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Massage facility gets tentative approval

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

If all goes as planned, the owner of Bangkok, Inc., Yon Suk Kim of Farmington Hills, could be running a massage parlor in Independence Township.

Eyebrows have been raised because the business will be housed in the same building the Oakland County Sheriff's Department raided for prostitution last February.

On February 28, two Korean women were arrested at PK's Salon located at 6478 Dixie Highway. One of the women, Insuk Kim Kang, was charged with two counts of accosting and soliciting, both 90-day misdemeanors. The other woman was not charged in the incident. The business then closed and the building has remained vacant.

The building was leased from Tom Wilhelm, owner of Wilhelm & Associates, a realty business which is located next door at 6485 Dixie. Wilhelm was unavailable for comment as of press time.

According to Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department's Independence Township substation, he received an application for a license from Independence Township in September, and forwarded the application to OCSD headquarters in Pontiac for review.

The applicants have to make several improvements to the structure and correct any deficiencies, according to Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart.

"It has been tentatively approved," Stuart said. The business does not need approval by the board to open, Stuart said earlier.

According to Stuart, the facility must be licensed to practice massage, and must meet requirements for appropriate apparel and facility use.

"We do as many things as we can legally do," he said.

The Independence Township Board adopted a resolution in 1999 setting fees relating to massage facility and massage school applications and licenses.

An ordinance was passed in October of 1998 to establish regulations for the legal operation of massage.

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Hello from across the pond!



Clarkston High School Band members Dana Phillips and Katie Lamonda pose for a picture outside Buckingham Palace. The photo was taken by Andy Borchers, president of

the Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association (formerly the Clarkston Band Boosters). The bands are in London, England performing during the holidays.

Dateline: London

BY ANDY BORCHERS

Special to The Clarkston News

Members of the Clarkston High School Marching Band, Symphonic Wind Ensemble, parents and siblings -- 235 to be exact -- left for London, England December 26.

Hotel accommodations are fine, if a bit tight. Our hotel food has been tasty. Our young folks were terribly tired last night, but came to life this morning.

We started with a four-hour bus tour of London including the Tower, Big Ben, Parliament, Picadilly Circle, Westminster Abbey and more.

In the afternoon, the Symphonic Wind Ensemble practiced while the rest of the students and parents toured London on foot (and the Underground). After dinner, the entire group headed to Westminster Central

Hall. Originally built in 1912, this venue was a premier meeting place in the Edwardian era.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble played December 28 at Westminster Central Hall with six other high school bands from Connecticut, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Georgia and the Cayman Islands. The Cayman Island group performed on steel drums and drew a standing ovation.

The group was scheduled for a tour of Greenwich and an afternoon of free time December 29. The entire Marching Band marched on New Year's Day in a parade hosted by the Lord Mayor of London. Nearly one million people were in attendance.

The group is also scheduled to tour London on and educational and fun trip.

Turn to page 3 for more band photos

Springfield Township -- past, present and future Civic center groundbreaking tops Springfield events

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The past year was a year of growth for Springfield Township.

Topping the list of noteworthy events was the groundbreaking on the Springfield Township Civic Center. At this point, the center should be completed in approximately a year, according to Supervisor Collin Walls.

"The bids have been received by the construction manager," he said. "They're being reviewed right now."

Under the current timetable, Walls said the footings for the center should be poured in the early spring.

He said the center will have several benefits for township residents.

"The most obvious and immediate impact will be in library services," Walls said. "There will be more opportunities for them to use the library. Hopefully, the office operations will be more efficient, but that isn't a service residents will see very much."

Another situation that developed in the township this year involved the efforts by area developer Tim Birtsas to

relocate the historic Ellis Barn, which has been in the township for over 100 years.

Earlier this year, the township board agreed to support relocation efforts and assist in raising money toward those efforts. The board hopes to relocate the barn at Springfield Oaks park — to that end, Walls has already written to Oakland County's Parks and Recreation Commission.

"If needed, we would assist with grants," Walls said. "There are some grants that might be available to townships. We would be willing, individually and as a board, to encourage and assist in fundraisers and contributions from individuals, if it could be located at Springfield Oaks."

In addition to the beginning stages of the civic center, Walls said the developments in the township this year that will have the most impact on a long-term basis are the funding of engineering for Dixie Highway improvements, and the visioning process for the township's master plan update.

Walls said there are two primary objectives for the township board in 2001:



Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls

"Learning more about the environment and the physical features of the commu-

nity and their interrelationships, and updating the master plan, working on ordinances to make sure they reflect the most up to date preservation criteria that still meets the needs of the community as a whole."

He said the township's financial situation is "in great shape" and foresees a good economic future for the area, as long as the township board handles their finances appropriately.

"We try to make sure we have the money to do things before we pay for them," Walls said. "We have to make sure we're filling needs and not just wishes."

The township board welcomed a new face in Dave Hopper, also a member of the township's planning commission. Walls expects the new trustee to be a positive addition and strong contributor to the board.

"I don't see any real significant change on the board," Walls said. "He will be pretty watchful of site plans and preservation. I see Dave as a reinforcement of the attitudes of the majority more than a change."

'Move Over Mrs. Markham' coming to Depot Theatre

The Clarkston Village Players are continuing their 40th anniversary season with their production of "Move Over Mrs. Markham" later this month.

In keeping with their anniversary theme, the group is reprising some of their hit plays from years past. The Clarkston

Village Players originally performed "Move Over Mrs. Markham" in 1988.

The show is scheduled for Jan. 12-13, 18-20, and 25-27 at the Depot Theater, located on 4861 White Lake Road in Clarkston.

The play, written by Ray Cooney

and John Chapman, is a comedy about a couple, both of whose best friends, as well as their maid and decorator, wishing to use their apartment for a secret tryst.

With everyone trying to keep the other from knowing, as well as the appearance of a no-nonsense business cli-

ent, the end result is a mix-up of mistaken identities and intents, which threatens to ruin marriages, friendships, and business.

Nancy Penrose, a native of England, plays Joanna Markham, while Bob Gerics portrays husband Philip

