift myself out of a chair. My health was in jeopardy. Yet I couldn't stop eating. I was out of control.

I was a career snacker. I sat on the sofa, watched TV and ate. I sat at the kitchen table, read the newspaper and ate. When I fed my foster babies, I fed myself too. I lived on sweets and soda pop. Food seemed to have some mysterious power over me. I ate all day. With every expansion of my hips and thighs my self-confidence withered. I was embarrassed, shy and reserved.

Dieting was the most confusing and frustrating experience of

my life. Diets made me crave and binge. The only way I lost weight was by starving myself. I lost ten pounds once. Then I gave up and my weight came right back plus ten pounds more. My self-esteem was demolished.

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My new eating habits started immediately after my first session. My hunger pangs disappeared. My taste for soda pop

vanished. I found myself craving healthy foods. Fruits and vegetables tasted different. It was like my taste buds came alive.

One day I was walking through the grocery store. I marched right past the bakery, candy, chips and soda without a glance. That's when I was convinced. Hypnosis had completely changed my tastes.

Doctor's Delight!

My last visit to my doctor was a thrill! My doctor nodded his head with delight. He confirmed my 71-pound weight loss. For the first time in my life my blood work and cholesterol are normal without pills!

I feel fantastic. No more aches and pains. No more cravings or binges. Best of all, hypnosis elimi-

nated dieting for good!

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Self-Confidence Soars!

When I was overweight I was extremely withdrawn. Some days I hardly spoke a word. I thought everyone was judging me. My self-worth was zero.

When the weight came off I felt better about

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myself. Hypnosis helped me relax. I gained a feeling of inner peace. I knew I was back in control of my life.

One Sunday my minister asked me to stand up in church to announce how much weight I had lost. After the service folks surrounded me to ask how I did it. I was completely comfortable chatting away with them. I couldn't believe it was me! So relaxed! So confident! There are now eleven members of our church losing weight with hypnosis, including my husband, John! He's already lost 30 pounds!

My entire family has changed thanks to hypnosis. My son lost 30 pounds. My 83-year-old mother lost 18 pounds. We're saving money on our food bill every week. What a bonus!

Twenty Years Younger

I thought I'd never wear a bathing suit again. On the 4th of July I gazed at myself in the mirror. I was wearing a sexy black and purple one-piece suit. I loved what I saw! I wore it that day and many days since. The best day of my life was spent filling two giant boxes with fat clothes I'll never wear again.

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Police and Fire

Independence Township

Monday, Sept. 2, a second degree home invasion on Lingor Drive. A TV, VCR, and jewelry were stolen.

Possession of marijuana and minors in the possession of alcohol on Holcomb. Five men, between the ages of 17 and 18, were stopped for having faulty equipment on the vehicle (a tail light out). They were then found to have three bags of marijuana and alcohol in the vehicle.

Investigation on Marvin.
Medicals on E. Washington, Shappie, Dixie and Foster, Sashabaw and Maybee, and Alamo.

Sunday, Sept. 1, a 35-year-old woman said she was assaulted by an unknown female in the parking lot of a bar on Dixie.

Water skis and equipment were stolen from a home on Parview. Total taken was valued at \$550. There were no witnesses or suspects.

Medicals on E. Church, S. Main, Whipple Lake at N. Eston, and Cornell.

Saturday, Aug. 31, larceny of a shotgun on S. Marshbank. There were no signs of forced entry to the residence, but the owner said many guests have been in and out of the house in recent days.

Friday, Aug. 30, fraud at a business on Moody. Twelve checks, totaling more than \$10,000, were forged and cashed in another state.

Investigation on Meadows.
Medical on Clarkston.

Personal injury accident on White Lake at Dixie.

Thursday, Aug. 29, malicious destruction of property on Sashabaw. A bank had a wall spray-painted with gang-like graffiti.

Stalking was reported on Clinton. A 16-year-old

woman said a 19-year-old man violated the restraining order she has against him and followed her home from work in Waterford for the second time.

Several plants and shrubbery, valued at \$2,600, were stolen on Gateway Park. There were no suspects.

An unlawful driving away of an automobile, a 2000 GMC Suburban, was reported on Woodcreek Drive. Fuel spill on N. Marshbank.

Medicals on Dixie, Church, I-75 at M-15, Sashabaw, and Snowapple.

Wednesday, Aug. 28, a man on Lake Waldon reported someone entered his unlocked vehicle and stole his briefcase as well as Detroit Lions season tickets and tickets to a college football game. There were no suspects.

A 45-year-old woman was arrested for attempted prescription fraud at a drug store on M-15.

A seven-year-old boy was thrown from a wheeled scooter when he entered into the roadway on Fay Street, near S. River, and was struck by a vehicle, driven by an 18-year-old man. The boy suffered non-incapacitating injuries and was transported to North Oakland Medical Center for treatment. The driver was cited, and witnesses said the vehicle was traveling too fast.

Medicals on Pinedale, Old Cove, Flemings Lake, Tuson, Citation, Chestnut Hill, and Clintonville.

Personal injury accident on Fay.

Tuesday, Aug. 27, child neglect was reported on Willow Park. A one-year-old boy was found knocking on his neighbor's sliding glass door. The 20-year-old mother was asleep at home.

Medical on Andersonville.

Monday, Aug. 26, investigation on Waterford.

