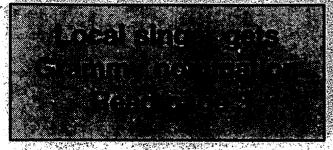
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A breath of fresh air

Kids, neighbors help deliver oxygen to local woman

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Even the big snowstorm earlier this month couldn't stop Santa's elves from helping with a life-saving delivery.

"It all started when Dr. (John) Blanchard put me in the hospital," said Betty Journas, an Independence Township resident for 30 years, who has suffered from pneumonia.

The good news—after a week-long. tay at Beaumont Hospital in Troy; Betty was released.

The bad news—she was released, December 11, into the biggest snowstorm Oakland County has seen in years.

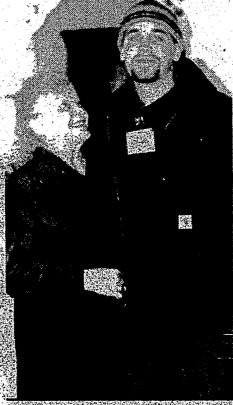
The normal 30-minute drive from Troy turned into a two-hour ordeal for Betty and her husband Dan.

It was a wild trip," she said. "We were passing cars in snowbanks and wondering if we were going to make it home ourselves:" They did, eventually.

On the other end of the spectrum, Beaumont Home Medical Equipment was scheduled to deliver oxygen tanks. and a concentrator to Betty's home that night. They didn't make it:

After travelling halfway from Southfield, the driver was forced to turn around against the raging snow.

Driver Lou Frontero tried again Tuesday morning: The long curvy road to the Journas residence brought problems for Frontero, however. He got stuck et once, not twice, but three times in the unplowed subdivision





was nearby. With snowblowers, shovels, and trusty hands to push, six adults. and four children from five neighboring houses worked for two hours to free Frontero's delivery truck from the snow

There was still the problem of get-Fortunately, Frontero said, help ting the concentrator and oxygen tanks

are the kids who helped out with their sleds. From left are, Colby Markowski, 6, Mackenzie Markowski, **10. Mallory Deacon, 10, and Jeff Renaker, 11. Photo** by Jennifer Nemer.

from the truck to Betty's home.

Happy to help out the four kids-Jeff Renaker, 11, Mallory Deacon, 10, Mackenzie Markowski, 10; and Colby Markowski, 6—who had originally come t to play in the snow, said Mallory, did something that would touch Betty thought they wanted to shovel the drive-Journas' heart

They took quite a trip," said Dan, of the kids who dragged two oxygen tanks and one large portable concentrator on two sleds to the Journas' house. "That was pretty heavy," said Mallory,

"I saw these kids with sleighs and

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The News in Brief

Keep area around mail boxes free of snow

Area post offices are asking residents and businesses to keep paths to mail boxes shoveled.

Linda Grice at the Clarkston Post Office said cents in memory of all children who have died.

mail carriers who deliver mail by vehicle are prohibited from leaving their vehicle to put mail in the community and especially those who have lost children of their own. This can include loss by

Ideally, there should be one full car length of space in front of and behind the mail box. Grice said they understand with all the snow, that may be difficult to do, but the mail carrier must be able to swing the vehicle next to the mail box.

"It's particularly difficult for rural carriers, who must sit in the middle of their vehicle to drive, then lean out the window to get to the mail box. Some have 600 homes to deliver to," said Grice.

If a carrier can't get to a mail box, the mail will be brought back to the post office for pickup by the resident, she said.

Reunions

Planning has begun for the CHS Class of 1985 16 year reunion for the summer of 2001. If you are interested in helping, please call Robert Hahn at (248)332-9300, or e-mail CHS1985@aol.com

The Clarkston High School 35-year reunion for the Class of 1966 will be Sat., June 30, 2001 at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. Call Elaine Keeley Schultz (248)673-6542 if you have not been contacted or for more information.

The News in Brief -- Call 625-3370

Feast of the Holy Innocents

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Clarkston will offer a Feast of the Holy Innocents in memory of all children who have died.

The service is open to all members of the community and especially those who have lost children of their own. This can include loss by miscarriage, abortion or violence. No one will be asked to share their sepcific loss or story. That will remain between each worshiper and God.

The service will be the Holy Eucharist, according to the use of the Episcopal Church. The majestic language of the Prayer Book service will be a beautiful and fitting memorial to that experience of grief which never leaves the hearts of those who have lost children. This service is open to people of any religious persuasion, as well as those who have no spiritual home.

Those who wish the names of chidren to be remembered this night, please phone the church office at 625-2325.

The church is located at 6490 Clarkston Rd.

Waldon closed for paving

The Road Commission for Oakland County has announced that Waldon Rd., from Sashabaw to Pine Knob roads is being paved and will be closed until spring. The detour route is Sashabaw Rd., Maybee Rd. and Clintonville Rd.

The road is being paved by developers of Oakhurst at no cost to motorists or the road commission.

\$12,000 raised for LOHS grad with NF2

Wilson benefit a success

BY LISA VALENTINE

Lake Orion Review Staff Writer

About 225 people recently spent an evening opening their hearts, and their wallets, to a 1998 Lake Orion High School graduate being treated for Neurofibromatosis 2 (NF-2).

A benefit spaghetti dinner and auction were held at the Clarkston Eagles on Dec. 9 for Jim Wilson, who was diagnosed with the disorder two years ago. NF-2 causes multiple tumors to develop on the nerves of the ears, eyes and spinal cord, often resulting in deafness, blindness and paralysis.

Wilson recently underwent the first of three revolutionary procedures, called Cyberknife, to remove tumors at Stanford University in California. The benefit was held to help defray some of the travel costs, which can be up to \$3,000 a trip according to Wilson's mother, Michelle (Beghin) Hollis.

"The benefit went wonderfully, we raised \$12,000" said Wilson's aunt Jan Karrick of the Clarkston Eagles. "We are still getting donations...the money will be for travel expenses or any other medical costs that come up."

Wilson, a student at Northwood University in Midland, was able to attend the benefit.

"He was overwhelmed," said Karrick. "He couldn't believe the amount of people there...and all the people that didn't even know him."

Anyone wishing to donate money to the Jim Wilson NF-2 Fund can send it in C/OT&C Federal Credit Union, 4055 S. Lapeer Road, Orion, MI, 48356.

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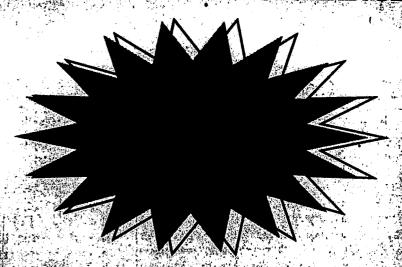


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The Second Front

Local students compete in lego competition

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The mission—rescue the scientist and protect the village before "Volcanic Panic" ensues.

On Dec. 16, the mission proved possible when Lego Mindstorm teams of Andersonville Elementary and Sashabaw Middle School, took honors in the 71team state tournament at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

In eight weeks, the teams prepared for the F.I.R.S.T (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League's "Volcanic Panic" challenge announced Sept. 29. Each team's goal was to complete a series of missions including rescuing a trapped scientist and saving a village from an imminent volcanic eruption within a two and a half minute time frame.

The kids put their heads together and designed a way to accomplish this goal using lego pieces, programming software, sensors, motors, and gears to construct and program a fully autonomous robot to maneuver on an 8x8 Playing Field. Programs were downloaded to the robot via an infrared transmission tower.

Points varied with each mission completed. Seventy-five points were given to those who rescued the endangered scientist, up to 60 points for protecting the village, and minor missions completed allowed a team to earn a maximum score of 215. Hope was not lost, though, for those who didn't earn those high points. Awards were also given to excellence in areas like research, design, teamwork, creativity and sportsmanship

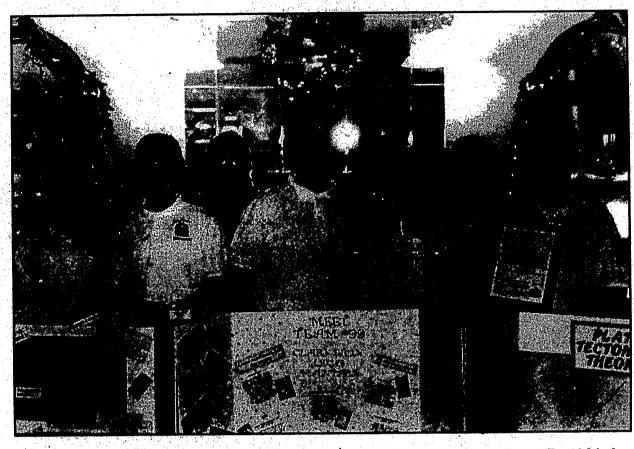
The Lego League—which had 20,000 children. 2,000 teams from 40 states, and over five countries participating this year—represents a partnership between the Lego Group and F.I.R.S.T, a nonprofit organization founded in 1989. Their mission is to inspire interest in science and engineering among today's youth, using a real-world context and hands-on experimentation helping children discover career possibilities and learn what it takes to fulfill their aspirations and enter tomorrow's workforce.

FI.R.S.T. Lego League founder Dean Kamen said, "In every business I have ever seen, you start out with a problem at stake, not enough time, not enough resources, you don't know what the competition is doing and you have to invent, design, develop, prototype, rebuild and deliver a working solution. The F.I.R.S.T. Lego League process is, in every way, a microcosm of a real business."

Breaking it down

Andersonville Elementary

The team qualified for the state finals on Sat., Nov. 25 at the Flint Lego League regional tournament



The Lego Maniacs of Sashabaw Middle School include Laura Barlow, Megan Pambid, April Picknik, Brent Bendes, Nick Bono, Jeff Neff, Blake Wielant. Team coach is Terri Bendes and assistant coaches include Mark and Scott Garver, members of F.I.R.S.T. Team-Truck Town Terrors.

finishing seventh out of 26 competing teams. And placed 53rd out of 71 teams at the state tournament.

"This is the second year that the Andersonville team has sponsored a team in the league and the first year regional tournaments were introduced," said Coach Mike Gemborys.

Since the mission announcement in September, the team of six fifth graders met once a week at the school researching, strategizing, designing, building, testing and making performance improvements to their robot, said Gemborys.

"The kids have done great," said Gemborys. "They have learned a great deal about teamwork, programming and dealing with adversity."

Sashabaw Middle School The rookie team and their robot, who they've affectionately named Hercules, nabbed the "prestigious" Presentation Award and tied for fourth place out of 71 teams at the state tournament. Dec. 16.

On Nov. 17 at a General Motors sponsored event at Oakland Schools, the team placed third in competition. And on Dec 2, the team of sixth graders from

Sashabaw Middle School competed against 41 other teams at Lakeland High School and placed third overall and took the Presentation Award, there.

Team member Megan Pambid said she likes how her team has learned how to work together. Jeff Neff added working together is "sometimes tough, but that's okay cause we're really into this and we've learned a lot about volcanoes. I've learned I don't want to be near one."

And after eight weeks of research on the plate tectonic theory, volcanoes in outer space, benefits of volcanoes and more, Nick Bono said, "we've become full-fledged volcanologists."

Coach Terri Bendes said, "F.I.R.S.T Lego League is a wonderful experience for young people. It not only inspires interest in science and technology, but teaches life skills such as respect for others, appreciation of different perspectives, teamwork, cooperation, perseverance, and time management.

"It is my sincere hope that next year more Clarkston youth will be representing our wonderful community as part of the F.I.R.S.T. Lego League," said Bendes.

Grammy-nominated songwriter, 'just a citizen of Indep. Twp.'

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarksjon News Staff Writer

'm nobody special, just a chizen of Independence Township." said Gene Grier.

The nationally known author, composer and recording artist was recently notified by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS) that his children's musical, "Nature's Way," was placed in nomination for a Grammy Award in the Children's

This is Grier's ninth children's recording to be placed in nomination for a Grammy.

I don't expect it to go any further, but it is an honor to be placed in nomination since (NARAS) is very selective in who they put in nomination," he said.

Grier and his wife Audrey, a nationally known choreographer, educator and recording artist, are also voting members of NARAS.

"Awards and nominations aren't important," said, "what is is children and making sure every

piece of music touches people's hearts."