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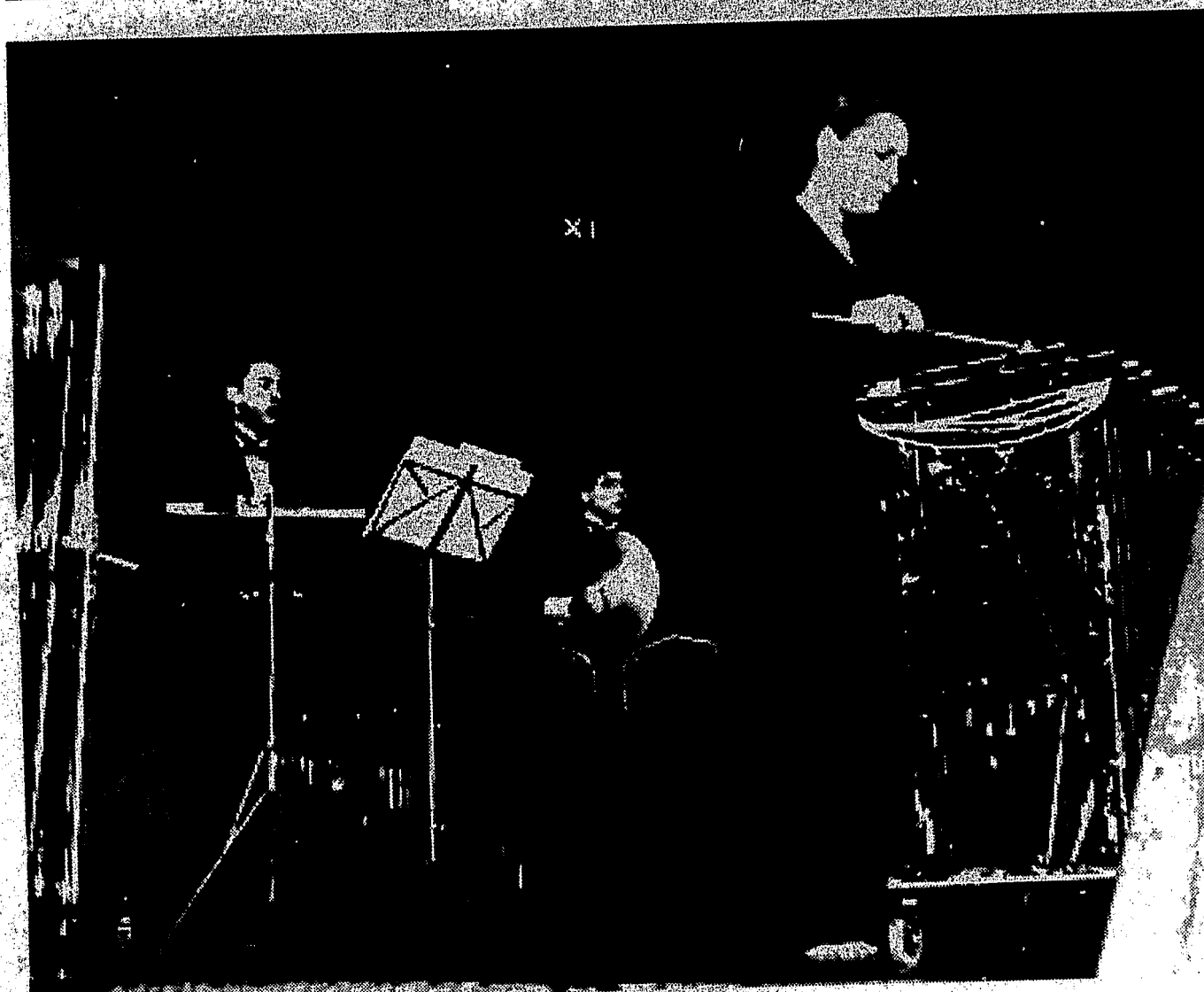


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The Second Front

The CHS bands in London



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Counter-clockwise from left: The Symphonic Wind Ensemble plays December 28 at Westminster Hall. Parents and students shop in the gift center at the Globe Theater. Jim and Jon Shanks, John Duddles and Marty Kirby play tourist. Tom Bowman eats chips outside the Tower of London. The photos have been taken by Andy Borchers. There is also a Website that may be accessed to view photos or to request e-mail. Go to www.ltugcom.org/chsband. Click on the link to pictures. You may also register on the "Email update" link.



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Independence considers defibrillators for public buildings

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Someone collapses and you're nearby. Is the person responsive? Is help on the way? What do you do?

With the future of automatic external defibrillators (AED), a person's chance of survival may greatly be increased with intervention.

The Independence Township Fire Department has been using AEDs since 1987, but it won't be long until they are found in almost every local public facility, said Fire Chief Steve Ronk.

"This is now possible without fear of liability due to legislation that was passed as an amendment to the Good Samaritan Act by the State of Michigan in November 1999," said EMS Coordinator Bob Cesario.

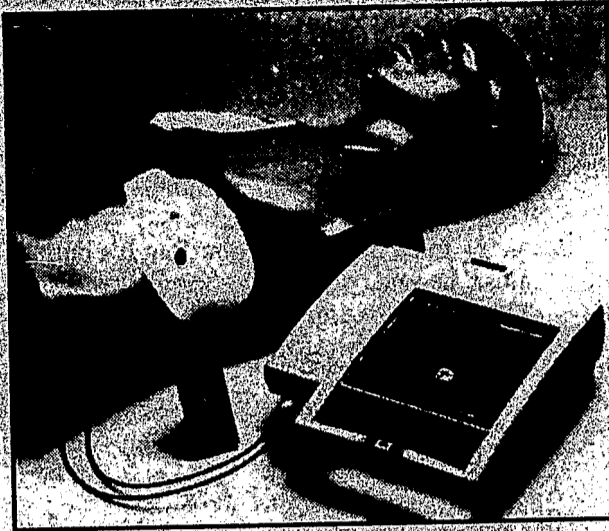
The Advanced Life Support (ALS) program "has a piece of the puzzle missing without the AED," Cesario said. Cesario along with Ronk met before the Township Board December 19 to demonstrate AED usage.

The concept of AEDs in the community was approved by the board at the last meeting and the Fire Department will later meet before the board with an exact number for an initial AED order.

Ronk said he hopes to sell approximately 30 units, including four for Independence Township Oakland County Sheriff's Dept. squad cars, one for each township building and 12 for the Fire Department. The department wants AEDs on all of their vehicles and currently only has four.

Ten to 15 AEDs are also projected for purchase by Clarkston schools, but no commitment has been made yet, said Ronk. The department plans to market the machines to public businesses like grocery stores, golf courses, bowling alleys and more throughout the year.

Medical officials agree the first four to six min-



Defibrillators will be in almost every local public facility in Independence Township soon.

utes are the most critical in a life or death situation. Studies show for each minute that passes without a defibrillator shocking the heart back into a normal rhythm, the chance of surviving drops ten percent.

To survive, Cesario said, four things are required: early access, early CPR, AED implementation and paramedic intercession.

Technology has evolved so that a complex machine like an AED is easy to use, said Cesario. "The American Heart Association has said an AED could be used by a child of eleven or twelve," he added.

"It's a simple device," said Cesario. "It looks simple," with a small screen, five buttons and two cords with sticky electrodes to be placed on the body.

Cesario said once CPR is established on a patient, AED can be implemented if CPR generates no response.

An AED will typically be mounted in a cabinet near a fire extinguisher. It should be brought to the

victim's side to connect the electrodes.

Diagrams on the electrodes help in their correct placement on the upper right of the chest and the lower left.

A computerized voice gives the user step-by-step instructions. Prompts will be given such as "stand clear," "analyzing now," and "shock advised." An alarm sounds while the machine charges, which then says "push to shock."

"Motion detected" will warn if the machine thinks it may shock anyone other than the patient. The cycle will continue until the user stops or the patient is converted. Other prompts heard range from check pulse, check electrodes and continue CPR.

CPR and AED training will be necessary as part of the ALS program offered to the township and the general public. And those interested in purchasing an AED will need a doctor's permission.

Costs will lower as technology changes, but currently the units go for approximately \$4,000. However, the township will get each for \$2,400 or less. Businesses and the general public will also be able to buy AEDs at the township price, said Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart.

Dr. Robert Aranosian, Physicians Director at Pontiac Osteopathic, said "in ten to 15 years, they'll be so cheap. Kids will be buying them as presents for their parents. You'll be able to get them at Kmart."

"People are excited about this," Ronk said. "This is a caring community, we'll see quite an interest."

Aranosian said "I'm here to support it because I'm pronouncing patients dead that would be alive if an AED had been applied."

"We have a unique opportunity to do a great service to the entire area, to the community--to save lives," said Stuart. "If we save one life, we've made a good investment."

"This is a no-brainer," said Trustee Larry Rosso. "This is essential equipment. Life itself is in the balance. We owe it to the community, to the taxpayers."

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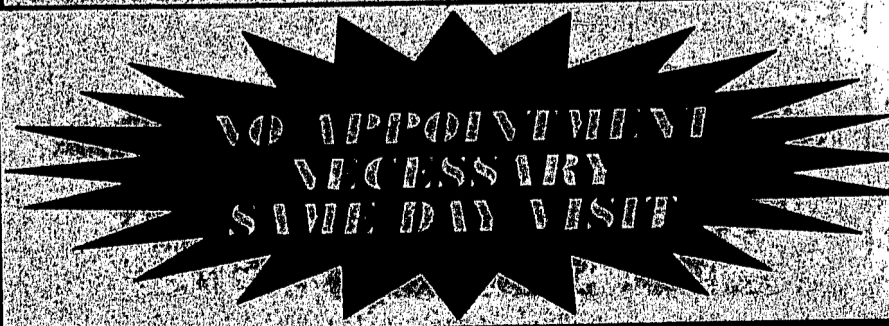
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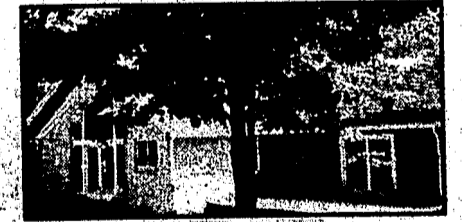
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Colombo: Avoiding construction headaches

City planning for improvements

Block captains to be named to keep area informed of changes

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

City councilman Dan Colombo hopes people who live, work and visit Clarkston will be patient in 2001. They'll need to be.