Medicals on Dixie, Clarkston and Eames, and Flemings Lake.

Personal injury accident on sashabaw and I-75.

Springfield Township

Sunday, Sept. 1, a vehicle fire on Tindall was started by a piece of burning cardboard. Police reports stated it appeared to be accidental.

A go-cart, valued at \$850, and a water pump, valued at \$400, were stolen from a residence on Knox. There were no suspects.

Saturday, Aug. 31, a 43-year-old woman was found intoxicated and walking along Big Lake. She was transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital for treatment, registering a .399 blood alcohol level.

Thursday, Aug. 29, a burglary was reported on Kingston Pointe. Someone entered two homes under construction and stole several items.

Wednesday, Aug. 28, golf clubs were stolen from a golf course on E. Holly. The clubs were left unattended at the driving range area.

Business owners beware

Det. Lonnie Mullins of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Independence Township substation is warning business owners to be on the lookout for a recent credit card fraud scam in the area.

Two occurrences have already taken place at Plum Hollow Decor on Sashabaw on Aug. 26, and at Thomasville on Dixie on Aug. 21. He said it appears three to four black males and two black females are responsible. Two to three of the suspects distract the employees, while the others go through the employees purses searching for credit cards, Mullins said, adding the cards have subsequently been used at Home Depot stores.

There are no suspect leads as of yet.

Artist sets up shop in library

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Local artist Judith Hoddinott has taken over the meeting room at the Independence Township Library in the month of September.

This is the second month of the art displays which focuses on a different individual local artist each month.

"I am very appreciative of the opportunity to showcase my art at the library," Hoddinott said. "I think it is very nice. I know they are trying to display a variety of artists."

Hoddinott has been interested in art for as long as she can remember. Her first art memory is drawing in the lobby of the Cincinnati Art Museum while her mother was taking an art class.

"It was a huge museum and I really enjoyed that. It seems like I was always drawing," Hoddinott said.

The 12-year Clarkston resident does multiple forms of art including pencil, ink and pastels. Hoddinott said she spends approximately 20 to 30 hours per week working on art.

She receives help from her husband, Mark, and also her children Allison,

14, and Susan, 12. Both children also enjoy art.

"My husband is very helpful. He has a wonderful eye," Hoddinott said.

Her work is also being displayed in Birmingham and Canterbury Village.

"I enjoy both the process and the finished prod-

uct of art," Hoddinott said. "I have something on my board in the kitchen at all times."

If any local artist is interested in having their work displayed they can call Jean Cavalier at 620-1128.



Local artist - Judith Hoddinott's art work will be displayed in the Independence Township Library in September. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

Reward for information

A reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered for any information regarding numerous accounts of malicious destruction of property in Independence Township, Clarkston and Brandon Township.

Det. Dirk Feneley of the Independence

Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department said several vehicle car windows were shot out with a BB gun sometime between Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

If you have any information call 1-888-TURN-1-in (888-887-6146).

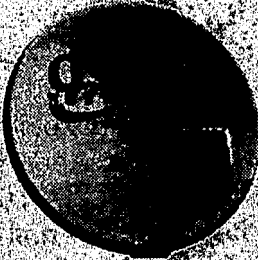
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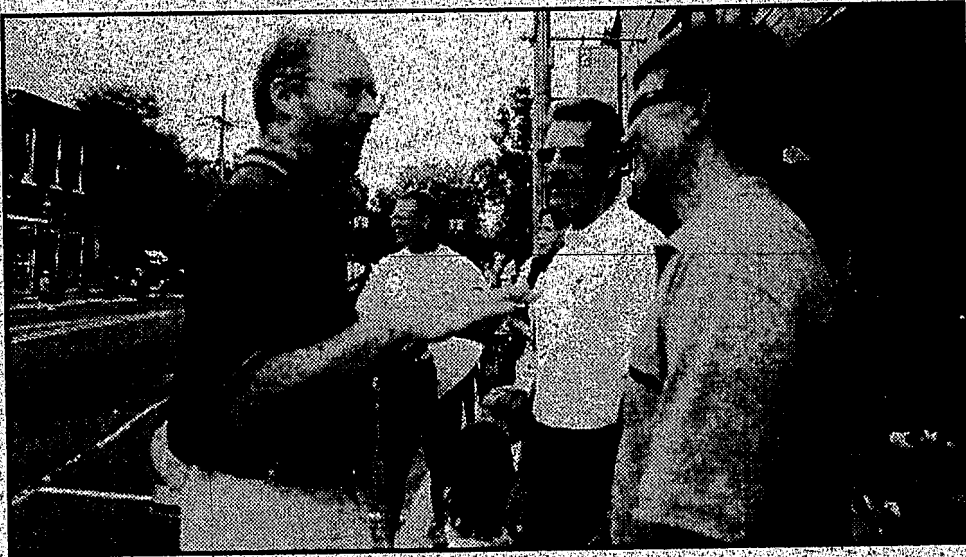
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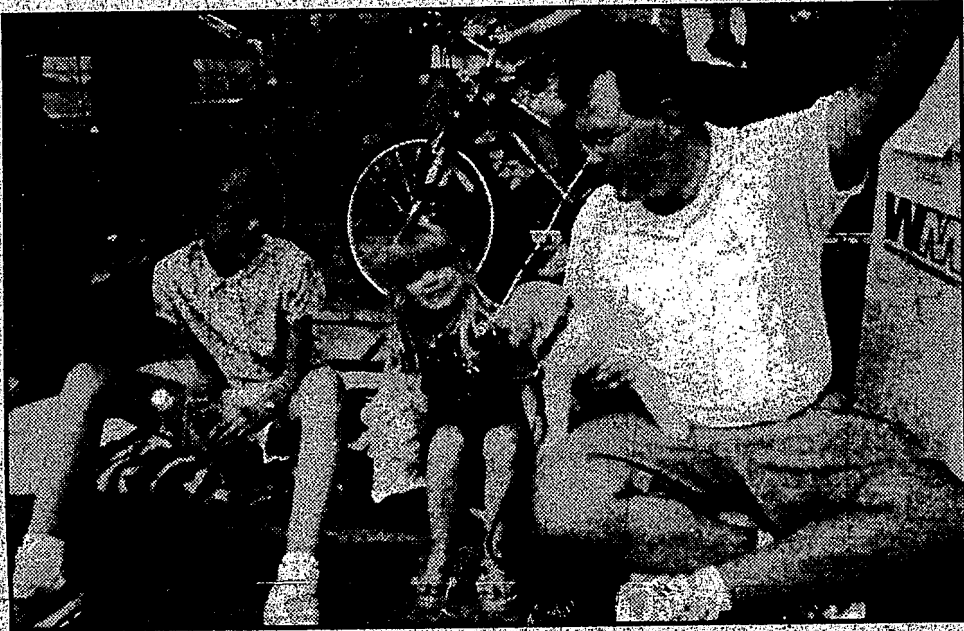
Labor Day Parade