Grier is especially excited about his latest children's musical called 'Website," a story of a family of spiders who live inside a computer. "They have a little web site of their own and conflict begins

With a doctorate in music, Grier, 58. has written 'hundreds and hundreds" of published songs, writing for "every publisher you can think of," he_



Gene Grier

said. He currently has over twent dieces of wor written and set to be released in 2001, including a song which may be recorded by contemporary Christian artist Sandi Patti.

A member of American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and recipient of ASCAP's Songwriting Award for 23 consecutive years, Grier said. The greatest compliment in the world is having someone perform your music." He's already begun --work on pieces for 2002.

Grier, said he is uncomfortable talking about his past, which includes a colorful history of accomplishments. One of those is appearing on The Ed Sullivan Show with a men's, nine-member group called the Winged Victory Singers, an entertainment group out of the Korean War. He also had a hand in producing Kiss' first album, wrote an appreciation of rock book for young people with Dick Clark, and co-wrote with Tom Wilson all the music for the Ziggy cartoon cre-

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City police department looks into change in coverage

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

If Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston gets his way, the police department will undergo some changes soon.

Ormiston is hoping to change the responsibility of the midnight shift from the Clarkston Police Department to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Currently, the Clarkston Police Department has a police officer on duty on its overnight shift, which runs from midnight until 8 a.m. If the Oakland County Sherrif's Department takes the overnight shift, its shift will be from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. The Clarkston police officer which was working the midnight shift would then work from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Ormiston said he applied for a police grant in the spring to fund an additional Clarkston police officer during the day shift. That grant was turned down by

the Department of Justice.

"At that time we still had the need for additional coverage and I thought about having the midnight shift officer be taken over by Oakland County," Ormiston said.

At its last city council meeting on Dec. 12, the council agreed to authorize Ormiston to continue to talk to



Paul Ormiston

the county and to Independence Township.

"I hope the township meets and talks about this. In anticipation of their approval, myself and Lieutenant Le Bair are working on a letter of understanding which basically says what the liabilities are for each governmental agency," Ormiston said.

But Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stewart said the matter was not on the agenda for its next township meeting.

"Adding this extra officer would not put us over budget and it won't cost tax payers anything;" Ormiston said

"The ultimate goal is to increase the level of service for at or near the same cost," he said.

Ormiston said if the change was made, it would be on a trial basis, probably around 90 days.

"We'd wait to get some feedback from the city and see what they think of it," he said.

City's budget does not have funds for bill from planner

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

To pay or not to pay — that is the question.

That is the issue which faces the city council regarding an overage charge.

City planners McKenna and Associates are still awaiting payment from the city for revisions on the TEA-21 downtown streetscape plan.

At its Dec. 12 meeting the council decided to have city magager Art Pappas write a letter to advise McKenna and Associates that the council will consider billings after final bids are received on the TEA-21 project. The letter was sent Dec. 13.

The letter stated the council is considering what options are available, and it will be exploring other options that may become available. The letter also stated funds are not allocated in this year's budget,

and at this time, are not available.

McKenna and Associates was hired by the city to do work for downtown revitalization. Improvements to be made included design of sidewalks, selection of planting boxes, walkways, light posts and benches along Main Street.

After the city received a bill from McKenna saying the city was drastically over budget problems arose.

The city council was confronted with a bill by city manager Art Pappas on Sept. 25 which put the project over \$19,000 over budget.

However at the Nov. 13 council meeting, Terry Croad of McKenna and Associates offered to drop \$10,000 off the bill, leaving a balance of \$11,080.54.

Pappas has not received feedback from McKenna regarding the letter and said the council will not take any immediate action on the billing.

"We're going to wait until the end of the year and see what happens with the TEA-21 enhancement. We'll look into the 2001 budgets and go from there. But there's no way to pay for it in this year's budget," Pappas said.

Councilman Scott Meyland, who is a member of the city's budget committee said the budget committee will continue to look at possible ways to pay portions of, or the entire, overage cost.

The budget committee is made up of Meyland, Mayor Sharron Catallo, Dan Colombo and Pappas. Meyland said the committee will continue to discuss further options, and will report back to the council. Any options the budget committee comes up with must be approved by the council before any official action can take place.





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Township prefers M-15 n boulevard

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Area residents and township officials are greatly concerned with the future of M-15.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is considering a recommendation from its consultant, The Corradino Group, a Louisville, Ky., based engineering firm, to widen M-15 to either five lanes or to a narrow boulevard.

The Township Board adopted a resolution at the December 19 meeting to support and endorse a narrow boulevard for the improvement of M-15.

Township Clerk Joan McCrary said five lanes would be like Dixie Highway and "if you vision that, it's terrible." But Corradino rated this option the highest over a narrow boulevard, she said.

Therese Laub, a local resident, supports the narrow boulevard as well. "It's an excellent choice," she said. "I drive every week down to Royal Oak on Woodward through Bloomfield and Birmingham. That is a three lane boulevard, with turnarounds, and it's aesthetically pleasing with trees, flowers and shrubs."

"I don't think five lanes is the way to go," Laub added. "You can imagine lots of traffic, it'll be less safe and far less attractive."

Another concerned citizen said, "there is a big difference between a five lane and a boulevard. It's like the Field of Dreams line, 'If you build it they will come.' That's what will happen (commercially) to the northwest corridor. The narrow boulevard is right for this community."

"If there is one message to get out," the resident

added is to "write letters to Corradino."

Dick Carlisle supports the narrow boulevard strongly.

"From a planning standpoint," he said, "there will be numerous problems for the Planning Commission, myself, the Township and the people," if a five lane concept is accepted.

With a township that is trying to control commercial growth, Carlisle is fearful of what could happen in this type of situation. He urges people to not be complacent about this issue.

"If we have enough strong opposition in the community, MDOT will listen," said Carlisle.

"The township doesn't have any of the problems (MDOT and Corradino) say we have, like wetlands. There is no reason we can't have a boulevard here," said Carlisle.

Carlisle added the township will look like Dixie Highway in the northwest part of the township. "That's what it will become and that's not what we want to see after years of planning," he said.

"A five lane roadway would destroy the character," Carlisle said, who's afraid it may be forced upon

"We shouldn't be penalized, we should be rewarded for doing good planning and doing everything they've said to do." he said.

"Our request (for a narrow boulevard) may fall on deaf ears," he said.

Independence Township, through the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan and Master Plan, has conducted extensive analysis and planning of both the Township and the M-15 corridor.

The Vision 2020 Plan, adopted by the Planning Independence Township Planning Consultant Commission, recommends a parkway concept, similar to the narrow boulevard, for the improvement of M-

> The Township had further recognized the close relationship between land use and traffic conditions. For the majority of M-15, the Township has adopted and enforced a strategy for low density residential land

Within nonresidential areas south of Cranberry Lake Road, the Township has promoted lower intensity zoning, and lower traffic generating uses for this area. The Township's policy for this area has been to limit curb cuts shared access and comprehensively plan traffic circulation and site access.

In a formal resolution submitted by the Board, it was said the concerns of Township planners, public officials and citizens regarding the widening of M-15 to five lanes are quite clear. The widening of the road to a five lane configuration would significantly damage the character of the northwest portion of the Township, discourage further rural residential use, and encourage unwanted nonresidential use.

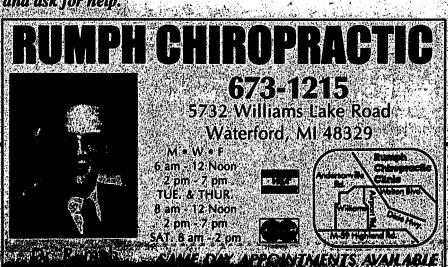
Construction of a five lane roadway, particularly north of Cranberry Lake Road, will degrade the low density rural character and, therefore, give rise to requests for higher density development, the Board feels. Such higher density development would contribute to worsening traffic conditions in the future.

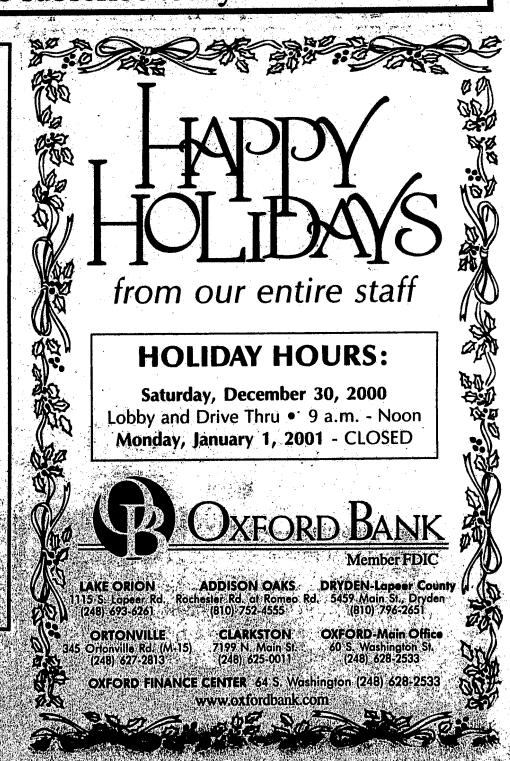
To voice your opinion, The Corradino Group and MDOT suggest visiting www.mdot.state.mi.us/m15 or calling 1-800-880-8241.

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Letters To The Editor

Our heavy snow is creating fire hazards

The Independence Fire Department wishes to reiterate what Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart suggested at the Township board meeting on December

The recent heavy snowfall has created some problems that are not generally experienced by our area. Some of the problems associated with this situation are varied but can be of critical importance. What follows is a plea to the public to assist your neighbors and community.

Following is a list of some of the issues we are find-

Buried fire hydrants - inability for your fire department to locate the nearest fire hydrant, and the time it takes to make it usable.

Buried address signs - it becomes critical that your address is clearly posted in reflective numbers on your mailbox and on your house (Many decorative signs are in yards, on rocks and trees).

Plugged or obstructed chimney flues and vents - extreme health hazards are created when fire place and furnace flues get plugged; extreme carbon monoxide can be produced. This odorless in visible gas can be deadly, and all homes should have working carbon monoxide detectors in place.

Dryer and fresh air intake vents - generally on the side of the house, these vents help release the moisture and unburned gases in the natural gas dryers, as well

as fresh air vents which are required to supply outside air for our high efficiency furnaces. Without this air being available, air is taken from the inside of the house, again, increasing the potential for carbon monoxide to be produced at dangerous levels.

Other issues that are created are blocked exterior. doors. The doors we generally use are attended to; but those forgotten back doors, which haven't been showled out eliminate your secondary means of escape in an emergency. This holds particularly true in the case of places where people would assemble such as churches, schools and department stores.

The question is, what can be done?

Consider digging out any fire hydrants in front of your house or in front of anyone else's that you are aware of and are not capable of doing so.

Take a walk around your house, observing the roof and anywhere else you are aware there are vents or flues.

If you notice doors blocked by snow in establishments you frequent mention it to the manager or someone responsible for correcting the problems.

We sincerely appreciate your cooperation with these issues, and wish all a Happy Holiday and Joyous New Year.

Greg Olrich, Fire Marshal Independence Township Fire Department

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A season ending top 10 for the Lions

Okay, so those Detroit Lions and William Clay Ford gave me, and every other Lions fan, a lump of coal this year. No big deal, we're used to it by now.

I was one of the estimated 60,000 who made the trip to Featherstone and Opdyke to watch one of the most uninspired football teams I've ever seen.

The Lions had everything to play for while Chicago had no reason to even visit Pontiac. But in the end, it was the same old Lions leaving that bitter taste in our mouths.

During the off-season there will be questions and concerns about what moves this organization needs to make. Obviously the offensive line, receivers and the quarterback all underachieved this year. The defense was very good. Special teams were good and the coaching was fair. But in the meantime, I'll'give you 10 things I didn't hear at the Silverdome very often this year.

10. Charlie Batch is 25 of 30 for over 300 yards and four touchdowns! This is the kind of quarterback the Lions thought he'd turn out to be.

9. I got a great parking spot and I got in and out of the Silverdome in record time!

8. This hot dog, popcorn and pop were only \$5, what a steal!

7. The line at the men's restroom was really short this time.



The Bottom Line

6. Touchdown Herman Moore! What a play. He went up, and over the receiver and held on to the ball when it really counted.

5. Did you see that hole James Stewart had to run through? You could drive a bus through that thing.

4. The secondary is healthy.

3. Charlie Batch had great protection that time.
2. Sly Croom is really

opening up the offense.

And the no. 1 thing

rarely heard at the Silverdome this year . . .