The city will undergo many changes this year revolving around the TEA-21 grant and downtown revitalization efforts.

Buildings along Main Street will be hooked up to the water supply of Independence Township and the downtown area will receive a facelift of sorts. Additions will include new park benches, trees, lamp posts and brick work. Construction is slated to begin in April or May and last roughly four to six months.

Homes and businesses on the east side of Main Street will be hooked up to the new water supply of first. Colombo said one lane on Main will remain open at all times during the construction.

"We know it's going to test everybody's patience. In the beginning there's going to be a lot of mud, dirt and muck, but when everything is done I think everybody will be happy with the changes that were made," Colombo said.

One of the main concerns for Clarkston business owners and residents is parking while the city is under construction. However, Colombo feels if everyone works together there shouldn't be too many problems with either issue.

"We (the council) have had nothing but cooperation on this. We're not anticipating any major problems. The parking, sure it will be tough, especially

for a city that's already pressed for parking like Clarkston is. There will be a lot of temporary changes in a lot of areas. Depot (Street) may be two-way for a while. Designated parking areas may change daily. It's going to be a transition time, but it's only a few months," he said.

Another concern for businesses owners is a possible drop off in business because people may choose to avoid Clarkston altogether during the construction phase.

"I haven't heard any businesses saying they were fearing a serious drop off in business. Some businesses may be open later, but that's their choice," Colombo said.

Colombo added that access to downtown businesses should not be a problem.

"Most of the buildings in Clarkston have back entrances. It's going to be a transition time, but I think everybody is excited. I am. It's an exciting time," he said.

In order to keep business owners and residents on the same page, the downtown enhancement committee, which is made up of Jack Shubitowski, Dave Savage, Colombo, Kay Robertson, Shirley Wilson, Dale Stuart, Jennifer Radcliff, Art Pappas, Ron Davis

and Sharron Catallo, will name "block captains." Their main purpose will be to keep a constant flow of communication going between the council, business owners and residents, Colombo said.

"Basically, they're business people on each side of Main Street who will keep people informed as to what's going on, especially if there are discrepancies from the M-DOT (Michigan Department of Transportation)," Colombo said. "It's so important that we have communication and cooperation through this entire process. In the end, everyone will benefit."

Colombo said block captains will be named by Valentine's Day at the latest.

Colombo is hoping that by the time school starts things will run more smoothly downtown.

"The first priority is to get the sidewalks back and get the pipes ready to go (for the water hookups). Once the roads are back to normal, it'll be back to business as usual," he said.

Colombo has lived in Clarkston for 15 years and served on the council for three years. These changes will be the biggest he's seen to downtown during his time in the city.

"It's a lot of change and it took a lot of work. A lot of people were involved with this, and I think more people will continue to get involved as it goes along. We're doing our best to make residents, businesses and visitors enjoy the area. We don't want people to avoid Clarkston at all. It's only a temporary situation. We want people to continue to patronize our businesses. Gary Tressel (city engineer) has done a tremendous job. We'll rely on him a lot during this, but they (Hubbel Roth and Clark) know what they're doing. I think it's all positive. This is for Clarkston and for everybody to enjoy once it's done," Colombo said.



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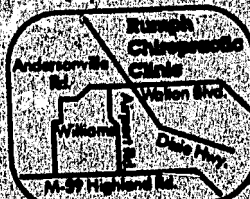


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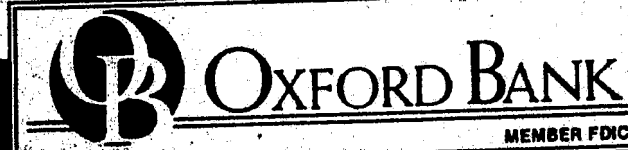
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Train crossing bill has problems

Recently the Legislature passed a bill pertaining to
train crossings that will take effect as soon as the moni-
toring devices can be installed.

When Senate Bill 859 came before the House, I
opposed it. The bill proposed installing electronic surveil-
lance devices at railroad crossings to monitor vehicles that
ignore train safety signals and drive around gates. A ticket
will be sent to the owner if the car is photographed in the
process of a traffic violation.

On face value, this sounds like a good idea to stop
traffic violations and increase safety at railroad crossings.
I certainly do not support or encourage anyone choosing
to ignore signaling devices at railroad crossings.

However, there are several serious problems with
this legislation. First of all, the person driving the car may
not be the owner of the car. Imagine opening your mail
and finding a ticket for an infraction that you did not com-
mit, because perhaps you had lent your car to a friend or
family member.

You may not realize you did anything wrong, so you
are not expecting a notice to arrive in your mailbox. But
if it gets lost in the mail, you are still responsible for paying
a fine you do not deserve and do not know you have.
Failure to respond to the citation results in automatic sus-
pension of your driver's license.

Emphasis should be placed on ensuring that railroad
crossings work properly and citizens are not stopped at a

malfunctioning signal. Adequate police patrols should
be used to monitor violations.

This bill requires you to prove your innocence in-
stead of incorporating the long-held American concept
of "innocent until proven guilty." In order to avoid con-
viction, the owner of the vehicle must prove he or she
was not the driver at the time of the
alleged infraction. It may be diffi-
cult to prove innocence.

This bill contained no safe-
guards to stop photos from being
taken of vehicles or individuals not
engaged in any violation. The bill
also did not address who had ac-
cess to the photos, or whether the
photos could be used for other vio-
lations such as not wearing a seat
belt or jaywalking. Also, an amend-
ment was defeated that would al-
low the cameras to monitor the
length of time trains block crossings
and issue them a citation if it is be-
yond a certain duration.

This bill proves that part of my job is to look be-
yond the short titles and the rhetoric and discover the
potential, unintended consequences of proposed legis-
lation.



From the
Capitol

State Rep.
Ruth Johnson

Hopes and wishes plentiful for new year

Now that you've sung your Auld Lang Syne and
taken in that time-honored New Year's tradition of watch-
ing college football bowl games...

A common theme this time of year is making New
Year's resolutions, whether they be to lose weight, do
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Along those same lines, many
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what they would like to see happen
during the new year.

With that in mind, your fearless
reporter has put together a list of
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■ That the Clarkston area may
enjoy a safe and happy 2001. There
were many highlights and newswor-
thy items that made Clarkston, In-
dependence Township, and Springfield
Township a great place to live during
the previous year: the passage of the
ALS proposal in Independence, the
success of the Clarkston High School football team, the
groundbreaking on the Springfield/Township Civic Cen-
ter, just to name a few. The collective contributions of
everyone in the area added to its character and strength.
Hopefully, that will remain intact in 2001.

■ That the Lions may finally get a clue after 43 years
and counting of testing fans' patience. After the fiasco on
Christmas Eve, that may be wishful thinking. Here the
Lions were, a playoff berth seemingly within their grasp.
All they had to do was defeat the lowly Bears. So what
do they do? They make countless mistakes and give an
uninspired performance in a 23-20 loss that left them
watching playoff football on the tube. And they wonder
why fans are so cynical about the Lions?

What's up
with that?



Jeff Patrus

■ That the country may experience a smooth and
orderly transition of power in the White House. For all
the commotion surrounding the recent Presidential mess,
one of the great things about this country is that when-
ever a new administration comes in, particularly of a
different political party than the previous one, the pro-
cess is dignified. That was the case when Bill Clinton
defeated George Bush in 1992, and hopefully that will
also be the case now that Bush's son, George W. Bush,
will be moving into the Oval Office upon Clinton's de-
parture.