Sharing a laugh—From left, Mike McIntyre, Mike Madison and Brian McCallum, members of the Clarkston Wolf Pack running group, engage in conversation.



Taking a ride—A wide variety of vehicles were present during the parade.



Family outing—From left, Katie, Kristen and Mike Page along with puppy Snickers enjoy the parade in downtown Clarkston.

Photos by Kara McCallum



Marching with pride—Vietnam Veterans march during the Labor Day parade.

Sports

All Clarkston All The Time

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Weaver's late TD powers gridgers to win

Palace throws TD pass in first varsity start as Wolves defeat Birmingham Groves 17-14

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It wasn't the most efficient game for Clarkston football coach Kurt Richardson, but he'll take the result of the Wolves' opening game.

Junior fullback Brandon Weaver scored on a two-yard touchdown run with about three minutes remaining to lift the Wolves past host Birmingham Groves 17-14 in the opening game of the season Thursday, Aug. 29.

"It was a win, and that's the important thing," Richardson said. "It was a little ugly, but I'll take it."

Groves took a 7-0 lead into the first half on a touchdown from Steve Jacobites, but the Wolves answered in the third quarter as junior quarterback Sam Palace connected with senior wide receiver Brian Oltman on a 70-yard touchdown pass to tie the game.

Later on, senior kicker Andy Breen converted a 31-yard field goal to put the Wolves up 10-7. However, Groves recovered a muffed punt later in the second half, and Jacobites scored again to put Groves up 14-10.

That lead stood until the Wolves rallied back on Weaver's late touchdown.

Richardson commented the Wolves had some trouble working out the kinks with their newly installed



Late-game heroics - Fullback Brandon Weaver ran for a two-yard touchdown with three minutes left to give Clarkston a 17-14 win against host Birmingham Groves in the Wolves' opening game of the season Aug. 29. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

option offense. "We sputtered offensively," he said. "Defensively, we were pretty good. We had a couple breakdowns that led to scores for them."

He stated Clarkston's offensive line will have to play better for the team's offense to improve. "It all

Home opener on tap

When: Friday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m.
Where: Clarkston High School football stadium
Who: Rochester Adams (1-0) vs. Clarkston (1-0) in the Oakland Activities Association Division I opener for both teams. The Highlanders defeated West Bloomfield 37-8 Aug. 28.

starts with the people up front," he said. "We have to be more aggressive."