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Enter the Iceman, tales of 2001

Where has time gone . . ? Seems just like yesterday we were debating the merits of the new millennium starting in 2000 or 2001. The eve of 2001 is now upon us, and I don't know about you, but nothing feels different.

The hype has come and gone and now it's 2001. Pass the champagne, let me kiss my bride and then hit the sack. I am making no requests for 2001 — the last request I made, God granted. The following day we received 17 inches of snow.

As far as this time of year goes all I can say is, resolutions, schmezolutions. Who needs smacking, fracking resolutions to mess up a good holiday? Live your life as best you can, and leave resolutions to those freaks who have too much time on their hands and not enough problems to worry about.

That said, if I were to make a resolution or two, I think I'd shoot the moon, go for broke and try for the whole enchilada. Aim high, as Pops Rush used to say. "Be the best you can be."

My father's words as my guide, "I Don Rush, on this day, January 1, in the Year of Our Lord 2001, do solemnly resolve to fulfill my name's destiny and become ruler of the world by this time next year and enjoy whatever comforts and pleasures which accompany the job."

To heck with, "I resolve to lose 20 pounds," or "I resolve to quit smoking."

Those self-defeating promises are for chumps. But, I will promise you this — if I am Earth's Emperor I resolve that smoking isn't really bad for you and that women in size 2 clothing must be put on a diet of White Castle hamburgers and McDonald's milk shakes until said time when they weigh as much as the rest of us.

If I'm the Big Global Kahuna, citizen's arrest will be more than just two words put together. Citizen's arrest will mean just that ... citizens can

Now wouldn't that be handy? How many times when you're tooling down the highway do you see some moron pass you at 90-plus miles an hour, cross over four lanes of traffic in front of you and other vehicles, all without the common courtesy of using a turn signal.

There is never a cop around when that happens. In my world, we're all cop-like. Chase that man, stop that man, deflate his tires, take his shoes, throw his keys in the creek — administer justice and call the boys and girls in blue and brown to pick him up and take him to the hoosgow.

If I'm the Alpha World Male, the folks in Florida will have their voting privileges revoked for 12 years — three presidential elections. In that time they shall be instructed how to read a ballot and punch holes. Any dissenters will be fed to the Speaking of 'gators, that

Don't Rush Me

Don Rush

reminds of football, which reminds me . . . if I am The Man, the Detroit Lions football franchise will be stripped from anyone who has any connection to the current owners, the Ford Family. The new owners will not even be allowed to drive a Ford Motors product - foreign or domes-

Intellectual discourse and debates will be encouraged. Chronic complaining will be outlawed. Any fringe group who has an "in your face" approach to

their message shall be silenced and forced to live in Siberia with other chronic complainers and fringe

That means, those pro-life folks who surround abortion clinics and show bloody, yucky pictures will be sharing igloos with the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, anybody who wears a white robe or Swastika, and with Queer Nation folks those are the guys that shout, "We're queer, we're here and we're in your face!"

Get a life people . . . live and let live.

As the Exalted Earthling, I think it would be my job to ensure peace and tranquility for all . . that means anybody who plays their car stereo loud enough to be heard 10 feet away (let alone 40 feet, 40 yards or a mile away) shall have their driving privileges stripped, their stereo equipment confiscated and be forced to read books at the nearest. public library on Friday nights and weekends.

But, like I said, I don't make resolutions. And, it's a good thing!

Comments for he with the overinflated imagination can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com

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Happy New Year from Jim's Jottings and the grandchildren. Clarkston News and Sherman **Publications Presi**tent Jim She Sr. would like to take this opportunity to share a photo of himself: with his grandchildren in place of his weekly/column, Jim's Jottings. It is an annual tradition. Behind him are Dan and Karen Offer: Jim's: holiding Haley Speed While her big sister Sevannah, is holding twin Haley's 🧷 brother Trevor.

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A Look Back

15 YEARS AGO (1985)

The youngsters at Children's Village in Pontiac will be watching holiday specials on two new 19-inch color televisions, courtesy of Bailey Lake Elementary School. Over 600 students at the Pine Knob Road school have been donating money for the last two weeks to help other children. Doris Mousseau, principal at Bailey Lake, said \$450 was raised by the pupils.

The fight continues between the Clarkston Rotary Club and Detroit Edison over the utility company's policy not to provide electrical outlets for Christians decorations on 11 street light poles in descritions Christians For the first time in over 30 years the Better Child did not him; the lights in Christian this years.

Springfield December has \$36,000 to spend

teacher Neal Sage, Main Street Airlights owner Fonte Appliance and village pleaning commission member Jim MacArthur Clarkston Village residents who make a

practice of parking illegally could face ticketing or even having their car towed away in the near future. The village council is considering an amendment to their parking ordinance that would tighten up on enforcement of parking within the

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The Holiday Hop held at the Clarkston School was sponsored by the freshmen. The large gathering of young folks had a grand time dancing to music furnished by Don Kraft's orchestra. The decorating committee, with Cherie Littleson as chairman. is to be congratulated for a job well done.

As in years past, the Clarkston Rotary Club sponsored the community Christmas tree for the children. The tree was lighted for about a week before the big event. At about seven o'clock on Christmas Eve the crowd gathered. They listened to Christmas music until the word was passed around that Santa was on his way down Main Street.

The pupils of the Clarkston Station School pre-sented the annual Christmas program, consisting of Christmas songs, pantomimes, dialogues, and po-ems. Myrtle Gilbert sang "Frosty the Snowman" in an unique snowman costume. Melvin Frick sang "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth." The entire school presented "The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Santa Claus.'

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2000 = What a year it was

Welcome to our annual Year in Review. Our official reason for publishing the Year in Review is to help readers locate stories about events that have taken place during the year.

After reading through it, you'll find it also helps put many issues and events in perspective.

The year 2000 seemed to be one of planning for our community.

The city of Clarkston began planning for Main Street residents and businesses to be hooked up to the Independence Township water system in the spring.

The city also finalized plans for the

TEA 21 improvements which will include brick walkways, new streetlights, and trees on Main Street. These improvements will begin in conjunction with the water hook up.

Indepenendence Township spent a good deal of time and effort cooperating with developers and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy to keep Clarkston Creek Golf Course operating, with wetlands mitigation rights for the township plus 165 condos, retail and office buildings.

Independence Township voters approved Advanced Life Support service

from Independence Township which will begin service next year.

Springfield Township saw the finalization of plans and the groundbreaking for its new civic center.

Springfield also continued its concern for the environment through the Shiawassee and Huron Headwaters Preservation Project.

Both townships also approved several new residential developments.

The year also proved relatively calm for Clarkston schools, with planning for the future also taking place. Administrators, staff and school board members

have been brainstorming about future space and curriculum needs.

The schools also enjoyed several high points, including Springfield Plains Elementary being named a Michigan Exemplary Blue Ribbon School in December

Crime statistics showed the area is one of the safest to live in Oakland County, however, serious crime made an appearance in Independence Township. There was a car jacking from a local gas station, a local massage parlor was raided, and there were four bank robberies.

The Year in Review: 2000

January

Jan. 5 Clarkston's first baby of the century, Maria Christina, was born to proud parents Jeff and Mary Beth Baker at 12:14 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Local governments, police and schools as well as stores and restaurants reported a quiet Millennium entrance despite all the prior hype and hoopla. New Year's Day was welcomed in with gladness, not glitches.

Concerns for driver safety at the Dixie Highway and Big Lake intersection continued. Due to congestion, a left-turn signal was requested for installation by those involved at Oakland Technical Center -Northwest Campus, but denied.

Jan: 12 A serious rollover accident at Dixie Highway and Big Lake

heightened concerns for the need of a left-turn signal at the intersection. Officials still said no after brief studies were conducted.

On Jan. 9, Independence Elementary held an official dedication since its opening in November. Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts and principal Chris Turner spoke during the ceremonies while entertainment was provided by the fifth grade chorus who sang, "In These Walls," their school song.

A suit was filed by Springfield Township officials to move forward with the property purchase for a civic center off Broadway across from the Davisburg Elementary School.

Jan. 19 A court date was set for Feb. 16, in the Springfield Township civic center suit between parcel owners and

township officials.

East met West when the Japanese Junior National Wrestling Team paid a visit to CHS wrestlers during their two-day stay in Clarkston. An educational experience in differing cultures, CHS seemed to be overmatched though, losing all but one in the 112-171 weight divisions.

Plum Hollow, the home decorating center located in the Independence Town Square on Sashabaw, was approved for a new bigger location on the west side of Sashabaw, just north of the Fire Station

Jan. 26 Pretrials were set for two
15-year-old Clarkston students who allegedly posted a sign in their school bus
window saying it carried a bomb.

The Independence Township

Library's shelves grew due to \$250,000 in grants and contributions allowing 17,500 more books to be bought.

Recognition and applause was given to School Board members, school district employees and teachers who were heralded for their services to the district.

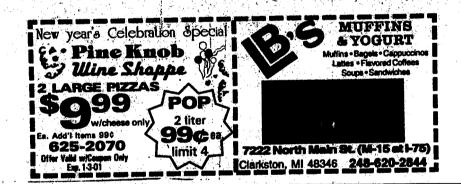
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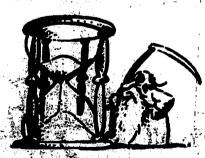
Feb. 2 Traffic ideas and study results were outlined at the ninth in a series of meetings to find solutions to traffic problems and other concerns along the 1-75 corridor.

Dave Deo, Independence Township resident who lives on Lake Oakland, rescued two Golden Labs when the ca-

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nines tested an icy canal and fell through.

Residents and community officials were concerned about how to increase retail business and make the Clarkston downtown area more vital. A revitalization program was unveiled for the commercial district of Main St., from Waldon to just north of Washington.

Feb. 9 Cars stalled along Dixie Highway and some never made it out of the parking lot of the Speedway gas station as approximately 20 drivers were the recipients of bad fuel. Customers were irate when they learned of the watereddown gas, while two deputies from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department quelled the disturbance.

CHS students had their chance to shine thanks to a commercial that was filmed for the Southeastern Michigan Regional Career Preparation System Leadership Team, under the direction of 1985 CHS graduate Dawnaree Demrose. A crew from Detroit's Channel 62 CBS WWJ-TV filmed students in different settings throughout the building and In-Depth Detroit anchor, Rich Mayk, in one classroom promoting careers based on "choice, not chance."

Clarkston teens Mark Sitko, Jared Elmore and Evan Schneider put on their running shoes and placed in the top one-third of the national Junior Olympic competition in South Carolina.

Feb. 16 City officials looked at ways to connect the city of Clarkston's water supply to that of Independence Township.

George White, longtime member of the Clarkston community and president of G.S.W. Clarkston Consulting Construction Coordination, announced his plan to run for Independence Township clerk in the August primary.

Two seniors, Andrea Ronk of CHS and Margaret Pruente of Our Lady of the Lakes High School were named Good Citizens by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The honors represent dependability, service, leadership and patriotism among high school seniors.

Feb. 23 The Clarkston branch of Great Lakes Bank was robbed on the afternoon of Feb. 18. This was the second time in three years the branch had been robbed.

In the Republican primary Governor George W. Bush received the majority of votes in the city of Clarkston and Independence and Springfield townships.

Truck traffic concerns continued for many residents, especially those who live in historic homes on N. Main. Many said the trucks that rumble through the downtown area weaken the foundations of those structures. City officials hoped to improve the problem with the implementation of Clarkston's Downtown Action Agenda 2000.

March

Mar. 1 Police raided PK's Salon on Dixie Highway after an anonymous tip alerted them to an illegal sex operation going on there. Two Korean women



Independence Township resident Dave Deo rescued two Golden Labs that fell through the ice.

were arrested following a search of the premises which is billed as a massage/sauna business.

The Clarkston city council approved a plan giving Clarkston residents an opportunity to authorize the city to borrow money, in the form of general obligation bonds, to initiate the construction of a water main.

CHS's first-year swim team, under the coaching of Kenwyn Chock, exceeded its own expectations by winning the OAA Division 3 League title.

Mar. 8 Crime statistics showed Independence Township is one of the safest places to live in Oakland County.

Nine swans were found dead in the marshes of Woodhull Lake. Later it was determined that the cause of death was from acute lead poisoning.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees approved motions concerning the Fire Department adding an assistant fire chief, developing a new contract for dispatching services from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and remodeling to Fire Station #3 on Maybee.

