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Home sales looking up

New assessor on the job for township

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In the three weeks Assessor Kristen Sieloff has been on the job, she's noticed home sales are going up.

"This is still very viable community that people want to live in this area. It's just a reflection on the community itself," said Sieloff, new assessor for Independence Township.

"Clarkston is a desirable area. You have entertainment features over here like DTE Theater and Pine Knob for winter activities. It's just an area that people want to live in."

Countywide, residential values seem to be holding, but there will still be a decline in commercial/industrial.

"It's not going to do a whole lot of damage for budgetary purposes here," Sieloff said. "It is an indication that perhaps we have gotten to or are very near the low."

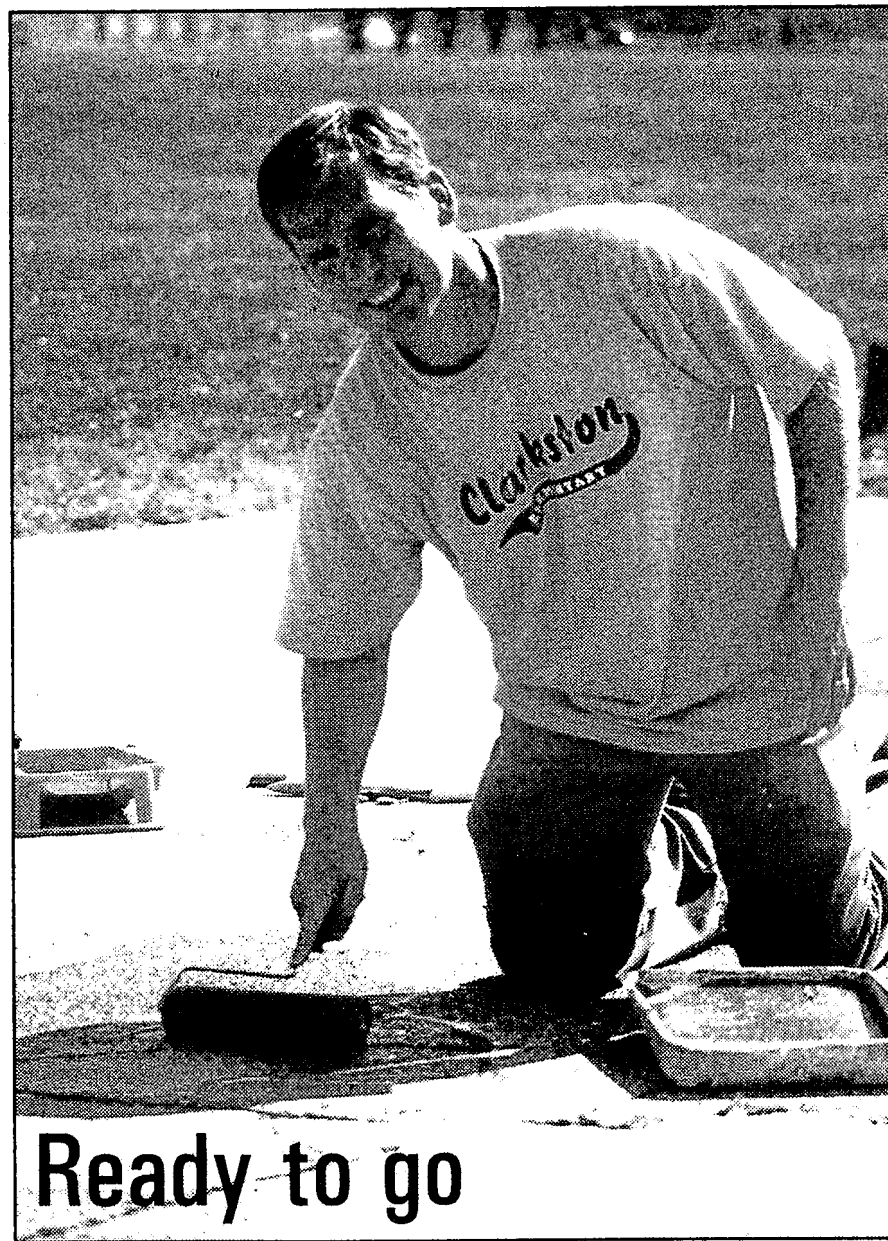
However, the county is still working on sale studies. The township is helping them by verifying all sales.