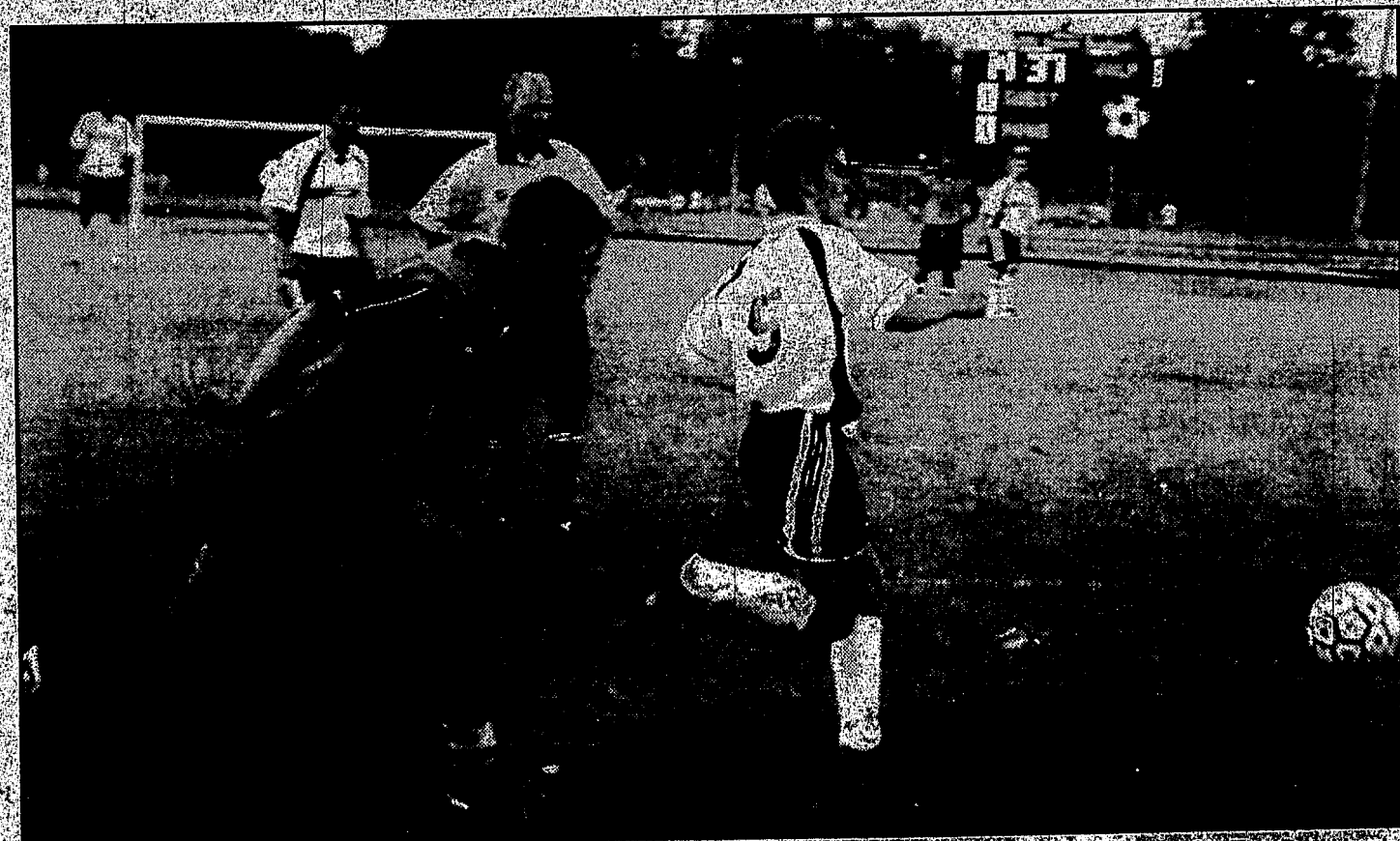
Palace, in his first varsity start, completed eight of 13 passes for 117 yards and one touchdown. Oltman, who was on the receiving end of that touchdown pass, caught two passes for 76 yards, while senior Justin Whetstone caught three passes for 29 yards.

Senior Ryan Talbott led Clarkston's rushing attack with 66 yards on 19 carries, while Weaver added 25 yards on 10 carries.

Defensively, the Wolves received contributions from senior defensive back Jay Martello, who led Clarkston with five tackles and assisted on two others; senior linebacker Derek George, who notched four tackles and two assists; and senior defensive back Myles Purdy, who had two tackles and four assists, leading to a combined loss of 11 yards for Groves.

The Wolves will play their first home game of the season Friday, Sept. 6 when they face Oakland Activities Association Division I rival Rochester Adams at 7 p.m.

Kickers lose first-half lead, fall 2-1 to Troy Athens



Extra effort - Senior midfielder Steve Alle (5) races past a Troy Athens defender in pursuit of the ball Aug. 28. The Red Hawks defeated the Wolves 2-1. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In the first half of their Aug. 28 game against visiting Troy Athens, things were going well for the Clarkston soccer team.

Sophomore midfielder Mike Holody had scored late in the first half to give the Wolves a 1-0 lead heading into intermission.

However, the lead would not hold up. Athens scored a goal with 20 minutes remaining in the game to tie it up, and then another with eight minutes left to seal a 2-1 win over the Wolves.

Clarkston coach Dan Fitzgerald stated the Red Hawks took advantage of their opportunities to capture the win.

"In the second half, they came out very aggressively," he said. "They scored a couple like that. They got the best of us."

After their loss to Lake Orion Aug. 26, Fitzgerald noted the Wolves needed to do a better job of winning battles for the ball and maintaining possession on the offensive end. He commented the Wolves improved in that area against

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In the running — The Clarkston boys cross-country team hopes to contend for the Oakland Activities Association Division I title this season. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Brandon Parks, Nick Oldenburg, Thomas Beattie, Jordan Tubbs, David Lawrence, Hazen Brennan and Edward Brennan; (middle, l-r) Kyle Sweeney, Evan Schneider, Mark Jackson, Andy Kodra, Tom Fick, Joe Seibert, Matt Ullrich, Eric Moss and Steven Puroll; (back, l-r) Matt Hunter, Scott Linville, Justin Smith, Brad Rawe, Joe Gorz and Jack Kinsey. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Boys cross-country looks to compete in balanced league

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The top two spots on the Clarkston boys cross-country team are all set for this year — it's the other five spots which are up for grabs.

Jared Elmore and Mark Sitko, both of whom qualified for the state meet last year, will anchor the Wolves this season, and Coach Mike Taylor thinks both of them will excel this season.

"They're at the point where they should medal in every meet and invitational," he said.