■ That there may be an abundance of George W.
Bush impersonators. Political humor is often necessary
to add a little levity to what's going on in Washington,
D.C. That was recognized during a Saturday Night Live
political special in November, which featured appear-
ances by the actual Presidential candidates, Bush and
Vice President Al Gore. Dana Carvey, for one, became
famous in large part because of his hilarious imperson-
ations of former President Bush, which spawned count-
less Bush impressions by several people (including yours
truly). The late Phil Hartman was also famous for his
impressions of President Clinton; particularly funny was
the skit in which Hartman (as Clinton) jogged into a
McDonald's restaurant and discussed his policy initia-
tives while grabbing other people's Big Macs and french
fries.

■ That we may get a break from all this snow and
other winter weather. The blizzard of 2000 hit the state
hard, and the potholes that have resulted as a result of
rock salt being poured onto the streets has caused some
bumpy rides. The snowy weather doesn't seem like it
will ever come to an end, and that means countless
days of scraping off the car windows and brushing off
the snow, not to mention digging out the snow shovel
and stocking up on windshield washer fluid.

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When did we have too much fun?

Remember reeling in the glory of childhood? Remember when summers were full of unbounded joy, falls were mystical (if not a little scary), winters though cold, were fun and springs full of promise?

There were games and childhood rituals for each season. Each season there was something you could do to put you one step closer to manhood. A simple question from cousin Tim, "Can you swim across the lake?" put the bug in my butt to swim across Walters Lake in Clarkston. I never thought of the risks — of tiring out and sinking to the bottom or being hit by a speed boat. I was in sixth grade, death didn't play a part in my plans. I am happy to report I made it, but when I told Dad of my manly heroics, he almost ended my life. "You did WHAT!?"

Hey, I never said I was a smart kid.

In the winter, the seasonal question probably was, "How far in the air can I and my trusty sled fly off that snow ramp?" Which was probably followed by, "How much higher can I make that ramp?"

If I think really, really hard — if I concentrate, focus all my brain power to those glorious days of yesteryear, I can muster some semblance of memory.

While all four of my working brain cells are straining to remember, I am sure some of the things we did in pursuit of the Holy Grail of Kidom (fun) would make our parents cringe. Heck, they're making me cringe and my mind's picture is still a wee bit fuzzy.

Hold on a second . . . It's coming back to me . . . The details are filling in, colors are swirling . . . holy cow, I am going back to the 1970s . . .

Oh, the hairball risks we took with our lives and limbs just for fun. I can only hope Shamus and Sean will not inherit any of my stupidity . . . when I get home today I'll ground them to their rooms until they're 30.

"Poppy will you wrestle with us?"

"No kid. You and your brother can go to your rooms and don't come out until I call for you . . ."

I bring this to light because a reader, we'll call him Tom, wrote me an interesting letter, which, of course I'll share part of with you.

"Dear Don,

" . . . It seems every time someone enjoys doing something these days, too many people want to ban the activity or regulate it to death. Like motorcycling, jet skiing, snowmobiling, hunting, target shoot-

ing, roller blading and go-carring, to name a few . . .

"It's hard enough being young and a teenager today. It seems too many adults today forget they were once young and teenagers, too.

Tom further suggests when we adults see an activity like roller blading, tag or general rambunctiousness going on in a street, to take a moment and breathe. To close our eyes and remember when we were those young kids running wild on the sidewalks and side streets. When we laughed, screamed and were generally too loud.

Were we loud and obnoxious? You bet! Were we doing anything dangerous? Yep.

How many times were the police called to shut us up? Answer: Zip, zilch, nada, zero times. So, what changed? Maybe we grew up and became more parent like than our parents. I am a firm believer in this: Folks today have little patience. We want to get where we are going, fast. We don't like interruptions. We are on

the go, go, go.

Tom says we adults should not be so quick to protest or to call the cops when today's youth are out on the town having fun. That's easy to say. There is a thin line separating the area where Tom is right -- when adults are too quick to judge -- and where adults are justified in complaining -- when youths are rude and disrespectful.

Or, maybe there is no line at all. Maybe as we get older we just become large, unimaginative bores, party-poopers unhappy because we forgot how to have some good old-fashioned fun. Maybe we need to run, scream, kick the can and remember to laugh without shame.

I'm sure the folks at work won't look at you with too much confusion and bewilderment if you skip through the office or sit on the floor cross-legged, eating the powdered-jello you commandeered from the kitchen pantry without your wife knowing.

Well, maybe . . .

Comments for the Rushster can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com.



Don Rush

A Look Back

15 YEARS AGO (1986)

John H. Needham has been appointed by the Clarkston board of education to fill the seat of David Kithil until June. Kithil resigned because of a job promotion with the Eastman Kodak Co. and a move to the firm's home base in Rochester, N.Y. Needham is employed by Rockwell International of Troy as director of salaried personnel and was previously director of industrial relations for the firm.

Some Clarkston residents are breaking laws related to snow and winter activities, and tickets are going to be issued, said Village Manager Charles Smalley. One common violation involves the ordinance that bans parking on village streets from 2-6 a.m. Another problem involves snowmobiles and three-wheeled recreation vehicles, neither of which are allowed to operate in the village.

After almost three months of nonuse, the Clarkston High School gym opened its doors to students again. The gym has been out of commission since Oct. 10, when the floor buckled in two locations under the bleachers. Five girls' basketball game, one boys' basketball game, and numerous practices and gym classes had to be canceled or relocated.

25 YEARS AGO (1976)

A group of Davisburg residents have tentatively set aside Saturday, July 31 as bicentennial celebration day in Davisburg. The group, headed by newly volunteered chairman Nancy Stanley, hopes to gather enough support for day-long activities ranging from an ice cream social to sidewalk sales to a square dance. In a meeting, about 10 residents expressed an interest in trying to get a bicentennial celebration going in Davisburg.

A four-member Salary Review Commission, reformed by the Independence Township Board, is expected to come up with salary recommendations for local officials at the April 3 annual meeting. Two former members of the board, Doug Carlson and Vince Luzzi, will be joined by Attorney John Steckling and Engineer Ned McClurg.

Some Independence Township federally funded CETA employees — maybe as many as five — will receive two-week notices of layoff in the near future. The decision was made by the township board, leaving the final selection of those to be terminated to the three full-time board members. The full board will decide at its next meeting.

50 YEARS AGO (1951)

Mrs. Belle Farley Murray, lecturer and consultant in family relations for the University of Michigan Extension Service, will be the speaker of the evening at the Sashabaw School Parent-Teachers Association meeting. Her topic will be "Child Obedience." Mrs. Murray is widely known throughout the state for her classes and lectures on family relations which she has conducted for the extension service.

The Clarkston Rotary Club will have the opportunity to hear an outstanding speaker in the person of Reverend Harold Sullivan of Clinton, Michigan. Mr. Sullivan is in charge of "Youth for Understanding" which covers the program set up by Rotary International for the interchange of students between the several countries.

Specials at Rudy's Market included the following: Maxwell House Coffee, 87 cents/lb.; smoked picnics, 43 cents/lb.; Nu-Maid oleo, 29 cents/lb.; cube steaks, 89 cents/lb.; Campbell tomato soup, three cans for 32 cents; Soot tissue, two rolls for 25 cents; Angus all purpose cloth, 2 packages for 29 cents; Ivory soap, 2 large bars for 27 cents; Booth baby linens, 2 packages for 65 cents.

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Let it snow, let it snow . . . aw, nuts

Let's start out the new year with some good advice.

- Take a nap every Sunday afternoon.
- Don't flush public urinals with your hand, use an elbow.

