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Where'd he go?



A size too big—Brendan Hughes is drowned in gear. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Unlikely hero emerges from recent rescue at park

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A day that could have had a mournful ending turned out the opposite thanks to a quick-thinking five year old.

Waterford resident Fidel Cantu and two of his grandchildren, Vincent, 6, and Vanessa, 5, were enjoying a walk and taking in the fall colors on a recent October weekend at Dodge 4 State Park in Pontiac, when the moment turned vital.

"We had been here for about 20 minutes when I got light-headed," Cantu explained, diagnosed as a diabetic only four months ago. "I needed to get to the car to take some glucose tablets, but my sugar had already dropped too low. I had had a light lunch and thought I was fine, but I didn't eat enough carbohydrates and my body needed that."

He attempted to dial for help on his cell phone, but he went into a diabetic shock. His mother was on the other end of the phone line. Vanessa picked up the phone and talked to her great-grandma, who told her to shake her grandpa to revive him.

But that didn't work and Vanessa ran to find a park ranger to help, while Vincent stayed with his grandpa.

Park manager Alex Garza said, "When we found him he was in bad shape. He didn't know who he was or where he was. We called 911 immediately. (Medical rescue) responded in 15 minutes



The gift of life—Fidel Cantu, center, hugs his grandchildren Vincent and Vanessa, students at North Sashabaw Elementary in Clarkston. They recently helped save his life after he went into a diabetic shock on a recent park outing with the two. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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Fortunately, Cantu has recovered from the in-

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Springfield treasurer Stiles passes away at 70

BY JEFF PATRUS
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The Springfield Township Board has lost a trusted colleague and a strong supporter of the community.

Lois Stiles, the township's treasurer since 1988, died Friday, Oct. 11 at the age of 70. She had been ill with the flu and possibly bronchitis, according to Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole.

Stiles was absent from the township's regular board meeting the previous evening.

"We weren't surprised that she was absent," Strole said. "We knew she would not be at the meeting because she was under the weather."

Just the same, Strole described Stiles' death as "unexpected." She praised her colleague as a dedicated servant of the community.

"I think Lois was very proud of serving and being the treasurer of Springfield Township," Strole said. "She took her responsibilities very se-

riously. She served as deputy treasurer for some period of time before she was elected treasurer. She also operated and owned a shoe store in the area. She had longtime roots in the area."



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Under Michigan state law, the township board must appoint a person to fill a vacancy on the board within 45 days of the position opening. According to Strole, there was a special board meeting Tuesday to discuss how to fill the vacancy, although she said no decision will be made at that meeting.

No funeral services are being held for Stiles, who is survived by husband Jim and sister Marian Maitland.

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The royal couple — CHS 2002 Homecoming King Daniel Howard and Queen Courtney Robinson at halftime of the CHS football game. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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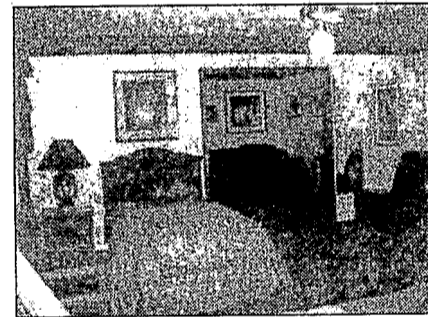
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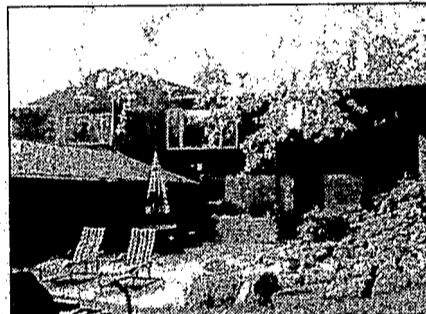
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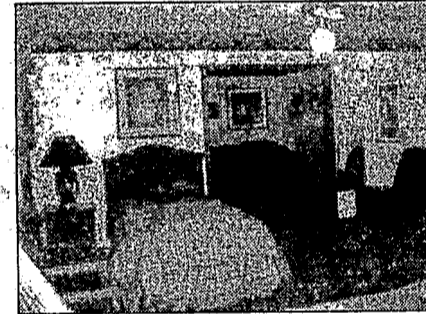
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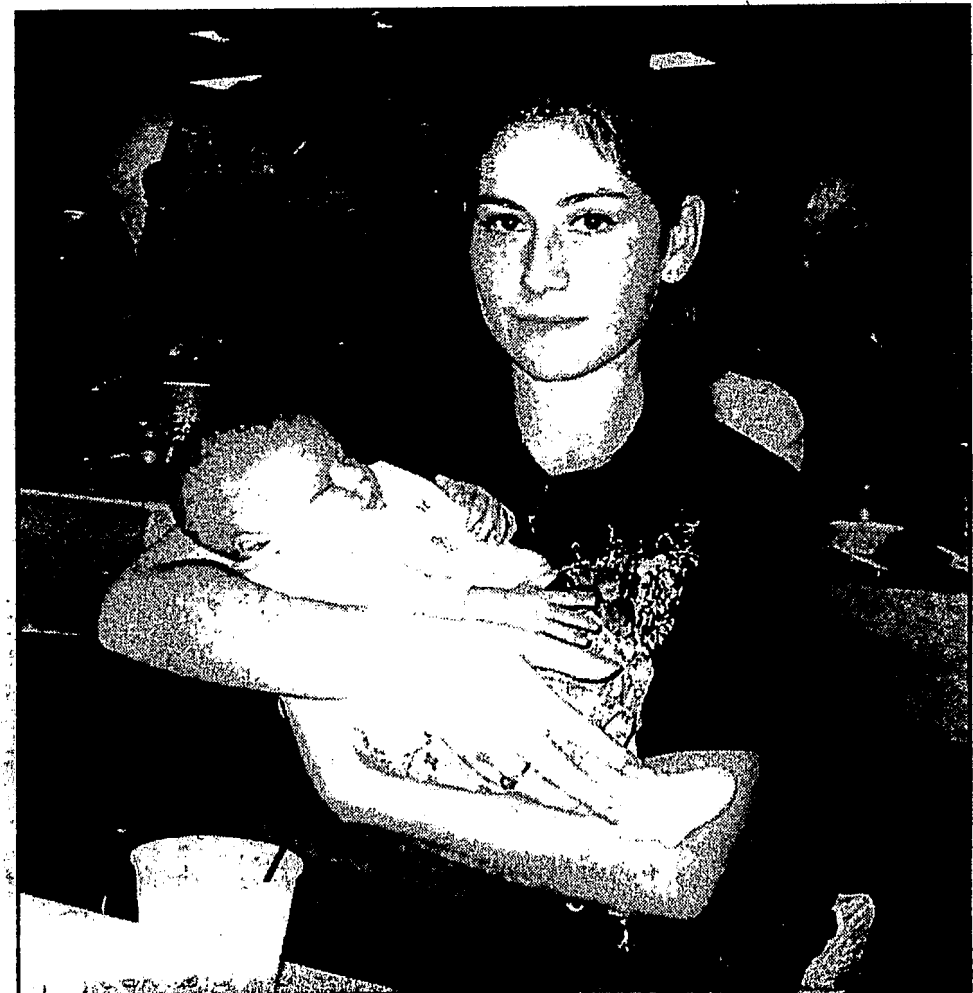
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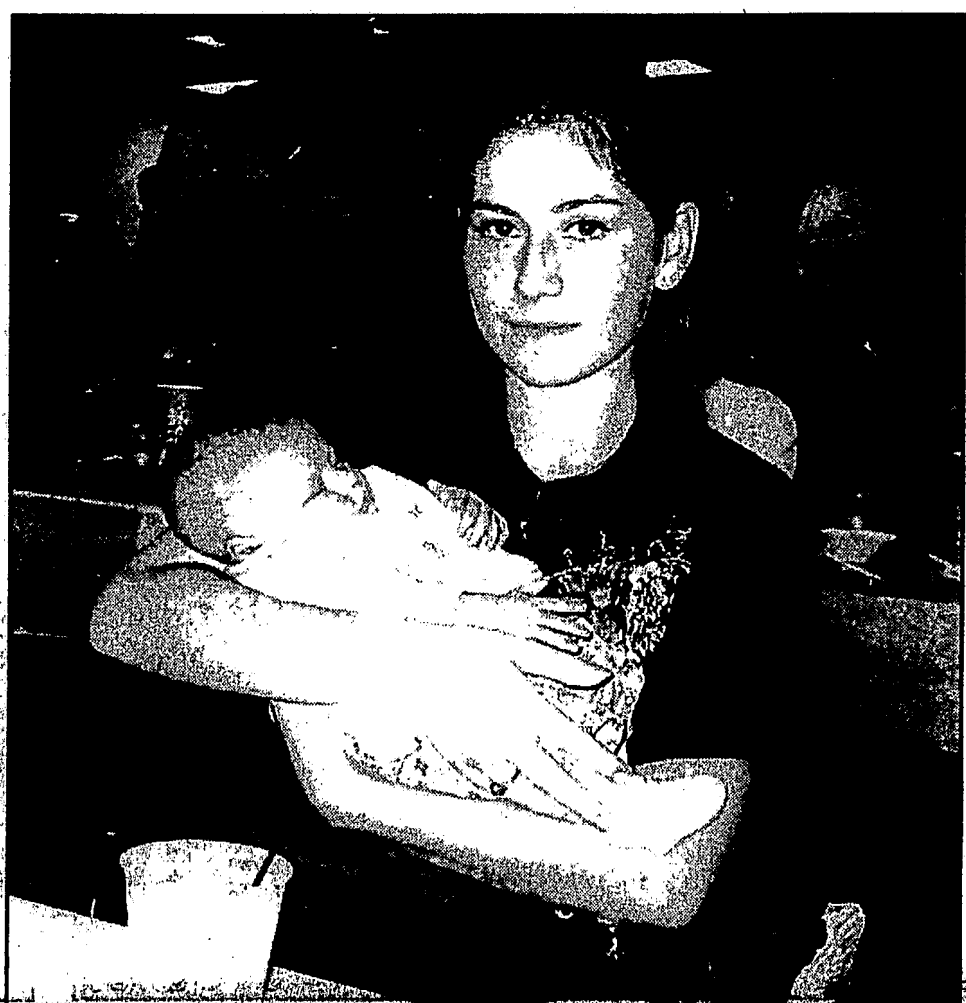
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Several local agencies contacted the Springfield Township offices asking for a share of the \$38,919 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated to Springfield.

After a public hearing and discussion by the board at its Oct. 10 meeting, the township decided to divide its allocated money to four different services. The board voted 5-1 to allocate \$19,000 of the township's CDBG money to these service activities, with Trustee Margaret Bloom opposing.

Treasurer Lois Stiles was absent due to illness; she passed away the next day at the age of 70 after suffering from the flu and bronchitis, according to Clerk Nancy Strole (see related story on page 1 for further details).

Bloom explained the reasoning behind her "no" vote.

"I was fully in support of HAVEN getting some of those funds," Bloom said. "I felt the funds should have been taken equally from Kaleidoscope, the library, and Neighbor for Neighbor."

The money was divided up as follows: \$7,500 to help with utility/housing expenses; \$5,500 for recreational/dinner services for seniors; \$4,000 for disabled services through the township library; and \$2,000 for domestic violence assistance.

City looking for full-time DPW employee; no timetable set

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The City of the Village of Clarkston's Department of Public Works has been short one employee for more than four months, but no timetable has been set to fill that spot.

Bob Pursley, the city's DPW director for 10 years, announced his resignation Friday, June 7, effective immediately. Since then, Brian Meloche was promoted to acting DPW director, a part-time position.

That left the department without a full-time em-

Springfield passes consent agenda at meeting

The Springfield Township Board voted to authorize the following consent agenda items at their Oct. 10 meeting:

- Lodging and travel expenditures for Clerk Nancy Strole to attend this year's SOLEC Conference, not to exceed \$600.
- The signing of the fiscal year 2003 SMART Municipal Credit Contract by Supervisor Collin Walls to continue the Senior Transportation Program with Independence Township.
- The appointment of Walls as alternate Springfield Township representative to the following lake boards: Big Lake, Dixie Lake, Susin Lake and Waumegah Lake.
- The purchase of additional chairs, tack board and miscellaneous furniture for the Civic Center at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.
- The purchase of mapping software for Davisburg and Andersonville Cemeteries not to exceed \$1,400.
- The removal of downed trees and stump grinding by Doug's Tree Care at Bridge Lake Cemetery at a cost not to exceed \$1,300.

Strole stated the township could only use 50 percent of its allocated money on public service activities, and could only allocate money for given services, not for the agencies providing these services.

"We tried to assess what amount of funds would have an impact (on the respective areas of need) and would be effective," she said. "We think the funds we've allocated can have a real effect."