Mar. 15 A draft proposal to change school start times in the fall was met with some opposition from parents

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and students following its first presentation at a Clarkston school board meeting.

Dan Travis announced that after 20 years as a township trustee, he will seek another term. He has held the position for five consecutive four-year terms.

Coach Dan Fife and his CHS basketball team captured the district title with a 60-47 win over Holly.

Mar. 22 A Clarkston woman had her 1998 Ford Taurus returned to her after a man car-jacked it from a local gas station. The man, according to reports, jumped in her car while she tanked up. Based on information provided by the woman and a composite sketch, police were able to arrest the 41-year-old Burton man at Maplegrove Center, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation clinic in West Bloomfield.

Agnes DeNise celebrated 90 years as a Clarkston resident at a party in her honor with nearly 80 friends and family in attendance.

Independence Township Parks and Recreation Director Ann Conklin sought volunteers in her attempt to build a playscape for Sashabaw Plains Park on Maybee. The build is one of many improvements Parks and Rec. hopes to make in the years to come, including an in-line skating rink, soccer fields and a basketball court.

Mar. 29 Lake Waldon Village residents continued to find themselves in a quagmire of sorts. Their lake, Gulick Lake, has begun drying up and they seek to know why. A study is being considered to find answers and possible augmentation for the cure.

Dave Wagner announced he will run for Trustee in the Independence Township 2000 race. He ran unsuccessfully as trustee in the last election in 1996.

Another top official in Independence Township vowed to run in the 2000 election. Treasurer Jim Wenger made his announcement to fellow board members at the March 21 meeting to seek a second term.

April

April 5 Police were called March 29 to National City Bank, 6650 Dixie Highway at the corner of Maybee Road in Independence Township, after a man described as tall and weighing 165-185 pounds approached a teller and produced an automatic weapon. The incident was the second back robbery to occur in the township in the past two months. On Feb. 18 a suspect robbed the Great Lakes (now TCF) Bank on M-15, north of the City of Clarkston.

A recent report from Don Childs Associates, a golf course design, engineering and consulting firm from Sylvan Lake, has determined that it will take over \$5 million in improvements to bring Clarkston Creek up to par as a golf course. The Independence Township Board approved \$2,120 to hire the consultant in February, following months of discussion on whether the township should take over the 144-acre golf course on Maybee Road.

April 12 Over 300 people attended a public hearing Apr. 11 in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center regarding a proposal to change middle school and elementary school hours of

operation. Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts presented results from a survey of 400 parents, plus additional correspondence from community members, school staff and students on the issue.

At the Apr. 11 regular meeting of the school board, Craig Kahler, director of business services for the schools, told board members the schools would lose about \$375,000 this year because of the Headlee Amendment. He said the district can expect to lose up to \$450,000 next year.

Two Independence Township officials agreed to take on the challenging task of negotiating with developers over the proposed Clarkston Creek Golf Course deal. Although Supervisor Dale Stuart is in favor of the proposal and Trustee Neil Wallace is not, the two agreed to be the negotiating team that recently began serious discussions with developer Joe Locricchio and his firm JLG Properties.

April 19 The issue of whether or not the City of the Village of Clarkston will hook up to the water supply of Independence Township was the topic of discussion April 13 at City Hall. The water subcommittee, made up of Scott Meyland, Bill Basinger, Doug Roeser and Steve Arkwright, told area business owners that hooking up to the Independence Township water supply now would make good sense rather than waiting until a later date.

Independence Township Engineer
Randy Ford announced the M-15 road
paying project — Which will include some
widening at major intersections — will
be resurfaced for nine miles, from I-75
north to the Genesee County Line.

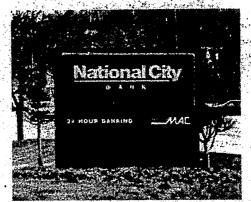
Clarkston SCAMP program, a summer camp for children and young adults with special needs, celebrated its silver. anniversary this year. Started in 1976, SCAMP has been a 25-year labor of love for the Clarkston community. Seventy-five children participated in the first program. About 300 students from north Oakland County and southeastern Genesee County participated in 1999.

April 26 The Clarkston area was the scene of two auto accidents within the past week, one of which was fatal. On Monday afternoon, two teenagers—one of them from Clarkston—were killed in an auto accident on White Lake Road in Independence Township. Aaron Suddeth, 15, of Clarkston, was a passenger in a 1997 Honda Civic that was driven by Erikka Marie Stanisha, 17, of Lake Orion.

Learning how to "see" inside a smoke-filled building was the focus of a training session by the Independence Township Fire Department. About 15 paid on-call firefighters received first-hand knowledge about the department's Cairns IRIS. Thermal Infrared Imaging System. The department recently purchased two of the special helmefmounted units. Two units were previously purchased in 1997.

After holding informational hearings for both Clarkston business owners and residents, the answer to the question of whether Clarkston will hook up to the water supply of Independence Township lies in the hands of voters. On Apr. 24, the city council passed a resolution saying it was in favor of the water proposal, which will be voted on May 9.

May 3 The Clariston Community





Bank robberies and the raiding of this massage parlor were newsmakers in 2000.

three-mill, three-year millage proposal for the June 12 election. The issue specified that the proposal deals with nonhomestead properties, such as rental, commercial, industrial and retail properties. According to Craig Kahler, director of business services, "the uncertainty of what is happening with property values" precluded the district from having a two-mill, two-year proposal on the ballot.

An estimated 80 volunteers from the Clarkston area, with the help of employees of the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department,

worked together April 29 and 30 to help construct a new playground at Sashabaw Plains Park. Mother Nature did her part to help out, as temperatures were in the mid 60's with sunny skies.

Karen Foyteck, current president of the Clarkston Board of Education, and Mary Ellen McLean, current board secretary, announced their intent to run for reelection to the board. They were joined by Steve Hyer, currently a student at the University of Michigan and a CHS alumnus, on the ballot. The three candidates ran for two four-year spots on the board.

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Camen Milano and his wife Christine sit on the front porch of their independence Township home with their two chidren. Milano was the first on the scene of the fire. He was returning home from work as a policeman in Southfield.



The Welch home on Clintonville Rd. just after the fire.

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May 10 Independence Township trustees Jeff McGee and Neil Wallace announced they will not seek reelection this year. McGee, who has served for eight years on the board, said he wanted to spend more time with his wife Dody and their two children, ages three and five: McGee also said he believes in term limits. Wallace, who served for one term, declined to explain why he was not running again.

After much heated debate on both sides, the Independence Township board, by a 4-3 margin, voted to approve an ethics ordinance for the township at their May 2 meeting. Voting in favor of the proposal were trustees Neil Wallace, Jeff McGee, and Larry Rosso, and clerk Joan McCrary. Supervisor Dale Stuart, treasurer James Wenger and trustee Daniel Travis voted against it.

Ann Conklin, Director of Independence Township Parks and Recreation since 1988, announced she's moving on to a bigger challenge. She accepted the position of Leisure Services Director with Canton Township, Conklin said although she loved working in Independence Township, it was time to move on. She called the new position, which she applied for in January, a "phenomenal opportunity.'

May 17 All systems are go for the new civic center planned for Springfield Township, according to Supervisor Collin Walls. The Springfield Township board took the next step toward its construction by approving a 2000 budget amendment for the center at its May 11 meeting. The cost of the civic center, which is estimated at approximately 30,000 square feet, will cost a little over \$6 million.

After 29 years serving the faithful at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston, the Rev. Bob Walters stepped down as the church's pastor. His last services at the church were held June 25. Walters presided at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services, and a luncheon was held in his honor at 1 p.m. Walters came to Clarkston in the fall of 1971.

If Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston gets his way, the Clarkston police force will have another officer on duty during the day. At the May 8 City Council meeting, Ormiston discussed the possibility of adding another officer to the force if funds are available. City councilman Dan Colombo said the budget committee would evaluate its numbers

and report back to the city council at its next meeting.

May 24 After much debate on both sides, the Independence Township board voted to approve ballot language for a fire millage at its May 16 meeting. The issue was approved by a 4-2 vote, with trustees Jeff McGee and Neil Wallace voting against the measure. Clerk Joan McCrary was absent from the meeting.

Dan Kelly, a relative newcomer to Independence Township, hoped to make a lasting mark on the community. With that in mind, Kelly, a Republican, has filed as a candidate for the Independence Township Board. He has lived in Clarkston for five years, and is a partner with the firm of Cox, Hodgman and Giamanco in Troy. He has worked for the firm since graduating from the University of Detroit 11 years ago.

Details regarding the enhancement grant for Clarkston's downtown revitalization efforts took center stage at the May 22 city council meeting. The council formed a new committee to make reccommendations to McKenna and Associates. The committee will pick out light fixtures, trees and brickwork and/or pressed asphalt to dress up downtown Clarkston.

May 31 Area citizens who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make this a better community were honored at the 15th annual Michigan Week Community Awards. Sponsored by the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, the awards were presented at a breakfast event May 24 at Deer Lake Athletic Club. Honored jointly as Citizens of the Year were Pat Brumback, Assistant Superintendent for Student Support Services and High School Operations for Clarkston Community Schools, and Toni Smith, president of the Clarkston Historical Society.

Despite protests from several area residents, the Independence Township Planning Commission voted to approve final site plans for a proposed subdivision, Clarkston Farms, at their May 25 meeting. The site, which is located on Clarkston Road just north of Flemings Lake Road, has an overall area of 18.98 acres. Thirty-four homes will be built in the subdivision.

Springfield Township resident Dave Hopper will make his first attempt this fall at elected office. Hopper, a Republican, filed as a candidate for Springfield

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Township trustee, hoping to represent the area where he has lived for eight years. He noted since he is the only trustee candidate that is not an incumbent, he considers himself to be the underdog.

<u>June</u>

June 7 Clarkston High School seniors, many in decorated cars, caravaned through Clintonwood Park to celebrate the last day of classes. Plenty of food, drink, relaxation and fun-filled activities took center stage June 1 as the Clarkston High School class of 2000 enjoyed a barbecue and party sponsored by Pine Knob Music Theatre and Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

Clarkston Community Schools residents will decide at the June 12 annual school election whether or not to approve a three-mill increase, from 2000-02, on non-homestead properties in the Clarkston Community Schools district. If the proposal is approved, the estimated revenue that will be collected by the district this year is about \$400,000, which will be designed to restore the Headlee reduction, according to the ballot language.

The rumor that Cherry Hill Lanes North will soon be replaced by Papa Joe's Gourmet Market will have to remain just that for a bit longer. On May 31, Papa Joe's confirmed negotiations between the bowling alley and the Rochester-based market have come to a halt. The market, which offers produce, deli, seafood and. specialty meats, is reportedly interested in expanding to the Clarkston area.

June 14 Clarkston Community Schools residents approved a three-mill non-homestead millage restoration at the annual school election June 12, by an 844-481 margin. In addition, Clarkston voters also reelected Karen Foyteck and Mary Ellen McLean to the Clarkston Board of Education.

The Clarkston Board of Education extended the contract of Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts one year, through 2005, at the June 12 school board meeting. Roberts' base salary is \$125,000, plus medical, dental and vision benefits. In addition to the extension, this year he will receive a performance bonus of \$5,000, as well as a tax-deferred annuity of \$2,500 and an increase in his automobile allowance, from \$400 monthly to \$450.

The Springfield Township Board, by a 4-3 margin, voted to discontinue their association with SEMCOG at their June 8 meeting. Voting in favor of the measure were Treasurer Lois Stiles and Trustees Margaret Bloom, Elaine Field-Smith and Richard Miller; voting against the measure were Supervisor Collin Walls, Clerk Nancy Strole, and Trustee Dennis Vallad.

June 21 Some relief to the parking situation in downtown Clarkston maycome, but only if the city finds out it's. covered from Meadowbrook Insurance: ship Board of Trustees unanimously voted If the city receives notice from Meadowbrook Insurance, the city's insurance company, additional parking spaces will become open to the public 24 hours a day on Depot between Main and the west alley. Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston said he expects the city to be covered.

