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Mural madness

Main St. painting back in business, despite vandalism

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

No one, including the Clarkston Police, saw anything during the night.

But when the sun rose on the city's downtown Tuesday morning, people arriving at work or out for a morning stroll were shocked to see vulgar images spray painted on the 5 S. Main Street mural.

Some stopped in *The Clarkston News* parking lot and stared in disbelief.

One person wondered if the large-scale pornographic depictions suggested the vandals' feelings of personal inadequacy.

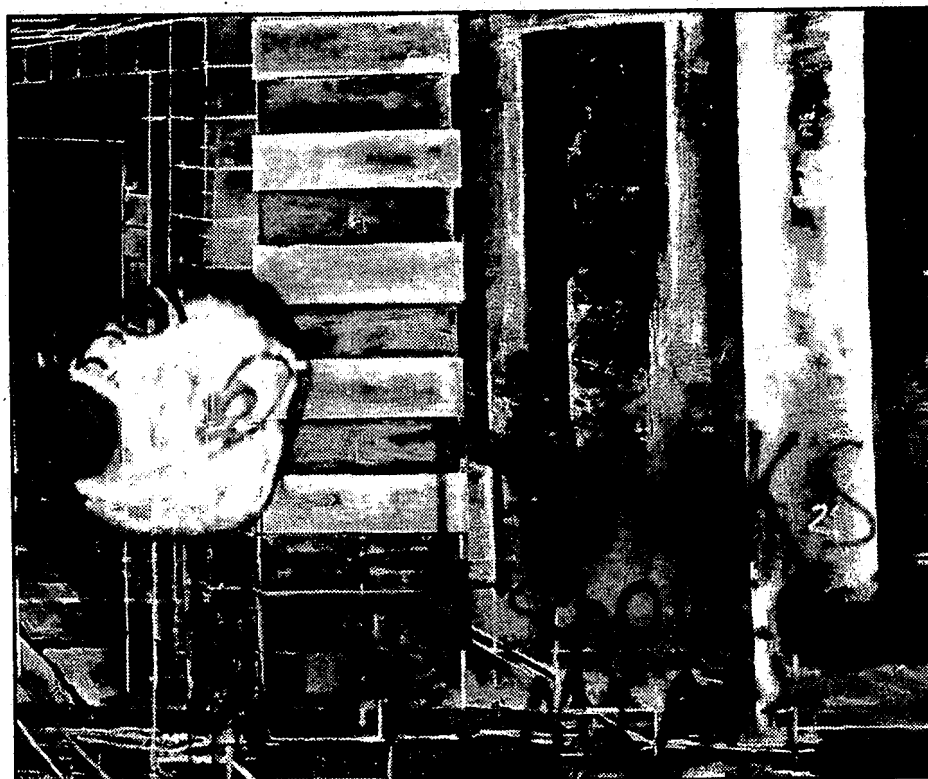
Others smirked, pulled out cell phones and took a picture.

"I want to show my mom," one woman said.

Across Main Street, a sign at the office of attorney Bob Kostin—who's married to 52/2 District Court Judge Kelley Kostin—was also hit with spray paint, and another vulgar image marred a rear wall at the Mills Mall on Washington.

Many who stopped to look noted the vandals couldn't have painted quickly.

But according to Police Chief Dale LaCroix, the officer on duty during the mid-night shift, Doug Fulton, who's been with



One of the few views of the vandalized mural not too vulgar to be printed in the newspaper. Photo by Laura Colvin

the Clarkston PD about a year, saw nothing. Zip.

"He said it was real quiet; he only saw about two cars pass through all night," LaCroix said, noting he personally didn't see the vandalism on his way to the station about 6:30 a.m. "He was running radar part of the night, and he sat at the park a long time—we had some trouble with kids down there earlier in the day."

Fulton also reported doing a business check—walking the city's downtown business area, around 2 a.m., and making a traffic stop at the corner of Washington and Main around 6 a.m., LaCroix said.

Clarkston City Manager Dennis Ritter said the vandalism was the worst he's seen

in 25 years of government service.

"It's just absolutely disgusting," he said. "I'm quite angry and at this point words are pretty difficult to come by."

Ritter, who said he hadn't yet talked with LaCroix and therefore had "no comment" on the police officer missing the work in progress, said his first action was to call the building's owner and ask that graffiti on the mural be covered immediately.

Ritter also said he felt the mural invited the vandals into town, and "provided the opportunity" for vulgar graffiti.

"It all goes back to the disgusting matter of the mural itself," he said. "I'm not a fan of how it's divided the community, and

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Citizens speak out

Public hearing on trash plan erupts in residents' outrage

BY LAURA COLVIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The audience erupted in cheer as Rick Gutowski spoke Thursday, setting the stage for others who came to hand deliver a message to local officials: Stay out of our trash.

First to speak after a presentation at Clarkston Junior High School about potential changes to local garbage hauling and handling practices, Gutowski, an Independence Township resident, said he felt creating a solid waste authority as proposed would lead to greater costs in the long term.

"Is the township already operating at such a level of efficiency that...their intervention will make resident's garbage pickup better?" he asked.

Audience reaction gave Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner and Springfield Township Supervisor Mike Trout, who set up the meeting, they said, to provide residents with accurate information about a recent study, a glimpse at what the evening held.

"This is ridiculous," said Wagner later in reaction to the community retort he received Thursday. "This is a good thing happening. (The consultants) want us to keep looking at it; if there are additional studies that need to be done on the technology, it won't come out of the township's pocket at all."

Trout did not return a phone call seeing follow-up comments.

Several hundred showed up at the meeting, which was taped for broadcast on local cable stations, and heard from Resource Recycling Systems (RRS), an Ann Arbor-based firm retained earlier this year to evaluate residential garbage hauling and recycling practices and provide information on the potential for cutting edge "conversion technology" to seven North Oakland communities.

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Principal Valerie Grimes leads a discussion about classroom issues with Pine Knob Elementary School teachers. Photos by Phil Custodio



Parent volunteer Patty Rich decorates a front hallway wall at Pine Knob El.

Getting ready for students' return

Clarkston Community School teachers and administrators are back in session after the summer break, preparing for students' return next week.

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Briefly

A busy Labor Day

Clarkston's busy with several activities this Labor Day. Clarkston First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road hosts its Labor Day Fair and Car Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with about 100 cars and trucks of all types. Call 248-394-0200.

Clarkston's Labor Day Parade, sponsored by the Clarkston Rotary Club, kicks off at 10 a.m. Church Street to Main Street, north through downtown Clarkston to Miller Road. This year's parade theme will be "Michigan Automobiles - Back to the Classics."

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5k run/walk for Stigma

Stomp Out Stigma is set for 9 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12, at Independence Oaks County Park.

The 5K charity run/walk is the main fundraiser for Community Network Services, a private, non-profit human services agency providing comprehensive mental health and social services to adults in Oakland County.

Its Anti-Stigma program focuses on mental health education and support throughout Michigan.

For more information, check www.cnsantistigma.org, or call 248-994-8001 or 248-745-4900.

Funding for high school liaison pulled

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Funding for Clarkston High School's police liaison officer runs out at the end of October, leaving school officials looking for replacement funds.

The school district has two liaison officers, one at the high school and the other assigned to junior, middle, and elementary schools.

Independence Township, which contracts with Oakland County for police service, notified school officials this past spring of the change.

"I sent them a letter months ago that only one deputy would be there because of budget restraints," said township Supervisor Dave Wagner. "We're one of the few communities that are paying 100 percent. They used to pay part (about four years ago), and then they said they couldn't pay any longer, so we talked to them and said we would pay until we got the budget crunch."

The district will fund Det. Gary Crake's liaison position at the high school, including Renaissance High School, with \$81,000 in At-Risk grant funds, said Anita Banach, school communications and marketing director.

Total cost for the officer is about \$100,000. The district is working to arrange a funding partnership with the township or sheriff's office, Banach said.

"Our goal is two full-time officers," she said. "We're confident we can fund two officers through the school year, at least through the end of June."

If funding runs out, the sheriff's office will pull Crake from the high school—rather than Det. Kirk Match from the junior high, middle and elementary schools—because cases involving younger students are generally more involved, said Sgt. Matt Baldes, Independence Township substation.

"Match tends to see more cases and incidents involving child sexual assault, child abuse, child neglect, things that are generally more intense and take longer to work," Baldes said. "Not that we don't hear those allegations in the high school, but typically it's a kid with dope, a fight, something one of the road (deputies) can handle like a regular call."

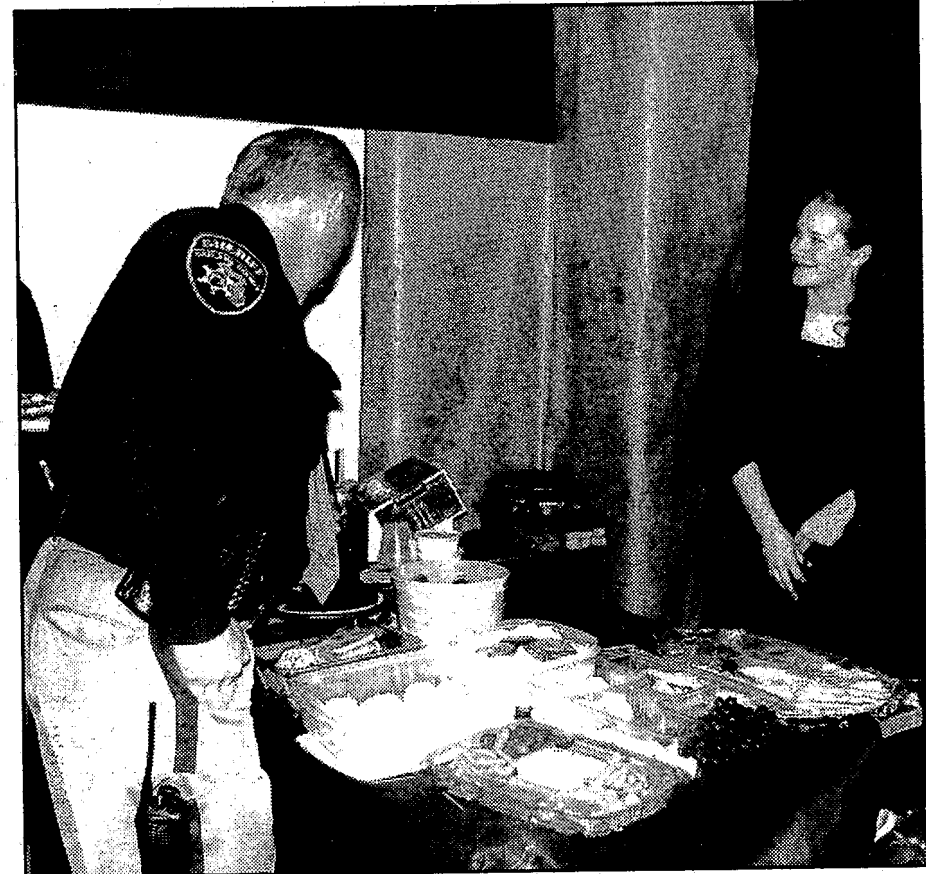
Laura Colvin and Trevor Keiser contributed to this report.

Work all finished from 2003 school bond

All projects listed in the original 2003 school bond proposal were completed in 2007, with \$6.5 million left over. Those funds have been spent, reported administration to the school board.

The \$83.7 million bond, plus about \$1.6 million earned in interest, was used to construct school additions district wide, as well as remodeling, technology, playground and parking lot improvements, athletic fields, and other capital-improvement projects.

"Added value" projects across the dis-



Det. Gary Crake, liaison officer at Clarkston High School, takes part in a social studies project last year, simulating a 1920's speakeasy. File photo

Word spreads quickly through Internet

Word of possible loss of the high school liaison officer sent e-mails flying through the Clarkston area, with messages forwarded to dozens of addresses, including *The Clarkston News*.

Recipients added comments in support of continued police presence at Clarkston and Renaissance high schools, saying the officer:

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- Legal advice to students and their parents;

- Restrains special need students from inflicting harm upon themselves;
- Relieves undo stress on teachers by keeping major discipline issues out of the classroom;
- Thwarts potential behavior problems; and
- Provides mentoring for students who wouldn't otherwise have it.

"In my opinion, a police liaison is vital at our high school," said one writer. "I personally like having the presence of a police officer in uniform looking out for our kids everyday at school."

trict included new marquee signs, roof work, improved utilities, asbestos removal, building security systems, and replacements of the former South Sashabaw Elementary School with an athletic field.

By law, bond money, which is a loan borrowed from the state, must be used for capital improvements. It cannot be used for operating expenses, such as teachers' salaries.

Spending included \$72,164,935 for construction, \$7,184,122 in technology,

and \$5,917,804 for furniture, furnishings, and equipment.

"Every project came in under budget, which allowed us to do other things listed in the bond application," said school board President Stephen Hyer.

Major projects included a 24-classroom addition at Sashabaw Middle School, eight-classroom addition at the community education building, and six-room addition at Pine Knob Elementary.

— Phil Custodio

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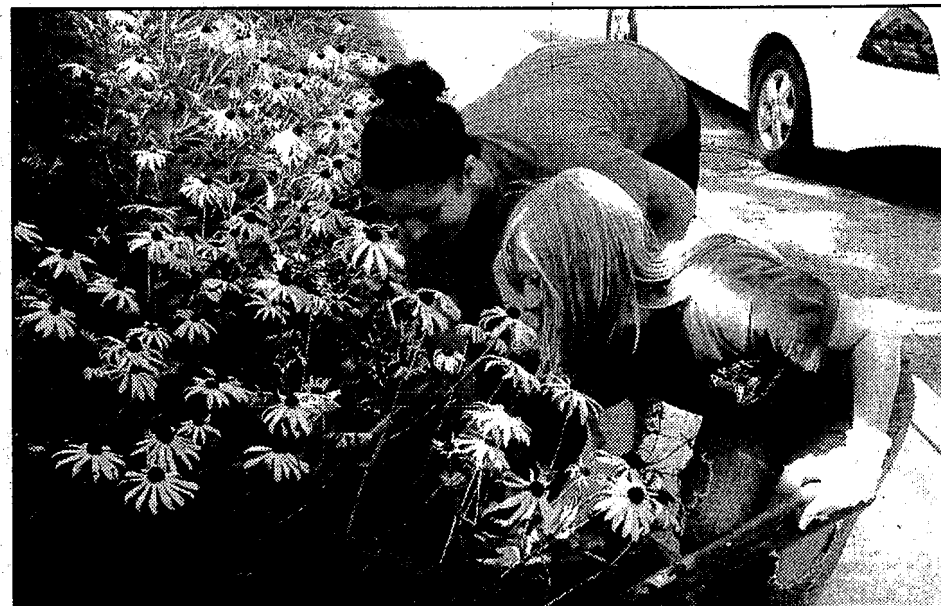
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National Honor Society co-presidents Madison Embrey and Alissa Reddy weed a Depot Park garden. Photos by Phil Custodio



Volunteers perk up Depot Park

Depot Park in downtown Clarkston got some welcome attention, as 14 National Honor Society students from Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes spent a day cleaning gardens, weeding, and picking up trash.

"We have to volunteer eight hours during the summer - this is a good way to do it," said Madison Embrey, NHS co-president with Alissa Reddy. "Everyone uses Depot Park."

They worked with Clarkston Rotary Club to organize the project, Aug. 19.

"I worked with Rotary before, on their Shoes for Kids project," Reddy said. "It was really fun."

"They were interested in a project in Clarkston, so I talked to Dennis Ritter (city manager) and he said this is something they needed," said Jason Webster, Rotary president. "This works great for Clarkston."



Erin Wisely help clean around the park veterans' memorial.

Residents tell officials to leave garbage alone

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But many residents seemed to arrive with their minds made up, with most opposing the idea of transitioning to a single-hauler system, as recommended by RRS.

"I think individual choices are pretty important," said Independence Township resident Pam Akehurst prior to Thursday's meeting. "We should be able to shop where we want, and shopping for a garbage service is no different than shopping anyplace else. It would be like the government saying 'Folks, you're only going to buy from this one jewelry store or this one grocery store from now on.'"

Ed Stout of Springfield Township had a similar opinion.

"If you have a family doctor or a dentist that you really appreciate and respect, would you want somebody saying 'No, you're going to have to get this other guy?'" he asked. "No, I'm paying the bill; I'll keep who I want."

Many who attended the meeting currently use Smith's Disposal and were quick to offer words of support for the local company.

"If it's not broke don't fix it," said George White of Independence Township. "Smith's doesn't rest on their laurels. Their recycling program far exceeds what most communities have."

Independence Township, White noted, already "has a lot of issues, a lot of budget constraints."

"Don't dilute your energies in this project that will take away from more crucial concerns in just keeping the boat afloat," he told township officials.

Vince Alonzi wanted to know whether the company or companies chosen to provide services would be "an active community partner."

"Smith's always supports the Rotary, local athletes (and others)," Alonzi said as the audience, cheering in agreement, made his words inaudible. "They've picked up whatever I asked them to pick up. Sometimes, yeah, I have to pay a little extra, but they never fail to pick it up, they never miss a day, their rates are reasonable and they're a part of the



The crowd stands in support of a fellow resident's point.

community. You'll never see Waste Management supporting the Rotary Club."

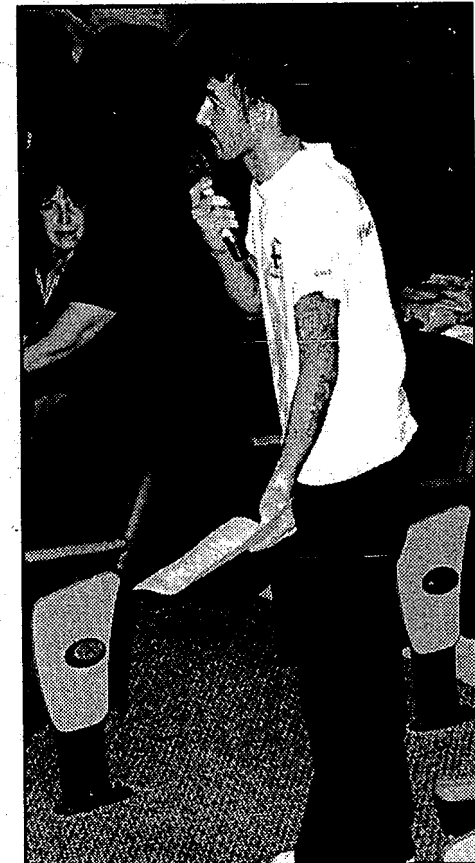
But Steve Stiles told officials that, although he is a satisfied Smith's customer, he wanted to make sure his message was clear.

"My fear is that you'll leave here tonight thinking we're all a bunch of Homers for Smith's," he said. "It's not who has the contract; it's the premise that the service is provided by a single government agency. Now, if I'm dissatisfied I can, at my own leisure and my own good time, do my due diligence. I can make my own choice."

Many were also upset to learn the county spent \$75,000 to conduct the first phase of the CCIRF study, which involved Independence and Springfield townships, as well as Brandon, Groveland, Waterford, West Bloomfield and White Lake.

Others, however, said keeping an open mind was important.

"I commend (the townships) them for looking into the proposal," said Phil Bovensiep, Independence Township. "And I don't expect (RRS) to do the study for free. I came to hear the facts and that's all I want to hear."



Tim Goddard of Smith's Disposal asks why the townships want to take his job away. Photos by Trevor Keiser

Jim Reed, also of Independence Township, expressed a similar opinion prior to the meeting.

"I don't understand all the ramifications of what they're proposing, but I'm going to keep an open mind and hear their case," he said. "There's a lot of objection to government doing things, but I'm not opposed to that; the federal government does some pretty good things. If we could reduce the use of landfills and increase amount of recycling, that would be very positive. I don't know if that can be accomplished, but it's worth looking into."