"It's too early to tell, but right now the ratios are not significant differences in the

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Kristen Sieloff



Ready to go

Clarkston Elementary's new Principal Brian Adams freshens up the school's playground map of America in preparation for the new school year. Please see page 3A for story. Photo by Wendi Reardon

New treasurer for Clarkston

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston is getting a new treasurer, its fourth in three years.

City Manager Dennis Ritter and former Treasurer Jan Gillespie interviewed Sandra Barlass for the position. A second interview was conducted with Mayor Joe Luginski. All three feel Barlass is good for the job.

"I think we're going to be very pleased with her abilities, her demeanor, and how she presents herself to the public," said Ritter at the Aug. 22 City Council meeting.

Barlass is an accountant with Taubman, Nadis & Neuman P.C. in Farmington Hills.

In an Aug. 10 letter, Ritter told Barlass the treasurer position would be an appointed part-time position, 15 hours a week or more as needed with a salary of \$14,500. The appointment "must be confirmed by the City Council."

Councilman Richard Bisio objected to the job offer made before the council could interview the candidate.

"That's not in your authority or the mayor's authority," Bisio told Ritter. "I, for one, would like a closer look by the council at whoever is going to be the treasurer. I would like to have a public interview and private interview."

Bisio also said he wants to know who the other candidates are and if other solutions were considered, such as contracting with another municipality or accounting firm.

Luginski disagreed.

"As far as the interviewing process and all of that, I think that's what Dennis is here for. These people will be working here on a day to day basis. This is how Jan was brought on, this is how Kelly was brought on, and this is how Kim was brought on," he said. "I don't think individually we have the time to sit down and interview everybody that might come through for this position."

Councilman Chuck Inabnit said both Ritter and former Clarkston Police Chief Dale LaCroix were interviewed by the council.

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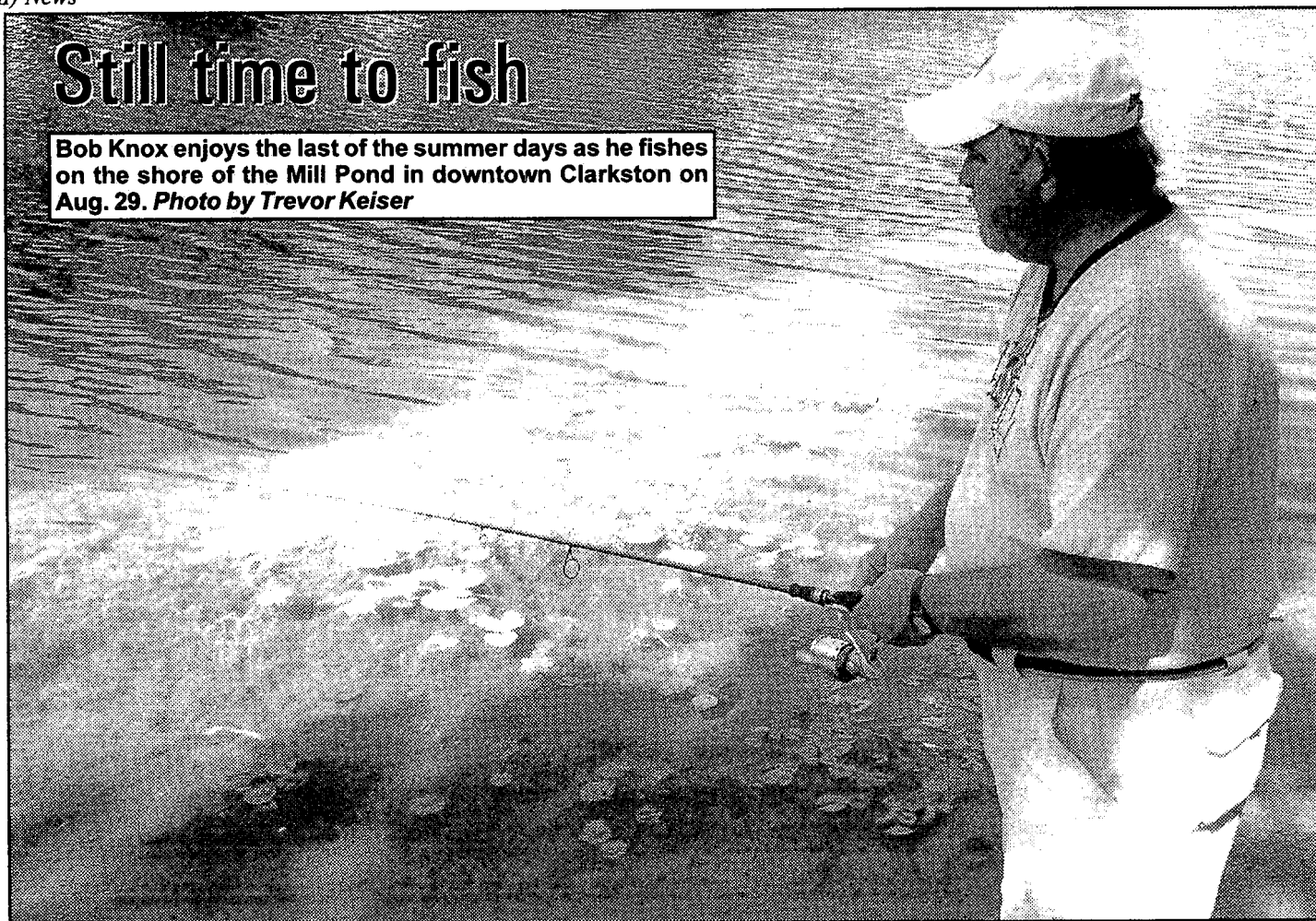