During the public hearing, Claudine Goeddeke spoke on behalf of HAVEN, a domestic violence shelter in Pontiac. She requested \$2,500 from the township's

CDBG funds for the shelter, \$500 more than what the township allocated for domestic violence purposes.

According to Goeddeke, HAVEN worked with 36 individuals from Springfield Township on domestic violence-related issues. After Goeddeke spoke, Strole stated she strongly supports including some funding for victims of domestic violence.

In addition to the public service allocations, the board also voted 6-0 to allocate \$19,919 for removal of architectural barriers in the Shiawassee Basin as well as minor home repairs.

ployee. According to City Manager Art Pappas, the city has advertised for a full-time DPW worker and received plenty of interest. "We've had a lot of responses for the full-time position, but they haven't hired anyone," he said.

City Councilman Scott Meyland stated Meloche has accepted a position as a firefighter in Dearborn. His responsibilities there require him to be on 24-hour shifts for three days.

"He has a flexible schedule, so he can continue as the head of the department, since it isn't a full-time position," Meyland said. "He's in the process of doing some interviewing of additional workers for the DPW."

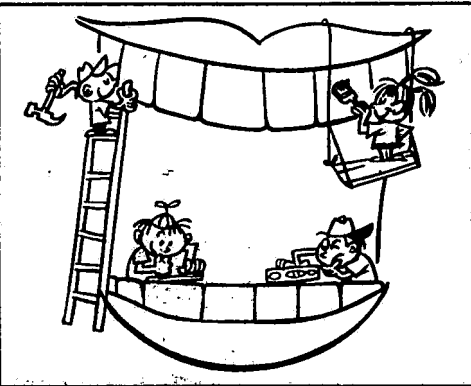
According to Meyland, the DPW vacancy has not impacted the department's ability to handle important community activities, such as the Crafts and Cider Festival and Fall Fun Daze.

"We've been able to manage the major events well," he said.

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Werner hopes to continue work on City Council

(Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of articles on the candidates running for Clarkston City Council. Incumbent Sharron Catallo is running unopposed for Mayor of Clarkston, and four candidates are vying for three seats on the Clarkston City Council.)

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston City Councilman Derek Werner has been a city resident almost as long as he's been alive.

He would like to see the community continue to grow and prosper, and so he is running for reelection to the council in the Nov. 5 general election.

Werner was appointed to the council July 24, 2001 after former councilwoman Karen Sanderson resigned in May 2001. He was reelected in November of that year to fill out the remainder of Sanderson's term.

He moved to Clarkston with his family in 1971 when he was 1-1/2 after his father completed a tour of duty in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from Clarkston High School in 1988, and earned his bachelor's of business administration from the University of Notre Dame in 1992.

Werner is currently an account executive and program manager for French and Rogers in Troy, an advertising agency. He is married to wife Kara and the couple has one daughter, Claire, who is seven-months-old.

He is running for reelection because he wants to give back to the area in which he grew up.

"I believe it's important to be involved in the community," Werner said. "It's something I find rewarding. I believe I have good problem-solving skills, and I'll do what I can to help make this a better community."

According to Werner, he has learned the importance of give-and-take and listening to different viewpoints.

"The biggest thing is you have to realize there are two sides to every issue," he said. "You have to listen

to both sides and make compromises. Not everybody's going to get what they want. As a council, it's our job to do things to benefit the community as a whole."

He believes the main issues facing the city are the ongoing Phase II of the city's water project and making sure the police and public works departments continue to provide quality service to city residents.

Werner commented he and the other members of the council speak to residents as much as possible to learn about the issues that affect them.

"We've been talking to people in the community, just getting a feel for what people think," he said. "We haven't heard many complaints, and the ones we have, I think we've addressed."

Looking to serve — Clarkston City Councilman Derek Werner said he is running for reelection because he wants to give back to the community in which he grew up. Photo provided.



Improvements shut down southbound I-75 rest area

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Motorists who use the southbound I-75 rest area near Clarkston will have to wait about eight months to use it again -- but they should expect a better rest area when they return.

Officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) closed the rest area Monday to begin about \$1.3 million worth of improvements. The project is scheduled to reopen about June 2003.

"We're going to take the building down and build a new one," Rob Morosi, a spokesperson for MDOT, said on Monday. "It will be a larger facility, which is greatly needed. It will have improved handicapped ac-

cessibility, additional parking, updated lighting, and improved environmental features, such as using infrared lights on toilets and sinks."

Morosi stated the facility, with a brick facade and frame design, will mimic the rest area along northbound I-75.

The project is part of a five-year plan for improvements to the state's rest area, according to Morosi. He believes that the state's motorists will benefit from increased convenience once the plan is completed.

"No traveler on an interstate freeway will be more than 70 miles from a rest area," Morosi said.

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Opinion

Pass the candy corn

As editor of this fine local paper, I get a plethora of press releases passed across my desk.

I receive faxes promoting every play, fair or concert in the metro Detroit area. One of my favorites is the weekly corn report sent to me. I mean, you can never have enough information on how this year's corn crop is proceeding.

After sifting through the mail looking for any local announcements, a great percentage end up in my circular file.

However this past week, one press release was so idiotic it caught my attention. It was from Ellen Jones of Delta Dental and titled "Tips for Protecting Trick-or-Treaters' Teeth" because as they said, "Halloween doesn't have to result in tooth decay." Delta Dental Plan is a group dental benefits provider in the Midwest.

Included in the tips for a fun and healthy Halloween were:

- **Serve a healthy supper to leave less room sweets.** As if any child would not have room for tons of candy on Halloween. I don't care if a child ate an entire five-course meal, they would have room for Milk Duds.
- **Offer tooth-friendly fare to trick-or-treaters like sugar free treats or travel size toothpaste and dental floss.** I have an even better idea. Why don't you just go ahead and egg and toilet paper your own home? It will save the kids some trouble. There is nothing like agitating a group of prepubescents who are all hopped up on sugar. Good call, Delta Dental Plan.
- **Encourage kids to drink water throughout the day to help rinse sugar away from their teeth.** And I hope the parents enjoy the 24 bathroom breaks that will be required during the few hours of trick-or-treating around the neighborhood. Let's just see how many times we need to get in and out of our costume.

First the dental profession ruins children's lives every six months by giving them fluoride treatment, and now they want to take Halloween away from the kids.

I mean, kids have been getting sick off of fun-size candy bars for years now. Why must we take the fun out of everything? It is once a year, let the kids enjoy themselves. I mean, Halloween is all about the kids.

What is next, trying to get Santa Claus to go on a diet? I guess the only one safe is the Easter Bunny since he eats carrots.

So kids, you have my blessing to consume as much candy as you desire on Oct. 31. And those houses which just leave a bucket filled with candy on the porch with a sign reading, "Take one, please," well, you know what to do.

Remember the good ol' days when the only thing you had to worry about was some sicko inserting pins into your Milky Way bar?

(FYI: For those with a sweet tooth let me highly suggest the combination of candy corn and peanuts in a mix form. Give it a try, it is indeed a tasty treat.)

(Kyle Gargaro is the editor of The Clarkston News and possibly the only human who can make a meal out of candy corn. His e-mail address is KyleG44@aol.com)

Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Supervisor voices opinion on proposals

I have recently been asked for my personal opinion or position on the two ballot issues that will be decided at the Nov. 5, 2002 General Election.

The issues are: 1) permission to issue \$26 million in bonds to build and furnish a new township hall and a combination senior center and recreation center; and 2) permission to levy up to one mill for the operating expense of the senior and recreation center.

A sincere group of individuals has aggressively researched the practicality, feasibility and community acceptance of a new senior and recreation center. I believed when I voted to put this issue on the ballot that the hard work of the research team deserved to have its proposal considered by the public at large.

This new facility would be a tremendous asset for the community. The new facility would significantly expand an already expansive recreation program. The cost to maintain and operate such a facility would be substantial. If the residents of Independence Township want this service and are willing to pay for it, the township can make it work.

The township can't risk the fees for use will cover the expenses; consequently the millage request. The township already subsidizes the Parks and Recreation programs by more than the entire amount we receive

as General Operating millage. Speaking frankly, this addition to the amenities of the community is a "want" not a "need."

Township hall is a beautiful structure replete with history and grace. The structure has served the community well for many years. Unfortunately, the township needs more space to house the employees needed to provide necessary services to the community in 2002, and for the next 50 years. The township needs a facility that is more conducive to easy access for citizens.

It is unlikely it will ever be cheaper for the township to construct the proposed facilities. At some point in time, the township will have to expand its facilities to house Assessing, Building and Planning, Clerk, Treasurer, Supervisor and Parks and Recreation.

It would be irresponsible for the township to fulfill a "want," i.e., the senior and recreation facility and neglect a "need," township hall. That is why I supported placing both of the issues on the same ballot.

Whatever the citizens of his township decide, I will accept with appreciation for their position on the matter. I would not support placing these issues before the voters again for the foreseeable future.

Dale Stuart

Independence Township Supervisor

Resident urges voters to choose Kostin

Roger Wingelaar, of The Oakland Press, in an editorial dated Sept. 2, made these comments concerning the upcoming judicial elections, and I quote, "What do you know about these candidates? What they do is important to you. You are placing them in positions to sit in judgement over you and make decisions that affect your money, your mobility and maybe even your freedom," unquote.

While the endorsements that a candidate receives certainly lends credibility to their candidacy, they are not a substitute for a voter's informed judgement. Good intentions and motivation aside, the judge who replaces Gerald McNally on Jan. 1 ought to have the requisite experience to handle the duties the office demands.

To have been a licensed attorney in the State of Michigan for the last several years is not the question;

the question should be has that person been a practicing attorney during that period of time. A practicing attorney should have maintained an office and practiced before the Oakland County court system on a regular ongoing basis.

How else does one gain the experience to be a sitting judge? One candidate for 52/2 District Court has this kind of experience, the other does not. Both are serving as magistrates; Kelley Kostin serves the 52/2 District Court and her opponent serves in Rochester, Michigan. The person you select will serve you for the next six years...make an informed decision, vote for Kelley Kostin on Nov. 5.

Philip Dutton
Clarkston

Thanks for great article about living independently

I would like to express my thanks to Jennifer Nemer and The Clarkston News for the article titled: "Living Independent with Down Syndrome," published in the Aug. 14, 2002 edition.

The article was well written and really caught the essence of a person with a mild disability and the potential to make a goal a reality. More than that, this article also helped those who have children with mild disabilities realize that becoming independent is a goal that is achievable, especially with programs similar to On My Own of Michigan.

My thanks to Jennifer for taking the interest to write such an article and to The Clarkston News for publishing it.

Jane Fouchey
Clarkston

Enjoy remembering with Jim

Dear Jim,

Read your "Jottings" of 18, September with great interest and concur, as usual, with most of your opinions and I enjoy your remembrances of the "good ol' days."

Which brings me directly to the point of this letter. The final comment of your column. As I read, it raised a most pleasant memory of travelling with my parents and two brothers in 1935, as Dad drove our '28 Olds. Somewhere between Roscommon and Fife Lake, I saw a series of red signs, printed in white and nailed to the topes of fence posts along the road. And they read:

*Whether it's cold
or whether it's hot
we shall weather
whether or not
Burma Shave*

Remember?

Thanks for reading,
Dick Stork

(Note from Jim: Dick, you stole my line. I'm supposed to say "thanks for reading!" So, thanks for reading and for taking the time to write!

More Letters to the Editor on Page 18

Reaching out to my 'inner-child'

Let me say this up front. Thank goodness the lads Shamus and Sean have their mother to keep them grounded. They're lucky they have her . . . which leads me to this.

I've found this parenting gig to be an interesting blend of enforcing basic unbreakable rules and using the best guesstimate on what's the "right" thing to do. (Maybe a local family counselor or child psychologist can read this and tell me what to do?)

Unfortunately for my limited grasp of the situation, the boys are not cookie-cutter kids. They are not carbon copies of the other. While they are good kids, have big blue eyes and blond hair, that is where their similarities end. Which means what works for one may not work for the other. I have to switch gears, change tactics when dealing with them.

Shamus, nearly five, is really smart. As such, he is also a by-the-book player. Rules are rules (whether or not they are the correct rules doesn't come into play) and rules are not to be broken. Things are either black or white, it is his way or the highway.

Sean, two and a half, is really clever. He's a charmer and scammer. He's gonna' be the guy looking for "the" angle.

Time outs are interesting. When time outs happen, we have a timer we set on the kitchen table. Time runs out, the bell rings -- usually about fifteen minutes later -- their imprisonment ends. Shamus will sit, lie or brood in his bed until the bell rings. And, he has always done this. He understands the rules of engagement.