Trevor Keiser contributed to this story.



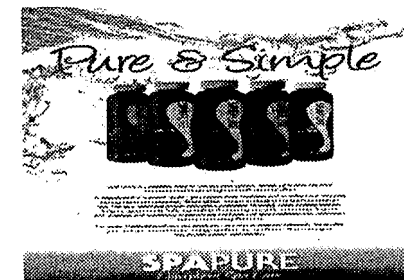
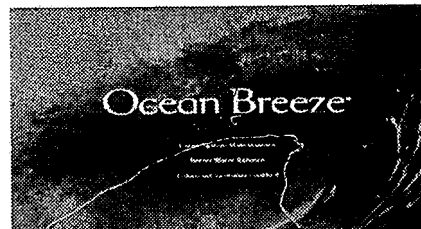
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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Vandals unleashed

The community's response to the 5 S. Main St. mural has been heated at times, but was always civilized, until now.

I was impressed with mural opponents' ability to collect signatures, appeal to city leaders, call and write letters to the editor and others, but not take matters into their own hands and paint brushes.

Apparently, some were strongly tempted, and perhaps seeing news the mural was due to be painted over, let loose their inner vandalizing demons.

What could it hurt, they may have thought - it's all going to be erased anyway.

They apparently forgot human beings have the ability to change their minds. Now instead of a harmless prank, they're guilty of defacing private property.

Graffiti covers more than the mural, extending to neighboring properties, so maybe something else is in play. Letting loose on the mural, perhaps the vandal spirit could not be contained to their original target.

Anyway, this could have been local police's chance to shine, stopping an attack on the decency of downtown Clarkston the likes of which it hasn't seen in years, if not decades.

Maybe next time.

Henry Woloson and his merry band of civil insurgents are onto something, with their call for a Michigan Constitutional Convention, among other things.

Covering the Clarkston Board of Education, trustees and administrators are constantly complaining about the budget calendar. Schools must submit their budgets by July 1, but the state doesn't turn in their budget until Oct. 1 (at least they're supposed to).

That means districts run the first three months of the school year using the previous year's numbers, resulting in budget discussions and revisions all year long.

We have a chance to change that, an opportunity that comes along every 16 years - crack open the state constitution and fix it. I see no good reason why the calendars of state government and school districts, which are pretty much run by the state nowadays, aren't in sync.



The Clarkston News Viewpoints

Reward offered for cross burners

Dear editor,

I'm writing to pledge a \$250 reward for information leading to the arrest of the individual(s) responsible for the recent burning of a cross on the lawn of one of our residents ("Community takes cross burners to task," Aug. 26).

As a society we can tolerate this outrageous behavior or take a united stand and stop it before it

spreads. It is becoming almost commonplace that people are waking up to find their cars broken into in their own driveways.

The number of home invasions and violent crimes occurring in our township has also increased sharply. Each month the police blotter gets longer and filled with more serious crimes.

Our police officers are already overstretched and trying to keep up with the increased crime that often comes with an economic downturn.

Vandals don't understand cross

Dear editor,

I found the woman who woke up to find a burnt six-foot cross on her front lawn to be far more intelligent, forgiving, insightful and well spoken than those who placed it there.

The cross is indeed a symbol for Christians and by burning it I wonder if those who set it afire really comprehend that.

School trustees deserve thanks for vote

Dear editor,

The five Clarkston School Board members who recently voted to combine school elections with already paid for regular elections should be commended for their efforts to save District taxpayers \$44,000 per election.

Clarkston Schools now joins the 75 percent of the other Oakland County school districts which already made this cost saving move.

Board members voting yes were: Joe Armstrong, Susan Boatman, Rosalie

The reality is that each of us should be concerned with keeping our community safe and not turn a blind eye to these crimes because eventually it will be you or someone you care about getting victimized.

I think people need to remember that Flint, Pontiac, and Detroit were all among the finest cities in the world until people quit caring and they deteriorated to the point they are now.

I'm not trying to be an alarmist but it could happen here if you don't stop it before it starts. I don't know the family that was terrorized by the cross burning but as a lifelong resident of Clarkston, I extend my apologies to them and assure them that our community doesn't tolerate this type of behavior.

I hope the fools that did this can be caught and made to understand the ignorance of their actions.

Dr Timothy O'Neill
Independence Township

I thought the time had come where I, as a white woman, could look an African American in the eye without embarrassment or shame for what my race has done to them.

I am truly sorry for what has occurred and can only hope that someone will come forward to finger those who did it.

Aimee Baker
Springfield Township

Lieblang, Cheryl McGinnis and Joah Patterson. They deserve our thanks for rejecting the notion that every governmental body needs their own special election.

Given the extremely difficult financial situation that exists in Michigan, the \$44,000 per election that we will save can be much better spent on educating students instead of stroking the egos of candidates who feel that they will not get adequate attention and publicity in a general election.

Henry S. Woloson
Independence Township

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1994

"Springfield Plains blasts off" It was a red, white, and blue day as Clarkston's new elementary school welcomed students for their first day of school. Principal Dr. Sharon Devereaux, sporting a school T-shirt, moved about from her office to the front hall greeting students.

"Clock repaired" Woodworkers John Koval and Chris Whitehead of Clarkston repaired the antique clock standing in front of the NBD bank on Main Street. They replaced the wooden bezels holding in place the clockface glass.

"Mom, man charged in attempt to sell baby" The couple, arrested when offering their child for sale over a nine-day period at Food Town on Waldon Road, were charged with child neglect, because there apparently was no law against selling a baby.

"First jitters? Not! The kids have no fear" Clarkston twins Kate and Jake Przybycien, the first day of kindergarten was no big deal. They already had two years of pre-school, and visited school often with their sister Jenna several times.

25 years ago - 1984

"Enrollment still drops" A 10-year trend of declining enrollment continued, with 122 fewer students that the previous year. A total of 5,772 students were expected, down from 7,095 in 1973.

"Crackdown slows some Main St. speeders" Deputy Ed Stout issued 50 speeding tickets, the highest for 68 mph in the 30 mph zone. Construction on I-75 meant more traffic heading through downtown Clarkston.

"We love a parade" Balloons provided a rainbow of color against overcast skies as people lined Clarkston streets for the annual Labor Day Parade, sponsored by Clarkston Rotary Club.

50 years ago - 1959

"Labor Day Parade in Clarkston" Clarkston Rotary Club completed plans for the parade, including Clarkston High School marching band, large group of horse riders, cars of yesteryear, fire equipment, floats, and local organizations.

"Youth members conduct services" Michael Odle, junior at Lawrence Technical College, conducted opening prayers at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. The church hosted Youth Participation Sunday every time there was a fifth Sunday in a month.

"Clarkston locals" The Jerome Wilfords of North Main Street were home from a month's vacation at their summer cottage on Lake Michigan.

Trash plan would create a monopoly

Dear editor,

I attended the Independence/Springfield Township Trash Hauling townhall last week. Along with 99% of the approximately three hundred attendees, I am against a trash hauling monopoly coordinated by a to-be-created "Solid Waste Authority."

The issue begs the question, what is the problem with the current trash collection system?

The township has no mandate to expand its role to handle trash. After reviewing survey results, it appears the data was manipulated to support a favorable outcome. The same data could have been adjusted to show that residents do not want the township to coordinate trash services! Therefore, the report conclusion is disingenuous and misleading at best.

Section II of the report describes the intergovernmental structure to be created and questions who is "best positioned to fund and absorb (the) risk" and then discusses the potential for "public sector support." This clearly describes tax increases!

Local newspaper articles have quoted both Independence and Springfield township supervisors as seeing this "project as a potential revenue stream." Now we are getting to the real reason for this

project!

If townships need additional revenue, they are well advised to look at economies of scale for current practices such as consolidation of equipment and facilities, for example, with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Many residents want the ability to contract directly with their trash haulers without middleman interference.

They appreciate the personal service they receive from their respective companies - all small businessmen - and know exactly who to call for quick resolution of problems.

A Solid Waste Authority will be established. Membership could be appointed or elected. In any case, supporting additional government personnel will clearly take additional TAX REVENUE. And, as learned from the Detroit Senegro scandal, as this Authority selects the haulers, the temptation for graft or kickbacks is great.

Alternative recycle technology is still in its infancy and there is no reason in a weak economy, to burden residents with taxes to support such unproven technology.

And isn't it odd that Canada continues to send their waste to a Michigan landfill while we are looking for alternatives?

The two gentlemen running the meeting felt a need to scold the audience about our misunderstanding of the type of government we possess in the U.S.

I would like to remind them that although it is true that we have a representative form of government, elected officials are not meant to be father figures and vote for the "good of their resident-children."

I remind these gentlemen that township residents are concerned about the environment and are fully capable of contracting themselves with companies that can provide trash and recycle services that are respectful of the environment. How condescending of you both to imply otherwise!

On a final note, I am not a member of the Citizens Against Independence Township Waste, but clearly from the lack of transparency in recent township dealings and the apparent lack of appreciation for the depth of opposition to this issue per the remarks made by Supervisor Dave Wagner at the end of the townhall. He is not serving Independence Township well.

It is unconscionable to spend taxpayer dollars on a Phase II study when residents are clearly opposed to government-run trash collection.

Sharon Dudzinski
Clarkston

Supervisor should be made to listen

Dear editor,

Last Thursday evening at Clarkston Junior High, many patriotic Independence Township residents listened to an expensive slide show study of garbage disposal.

I was personally moved by some of their comments after the

presentation.

Rick Gutowski in particular made accurate pointed and studied remarks.

After more than 99 percent of the audience had spoken against implementation, Supervisor Dave Wagner still would not admit he firmly favored township control

and taxing of solid waste.

I was dumbfounded by his insane pugnacity.

Maybe a citizens' grand jury would make him hear the voice of the people.

Seriously,

Robert Namowicz
Independence Township

Thrift shop could lead to lesser things

Dear editor,

Now that the city fathers have given the green light to a Salvation Army "Thrift center" to be located in the vacant Farmer Jack located on Waldon and Sashabaw, I am driven to ask the question, "why?"

Why here, why now? Could it be that our vision impaired elected officials felt that the new "thrift store" would compliment the Dollar store and used furniture store neighbors also situated in the same mall.

What's next? A used car lot, a permanent flea market? Clarkston will never be a destination city if more sports bars, fast food restaurants and drug stores populate the landscape.

Come on guys...what happened to the dream of a "move to" "brag about" community, a community lead by officials with vision.

We cannot continue to tarnish the image of this community with misguided, "quickie tax" property decisions...especially in light of growing property and business

vacancies.

Like any successful business, we should create of professional marketing team to sell Clarkston as the place to set up shop. This "team" of professionals would work in tandem with the board to insure the communities' growth.

In a word, it's about time that we sold Clarkston as THE PLACE to live and work! And a little bragging along the way couldn't hurt.

Robert Jablonski
Independence Township

Ah, the 1-room school; Gov'ts: Plan 3 years

Another school year has, or is about to begin. And, as in years past, my thoughts wander back to the experiences from attending a 1-room school.

Back then we sang, "School days, school days -- reading, writing, arithmetic. Brought to you by the tune of a hickory stick."

The song these days might be, "School days, schools days -- Spanish and Chinese, Facebooking, Texting, Twittering and Blogging. Brought to you by a marijuana stick."

In 1984, *Time* magazine carried a story: "America's schools are getting better."

They showed a 1-room school as the lead piece of art. That same year there was a campaign by school-conscious people called, "We Care."

A 1-room school was its symbol. Coincidence? I don't think so.

Still, gone are the days of signaling with a finger or two of the need to experience (endure) the outdoor, 3-holer.

No more rewarding good grades by letting students slap erasers together outdoors to clean them (the erasers, not the students).

No more mixing first through eighth grades in that 1-room. No one seemed to have concerns about a 5-year-old being in one room with teenagers.

Were our parents naive?

No way!

They knew the teacher would keep their children safe. In the song above, the hickory stick is mentioned. Whacks across the knuckles were not infrequent. Infrequent was a parent complaint.

Another reward students could earn was ringing the school bell. A rope to the bell hung inside the front door, in a cloakroom-like area. Pulling that bell was a reward. Smaller students would be pulled off their feet as the bell swung -- that was a fun sight! Older students competed for the loudest ring.

For some reason, I never got to pull that bell, and I still think of it often as I walk past the school bell by my back porch.

Of course, walking eight miles to school, uphill both ways, in 14-foot of snow, at below-zero tem-

peratures grew from our bundled, 1-mile walk on a pretty level gravel road.

I had a trick for getting excused from school. I'd start a nosebleed. Having a flat, ill-formed nose made it easy to convince the teacher I should go home where Mother could stop the flow.

Ah, well, 1-room schools aren't coming back. We have to have multi-room schools, where students are segregated into one room or another.

Jim's
Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

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Editorial

I've long respected the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. Too, I respect the writings of Robert Daddow. He's an Oakland County Deputy Executive.

He says governments -- on all levels -- will be getting less money from taxes and revenue sharing, and must focus intensely on restructuring their operations.

"This begins," he wrote, "first with long-range planning. They should grapple right now with budgets for the next three years, not just one year. It's harder to deceive yourself when you're forced to look at a trend, rather than a single year's budget."

This just postpones the liabilities to future generations and makes them worse, he said.

"Because of state property tax laws and the sagging real estate market, it will be well into the 2020's before state and local governments collect the same property tax revenues they did in 2008," he wrote.

And, "After all, if a government activity isn't strictly necessary and it's putting taxpayers in debt, it's not really a public service."

"A perfect storm is easier to weather when your ship is trim. The key is to act now. Public officials who do that will face tough choices, but they will also be part of the solution -- not part of a problem that residents pay them to solve."

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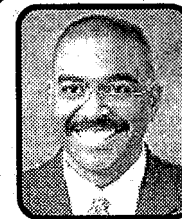
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was reported at \$3,755.

Mom picks beer over kids

A deputy noted the smell of intoxicants coming from a woman—who was driving with her 9 and 11-year-old children—when she was pulled over on a traffic violation on I-75 near Sashabaw Road around 5:45 p.m. Aug. 27. The woman said she drank two 12-ounce beers at lunch two hours prior, but a PBT of .118 led the deputy to believe she'd consumed more. Lo and behold, she admitted a sports bottle inside the car contained beer. The 35-year-old Rochester Hills woman was cited with second-offense OWI, open intoxicants in vehicle and child endangerment. A friend came to pick up the kids, and mom went to jail.

Load and run

Two men—one described as a white male, about 30, with "dark, curly hair, mullet style"—allegedly walked out of a drugstore near Sashabaw Road and Maybee Road about 4:40 p.m., Aug. 27 without paying for the five 24-pack cases of Budweiser in their shopping cart. Employees, who described the second subject as a white male, 17-20, with a buzz cut, said the men were driving a black Olds Cutlass with the license plate CAZ3183. Upon running the plate, however, deputies discovered it was actually registered to a different car.

—Compiled by Laura Colvin

Slow down

Four dirt bikes were stolen from inside the garage of a home in the 4500 block of Ava Lane Aug. 24. The homeowner told police it appeared the thieves rolled the bikes down the driveway and loaded them in a truck or trailer.

Lock it or lose it

A 46-year-old Independence Township man called police Aug. 24 after realizing his loaded Bersa Thunder 380 six-shot handgun had been stolen from his unlocked work vehicle. The man, who has a valid CCW, said he last saw the gun Aug. 18, but had been working in Wayne County during the last week and wasn't sure if it had been stolen while his vehicle was parked there, or at his home.

Charge it

An Independence Township woman noticed something was wrong with the balance on her debit card Aug. 24 and investigated to find someone made charges in the amount of \$321 to Neiman Marcus in California, and \$1,858 to a construction company in Florida.

Can never have too many

A 49-year-old woman filed a police report Aug. 25 after receiving phone bills from Sprint totaling \$3,588 for an account she never authorized. The woman told deputies

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the company advised her the account was opened in March 2009, and that 25 phones had been ordered in her name, and they were sent to her address. She never received any phones.

Trucked away

A homeowner living in the 5600 block of Golf Pointe called police Aug. 26 to report someone entered a car parked in the driveway overnight, stole a briefcase, a set of golf clubs and then used the garage door opener to open the garage and steal two bicycles, two weed whackers and a moped from inside. The homeowner told deputies it appeared the intruders also tried to gain entry into the home but were presumably scared off when an alarm on the interior garage door sounded at 3:09 a.m.

Caught before in the act

A 25-year-old Independence Township man began to cry, according to police reports, after a deputy who pulled him over on a traffic violation Aug. 26, discovered a bag of urine strapped under the man's shirt with

black electrical tape. The man, who told the deputy he was on his way to submit a sample in 52/3 District Court, was cited for improper plate, running a red light and failing to show proof of insurance. The man's car was impounded, and the deputy called the man's case worker to inform her of the situation.

What permit?

A 20-year-old Port Huron man was cited for soliciting without a permit after a resident living on Hummingbird Lane near Maybee Road called to complain Aug. 26. The man argued he shouldn't be cited because he didn't know he needed a permit.

Not my bill

A 40-year-old Independence Township woman who told deputies she filed for bankruptcy in October 2007 said she was puzzled that someone got any credit in her name, but reported on Aug. 27 that she'd received notice of a Sprint account fraudulently opened in her name in December 2007. The balance

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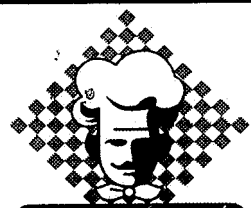
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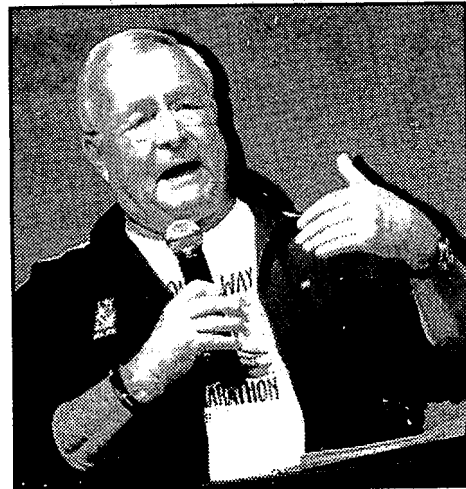
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Dennis Keiser talks with Auston Peash, third place finisher of the race.



Runners cross the finish line. Photos by Trevor Keiser



Guest speaker L. Brooks Patterson motivates the crowd.

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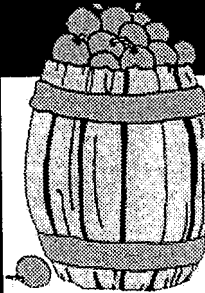
Bridgewood Church raised nearly \$10,000 with their "One Day To Feed the World" fundraiser.

The event included a certified and chipped 5K run/walk and Family 1 Mile, inflatables, petting farm, face painting and kid's free gym circuit. As well as a rally with special guest speaker L. Brooks Patterson.

The church partnered with Convoy of Hope, a non-profit who will feed many around the world. The church got local businesses and volunteers to donate canned good for Lighthouse North.