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Still time to fish

Bob Knox enjoys the last of the summer days as he fishes on the shore of the Mill Pond in downtown Clarkston on Aug. 29. Photo by Trevor Keiser



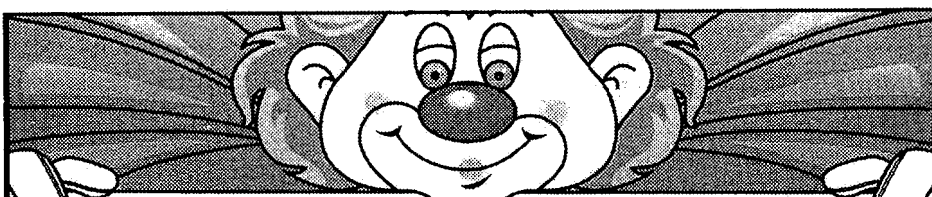
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
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Briefly

Labor Day

Clarkston Rotary Club hosts the Labor Day Parade, 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 5, on downtown Main Street.

Karen Newman, singer for the Detroit Red Wings, sings the National Anthem. Parade route is Church Street to Main Street, north through downtown Clarkston to Miller Road. Call 248-625-9741.

Also in honor of Labor Day, *Clarkston News* office will be closed—deadline for classifieds is noon on Friday, Sept. 2.

Streets Committee

City Mayor Joe Luginski named Councilman Chuck Inabnit, planning commissioners Jen Detkowski and Mike McGraw, City Manager Dennis Ritter, and city resident Dale Strnad to the Streets Committee.

The committee will study ways to make city streets safer for pedestrians and drivers.

Knights' Car Show

Knights of Columbus Council 5436, 5660 Maybee Road, hosts its second annual Car Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10, rain or shine.

All cool cars are welcome, with trophies for select class winners. The event includes Chevy Volt test drives, food, beer, entertainment, and games for kids. Admission is \$15. Proceeds go to the Knights' building fund.

"Our building was built in 1963 and has a great deal of repairs needed," said Tom Farrell, council director. Call 248-625-3772.

Hearts fund raisers

Helping Hearts Helping Hands hosts its First Annual Fall Fundraising Frenzy Week:

- Donate a Dollar bins around Clarkston, Sept. 4-10;
- Culver's of Clarkston, 6-8 p.m., on Sept. 5, 10 percent donated to Helping Hands;
- Big Boy, Sept. 7, 50 percent donated on request;
- Dollar Drive, Laptop Giving Day, Sept. 9, donate dollar or laptops, new, used, or nonworking, to 7060 Scenic Ridge, Clarkston, Mich., 48346
- Second Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser, 9 a.m., Sept. 10, Fountains Golf and Banquet.

For more information, check www.helpingheartshelpinghands.org.

School in good shape for new year

Former phys-ed teacher takes top job at Clarkston El

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

When school starts on Tuesday, Clarkston Elementary students will see a familiar face in a new role.

Brian Adams has stepped into the position as principal after being interim principal for most of last year and after teaching there for the last 10 years.

He said being interim principal really helped with the transition as well as knowing students, staff and the building.