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in phase one of a proposed retail, business and office development off Waldon Road. On June 6, Ed Adler, owner of the property, received a rezoning approval from the Independence Township Board, which moves the area from a planned research office/suburban residential zone to a planned unit development zone. This rezoning is one of the final steps in a process that has been ongoing for several

June 28 Concern over the possibility of construction of an I-75 exit at Clintonville Road near Maybee Rd. has mobilized a group of Independence Township residents into action. About 25 residents "crashed" the June 20 Independence Township Board meeting and challenged the board to support them in their fight against the interchange. Residents met again June 23 at the home of Kathy Anstandig to plot a course of action because they're not confident of the township's support.

Don't put away those bowling shoes, because the rumor about Clarkston's Cherry Hill Lanes being sold to Papa Joe's in Rochester was put to rest. It will not happen — this year, anyway. Sue Kulha, who with her husband Frank, are part owners of Cherry Hill Lanes, said June 27 they turned down the offer from Papa Joe's, a popular specialty foods market in Rochester.

Approximately 50 people made their way to the Springfield Oaks Civic Center earlier this month to attend a public information meeting on the Shiawassee & Huron Headwaters Resource Preservation Project. Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls, co-chair of the project, served as master of ceremonies for the event. Walls said the project has been time-consuming, and emphasized the need for mutual cooperation between all parties for the project to be successful.

July

July 5 Independence Township Trustee Neil Wallace and Supervisor Dale Stewart came to an agreement on the ownership and operation of Clarkston Creek Golf Course.

Two suspects in the beating death of Clarkston resident Lawrence John "Jack" Thompson appeared in court June 29 to face a preliminary examination. Richard Lee Collar, 51, and Daniel Barry Couch, 42, were both present in 52-2 District Court to answer charges of second-degree murder in the June 16 beating death of Thompson, 38, who was the owner and president of Thompson Oil Co. in Pontiac.

Andy Reish, coordinator for AT&T Cable Services in Clarkston, began looking for volunteers to work on Channel 65. He ran video production classes through the summer where he taught students 15 and over the ins and outs of stu-

dio production.

July 12 The Independence Townon a proposal regarding Clarkston Creek Golf Course. The Board voted not to purchase the golf course, but instead pur-chase development rights that are perpetual and irrevocable that will run to and benefit not only the township, but also the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy. Under the proposal, the Negotiations are coming to a close; s township was also to purchase storm



Enrollment at Clarkston schools grew by 4 percent

water management rights and improvements, as well as wetlands mitigation.

The Clarkston School Board voted in its officers for the 2000-2001 school year on July 10. Karen Foyteck was elected school board president. Sheila Hughes was elected vice president, Ronald Sullivan elected treasurer and Rick Crigger secretary.

On July 10, members of the Clarkston City Council and city engineer Gary Tressel answered questions to home and business owners regarding Clarkston hooking up to the water supply of Independence Township. The \$1.2 million dollar project was funded by an \$800,000 general obligation bond which tax payers began paying on their July 1 tax bill.

when they found out plans for an I-75 exit at Clintonville Road were scrapped **July 13.**

At least 100 residents of Pine Knob developments crowded into the senior center at Clintonwood Park for the Independence Township Planning Commission's July 13 meeting, to protest conceptual site approval for Fairways at Pine Knob, a group of luxury townshouses to be built on the west side of Royal St. George.

The Springfield Township Board approved the concept plan for a proposed civic center on Shiawasace Park at its July 13 meeting. The center was slated to be the new home of the Springfield Township Library, the site of the township offices and the meeting center for

the township board meetings.

July 26 Over 300 area children took part in the SCAMP Field Day July 20. A staff of more than 200 volunteers worked together on the event which benefit children with special needs in the Clarkston area.

On July 20, an informal meeting was held for area residents to look at plans for paving Waldon Road between I-75 and Clintonville. The paving was to be funded by developers of the Oakhurst subdivision on Clintonville Road and begin in the spring. The agreement was made between the developer and the township before any homes in Oakhurst were built, said Sally Elmiger, a consultant with Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Independence Township planners.

A meeting was scheduled for July 27 for residents of Almond Lane neighborhood. Residents were to meet with Clarkston schools and Independence Township engineers and board members, with the purpose being to find a solution to flooding problems according to both schools Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts and the township Supervisor Dale Stuart.

August:

Aug. 2 Independence Township resident Penny Shanks filed a complaint with the state of Michigan contending that township clerk Joan McCrary was in violation of campaign law. Shanks said she attended a required training session for election inspectors July 25 at the In-

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Breath of fresh air

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way," said Dan.

When Dan went to the door and saw the oxygen with the children, he was surprised.

Jeff described Dan's reaction, imitating with eyes wide open, taking a step back, and saying, "Whoa! Okay, we'll get that in here right now."

Before they left, Dan said, "Wait, I should give the kids something." I had \$5 on my dresser and gave the kids \$1 each. They were cute kids, pleasant, and said 'thank you, sir.' They knew they were helping someone."

Added Betty, "But then they were gone and we didn't know who they were. They're like little missing

Christmas elves.

Betty said, "I wish I could do something for them. I was half conscious. Everything was like a fog to me. I was so weak from trying to get home, I heard the story from my husband. I heard it secondhand."

"It's amazing the effort these people have put out to take care of me. I'm a stranger to all of them. I was so pleased. It was such a sweet thing for them to do,"

At the thought of helping Betty, Jeff said, "I liked it!"

Assistant Director of Beaumont Home Medical Equipment, Sue Risher said, "Lou called me to tell me this story. Lou's a caring and conscientious employee. I was extremely moved by his feelings and emotions. He wanted so badly to have these people recognized."

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Springfield fire

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their hands and knees, Quisenberry said, and located the husband lying on the floor. They grabbed the husband by the ankles, and brought him out of the house.

The man was transported to North Oakland Medical Center, and treated and released for minor injuries. His wife suffered minor injuries in the fire.

He was placed under arrest on charges of domestic violence and arson of a dwelling, and then taken to the Oakland County Jail. At the man's arraignment Saturday, the domestic violence charge was increased to a felonious assault charge.

The man is currently being held in the Oakland County Jail on \$75,000 bond. A preliminary hearing date is unknown at this time, according to Quisenberry.

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CHS student Melissa Hamlet, who died due to complications of anorexia, was remembered with a ribbon ceremony at a football game and

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also with a concert.

dependence Township Fire Department Community, which McCrary conducted. Shanks said reelection materials were displayed on a sign-in table, including bumper stickers and a sign-up sheet to provide yard sign positions for McCrary yard signs. McCrary said at the time she was conducting the training sessions, she was unaware of any campaign violations.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce sponsored a buffet breakfast on July 27 where candidates for Springfield and Independence Township trustees, supervisors and clerk participated in a discussion forum at the Colombiere Center. The audience had the opportunity to ask each panel questions pertaining to issues concerning the community.

Two former employees of The Clarkston Cinema said they were filing complaints with the State of Michigan against owner Larry Sefa for failure to pay wages. Cassidy Black and Gina Dew claimed they were owed a combined total of \$925 in unpaid wages.

Aug. 9 In the primary election on Aug. 8 Independence Township voters reelected Dale Stewart Township Supervisor and Joan McCrary Township Clerk. Also elected were board members Dan Kelly, Dan Travis, Larry Russo, Dave Wagner, Mel Vaara and Robert Aranosian. Voters also approved the township fire renewal and an increase in EMS service.

Springfield Township voters returned Colin Walls to Supervisor Aug. 8. Also elected were board members Dave Hopper, Elaine Field-Smith, Margaret Bloom and Dennis Vallad.

Over \$5,500 was raised for SCAMP at the 16th annual Meadowbrook Historic Races came to Depot Park Aug. 4. The event, officially titled Concours in the Park, was an exhibition of pre-1972 sports cars featuring many assembled groups of British models. The event raised \$2,000 more than it had the previous year.

Aug. 16 The Oakland County Sheriff's Department looked into two serious automobile crashes that took place on two consecutive days in Springfield Township. The first incident involved a 23-year old Clarkston resident and two passengers on Aug. 13. Reports said alcohol may have been a factor. The second occurred Aug. 14 on northbound 1-75. A large amount of suspect marijuana was found near the overturned vehicle.

Residents of Waumegah petitioned for a lake board at a Springfield Town-

ship Board meeting Aug. 10.

The Springfield Township Board approved by a 6-1 margin a special land use and concept plan, known as the Clarkston Woods proposal, for the development near Big Lake Road Aug. 10. The area featured lake frontage, wetlands and tree coverage. The proposal centered around a 28-unit single-family site condominium cluster development on a 96-acre site, with 57.28 acres preserved as open space.

David Sage, a 2000 Clarkston graduate, was named regional athlete of the year by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports of the Oakland Fitness Council. Sage was a four-year letter winner in cross country and track.

The first annual John Wigman Memorial Scholarship Golf Scramble and Dinner held Aug. 13 at Clarkston Creek Golf Course raised well over \$10,000. Wigman was shot to death on June 17. Over 150 area golfers took part in the event.

Aug. 23 An estimated 60 area residents gathered Aug. 17 at Clarkston Creek Golf Course for the first of two public forums designed to discuss the Sept. 12 referendum issue on the course.

All schools in the Clarkston School
District discussed changes taking place
for the 2000-01 school year.

The Third Annual 'Rush for Food' held Aug. 18 brought together Clarkston football players, and parents, from the freshman, JV and varsity levels. Together, over 60 volunteers and football players raised enough food to fill a full-sized van, a Chevy Blazer and a pick up truck. Food was donated to Lighthouse Clarkston.

Aug. 30 The Independence Township Planning Commission denied a request for wetland mitigation plan for a proposed retail center on Aug. 24. The property was located at the northeast corner of Sashabaw and Maybee.

The Clarkston City Council discussed whether or not Big Buck Brewery should have its beer on sale at the Taste of Clarkston event Sept. 23.

Bob Beattie, who spent 46 years in the Clarkston Rotary Club, was named grand/marshall of the annual Clarkston Labor Day parade Sept. 4.

<u>September</u>

Sept. 6 The Clarkston Community School district continued to work with Independence Township officials and engineers to combat the flooding prob-

lems on Almond Lane.

The Clarkston varsity football team beat West Boomfield 20-10 Aug. 31.

The girls cross country team won The Cavalier Classic, beating 22 other schools.

Sept. 13 Independence Township voters approved the long-discussed Clarkston Creek proposal by a count of 1,609 to 535 on Sept. 12. The ballot language asked voters if the township should preserve 120 plus acres of Clarkston Creek, facilitate a regional storm water management system and provide an area for a wetland mitigation program.

On Sept. 11, the Clarkston City Council voted not to allow Big Buck Brewery, or any other vendor, to sell alcohol at the Taste of Clarkston.

Melissa Hamlet, a 17-year old Clarkston High School student, died at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 6. Hamlet had been battling anorexia and was a transfer student from Lakeland High School. She was honored at half-time of the Clarkston varsity football game as students unveiled a ribbon that stretched the length of the football field twice over.

Sept. 20 The National City branch bank at the intersection of Dixie and Maybee roads was robbed at approximately 12:20 p.m. on Sept. 19. The suspect entered the bank, robbed one of the tellers and fled on foot, Sgt. Ken Quisenberry of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department Substation in Clarkston said.

The city council unanimously approved a resolution to institute a 6.212 percent interest rate on the \$400,000 Special Assessment District. The city received two bids for the SAD. The winning bid came from Raymond James and Associates with a rate of 5.212 percent. Dennis Nieman, the city's bond counsel, said the bid was below market.

Independence Township Fire Chief Gar Wilson retired from his post at the end of September. He had been with the fire department since 1970 and had served as fire chief since 1987.

The Clarkston varsity football team beat Lake Orion 35-20. Running back Rob Conley rushed for four touchdowns.

The Clarkston girls varsity basketball team improved to 5-1 by winning a thrilling overtime game over West Bloomfield 61-56 on Sept.:14.

Sept. 27 An estimated 3,000 people turned out to run, eat, shop and dance at the annual Taste of Clarkston and Fall Fun Daze in downtown Clarkston on Sept. 23. Over \$10,000 in tickets were sold

with proceeds being split between the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

A Pontiac man was expected to be arraigned Sept. 27 in Federal District Court in the robbery of the National City Bank at Dixie and Maybee Roads. No one was hurt in the robbery which took place Sept. 19. According to Oakland County Sheriff's Det. Dirk Feneley of the Independence Township Substation, the robber took over \$4,000.

On Sept. 25 the City Council discussed moving into Independence Township Hall once the township vacates the building.

October

Oct. 4. School enrollment increased by 4 percent for the second year in a row. According to the unaudited student enrollment count of Wed., Sept. 22, there were 7,554 students enrolled in Clarkston schools, and increase of 276 from 7,278 a year ago.