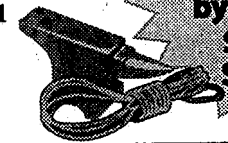
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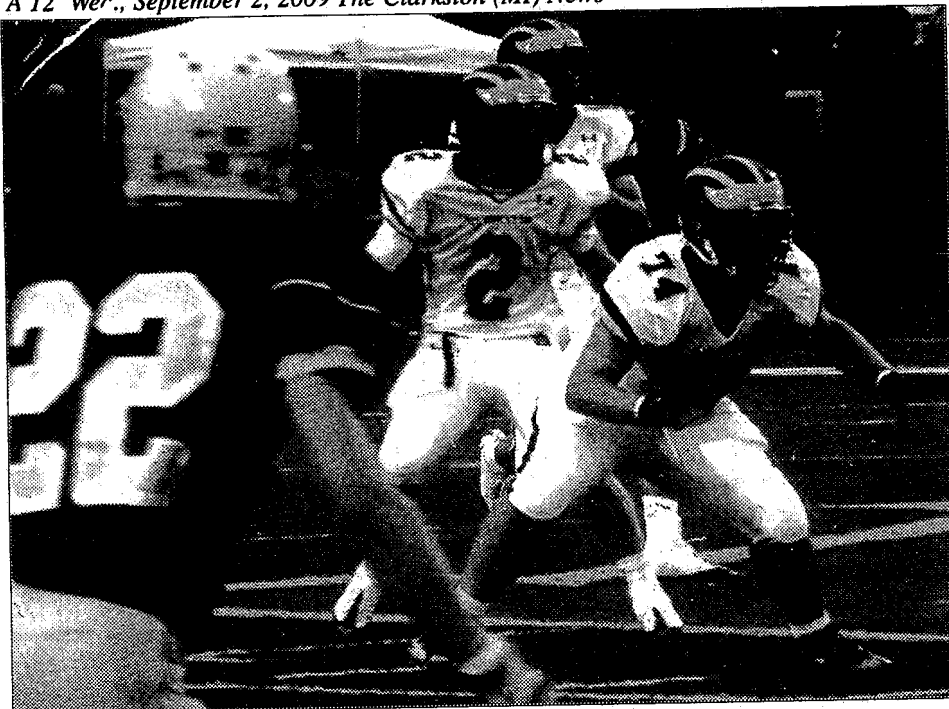
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Jeff Dean protects Dakota Bender and Tyler Scarlett from Rochester Adams advancing defense. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Wolves win season opener

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves looked past the moisture on their helmets as the rain came down heavier and faster on the field Friday night. The grid-iron gang focused on Rochester Adams and what they needed to prove on the Highlanders ground.

They kept Adams down and won the season opener, 6-3, proving the Wolves defense is ready to fight.

"We were getting to the ball and we were hitting people," said Kurt Richardson, going into his 23rd season as head coach. "We didn't do that last year. We didn't tackle and that was all we talked about all winter long. We're not where we want to be, but we are getting there."

The key to the Wolves defense was senior defensive back Andrew Schram - intercepting two passes and recovering a fumble.

"He was outstanding," said Richardson.

"There is a lot of dedication and hard work from all of the players," said Schram. "We have a lot of seniors. It's our last year and we want to make something of it."

Defensive Coordinator Tony Miller added dedication, determination and hard work during the off season led the boys to their first victory.

"The whole off season people talked about how bad defense was last year and those kids took it to heart because we are not that bad," said Miller.

Miller was impressed with the defense line's pop, which caused five Adams turnovers.

"We haven't had guys fly to the ball like that for years," he said. "Andrew made a lot of outstanding plays. He is our little invader

out there and he showed it."

The Highlanders were equally ready for Clarkston's offense.

Clarkston's only scoring came off the foot of Junior Brian Benway. Benway connected on two field goals in the second quarter.

Benway made his first from the 30-yard-line at 7:30 and his second from the 36-yard-line as the scoreboard counted down the remaining minute. Adams hit a field goal in the third, to end the games scoring.

"We won and against a team like Adams. I have all the respect in the world for Tony Patritto and his program and that's a huge win for us," said Richardson. "We made a ton of mistakes. We have so many things we have to correct. But like I told the kids, a win is a win. It's a win that propels you."

Look out Redhawks

The boys head to Troy-Athens this Friday for an OAA Red league game.

"They are going to be tough on us and we never play well out there," said Richardson. "We have our work cut out."

Athens also won their season opener when they beat Stoney Creek, 17-7.

"Defense just needs to keep it up," said Schram looking ahead. "We don't need to get too cocky, but we need to make sure we keep playing, keep our heads and keep hitting hard."

Schram predicted defense will be better for the upcoming game.

"We would like to keep getting better every single week if we want to make a run for the playoffs start," said Miller. "We feel like we still have to improve every single week and I feel confident we will."

Kickoff at 7 p.m. and is at Troy-Athens High School, 4333 John R, in Troy.



Rain doesn't dampen the Varsity Girls Cheer team's spirits.

Athletes of the Week



Pictured from left to right: Kady O'Connell, Rachel Linton, Taylor Tekiele, Shawna Mulcahy and Kendall Kamp. Photo provided

Frosh Five ready to rule the pool

Five fresh faces on the Clarkston Girls Swimming team have already made an impact on the team.

Freshmen Kendall Kamp, Rachel Linton, Shawna Mulcahy, Kady O'Connell and Taylor Tekiele are using the skills from their prior experience to place in their first two meets in their freshmen year.

"This year's freshmen class all has

competitive swimming experience," said Coach Kenwyn Chock. "I'm really excited about this group. I know they will have a positive impact on the 2009 season."

Check www.ClarkstonNews.com to see how the girls did in their meets against Hariland and Birmingham Groves.

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Spikers set for league play

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Jenna Coates took action ran all the way to the back – she was not going to let a point slip through her team's fingers.

The girls varsity volleyball team was playing against Troy in the Ladywood Livonia Quad and they blocked the ball from Troy's hit over the net.

The Lady Colts hit the ball from the block and sent it over the net. Clarkston's defense reached to pass it back but the ball continued to travel.

"I had counted it as a point for Troy and the whole bench started yelling," said Coach Kelly Avenall.

She looked and saw Coates running to

the back wall, hitting the ball and putting it into Troy's territory and unable to be returned - scoring the point for the Wolves.

"Jenna played outstanding defense," said Avenall about the first few weeks of competition. "She is just playing with intensity, and is bringing all of us up right now."

The girls won five sets and lost two during the day, bringing their record to 7-2.

"We had a slow start. We played Ladywood first, we beat them the first game and lost the next two," said Avenall. "We had a lot of errors. It was a team I think we should have beaten. It was a good learning experience. Some of my players are younger and played young against them."

They won the first set 25-19, and lost 25-21 and 15-13.

They played Livonia Churchill and won both sets, 25-21 and 25-17, and beat Troy 25-15 and 25-21.

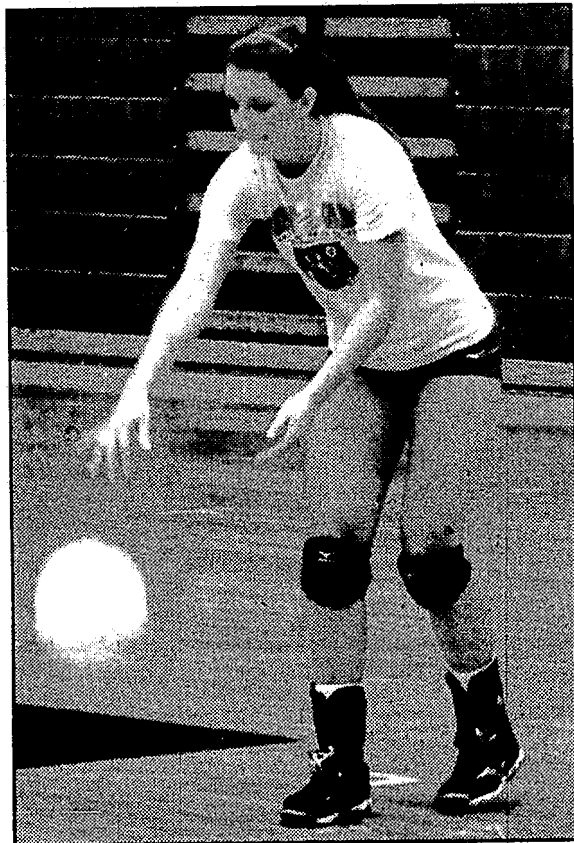
"Livonia has a great program so that was a great win for us. We had things together at that point," said Avenall. "Troy was a great morale victory for us because Troy beat us in regionals last year. They didn't lose a lot of players and we were expecting them to give us a lot. They could have been off, but it was a huge victory."

Coates had 43 digs, juniors Allison Reis had 21 kills and 24 digs and Jessica Frakes had 21 digs.

The girls played in the Oxford Quad on Tuesday and are set to play their first league game against Birmingham Seaholm on September 8.

"Seaholm lost a really big hitters last year, but they had a couple young players that I know will step up for them this year," said Avenall. "Every league game we play is tough."

JV plays at 5:30 p.m. at the away game, varsity follows.



Alexis Egler gives the ball a bounce before her serve. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Another shut-out for win column

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Goalie Andrew Campbell didn't lose sight of the soccer ball as it passed from one foot to another on the wet field.

The focus led to the senior's third shut-out in the four games the boys varsity soccer team has won.

Two goals from sophomore Ryne Jones and another from junior Jarrett Kersten put the score, 3-0, in the Friday game at Waterford Kettering.

"Campbell made some very good saves," said Coach Adam Bican about the Kettering game and the loss to Detroit Catholic Central, 2-0.

"He commands the field and controls the game from the back. He is very vocal. He is delivering it for us," he added.

Campbell didn't get much time last year in the net when Scott Messer was goalie - but after Messer graduated Campbell moved into the starter position.

"When you graduate someone like Scott, you have big shoes to fill. Andrew is doing a heck of a job," Bican said.

More key players from last week included Jones, Kersten and Justin Stronschein.

The boys faced Detroit Catholic Central and their leading scorer Josh Gatt on Thursday.

"Catholic Central was definitely a challenge," said Bican. "We played against the best player in the state, if not the second best in the state in Gatt. He scored a quick goal against us."

The second goal was from a penalty kick.

"All-in-all we played a pretty really good

game against Catholic Central," said Bican.

"We possessed well. We had some offensive opportunities. We just need to convert. If we convert just one of them it definitely changes the game. We have a great team and can compete with the top teams in the state."

Even though the boys suffered their second loss against Catholic Central - they were able to take lessons away from the game.

"The thing about this team is they are extremely intelligent and they learn from their mistakes," said Bican. "They get better every practice. Every game they look to get better."

He added an element the boys took away from the game was to be quicker in speed.

"The touch needs to be better. When we are in the offensive end we need to concentrate a little harder on possession and finishing. We had four decent opportunities we could have capitalized on," Bican said. "If all those things happen we will be alright."

The boys played their first league game on Tuesday and are competing to win the league title this season.

Bican said their main competition will be Troy and Lake Orion but said the boys are ready for the challenge.

The boys host Royal Oak on Thursday and head to Rochester on Sept. 8.

"Rochester is an extremely hard-working team," said Bican. "They have talent over there. It's always a good game and our guys will be ready to work and compete."

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

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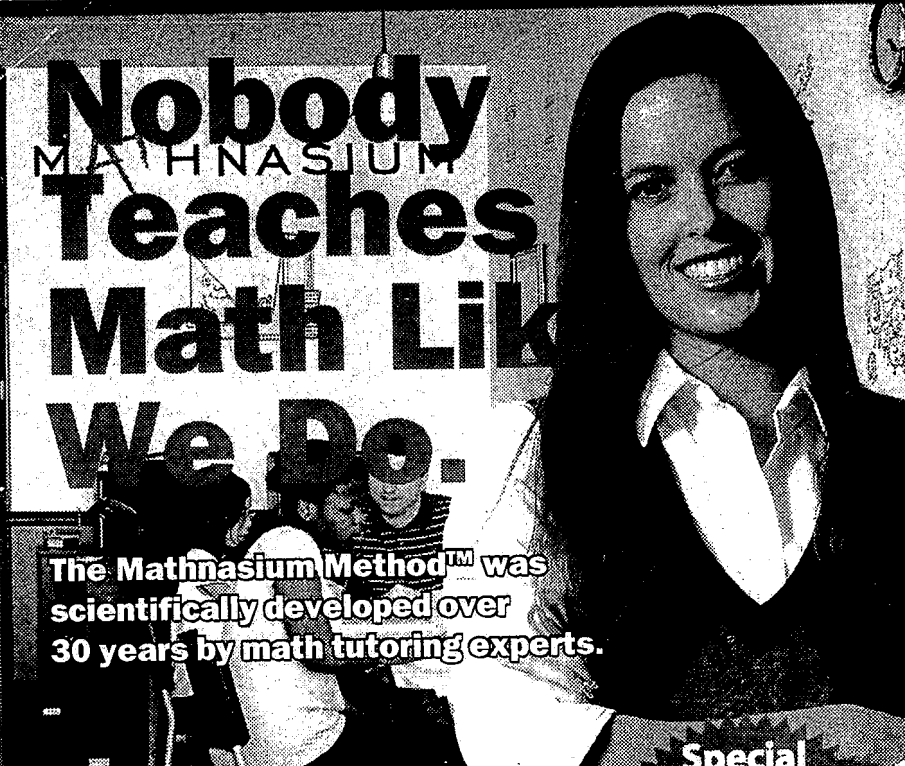
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What's the need for speed?

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Jim Reed saw a 45 mile per hour speed limit sign a few weeks ago on Perry Lake Road, a gravel road, he wrote to state Senator Mike Bishop, state Rep. Eileen Kowall, and Sheriff Mike Bouchard.

Public Act 85, passed in 2006, requires speeds on gravel roads to be based on the number of access points within a half-mile stretch. These access points include driveways, alleys, side roads and private roads within the stretch.

Roads under 30 access points are unposted and speeds allowable up to 55 mph. Roads with 30-44 access points are 45 mph, 45-59 access points, 35 mph, and 60 or more, 25 mph.

"I was informed by Bishop in a letter that they had tried to pass changes to the speed limit and Granholm had vetoed it," Reed said. "My next step is to write a letter to Granholm and see what she's up to."

If she had not vetoed the bill, it would have allowed Oakland County to keep some local control on setting speed limits on the county's gravel roads.

Granholm released a statement at the time, which stated the amendment "would create a special exception from the standardized process for establishing speed limits."

"I guess I can understand the State Police concern, but the thing I still can't accept is that there was no provision for local communities to consider unique circumstances and I think of not just Independence Township, but Oakland County," Reed said. "You got all these natural beauty roads. All these roads out here that are narrow, trees right on shoulder, with really poor visibility, yet the criteria says 45 mph is the speed limit you can drive on this road."

Another woman who lives on Perry Lake agreed.

"I have to tell my 15 year-old daughter who's in drivers training that she cannot obey that speed limit of 45 mph because it's not safe, I feel it's very important that she knows it," she said. "It's way above what is safe."

She and Reed agreed most people who live on Perry Lake drive an average speed between 25 and 30 mph.

"Somebody who's taking this for the first time, maybe they believe they can drive anything approaching that speed, hopefully nobody is foolish enough to drive that fast," Reed said. "It just doesn't seem productive to me to put up signs to leave people to make an erroneous judgment."

However, Brent Bair, managing director of the Road Commission for Oakland County, said signage really plays no issue on speed.

"We found that radar studies we did back in the '90s people were driving the same speeds in unposted areas as they were the



A Car driving down Perry Lake Road. Photo by Trevor Keiser

areas we had posted 25 mph," he said. "They were driving about 35 mph in both."

Bair noted a study taken in Kansas this past spring also showed the speed limit signs had "no impact on speed of traffic."

"Basically people drive at whatever speed they feel is safe," he said.

Kowall said she doesn't "buy into that statement."

"If people are going to drive a safe speed limit why do you have speed limits at all," she asked. "I've gone for walks down my gravel road and there have been times where I've had to literally scramble up the embankment to get out the way."

Trustee Mark Petterson, who works as a road paver, said it was an "unimaginable excuse."

"The shocks on the vehicle continue to bounce after hitting a bump, hole, or uneven road surface," he said. "Weather also plays a big role in softening the surface thus creating the washboard, and a very dangerous situation at high speed."

High speed also means roads must be graded more often, with increases costs, he said.

"Stopping distances are increased on gravel roads especially once tire to road traction is broken," he said.

Kowall said she wants to sit down with the State Police and "get to some sort of understanding" about the situation in Oakland County. She hopes to introduce new legislation next week.

"At the very least I would like things to be changed back to the way they were before, where counties have the ability to set speed, but we'll see where this goes," she said. "I hope I can get something done to put things back to some resemblance of sanity in that regard."

Petterson is grateful to both Kowall and State Rep. Jim Marlow of Orion Township.

"I commend their attempts to get this back on the house floor for they are truly looking out for the safety and wellbeing of the public," Petterson said. "I would recommend that all residents call or write your state reps and show them your support on this issue before tragedy falls on our community."

Residents fed up with 'township waste'

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A new township hall not approved by voters, trash hauling monopoly to campaign contributors, secret bonus payments to township employees, no bid contracts for lawyers and friends of officials – just a few reasons why residents Michael Powell and Henry Woloson began “Citizens Against Independence Township Waste.”

Powell and Woloson passed out fliers prior to the “garbage talk” meeting at Clarkston Junior High on Aug. 27, which Woloson, treasurer of the group, said has led to numerous phone calls and e-mails of people possibly interested in a recall of Supervisor Dave Wagner.

“As always I’m hopeful that people will correct their behavior, but I think this is just gone too far,” he said. “Everybody has a boss, and it’s profoundly arrogant when some people feel they’re above the law. When some people feel they have no boss, that’s the issue here, we need to reassert ourselves in the process.”

Powell, president of the group, agreed. “Mr. Wagner refuses to listen to anybody anymore, he’s got an agenda and he is going to do what he’s got set in his mind no matter what the people in this



Henry Woloson distributes fliers at the public hearing. Photo by Trevor Keiser. township say,” he said. “That’s sad because the people who voted for him voted because they thought he was going to listen to them and he is not and that’s ridiculous.” He also said many of the people he has

talked to have shown an interest.

Everybody I’ve talked to is fed up and they’ve had it,” Powell said. “They’re ready to get rid of him.”

Wagner said he has been “accused of everything under the sun” and would like to know which garbage guy “paid him off.”

“I’m very disappointed in what Henry did. I respect him very much, but he’s got so many things in there (the flier) that are completely untrue,” Wagner said. “It’s just a bunch of false accusations with no basis of fact.”

Woloson said they do have “recall” information, but it would require a signed petition of 15 percent of all the people in the township who voted in the last governor election, which would be around 4,000 signatures.

“No, a decision has not been made, but I don’t think there has been any question if people have said ‘if we don’t get some type of altered behavior, then do it,’” Woloson said.

“These are elected officials. They deserve the right to exercise their judgment, but they don’t deserve the right to exercise their judgment in a vacuum, nor out of the scrutiny of the public and that’s what’s been going on.”

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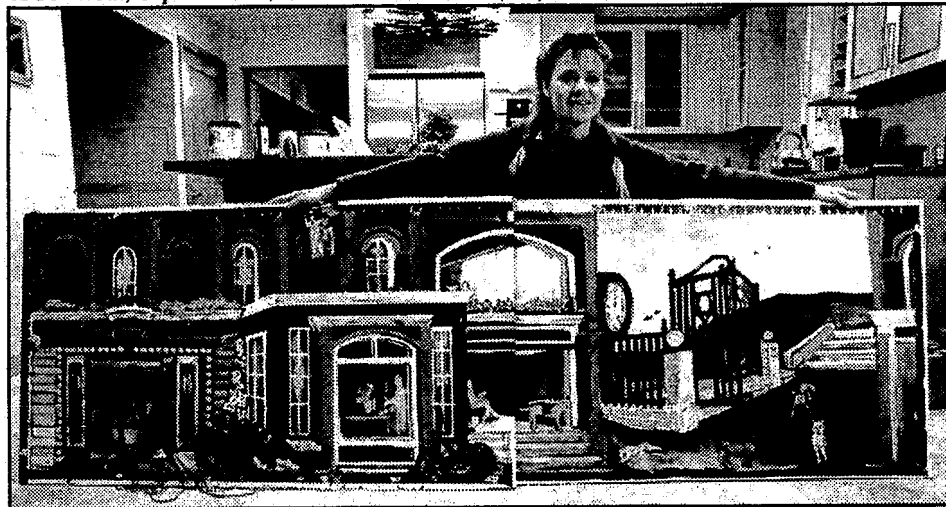
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Mural artist Michelle Tynan with a new mockup of the mural. Photo by Laura Colvin

Artist has one more chance

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I don't like the negative impact it's had on the city's image."