"The transition was good because I have a good rapport with staff members I have worked with," he added. "It was great to start as interim where people are giving you the chance to learn."

Adams has taught for Clarkston Community Schools for 11 years in elementary physical education and health. He has worked at six of the elementaries – the only one he hadn't taught at was Andersonville Elementary.

"I love being a physical education teacher and being around the kids," he added. "I feel fortunate to get up in the morning, like what I do and really enjoy it."

While in the position he also got to know the students in the building and know their experiences – how it was to be a kindergartener new to elementary school as well as a fifth grader getting ready for middle school.

Plus, as a bonus for him, elementary students are excited to be at school.

"I come in the morning and they are smiling," he said. "You hear a lot of elementary kids this time of year say how excited they are go to back to school."

The rapport built with students helped when the temporary position came up.

"When I was up for the interimship, I had worked with all the principals," he said. "They knew I was a hard worker and there for the kids."

Adams added he also likes a challenge and to push himself which made him take it up to the next level to get his Masters in Elementary Principalship at Central Michigan University about six years ago.

As a parent of two children under the ages of 5, he knows how important education is for children and parents.

"I believe all parents want what is best for their kids, a quality education," he added.

When Adams walks through the doors



Brian Adams

everyday he reminds himself of the responsibility to provide each child with the best education.

"It is what I want for my kids," he added. "It is what I expect when they are going to school – that someone is going to give them the tools they need to be successful in life."

Being a family man, what he enjoys about working in Clarkston and for the district are the families.

"We are a very fortunate school district to have wonderful families and kids," Adams said. "It makes coming to work a lot easier when you have families that want quality education and kids that know what is right and wrong and work hard in school."

He also enjoys the sense of community in Clarkston. He grew up in a small town and Clarkston's location close to Detroit gives it a mix of big city and small town.

Clarkston stands out because of its traditions, downtown, parades and other events, location and environment, and athletics.

"I love people in Clarkston," he added. "People in Clarkston help their neighbors out."

Adams spends his free time with his family, and also enjoys being out on the water, enjoying sports and recreation and teaching children how to make it through the world.

"I feel very fortunate I got to stay in a building I have a strong connection to," he said. "I get to help it get better than it already is."

New assessor ready for change of pace

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bigger values," Sieloff said. "We might be one or two percent, but the days of 10 percent reduction are not happening for this coming year."

After three weeks on the job, Sieloff is learning all she can about Independence Township.

"This (department) is a well oiled machine here. Dave Kramer put it in place back in the day and Bev Shaver just maintained it and enriched it," Sieloff said. "I am very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and talented staff here."

Sieloff previously worked 17 years for the Charter Township of Shelby where she grew up. She spent the past eight years as Shelby's commercial industrial appraiser and personal property manager.

"I outgrew that position. I was doing things outside of that job classification," she said. "I was preparing for tribunal appeals and I just decided it was time for me to make a career move to help me professionally."

When she heard about the opening for Independence, she decided to go for it. She said it will be a nice change going from a

bigger community with lots of industrial and commercial to a smaller one with more residential focus.

"It's kind of nice for me to get back to my roots and get back to the rural residential assessment evaluations," she said.

Sieloff lives in Lennox with her husband Daniel and their 12 year old son, Danny. She has also been active in the local professional organizations for assessors, such as being past president of the Macomb Assessors Association, a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers, and a member of the Oakland County Assessors, as well as an instructor for the State Tax Commission and for the Michigan Assessors Association.

"Those are the some of things I like to do," she said. "It's my way of giving back to the profession for all of those who gave to me along the way."

Sieloff said the office works really well and she doesn't plan on many changes, but there will be a "little tweaks here and there."

"It's been a wonderful move for me," she said. "I couldn't ask to work for a better community."

School board still on cable?

Clarkston Board of Education meetings are broadcast on the school district's website, but it's not clear whether they will continue to be on public access cable.

"We will post it on our website. I expect it to run on cable as I have not heard otherwise," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock in an email, Aug. 26.

According to a message broadcast on Comcast channel 22, "Board of Education meetings are now on the Internet. For more information go to the Clarkston Community Schools District home page at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us and click the Board of Education link."

Clarkston Public Access Center Program Director Andrew Reish was unavailable for comment, but a programmer on staff said school board meetings were not on the broadcast schedule.