Sean, on the other hand, has no set rules he lives by, except the ones he makes up as he goes. We set the timer for Sean, put him in his room, give him the lecture and leave. A minute later we'll hear the timer bell ring and Seanny will be by our side smiling. The little turkey figured out he can manipulate the timer, speed it up and make it ring on his schedule.



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Obviously we now have put the timer up where he can't reach it -- but it is only a matter of time before he figures something else out.

How dear wife Jen handles 'em I am not quite sure. She sees them way more than I and has not gone insane. Obviously she's doing something right, because they are good kids. I should ask her, but I'm from that old male school. Just like I don't ask for directions when we're driving, I try to find my own way while directing the boys. Yes, I'm relying on my inner compass to guide me.

I'm reaching out to my "inner-child" and making a connection with the baser-boy instinct to understand what makes them there lads tick.

I feel the need to gain their confidence. Infiltrate their ranks -- to try and become one with the enemy. I want them to think I'm "on their side." On their side, of course, until they cross the line. When that happens, I let them know with a deep, stern voice, what is what. I figure, just like a big ol' pappa-bear, once in a while you gotta' growl.

I've learned to growl only figuratively. I tried growling literally with Shamus, when he was about two years old. Sometime after that (days or weeks later) Shamus got mad at me. I knew because he growled at me. So, I filed that experiment into the "Do Not Use" box.

I just talk in human these days.

Becoming a parent, I think, has affected my brain. No longer is my mind razor sharp. It's dull. I have come to this conclusion not lightly. I have evidence to back it up. When, in a state of frustration and I need to bark (figuratively) at one of them, I often forget their name and resort to, "You, small, blond haired human child . . . no, not you, the other small, blond haired human."

How did this happen?

I've known this to happen to other parents, too. Why? Is it some sort of mind-meltdown that is genetically programmed in all of us to start when we raise children. Is it some sort of species survival mechanism?

What? Enquiring minds want to know.

I want to know.

Any ideas?

Comments for the guy trying to reach his inner child can be e-mailed to: donrushmedon@aol.com

A look back

From The Clarkston News

15 YEARS AGO (1987)

■The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, for a special Clarkston school district election. On the ballot will be one question, a request for a tax increase of 4.25 mills for operating purposes for four years. If approved, the school tax for the owner of an \$80,000 house assessed at \$40,000 would be \$1,520 this year, an increase of \$170.

■Leonard Grossman's second request for rezoning of property at M-15 and Oakhill Road was recommended for denial by the Independence Township Planning Commission after a public hearing in which six people expressed opposition. Grossman asked to rezone 12.38 acres at the southeast corner of M-15 and Oakhill Road from rural residential to single family attached residential.

■Businesses will have a chance to show their wares and services, and residents will have a chance to see them at the Chamber of Commerce introduction Wednesday, Nov. 18 at the Deer Lake Racquet Club. The kickoff of the Independence Township area Chamber of Commerce is planned from 6-9 p.m. Township Treasurer John Lutz said.

25 YEARS AGO (1977)

■In a meeting whose length exceeded the items on the agenda, the Clarkston Village Council discussed building permit problems and a lack of communication with the Planning Commission. At least two permits issued by the building department have been revoked. It was the council consensus that more building permits have been issued improperly than properly as of late.

■A motion to ratify a two-year contract for Clarkston school building administrators failed Monday night as board trustees were split on whether to allow financial incentives during the second year of the proposed contract. A similar motion to ratify a two-year contract for central office administrators -- administrative assistants and assistant superintendent -- was passed.

■Clarkston's junior and senior high schools are rallying to raise \$2,000 to help provide funds to continue SCAMP for the summer of 1978. The 15-mile walk, scheduled for Oct. 23, will start at Independence Oaks Park at 12:30 p.m.

50 YEARS AGO (1952)

■The speaker at Rotary on Monday was George D. Higgins, State Senator. Mr. Higgins is an expert on taxation and his talk was on taxes. Those who had taken the attitude that regardless of what you called the levy it was still a tax, were in for a pleasant surprise as Mr. Higgins' talk dealt more with the person who cheats, or should it be said "forgets the tax."

■When the Clarkston P.T.A. met on Thursday evening of last week a membership drive was started. Mrs. Warren McVittle is membership chairman. The room mothers will make the personal contacts. Mrs. William Powell is chairman of room mothers. Mrs. L.V. Cushman conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Beryl Blackett was elected secretary.

■The following items were on special at Terry's Market in Clarkston: fresh ground beef, lean, 59 cents/lb.; bananas, golden ripe, two pounds for 29 cents; frozen peas, two packages for 43 cents; butter, Remus, 75 cents/lb.; spare ribs, lean and meaty, 53 cents/lb.; spinach, cello package, 19 cents; skinless link sausage, 49 cents/lb.; Defiance coffee, 79 cents/lb.; kidney beans, two cans for 23 cents; frozen chicken pot pie, 39 cents each.

I can't believe I gave up my tv clicker

One doesn't have to be getting on in years to get set in their ways. I remember wanting things my way at an early age. How many times have we heard, said or at least thought, "My way or the highway!"

Aging, of course, gives us more things to be firm about. Habits must continue, never to be broken. Like: hanging clothes a certain way on the hanger, bacon crisp, "our" chair, "my" cup and complete control of the television remote control.

As far as I am concerned, life loses meaning when one does not have the clicker at hand. There are programs that can't be missed. An episode gone is a sleepless night. A game unseen is a game unplayed. Voids are created in life when an "I Love Lucy," a "M*A*S*H," a "Jackie Gleason" or "60 Minutes" show are missed on their scheduled nights.

However, stronger than the pull toward the electronic control is the blood-line.

Thus, when my sister Barbara visited from Florida recently, I bravely (and through tears, other emotions and a forced smile) said, "You can watch anything you want. I have no preferences."

I lied.

And after dinner, with conversation waning, Barb took control of the tube. Let me say, it wasn't as bad as I thought. I'd recently switched from cable reception to satellite. It's a whole different set of program numbers.

For example, 8030 is Channel 7, 210 is CSPAN, 140 Comedy Central, etc. So, I'm still not really used to the new clicker, and I'm certainly not familiar with what numbers will bring me a desired program, if with

the package I bought, I can get one of my usual programs at all.

As a consequence I watched what Sister selected. She does, after all consider herself a queen and demands to be so treated by her younger brother. She always has. And, I always have.

Right!

I watched "Emeril Live." Two episodes in a row one night. I have never heard of this food mixer/cooker. I didn't ask Barb why she watches a food channel when she no longer cooks. I just watched and wondered if all those ingredients are necessary. If you're going to cover your food with a sauce a sprig of parsley is a waste.

My sister must have been really desperate one night, or she was trying to stir up her brother as she did in our growing-up years.

Having known me a lifetime, she knows my dislikes, and settled on a rerun of "Beverly Hillbillies." How long have the Clampets been off the air? I know they started in 1962. The acting is so bad they never should have been on the air in the first place. Even my sister could stand just one episode of that one.

The one show she ran across while going through the guide was "Coach." I liked that show, and apparently Sis did too.

You may recall, actor Craig Nelson is Coach in the show of the same name. But the show's major attraction is Jerry VanDyke. He plays assistant coach and he's funny. Nelson is now in "The District," and VanDyke does Big Lots commercials.

That "Coach" rerun was better than most current comedies. It's right there with "I Love Raymond" and "Becker."

It was nice having my sister here, but it's nicer having the clicker in my control (even if I can't find a particular station). I can only hope that in my clicking I don't run across Emeril.

Jim's
Jottings



Jim Sherman

Chamber started 15 years ago to serve business community

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

From their first meeting 15 years ago, the Clarkston Arera Chamber of Commerce has grown dramatically.

The chamber has more than 400 members today, a far cry from their initial membership in 1987. The organization kicked off with a Nov. 18, 1987 meeting at Deer Lake Racquet Club.

One of the chamber's founding members, Buck Kopietz of Tierra Fine Jewelers, explained how it all got started.

"There had been a number of local business associations prior to the chamber, such as BAIT (Business Association of Independence Township) and the Clarkston Downtown Business Association, both of which had been organized to deal with local business issues," he said. "However, there had never been an organization to promote commerce in the Clarkston area. John Lutz (then Independence Township treasurer) had talked to a number of business people and said there needed to be a chamber to support com-

merce in the Clarkston area."

For his part, Lutz stated two individuals, Bruce Mercado (one of the chamber's first presidents) and Brenda Orlando (the chamber's first treasurer) were influential in getting the organization up and rolling.

"It's these individuals that really brought this out," he said. "We had so many talented people. I'm very



John Lutz

thankful I was a part of it."

Before he became Independence Township Treasurer, Lutz owned Design Wall Painting, a small business in Waterford. When he became treasurer, he realized a lack of a Chamber of Commerce in Clarkston was something that needed to change.

"Coming into this community, I understand the importance of a Chamber of Commerce," he said. "I thought that (a lack of a chamber) was something that needed to change."

With that in mind, approximately 30-40 business owners got together for breakfast at 20 Depot Restaurant, owned by Ed Adler, himself a local businessman, to discuss the possibility of forming a Chamber of Com-

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Obituary

Lorraine M. Kinney-Carlson

Lorraine M. Kinney-Carlson of Clarkston, formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. died Saturday, Oct. 12 at the age of 84.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Walter Kinney Sr., second husband Conrad Carlson, granddaughter Kristi Kinney, and parents Albert and Olive Rose; mother of Bridget (David) Lundy of Adrian, Walter Jr. (Phyllis) Kinney of Sault Ste. Marie, Carol (Gary) McClellan of Frankenmuth, Timothy (Jill) Kinney of Colorado, Kathryn Kinney of Florida and Dan Kinney of Clarkston; also survived by 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; sister in law of Janet (the late Francis) Rose of Clarkston; special aunt of Tom and Kathie Rose of Clarkston and Sally Durocher of Pennsylvania.

Lorraine owned and operated Lorriane's Emporium at the Dixieland Flea Market for more than 20 years. From 1948-1975, she and her husband Walter Kinney Sr. owned and operated The Antlers Restaurant in Sault Ste. Marie and had been active in the Loretto's Mother's Club and Hiawatha Figure Skating Club.

A memorial Mass was held Oct. 15 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston; interment held at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic School, Sault Ste. Marie. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Marion F. Kozlowicz

Marion F. Kozlowicz of Simpsonville, Kentucky, formerly of Clarkston, died Saturday, Oct. 12 at the age of 81.

She was the husband of Greta for 60 years; father of Charlotte Kay of Kentucky and Floyd (Joyce) Kozlowski of Arizona; grandma of Kevin, Shawn and Shannon.

Marion was a former member of St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston and member of Lyskawa V.F.W. Post #7546.

A funeral Mass was held Oct. 16 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of committal at Christian Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Louisville.

Harry T. Rochford

Harry Thomas "Tom" Rochford of Waterford, formerly of Dayton, OH, died Wednesday, Oct. 9 unexpectedly due to kidney and heart failure at the age of 63.

He was the husband of Joyce for 41 years; father of Mark (Lisa) of Waterford; brother of James (Carol) of North Carolina, Robert (Pam) and Joanne, all of Ohio.

Tom retired from General Motors after 27 years

of service. He was vice president of P.T.I. in Dayton, Ohio, was program manager at GenCorp Automotive, Farmington Hills and Saargummi Americas, Ann Arbor and was currently employed at MacDonald Industrial Programs, Grand Rapids. He loved fishing and boating.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment followed at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

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Around Town

Registrations are now being taken for Fall 2002 swim lessons. Saturday lessons begin Oct. 19 and Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 have now been added at 12:30 p.m. There are still openings in the Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday classes. Two sessions are being offered. Session I begins the week of Oct. 7 and Session II begins the week of Oct. 30. Registrations are begin taken at the Clarkston Community Education Center, 6300 Church St. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. For more information, call 248-623-4321.

Carol R. McCarthy, executive director of Academically Talented Youth Programs at Western Michigan University, will address parents and educators on the topic of student assessment, Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at Clarkston High School in the Large Group Instruction room. "Student Assessment: Finding out what your child knows, making use of the results" will provide insight for parents interested in assessing their student's level of mastery and will include information on the Midwest Talent Search. The meeting is sponsored by the Academic Boosters of Clarkston, an affiliate of Clarkston Community Schools. For more information, contact Sherri Kerby at 248-969-3728.

Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church will hold their annual Harvest Supper, Saturday, Oct. 26. Turkey and all the trimmings from 4:30-7:30 p.m., at the corner of Jossman and Bald Eagle in Groveland Township. Call 248-627-2501 for more information.

Around Town for Halloween

Independence Township Parks and Recreation presents **The Friendly Forest**, Saturday, Oct. 19 from 5-8 p.m. at Clintonwood Park for ages eight and under. Cost is \$5/resident and \$7/nonresident. Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 18. Tickets will not be sold on site. Cartoon and fairy tale characters will guide children through a forest, where they can gather up all kinds of Halloween goodies. Call 248-625-8223.