The Springfield Township Planning Commission tabled a request by Boutrous Companies of Auburn Hills to build a Kroger at Dixie Hwy. and Davisburg Rd.

Independence Twp. is considering replacing Fire Station #3 on Maybee Rd. because remodeling costs were higher than expected.

Oct. 11 Emery Welch is pulled from his daughter's burning home on Clintonville Rd. on the morning of Sept. 27 by passers-by. He suffered smoke inhalation and was sent to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. The family lost everything in the fire, but there were no other injuries.

Independence Township Board of Trustees censured Supervisor Dale Stuart for accepting campaign contributions which violated the board's new ethics policy.

Longtime Clarkston resident
Maryetta Bullard was remembered at a
service attended by many family members and friends at Clarkston United
Methodist Church.

Oct. 18 The Independence Township Planning Commission ok'd a conceptual site plan for an upscale nonstandard strip mall which will include a 45,000-sq. ft. Papa Joe's Gourmet Market at White Lake Rd. and Dixie Hwy. Part of the Parks at Stonewood complex, it is expected to open fall 2001.

Clarkston City Council members

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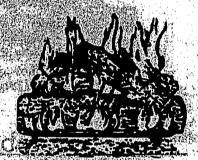


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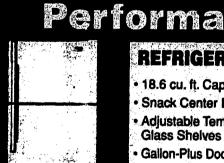


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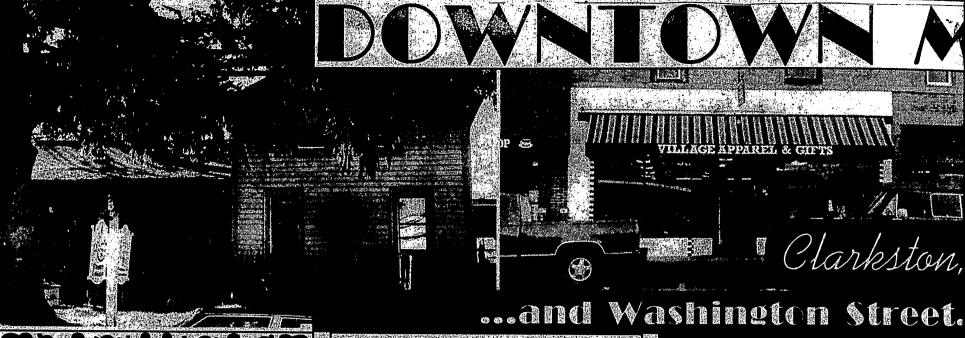
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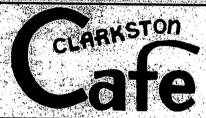
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A rollover occurred on Clarkston Road. The driver was intoxicated.

A lost wallet was reported on Chapelview.

Carbon monoxide investigation on Snowapple. Medicals on Marvin, Sashabaw, and Sunnydale. Mutual aid on Park Court.

Personal injury accident on I-75 south of Waldon. Saturday, Dec. 23, a suspicious circumstance was reported on Williamson. Footprints were found around the residence and the front door appeared to be tampered with.

An assault and battery and a malicious destruction to a vehicle occurred on Brandies Circle.

An assault and battery and a malicious destruction to a vehicle was reported on Flemings Lake.

Medicals on Pond View and Parview. Friday, Dec. 22, a vehicle was taken without permission by a juvenile with no license. The driver hit a parked vehicle and drove into a snow bank.

A vehicle was stopped on Dixie Hwy for speeding. The intoxicated driver was arrested for a first offense.

Medical on Independence.

Mutual aid on Hillcrest Thursday, Dec. 21, a home invasion was reported on Clintonville. Entrance was gained through a broken back door window. The owner stated nothing appeared to be missing, but drawers and closets

A malicious destruction of property occurred on Clarkston. While the owner was out of town, an unknown vehicle struck the resident's garage door and wall. Damage is valued at \$1,000.

Automatic alarm on Mountainview.

Medicals on Ashwood, southbound I-75 south of Dixie Hwy, Whitby, Independence, Upland Apartments, and South Main.

Personal injury accidents on southbound I-75 south of Dixie Hwy, northbound I-75 north of M-15, southbound I-75 south of Clintonville, and I-75 at Sashabaw.

Wednesday, Dec. 20, a complaint was filed on Northcrest. The complaintant's e-mail was hacked into causing her hard drive to crash. A suspect was

Lockouts on Citation Drive.

Medicals on Citation Drive, Balmoral Terrace, Ortonville and at Marshbank Apartments.

Personal injury accidents on I-75 at Sashabaw, Ortonville north of Dixie Hwy, Ortonville at Oakhill, Andersonville at White Lake, and Dixie Hwy at Tappon.

Wires down on Ortonville at Amy Drive.

Tuesday, Dec. 19, medical on Summit Ridge. Personal injury accident on Dixie Hwy at

Monday, Dec. 18, medicals on Dixie Hwy, Pine Knob, Indianwood, and Parview.

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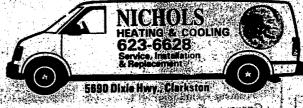
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said they were overbilled \$19,616.58 by city planners McKenna and Associates. Dept. received approval from the board The bills were for design work on the city's TEA 21.

Residents of Deerwood and The Manors protested the building of eight homes in the new, neighboring Hidden Acres Sub. surrounding Campbell House, a senior citizen foster care facility. Residents complained there was too much traffic which endangered kids in the neighborhood.

The Clarkston High School Wolves football team beat Rochester High School 48-14 at their Homecoming game.

Oct. 25 About 75 Almond Lane neighborhood residents turned out to hear the Independence Twp. Board approve a proposal to install a gravity pipe from Clarkston High School to Gulick Lake that would direct water away from residents' back yards and basements. The cost will be around \$183,000. The township agreed to pay 25 percent of the cost, and direct \$25,000 from the Road Commission for Oakland County to the project. The township would like Clarkston Schools to pay the balance, which it has refused to do so far. The schools said they could only afford to pay for a pump station on high school property which would direct overflow storm water runoff from school detention ponds into Clarkston Road culverts and wetlands near the school administration office building.

November

Nov. 1 Ongoing negotiations between Independence Township and developers for Clarkston Creek Golf Course were delayed. Everest Academy's director of the boys school, Richard Cross spoke out in favor of Proposal 1, while Cedar Crest Academy's director, Bette Moen did not support it.

The Clarkston High School football team beat Grand Blanc for the second year in a row in the district semi-final

Nov. 8 While the nation couldn't make up its mind on who should be president, Clarkston and Independence and Springfield townships chose George W. Bush. The three communities also recorded one of the highest voter turnouts

After many days of negotiations, Independence Township finalized its agreement with Clarkston Creek developers. The golf course will remain, along with wetlands areas mitigation rights sold

lowed to build 165 condos, plus office and Frank Millard will chair the Commission. retail space.

The Independence Township Fire to purchase five defibrillators. The purchases are part of the implementation of the new Advanced Life Support service provided by the Fire Dept.

Nov. 15 The Clarkston High School football team wins its second regional title in a row with a 41-31 win over Plymouth Canton Nov. 10.

Clarkston City Council members consider renting the building at 3 E. Church for the DPW and police department at a cost of \$2,000 per month. The decision was tabled for a later date.

Springfield Twp. agreed to officially support the possible move of the historic Ellis barn to Springfield Oaks County

Longtime Clarkston resident Stan White is remembered at a service at Clarkston United Methodist Church. The World War II veteran died on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

The city planning firm of McKenna and Assoc. agreed to cut \$10,000 off their bill for TEA-21 design work. The city said they were over-billed more than \$19,000 for the work.

Nov. 22 Clarkston Schools considered a proposal to make the athletic department self-sufficient.

The Michigan Dept. of State ruled that Joan McCrary "may have" violated campaign laws when she displayed her campaign reelection materials on the sign-in table where election inspector training was going on. The state said no action will be taken because the department could not conclude that McCrary knowingly violated the law.

The Clarkston High School girls basketball team were district champs for the first time in 24 years with their 48-31 win over Lapeer East Nov. 18.

The CHS football team fell to the Grand Ledge Comets 17-15 in a state semi-final Nov. 18. In spite of the loss, the team won 12 games, the most in school history.

Nov. 29 Clarkston resident and psychologist Dr. Ann Moye and psychiatrist Dr. Alexander Sackeyfio and others spoke about eating disorders at Clarkston Middle School.

The Independence Township Fire Department received approval to purchase three emergency vehicles for their new Advanced Life Support unit.

December

Dec. 6 Clarkston attorney and Oakto the township. Developers will be all land County Commissioner (District 4)

Springfield Plains Elementary School was named a Michigan Exemplary Blue Ribbon School. It also received a nomination for the National Blue Ribbon Schools award, with the results to be announced in the spring.

Clarkston schools determined they could save about \$1,000 if they ran their own school elections, instead of having Independence Township run them. A decision is expected in January.

The schools signed on to the Durant III lawsuit, demanding the state fully fund state-mandated special education services for students.

Dec. 13 The Bank One branch on Sashabaw near Maybee Road was robbed Dec. 8. The suspect got away with about \$1,080.

Clarkston and most of Southeastern Michigan is hit with a blizzard Dec. 12. About 12 inches of snow fell and schools were closed for three days.

A sign at the Clarkston Cinema says, "Closed for good". Owner Lawrence Sefa is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 28 for allegedly bouncing business-related checks.

The Independence Township Library announced plans to set up an Internet room and training center. Part of the funding will come from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Library Services and Technology Act, a Friends of the Library donation and money budgeted for public internet com-

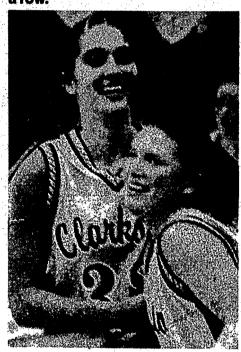
Dec. 20 The City of Clarkston Police Department and the DPW will move to 3 E. Church St. They will rent space from John and Carol Morgan.

The Springfield Twp. board tabled the Riverview Crossing development because of incomplete information.

Independence Township Children's Librarian Anne Rose announced her retirement after 28 years.

Lighthouse Clarkston announced plans to move to Clarkston Community Education building temporarily.

The CHS football team made it to semi-finals for the second year in a row.



The CHS girls basketball team won districts.



Officials broke ground for the proposed Springfield Township C

Around Town

The Polar Rhino Tour: is coming a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday to the Independence Township Library. 6495 Clarkston, on Jan 1. Register from 10:30-11:45 a.m. and ride at noon. The event, sponsored by the Flying Rhino Cycling Club and Kinetic Systems Bicycles, Inc., features eight and 17 mile rides of (snow covered?) dirt roads through northern Oakland County. Fattire bikes are recommineded and helmets are required. Special 2001 sweatshirts and t-shirts are available. Registration is \$15. FRGC Members, seniors and children are \$7. Call 625-7000 from []

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For men and women of all ages who have been recently widowed, the Widowed Support Group will meet Thurs., Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. The topic for the evening will be "Sharing and Caring Support?" All meetings are held at Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Rd All area residents are welcome: It is on a walk-in basis, no registration is

necessary. Refreshements will be served. Any questions or if you would like to be put on the mailing list, call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home 625-

A Crooked Lake Ice Fishing Contest will take place Jan. 6 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw. Call 625: Attention Deficit Disorder 0877 for more information.

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Children and Adults with (CHADD) of the Oxford Area will meet on Tues., Jan. 7 from 7 p.m the Oxford Public Library, I used at 530. Pontiac St., between Burdick and Drahner, west of M-24. Anyone inquisitive children's program, start the interested in learning about ADD new year with fun and adventure at the welcome. Call (248)391-0113. interested in learning about ADD is

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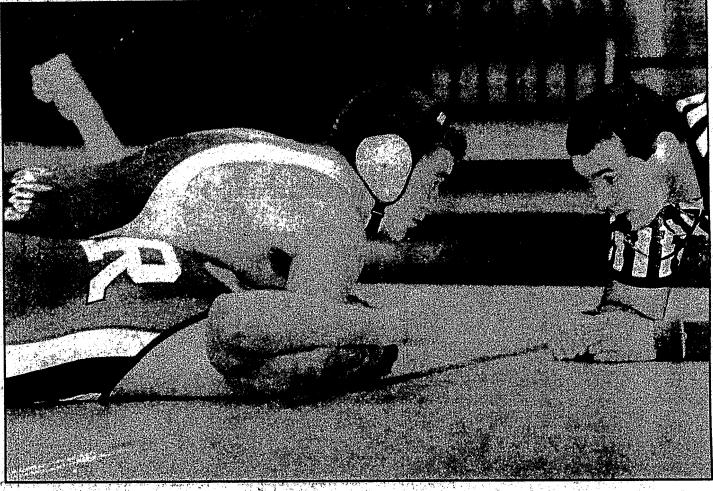
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Chris Jaroneski was one of five Wolves who placed at the Oakland County wrestling tournament.