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Holiday time observations:

- Women singing Christmas carols should be fully dressed with high necked tops. Man will survive without seeing exposed cleavage on Christmas eve.
- Newspaper columnists all become poets during the holiday season. If they don't revert to rhyme they propose a gift list, like asking William Clay Ford to bring a winning Lions team to the area.

A long time ago, a retired newspaper publisher told me all daily newspaper columnists are "bunk artists." He said, "you write a column once a week and you know how hard that is. Daily guys have to revert to bunk." Thus poetry and lists.

The Old Farmer's 2000 Almanac hit it right on our cold noses with their December weather predictions: "Winter's coming fast and furious, Arctic blasts and snowflakes furious."

Relief isn't mentioned until late February — "Rainy and mild with occasional showers . . . but more inches in early March."

The best thing about our snow storm (blizzard) of December 11 and 12 is what it does for we grandfathers and our grandchildren.

We, the former, get to say, "This is something like it was when I was your age, and we had to

walk 20 miles to our 1-room school, up hill both ways."

And, when our grandchildren are our age they can tell their clan, "During that storm of 2000 we couldn't get to school the whole month of December, and we had to stand in 14 feet of snow to wait for the bus when school did open."

* * *

Don't get mad if I bring up just one mention of the 30-day presidential decision making ordeal.

It's just that I can't get over the meant-to-be sincere remarks the two lead lawyers repeatedly made during the various appeals.

David Boies, attorney for vice president Al Gore said, often, "The law (constitution) is very clear on this." Barry Richards, Governor George W. Bush's lawyer, repeatedly said, "The law (constitution) is very clear on this."

And the courts voted 4-3 and 5-4.

If we can't write laws that are really very clear, perhaps we can get rid of all laws that have not had a super majority decision.

* * *

Now a quote from Benjamin Franklin's Poor Richard's Almanac: "If your head is wax, don't walk in the sun."

I have no idea what that means.



Jim Sherman

Massage parlor get preliminary approval to open on Dixie Hwy.

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facilities, according to Independence Township Attorney Steve Joppich.

Section 11.5-3 of the ordinance states that the establishment should be open for inspection by duly authorized representatives of any township department having to do with the licensing of

massage facilities.

Other key aspects of the ordinance govern proper clothing to be worn by employees, unlawful activity, hours of operation or access by minors.

It also prohibits performing massages in a private room closed to the view of other persons.

León Genre, assistant director for the Independence Township Department of Building, Planning and Zoning said that the application process is designed to make sure activities at such establishments are legal.

"Everything that goes on there has to be lawful," he said.

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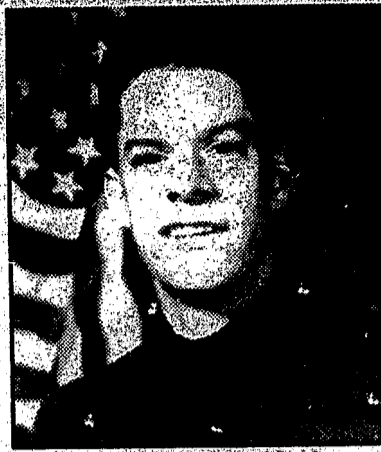
Milestones



Congratulations, Amber

Amber Perion, the 13 year-old daughter of Michael and Tammy Perion, recently won the title of Miss Junior North Clarkston and will compete for the title of Miss Junior Michigan on February 24. The winner of the state title will compete in July in New Jersey for the title of Miss Junior America. Amber is an honor roll student at Clarkston Middle School. She is active in ballet, tennis and her church youth group.

Cadet Bryan Kenneth Lake, son of Paul and Gail Lake of Commerce and grandson of Paul and Betty Ragatz of Clarkston is serving a four-month term as battalion executive officer, thereby achieving one of the highest positions in the cadet chain of command at the U.S. Military Academy. Lake was named to the position because of his superior academic and military performance as a cadet. As a battalion executive officer of 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment, Lake assists the battalion commander by coordinating the activities of all battalion staff members.



Cadet Bryan Lake

Lake graduated from Walled Lake Central High School in 1997. His studies are concentrated in aerospace engineering and he will graduate in June and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Spc. Evan G. Thomas of Clarkston, recently represented the Michigan Army National Guard's 63rd Troop Command during the state-wide Stewart Medal competition held at the Michigan National Guard headquarters in Lansing. The annual competition determines the all-around best enlisted soldier in the Michigan Army National Guard:



Spc. Evan Thomas

To be eligible for the state level competition, Thomas first had to win at the unit level, battalion level and then brigade level. During the competitions, Thomas was judged on military appearance and the ability to march troops. He also took a written test that covered first aid, land navigation and nuclear-biological-chemical warfare.

Thomas, a member of Company F, 425th Infantry, located in Mount Clemens, Mich., is an infantryman and a radio telephone operator. He has been in the Michigan Guard for four years and has attended basic training and the elite Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga.

Welcome, Alex!

Tom Cousins and Sharyn Yambrick-Cousins of Clarkston are proud to announce the birth of their son, Alexander Lee Cousins. Alex was born on August 1, 2000 at 6:26 a.m. at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc. He weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and measured 20 inches at birth. Proud grandmothers are Dorothy Yambrick of Flushing and Beverly Cousins of Flint. Proud great-grandmother is Kathleen Morey of Flint. Alex is named in honor of his late grandfathers, Alexander Yambrick and Lee Cousins.



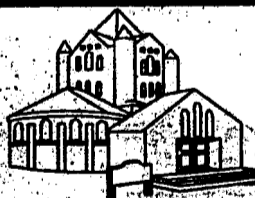
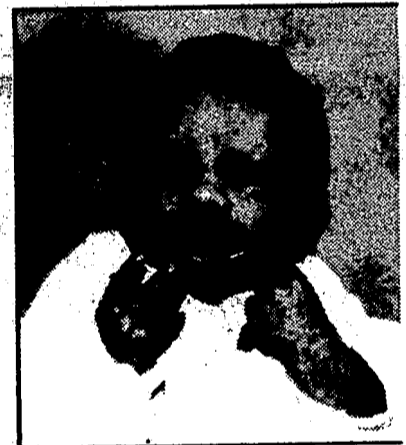
Welcome, Alexander!

Joe and Jill Goodall of Clarkston announce the birth of their son, Alexander James Goodall, on October 13, 2000. He weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth. Proud grandparents are Chuck and Audrey Cinader of Clarkston. Great-grandma is Arlene Green of Pontiac.



Welcome, Kelly Renee!

Kirk and Nancy (Westlund) Heitzman, formerly of Clarkston announce the birth of their daughter Kelly Renee Heitzman at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce May 16, 2000. Kelly Renee weighed 5 lbs. and measured 17 1/2 inches at birth. Kelly Renee was welcomed home by big sisters Lynn, 14, and Erin, 2.



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Find white elephants, crafts and odds and ends all at the flea market at the Campbell-Richmond American Legion Post #63, 8047 Ortonville, on Jan. 26 and 27. Tables are for rent for \$15 with an added \$5 for electrical use. For more information call Shirley

Lynch at 625-3994 or leave a message with Shannon Wawruck by Jan. 17 at 625-8393.

Cabin Fever Cure is Jan. 27 and will feature an ice fishing contest from 8 a.m. to noon and 30-minute mini ski lessons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw. There will also be ice skating, prizes and more. The cost is \$3/person with skis; \$9/person with ski rental. Vehicle entry fee is \$5/Oakland County resident or \$8/regular rate. To register, call Jim Dunleavy at (248)858-4647.

"Brunch with the Birds" is Sat., Jan. 27 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw. Learn about bird feeders, food and more through slides, specimens and discussion. Watch outdoor activity from the comfort of the indoor viewing station while munching a morning snack. Cost is \$3 per person. Call 625-6473.