Springfield Oaks Activity Center, at Andersonville and Hall roads, will host a Halloween Hop, Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for individuals with mental impairments (with or without physical disabilities). There will be a dinner, music, dancing and a Trick-or-Treat Street. Dress in your favorite costume. For more information call 248-625-8133.

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation will be offering Halloween crafts for children of all ages Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway in Davisburg. Cost is \$5/child. Each child will make two easy crafts to give as gifts to their parents, grandparents or teachers or to keep for themselves. An adult must accompany children under five years of age. Registration is required one week before. For additional information, call Parks and Rec at 248-634-0412.

The Young at Heart Senior Group will hold their annual Halloween Party, Thursday, Oct. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., for \$5/person at the Hart Community Center in Davisburg. Come dressed in a costume and receive a small prize. The best costume winner also wins a prize.


Visit Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw in Clarkston for a Halloween Spooktacular, Saturday, Oct. 26 from 7:15-10 p.m. This spirited evening of spooky outdoor fun includes a magic show with Doug Sheer, a trick-or-treat trail and creepy critter talk. Cost is \$4/person. Call 248-625-6473.

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation offers a great alternative to door-to-door trick or treating. Bring the children 12 years and younger, in their costumes, out to the Hart Community Center on either Saturday, Oct. 26 or Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5-8 p.m. to walk through an indoor, happily haunted trail and collect candy and gifts along the way. Participants must bring their own trick or treat bags. Juice and snacks will be provided. Fees for the trail are \$3/child for residents and \$5/child for nonresidents. Registration accepted at the door. Call Parks and Rec at 248-634-0412 for further details.

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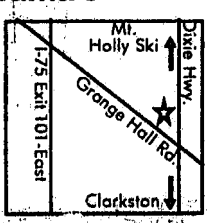
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Sunday, Oct. 13, automatic alarm on Flemings Lake.

Saturday, Oct. 12, a harassment complaint on Hummingbird Lane. The complainant stated an unknown person placed a bag of animal dung on top of her car parked in her driveway.

A larceny from a garage was reported on Lakeview. More than \$2,000 worth of items were stolen. There were no signs of forced entry.

A man on Princeton reported someone stole five guns, valued at \$2,775, from his home gun cabinet.

Friday, Oct. 11, a home invasion on Cornell. The responsible was chased out of the home and drove off in a white sedan. The suspect stole money, jewelry and a wallet.

Tuesday, Oct. 8, an unknown person, driving a small red car, drove off without paying \$10 in gas from a station on Dixie. No license plate number was obtained.

A 24-year-old man is suspected of threatening and harassing a couple on St. Elizabeth Court. The man is their daughter's live-in boyfriend. Numerous damage has been done to the home the past few weeks.

Springfield Township

Saturday, Oct. 12, a malicious destruction of property on Dixie. A woman reported her windshield was damaged while she was driving by a rock thrown by a nine-year-old boy. The boy's father agreed to pay for the damages.

A 17-year-old man was arrested for a malicious destruction of a vehicle and obstructing a police officer on Louise.

Friday, Oct. 11, harassment on Davisburg. The complainant stated he was receiving 30-40 hang up calls a day since Oct. 8.

Larceny of vehicle parts was reported from a car dealership on Dixie. Four wheels and tires were stolen off a truck, valued at \$2,300.

Larceny and malicious destruction of property occurred on Stonewall. An unknown person damaged the fence and light fixtures on the property and stole 30-40 light bulbs.

Monday, Oct. 7, a 19-year-old woman stated she was the victim of a simple assault and battery on Taylor Lane when she went to pick up some of her belongings from a friend's house.

Holly boy to be arrested for destroying gov't property

A warrant has been obtained for the arrest of Dereck Vowell, 16, of Holly, for malicious destruction of property that occurred Aug. 6, said Sgt. Frank Schipani of the Springfield Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Vowell was behind the wheel of a two-tone blue Chevrolet truck when he and a passenger drove into a fence surrounding a Federal Aviation Administration transponder on White Lake.

The passenger, also a 16-year-old Holly boy, is not being charged, Schipani said.

Approximately 200 feet of fence was knocked down, and police reports stated it appeared the vehicle impacted locations of signage stating "U.S. Government Property" and "Property of the F.A.A."

A box on the property was also forced open and an antenna was unplugged.

An 18-year-old man, and friend of the suspects, saw the story and a picture of the suspected vehicle in the news and contacted police in August, stating he knew who was responsible.

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Citizens should get involved, know issues and challenge leaders

I am always amazed when I listen to politicians talk during an election year. I find it surprising that as citizens we do not challenge these men and women with information based on research and fact. Last week I had the opportunity to hear several speakers representing individuals running for various legislative offices. One candidate made the statement "All children will read by the end of third grade."

Most reading experts would cringe upon hearing this statement. No it isn't that their expectations are low, and they certainly do not disagree with this being our number one goal. However, they know for a fact that youngsters learn at different rates and in different ways. Educators and most parents understand that some students come to school with a wealth of experiences, and others lack exposure to even the most rudimentary experiences. They recognize that there are pupils who live in homes where stories are told and books are read, and there are youngsters who do not have access to such language development activities. They comprehend the fact that some families clearly value education and others may not have the time, tools or inclination to support the learning process.

Now, I applaud efforts to reach each and every child and my focus is one that embraces the concept of continuous improvement! Nonetheless, communities across this land need to understand that there is no mathematical formula, magical technique, or educational practice that will result in students learning in evenly distributed time intervals. This concept, while noble, negates developmental theory. There are peaks and valleys that pupils encounter throughout their lives. Yes, we can help them be successful in navigating the course, but many students experience short-term set backs somewhere along the road, and in fact, they learn from those experiences.

Readers and other community members have a real stake in the Clarkston Schools. So permit me to challenge my fellow citizens to think about the realities and the rhetoric and to discuss the challenges that need

to be met with your friends and neighbors:

- We know that students benefit greatly when their parents/guardians are involved in the educational process. Knowing that, what can be done to garner the support of all parents/guardians? How can others in the community help our children develop the right attitudes about education? What can school officials do to help those in need of assistance? What can you do to become part of the solution?

- We know that an extraordinary amount of learning takes place before a child turns five years old and enters Kindergarten. We also know that background experiences and activities help students get off to a successful start. Since pre-school is not funded by the state, what is our community willing to do to insure all Clarkston kids hit the road running? What can school officials do to accentuate the need for quality early childhood experiences?

- We know that we must live within our means and that the state's economic projection is a bit gloomy. We also know that our school system receives less

money per pupil from the state than most other Oakland County districts receive. What can be done to do "more with less"? What tough decisions must be made to keep us solvent while keeping to our "kids first" philosophy? How do we help individuals understand that decisions must be made to benefit all 7900 youngsters?

This year will be a challenging one! I feel the best way to meet challenges is to have a clear understanding of issues. I feel strongly that all community members should be aware that misinformation should be at least questioned, if not challenged.

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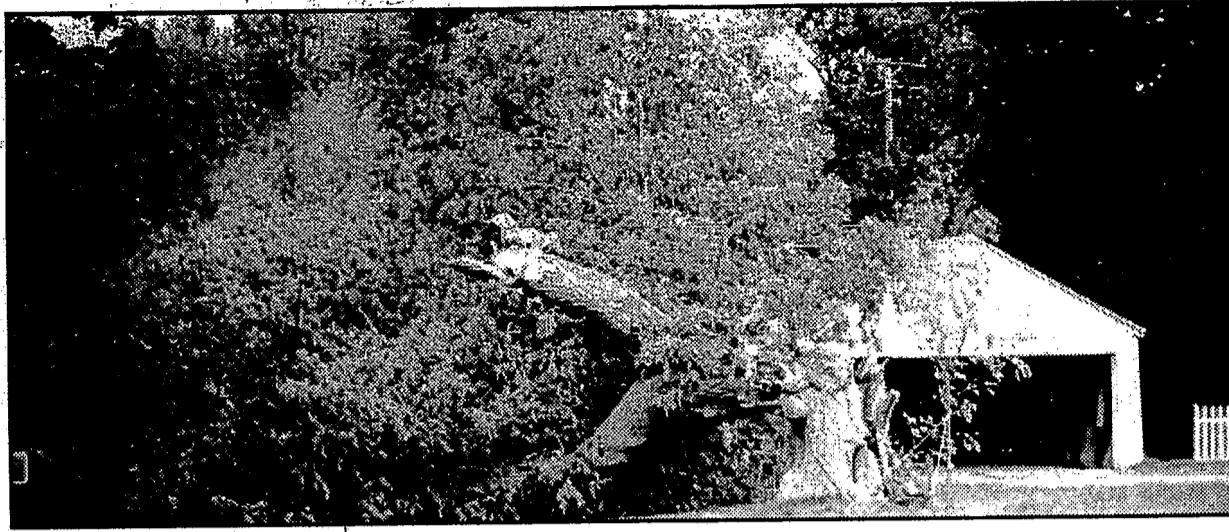
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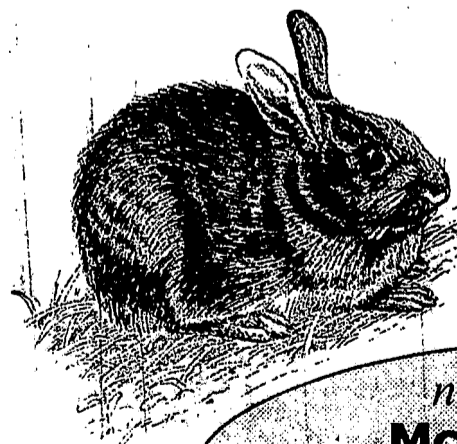
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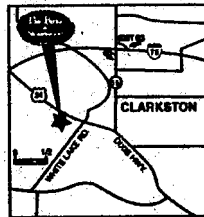
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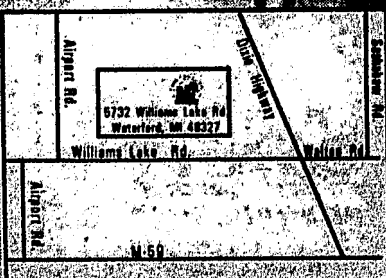
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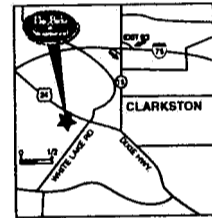
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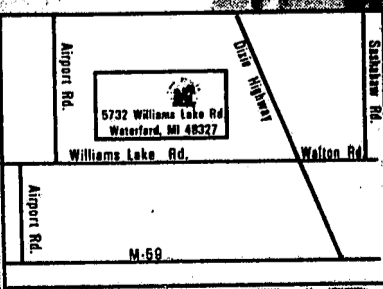
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Hiking to school -- Brownie Troop 1192 from Springfield Plains Elementary recently participated in the "Walk to School Day" on Wednesday, Oct. 2. The program is put on by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports. Members of the second grade brownie troop pictured above include Tyler Joyce, Katie Stefani, Taylor Tekiele, Andrea Dupart, Olivia Moore, Maria Pangori, Chelsea Weiler, Annette Brantley, Madison McGuire, Shawna Mulcahy, Kelsey Riemenschneider, Monique Zentner, Paige Funk, Morgan Gibson, Mary Grego, Mallory Linehan, Leeanne Mckee and Emma Zelinsky. Not pictured are Emily Arnold, Baylee Suddon, leader Lisa Stefani and co-leaders Laura Pangori and Kathy Arnold. *Photo provided.*

Business Briefs

The board of Clarkston Financial Corp., the holding company for Clarkston State Bank, elected Edwin L. Adler as its chief executive officer, a post he holds in addition to serving as chairman and director.

Adler, who is also a founder of Clarkston State Bank, assumes the title from David T. Harrison, a founder and director, who along with his wife Wanda, was killed in an accident in August.

The board also announced Dawn M. Horner, president and chief operating officer, has assumed the additional title as the bank's chief executive offer.

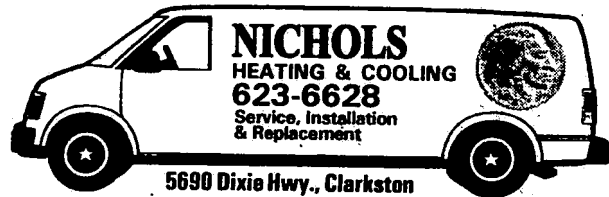
Richard Gray of Clarkston, dealer for MGM Grand Detroit Casino, was named one of the casino's outstanding employees.

Gray was recognized as part of the casino's

"Grand Celebrity Award" program, designed to reward employees, or "Cast Members," for work achievements above and beyond the call of duty.

Casino officials said Gray has proven himself as a role model for other employees by performing exceptional acts of "Grand Class Service."