But artist Michelle Tynan took the news in stride, and even with a bit of humor, it was back to the drawing board—literally—after she asked for and received permission to finish the painting.

Tynan, who owns Drawing Board Studios, was fired from the project Aug. 20 after more than three years of work on the 3,000-square-foot mural, which she originally estimated would take about 12 weeks to complete.

Jim Sherman Sr., who owns the building and is the former publisher of *The Clarkston News*, said he was tired of waiting for her to finish.

Tynan was shocked and devastated when the news came, she said, but asked Sherman for a meeting and worked all weekend to put together a new plan.

Armed with her paint and brushes, two large pieces of drywall and, apparently, a very determined mind set, she put together a modified vision of the completed mural.

"If I'd know I was going to be fired I would have changed the way I was doing things before now," she said. "It's hard to stay inside the boundaries when you get free reign on a project this big."

Initially, Sherman's only requirements were for the original building façade to be incorporated into the mural, and that he and his dog Shayna be pictured, as well.

While Tynan didn't have time to paint in all the details of the finished project she's preparing to paint, plans for the mural have changed—but not drastically.

"It's much more evolved than it was a week ago, and it feels good to see it how it will look when it's finished," she said, noting she and Sherman agreed on a timeframe for completion. "It's the same picture—I'm not taking anything out—but more defined."

Sherman noted last week the decision to finally fire Tynan from the project—often controversial among residents—was not one that came easy.

In recent days, however, Sherman said he heard from those with a different perspective.

"Part of the reason I told her to continue is all the calls I've had from people who think I should let her finish," he said.

Besides, he said, Tynan was compelling in her argument for another shot.

"She makes you feel confident she can get it done," he said. "Bless her heart. I feel we'll all be pleased with the way it looks when it's done."

Around Town

Line Dancing, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Sept. 2, 9, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Waldon Road. Beginners, first hour; intermediate, second hour; advanced, third hour. Drop in for 1-3 hours. Classes resume, Wednesdays, Sept. 30.

Labor Day Fair and Car Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 7. Clarkston First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. About 100 cars and trucks of all types, first 100 gets a dash plaque. Trophies, door prizes at 3:30 p.m. DJ Mark Farnsworth, food, kid's games, auctions, raffles, large flea market. 248-394-0200.

Dinner and Auction, Remnant Project Ministries, 6:30 p.m., Sept. 12, Canterbury Castle, 2325 Joslyn Road. \$60. Dinner, music, silent auction, cash bar. Email remnantproject@aol.com.

Treasures and Treats, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sept. 11-12, Neighbor for Neighbor food pantry, Hart Community Center, Mill Pond Park, downtown Davisburg. 248-634-0900.

Backpack Safety Program and Ice Cream Social, 12-3 p.m., Sept. 12, McLeod Waterford Chiropractic, 4426 W. Walton Blvd. 248-674-4711.

Homecoming 2009 Dress Re-Sale, 12-4 p.m., Sept. 13. Best Impressions Hair and Nails, 6684 Dixie Highway. Benefits Clarkston High School Student Council. 248-620-1961.

Carrick House Concert, with Will Kimbrough, singer, songwriter, and guitarist, and Jill Jack, 4 p.m., Sept. 13. \$10 donation. 248-394-0113.

Art in the Village, Clarkston Community Historical Society, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 19; 10 a.m.-

4 p.m., Sept. 20. Juried art show, with paintings and drawings, blown and fused glass, photography, jewelry, fabric, weaving, with silent auction and antiques. Depot Park, downtown Clarkston. 248-922-0270.

Annual meeting, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sept. 17, Oakhurst Country Club, 7000 Oakhurst Lane. 248-625-8055.

Comedy Night with Mike Green, Sept. 25, Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road. Benefits National Transplant Assistance Fund's Great Lakes Stem Cell Transplant in honor of Barbara Grupido of Ortonville, who needs a stem cell transplant. For more information, call Ginger Blaquiére at 248-623-4777.

A Taste For The Holidays, Clarkston Rotary's annual wine tasting, Nov. 5, Bordine Nursery. Twelve of Clarkston's finest restaurants provide food, accompanying wines from around the world. \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Call Jeff, 248-625-4244.

Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. *Please see Around Town on page 24A*

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- Kiorrah Butterfield



"To meet my
friends from
last year."

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By Caitlin Smith

The Clarkston News' Millstream

A section dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

A good neighbor

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Michelle Phaup of Independence Township was recently named a top 10 finalist for the "Good Neighbor Award" by the National Association of Realtors.

"It's a great honor," she said. "I can remember being at past realtor conferences and being in awe of the top 10 people that were selected, so to be a part of that is very touching."

Phaup was nominated by her friend Amy Serra Albright.

"Amy told me she was going to nominate me a few months ago, so I gave her the information she needed and didn't think anything else of it, until I got the call," she said.

Phaup is being recognized for her non-profit organization Lend a Helping Hand, which focuses on easing the financial burden of families faced with catastrophic illness.

Since 1989, Phaup has sponsored fundraising events that have raised more than \$2 million to help individuals pay for uncovered medical expenses.

"What made me start Lend a Helping Hand to begin with was because we raised \$100,000 for someone so they could get a bone marrow transplant and they received a letter from the IRS that 50 percent of it was supposed to go towards taxes, she said. "I didn't realize that could happen. That's why I wanted Lend a Helping Hand to be a 501c3, so people wouldn't have to worry about that anymore."

Recently, she said Lend a Helping Hand has begun new chapters in Traverse City and Jacksonhole, Wyoming, which is helping to do fundraisers and raise money in other areas.

"We've been doing fund raising and helping



Michelle Phaup has a booth at the Farmer's Market. Photo by Trevor Keiser.

people financially, now we also have people in this area who have come forward to provide services for people," Phaup said. "For example, if someone has cancer we'll be able to have people go over and clean their house, help maintain their yard, run errands for them, grocery shop, things like that."

She also noted she has received a lot more calls from the 52-2 District Court for people who have community service hours to fulfill.

Phaup has been a realtor in the Clarkston area for 22 years, and began Clarkston Realty in 1997.

In November the top five winners for the Good Neighbor Award are announced and awarded \$10,000 to their charity. The five Honorable Mentions, will receive \$2,500 for their charity.

"My greatest hope in all of this is that Lend a

Helping Hand will get more recognition, be able to help more people and receive more help," she said. My dream is to make Lend a Helping Hand a nationwide organization."

Lend a Helping Hand will be holding a benefit on Oct. 3 for Ortonville resident Devin Kalisz, a 28-year-old mother of 10-year-old twins. Kalisz recently had a brain tumor removed and has Chiari Malformation, structural defects in the Cerebellum part of the brain.

The benefit will be held at the Heart Center of Davisburg Road. For more information visit www.lendahelpinghand.org

"I believe life is about helping other people," Phaup said.

"If you have the ability to do it then do it, it makes your life much richer."

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Students and their mentors pick out school supplies at Clarkston Area Youth Assistance's Back to School party. Photo by Phil Custodio

Getting ready to return to school

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance hosted the annual Mentor's Plus Back to School party, Aug. 27, at Clintonwood Park.

"In order to stay in school, we felt the kids had to start their new school year off on a positive note - appropriately and adequately equipped with school supplies," said Joyce Bleim of CAYA. "With the support from several local Clarkston businesses, we had enough resources to purchase

school supplies for every Plus kid and their siblings."

Students pick an empty backpack and, along with their mentor, go around to each station and select school supplies using their 'back to school' supply list. This provides a good way for the child and Mentor to discuss education issues, Bleim said.

After the backpacks were filled, students and mentors enjoyed a picnic.



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Obituary

Marjorie A. Erkfritz, 78

Marjorie A. Erkfritz, of Clarkston, passed away, Aug. 24, 2009, at age 78.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald S.; loving Mother of Jeannette "Jenny" Sansom of Clarkston, Mike (Robin) Erkfritz of Waterford, and Lisa (Greg) Hilton of Dowagiac; like a mother to Lynda Podzikowski; grandmother of Tammy (Brad) Layton, Scott Sansom, Tina Erkfritz, and Karyn (Justin) Erkfritz-Gay, Cody and Cheyenne Hilton; great-grandmother of Tina, Sabrina, and Angelina Layton; and sister of Linda (Bob) Larson of Novi.



Mrs. Erkfritz's family was the most important part of her life. She enjoyed genealogy and painting. She was co-chairman of the Pontiac High-Fever Follies and was a member of The Women's Auxiliary at Pontiac General Hospital and past PTO President.

Funeral Service was Aug. 29 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or Alzheimer's Association. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Lisa Mira Halleran, 63

Lisa Mira Halleran, of Clarkston, passed away, Aug. 27, 2009, after a courageous battle with cancer at age 63.

She was the wife of John for 40 years; mother of Ian Halleran of Budapest, Hungary, Sean (Brooke) Halleran, of Chicago, Ill., Ashley (Jeff) Hamilton of Chicago; grandma of Emma, Jacob, Evan, Isabella and two more expectant; daughter-in-law of Mickey Halleran; loving cousin of Alan, Bob, Steve, Gary Butman, Mitch, Michelle, Chuck Yelen, Michael and Honey Oerbach; niece of Dorothy Shrago; and sister-in-law of Tim, Chris and Scott Halleran.



Mrs. Halleran graduated from the University of Wisconsin and retired from Pontiac public schools as a media assistant. She adored her children and grandchildren and had a passion for travel.

Funeral service was Aug. 31 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Zetta E. McNairn Taylor, 86

Zetta E. McNairn Taylor of St. Clair Shores, formerly of Clarkston, passed away, Aug. 27, 2009, at age 86.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Taylor in 1952 and her husband John S. McNairn in 1995; mother of Arnold (Jeanee) Taylor of St. Clair Shores, Paul (Karen) Taylor of California, and Mark (Beth) Taylor of Brighton; grandma of Scott (Christy) Taylor, Sarah (Y.B.) Ko, Emily Taylor, Rebecca Taylor, Benjamin (Erika) Taylor, Christopher (Ethnee) Taylor, and Bethany Taylor; and great grandma of six.

Mrs. McNairn Taylor owned and operated Taylor's 5 & 10 Dime Store, Clarkston, and after retirement, enjoyed working at Lewis E. Wint Nature Center as a trail guide.

Funeral service, Sunday, Sept. 6, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit, 11:30 a.m. until the time of service. Memorials may be made to Lewis E. Wint Nature Center.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

William J. Kratt, 'Billy,' 48

William J. Kratt, "Billy," of Ortonville, died unexpectedly Aug. 30, 2009, at age 48.

He was the loving husband and best friend of Lisa; father of Derrick Kratt (Erica), Trevor Kratt, Paige Kratt, Jillian Sorenson, and Bryan (Stefanie) Sorenson, all of Ortonville; proud papa of Lucas; brother of Robert "Bob" Sr. (Darlene); son of Barbara and the late Donald Kratt; uncle of Jason (Andrea), Jeremy, and Bobby Jr.; son-in-law of Georgia and the late Leon Thompson; and dearly loved by many extended family and friends.



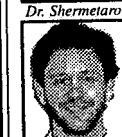
Mr. Kratt, along with his brother Bob, owned and operated Hamilton's of Ortonville and Hamilton's Propane for more than 30 years. Billy and Lisa enjoyed hunting and their time spent together in Luzerne.

Funeral service, Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, 11 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 2-9 p.m. Interment, Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or Parkinson Foundation. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Food for those in need

Rose Marie Farrar of Independence Township and other volunteers from Guardian Industries, Detroit Pistons, and Feed the Children provided 80,000 pounds of food to about 2,000 families in need, Aug. 18 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. They worked with Lighthouse of Oakland County, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, Clarkston United Methodist Church, and other charities and organizations to identify families in need throughout the county.



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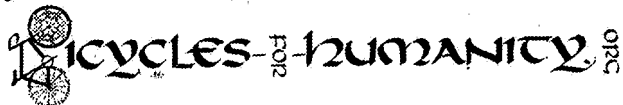
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Milestones

Students achieve success

Elizabeth Gorz of Clarkston received the Frank M. Fitzgerald Public Service Award, which honors dedicated young staffers in the Michigan Legislature.

Gorz interned for Senate Majority Leader Michael Bishop and the Senate Majority communications and policy offices in 2008. She now serves as a constituent aide on Bishop's staff.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, Gorz served as director of Student Defenders for the Associated Students of Michigan State University, and also served for two years on the Clarkston High School Teen Court.

In May 2009, she received a bachelor's degree in international relations from MSU's James Madison College of Public Affairs. The 22-year-old is the daughter of Len and Kari Gorz of Clarkston.

Christine M. Carson of Clarkston was named to the Grand Valley State University Dean's List, spring semester.

Aaron Ducharme of Clarkston was awarded a \$2,000 education scholarship by the International Door Association Scholarship Foundation.

He is the son of Daniel and Jeunesse Ducharme, associated with Overhead Door West Commercial, and attends Grand Valley State University's Honors Program. He was among 26 students selected internationally.

Jon Phillips, 1993 graduate of Clarkston High School, recently earned the Presidential Award of Excellence for teaching.

The Adams Elementary School teacher in

In our country's service...

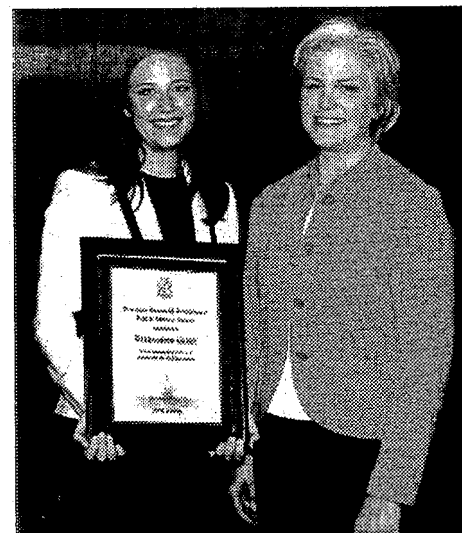
PFC Kyra Molzon is stationed with the U.S. Army in Bamberg, Germany.

She is in a Special Troops Battalion serving as a signal support specialist, programming radios and computer networking. She will be deployed to Afghanistan in October for a one-year tour of duty.

She graduated from Clarkston High School in 2007. She is the daughter of Marc



Molzon



Elizabeth Gorz of Clarkston, left, receives the Fitzgerald Public Service Award from Mrs. Ruth Fitzgerald during a ceremony at the Michigan Capitol. Photo provided

Waterford Township will be honored in the fall at a White House awards ceremony in Washington D.C.

Phillips is among 100 educators in the country and one of two teachers in Michigan to receive the award. He previously received the Walter P. Chrysler Closing the Technology Gap in Education Award and received \$15,000 to advance science, math, engineering, and technology education at his school.

He resides in Grand Blanc with his wife, Stephanie, and their two children, Hope and Elle.

Molzon and Tracy Molzon, both of Clarkston.

Army Pvt. Thomas J. Coleman of Clarkston graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, Coleman studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills.

He is the son of Sherry Pilarczyk of Clarkston, and a 2004 graduate of Waterford Kettering High School.

Got a Milestone to share?

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Religion

God helps deal with the burden of guilt

God's design for every human being is that they would use their gifts and abilities to develop this world for His glory.

Unfortunately, people often find themselves so weighed down by burdens that they themselves are incapable of doing the good they know they should.

Of all the burdens that people carry — ranging from health to finances to relationships and more — I'm convinced that the most oppressive burden of all is guilt.

Guilt has a way of infiltrating every aspect of your being and hindering you from doing what the Lord would have you do.

This, of course, is why Satan delights in accusing people of their wrong, because it keeps them from fully contributing to God's world.

A good example of the crippling effects of guilt can be seen in the story of Joseph and his brothers.

After Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, he eventually became the prime minister of Egypt. While in this position, a great famine came on the land, and his brothers were compelled to come before Joseph in Egypt for food (Gen.42).

As the story unfolds, it's apparent that the brothers of Joseph were burdened by guilt years after they mistreated

him.

Not only did guilt immobilize them from going down to Egypt in the first place, but it made them very fearful once they got there.

Also, because of their bad conscience, they were incapable of receiving the good that Joseph extended to them, and they were inclined to behave in foolish and illogical ways.

Guilt still has the same effects today.

How many people are well aware of something they need to be doing today but just can't bring themselves to do it because they are burdened by some misdeed of yesterday?

How many people spend their days nagged with the thought that their lives are doomed because they fear the wrong they have done will catch up with them?

Or, how many are there who are suspect of every kindness shown them because they know themselves to be unworthy?

I'm afraid the answer to all of these questions is that there are many.

But there is good news for the guilty.

God sent His Son Jesus Christ to pay the penalty for those who know their guilt and free them from living in a state of condemnation (Rom.8:1).

This is all part of God's plan to restore humanity to its
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Spiritual Matters



Pastor David Bostrom

In our churches...

Guest minister, 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., Sept. 6, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. The Rev. Barbara Beck Nolin, ordained Evangelical United Brethren minister since 1949. Sermon: "Does God Play Chess?" 248-625-1611.

Celebration Sunday Festivities, kicking off the new year of Bible study, Sunday school, and Fellowship, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Sept. 13, St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Fun for all ages. Visitors welcome. Church Services, 8:15 a.m., 11 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Classes, at 9:45 a.m. 248-625-4644.

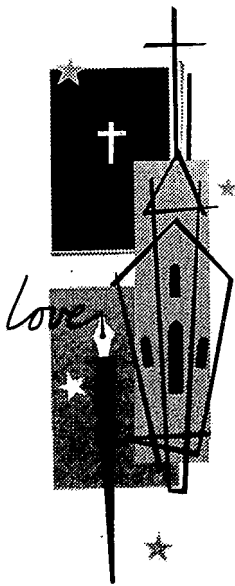
Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, biblically based, financial workshop for everyone, Sundays, 4 p.m. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-1611.

Prayer Partner Training, 10:30 a.m., second Sunday. Participants will receive a prayer syllabus. All welcome. Peace Unity, at Sashabaw Presbyterian, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-891-4365.

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, general meeting, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, call Tim, 248-628-6825, or Joann. 248-673-2539.

Yoga, 10 a.m., Wednesdays; 5:30 p.m., Mondays, instruc
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LEGAL NOTICE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR SUSIN LAKE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF PRACTICABILITY

Notice is hereby given at a Public Hearing on August 24th, 2009, the Lake Improvement Board for Susin Lake, by resolution, determined that the proposed 4 year renewal of a lake quality water management program consisting of aquatic weed control, dam and boat launch maintenance, inspection, repairs and improvements, lake study / testing and administration for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 was practical and approved the program's estimated annual cost of \$23,775.00.

This Notice of Determination is sent pursuant to the provisions of Act 4561 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, Part 309.

Lake Improvement Board for
Susin Lake

Publish: 9/2/09

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

LEGAL NOTICE LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD FOR SUSIN LAKE SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing held on August 24th, 2009, the Lake Improvement Board for Susin Lake, by resolution, confirmed a four year special assessment roll for the purpose of implementing a weed control program, and provide for dam and boat launch maintenance, inspections, repairs, and improvements, lake studies / testing and administration for Susin Lake for the years 2010, 2011, 2012, & 2013, in the annual amount of \$23,775.00.