However, the other five spots are up for grabs.

"After that is when the season will get interesting," Taylor said. "The top five spots are open, and there are a lot of candidates."

According to Taylor, contenders for those spots are juniors Evan Schneider, Jack Kinsey, Tom Fick and Joe Seibert, sophomores Andy Kodra and Eric Moss and freshman Dave Lawrence. Another junior, Brandon Parks, is currently injured.

"The depth will be a question," Taylor said. "It's going to come on the junior class. They'll determine what kind of year we have."

Once again, the Wolves' focus this season will be the Oakland Activities Association Division I title.

"Every year, we start out with our goal to win the league," Taylor said. "Last year was the best league

Boys Cross Country				
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9/7	Sat	TBA		at West Bloomfield Invitational
9/10	Tue	4:30 p.m.		vs. Troy
9/14	Sat	TBA		at Holly Invitational
9/17	Tue	4:30 p.m.		vs. Rochester Adams
				(at Bloomer Park)
9/20	Fri	3:20 p.m.		at Michigan State Invitational
9/28	Sat	TBA		at Hanson Invitational
				vs. Lake Orion
10/1	Tue	4:30 p.m.		County Meet
10/5	Sat	10 a.m.		vs. Troy Athens, Rochester and Seaholm
10/8	Tue	4:30 p.m.		(at Bloomer Park)
				at Oxford Invitational
10/11	Fri	4:45 p.m.		League Meet
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competition we had. They'll all be tough, but we'll be pretty tough, too."

Among the schools Clarkston will contend with for the league title are Lake Orion ("They're never down for long," Taylor said), Rochester and Rochester Adams. However, Taylor cautioned there are no easy pickings in OAA I.

"Everyone's coming on," he said. "You can't discount anybody."

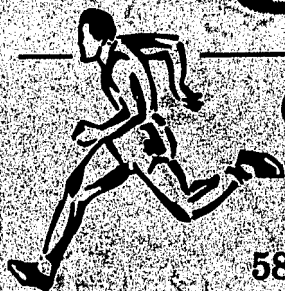
Although Elmore and Sitko qualified for the state meet last year, the team as a whole did not qualify. Taylor hopes that will change this year.

"We didn't qualify for states last year and that was disappointing," he said. "It's always a goal to get to states."

The team started out its season Friday, August 30 with a trip to Flint Carmen-Ainsworth. After that, they travel to the West Bloomfield Invitational Saturday, Sept. 7.

Members of this year's team are: Andy Kodra, Eric Moss, Evan Schneider, Joe Seibert, Jack Kinsey, Tom Fick, David Lawrence, Nick Oldenburg, Matt Hunter, Jordan Tubbs, Brad Rawe, Scott Linville, Mark Jackson, Hazen Brennan, Joe Gorz, Isaac Calhoun, Justin Smith, Matt Ullrich, Brad Parks, Kyle Sweeney, Jared Elmore, Mark Sitko and Edward Brennan.

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Racing for the top — Clarkston's girls cross-country team is hoping to compete for the Oakland Activities Association Division I championship as well as the state title. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Beth Hoekstra, Darlene Douglas, Anne Oltman, Whitney Bomier, Gillian Nordquist; (middle, l-r) Kara Bogard, Liz Mengyan, Lyndsey Smith, Anna Kerr, Lauren Dedow, Nicole Kraus, Marley Brown; (back, l-r) Kalicia Gentry, Jenny Baiback, Lauren Witt, Coach Jamie LaBrosse, Mo Kuhta, Jasmyrn Touchstone and Elizabeth Gorz. Photo by Jeff Patrus

Kuhta returns as girls' harriers aim for state title

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's girls cross-country team experienced a great deal of success last year. Now, with one of their key runners returning from an injury, they are setting their sights on the state title.

The Wolves finished second in Oakland Activities Association Division I to Rochester Adams and sixth in the state meet. In addition, two of their runners, Liz Mengyan and Anne Oltman, placed 11th and 24, respectively, in the state meet.

Junior Mo Kuhta, the team's captain, missed much of last year with tendinitis in her knees and hip, according to Coach Jamie LaBrosse. Now that she is back to near full strength, LaBrosse expects she will make the Wolves an even stronger team.

"She ran in a few races at the end of the season and was decent, but she was at 60-70 percent," he said. "This year, I see her as potentially among the top twenty in the state."

Last season was a difficult one, according to Kuhta, because she felt like a bystander instead of an

active team member. "It was really hard because I wasn't able to practice with the girls," she said. "I didn't feel like I was really on the team."

After the cross-country season was finished last year, Kuhta concentrated on healing her injuries in time for track season.