Team Advantage, the four person realtor team at Real Estate One in Clarkston, has been hired by HCI (Hartman-Cyr Inc. Developers) to market and sell Phase I of their new golf community condominiums in Davison, located on the northwest corner of Atherton and Atlas roads, just southwest of the city.



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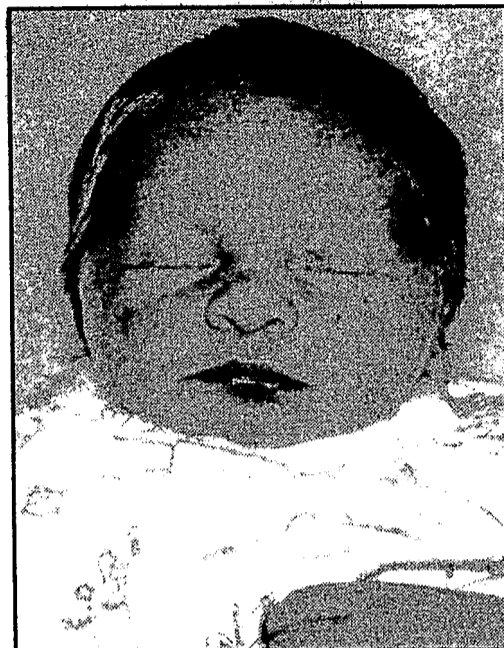
Clarkston Milestones



Just Married

Amy and Jon Ebright exchanged wedding vows at Baker's of Milford, June 14, 2002. They are both graduates of Western Michigan University. Amy is a special education teacher in the Huron Valley school district. Jon is a sales representative for Astra-Zeneca Pharmaceuticals. Amy graduated from Our Lady of the Lakes High School in Waterford and Jon from Heritage High School in Saginaw. The bride's parents are John Weiler of Clarkston and Bev Weiler of Clarkston. The groom's parents are Ron and Sandy Ebright of Saginaw. Jon and Amy currently reside in Milford.

Welcome



(Above) Brian and Wendy (Wilson) Clem of Goodrich announce the birth of their son **Jonathan McCann Clem**, born Sept. 22, 2002 in Pontiac. Jonathan weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 18 inches. He was greeted home by big sister Megan, 3 1/2. Proud grandparents are Roy and Sharon Warner of Goodrich, Russell and Valerie Wilson of Holly, Lawrence and Betty Clem of Decatur, Ala., and great-grandparents Edward and Lee Maslowski of Punta Gorda, Fla.

Eric and Martha (Huttenlocher) Manting of Oakland announce the birth of their son **Jack Alexander Manting**, born June 29, 2002 in Pontiac, weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz. and measuring 20 inches. Jack was greeted home by big brother Nicholas, 2. Proud grandparents are Judy Huttenlocher of Clarkston, Bill and Jean Carpenter of Naples, Fla., and Ralph and Judy Manting of Big Rapids, and great-grandparents Beverly Bradley of Clarkston, Jack and Kay Korff of Grand Rapids, and Leona Severson of Kalamazoo.

Charlie and Melanie Robertson of Rochester announce the birth of their daughter **Anna Lilly Robertson**, born Sept. 30, 2002 in Rochester. Anna weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 19 1/2" long. She was welcomed home by brother Gray. Proud grandparents are Chuck and Kay Robertson of Clarkston and Mollie Baldwin of Dorset, U.K. as well as great-grandmother Doris Lloyd also of Dorset.

Just Married

Marya H. Gelner and Benjamin T. DeGrow exchanged wedding vows at Grace Fellowship Church in Lakewood, Colo., Sunday, July 21, 2002. The bride, of Sedalia, Colo., is the daughter of Judy Gelner of Sedalia and Larry Gelner of Dover, N.H. The groom, of Jonesville, formerly of Clarkston, is the son of Raymond and Sandra DeGrow also of Jonesville, and formerly of Clarkston. Marya is a 2002 graduate of Hillsdale College, while Benjamin is a 1999 graduate of Hillsdale College as well as a 2001 graduate from Penn State University where he received a master's degree in history. A marriage celebration was held at the First Baptist Church of Clarkston on Aug. 10, 2002. The couple honeymooned in Great Britain and now reside in Golden, Colo.



In Service

Army 1st Lt. **Joshua L. Holst** deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, to support the mission of Operation Enduring Freedom. The son of Phillip and Carlene of Clarkston, Holst is an infantry officer regularly assigned to the 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C. He is a 1996 graduate of Clarkston High School, and 2000

graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

Marine Corps Pfc. **Luke M. Hall**, son of Luanne Hall of Clarkston, completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. and was meritoriously promoted to his current rank.



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Reader has suggestions for religious complainant

I am responding to The Clarkston News Oct. 2 "Informed Voters," Letter to the Editor where a prominent member of the community complained about a local priest. I apologize, because, unlike the previous writer, I can't pass on a "bishopy" greeting, as I am neither a self-appointed bishop or possess the prominence of the previous writer.

It is unfortunate the local pastor did not consult with the writer before giving his homily. Obviously the writer had an agenda that was much more important. The complainant (previous writer) wanted to conduct a session at mass to share his views with many others. He was very adamant the pastor apparently should publicly endorse Dick Posthumus and Andrew Raczkowski

because of their stance on abortion.

Either the complainant has not been listening to these homilies or is not in regular attendance when the pastor presides, since the local pastor gives excellent homilies and openly takes a firm position defending the sanctity of life at the pulpit. The pastor that was vilified has many attributes. He is a kind, intelligent, loves his vocation, well-written and is well-liked.

It is unfortunate that the previous writer would like to turn the mass into a circus-like debate. I intend on voting for Dick Posthumus and Andrew Raczkowski, but I don't attend church to listen to political debates and other people's political agendas. Had the Oct. 2 complainant been informed at mass, in the "Michigan

Catholic" and other news media, he would have known for obvious reasons that the clergy can not openly endorse political candidates.

My suggestion to the Oct. 2 complainant is as follows:

- Contribute to your local Right-To-Life organization without any personal agenda.
- If you have not done so in your position with your knowledge and support, establish clinics to assist people who would abort an unwanted baby.
- Swallow your pride and apologize.

George W. Graunke
Ortonville

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Kristy Paddison
Clarkston

Detective wants voters to choose Fortinberry for judge

To the voters of Northwest Oakland County: Please don't miss a chance on Nov. 5 to vote for Dana Fortinberry for District Judge.

As a former Michigan State Trooper and former Special Agent for the Department of Justice, I have known Dana both personally and professionally for more than 20 years. In my career in law enforcement, I have watched many inexperienced judges make decisions

which ultimately result in bad case law. These decisions negatively affect all citizens in the state of Michigan.

Dana's more than 20 years experience in the Prosecutor's Office, as well as her years as a Magistrate and trial attorney, clearly put her far ahead of the other candidate for this very important position.

I encourage the voters of Northwest Oakland County to review the experience of the candidates carefully before the Nov. 5 election. I'm sure that you will conclude that the right choice for this ever-so important position is Dana Fortinberry.

Derek Sutherin
Traverse City Police Department Detective

Resident says vote yes on Township Proposals 1 and 2 in November

I will vote "Yes" on Township Proposals 1 and 2 in November. These proposals provide funding for an Independence Township Community Center to be located in the Clarkston area.

In a recent survey, Michigan ranked as one of the most overweight population in the nation. The proposed center would feature exercise facilities, a gymnasium,

a swimming pool, an indoor track, as well as social and recreational programs. What better way to promote physical fitness in the community for youngsters, oldsters and mid-lifers.

Lapeer opened its new community center in 1995. It is achieving its financial objectives and should pay health dividends to its population for decades. With build-

ing construction costs projected to escalate in the future, Independence Township should begin this worthwhile project soon. It will benefit the entire community.

A "Yes" vote on Township Proposal 1 and 2 will get things started.

Lois Seddon
Clarkston

Judge candidate Kostin has given to the youth of this community

I am writing to support Magistrate Kelley Kostin for District Judge of the 52-2 District Court.

As a teacher of adjudicated youth, I praise those who provide our youth with options though preventive measures rather than allowing children to become part of the judicial system. As a judge, Kelley Kostin's proposed prevention programs such as Court in Schools and Teen Court would give our children an opportunity to correct behaviors before having to appear in front of

a judge. Through Kelley's efforts, keeping a few children out of the judicial system would be a victory for society and our communities.

As a parent at Bailey Lake Elementary, I have seen Kelley Kostin's commitment to our children when she conducted a mock court during Career Day. Through Kelley's expertise she was able to provide children an exposure to many career options available in our judicial system.

As a member of this community, I recognize Kelley Kostin's deep commitment to our children as evident by her being awarded Youth Volunteer of the Year by the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce.

Please join me in electing Kelley Kostin as our next District Judge because the children in our communities are worth it.

Becky Marchaindo
Clarkston

Senior Advisory Committee member answers questions about proposals

It was encouraging to read the Letter to the Editor written by Mr. Allsteadt in the Oct. 9 Clarkston News. We, on the Advisory Committee, have been urging our residents to air their views and voice their objections to the ballot proposals concerning the new township hall and senior/community center.

The committee has put together a fact sheet hoping to answer many of the questions being asked. We have started distribution of this sheet and intend to provide one for each household in the 15 voting precincts.

As to Mr. Allsteadt's concern that a blank check will be given to the township board to do as they please with, the needs and requirements have been thoroughly researched for the past two years by our township planner. It has also been researched by an outside source that has a great deal of experience in this same activity.

The building of a new township hall has had at least

four studies in the last 30 years. Each time it was put on the back burner because of more pressing needs. However, the time has come when we must do something about the lack of space the present buildings provide. The Township Supervisor is in one building, the Parks and Recreation Supervisor in another and the remaining employees in still a third building.

You may agree these buildings are needed, but ask why at this time? Why not wait until the economy improves?

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The statistical poll Mr. Allsteadt mentioned was actually two different polls. One by the Advisory Committee which had approximately 325 respondents. The second, taken by a Colorado firm with great experience, had 310 responses. Note that Waterford Township hired an outside firm to poll their residents and they stated that only 300 respondents were required to get an accurate account. Both showed enough support to cause the township board to place it on the ballot.

The Advisory Committee is made up of nearly all senior citizens. As such we are on a fixed income and all will have their taxes increased. However, the need is so great, especially providing activities for our young people as well as seniors, that we were willing to put time, effort and expense to make this a reality.

John Thomas
Senior Advisory Member

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Bleeding Text

4-H boys get help to build chicken coop

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The ad in The Clarkston News read "4-H boy needs scrap lumber (need not be new) to build chicken coop. Dad will pick up."

Little did Lavidia LeVant--grandmother to the "4-H boy" otherwise known as Noah Dunavent, 6--know the Davisburg family would actually get a response when she placed the classified.

"I thought maybe, but I really didn't expect a response. Most people don't care about chickens."

But Bob Brauer of Oakwood Tree Service in Clarkston did respond, and brought the family two loads of scrap lumber Oct. 5.

"It was kind of a coincidence. I just happened to have spare lumber," he said. And it happened to be stored less than a mile from the Dunavent's home as well as Brauer's parents' home.

The scrap wood came from a makeshift dance floor that had been used at Brauer's sister's wedding. He and his family wondered, "What are we going to do with this wood?" Little did they know the answer was soon to come.

"I was happy to be a help," Brauer said. "They seem like a very nice family."

As Noah will tell you, it all started with a pesky little nocturnal critter.

"The thing is, I show chickens," he said, of his 4-H pastime. "We ordered Top Hats, which are Polish chickens, and a raccoon came in the barn and ate 'em, and also a duck."

Specifically, four of the chickens and the one duck found their fate with the raccoon, whose family made their home under the Dunavent's deck.

"We got a trap and caught them," brother Matthew, 12, said. "There were four babies and a mom."

The need for a chicken coop became priority to prevent this from happening again, so grandma stepped in.

"I thought I'd help out (by placing the ad) because, with my son-in-law back in school, they're a little short on money. I was just being the helpful grandma."

Noah and Matthew are looking forward to building the new chicken coop soon.

"We're gonna put wire all around so the raccoons, or hawks, can't get at the chickens," Noah said.

The boys are pretty handy, having created several projects through 4-H, grandma said, adding "4-H is a big thing here.

The two are very involved and have won countless ribbons in a variety of areas from Noah's singing, to the showing of their animals; to Matthew's reign as king of Horse Court in Oakland County this year, and more.

LeVant and the Dunavents want to express their appreciation to Brauer as well as the others who responded to the ad.



To the rescue--Matthew Dunavent, 12, and brother Noah, 6, plan to build a chicken coop, like the one behind them, to protect their 40-50 chickens from raccoons and other harmful wild creatures. The boys received some scrap lumber from a Clarkston business man after putting an ad in The Clarkston News. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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Chamber

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 merce in Clarkston.

"It took a lot of time and effort to bring it together," Lutz recalled.