This Notice of Confirmation is published pursuant to the provisions of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, Part 309.

Lake Improvement Board for
Susin Lake

Publish: 9/2/09, 9/9/09

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE REQUEST FOR VARIANCE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, beginning at 8:00 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, Michigan to hear the following appeals:

PUBLIC COMMENT:
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
OLD BUSINESS:
NEW BUSINESS:

- Request by Jade A. and Sally K. Adams, 11588 Haylock, Davisburg, MI., 48350, for a variance to construct a 24' x 30' attached garage resulting in a five (5) foot setback on the west side yard, rather than the required fifteen (15) feet per Section 25 of Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

The property is located at 11588 Haylock on Big Lake in Springfield Township and is zoned R-2, Single Family Residential. P.I. #07-28-376-015

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours, Monday through Friday. Written comments may be submitted to the Clerk's Office until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510

LAURA MOREAU, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Publish: 9/2/09

High fashion show for cancer fight

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston gets a taste of big-city high fashion, Sept. 10, all for a good cause.

"We're having too much fun – that's why we decided to have a fashion show," said Shari Schulz, owner of Chi Chi La La Boutique and Clarkston Flower Shoppe, 7150 N. Main Street.

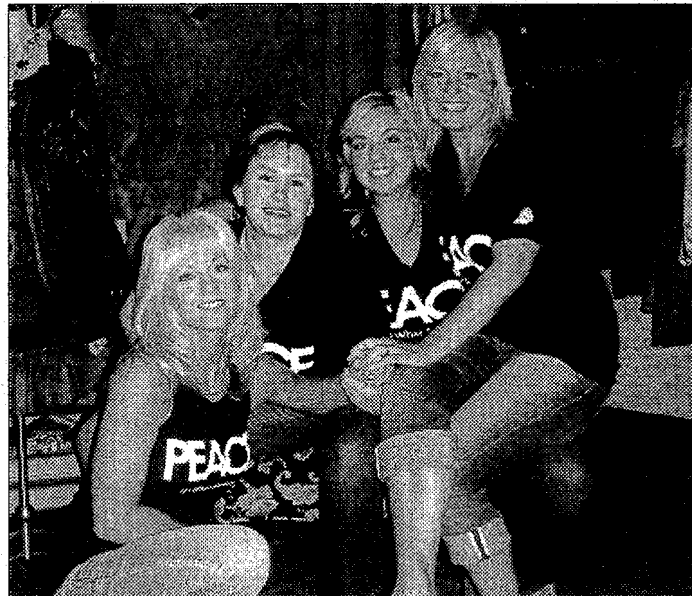
"We'll have a snazzy runway in the front parking lot – people will see it driving by," said Ashley Schulz, Shari's daughter.

"And a red carpet, the whole nine yards," said Stephanie Harmon, manager.

"It'll be like a Chicago fashion show in Clarkston – high fashion, with a high energy vibe," Ashley said.

All proceeds will go to the Matthew Bittker Foundation, a non-profit charity funding research for neuroblastoma and other types of pediatric cancer.

"A customer came in one day



Carolyn Reznick, Stephanie Harmon, Ashley Schulz, and Shari Schulz. Not pictured are Etta Shea and Pati Fleming.

with a couple pieces of their merchandise and told us about it," Harmon said. "We're pretty blessed here. This is a chance to

give back."
"It's the right thing to do," Shari said. "It's a good cause."
High Fashion Meets Clark-

ston Fall Fashion Show is 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 10. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Models are all volunteers, mostly friends and associates, wearing a diverse selection of unique clothing for all ages and sizes. Music and apparel were donated for the show, Ashley said.

"The Clarkston community really pulled together for this," she said.

"It's \$12 to sit, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine, and enjoy yourself for a couple hours," Harmon said. "We'd like to do it again, pump it up for next year."

They're looking at SCAMP for next year's fashion show beneficiary, Shari said.

"I believe in supporting local groups and businesses – our home town," she said.

For more information, call 248-625-9711 or check www.itswhatmatters.org.

Around Town

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pendence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Pony Basketball League, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. al cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-969-9788.

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of LUARA JOAN LIND. Date of birth: 12/01/1926
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, LAURA JOAN LIND, who lived at 125 ELIZABETH ST., LAKE ORION, Michigan died 06/07/2009

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ROBERT A WICK, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

07/14/2009
ROBERT A WICK
980 MANITOU LANE
LAKE ORION, MI 48362 (248) 693-6025



Rotarian Bruce Bordine and Past President Mary Sloan kneel beside the stepping stone honoring the Clarkston Rotary Club for its help in establishing the Garden.

Rotarians honored for garden help

Clarkston Rotary members Mary Sloan and Bruce Bordine were invited to Springfield Oaks Community Service Garden open house, Aug. 18, as "Guests of Honor."

The garden was started in 2003. Since then, it has moved to a five-acre location in Springfield Township. Bordine donated the greenhouse, and Clarkston Rotary, under Sloan's presidency, donated funds.

Stepping stones were placed and unveiled in the flower garden at the Service Garden honoring the Clarkston Rotary Club and Bordine Nursery.

The garden is staffed by participants in the Weekend and Weekday Alternative for Misdemeanants program, growing several tons of food for donation to families in need.

The Oxford Leader - The Clarkston News - The Lake Orion Review - Ad-Vertiser - Penny Stretcher

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Penny Stretcher,
The Citizen

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- ☺ = Picture

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www.clarkstonnews.com

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CORRECTIONS: Liability for any error may not exceed the cost of the space occupied by such an error. Correction deadline: Monday noon.

HOURS: Monday through Friday 8-5; Oxford - Saturday 9-Noon; Lake Orion & Clarkston Offices Closed Saturday

020 GREETINGS

HYPNOSIS WORKS: Weight control, Stop smoking, Stress management. Call Scott 248-933-3368 !!C54

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CANCELLATION DEADLINE
MONDAY NOON
248-628-4801

CLASSIFIED EARLY DEADLINE

for SEPT 9th EDITIONS!!
We need your classified ads

by Friday,
Sept. 4th
at NOON

OXFORD LEADER
AD-VERTISER
LAKE ORION REVIEW
CLARKSTON NEWS &
PENNY STRETCHER

L382dh

RED CROSS BLOOD Drive, Sept.
22, 2-8pm, Immanuel Church, 1
Hovey, 1 block behind Starbucks.
!!L383

The offices of
THE OXFORD LEADER
AND AD-VERTISER
LAKE ORION REVIEW
CLARKSTON NEWS
AND PENNY STRETCHER,
Will be closed
on Sept. 7th, 2009

The Oxford office will also be
closed on Saturday, Sept. 5th
for Labor Day Weekend

L382

030 WANTED

WANTED- HONEY BEE equipment
& supplies. Will pick up. 248-736-
2343. !!L382

LOOKING FOR REPAIR-
ABLE cars/trucks. Up to \$5,000
cash paid. Quick pick up. 810-
724-7647, 810-338-7770.
!!L394

ALL CARS AND TRUCKS

Scrap or Repairable
Free Towing
248-625-5050

ZX24

HANDYMAN NEEDED for outside/
inside work. 586-405-0485.
!!L391

HOSPITAL BED WITH sides & lift
chair. Good condition. 248-693-
8292. !!L392

LOOKING FOR CARS, Trucks,
motorhomes, trailers, boats,
mowers, chainsaws and many
other quality consignments with
value over \$100. To be listed on
our weekly online auction. No out
of pocket money, commissions
based on sale value. Call 248-
627-5200 or drop off at 1290
N. Ortonville Rd. !!L391

WOMAN FOR CLEANING & odd
jobs once a week. \$25. 248-693-
8292. !!L392

040 PRODUCE

RASPBERRIES YOU PICK, \$3.75/
pound, Mon-Thurs 9am-6pm, Fri-
Sun 9am-5pm. Follow directional
signs near farm. 810-636-2775,
8146 East Baldwin Church, 1
Goodrich. !!L394

HAY- 1ST CUTTING. \$3. per bale.
248-431-3105; 248-420-
2686. !!L384

050 FIREWOOD

QUALITY CLEAN SEASONED
mixed hardwood, \$65/ face cord.
3 face cord or more, free delivery
within 15 miles of Oxford. 248-
431-8593. !!L383

SEASONED QUALITY hardwood,
cut and split, delivery available,
248-627-6316. !!L384

FIREWOOD DIMENSIONS: a full
cord is 4'x4'x8' and 4'x2'x8' is
half cord. A face cord is 4x8x16
and is 1/3 of a full cord. !!L34tdh

SEASONED HARDWOOD. Imme-
diate Delivery. 248-640-4279.
!!L384

FIREWOOD FOR SALE- \$50 face
cord. Pickup and delivery. 248-
636-9369 !!L384

SELL in ads like this. We'll help
you. 248-628-4801 !!L28tf

060 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

BACKSTAGE MUSIC Now Open.
Buy, sell trade. Deals in guitars,
amps, drums, pro sound. 1116 S.
Lapeer Rd., Lake Orion. 248-693-
9383. !!L384c

CLARINET FOR Sale- Davisburg
area, \$700. 248-884-0441 !!C

CONN CORNET 22A \$200. Conn
Alto saxophone \$150 obo. 810-
241-0176. !!L31f

KING CORNET PLUS case and
two mouth pieces, \$450. 248-
627-2467. !!L332

EXPERT
PIANO TUNING
Call Matt
248-766-3122

RX2527

070 TUTORING/ LESSONS

HARP & PIANO lessons. All ages
& levels. Call Laura. 248-935-
5021. !!L381

PIANO LESSONS- 1/2 hour my
home \$15, your home \$20.
NFMC teacher. 248-693-7546.
!!L382

DRUM LESSONS with a very ex-
perienced teacher. 248-770-
1319 !!L394

PIANO LESSONS in your home.
Experienced teacher. Call Eliza-
beth: 248-625-2956;
clarkstonpiano.com. !!L394

Decorative Painting Classes

One Stroke begins Sept. 15th
Tuesdays: 10-noon or 4-6pm
Wednesdays: 5-7pm
248-969-2996

L394

PIANO LESSONS/ Accompanist/
theory. Your home \$20; mine
\$15. Diane- Bachelor of Music.
248-969-8363, 248-496-
8475. !!L374

PIANO LESSONS with experi-
enced teacher and piano player.
Age 3yrs to adult. Call Renee,
248-978-4922. !!L362

080 LAWN & GARDEN

1999 CUB CADET TRACTOR,
3000 Series. 60in. mower deck
& snowblower. \$2,200. obo. Af-
ter 5pm: 248-628-2924. !!L392

BOLENS/ MTD Lawn tractor,
15.5HP, 38" cut, like new, pur-
chased this season, \$650; also
available 17cuft heavy duty dump
cart by Precise fit 16.5" diam-
eter tires, like new, purchased
this season \$125. 248-625-
0930 !!C72

TOPSOIL, SAND & GRAVEL

Low Rates, Prompt & Reliable
Service Since 1980. OXFORD
248-969-0424

EDGAR PERREAULT
E&T TRANSPORT
LZ24tfc

BOULDERS & TOPSOIL

Screened - 5 yds \$129
Hardwood Mulch - 10 yds \$259
20 ton 21AA Gravel - \$329
7 Ton 1-2ft. Boulders - \$499
Smaller & Larger Loads Available
(Delivered Up to 10 Miles)
RICK PHILLIPS
LANDSCAPE SUPPLY
248-628-9777

L392

LANDSCAPE WOOD CHIPS, \$12
a yard, delivery available. 248-
627-6316 !!L314c

RECONDITIONED LAWN and Gar-
den Tractors, equipment repairs,
farm tractors available. 810-
397-2944. !!L332

52" SKAG MAGNUM 18 hydro-
static drive walk behind. \$1,195
obo. 248-628-2039. !!L382

ROBERTS TREE FARM

OAKLAND COUNTY'S
LARGEST GROWER OF TREES
Colorado Spruce, Assortment of
Maple trees & other ornamentals
2745 Sashabaw Rd, Ortonville
248-394-0390

L384

SABER BY JOHN DEERE Tractor
Mower with mulching blade.
\$1,100. Call 248-628-1007.
!!L392

TREE AND LAWN Sprayer, 55
gallon, 3HP with 6ft. extensions.
Used 5 times. Cost \$550; will
sell for \$250. obo. 248-693-
7722. !!L392f

090 AUCTIONS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION IS
HEREBY GIVEN that on Septem-
ber 23, 2009 at 10 AM, to 2 PM
the following will be sold by com-
petitive closed bidding at North
Oxford Stor-N-Lock, 499 N. Ox-
ford Rd, Oxford, MI. 248-628-
2700. Winning bidder will be no-
tified same day & will be required
to post a \$100 cash deposit in
addition to winning bid amount for
each unit won that will be re-
turned when unit is cleaned &
swept out. Winner will have 10
days to do so.

In the matter of: Unit #385, Luke
Marton; has a 10x15, 1/4 full-
Garden hose, outdoor play set,
Adirondack chair.

In the matter of: Unit #435, Jer-
emy Huston; has a 5x15, 1/4 full-
Table, chairs, baby crib, fans.

In the matter of: Unit #453,
Wesley Hedges; has a 5x15, 1/
2 full- Patio set, lawn mower,
Christmas decorations, boxes.

In the matter of: Unit #517, Tim-
othy Peacy; has a 12x10 full-
household items, bedroom furni-
ture, clothes, tubs, kids toys,
kitchen table, chairs.

In the matter of: Unit #311, Brad-
ley Cushing; 10x15 full- Elec-
tric stove, fridge, furniture,
clothes, toys.

In the matter of: Unit #537,
Cheryl May; 5x10, 1/2 full-
Boxes, tubs, record, games.

In the matter of: Unit #74, Diane
Walker; Palomino PopUp camper,
AS IS, no registration or title.

L392c

NEED MONEY? Don't want a sec-
ond job. Free Gas! Call 248-693-
3499. !!L391

110 GARAGE SALE

BACK PORCH Sale- September
3-5, 9am-5pm, 16649 Dixie Hwy,
Davisburg ZX41

MULTI- FAMILY GARAGE SALE.
September 3rd&4th, 9am-4pm.
Women's & girls clothing, baby
items, household items, and much
more! 105 N. Washington St.,
Oxford. !!L391

★ CLARKSTON

3-FAMILY Sale
Sept. 3-5. 5464 Boulderwood,
Avington Park Subdivision- off
Pine Knob Rd. bet. Clarkston Rd.
& Stickney. Thursday, 5pm-8pm;
Friday & Saturday, 9am-4pm.
Scooter, BMX bike, Chico's,
Guess, Express, PacSun, furni-
ture, sporting goods, American
Girl doll & clothes.

L391

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE
3645 E. CLARKSTON RD.
Between Orion Rd. & Adams Rd.
Thursday, Sept. 3 Through
Monday Sept. 7, 8am-6pm.
Boys & girls clothes 4T to size
12, 1st Communion dress & suits,
toys, mens & womens clothes,
furniture, computers, girls bike,
outboard motors, fishing 19' alu-
minum boat with 45hp Evinrude,
travel trailer, & truck cap.

L391

CLARKSTON- FINAL MOVING
Sale. September 3rd thru Septem-
ber 5th, 10am-5pm. 4673 Mesa
Ct. (Baldwin north to west
Indianwood). !!C81

LOTS OF GREAT STUFF!
Lakeville Garage Sale Labor Day
Weekend Friday- Sunday. 45
Meck, at Rochester Rd. !!L391

SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY,
10am-4pm. 2789 W. Clarkston
Rd., between Baldwin & Joslyn. !

HUGE GARAGE SALE!
Sept. 3,4,5 10am-4pm
Something for everyone:

- Household Items
- Boys Clothes
- Womens clothes size 8-10
- Water Toys
- Jewelry
- Household Appliances
& More.

Sashabaw & Pine Knob Rd.
Then follow signs to:
9537 Whipple Shores Dr.

Clarkston
248-496-1892 or
248-977-7976

C81

GARAGE SALE- Sept. 3rd & 4th,
9am-6pm. Everything goes! 5715
Everest Drive, Clarkston. Call for
a detailed list of items, 248-790-
0817 !!C81

RETIRED STAMPIN'UP demon-
strator is selling everything, and
having a Garage Sale! Septem-
ber 4-5, 9am-5pm. 1093
Clearview Dr., Oxford. South of
Draher, Little Pines Sub. !!L391

DO YOU SEE A ☺ OR A ★
NEXT TO AN AD? Check our
classifieds on-line for a photo or
a Google map. Oxfordleader.com
!!L19-tdh

6TH ANNUAL RUMMAGE Sale to
benefit OCEF Food Pantry. St.
Anne Church, Ortonville. 825 S.
Ortonville Rd. Early Birds
Wednesday, September 16th,
from 6-8pm for \$5 donation to
OCEF. Regular Sale Thurs./ Fri.,
Sept. 17-18th, from 9am-7pm.
!!L392

SATURDAY- MONDAY, SEPTEM-
BER 5-7. Appliances, tools, lawn
equipment, pool supplies, clothes
& miscellaneous. 74701
Dequindre, Leonard. !!L391

SHERMAN PUBLICATIONS
DEADLINE FOR
CLASSIFIED ADS
MONDAY
NOON

&
CANCELLATION DEADLINE
MONDAY NOON

Oxford Leader & Ad-Vertiser
248-628-4801
Clarkston News &
Penny Stretcher
248-625-3370
Lk. Orion Review
248-693-8331

(Holiday deadlines may apply)

L28-dh

GARAGE/ESTATE: Tools, china,
household, snowblower,
woodchipper, mandolin, camping,
GM memorabilia, durable medical
goods, misc. 6254 Cramlane,
Clarkston. Fri-Sun. Sept 3-5,
9am-4pm !!L391

ESTATE SALE- ANTIQUES, furni-
ture, tools, kitchen items, exer-
cise equipment, fishing gear, etc.
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Sep-
tember 4th, 5th, 6th, 9am-5pm.
520 Tanview, Oxford. (No
presales.) !!L382

ABERCROMBIE, HOLLISTER,
Limited Too. American Eagle,
boys' and girls. Engine stand and
engine hoist. 485 Lakes Edge Dr.
Oxford. 9/3 thru 9/5, 9am-5pm.
!!L391

MOM2MOM SALE Saturday,
September 12th. Lake Orion Bapt-
tist School Gym, 9am-1pm. Table
rental, \$20. Call Trina, 248-628-
4789. !!L382

BARN SALE. DON'T Miss! 1733
W. Davison Lake Rd. Friday, Sat-
urday September 4-5, 9am-5pm.
!!L391

CLARKSTON- WED- Fri., Antiques,
collectibles, small furniture, new
jewelry, tea, more. M-15 to Miller
to 187 Glenburnie !!C81

MULTI- FAMILY SALE. House-
hold, furniture, accordion, toys,
etc. September 3 & 4, 9am-5pm.
6646 Shelley Dr., Clarkston (off
M-15/ Amy Drive north of I-75).
!!C81

GARAGE SALE THURSDAY, Fri-
day, Saturday, 10am-5pm.
Lighted China Hutch, Dishwasher,
New- Cheap. Antiques, many
Medical books, kitchenware,
housewares, priced right! New
things daily. 1241 Brown Rd (1/
4m. east of Joslyn). !!L382

ESTATE/ GARAGE Sale- wide va-
riety of items, furniture,
housewares, books, infant/ baby
clothes, priced to sell, obo. 3695
Waldon Rd, Lake Orion, 1/4 mile
West of Baldwin, Thurs. Sat.
9am-3pm !!L392

★ GARAGE SALE

September 3rd & 4th, 9am-4pm
675 Cotts Way, Oxford
MOM SAYS IT ALL HAS TO GO!
Family of Boys. Toys in excellent
condition, Queen bed, freezer,
refrigerator, crafting stuff, fur-
niture, mower, Boys & plus size
Women's clothes.