Grapplers take fourth at county

Five Wolves place as young team gains momentum

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Five Clarkston varsity wrestlers placed and the Wolves took fourth as a team at the Oakland County wrestling tournament at Clarkston High School Dec. 22 and 23.

Clarkston's best performances came from Tony Lajoi (125) who took

fourth, John Langdon (145) who finished fifth, Brian Chism (152) who took third, Pat DeGain (171) who finished fourth and Chris Jaroneski (215) who finished third.

Clarkston led the meet going into the semi final matches. Oxford won the meet with a score of 219 points. Novi took second, followed by Rochester Adams. Lake Orion rounded out the top five teams.

Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said his team put forth a solid effort and he was very happy with his young team's results.

"This was a real good achievement for our team," DeGain said. "I'm very happy with how our kids did." Langdon, who finished 5-2 during the tournament was happy to take fifth in one of the toughest tournaments of the season.

"This is only my first year wrestling varsity and it was tough, but I'm happy with how I did. It was a good learning experience for me," he said.

Brian Chism, went 5-1 during the tournament. He usually wrestles at 145 pounds.

"I'm giving up a lot of strength by going up a weight class

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Hockey team stays on top of OAA I

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The state hockey rankings will almost certainly be shaken up after the weekend. But for now the Wolves are one of the state's elite teams.

An 8-2 win over Troy Dec. 20 helped the Wolves boost their record to 7-1-1 overall and 4-0-1 in their division: Clarkston is in first place in the Oakland Activities Association Division I and is

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ranked sixth in the state in Division I.

Clarkston took an early 3-1 first period lead over the Colts and added four more in the second period. Goals came from Adam Postal, Eric Plante, Myles Purdy, Jon Bemis, Nick Turner, Mike Abrams and Jeremy Gabriel. Clarkston had 10 players draw as-

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Volleyball team loses that dual meet of season

Netters let 14-6 lead slip away in game one

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston varsity volleyball coach Gordie Richardson thought his team would have been excited to compete in its first dual meet of the season. But maybe his team was too excited.

After having to reschedule their opening meet from Dec. 11 to Dec. 20 because of snow days, the Wolves finally had their first dual meet of the year at Troy Athens Dec. 20. Clarkston had chances to win, but fell short, losing 14-16, 11-15.

Richardson said his team was jittery and nervous. "Our kids just weren't loose out there," he said. "We got off to a good start early, but then we started making some hitting er-

The Wolves jumped out to a 14-6 lead in the opening game, but let their eight point lead slip away.

"Volleyball is such a game of momentum. We let it slip away from us that time. I hate that part of it," Richardson said.

Richardson credited Troy Athens with giving the Wolves some looks they don't usually



"Their defense is a lot different than what we're used to. I have to give Athens credit. They made a lot of plays while our kids were just standing around.".

After letting the 14-6 lead get away from them in the opening game, the Wolves tried to regroup, but didn't. Instead, Clarkston had 14 hitting errors in the second game.

We had chances to win; we just didn't. We didn't play to win. Our kids were so nervous. I kept telling them to relax and have some fun out there, but they were just so tight," Richardson said.

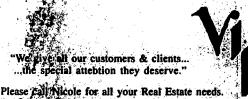
Mary Warchuck had one ace and two digs. Bonnie Edgar had 10 digs and one block while Angela Humphreys had seven digs and one block.

The Wolves resume action Jan. 4 when they host Groves at 6 p.m. The varsity team also competes in an alumni scrimmage Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. and the Christmas scrimmage Dec. 29 at 9 a.m.

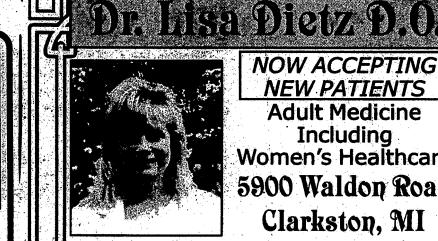
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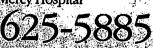
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Athlete of the week: Ryan Wheaton

You probably won't hear Ryan Wheaton screaming instructions to his teammates, but may see him at the finish line before most other swim-

The senior captain of Clarkston's varsity swim team had two first place finishes in the Wolves win over Clawson Dec. 19. He finished first in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:43.11. He also took first in his premier event, the 100 backstroke, with a time of 1:08.92. He also led off 200 medley relay which also took first place.

Wheaton said the backstroke is his best event. "I've already matched my personal best for last year so I'm picking up where I left off last year," he said. "I'm hoping to leave the record this year and I'd like to qualify for county in the event."

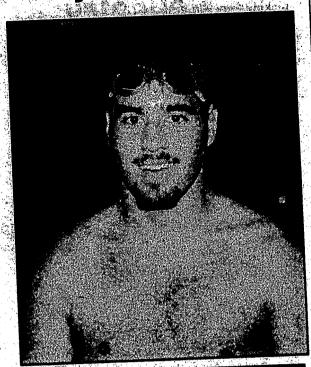
Wheaton's coach, Kenwyn Chock, spoke highly of her senior captain.

"He's a silent competitor. He does what he's asked to do and he's a very smart racer. He knows what he wants to do in each race before he sets foot on the block," Chock said.

Wheaton said he's a quiet leader of the team.

"I'm not an outspoken person at all. When I was named team captain I knew I wouldn't be the most vocal leader, but I try to organize the team," Wheaton said.

Wheaton maintains a 3.5 grade point average and said after graduation he will be attending Central Michigan University. He plans to major in secondary education and teach math and French.



'He does what he's asked to do and he's a very smart racer.'

Kenwyn Chock — Varsity swim coach

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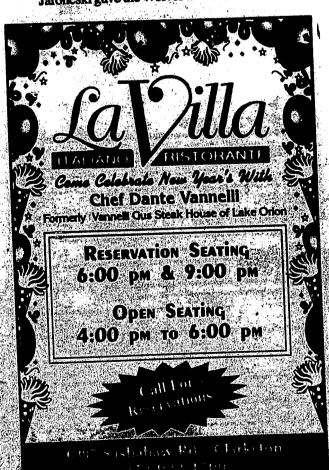
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Continued from page 21 here. But this is one of the tougher meets of the year. I know I could have done better," Chism said.

DeGain said even though Chism may have been a little disappointed with how he did, DeGain was not.

"Brian lost to the eventual champion. But he's very capable and could have won this tournament. He gave us a good, solid third place finish," DeGain said. Jaroneski gave the Wolves another solid third place



finish. The first and second place wrestlers in his weight class were state runners up last year, DeGain said.

Lajoi, who is only a freshman, gave another solid Clarkston performance.

"For a freshman to come in here and take fourth at a meet like this is something else," DeGain said.

Langdon, like Chism, also bumped up a weight class, but still managed to pull off a fifth place finish.

"He usually wrestles at 140, but he wasn't sure if he could make weight so we bumped him up. But it ended up working out for us. He did a real nice job," DeGain said.

However Clarkston did not get out of the meet

Standout sophomore Clint DeGain, who wrestled in his first matches of the season after coming off a shoulder injury, re-injured the same shoulder. DeGain said his son will almost certainly undergo surgery and be out for the rest of the season. DeGain suffered his latest injury in his match for third place at the 171 pound weight class.
"We were going to have to do the surgery any

way and it was the kind of thing where he didn't have total mobility with his shoulder. It was still pretty unstable and you can't go through a wrestling season with the shoulder being good one match and bad the next," DeGain said.

Also suffering an injury was freshman Sean Turner (135). He will likely be out for at least two weeks, DeGain said.

//In addition to having six Wolves place, DeGain said several other wrestlers had strong performances.

"Nate Parker came real close to placing and did a nice job for us. Sean Miller did very well also and so did Elliot May," DeGain said.

Clarkston finished third at the county meet last year, But DeGain said while his team is young and looking a little towards next year, he is very much en-

joying the current season. The big thing is that we're building a foundation for next year. But we're having a lot of success this year too. These are young kids who work hard and

Obituaries

Imogene Mae James

Imogene Mae James of Clarkston died Dec. 20, 2000. She was 74.

She was the loving wife of Charles and the dear mother of Susan (David) Phillips of Clarkston.

She was the grandmother of Erick (Kelly) Phillips and Melissa (Shawn) Champion. She was the greatgrandmother of Jacob Todd Phillips and the sister of Robert (Hattie) Allen of Lawrenceville, Ill. and Donald (Lillie) Pugh of Highland, Ind.

She was preceded in death by siblings Goldie, Juanita, William and Alva Allen.

Funeral service was held Dec. 22 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association. www.legacy.com.

Robert E. Schram

Robert E. Schram of Clarkston died Dec. 19, 2000 at the age of 82.

He was preceded in death by his wife Tressie. He was the father of Robert W. (Phyllis) Schram of Fla. and the stepfather of William E. (Ellie) Vernon of Lansing.

He was also survived by 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was the brother of Jenny Hamilton of Pontiac and William (Thelma) Schram of Lake Orion.

Mr. Schram retired from Gereral Motors. He was an Army Air Corp veteran of WWII.

He was a member of the American Legion DAM

Funeral service was held Dec. 22, 2000 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in

Interment at Hillview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Michigan. -

Joseph T. Sarvis

Joseph T. Sarvis, a long time resident of Clarkston,

died Dec. 15, 2000 at the age of 91. He was the beloved husband of H. Jane Sarvis. He was the dear friend of Rose (Gary Sr.) DeVar of Payson, Ariz. and Betty Sarvis of New Port Ritchie,

He was the dear grandfather of eight.

He was preceded in death by his great granddaughter, Lauren.

Mr. Sarvis had retired from Pontiac Motors after 39 years of service.

He was a charter member of St. Daniels Parish and a member of the K. of C. Pope John 23rd Council

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, bowling and spending time with his grandchildren.

Funeral mass was held Dec. 18 at St. Daniels Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park in Clarkston. Msgr. Robert Humitz officiating. Interment at Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Daniels

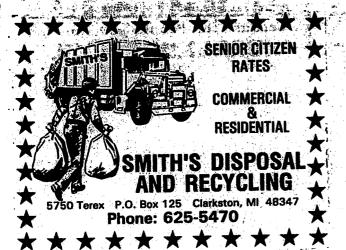
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Brendan Czarniecki earned the win in net stopping 18 of 20 shots he faced. He did not allow a goal in the final period. Clarkston outshot Troy 40-20.

The Wolves will now prepare for one of their toughest stretches of their schedule. They compete in the Alpena Christmas Classic Tournament Dec. 29 and 30. There, they will go up against some of the state's toughest teams in Alpena and East Kentwood.

After the tournament, the Wolves resume league play with a game at Royal Oak Jan 6.

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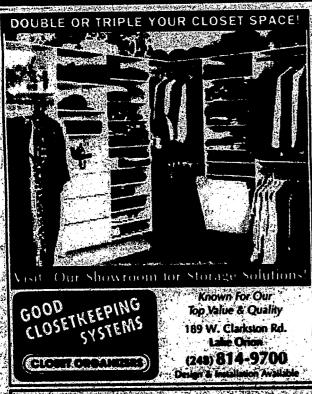


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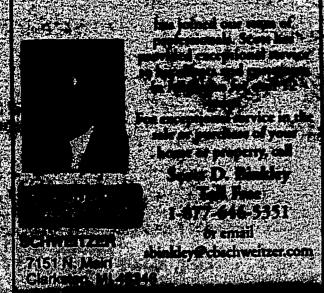
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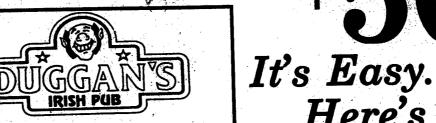


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Nick Riegal swims in the 500 freestyle against Clawson Dec. 19. Riegal was named swimmer of the meet setting records in the 500 freestyle and 200 freestyle.