According to Kopietz, about 12-15 people were instrumental in helping the chamber get started, although there were many more businesses that were charter members.

Today, the chamber boasts more than 400 members. Kopietz credited Executive Director Penny Shanks and the rest of the chamber staff for the growth of the organization.

"The chamber that we have right now is one of the best business organizations that I've ever been with," he said. "The growth has been phenomenal. It has to be one of the most dynamic ones in the Detroit area."

The chamber sponsors many activities in Clarkston, including the Concerts in the Park, the Fall Fun Daze and the Heart of Clarkston Holiday Festival. It also hosts several luncheon mixers throughout the year and is a co-sponsor (along with the Clarkston Rotary) of the Fourth of July Fireworks Display at Clintonwood Park.

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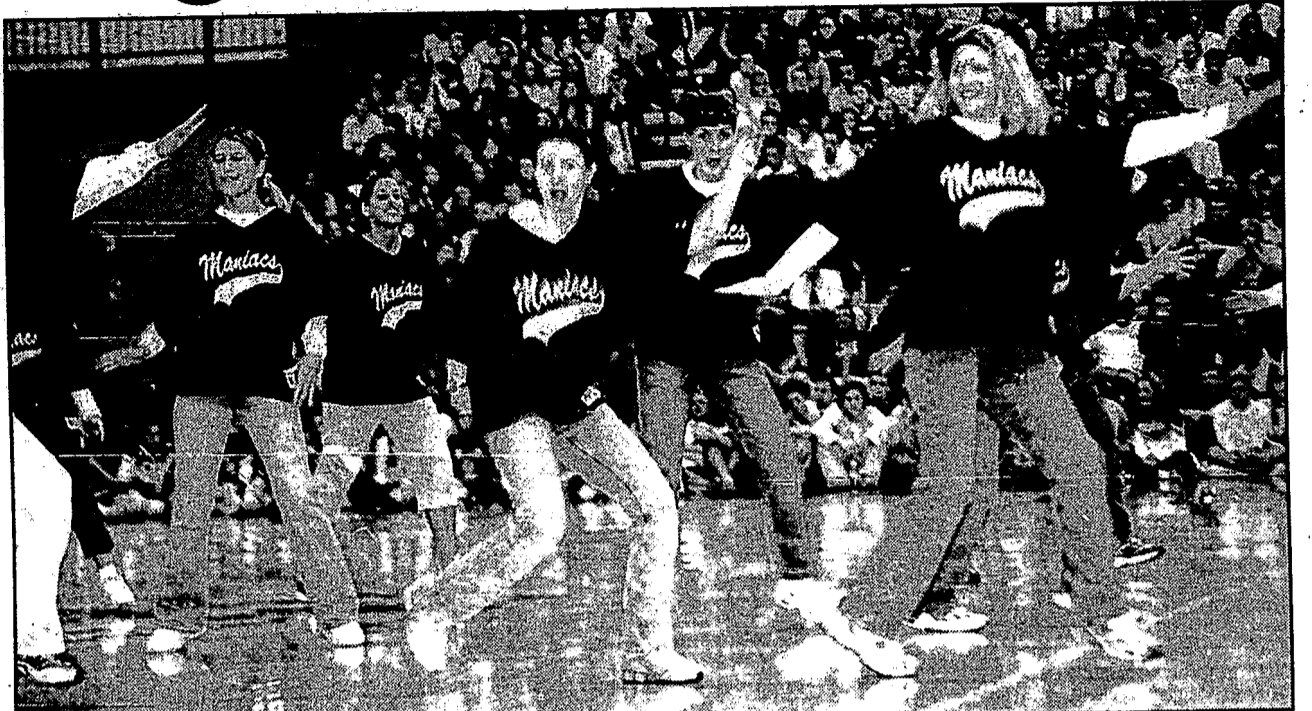
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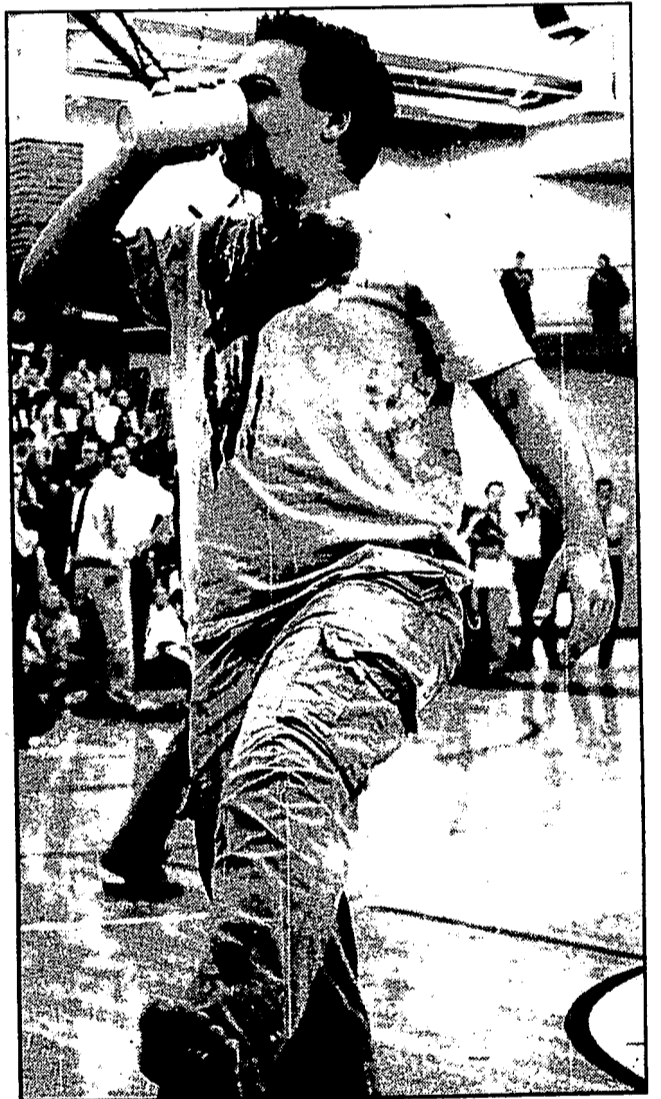


Word to your mother--The women of the Clarkston High School faculty and staff get their groove on to a hip hop collage of music that included "Ice Ice Baby" at the annual Queen's Assembly, to kick off homecoming weekend.

One-legged act--Paul Shkreli, at right, helped his sophomore class win first for downing the most glasses of pop the fastest. It must have been the barefoot balancing act that helped.



Rock on--(l-r) David Torrone on bass, Vince Baker on vocals, Matt Vecauteren on drums, and Mike Baker on guitar, otherwise known as The KGB or The Keenan George Band, named after their friend, a Clarkston 16-year-old boy who was killed in a car accident in July. The KGB, previously called Euphoria, is 3/4 the band which Keenan used to play guitar for. The band won first place in the battle of the bands held Oct. 10 and was awarded a \$1,250 gift certificate for a music store of their choice, and the chance to play in front of the entire student body at the Queen's Assembly. The money was donated from the Keenan George Memorial Fund.



Dancin' in the gym--The varsity pom squad, at left, got the crowd pumped up before field day activities.

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Nemer.

American pride--Junior Dan Rodriguez, at right, wowed the crowd with his rendition of the National Anthem.



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(Clockwise starting at left) The royal couple—CHS 2002 Homecoming Queen Courtney Robinson and King Daniel Howard make their way to the CHS football stadium during the Homecoming Parade Oct. 11. **Having fun**—Senior Maid of Honor Amy Houston and escort Jon Szilvagyí wave to the crowd. **First-year excitement**—Freshman Maid of Honor Katy Kleinedler and escort Nick Meola take in the festivities at the Homecoming Parade. **Tuning up the band**—The Clarkston High School Marching Band entertains the audience. **Sophomore spirit**—The CHS Class of 2005 makes its way into the parking lot.

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Palace crowns Wolves winners 40-21

QB throws for three TD's, runs for two more as gridders top Troy Athens at Homecoming

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

On a night where Clarkston's Homecoming King and Queen were crowned, it was appropriate that quarterback Sam Palace come up big for the Clarkston football team.

Palace, a junior, threw for three touchdown passes and ran for two more as the Wolves defeated Troy Athens 40-21 in their Homecoming game Oct. 11. The win improves Clarkston's record to 4-3 overall and 2-3 in Oakland Activities Association Division I play.

"Sam Palace was awfully good," Clarkston coach Kurt Richardson said. "He took some negative plays and turned them into positive plays."

However, it was not just a one-man show for the Wolves. Senior running back Ryan Talbott also scored a touchdown for the Wolves, and the Clarkston defense recovered four Athens turnovers to help put the Wolves in position to score.

After Athens punted following the game's opening possession, the Wolves drove down the field before a penalty set them back to the Athens 27. Senior kicker Andrew Breen missed a 44-yard field goal, but Athens couldn't take advantage.

The Wolves got the ball back and struck decisively with 3:15 left in the first quarter, as Palace found junior wide receiver Kyle Rademacher for a 74-yard



Good times — Clarkston varsity football coach Kurt Richardson congratulates the team following their 40-21 Homecoming win against Troy Athens Oct. 11. *Photo by Jeff Patrus.*

touchdown pass to put the Wolves up 7-0.

On the Red Hawks' next possession, the Wolves' defense would spring into action, as senior defensive lineman Mike Ellsworth recovered an Athens fumble at the Red Hawks' 16-yard line with 3:09 left in the first quarter.

The Wolves would capitalize on that mistake, as Palace hooked up once again with Rademacher on a 16-yard touchdown pass to give the Wolves a 14-0 ad-

vantage with 35 seconds left in the quarter.

The score would remain that way well into the second period. The teams traded turnovers in the first half of the second quarter, as Athens recovered a Palace fumble on their 42-yard-line with 9:44 left in the half.

However, senior defensive back Justin Whetstone

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Cagers open second half in winning fashion



Teamwork in action — Sophomore forward Leigh Christy tries to find the open teammate during Clarkston's 58-52 win at West Bloomfield Oct. 8. *Photo by Jeff Patrus.*

Wolves earn two league victories to hold on to lead in OAA I

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Before their Oct. 8 game at West Bloomfield, Clarkston senior guard Anna Trim stated the Wolves' previous win Sept. 8 against the Lakers was no fluke.

The Wolves then proved their teammate correct, cementing their hold on first place in Oakland Activities Association Division I in the process.

Clarkston spotted the Lakers a 10-2 lead in the first quarter but came back to notch a 58-52 win against West Bloomfield, widely regarded as the pre-season favorite in Oakland Activities Association Division I. West Bloomfield fell to 7-3 overall and 5-3 in the league.

Two days later, the Wolves came back from a first-half deficit against visiting Waterford Kettering to defeat the Captains 47-39. Clarkston is now 10-2 overall and 9-0 in the league, while

Kettering fell to 8-4 overall and 5-4 in the league.

The start of the game against West Bloomfield was a 180-degree turnaround from the teams' previous game in Clarkston, where the Wolves scored the game's first 13 points. After West Bloomfield took the 10-2 lead, Clarkston coach Ann Lowney called timeout.

"I told them West Bloomfield was going to come out on fire like we did in the previous game," she said. "We had to weather their storm. We took their best shot."

Clarkston bounced back to cut the West Bloomfield lead to 16-13 at the end of the period. Like someone trying to shoo away a fly, the Lakers could never shake off the pesky Wolves, and the Wolves would surge past the Lakers in the second quarter, taking a 34-29 lead into the half.

Clarkston never trailed in the second half, although West Bloomfield's Samantha Mahoney tried her best to lead

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Best Image Possible

Kaul disappointed in golfers at regionals

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's boys golf team picked the worst time of the year to come up with their worst performance of the year.

The Wolves finished 12th out of 15 teams with a score of 347 in regional action Friday, Oct. 11. Lake Orion won the regional with a score of 323, defeating Utica on a tiebreaker. Rochester and Rochester Adams finished tied for third with a 327.

"We did very poorly," Clarkston coach Tim Kaul said. "I was very disappointed. It was probably our worst tournament of the year."

Senior Dustin McMillen, who Kaul was expecting to shot in the low 70's, instead finished with a round of 84. Bill Haun, who had shot well in the league meet Oct. 7, finished with a round of 97 and didn't figure in the Clarkston scoring.

In addition, senior Matt Baker, one of the Wolves' top golfers, was held out of the regionals. According to Kaul, Baker's mother would not let him participate in the regionals for academic reasons.

The lone bright spot for the Wolves was Colin Madole, who shot an 83 at regionals and played consistently, according to Kaul. "He managed his game real well and hung in there," Kaul said.

Brandon Hampton shot an 89 and Eric Hurd a 91

to round out the Clarkston scoring.

"That was only his third big tournament of the year," Kaul said of Hampton. "Eric was another kid who had been playing much better in practice. They just really didn't perform very well."