L391

LINKS SUBDIVISION Garage and
Bake Sale, September 10-12,
9am-5pm. Baypointe, off
Sashabaw between Maybee &
Waldon. !!C81

SUB SALE. September 4th & 5th,
9am-5pm. Lots of name brand
women, children & mens cloth-
ing. 28ft. pool & accessories.
Antiques, much more. 1174; Old
Oaks Ln., Davisburg (off of Big
Lake Rd.) 248-891-477 z. !!C81

110 GARAGE SALE

10 PARK, GARAGE SALE. Furniture, CD player, 2 Karaoke machines, DVD player, music, kids, ceiling fan, bike. Starting September 3rd, 10am-4:30pm. !!L382

GARAGE SALE. 810 Pleasant Ridge, Lake Orion. 9am-5pm, Sept. 5-7. Baby, baby equipment, glassware, collectibles, Disney VHS tapes, etc. !!L382

HUGE GARAGE SALE. \$1 baby/ adult clothes, toys, tools, home goods, furniture. 2890 Ray Rd., Oxford. 3 miles east of Meijer. Follow signs. September 2-6. !!L391

YARD SALE

2750 N. Baldwin Rd, Oxford
Lots of toys, dolls, furniture, Children's books, clothes & more.
10am-4pm
Thursday & Friday
September 3rd & 4th
L391

CLARKSTON- CRAZY Collectors clear out! antiques and vintage everything! Old toys, games, kitchenware, etc. Sept. 4-6, 9am-6pm, 755 Perry Lake, M-15 to Amy Dr., 1/4 mi. north of I-75, follow signs !!C81

CLARKSTON: 9/4, 9AM-4PM., 9/5, 9am-2pm. 7719 Phelan Dr. Boys toys, sports equipment, whirlpool, bath tubs, swing set, etc. !!C81

3606 COUNTRYVIEW DR., Oxford. Baldwin/ Seymour Lk. Rds., 9am-4pm., 9/3-9/5. Commercial Cake and Food Service items. Multi family. Something for everyone. !!L391

GARAGE SALE. 9820 Sashabaw, north of Independence Oaks Park. Thursday- Friday, 9am-4pm. 15 cu.ft. freezer, \$50. Lots of different stuff! !!L391

YARD SALE SEPTEMBER 3-5, 9am-5pm, 10321 Oakhill Rd. Sports cards, Game Cube games, Housewares, and much more! !!ZX31

NO JOKE. NO Junk Sale. Antiques, crystal, china, collectibles, baby accessories, toys. 207 Presidio, Oxford. Oakwood & Baldwin. Sept. 10-11, 9am-4pm. Sept. 12, 8am-11am. !!L391

MOM2MOM SALE. Saturday, September 12th, 9am-noon. Good Shepherd Church, 1950 S. Baldwin, Lake Orion. Buy or sell gently used kids' clothes, toys & gear. Rent space for \$20 (includes table & large item space). Or, shop great deals. \$1 entry benefits MOPS. Contact Jen, 248-561-0246 or jensprings1@aol.com. !!R392

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE Sale. Abercrombie, American Eagle, Hollister. Juniors sizes small & medium. Boys size 12 & girls size 10, plus household; 82" big screen TV. 199 Indian Knolls, Oxford. Thursday- Saturday, 9am-4pm. !!L391

1192 KEBLE LANE, OXFORD Woods Sub. Beer memorabilia, tons of new & used merchandise. Wednesday, September 2nd, 5pm-9pm; Thursday, 9am-2pm. !!L391

MOM2MOM SALE Saturday, September 26th, 9am-1pm. First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Rd, Clarkston. Tables available; email clarkstonclub@gmail.com for details. !!L384

HUGE MULTI FAMILY Yard Sale, Sept. 5-6, from 9am-4pm. toys, baby clothes and tools, 6871 Oak Hill, Clarkston. !!C81

120 CRAFT SHOWS

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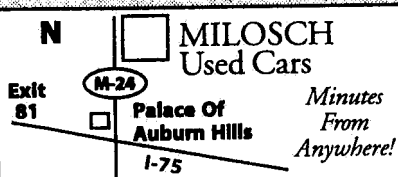
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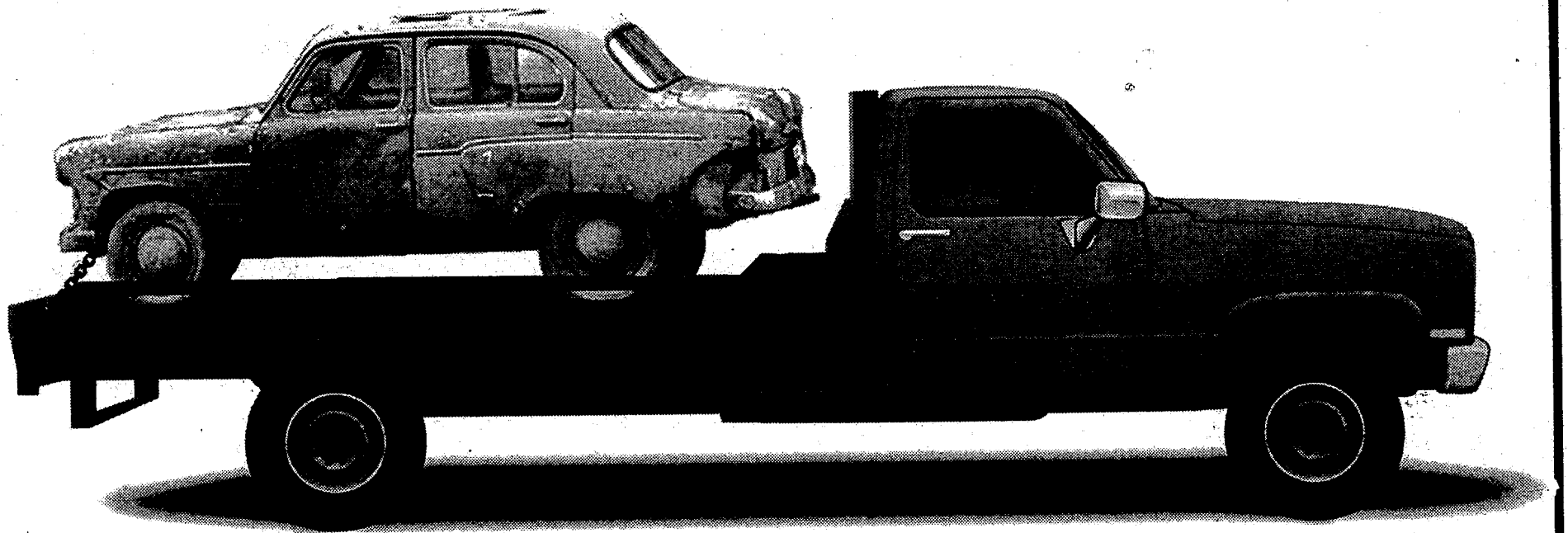
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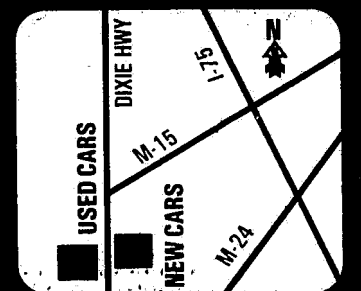
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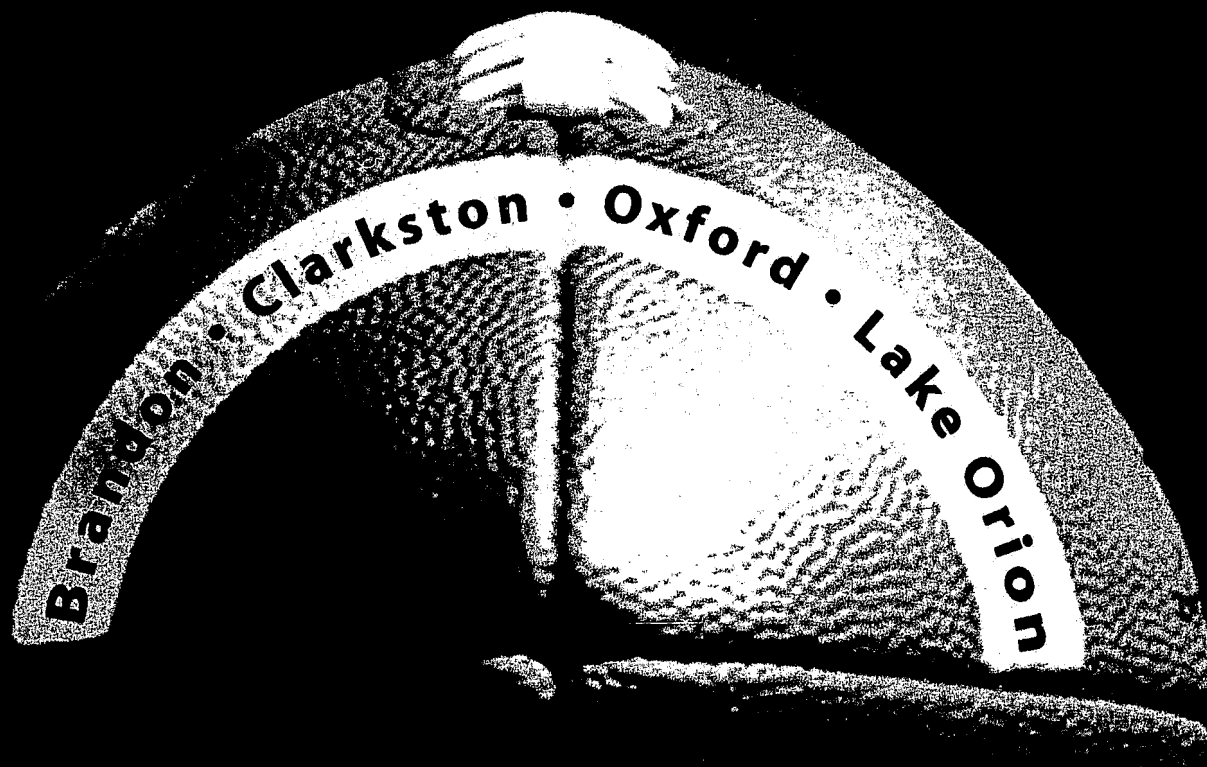
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Blackhawks take aim at post season

By David Fleet
Editor

New season. New look.

After a 3-6 record in 2008, Brandon High School third-year Varsity Coach Tim Pizzala, said when his Blackhawks take the field on Aug. 28 to battle cross-county foe Holly, expect a young, well balanced attack.



Pizzala

"We are hungry to make the playoffs this year," said Pizzala. "We lost eight starters on the offense and six on the defense side. With that we are a very physical team—the team has been in the weight room and are strong at every position compared to last year. Right now we're aiming for making the playoffs and the six wins necessary to reach that goal. It's been since the 2000 season a Blackhawk team

has made it to the post season—that has to change. This is a great team with some players who can make the big play."

Pizzala emphasizes that a strong and healthy offensive line is key to a successful 2009 season.

Seniors Brad Boven, Cory Campbell, Tyler Traynor and Jake Evans will anchor the Blackhawks up front for the offense this year. With more than 900 pounds combined weight between the front four along with experience as linemen, Pizzala is confident in great protection for starting sophomore quarterback Shane Mahaffy.

"He (Mahaffy) came up for a couple of games last season," said Pizzala. "He'll have some great support from senior running back Tait McNally, along with junior full back Dan Grost. Both cannot only block, but also can catch the ball. The pair have excellent vision and will produce some great plays this season."

Pizzala said the opposition can expect a balanced attack on offense at both running and passing.

"Watch for senior receivers Trevor Trudell and Dakota Jones to catch a lot of passes this season," said Pizzala. "After the catch they are outstanding running with the ball too."

Also key in the running game will be the home field "turf" advantage. With a seating capacity of more than 4,000 on the home side—the Brandon Activities Complex, opened in 2008 will make it tough for visitors.

On the defensive side of the ball, returning seniors Tyler Traynor, Juan Rodriguez along with linebackers seniors Jake Evans, Tait McNally and Grant Green in addition to junior Dan Grost will be tough on the oppositions running game. Also, juniors Connor Bartle and Matt Ruhle with senior Nick Klanke at corner back will round out the Blackhawk defensive.

"The Holly game will be our first game and big test for the season—expect a new look for the Blackhawks this season," added Pizzala. The community is ready for a winner—and the 2009 Blackhawks will delvier."

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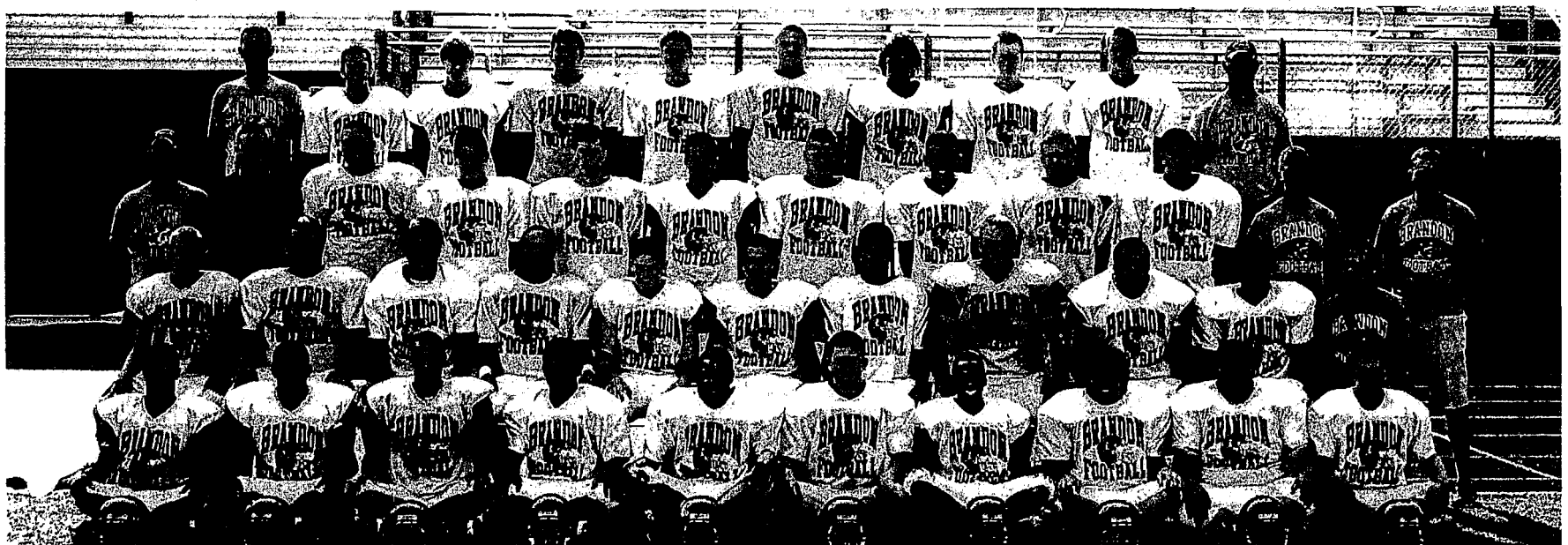
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No.	Name	Grade	Ht.	Wt.	Off.	Def.	No.	Name	Grade	Ht.	Wt.	Off.	Def.
4	Shane Mahaffy	10	5'10"	140	QB	S	54	Curtis Nichols	11	6'2"	190	OL	LB
5	Matt Ruhle	11	6'	180	WB	LB	55	Tyler Traynor	12	6'	185	OL	DE
6	Connor Bartle	11	5'10"	180	WB	LB	56	Jake Evans	12	5'10"	215	OL	LB
7	Kyle Rausch	11	5'10"	160	WR	S	57	Cory Campbell	12	6'	255	OL	DL
9	Tyler Hughes	11	5'7"	135	WR	S	60	Brayden Fischer	11	5'11"	170	OL	DL
10	Tait McNally	12	5'10"	170	FB	LB	61	Nikki Foster	12	6'3"	250	OL	DL
11	Joe Porcelli	11	6'2"	170	WR	CB	63	Brad Boven	12	6'1"	265	OL	DL
18	Dakota Jones	12	6'	150	WR	S	64	Jameson Hopper	11	5'8"	180	OL	DL
20	Andra' Mitchell	11	5'7"	155	WB	CB	65	Brian Baker	11	6'3"	210	OL	DL
21	Tyler Lozier	11	6'1"	160	K	P	66	Shane McLaughlin	12	6'4"	200	OL	DE
23	Robert Parker	11	6'1"	160	WR	CB	67	Zac Zernec	11	6'2"	260	OL	DL
26	Trevor Trudell	12	6'2"	170	WR	S	68	Chris Dant	12	6'2"	220	OL	DL
27	Dan Grost	11	6'1"	185	FB	LB	73	Antonio Del Duco	11	5'10"	180	OL	DL
28	Nick Klanke	12	5'8"	160	WB	S/CB	74	Josh Horton	11	5'10"	180	OL	DL
29	Julius Combs	11	5'8"	150	WR	CB/S	75	Cameron Harper	11	5'10"	180	OL	DE
34	Grant Green	12	5'7"	185	FB	LB	76	Tim Cross	12	5'10"	270	OL	DL
42	Mike Hurst	12	6'1"	180	WB	DE	77	Luigi Reo	11	6'1"	220	OL	DL
44	Keith Cordner	12	5'8"	180	WB	DL	80	Tyree Reed	12	5'10"	160	WR	CB
45	Colt Butler	12	5'9"	170	WR	LB	85	Luke Cinader	11	6'4"	180	WR	DE
48	Franklyn Privette	11	5'5"	155	FB	DL	87	Travis Crimmins	12	6'	150	WR	CB
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“We gave up a lot of points last year,” said Richardson remembering the 6-4 season.

“We changed our scheme a little bit,” he explained. “We changed our off season. We put a huge emphasis on putting on some size and some of our philosophy on defense, too.”

Richardson said it is the missing piece to put the program back on top. The team has six starters coming back to each side of the ball.

“We have a huge part of our offense back,” Richardson said.

Senior Tyler Scarlett is back in his role as quarterback and Senior Dakota Bender returns as running back. Seniors Bryan Haslinger, Dan Davis, Jeff Dean, Dustin Gamble and Junior Chris Canada will complete the offensive line.

Richardson said the strength of this year’s team is the offense coming in.



“We put up a lot of points last year,” he added. Keys to defense will be junior linebacker Zach Collins and Dean. “Collins and Dean are going to be huge for us,” said Richardson.

Also returning are senior defensive backs Derek Booker and Andrew Schram, and senior outside linebacker Jordan Clark.

The line proved they are ready for upcoming battles during the boys scrimmage against Orchard Lake St. Mary’s on Aug. 20. The Wolves’ defense stopped St. Mary’s twice when they had the ball one yard away from a touchdown. St. Mary’s made it past the line, but it gave the boys something to tweak before the season kicked off.

Clarkston begins the season against Rochester Adams and ends hosting rival Lake Orion.

Richardson thinks the OAA Red is going to be the strongest it has ever been and sees the Wolves finishing in first, with Lake Orion and Troy taking the next two top spots.

Last year, Clarkston finished in the league tied for second with Troy.

“Hopefully we see more 41-14, 41-7 outcomes,” said Richardson.