Earlier, Dr. Rock said the meetings will continue to be broadcast on cable and also streamed online so more can view meetings.

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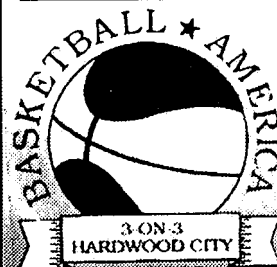
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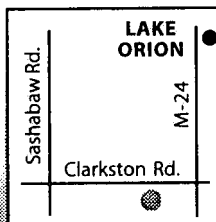


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Big dreams for Downs adults

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Laura Townsend gave birth to her son Phil Townsend, many people shook their head because they felt bad – Phil was born with Down syndrome. But Laura would tell them not to because she “got lucky enough to have that guy.”

“This kid is such a breath of fresh air. Shake your head over my daughter, not my son,” she said. “My daughter is a handful, where Phil just hangs out and loves life and it makes you love life.”

Phil loves Kid Rock and wearing fedora style hats.

“He’s a totally awesome guy,” Laura said. “You spend a few minutes with him and you’ll see that.”

Friend of the family Mary Hartman agreed.

“Phil Townsend is a very uplifting individual. He brings out the best in everyone. If you get to know him, he makes me want to speak more clearly, think more clearly,” she said. “He makes me want to do good.”

Now that Phil has graduated Clarkston High School, Laura wants to start a culinary training facility, Grace’s Garden for “extraordinary” young adults like Phil where they grow purely organic fruits, vegetables, and grains. They can bake, can, and create gift baskets.

“We hope to provide local restaurants with the finest produce available and eventually open Grace’s Garden Café,” Laura said.

A fieldstone home off Davisburg Road in Springfield Township would be a perfect location for the training facility and café, and she has envisioned it as a training facility for the past 10 years, she said.

She had the support of former Springfield Township Supervisor Mike Trout for use of the property, and was getting petitions signed to show they had community support.

“It just looks good when you have signatures when you go down there, to see you have all these people on board and willing to help out for the good of the cause,” said Hartman.

Laura, currently a job coach for adults with developmental disabilities, said she wants to do more.

“I want to continue to teach them because they still have minds. People look at people in society and they look at them differently,” she said. “I’ve been with them since they were in Kindergarten and I know what they’re capable of, and I think they’re capable of a whole lot. I think the community can see that too and they’ll see what we have to offer.”

Grace’s Garden would give them “meaningful employment,” she said.

“When they go for employment, an employer doesn’t allow that much training.



Phil Townsend with his mom Laura.
Photo by Trevor Keiser.

time because they don’t really know what they’re getting themselves into,” Laura said.

Hartman agreed.

“They have so much to give back to the community themselves,” she said. “They don’t need to bag groceries at Krogers, they don’t need to push brooms.”

As far as the garden goes, Hartman provides an upward worm migrating composting system.

“These worms eat all of my junk mail and they produce the most nitrogen-rich black soil. This is the base for our gardening beds,” she said. “We want to do it from old school, Amish style, if you will.”

Both Hartman and Laura believe healthier foods would help young adults with some issues they have.

“The things they put in our food, the pesticides, insecticides, not only does it affect our mind and our body, you are what you eat,” Hartman said. “Cancers, ADHD, Autism, they’ve all been linked to the things that are in our food and not only that, it ends up in our drinking water too.”

Hartman said they’re not looking to be a charity organization, but a business.

“We’re not looking for handouts,” she said. “We’re looking for support from our community because we know this community is great and people will be willing to step up.”

Laura agreed.

“I think Clarkston needs this,” she said. “I do a lot of stuff with SCAMP. I don’t see why they wouldn’t welcome this just the same. I think it would be a great thing.”

Those interested in volunteering or helping, e-mail Laura Townsend at gracesgarden@comcast.net.

4H'ers best friends help earn trophies

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

For Clarkston 4H'ers Bridget Chiodo and Maggie Lundquist, summer's dogs days are over, but they were fun while they lasted.

The Clarkston High School juniors are both members of the 4H team Canine All Stars, meeting every week and traveling throughout the state for shows and competitions.

"I like it a lot," Chiodo said. "It's fun to do. When Daisy was a puppy, she was wild and hard to train. This was a way to bond with her."

Chiodo's dog Daisy, a 3 1/2 year old Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, earned the High Point award for highest total score in her division at the Oakland County Fair this summer. She also earned a second-place Showmanship award.