The fact the Wolves did so poorly in their last match of the season made their performance tougher to take, according to Kaul.

"If this had happened in the middle of the season, we could recover, but to do it in the last tournament, that's what makes it disheartening," he said.

Kaul said his returning golfers need to improve their games in order for the Wolves to improve next season.

"Bill Haun is a talented kid," he said. "We need him to step up and be a consistent shooter in the 70's. Adam Peters hits well and his short game is not bad, but he has to be able to hit more fairways. Colin Madole

just needs to build on what he has going. Brandon Hampton has got the basics. He needs to be able to be competition tough."

A group of freshmen on this year's squad helps improve the outlook for the future, according to Kaul. That group consists of three players who saw action on the junior varsity team this year (Joe Rademacher, Trent Rose and Zach McDonald) and four other players: Marcus Craft, Pat McIlrath, Jonathan Spiris and Mark Brady.

However, Kaul believes the team won't improve until they become a steadier group.

"The brightest aspect is that we have a real good freshman class," Kaul said. "This is a class that looks like it will be solid. I think we will struggle next year. None of the kids except for Colin plays with any consistency."

Forfeit upheld in Rochester game

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

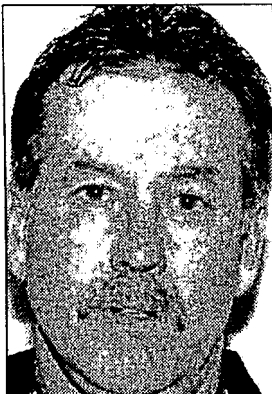
The Clarkston football team's drive to the state play-offs hit a speed bump last week.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association, at its Oct. 9 meeting, ruled Clarkston must forfeit its 31-28 win against Rochester Sept. 21 for using an ineligible player.

The situation involved the Wolves' use of a junior varsity player during the varsity game against Rochester two days after he played in a junior varsity game that was cancelled due to inclement weather.

The ruling drops Clarkston's record to 4-3 overall and 2-3 in Oakland Activities Association Division I play. The Wolves must win their two remaining games to assure themselves of a playoff berth. They travel to Farmington Hills Harrison Oct. 18 and conclude their season at home against archrival Lake Orion Oct. 25

Clarkston athletic director Dan Fife was disappointed in the ruling, but understood the state's position.



Kurt Richardson

"I knew it would be denied," he said. "We do feel the language is vague in what constitutes an official game. Unfortunately, there probably have been some other cases (where JV players were used in varsity games). I understand the state can't separate that. They have to rule the way they did. I'm not condemning the state whatsoever."

Despite the setback, Fife believes the incident further emphasizes the lessons coaches try to teach their players about how to react when they make mistakes.

"We have to accept the consequences and realize we made a mistake," he said. "I know the adults in this situation feel badly about this. Yet, we tell kids when you make a mistake, you fess up, take the consequences and then go forward. It's reconfirming what we try to tell kids."

The forfeit has not deterred the spirits of the players, according to Clarkston varsity football coach Kurt Richardson. In fact, he stated it has made them come together that much more.

"I didn't have to say a word (in terms of motivation before the game)," Richardson said after the Wolves' 40-21 Homecoming win against Troy Athens Oct. 11. "This is a special group of kids in how they respond to adversity and how tight they are."

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Getting her shot — Clarkston's Colleen Mead is seeded #5 in the girls state tennis finals Oct. 18-19 in Midland. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Mead earns spot in state tennis finals

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Last year, Clarkston's Colleen Mead could only stand by and watch the state tennis finals.

This year, Mead will be heading to Midland to compete among the state's best in the state tennis finals Oct. 18-19. She earned that right by making it to the regional finals at #1 singles Oct. 10, where she lost to Troy's Caitlin O'Keefe 6-0, 6-0.

As a team, Clarkston placed fifth overall with five points. Troy took first with 24 points, while Farmington Hills Mercy finished second with 21 points and Novi third with 20 points. All three teams qualified for the state finals. In order to reach that point, teams must finish first or second in their region or score 20 points overall.

In addition, individual players who reach the regional championship match at #1 singles earn the right to go on to the state finals, regardless of how their team performs.

This is the second year in a row a Clarkston player has made it to the state finals. Last year, Lauren Little, who sat out this season due to injury, made it all the way to the championship match before losing to O'Keefe.

Clarkston coach Beth Manojlovich was happy Mead will be able to take part in the state finals.

"We're really pleased that Colleen qualified," she said. "She couldn't go last year even though she won at #2 singles in the regionals."

On Oct. 7, the Wolves defeated Grand Blanc in dual meet action 5-3. The Wolves swept the singles events and won a doubles match to take the meet.

At singles, Mead defeated Britany Harrasim at #1 singles 6-0, 6-0; Stephanie Parkison defeated Renee Johnson at #2 singles 6-2, 6-1; Lauren Kurowski, called up from the junior varsity, defeated Whitney Parr at #3 singles 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; and Amy Montero defeated Riti Tenedi at #4 singles 6-0, 6-2.

In addition, Lauren White and Katie Woloson triumphed at #2 doubles to put Clarkston over the top.

The Wolves had a couple of individual successes at the Oakland Activities Association Division I league tournament, which was originally scheduled for Oct. 3, but postponed to Oct. 8 due to rain. Stephanie Parkison emerged as the league champion at #2 singles, and Colleen Mead won the back draw at #1 singles after losing to O'Keefe in the first match of that bracket.

Troy took first place overall at the league meet, while North Farmington finished second.

Athlete of the Week — Teresa Kuhta

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Since the Clarkston girls swimming program's inception four years ago, senior swimmer Teresa Kuhta has been around to see it grow.

Now Kuhta, one of the three captains on this year's team, can see the fruits of that growth. "The commitment from the swimmers is definitely showing as the times improve," she said.

Kuhta set three school records in Clarkston's home meet against Berkley Oct. 8: in the 200-yard medley (with Andrea Forst, Sara Zerba and Alex Beck), the 100-yard butterfly and the 100-yard breaststroke). She is pleased with the progress she has made since her freshman year.

"This year has definitely been my strongest," she said. "I feel stronger in the water, and it shows in my times in the butterfly and breaststroke."

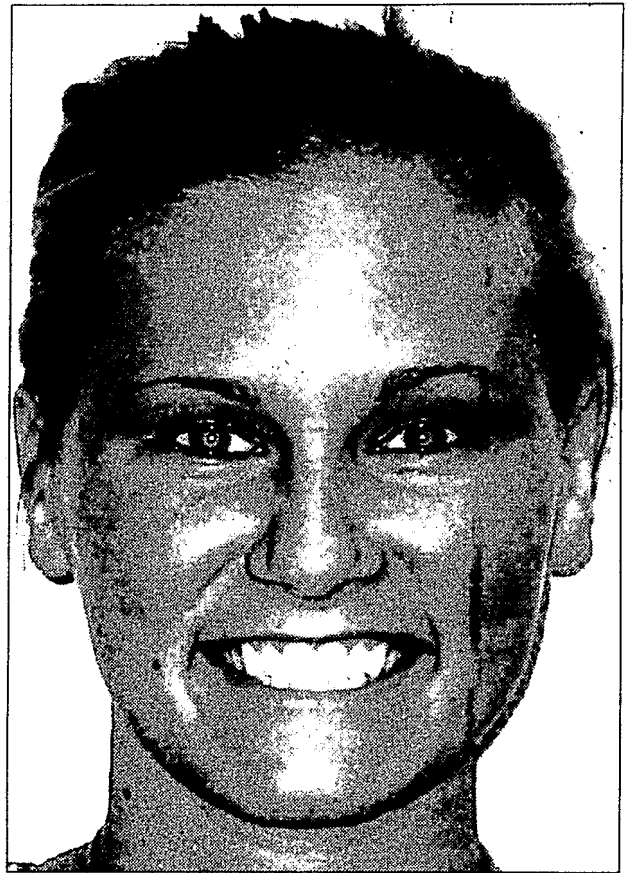
She believes coach Kenwyn Chock has been a strong influence in her career at Clarkston. "She has always been there and commenting on mistakes, and she's helped me grow physically and mentally," Kuhta said.

Kuhta hopes to improve on her times in the breaststroke and butterfly, and also hopes the team can win the Oakland Activities Association Division III title Thursday, Oct. 17 at Royal Oak Dondero.

In the future, Kuhta hopes to become a pediatric oncologist, and is looking at the University of Michigan to further her education. She stated her sister Lu has definitely had an influence on her career goals.

"Every since my sister was diagnosed with cancer, it's definitely motivated me in all aspects of my life, and I want to help kids in the same situation she was," she said.

In her spare time, Kuhta enjoys art (she is cur-



Senior anchor — Clarkston's Teresa Kuhta has been with the CHS girls swimming program since its inception four years ago. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

rently working on a mural), is a member of the National Honor Society and tutors other students. She is the daughter of Kathy Lenc and Joe Kuhta of Clarkston, and has three sisters: Mo, 16; Lu, 14; and Elle, 13.

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the Lakers back. Mahoney, who led all scorers with 25 points, twice pulled the Lakers within two points in the fourth quarter.

However, the Wolves held the Lakers back both times. Trim, who led the Wolves with 19 points, scored on a layup to pull Clarkston ahead 51-47, then senior guard Kira Karlstrom (15 points, six rebounds) converted a three-point play with about three minutes remaining to ice the victory for Clarkston.

In addition to Trim and Karlstrom, senior guard Jenn Carlson also scored in double figures for Clarkston, contributing 14 points, four steals and five assists.

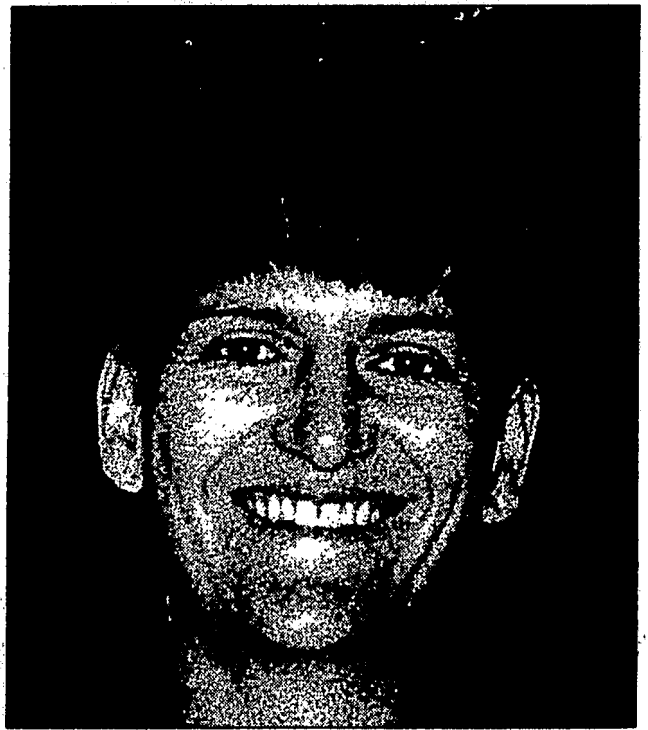
Lowney stated it was a quality win on the road against a top-notch opponent.

"I think it's huge when you can beat a team twice in a season and in their own gym," she said. "I think they played very well, but we were the better team that night."

Against Kettering, the Wolves started out with an 8-7 lead in the first quarter, then fell behind at the half 22-17. However, the Wolves outscored the Captains 30-17 in the second half to come back for the win, as Carlson, who did not play in the first half, scored 11 points in the second half to spark the Clarkston comeback.

Lowney wanted to rest Carlson, who sprained her ankle in practice the day before, but the Wolves' deficit prompted the coach to put Clarkston's leading scorer in the game in the second half. She believes the Wolves' first-half struggles were a result of Carlson's absence as opposed to any letdown the team may have felt after the win at West Bloomfield.

"We're so used to having Jenn in there," Lowney



Maintaining their edge — Clarkston girls' basketball coach Ann Lowney was pleased with the team's two wins last week. The Wolves are 10-2 overall and lead OAA I with a 9-0 record. The Clarkston News file photo.

said. "In the second quarter, we didn't get a lot of good shots. The kids that replaced Jenn haven't played very many minutes this season. It was a tough situation."

Karlstrom and Trim added 15 points apiece in the game for Clarkston.

The Wolves traveled to Rochester Adams Tuesday, Oct. 15 for a 7 p.m. game against the Highlanders. They return home Thursday for a game against Troy Athens, then visit their neighbors in Lake Orion for an Oct. 22 contest against the Dragons.

Cross-country teams prepare for league meet

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Both the boys and girls cross-country teams at Clarkston are highly anticipating the Oakland Activities Division I league meet.

In the meantime, they had some business to take care of at the Oxford Invitational Oct. 11.