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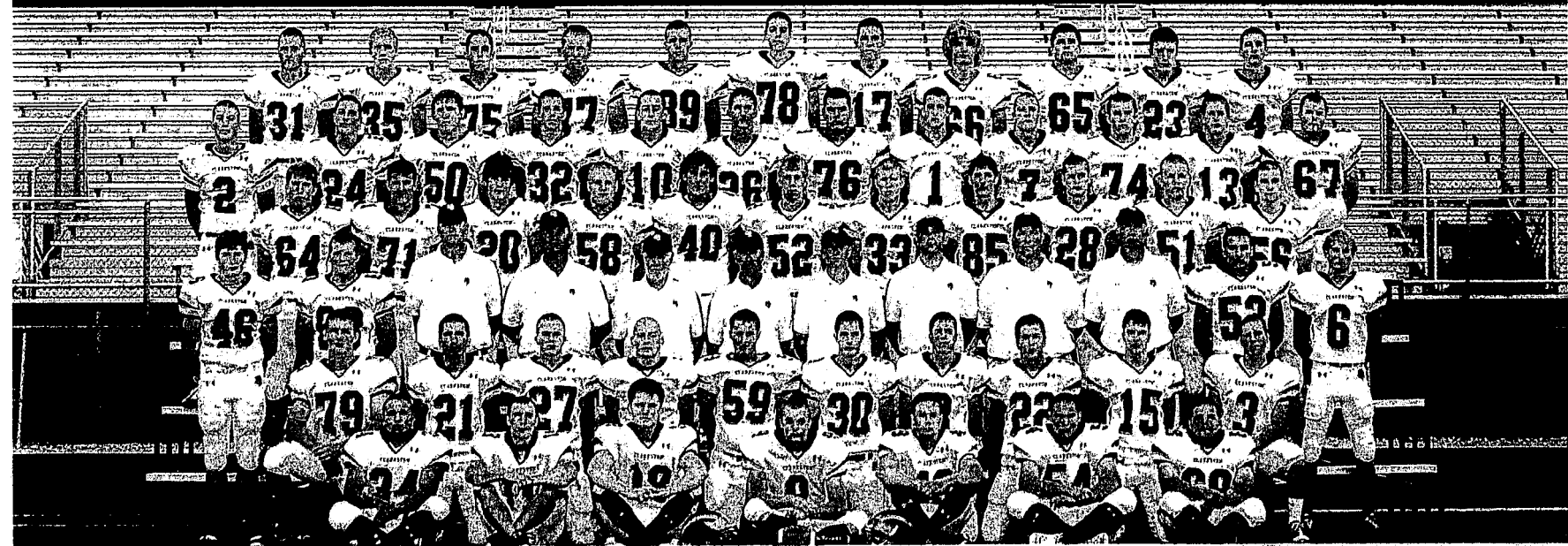
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1	Dustin Gamble	12	6'1"	175	WR/DB	35	John Marcks	12	6'1"	185	OLB
2	Dakota Bender	12	5'11"	190	RB	40	Zach Drumb	12	6'0"	200	OLB/FB
3	P.J. Lannon	12	5'8"	160	WR/DB	46	Eric Cooley	11	5'9"	160	OLB
4	Jordan Clark	12	6'2"	190	OLB/TE	49	Jordan Betts	12	5'9"	160	DL
5	Derek Booker	12	5'9"	160	DB/RB	50	Garrett Stevenson	12	5'11"	195	C
6	Andrew Schram	12	5'9"	160	DB	51	Nick McNally	11	6'1"	230	DT/G
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13	Travis Smith	10	5'11"	160	DB/WR	59	Mitchell Newton	11	5'10"	200	G
15	Rawley Hallman	11	5'10"	160	WR/DB	63	Greg Keller	12	5'10"	225	G
17	Nick Pike	11	6'3"	190	WR/DB	64	Matt Goebel	11	5'10"	210	G
18	Jack Durkan	12	5'10"	175	LB	65	Bryan Haslinger	12	6'2"	225	C/DL
19	Brandon Johnson	12	5'10"	170	OLB/RB	66	Matthew Rolka	12	6'2"	210	DT
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21	Angelo Hernandez	12	5'9"	150	RB	68	Mark Shostrand	11	5'6"	190	DL
22	Ty Foltz	11	5'10"	160	DB	71	Matt Vandermeer	11	5'11"	185	DT
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31	Max Collins	11	6'2"	190	FB/LB	80	Jerry Allen	11	6'1"	185	LB/TE
32	Matt Dellinger	10	6'0"	175	LB	85	Jordon Garrison	12	6'1"	160	WR/DB
33	Justin Baetz	11	6'0"	180	LB	89	Matt Burtnett	11	6'2"	190	TE/OLB
34	Jorge Garcia	12	5'8"	175	FB/LB						

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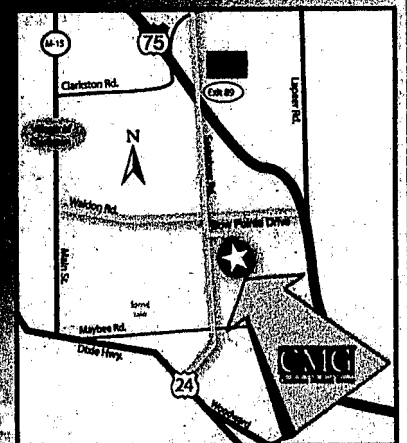
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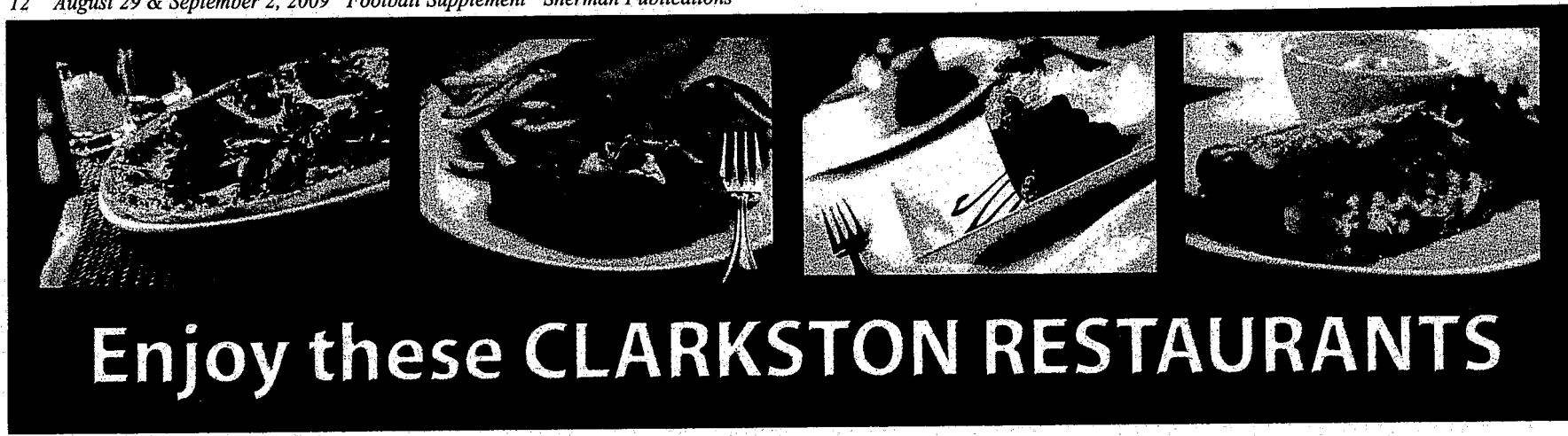
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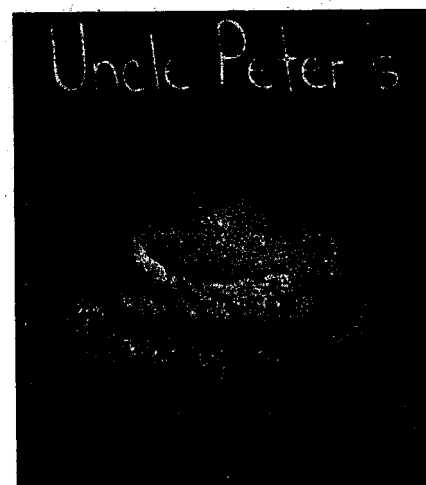
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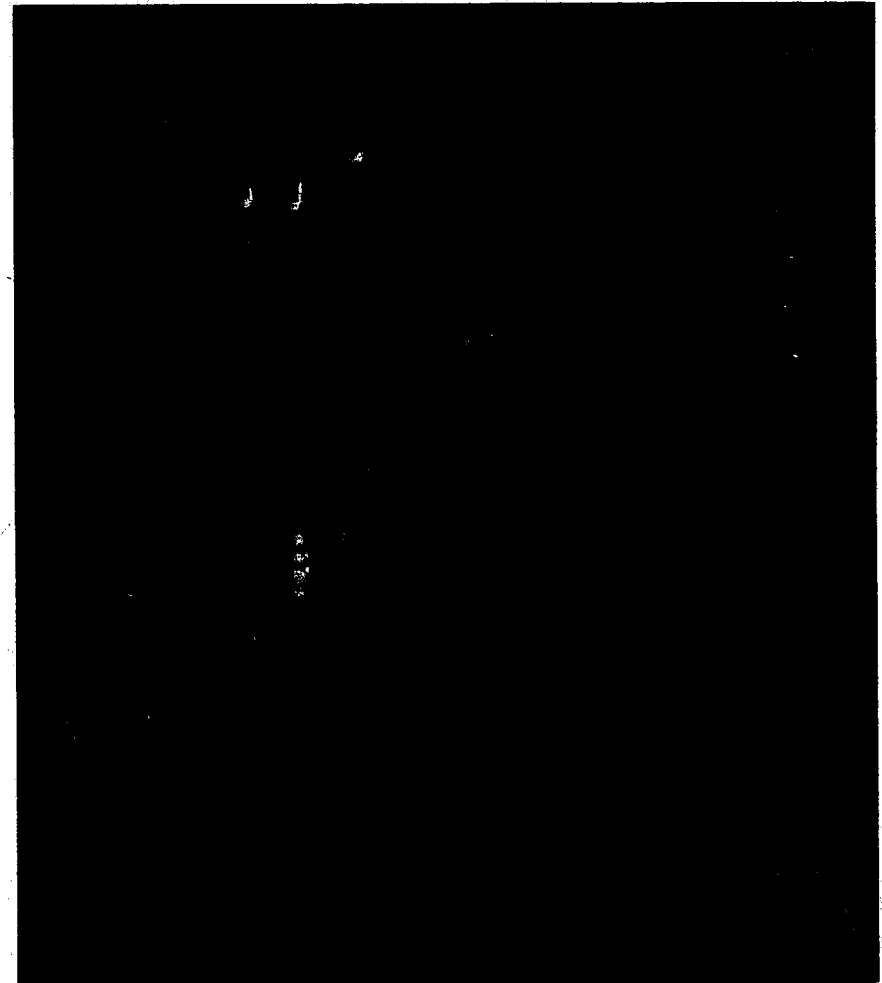
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Wildcats plan to exit FML with 3rd straight title win

By Dan Shriner

Oxford Football Coach Bud Rowley hopes the team's 2009 swan song in the Flint Metro League is a sweet one.

Beginning next year Oxford will play in the Oakland Activities Association, after 27 years in the FML, which saw Rowley's teams become the most successful in league history.

But, as Rowley said, he does not expect his squad to go away quietly.

"Our goal again is to win the Flint Metro League," he said. "We are ready for the challenges this year and we will be ready next year in the OAA."

The Wildcats have shared the FML title the past two years, finishing with 8-2 records each year, and have been perennial powerhouses in the league for most of the past 25 years.

Oxford is 16-2 in the last two seasons and 23-4 over the past three years competing against Flint Metro League teams. They have established some intense rivalries, especially

with Lapeer West, Linden, Lapeer East and now Fenton.

It may be a good time for Oxford to get out of the Flint Metro League and play schools closer geographically to Oxford.

There is a movement to try to form a mega-conference with FML schools and other Flint-area teams, such as Davison, Flushing, Powers Catholic and Grand Blanc. So, the FML may be absorbed within the next couple of years.

Rowley said he will miss some of the rivalries but there are always more to be created.

"We'll lose those rivalries but we'll gain others in the OAA," he said. "I wish the Flint Metro League luck but moving to the OAA is a good thing. It is a win-win for our kids and the community."

Rowley is entering his 30th season at Oxford's helm.

Usually, his teams are strong in senior talent and leadership. This year, there will be more of a mix of underclassmen.

The team has only three starters on offense and three on defense returning. In addition, there has been no clear winner in the preseason competition for quarterback.

Senior Zac Miller and Sophomore Vito Giannola have been competing and Rowley said he expects to rotate them during at least the first game of the season against Clio.

"They are sharing reps and competing," he said.

Having only three starters on offense and three on defense returning, might seem like a year of rebuilding for most teams, but not for Oxford and Rowley.

A third consecutive title is part of the team's goals this season and Rowley is confident the teams will be ready and will compete.

The team's preseason practice and scrimmages will be more important this year than in some prior seasons when there was a larger senior presence on the team and more returning starters.

"We have a lot of ground to make up and

a short time to learn positions," Rowley said. "We're going to be young but we will be okay."

Despite having only three returning players on each side of the ball, two of the offensive returnees will be in the backfield. A.J. Logan and Prescott Line will be the team's running backs and will be potent offensive forces. Logan also will play in the secondary on defense.

Line started the second half of the season last year as a freshman at fullback and showed that he has tremendous potential. Rowley said he also plans to play Line at middle linebacker.

Casey Cervantez will start on both the offensive and defensive lines. He started part of the season last year on the offense and is the third returning starter.

As a senior, Rowley said he expects Cervantez to be one of the leaders of the team.

Gary Wurtz, Gabe Grifka and Aaron Stuk

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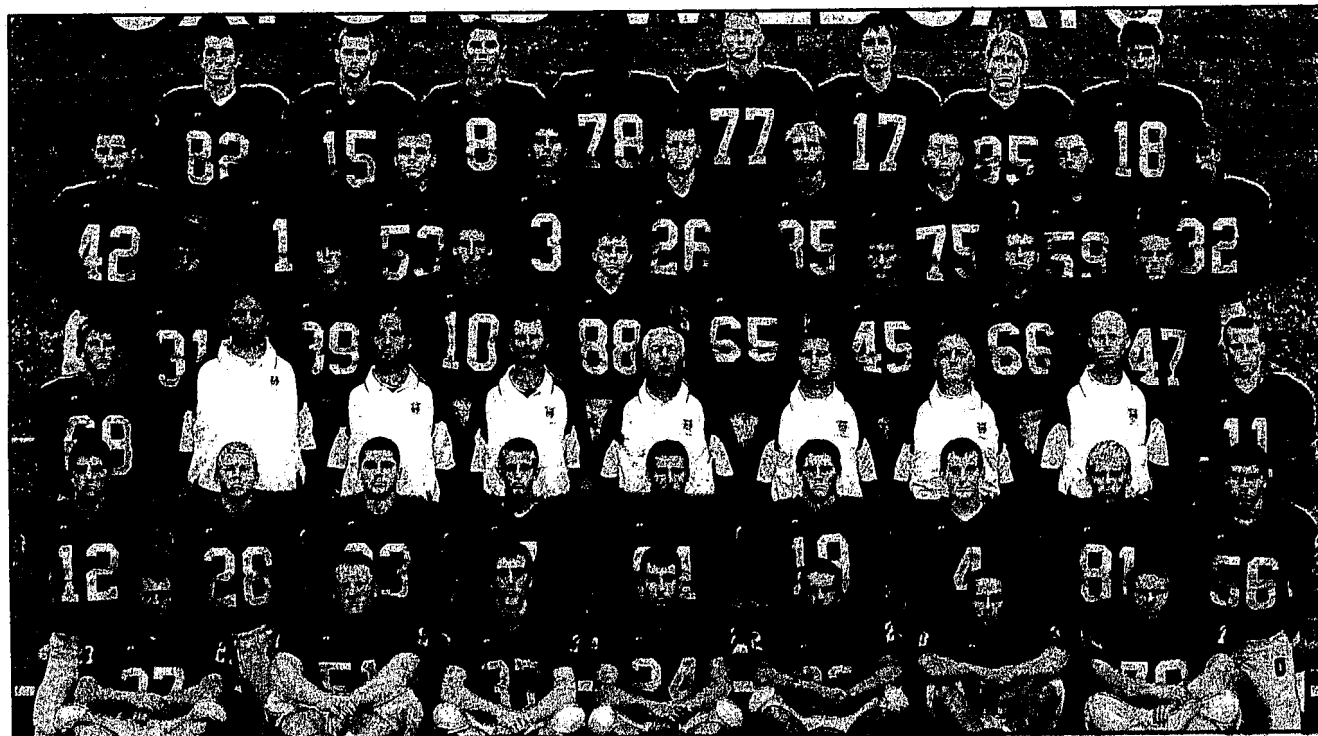
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2nd Row: V. Giannola, L. Blose, D. Brown, Z. Miller, C. Cervantez, A. Logan, C. Bell, A. Ryskamp, and M. Sorgatz.

3rd Row: S. McIsaac, Coach Brown, Coach Cady, Coach Osborne, Coach Rowley, Coach Eldridge, Coach Logan, Coach Westmoreland, and A. Westmoreland.

4th Row: C. Spiker, H. Muscarella, K. Hein, J. Taraski, K. Poston, M. Anger, C. Pulliam, and D. Bousson.

5th Row: P. Line, A. McDugald, N. Hadorn, M. Economou, A. Stuk, G. Grifka, N. Mueller, C. Williams, and C. Collier.

6th Row: D. Reis, R. Moss, G. Wurtz, C. Calvin, C. Goetz, J. Kurkowski, K. Coffman, and M. Versteeg.

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 Not Pictured:
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 Coach McClain,
 C. Posten,
 M. Crumbaugh,
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Oxford

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are the returning players on defense.

Wurtz was a safety last season and will be one of the leaders on defense this season, Rowley said. He will also see action as a running back when needed.

Grifka was a safety last season also and will be a wide-out on offense. Both are seniors and will be among the team's leaders, Rowley said.

Stuk started last season as an outside linebacker as a sophomore and will be there again this year.

Rowley said there have been several players who are stepping up and showing they are ready to lead the Wildcats this season. Senior Scott McIsaac will play center and "has been doing a great job so far," Rowley said.

Robert Moss and Matt Anger are expected to contribute a great deal on defense and have looked good so far in the preseason.

Junior Dan Strzelecki will be one of the anchors on both the offensive and defensive lines, Rowley said.

Curtis Pulliam and Nick Hadorn will be key figures on the offensive line.

Senior Matt Versteeg will return as the team's kicker and Rowley said he expects a great season from him.

Rowley, as always, is excited about the season and what he said is a great mix of sophomores, juniors and seniors.

"We have some experience and leadership among our players and they have been successful," he said. "Everything is new this year and we'll see how everyone responds. We'll be okay and we're looking forward to it."