"Daisy did very well," Chiodo said. "I love the breeds and the big shows. I look at the other dogs and and compare them to Daisy."

Lundquist's two Papillons, Coco, 3 1/2 years old, and Quincy, 1 1/2 years old, earned honors at Oakland County and State fairs, including High Point awards in Rally and Obedience classes.

"I enjoy doing it – we meet a ton of people from all over the state," Lundquist said. "The dogs' personalities are all different, just like people. They listen better than people sometimes."

They worked with the dogs an hour a day, and also trained at Canine Resolution in Waterford on agility, obedience, and other skills.

"We had one training session and that made us focus more," Lundquist said. "We still go there for pointers and tips."



From left are Clarkston 4H'ers Bridget Chiodo and her dog, Daisy, and Maggie Lundquist, with her dogs Quincy and Coco, with some trophies they won. Photos by Phil Custodio

"Without their help, we wouldn't have placed as well," Chiodo said.

The club gives 4H'ers opportunities for leadership and community service, said Cindy Lunquist, Maggie's mother.

"I love it – it's great for them," Cindy said. "It give them focus and responsibility, and teaches lessons they won't get anywhere else."

Community service includes

raising money for Canine Stray Rescue League.

Maggie wants to be a veterinarian – "I love working with animals hands on," she said – and Chiodo wants to be a preschool-elementary teacher.

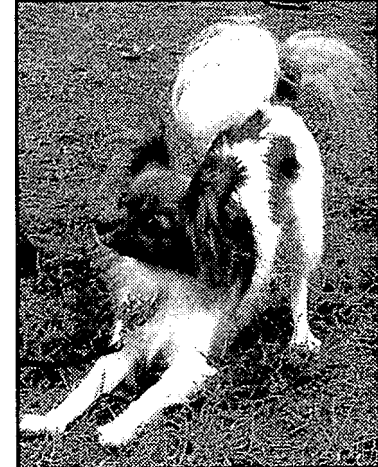
"I love working with kids, and seeing them grow as much as possible with my help," she said.

For next year's season, they will

work with their dogs on new levels and skills.

"A new challenge is for her to bring a dumb bell to me – we're working on it," Chiodo said. "We'll also work on free style, set to music with costumes. It's fun, another challenge."

"Quincy will take some off-leash classes – it's a whole new ball game," Maggie said.



Coco the Papillon performs a bow on command.

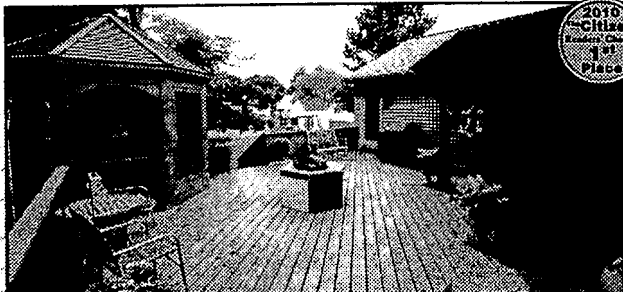


Daisy, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, stands up for a spin.

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Too many reruns

My mouth dropped open as I read the newsfeed on Facebook - Hollywood was taking on another remake.

But this time instead of Patrick Swayze saying the classic line "nobody puts Baby in the corner" it would be someone else taking on the role in a remake *Dirty Dancing*, a 1980s cult classic..

I understand Hollywood has remade previous movies for awhile - I have two in my Blockbuster queue both for *The Front Page*, which was originally a Broadway play. One film was made in 1931 and the second one made in 1974 with Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau.



It is going to happen especially since it has happened many times before. Someone gets an idea to remake a movie to twinkle the idea and make it their own - either to add another plot twist, add modern special effects, Americanize it or throw in different characters.

But it seems they have gone to far. Most recently Hollywood has released *Conan the Barbarian*, *Fright Night* and coming in October, *Footloose* - all made in the 1980s.

Maybe, just maybe, they were good. If you saw them and loved them over the originals please let me know. Plus, maybe it is a way to bring more attention to the original movie. After seeing *The Amityville Horror* with Ryan Reynolds I was tempted to see the original (but I didn't even want to watch the remake with Reynolds.)

But with the news of *Dirty Dancing* being remade - I felt a slap to the face. I felt on the defense. If you are remaking all these 80s movies, which by the way wasn't too long ago, what is next- *Breakfast Club*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, (gasp) *Sixteen Candles*, *The Goonies*, *A Christmas Story*, *Flight of the Navigator*?