Clarkston's boys-cross country team was missing one of its key competitors at the invite. Jack Kinsey was out of action for the Wolves, who finished fifth overall at the meet with 128 points. White Lake Lakeland took first with 83 points, just ahead of Ann Arbor Huron with 84 points. Bloomfield Hills Lahser finished third with 102 points.

While Kinsey's absence definitely hurt the team at the invitational, the team could have still ran a little harder, according to Coach Mike Taylor.

"With Jack Kinsey and some better effort we could have been champions," he said. "With better effort we would have been third."

Senior Jared Elmore led Clarkston runners with a seventh place overall finish, running a time of 16:43.8, while senior Mark Sitko placed 16th with a time of 17:19.6. Sophomore Eric Moss finished 31st with 17:53.2, while junior Evan Schneider placed 33rd with a time of 17:53.2.

Other Clarkston placers were sophomore Andy Kodra (41st, 18:22.9), freshman Hazen Brennan (48th,

18:28.8) and junior Scott Linville (63rd, 18:51).

Clarkston emerged with a 2-1 record in their quad meet Tuesday, Oct. 8 at Bloomer Park in Rochester.

The Wolves defeated Troy Athens 23-33 and Birmingham Seaholm 18-44, but lost to Rochester 24-32. With the win, Rochester took command of Oakland Activities Association Division I with a 6-0 dual meet record, while Clarkston fell to 5-1.

Clarkston senior Jared Elmore led all runners in the meet with a time of 16:34. Mark Sitko and Evan Schneider were the other top ten finishers for Clarkston. Sitko finished fourth with a time of 16:56, while Schneider took 10th with a time of 17.41.

Meanwhile, Clarkston's girls "B" team finished a solid second at the Oxford Invitational Oct. 11.

The Wolves finished with 68 points in the invite, behind only Ann Arbor Huron, which finished with 55 points. Lake Orion took third place with 74 points.

Lauren Witt led the pack for Clarkston, finishing eighth overall with a time of 20:54. Beth Hoekstra placed ninth with a time of 20:56, while Anna Kerr took 10th with a time of 20:58.

Coach Jamie LaBrosse will now prepare the Wolves, ranked 10th in the nation and first in the state, for the OAA I league meet Thursday, Oct. 17 at Bloomer Park at 4:30 p.m.

"We're probably the favorite going in," he said.

Football

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put a halt to any thoughts of Athens capitalizing on that turnover, as he intercepted a pass by Red Hawks quarterback Mike Zerafa on the Clarkston 28-yard line.

Clarkston drove down the field, as Whetstone and junior wide receiver Mark Thornberry each caught critical passes that led to Clarkston first downs. Talbott would cash it in from 10 yards out to put Clarkston up 21-0 with 3:45 left in the half.

The Red Hawks, though, would get on the scoreboard before the half. Athens drove down the field as the half was winding down, and made their way to the Clarkston 6, where it was first-and-goal.

The Wolves would mount a tough goal-line stand, but Zerafa would sneak it into the end zone from one foot out to narrow the Clarkston advantage to 21-7 with 43.5 seconds left in the half, and that is where the score stood at intermission.

After Clarkston punted following the opening possession of the second half, the Red Hawks took over.

However, Clarkston junior linebacker Addison Turk recovered a fumble on the Athens 19 with 10 minutes left in the third to set the Wolves up with excellent field position. Palace then threw his third touchdown pass of the game, this time to senior fullback Brandon Anderson to put Clarkston up 28-7 with 9:05 left in the third.

The Red Hawks would not go away, though, as Zerafa threw a touchdown pass to cut the Clarkston lead to 28-14 with 5:47 left in the third.

The game progressed that way until the latter part of the third quarter, when Clarkston mounted a scoring drive and found themselves at the Athens two-yard line as the third quarter expired. On the first play of the fourth quarter, Palace found the end zone on a quarterback sneak to put Clarkston up 34-14.

However, Athens would continue to pester the Wolves, as Zerafa found senior wide receiver Kevin Barberis for a touchdown to trim the Wolves' advantage to 34-21 with 8:54 left in the game.

Athens would attempt an onside kick, but Clarkston junior tight end Chad Zelinski pounced on the ball to make sure the Wolves would get the ball. Palace applied the final nail in the coffin as he scampered into the end zone from 11 yards out to put the Wolves up 40-21 with 5:07 left.

The Red Hawks would mount one last desperate attempt to score, but Clarkston junior Ryan Kaltz intercepted a Zerafa pass as time expired.

Palace completed seven-of-16 passes in the game for 151 yards and three touchdowns (two to Rademacher and one to Anderson), and added 76 yards on 16 carries and two touchdowns rushing. Ryan Talbott

led the Wolves in rushing with 113 yards on 16 carries.

Senior linebacker Derek George notched four tackles and added four assists, while Turk contributed four tackles, two assists and a fumble recovery. Whetstone and Kaltz each had an interception, and Ellsworth recovered a fumble and blocked two Athens passes.

After the game, Richardson said the team answered the call following their loss to Waterford Mott Oct. 5 and their forfeit of their Sept. 20 win against Rochester (see related story for further details).

"The kids knew their backs were against the wall," he said. "They came out and responded."

Next on the schedule for the Wolves is a trip to Farmington Hills Harrison Oct. 18. The Hawks knocked off previously unbeaten Lake Orion 28-21 in double overtime Oct. 11.

Harrison, a perennial state power which is in its first year in the Oakland Activities Association, is 5-2 overall and 4-1 in OAA I. However, Richardson believes the Wolves will not be intimidated by their upcoming opponent.

"I don't think these kids will have any problem being prepared," he said. "We respect everybody we face, but we don't fear anyone."

The Hawks feature a top-notch running back in Marcus Woods, but Richardson cautioned they have plenty of other skilled players on offense. He stated the Wolves will have to be aggressive defensively in order to defeat Harrison.

"We have to fly to the ball," Richardson said. "They've got other weapons. You can't solely prepare for him (Woods)."

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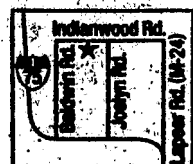
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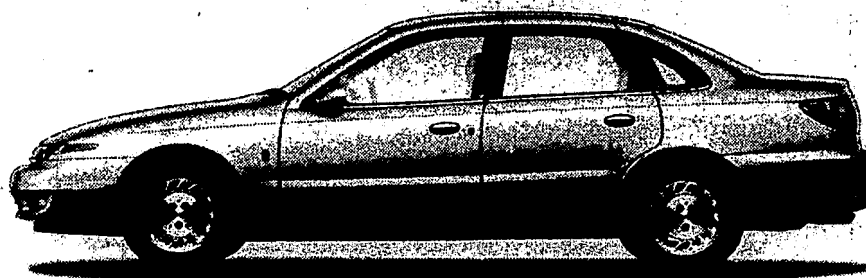
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Beth Widgren's kindergarten class and Julie Bogner's young fives class were ecstatic to meet the firemen, and could hardly contain themselves.

Bubbling with questions they asked things like:

"Why are fire hydrants red and yellow?"

"Have you fought fires before?"

"Can we see the truck?"

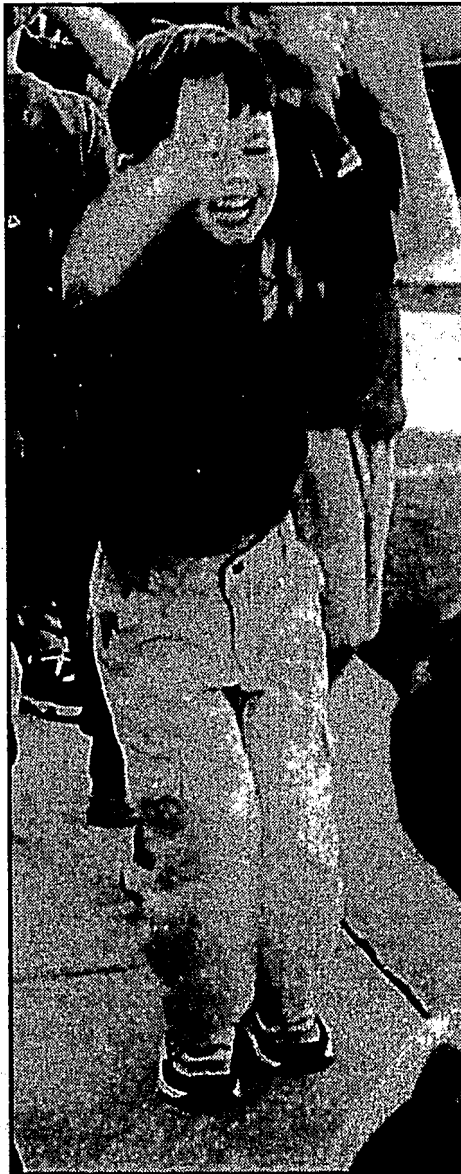
Fire fighters Dan White, Mark Brown, Jerry Konkle and Chris Norberg did eventually show the kids the fire engine truck as well as the equipment they wear when fighting fires, and discussed the steps to take if the children ever found themselves in a fire.



Lessons in fire fighting--Dan White explains the equipment Mark Brown wears to a captive audience.



Hands-on learning--The kids surround fire fighter Mark Brown and get an up close and personal look at the equipment typically worn when fighting fires.

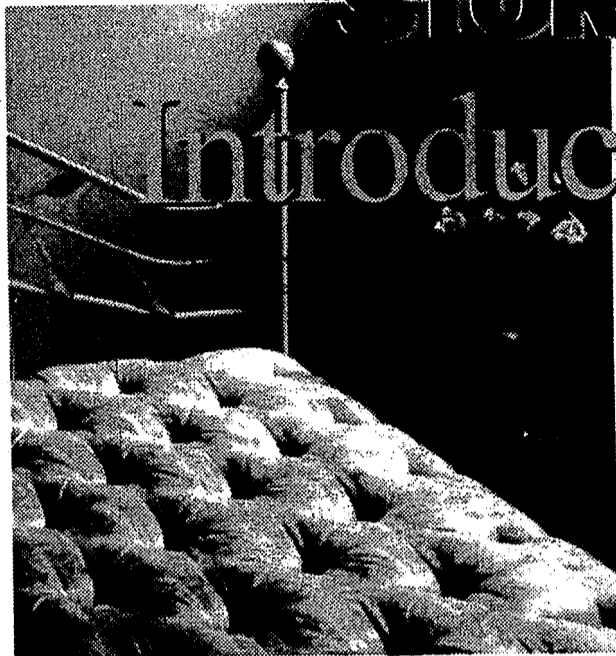


Yeah! No!--The boys in Beth Widgren and Julie Bogner's classes jumped up and down in enthusiasm for the exciting sound of the fire engine siren. But Erin Gates, above, doesn't share the boys' zeal for the loud noise.

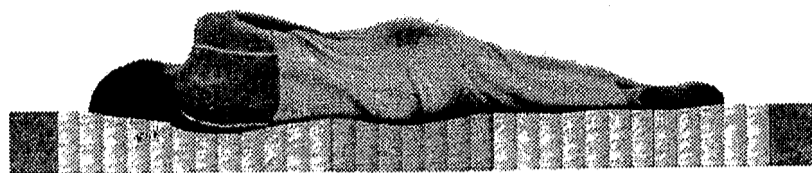
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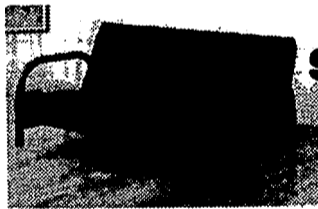
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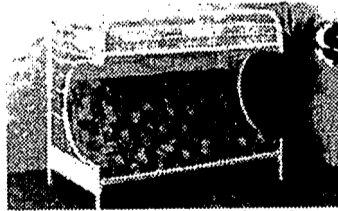
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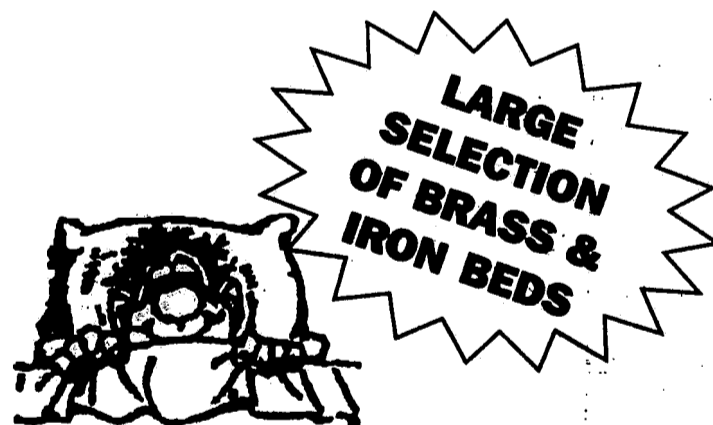
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