"She went through a period from November through March where she did no running, just rehab," LaBrosse said. "That was tough on her, but she stuck with it. That got her healthy. She started the track season. Please see Girls X-Country Preview on page 5B"

Girls Cross Country

8/30	Fri	4 p.m.	at Carmen-Ainsworth
9/7	Sat	TBA	at West Bloomfield Invitational
9/10	Tue	4:30 p.m.	vs. Troy
9/14	Sat	TBA	at Holly Invitational
9/17	Tue	4:30 p.m.	vs. Rochester Adams (at Bloomer Park)
9/20	Fri	3:20 p.m.	at Michigan State Invitational
9/28	Sat	TBA	at Hanson Invitational
10/1	Tue	4:30 p.m.	vs. Lake Orion
10/5	Sat	10 a.m.	County Meet
10/8	Tue	4:30 p.m.	vs. Troy Athens, Rochester and Seaholm (at Bloomer Park)
10/11	Fri	4:45 p.m.	at Oxford Invitational
10/17	Thu	TBA	League Meet
10/26	Sat	TBA	Regionals at Holly
11/2	Sat	TBA	State Finals

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Making the switch — Clarkston's girls swimming team has made the move up to Oakland Activities Association Division III after winning OAA IV last year. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Sabrina St. Peter, Kaitlin Kieras, Sarah Southwell, Leah Simpson, Erin Richards, Andrea Nichols, Julia Mansfield, Lindsay Andary and Chelsea Hassett; (second row, l-r) Christina Bauer, Nicole Kirby, Grace O'Connor, Sarah Hendry, Elizabeth Knappe, Anne Maxwell, Karl Swartzmiller and Kelly Kiel; (third row, l-r) Amanda Nichols, Beth Randall, Sarah Napier, Andrea Galaviz, Kristen Boike, Gretchen Weiss and Stephanie Friewald; (back, l-r) Sara Zerba, Andrea Forst and Teresa Kuhta. The Wolves are coached by Kenwyn Chock and assisted by Kevin Brock. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Girls swimmers looking for successful move to OAA III

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After a first-place season last year in Oakland Activities Association Division IV, Clarkston is ready to take a step up.

The Wolves will be competing in Oakland Activities Association Division III this season, joining Farmington, Royal Oak Kimball, Farmington Hills Harrison, Royal Oak Dondero and Stoney Creek, a new school in Rochester.

Coach Kenwyn Chock looks forward to Clarkston having success in their first year in OAA III.

"We have a very competitive size this year with about 27 girls," she said. "We're looking forward to being on top of this division with seven returning seniors who have been with the program from the beginning."

Those seven seniors would be captains Andrea Forst, Teresa Kuhta and Sara Zerba, along with Christina Bauer, Stephanie Friewald, Leah Simpson and Sabrina St. Peter.

The Wolves' senior leadership will be key for the Wolves if they are to make a run at the OAA III title. According to Chock, three schools that are newcomers to the OAA — Farmington, Harrison and Stoney Creek — will be tough, but the Wolves still hope to wind up where they were last year in OAA IV.

Girls Swimming

9/3	Tue	6 p.m.	at Grand Blanc
9/5	Thu	6:30 p.m.	vs. Lake Orion
9/12	Thu	6:30 p.m.	at Avondale
9/19	Thu	6:30 p.m.	at Farmington
9/26	Thu	6:30 p.m.	vs. Royal Oak Kimball
10/1	Tue	6:30 p.m.	at West Bloomfield County Meet
10/5	Sat	TBA	at Berkley
10/8	Tue	6:30 p.m.	at Farmington Hills Harrison
10/10	Thu	6:30 p.m.	vs. Royal Oak Dondero
10/17	Thu	6:30 p.m.	at Stoney Creek
10/22	Tue	6:30 p.m.	vs. Ferndale
10/24	Thu	6:30 p.m.	League Meet
11/6	Wed	TBA	League Meet
11/9	Sat	TBA	League Meet

"We hope to be at the top," Chock said.

In order to accomplish that goal, Chock is hoping for improvement in freestyle action this season, and thinks the Wolves are capable of better things in that department.

"I'd like to think we're going to be stronger in all the freestyle events," she said. "High school meets tend

to revolve around them, and I think we'll do well."

Chock stated the team's two divers, senior Kaitlin Kieras and freshman Sarah Southwell, should be competitive in that area, and junior Andrea Galaviz should once again be a key contributor to this year's team.

With the program in its fourth season, Chock hopes this will be the year a Clarkston swimmer makes it to the state meet. However, she stated for that to happen, the effort must be there every day from the team.

"Our goal is to have a swimmer qualify for states," she said. "With that comes team commitment."

The Wolves' first meet of the season was Tuesday, Sept. 3, when they traveled to Grand Blanc. Clarkston will have their first home meet of the season Thursday, Sept. 5 when they take on Lake Orion at 6:30 p.m.

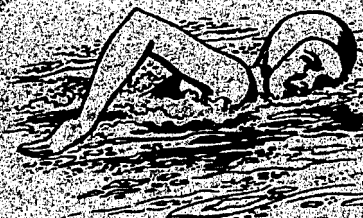
Members of this year's team are: Lyndsay Andary, Christina Bauer, Kristen Boike, Andrea Forst, Stephanie Friewald, Andrea Galaviz, Chelsea Hassett, Sarah Hendry, Kelly Keil, Kaitlin Kieras, Nicole Kirby, Elizabeth Knappe, Teresa Kuhta, Julia Mansfield, Anne Maxwell, Sarah Napier, Amanda Nichols, Andrea Nichols, Grace O'Connor, Beth Randall, Erin Richards, Leah Simpson, Sarah Southwell, Sabrina St. Peter, Karl Swartzmiller, Gretchen Weiss and Sara Zerba. The Wolves are coached by Chock, with Kevin Brock coaching the divers.

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Late shot sinks cagers in first game of season

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Too much restlessness on offense spelled defeat for the Clarkston girls basketball team in their opening game of the year at Livonia Ladywood Aug. 29.