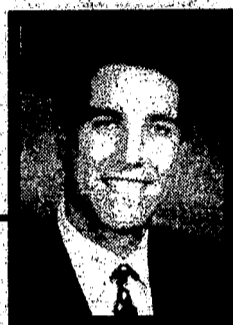
"Sunday Snowshoes" is Jan. 28 and Feb. 11

from 10-11:30 a.m. or 2-3:30 p.m. at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw. Learn about snowshoes and then go outdoors to explore winter's wonders. The program is snow dependent. Call after 10 a.m. the Friday before to register for the upcoming date. A limited number of snowshoes are available for use. The cost is \$2. Call 625-6473.

Feb. 3 from 4-6 p.m. is **"Sunset Ski"** at the Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw. Glide along the park's cross country trails and observe the changes in nature at dusk. Afterwards, enjoy a fire and light refreshments. Bring your own equipment or rent skis at the park for a fee. Previous skiing experience is required. Cost is \$2. Call 625-6473.

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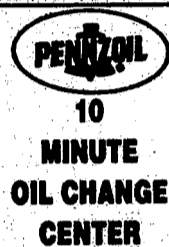
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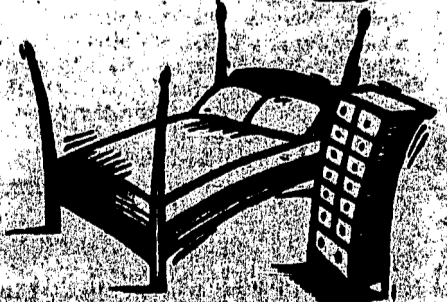
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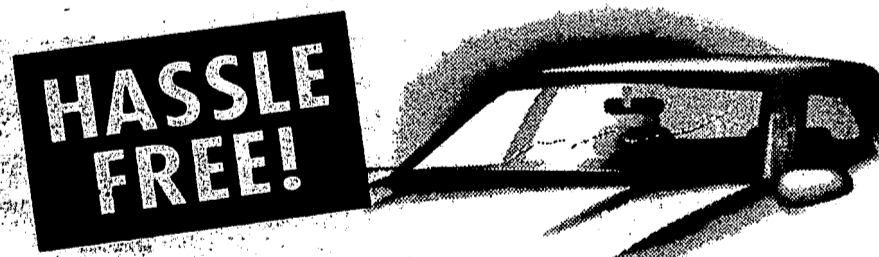
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Independence Oks CSB branch, denies condos

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two final site plans were approved at the Independence Township Planning Commission meeting, Dec. 14.

TCF bank was approved five to two for a two-acre location adjacent to Big Boy on Dixie Highway south of Maybee.

Vacating the current 7188 Ortonville Rd location, TCF will expand its services with a larger facility (over 5,000 square feet) and six drive-through terminals.

The terminals, however, were the cause of the divided commission. Jill Palulian and David Lohmeier said the need for six terminals had not been substantiated.

Changes from the conceptual site plan include saving vegetation, parking lot adjustments, moving the driveway, and adding a deceleration lane, still to be approved by MDOT.

Changes to be made before construction begins include adding deciduous trees and white pines, lighting, and an angling of the employee parking lot for safety reasons.

A request by Stone Meadow LLC for final site plan for the Fairways at Pine Knob was also approved.

The attached condo, ten acre development will be adjacent to the new nine holes of the Pine Knob Golf

Course, on the west side of Royal St. George. The Pine Knob Enclaves, another new development, is on the opposite side.

The development will include 28 ranch-style units that come in two floor plans of either 2,050 square feet or 2,450 square feet in a natural stone look. Many have walkout basements.

A handful of Pine Knob residents in attendance

voiced concerns over a current lack of water pressure. They are afraid Stone Meadow will worsen the situation.

Approval was subject to the resident comments.

Construction should begin at the tail end of the winter with the bulk of it done in spring and summer. Utility work should be completed by April.

Mrs. Markham

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Markham. Rick Shaw is cast as Henry Lodge, while Dean Vanderkolk plays Alistair Spenlow, Rikki Schwartz plays Linda Lodge and Linda Killewald plays Olive Harriet Smythe.

The show's director is Verne Vackaro, who appeared as Philip during CVP's original production of

"Move Over Mrs. Markham" in 1988. The assistant director is Carol Lampman, while the producer is Al Bartlett, the stage manager is Susan Craves, and the construction supervisor is Leon Genre.

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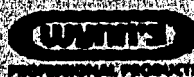
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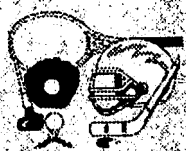
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Hockey:

1/6 at Royal Oak 8 p.m.

Basketball:

1/3 vs. Orchard Lake St. Mary's 7 p.m.

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1/4 vs. Groves 4 p.m.

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1/9 vs. Troy 6:30 p.m.

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Cagers get much needed win

Wolves take on defending Class B champs tonight

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Four and a half hours of practice helped the Clarkston varsity basketball team rebound from what coach Dan Fife called the most humiliating loss he's ever been a part of in 19 years.

Six days after the Wolves gave up 33 fourth quarter points to Rochester, the Wolves responded with a 68-67 win over McKenzie High School in the Cobo Hall Tournament Dec. 27. The win improved Clarkston's record to 2-3 overall.

A strong first quarter fueled the much needed victory, assistant coach Eric Chambers said.

"We pushed the ball up the floor well and took an early 7-0 lead. They kept getting closer, but each time they did, our kids did a good job of responding with a key basket," Chambers said.

Chambers said the Wolves practiced four and a half hours after the Rochester loss. Two hours of that was spent watching film.

"We sat the kids down and challenged their character and their competitive spirit. We asked them what their will really was. Did they want to just play varsity basketball or win?" Chambers said.

The Wolves got the message. Matt Pearsall responded with 20



Sean Eley drives to the basket in recent action at Clarkston High School.

points while Ryan Kaul and Ryan Briceland combined for over 30 points.

"That was the best we've ever shot at Cobo," Chambers said. "We just came out on fire and played intense. We didn't do that against Rochester. We took care of the ball well too. I think we only had around 10 turnovers. Against Rochester we probably had over 20,

just from the guards."

The Wolves will need to keep the momentum going into their next game which will be against defending Class B state champions Orchard Lake St. Mary's. They are coached by former Clarkston assistant Geroge Poritt. Poritt's son, Kenny went through Clarkston middle schools and now plays for the defending champs.

"Our kids are looking forward to it. It's going to be a tough, physical game," Chambers said.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's was 27-0 last year and brings with them two division I football recruits in Charles Davis and Grant Mason.

As happy as Chambers was with the win, he said the Wolves still have a long ways to go.

"The fact is that we're 2-3 and that's not good enough. I don't think teams fear Clarkston basketball like they used to. We need to put Clarkston basketball back on the map. We need our kids to have that refuse to lose attitude," Chambers said.

The Wolves tip off against Orchard Lake St. Mary's Jan. 3 at 7 p.m.

Sound the alarm! Icers are 9-1-1

Wolves down two of state's elite teams and win Alpena tournament

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The Wolves won the tournament and only gave up one goal in their two victories.

The first win came over Alpena Dec. 29. The Wolves won 2-0 thanks to goals from Nick Turner and Jim Lattanzi.

Adam Postal, Andrew Johnston and Jeremy Gabriel drew the assists.

Earning the win in goal was Jordan Conley who stopped all 20 Wildcats shots.

Clarkston earned a 2-1 win in the championship downing East Kentwood. The Wolves offense came from Postal and Ron Knoebel who each tallied a goal. Assists came from Turner and Ryan MacKinnon. Conley picked up the win in net stopping 19 shots.

"Turner and Postal have really been big assets for us up front," Krygier said.

Krygier also said Conley's goaltending played a large role in winning the tournament.

"To only give up one goal to a couple of the best teams in Michigan is something," he said. "Our kids are starting to buy into the offensive and defensive systems and as a result good things are happening."

Official state rankings were not available

at press time, but the Wolves came into the tournament ranked no. 6 in Division I. The wins over East Kentwood (previously ranked no. 7) and Alpena (previously ranked no. 3) should boost the Wolves into the top three or four teams in Division I. Those two teams combined for a record of 13-4-1.