Swimmers crush Clawson in opener

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston boys swim team kicked off its season Dec. 19 on the right foot.

The Wolves destroyed Clawson 144-35 in a crossover meet. Clarkston competes in the Oakland Activities Association Division II while Clawson is in the OAA III. The Wolves made a jump in divisions after winning the OAA III last season.

Nick Riegal was named swimmer of the meet. He set two Clarkston records. The first was in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:59.18. The second record was in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:08:93.

The Wolves won all 12 events in the meet, but coach Kenwyn Chock said her team still has a long

"It was a good meet in the sense that the younger guys got to see what a dual meet is all about. But the older kids realized how much work they've still got to do to get into shape," Chock said.

The Wolves missed four days of practice from Troy at 6:30 p.m. Troy competes in the OAA I.

Dec. 12-15 because of snow days. Chock said that layoff hurt the Wolves.

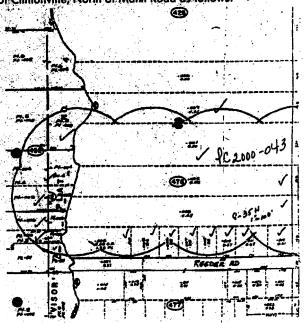
We missed a lot of conditioning and the kids weren't as ready as they could have been; but overall it was a good meet for us. It's always nice to get the "W", Chock said.

Taking home first place finishes in the meet were the 200 medley relay team of Ryan Wheaton, Nick Curdy, Kevin Miller and Rob Bryan, Riegal in the 200 yard freestyle and Wheaton in the 200 individual medley. Also placing in first were Bryan in the 50 yard freestyle; Miller in diving, Miller in 100 yard butterfly, Bryan in 100 yard freestyle, Riegal in the 500 yard freestyle amd the 200 freestyle relay team of Nick Curdy, Jeff Driscoll, Aaron Tyler, and Adam Kasper. Wheaton won the 100 yard backstroke while Curdy won the 100 yard breaststroke. The 400 yard freestyle relay team of Bryan, Riegal, Andrew Breen and Miller rounded out Clarkston's first place finishers.

The Wolves resume action Jan. 9 when they host

Because the People Want to Know

At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board on December 19, 2000; the Township Board authorized a First Reading for a rezoning of Parcel 08-35-476-002, West side of Clintonville, North of Mann Road as follows:



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Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

ga. A a regular meeting of the Township Board held on De-comber 19, 2000 the Board authorized a First Reading of a text amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance No. 83 as tol-

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 83 of the Charter Township of Independence, as amended ("Zoning Ordinance), for the purpose Of amending the delineation of height exceptions based upon the type of appurtenant

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS AS FOLLOWS TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE: Section I of Ordinance

Article V, Section 5.02 of the Zaning Ordinance, shall be amended by amending subsection 5.02.2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 5.02. Scope

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The effective date of this Ordinance shall depend on whether the ordinance is requested to be submitted to the Township electors for approval. A notice of intent to make such a request must be Submitted within seven days of publication of the ordinance; if such a notice has not been timely submitted, this ordinance shall take effect on the eighth day following publication. If a notice of intent is timely filed, a petition requesting the submission of this ordinance to the Township electors must be filed within thirty (30) days of publication of the ordinance. If such a petition has not been timely filed, this ordinance shall take effect on the 31st day following publication. If such a petition has been timely filed, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the final determination by the Township Clerk that a majority of the registered electors in the Jaynship have voted to approve if. A petition requesting submission of this ordinance to a vote of the electors must be signed by a number of registered Township electors equal to not less than 10% of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected. general election at which a governor was elected.

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'We just gave them the game'

Rochester rallies in fourth to down cagers

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was no secret that the early part of Clarkston's varsity basketball schedule would be tough. It's lived up to expectations.

The Wolves suffered their most recent defeat against Rochester 65-53 Dec. 21. Clarkston also fell to state powerhouse Pontiac Northern and Ferndale earlier this season. In both games the Wolves fought hard and had a chance to win. That same effort wasn't there in their loss to the Falcons.

The Wolves let a 42-32 third quarter lead slip away. Clarkston gave up 33 fourth quarter points in what Clarkston coach Dan Fife called the most humiliating loss he's been a part of in 19 years at Clarkston High School

Clarkston shot only 12 of 24 from the free throw line in what was a slow, ugly game, Fife said.

"If I'm a fan I'd say give me my money back because it wasn't worth paying money to watch that stuff," he said.

Ben Horstman, who was the lone bright spot for Glarkston gave the Wolves a 45-32 lead early in the fourth quarter. But after he sank his fifth 3-pointer of the night, the Wolves sank to the bottom.

Rochester put together a spectacular fourth quarter and took the lead with less than three minutes to go. They never relinquished that lead. Fife said his team played like it didn't even want to regain the lead.

"We were just going through the motions. In the

fourth quarter we just quit;" he said.

Fife said his team's performance stems from him. self and the rest of the coaching staff.

That kind of effort means that Liminot doing my Total Complete Closed Company of the Company of the

around," he said. "We can put the blame on everybody."

Even with an early 1-3 record Fife knows his team has a competitive spirit. It just didn't show up against Rochester.

We're a better team than this. I know we are. These kids competed hard in football. But they didn't compete tonight," Fife said. "In19 years I haven't had too many teams get out competed. And I don't think we were out competed tonight. I'll give Rochester credit. They deserved to win, but we just gave them the game.'

The Wolves high scorers were Horstman with 16 points and Bryan Endreszl who scored 10.

"Ben's been shooting the ball very well in practice. He was the one who carried us tonight," Fife said.

The Wolves resume action Dec. 27 at 4 p.m. at the Cobo Hall Varsity Tournament.

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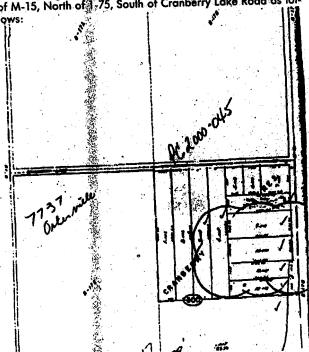
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Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

Township Clerk At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on December 19, 2000, the Township Board authorized a First Reading for a rezoning of Parcel 08-17-300-014, West side of M-15, North of 75, South of Cranberry Lake Road as fol-



PUBLIC NOTICE

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Respectfully Submitted,

Joan E. McCrary

Township Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

At a regular meeting of the Township Board held on December 19, 2000, the Board authorized a First Reading of a text amendment to the Township's Zoning Ordinance No. 83 as fol-

An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 83 of the Charter Township of Independence, as amended ("Zoning ordinance"), for the purpose of including language requiring a complete grading plan as part of a Site Plan submittal

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS AS FOLLOWS TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE:

Article V, Section 5.12 of the Zoning Ordinance, shall be amended by amending Subsection. 5.12.2.b.(2)(f) to read as fol-

ARTICLE V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 5.12. Site Plan Review

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a, [no change] b Site Plan Drawings and Illustrations. (no change)

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(b). A grading plan which illustrates existing and proposed grades shall be submitted with the final site plan.

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A A CONTRACTOR "That's the past, it's not important to anyone," he said, "All I think about is the future."

More poetically, Grier said, "That's history and tomorrow's a mystery. But today is a gift. That's why they call it the present."

Grier is also the founder and director of Music Unlimited, a 20-30 student school which features workshops; reading sessions; publishing, recording and creative services; and The Vocal Arts Academy. The 23year-old academy, housed at Oakland University for most of that time, teaches "family values through music."

"It's exciting and rewarding to do something you love and something that hopefully influences other people," Grier said.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP. Township Clerk CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT At a regular meeting of the Township Board held on De-

cember 19, 2000, the Board authorized a First Reading of a text amendment to the Township's Zoning ordinance No. 83 as fol-An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 83 of the Charter

Township of Independence, as amended ("Zoning Ordinance"), for the purpose of adding regulations regarding outdoor sidewalk cafes.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS AS FOLLOWS TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE:

Article V. of the Zoning Ordinance shall be amended by adding a new Section 5:28 to read as follows:

Section 5.28 Outdoor Cafe Service

A sidewalk cafe service operated by a restaurant or other food establishment which sells food for immediate consumption may be permitted in the OS-2, C-1, C-2 and C-3 Districts, subject to the following conditions:

An application depicting the location and layout of the cafe facility shall be submitted to the Director of Building and Planning. Site plan approval shall be required, A permit shall remain in effect, unless there is a change in ownership or the operation of the cafe fails to meet the standards contained herein.

2. An ouldoor cafe shall be located on the same property as the principal establishment. All required set-

backs must be met. 3. The Planning Commission shall review pedestrian access. If an outdoor cafe is located on a sidewalk, not less than five feet of unobstructed, pedestrian access along the sidewalk shall be maintained. Seating and service areas shall be enclosed with decorative fenc-

ing and/or landscaping. If additional Seating is proposed as a result of out-door cate service, all off-street parking requirements shall be met.

5. An outdoor cafe shall be allowed only during normal operating hours of the establishment.

6. The exterior of the premises shall be kept clean, orderly and maintained or the permit may be revoked. All food preparation shall be inside of the premises.

7. The Township shall not be held liable or responsible to day the of the premises.

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BLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

At a regular meeting of the Independence Township Board held on December 19, 2000 the Township Board authorized a Second Reading and Adoption of a Text Amendment to the Township's zoning Ordinance No. 83 as follows:

The motion to approve this amendment was offered by Travis, supported by Kelly. The vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: Kelly, McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wagner, Nenger, Navs: None- Absent: None. The motion carried. Wenger, Nays: None-

COUNTY OF OAKLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDINANCE NO. AMENDMENT TO SIDEWALK AND

SAFETY PATH REGULATION ORDINANCE An Ordinance to Amend Section 17.5-22 of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordinances to amend the

definition of the terms "sidewalk" and "safety path".

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS AS FOLLOWS FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE TOWNSHIP CODE:

Section 1 of Ordinance
Chapter 17.5 of the Ordinance, Code shall be amended by deleting the existing separate definitions of "safety path" and "sidewalk" in Section 17.5-22, and adding a new combined definition of "sidewalk- and safety path" to Section 17.5-22, reading and inserted alphabetically as follows:

Chapter 17.5
ARTICLE 11. SIDEWALK AND SAFETY PATH REGULATION Section 17.5-22. Definitions

(1) For purposes of this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them below:

Condition of disrepair (unchanged). Sidewalk and safety path shall be synonymous in terms of their basic substantive meaning, being a constructed surface located in a public right-of-way, but separate from any improved portion of a roadway or highway, dedicated primarily for pedestrian usage. For purposes of regulation under this Ordinance (only), sidewalks and safety paths shall be broken into two sub-classifications as follows:

(a) A safety path shall mean a certain type of sidewalk constructed for the benefit of the general public in the Township, as shown on the official Safety Path Map maintained by the Township. The use of the term "safety path" itself does not mean, and shall not be construed or relied upon in any way as meaning, that such safety paths are inherently safe or in a safe condition. Instead, the reference to "safety" in the labeling of such paths is nothing other than a reference to the fact that such pathways are typically considered to be safer for pedestrians to use than the improved portions of roads on which motor vehicles

(b) Sidewalk shall mean and refer to all other constructed surfaces located in the public right-of-way dedicated primarily for pedestrian usage, not including those sidewalks being referenced above as "safety paths," and constructed primarily as dedicated pedestrian paths within subdivisions of a

Street lots [unchanged] Subdivision [unchanged]

(2) [unchanged].

The provisions of this erdinance are hereby ardered to ake effect immediately upon publication as provided by law.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed; however, such epealer shall be to see limited extent of express conflict, and shall not terminate the full force and effect of an ordinance to the extent that it regulates subject matter outside the scope of this Ordinance. CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence, at a meeting of the Board duty called and held on the 19 day of December 2000, to be effective upon publication as provided by law. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE By: Joan McCron Clark By: Joan McCrary, Clerk

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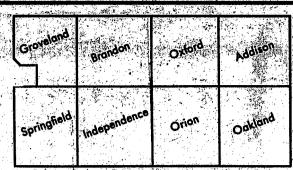
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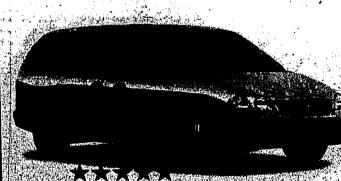
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