The Blazers scored with two seconds left to score a 54-52 triumph against the Wolves. Kira Karlstrom led the Wolves with 16 points, while Jenn Carlson added 14.

The Wolves fell behind in the early going, as Ladywood took a 17-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Wolves rallied back to outscore Ladywood 16-9 in the second quarter, but still trailed 26-23 at the half.

Clarkston continued controlling the play in the third quarter, outscoring Ladywood 15-6 to take a 38-32 lead at the end of the period. However, Ladywood rallied back in the fourth quarter to set up the decisive finish.

Coach Ann Lowney believed the Wolves were in too much of a hurry offensively, as they failed to use their speed to their advantage.

"I thought we really struggled," she said. "We weren't really patient on offense. We didn't take advantage of our speed against their size. We came down and it was one pass and then a shot. We never made them guard us for more than 10 seconds."

Further evidence of the Wolves' impatience against Ladywood also came in the form of 23 turnovers, which Lowney said the Wolves will definitely have to correct in the future.

The Wolves played their first home contest of the season Tuesday, Sept. 3 when they hosted Holly. After that, they host West Bloomfield Thursday, Sept. 5 at 7 p.m., before traveling to Waterford Kettering for a Sept. 10 contest.



Setting the pace — Senior Kira Karlstrom led the Wolves with 16 points in their 54-52 opening game loss to Livonia Ladywood Aug. 29. The Clarkston News file photo.

Inexperience plagues netters in loss to Seaholm

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's girls tennis team is still getting used to the higher level of competition in Oakland Activities Association Division I.

The Wolves, who moved up from OAA II to OAA I this season, found out how tough the teams are in their new league when they lost a home meet Aug. 28 to Birmingham Seaholm 7-1. The Wolves are now 0-1-1 in dual meet action.

Stephanie Parkison notched the lone win for the Wolves at #2 singles, defeating Seaholm's Kaley Panosian 6-2, 7-5.

Coach Beth Manojlovich stated

Clarkston's inexperience in OAA I was a factor against Seaholm.

"This is our first year at OAA I and Seaholm has been there forever," she said. "Our doubles are inexperienced, but they're improving. I'm thinking by the end of the season, we'll be better than we are now."

According to Manojlovich, the Wolves have suffered a bit from the injury bug, with Katie Manvel (their #3 singles player) and doubles competitor Ashley Reddick both nursing injuries.

Manvel competed in the Seaholm matchup, but missed the Wolves' match Aug. 27 at West Bloomfield, in which the Wolves forged a 4-4 tie with the Lakers.

In Manvel's absence, Amy

Montero was called up from the junior varsity team and was victorious at #4 singles, defeating Jenna Kniski 6-0, 8-6.

Other Wolves who were victorious in the West Bloomfield meet were Colleen Mead at #1 singles, who defeated Kasia Mazur 6-0, 6-0; Parkison at #2 singles, who defeated Melissa Maxon 6-2, 6-3; and Lindsay Tigie and Tara Roth at #4 doubles, who defeated Kiki Panagopoulos and Neha Shawah 6-7, 6-4, 6-1.

The Wolves traveled to Troy Athens for a Sept. 3 meet, then returned home Sept. 5 to take on Birmingham Groves. They will then compete in the Fenton Invitational Saturday, Sept. 7.



Holding serve — Clarkston's Colleen Mead fires a shot in the Wolves' 7-1 loss to Seaholm Aug. 28. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Girls x-country preview

Continued from page 3B

son behind the rest of the distance group, but she qualified for the state finals (in the mile and 4 by 800 relay.)"

In addition, Kuhta, along with teammates Liz Mengyan, Anne Oltman and Gillian Nordquist, also made the All-American team in the 4 by one mile relay in June at the Adidas National Track and Field Championships in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Those four, along with Anna Kerr and Lauren Witt, are expected to comprise the core of this year's team. The seventh spot on the starting unit will be contested among freshman Beth Hoekstra, senior captain Marley Brown and sophomore Elizabeth Gorz, a newcomer to the cross-country team.

According to LaBrosse, Hoekstra has been impressive in the preseason and has a solid chance to make the starting unit. "She's been a big surprise for us," he said. "She has a chance to break into the top five."

LaBrosse also noted three freshmen — Lyndsay Smith, Kara Bogard and Carley Gray — will contribute to the team this season.

With the team at full strength this season, Clarkston is a preseason favorite to win the OAA I title, with Rochester Adams losing some runners from last year. After that, the Wolves are reaching for the top.

"We're hoping to compete for the state title," LaBrosse said.

The team began its season Friday, August 30 with a trip to Flint Carmen-Ainsworth. After that, the next meet on their schedule is a trip to the West Bloomfield Invitational Saturday, Sept. 7.

Athlete of the Week — Sean Gardner

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston High School senior Sean Gardner is once again proving himself to be the main scoring force on the Wolves' soccer team.

Gardner, a forward, scored two goals for the Wolves in their 10-0 win against Lapeer West Aug. 23 in their first game of the season, then followed that up with two more goals Aug. 26 as Clarkston tied Lake Orion 3-3.

An all-state performer last year, Gardner believes he has improved since that time due to his offseason work.

"I've gotten a lot stronger since last year, and my skills have gotten better from playing in a club," he said.