Clarkston now boasts an overall record of 9-1-1 and are still atop the Oakland Activities Association Division I standings with a 4-0-1 league record.

"I'm happy with where

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Wrestlers finish ninth at Goodrich Tourney

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

One week after taking fourth in the county wrestling meet, the Wolves competed in what Clarkston coach Mike DeGain described as the toughest wrestling meet of the year.

The Wolves finished in ninth place out of a field of 15 teams at the Goodrich Tournament Dec. 29. Lapeer West won the tournament. Davison took second place while Redford, Dundee and Novi rounded out the top five spots.

The top Clarkston finishes came from Shawn Miller who took third in the heavyweight division. Also doing well for Clarkston were Chris Jaroneski, who finished fourth at 215 and freshman Tony Lajoi who took fourth at 125 pounds. Nate Parker finished sixth at 145 and Kyle Hester also finished sixth at 160 pounds.

DeGain said his team put forth a solid effort in a very tough competition.

"It's a lot tougher than the county meet for sure," he said. "This is the toughest meet all year besides the state meet. We didn't do great, but a ninth place finish considering the field is pretty good."

The Wolves may have managed a higher spot had it not been for some injury problems. Brian Chism (145), Clint DeGain (171), Sean Turner (135) and Tim Ellsworth (171) all missed the tournament with injuries. DeGain is out for the season with a shoulder injury. Turner and Ellsworth also missed the meet due to shoulder injuries while Chism was out with a hand injury. DeGain said he expected Chism, Turner and Ellsworth to return by the next meet versus Rochester Adams Jan. 5 at 6 p.m.

Last year Clarkston finished fifth in the tournament. The Wolves have competed there for the last ten years. The Wolves won it in 1995.

Athlete of the week: Tony Lajoi

He has three full years ahead of him, but freshman Tony Lajoi has already made this year one to remember.

The 125 pound wrestler has gotten off to a 6-1 start this season. The reasons are simple according to coach Mike DeGain.

"He's quick, strong and he's got good technique," DeGain said of Lajoi.

Lajoi has been wrestling since he was five years old. He got interested in the sport because of his father, who was a collegiate wrestler at Lake Superior State University.

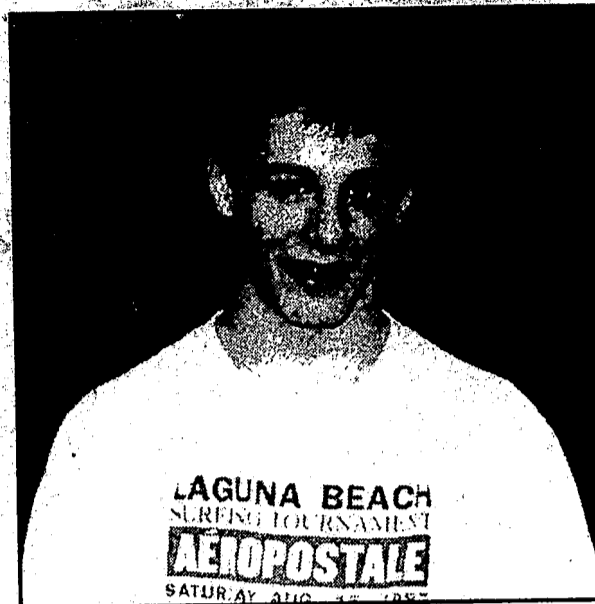
"He just got me into it, I enjoyed it and kept going," Lajoi said.

Lajoi is making the adjustment from middle school wrestling to high school look easy. But before he started wrestling at the varsity level, he made a splash at the middle school level. He was a state champion at the 13-14 year old division and was ranked second in the nation.

"I'm expecting big things from him this year. He's been wrestling a long time, he's got a lot of ability, he works hard and keeps his mouth shut. He's a good kid," DeGain said.

The soft spoken freshman said he feels like he's fitting in to the team. He moved to Clarkston from Waterford before his freshman year.

"The competition at the high school level is a



lot tougher than the middle school, but the older guys and coach DeGain have helped me a lot. The biggest thing is just to stay cool out there and keep your focus," he said.

Lajoi has already set some high goals for his first varsity campaign.

"I want a place at state at 125. I just love the competition," he said.

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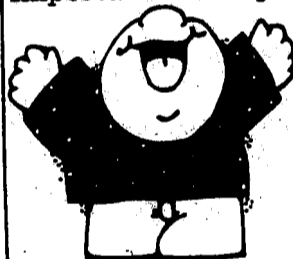
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we're at, but our kids know that they're not going to get anything handed to them. We were fortunate to get the wins and we're happy, but if those teams would have gotten just one break the entire game could have been different," Krygier said.

"Our kids are playing physical, solid hockey for three periods. The kids are confident and they should be with the things that they've been doing," Krygier said.

The Wolves resume action Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. at Royal Oak. They will then have a rematch at East Kentwood Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.

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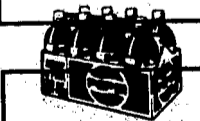
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The 2001 Clarkston boys ski team includes Mike Atkinson, Aaron Caldwell, David Declerck, Matt Evans, Joe Gorz, Mike Hall, Brian Lichty, John McNew, Mike Moore, Nick Munchiando, Ryan Parrott, David Pierce, Brandon Rosengren, Carl Schulte, Mark Sitko, Ryan Stanton, Jake Walker, Aaron Waterbury and Ryan Whisner. The Wolves are coached by Bruce Rosengren.

Boys ski team aims for league title, state showing

Wolves sent two to states last year, went 7-2 in league

BY ED DAVIS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two Clarkston skiers qualified for states last year. This year coach Bruce Rosengren is hoping to send his entire team.

Last year was the first season in five years the Wolves haven't qualified for the state championships. However, the Wolves were represented on an individual basis by Brandon Rosengren and Matt Evans.

The 2000 team is made up of 19 boys, six of which are returning varsity skiers including Mike Atkinson, Aaron Caldwell, Evans, David Pierce, Rosengren and Ryan Whisner. In addition, the Wolves have several other athletes bringing with them ski experience including Joe Gorz, Mike Hall, Brian Lichty, Mike Moore, Nick Munchiando, Ryan Parrott, Carl Schulte, Mark Sitko, Ryan Stanton and Aaron Waterbury.

Rosengren said his team is stronger in the giant slalom than the slalom.

"We're going to have to train real hard in the slalom," he said. "Atkinson, Evans, Whisner and Rosengren will end up skiing in both events."

The Wolves finished last season with a 7-2 dual meet record as part of the South East Michigan Ski League Pine Knob Division. Other schools competing with Clarkston in the division are Lake Orion, Cranbrook, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Country Day

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1/17	vs. Andover	4 p.m.
1/23	vs. Rochester	4 p.m.
1/24	vs. Lake Orion	4 p.m.
1/26	vs. Don Thomas/JV	9 a.m.
1/29	at Traverse City Invite	9 a.m.
1/30	vs. Lake Orion	4 p.m.
1/31	vs. Divisional Slalom	4 p.m.
2/1	vs. Divisional Slalom	4 p.m.
2/5	vs. JV Giant Slalom	4 p.m.
2/6	vs. Varsity Giant Slalom	4 p.m.
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and Waterford United. Rochester Adams won the league last year. The Wolves' only losses were to Adams and Lake Orion.

"The boys division is going to be very tight this year," Rosengren said. "Adams graduated a lot of talent, but Orion should be tough again this year."

The SEMSL is made up of four divisions including the Pine Knob Division. The other three divisions come include Brighton, Alpine Valley and Holly. Rosengren said whoever comes out on top of the Pine Knob Division will be the favorite in the SEMSL.

What the skiers are saying . . .