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2 Allen Bozemen	WB	11	38 Neil Maskill	MLB	12
3 Matt Economou	R	10	39 Harley Muscarella	OLB	11
4 Corey Bell	QB	11	42 Prescott Line	MLB	10
7 Zac Miller	QB	12	45 Matt Anger	DE	10
8 Gary Wurtz	OLB	12	47 David Bousson	DL	12
10 Kevin Hein	OLB	12	51 Dan Strzelecki	DL	11
11 Austin Westmoreland	C	12	53 Nick Hadorn	G	12
12 Vito Giannola	QB	10	56 Matt Sorgatz	DL	12
15 Robert Moss	DE	12	59 Chase Williams	DL	12
17 Justin Kurkowski	R	12	61 Casey Cervantez	T	12
18 Matt Versteeg	K	12	65 Kimani Poston	T	12
19 AJ Logan	WB	12	66 Curtis Pulliam	G	12
22 Anthony Cappuccilli	C	10	68 Scott McIsaac	C	12
23 Dan Brown	DT	12	70 Chris Berlanga	T	12
24 Bart Nolde	WB	12	75 Nick Mueller	C	11
26 Aaron Stuk	OLB	11	77 Collin Goetz	T	10
27 Anthony Luciano	WB	12	78 Chris Calvin	T	11
28 Luke Blase	C	11	81 Austin Ryskamp	R	12
31 Clayton Spiker	R	11	82 Dylan Reis	DE	11
32 Cody Collier	R	11	85 Kenny Coffman	R	11
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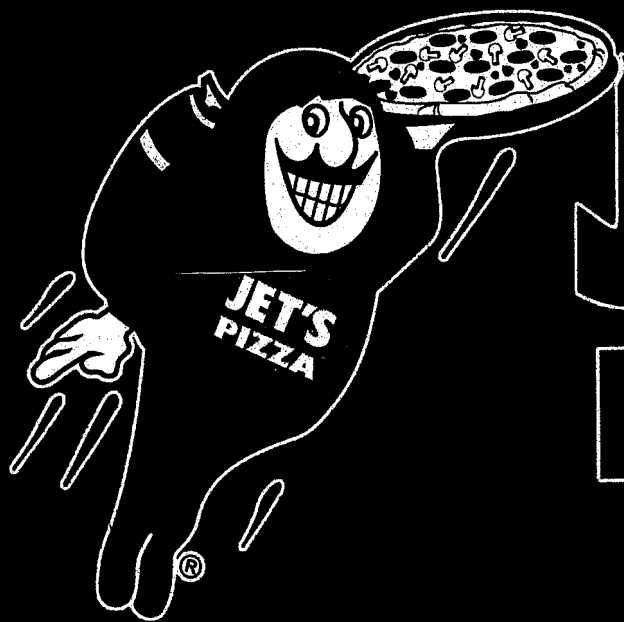
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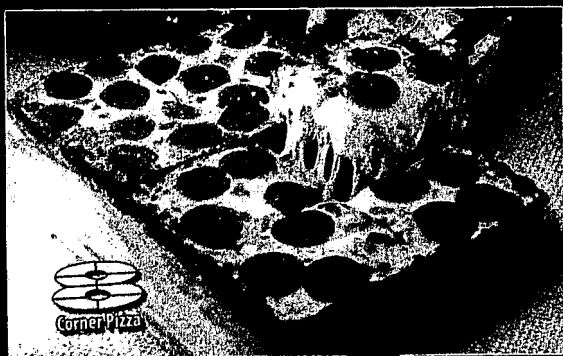
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The team played their first game on Friday against Hudsonville at Eastern Michigan's Rynearson Stadium.

Many of the players who helped get the team to the finals have graduated, but Coach Chris Bell is still optimistic about the season ahead.

The pressure may be more palpable than in years past, but the coach is determined to take it one game at a time.

"We have a chance to be very good," Bell said. "How good we will be depends on how fast our young guys grow up. Our goal is to be playing great football."

Bell said he's lost five starters on offense, three on the line at center and

the two guards, a wide receiver and a slot.

"I've got good kids stepping in there," he said.

Bell said the team's biggest weak spot is on defense, where they lost seven starters, though John Hill, who started as a sophomore and missed most of last season due to an injury, will return.

"That's going to be key," Bell said. "But we're very young in the secondary."

According to Bell, the team's greatest strength is a very solid offense line, behind which sophomore starting quarterback Sean Charette will return.

Bell said returning running backs Kim Bruce and Marcus Stevenson will also be looked on for gaining yards and scoring touchdowns.

Bell added that he's also looking to Mike Nelson and Phil Serzo to lead the

team, along with captains Vinnie Booker, Ben Walker, Pat Fehlberg and Kane Hayes.

"It's a matter of playing the right way," Bell said. "We really do focus one game at a time. Right now we're thinking about Hudsonville. Our first goal is to win six."

Bell brushes off comparisons to last year's team, and said he and his staff just try to keep the players focused.

"We were a great team last year because we played great defense. Everybody forgets what we went through last year. It's a building process," he said. "We're going to score points, but both sides have to play very well. This team has to earn everything just like last year's team did. Every game's a big one."

Lake Orion will play at West Bloomfield High School on Thursday, September 3 at 8 p.m.



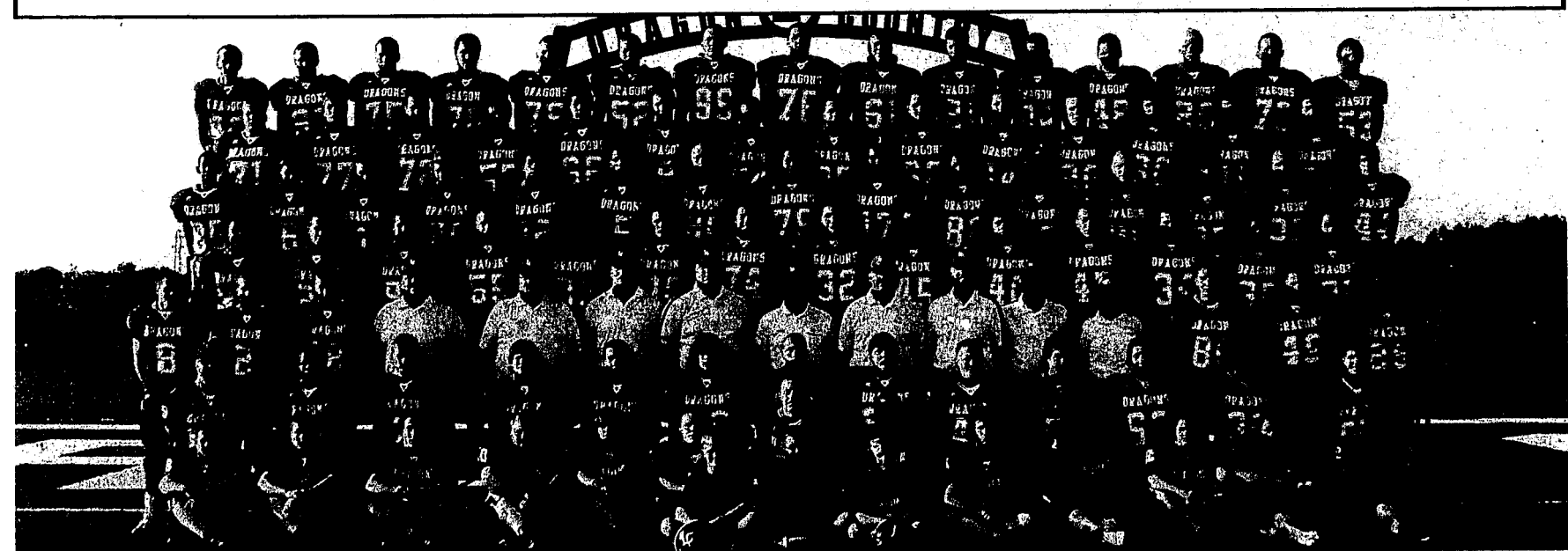
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DATE:	OPPONENT:	PLACE:	TIME:
08/28/09	Hudsonville High School	Away	8:00 p.m.
09/03/09	West Bloomfield High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
09/11/09	Oak Park High School	Home	7:00 p.m.
09/18/09	Lathrup High School	Home	7:00 p.m.
09/25/09	Athens High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
10/02/09	Troy High School	Home	7:00 p.m.
10/09/09	Royal Oak High School	Away	7:00 p.m.
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- Camden Burk
- Kayla Baldwin
- Lindsay Macco
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- Josie Gibbons
- Sarah Clayton
- Breanna Barton

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- Carly Butterworth
- Macy Dobliske
- Lindsey Watts
- Marissa Romsek
- Jennifer Chevrier
- Taylyn Staley
- Katelyn Ritcey
- Natalie Ayre
- Sammy Cousins
- Sophomores
- Lauren Gatlinger
- Ashley Jacquain
- Danielle Fraja
- Freshman
- Jacqueline Colvett

END ONE

Lake Orion Varsity Football Roster

#	Name	Position	Gr	Ht	Wt
1	Charette, Sean	QB	10	5' 11"	165
2	Hosang, David	DB	12	5' 11"	175
3	DeGeorge, Curtis	DB	12	5' 8"	155
4	Nelson, Mike	WR/DB	12	5' 9"	170
5	Mayo, Alex	WR	12	6' 1"	180
6	Haddad, Alex	DB	11	5' 11"	155
7	Jarvis, Elliot	WR	11	5' 10"	150
8	Hren, Cody	DB	12	5' 10"	185
9	Schaenzer, Cole	QB	11	6' 3"	170
10	Booker, Vinnie	SLOT/DB	12	5' 10"	170
11	Coe, Derek	DB/WR	12	6' 2"	170
12	Hofmann, Joshua	QB/SLOT	12	6' 0"	195
13	Hay, Joshua	SLOT	12	6' 0"	137
14	Bullock, Anthony	DB	12	6' 1"	175
15	Ney, Dan	WR	11	5' 8"	165
16	Gianino, Vinnie	DB	11	5' 6"	135
17	Ester, KJ	WR	11	6' 1"	200
18	Searle, Kyle	WR	11	5' 11"	165
19	Worden, Robert	RB	12	5' 6"	145
20	Misiak, Tyler	DB	11	6' 2"	185
21	Zott, Zach	WR	11	6' 3"	185
22	Hudson, Demitri	DB	11	5' 6"	170
23	Siterlet, Dillon	DB	11	5' 9"	165
24	Wilmot, Nick	DB	12	5' 10"	165
25	Bruce, Kim	RB	12	6' 0"	185
26	Swailles, Kyle	WR	10	6' 1"	185
27	Rainey, Corbin	SLOT	11	6' 1"	180
28	Kanda, Ben	LB	12	6' 0"	175
29	Atkins, Slava	DB	12	6' 3"	165

#	Name	Position	Gr	Ht	Wt	#	Name	Position	Gr	Ht	Wt
30	Carrasco, Tiki	RB	12	5' 8"	180	63	Letica, Adam	DL	11	5' 10"	170
31	Stevenson, Marques	RB	11	5' 10"	185	66	Cronin, Kevin	OL	10	6' 2"	225
32	Frye, Nick	LB	11	6' 0"	180	67	Rourke, Evan	DL	11	5' 6"	175
33	Rapanotti, John	DB	11	6' 0"	155	68	Clason, Kyle	DL	12	5' 11"	195
34	Gros, Adam	LB	11	5' 10"	185	70	Fehlberg, Pat	OL	12	6' 3"	270
35	Broner, LaFrance	RB	11	5' 10"	175	71	Chess, Chris	OL	11	6' 0"	270
36	Spagnolo, Justin	RB	11	5' 6"	160	72	Mooney, Ryan	OL	12	6' 1"	205
37	Bradley, Khy	LB	11	5' 9"	205	73	Ruddy, Nick	DL	11	6' 3"	234
38	Tykoski, Patrick	DB	11	5' 7"	125	74	Albers, Bryan	DL	11	6' 0"	205
39	Ljuljdjuraj, Mark	LB	11	6' 0"	225	75	Ring, Nate	OL	11	6' 3"	215
40	Quattrochi, Nathan	DL	12	6' 0"	210	76	Walsh, Adam	OL	12	6' 6"	265
41	Narusch, Joshua	DB	11	5' 9"	145	77	Fedorisin, Nate	DL	12	6' 2"	210
42	Meadows, Sean	LB	12	6' 1"	175	78	McGhee, Blake	OL	11	6' 2"	270
43	Declerck, Ryan	LB	11	5' 9"	185	79	Luby, Nick	OL	11	6' 3"	195
44	Boucher, Joshua	LB	11	6' 1"	164	80	Grenon, Devon	K	11	5' 10"	175
45	Bridges, DeAndre	LB	9	5' 10"	200	81	Lillis, Brandon	DB	11	5' 10"	165
46	Gattinger, Matt	DL	12	5' 9"	205	82	Dunlap, Michael	SLOT	12	6' 2"	169
47	Kreutzer, Jake	LB	11	6' 0"	185	84	Wang, Duke	LB	12	6' 0"	170
48	Parker, Wade	LB	12	6' 1"	180	85	Nixon, Jeremy	WR	11	6' 3"	175
49	Fontana, Rob	LB	12	6' 0"	205	86	Young, Devin	DB	11	5' 7"	165
50	Ludwig, Jake	DL	12	5' 7"	220	88	Losee, Reed	K	12	6' 0"	175
51	Szadyr, Chris	DL	12	5' 10"	205	90	Simpson, Erik	DL	12	6' 2"	175
52	Murdock, Aidan	OL	12	6' 3"	225	91	Gaereminck, Charlie	DL	11	6' 2"	190
53	Diven, Brian	OL	12	6' 2"	225	92	Sally, Zack	DL	12	6' 0"	215
54	Grose, Brandon	DL	11	6' 0"	205	93	Stewart, Willie	DL	12	5' 9"	225
55	Williams, Blair	OL	11	6' 1"	215	94	Hayes, Kane	LB	12	6' 2"	210
57	Best, Matt	OL	12	6' 1"	230	95	Edmunds, Zach	DL	11	6' 0"	185
58	Nieswand, Cory	DL	11	5' 10"	255	96	Serzo, Phil	LB	12	6' 0"	220
60	Rupe, Jon	DL	11	5' 9"	185	99	Hill, Jon	DL	12	6' 5"	220
61	Walker, Ben	OL	12	6' 4"	265		Johnson, Phillip	MGR	12		
62	Kohler, Joey	OL	11	6' 1"	235		Longiotti, Kyle	MGR	11		



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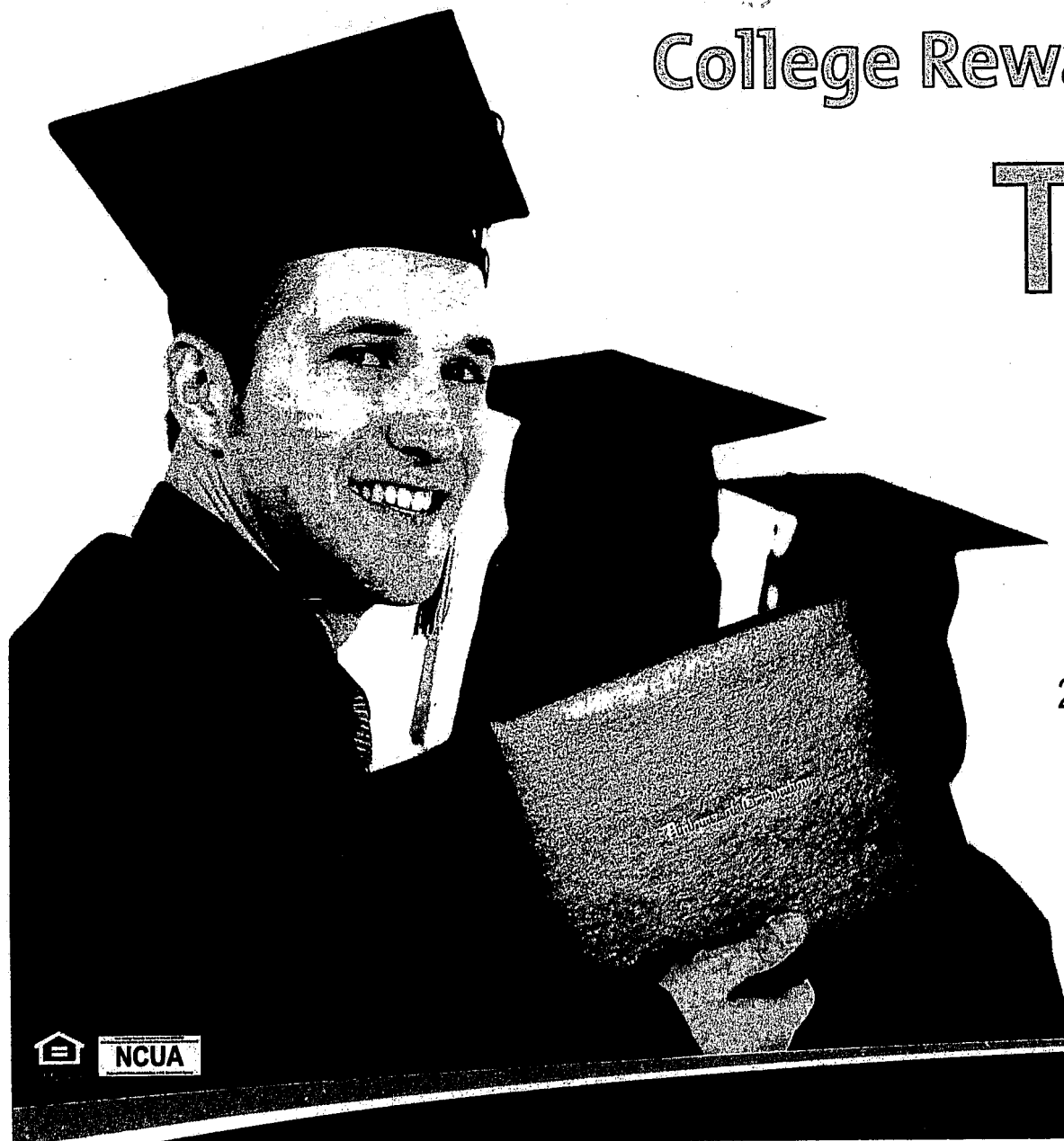


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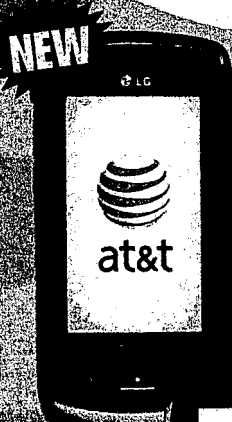


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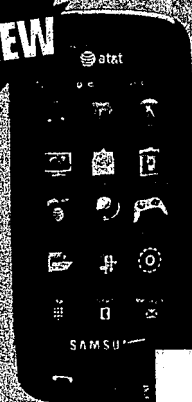
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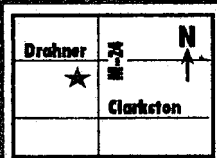
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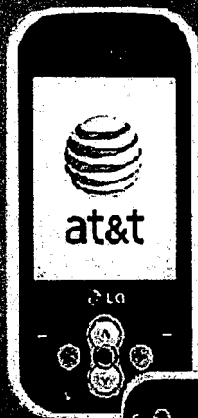
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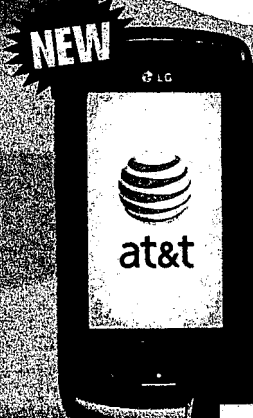
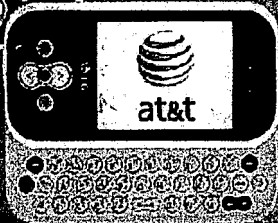


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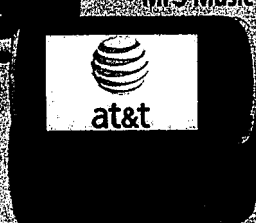


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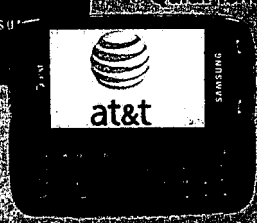


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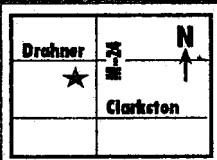
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