The Wolves made it all the way to the state quarterfinals last season, and finished second in Oakland Activities Association Division II. This year, the Wolves are competing in OAA Division I, and Gardner is anxious to see how the Wolves stack up in their new league.

"I'm hoping to place in the OAA I top three," he said. "We have a lot more competition. We want to win districts and try to make it farther than last year."

After graduating from Clarkston, Gardner hopes to attend either Michigan State University or Western Michigan University, although he is not sure yet what



Scoring machine — Senior forward Sean Gardner notched four goals in the first two games of the season for the Clarkston boys soccer team. Photo by Jeff Patrus. he will study. However, he hopes to continue with soccer for a long time.

"I'd like to play after college if I can," he said. In his spare time, Gardner enjoys hanging out with friends and going to the movies. He is the son of Maureen and Lee Gardner of Clarkston, and has two siblings: sister Bridget, 20, and brother Brady, a junior at Clarkston High School who is a midfielder on the CHS soccer team.

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10 & Under — FINAL	Coach	Color	W	L	T	Pts
	Chuck Parrott	Gold	10	0	0	20
	Eddy Wacek	Light Blue	7	3	0	14
	Ryan Berg	Denim	4	6	0	8
	John Moore	Red	2	7	1	5
	Marianne Livezey	Kelly Green	1	8	1	3
12 & Under — FINAL	Coach	Color	W	L	T	Pts
	Paul Hancock	Yellow	9	0	1	19
	Pat O'Malley	Light Blue	9	2	0	18
	Tom Nonnemaker	Athletic Heather	4	5	1	9
	Brooke Davis	Kelly Green	4	5	1	9
	Dan Keefe	Royal	4	6	0	8
	Darren Perry	White	2	8	1	5
	Bruce Fylypiw	Raspberry	2	8	0	4
14 & Under — FINAL	Coach	Color	W	L	T	Pts
	Brian Hoskins	Navy	8	2	0	16
	Mike Weightman	Raspberry	6	3	1	13
	Chris Scheuer	Yellow	6	4	0	12
	Tom Langan	Ash Gray	6	4	0	12
	Gary Molina	Turquoise	1	7	2	4
	Ryan Berg	Dark Green	1	8	1	3

Opening with a bang



Solid debut—The girls on the Clarkston Internal Medicine Team in the 12 and under league had a great time playing softball this season. The team posted a 6-6 record in its first year in the league. The girls had a fun time making new friends, improving their skills and laughing a lot. Pictured are: (front, l-r) Amber Finegan, Katie Smith, Brooke Fisher, Erica Rapley, Meagan McCallum, Katelyn Coates; (standing, l-r) Assistant Coach Bruce McCallum, Courtney Chase, Natalie Wozniak, Kel Anderson, Britt Rodgers, Betsy Mellen, Taylor Rademacher, Alyssa Lucas, Misa Rapley, Coach Kathy Smith. Photo provided.

Mengyan sets course record as girls' harriers triumph

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Even though they ran afoul of uniform rules, the Clarkston girls cross-country team still triumphed in their opening meet.

The team had two entries in their first meet of the year Aug. 30 at Flint Carmen-Ainsworth. Although one of the teams was disqualified for wearing illegal uniforms, the other team was good enough to capture first place in the meet.

Liz Mengyan took first place in the meet with a time of 18:57, which set a new course record and was six seconds off the school record. Gillian Nordquist followed with a third place finish, finishing at 19:37.

The surprise of the meet for the Wolves, according to Coach Jamie LaBrosse, came when freshman Lyndsay Smith took sixth place overall.

"She ran a great race," he said. "She beat some pretty decent runners, not only in the field but on our team."

Lauren Witt also placed with a time of 20:40, and Whitney Bomier, Beth Hoekstra and Carley Gray also medaled for Clarkston.

LaBrosse was pleased with the team's first meet of the year.

"They did a great job," he said. "Some of them ran faster than I ever thought they could. It was a nice meet."

The Wolves' next competition comes up Saturday, Sept. 7 when they compete in the West Bloomfield Invitational. LaBrosse stated the Wolves will receive some stiff competition from Brighton, which is among the top three teams in the state.

"It will be pretty tight between us two," he said.

Boys' cross-country earn decisive win at Carmen-Ainsworth

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Coach Mike Taylor was hoping the Clarkston boys cross-country team would triumph in the first meet of the year at Flint Carmen-Ainsworth Aug. 30.

He wasn't counting on the Wolves' margin of victory being so high.

Clarkston took first place in the meet with a total of 72 points, well ahead of second-place Hartland, which finished with 118 points.

"That surprised me a lot," Taylor said. "I thought it would be a closer meet. It was a warm day and a flat course. It was a good first meet."

Jared Elmore was the top runner for the Wolves, finishing 7th overall.

Mark Sitko followed with a 9th place finish, while Jack Kinsey placed 12th. Other medalists for Clarkston were Evan Schneider, who finished 17th, and Eric Moss, who placed 27th. In addition, Andy Kodra medaled with a 36th place finish for Clarkston, although he did not figure in the scoring.

"I was pretty pleased with the way the varsity ran," Taylor said. "I thought Sitko and Elmore would be a little bit closer to the leaders, but they ran a nice race. I was real pleased with Jack Kinsey. Evan (Schneider) did a nice job as well."

The Wolves' next meet comes up Saturday, Sept. 7 when they travel to West Bloomfield for the West Bloomfield Invitational.



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