"I feel that the boys team is full of potential and will have a great season finishing up at states!"
— Senior Matt Evans

"The boys team is very deep this year. A lot of younger guys have stepped up. If they keep it up I expect a great showing at states." — Senior Ryan Whisner

"I think the boys team this year will do well. We have a lot of people skiing fast right now. If we keep it up we'll do well at states, too." — Sophomore Brandon Rosengren

"This is my fourth year on the team. I think this is our best team yet and we have a great chance to do good at states this year. We are well coached and our season is in our hands." — Senior Michael Atkinson

Regionals will be the toughest competition the Wolves will compete in this year, Rosengren said. Regionals take place Feb. 15 at Pine Knob.

"This year it's at our place and I'm not sure it's a huge advantage, but it's still nice to be at home. That's the biggest meet of the year for us because you need a strong showing there in order to get to states," Rosengren said.

The Wolves also take part in the Traverse City Invitational Jan. 29. Eleven teams compete at the meet.

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Here's To A Winning Season...

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The 2001 Clarkston girls varsity ski team includes Michele Anelle, Andra Barget, Lauren Benner, Jackie Bland, Austine Chesney, Jamie Collier, Amanda Cummings, Jennifer Driscoll, Jenny Haladik, Chrissy Jackson, Laura Kovacic, Carrie Linenger, Sarah Maesch, Kelli Morton, Lindsay Mozer, Jody Piechura, Stacy Roberts, Becky Schermerhorn, Allison Spinweber, Maria Vermeulen, Nicole Villiere, Lauren Welbourn and Pam Wylle. The Wolves are coached by Bruce Rosengren.

Girls ski team is one of the state's elite

Wolves look for sixth straight trip to states

BY ED DAVIS
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Doing as well as last year will be a tall order for the Clarkston girls ski team. But that's exactly what coach Bruce Rosengren has in mind.

The Wolves are coming off a stellar season. Last year Clarkston finished fourth in the state in Class A. They have been to the state championship the last five years, and Rosengren is even more confident of this year's crew.

"I think we'll be as good or better," he said. "We have a lot of returning skiers and a lot of experience. I'm real confident of this team."

The team is made up of 23 girls, eight of which are returning varsity skiers including Lauren Benner, Austine Chesney, Jenny Haladik, Carrie Linenger, Kelli Morton, Becky Schermerhorn, Allison Spinweber and Nicole Villiere. Lauren Welbourn, Stacy Roberts, Chrissy Jackson, Jamie Collier, Michele Anelle also have skiing experience.

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Rosengren said he expects Morton, Schermerhorn, Spinweber and Villiere to ski in both the slalom and giant slalom. He added that Linenger is a giant slalom specialist.

What the skiers are saying . . .

"The girls team this year has the depth and a lot of potential, and I think we're going to have an awesome season, all the way to states." — **Junior Allison Spinweber**


"This year we have seven senior girls returning with lots of experience. We will have a great season, hoping to finish high at states." — **Senior Becky Schermerhorn**

"I hope that this year we rock so we can carry on the Clarkston tradition!" — **Senior Kelli Morton**

"I'm expecting big things from those four, but I think we've got a lot of talented girls. Chesney and Haladik really came on at the end of last season," Rosengren said.

While Rosengren is very excited about his varsity girls team, he also has high expectations for his JV team.

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Girls Skiing

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"They are poised to go undefeated and should do well in the Don Thomas Meet," he said.

The Don Thomas Meet is the biggest JV meet of the year. This year's meet will be held at Pine Knob Jan. 26.

"We have a lot of returning JV girls and the freshman look good too," Rosengren said.

Another reason why Rosengren is excited about the coming season is because of the amount of snow that has already fallen. It has allowed for great conditions.

"In the past I haven't been able to make cuts until mid January. But this year I've been able to make them much sooner. But we had so much snow we



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TOWNSHIP BOARD
AGENDA
7:30 P.M.
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Call to Order DATE: January 9, 2001

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Opening Statements and Correspondence
- Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Approval of Purchase Orders
- Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Forum
- Unfinished Business

1. Final Preliminary Plat Approval - Hidden Acres
 2. Second Reading of a Rezoning Request from R1A to OS2, West of M-15, South Cranberry Lake Rd., Parcel 08-17-300-014
 3. Second Reading of a Rezoning Request from R1A to R2 & R2 to R1A (reconfiguration), Clintonville Road, 08-35-476-002
 4. Second Reading of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Section 5.12 Site Plan Review
 5. Second Reading of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Section 5.28, Outdoor Cafe Service
 6. Second Reading of a Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Section 5.02, Height Exception
 7. Bid Award of Ambulance - Fire
- New Business**
1. Resolution - Liquor License Application Fees
 2. Pre-Incident Survey Fees
 3. Addition of Comerica Bank for Tax Investments
 4. Election Commission Appointments
 5. Non-Union Salaries

Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members is required for all actions.

didn't have any practices during the storm. But overall the snow has had a much bigger positive effect than negative," he said.

The Wolves have built a tremendous ski program. In addition to qualifying for states the last five years they've also gone undefeated in dual meets during that time span.

Clarkston competes in the South East Michigan Ski League Pine Knob Division. Other schools in the division include Lake Orion, Cranbrook, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Country Day and Waterford United.

The varsity season begins Jan. 9 at home versus Cranbrook at 4 p.m. The JV season begins Jan. 4 at home versus Country Day. All home meets are at Pine Knob Ski Resort.

Boys Skiing

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which Rosengren said is the toughest meet of the year.

"It's a tougher meet than the state finals, but we've had some good results there in the past," he said.

"I think the boys team is going to do very well this year," he said. "It's a definite advantage having Pine Knob in our backyard."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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January 25, 2001 at 7:30 p.m.
in the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:
FILE PC#2000-030

**Zoning Ordinance #83 Text Amendment
ARTICLE V, GENERAL PROVISIONS
Section 5.02, Scope, Subsection 3, and Article III Definitions**
Regulating Porches
Parcel Identification:
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Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at (248) 625-8111.
JOAN E. MCCRARY, CLERK

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE VILLAGE OF OXFORD NOMINATING PETITIONS FOR COUNCILERSON

Nominating Petitions for the Office of Councilperson for the Village of Oxford may be picked up at the Office of the Oxford Village Clerk, 22 W. Burdick, Oxford, MI. Completed Nominating Petitions must be submitted to the Office of the Village Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 22, 2001. The General Election for the Village of Oxford will be held on Monday, March 12, 2001, at which time two, three-year term, Councilperson position will be elected.
**Rose M. Bejma
VILLAGE CLERK**

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SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Stuart called the December 19, 2000 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Kelly, McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wagner, Wenger. Absent: None
There is a quorum.

1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2000 as submitted.
2. Approved the payment of the list of distributions in the amount of \$14,654.24.
3. Approved the payment of purchase requisitions in the amount of \$6,015,388.00.
4. Approval of agenda as amended.
5. Approved the motion authorizing the extension of Final Preliminary Plat - Bridge Valley.
6. Approved motion authorizing Second Reading and Adoption of Amendment to Sidewalk and Safety Path Regulation Ordinance.
7. Approval of motion to begin the Auto External Defibrillator Program and to seek cost of initial purchase
8. Approved motion of First Reading of Rezoning Request from R1A to OS2, Parcel 08-17-300-014.
9. Approved motion of First Reading of Rezoning Request from R1A to R2 & R2 to R1A (reconfiguration), Parcel 08-35-476-002.
10. Approved motion accepting the Resolution regarding M-15 Widening
11. Approved motion authorizing the MDOT Annual Permit.
12. Approved motion of First Reading of a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - Site Plan Review.
13. Approved motion of First Reading of a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - Outdoor Cafe Service.
14. Approved motion of First Reading of a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment - Height Exception.
15. Approved motion of renewal of Clinton River Watershed Council Membership.
16. Approved motion of Budget Adjustment for 2000 Budget.
17. Approved motion of appointments to various committees as submitted.
18. Approved motion of Employee of the Quarter - Debi Ziel-Verla.
19. Motion to enter into Closed Session at 10:00 p.m.
20. Motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 11:00 p.m.
21. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

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