Now AMC Theatres tried out an idea and re-released some of the classic 80s movies in their theaters for audiences to enjoy on the big screen again. I would say it worked. It seemed to work for the 20 people in the theater with the group I saw *Sixteen Candles*. But it was limited to two showings.

But dear Hollywood - reduce, reuse and recycle is good for trash. But I am sure there are screenwriters out there with fresh ideas.

The Clarkston News

Viewpoints

Keep burn policy, reader says

Dear Editor,

The privilege of burning by permit has allowed us to keep the yard beautiful with less labor and less cost during these challenging economic times.

We have allowed lots of trees to grow in our yard and we border a wet land. In order to keep it looking tidy we do extensive trimming of trees, shrubs and bushes. We have also had a few trees downed by wind and lightning.

The cost of hiring outside help to do this work and haul it away is to say the least astronomical. About four or five years ago we discovered the burn by permit program and have used it with great success.

We keep the yard trimmed up continu-

ously and then 2 or 3 times a year burn the pile on designated burn days.

Our sub is lots of just over an acre. If it is windy or neighbors are doing outdoor activities, I do not burn.

I have tried to be respectful of others and have had no complaints. We feel that the program is very well managed by the fire department and we would be disappointed if the program were discontinued or curtailed.

Thank you,

Jim and Jana Koch

Independence Township

Independence Township Open Burning Ad Hoc Study Group's public forum is 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive.

Letters to the editor

Thanks for Rush for Food help

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston High School Football Rush for Food committee would like to thank all who helped make our 14th annual community service project a huge success.

On Friday, Aug. 19, 180 members of the Varsity, JV, and Freshman teams came together to collect non-perishable food items to help stock the pantry at Lighthouse Emergency Services in Clarkston.

The high school teams were assisted in their efforts by the Clarkston Chiefs Youth Football Association who held a drive for personal hygiene items and paper goods.

The annual Rush for Food was started 14 years ago as a way to have the Clarkston players give back to the community that lends such great support to the teams during their season.

It is a wonderful experience for our young men to participate in, and it is great to see the players give up their Friday evenings after practicing all day in the heat, to canvas Clarkston neighborhoods asking for donations for those in need.

The teams collected and sorted 4,973 pounds of food and paper/personal products. This is a new record for the event beating last year's record of 4,600 pounds.

I think the boys worked harder than ever

this year because of the economic crisis our state is in. Most of the boys know of someone that has been touched by hard times this year, and their desire to help was greater than ever.

Special thanks go to the WrightActionPix and Sports Creations for funding the pre-event dinner for the players. Our thanks also go to the Clarkston Athletic Boosters, Clarkston Chiefs and Springfield Township and Sashabaw Road Kroger's for donating supplies.

The committee would also like to thank the CHS football coaches for their support, LuAnn Stohrer - CHS Athletic Secretary for her assistance, the CHS custodial staff, the football players who gave their time to assist those in need, and MOST OF ALL the homeowners who generously donated to make this event such a success.

Thank you to Jennifer Baenziger, Penny Canada, Kim Chadwell, Jill Goss, Suzanne Gozdor, Sandy Savoie (chair), and Kim Scarlett for their time and commitment in organizing another successful year.

Rush for Food once again proved what a wonderful community Clarkston is to live in!

Thank you,

Ellen Wright, Publicity

CHS Football "Rush for Food"

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1996

"New arrivals" The daughter of Carl and Ingrid (Vaara) Fuderer of Columbia, Missouri, Claudia Josephine Fuderer was born May 15, 1996 at 6 pounds, 9 ounces, as the grand-daughter of Jo and Mel Vaara of Clarkston.

"Clarkston teen makes summer music at Florida's Disney World" Jim Simonson, a Clarkston High School graduate was one of 40 college students chosen to play in "The 1996 Disney Grammy All American College Jazz Band" at Epcot for the summer. Simonson was the only bass player in the band, which consisted of college students all over the world.

"Couple addicted to yard work after 30 years in the same house" Clarkston couple, Helen and Don Funck, transformed their yard into a place of beauty after 30 years of living in the same house. The couple planted a large number of flowers and shrubs as well as placed a home-made tin man decoration, birdhouses, and an antique fire hydrant in their yard.

25 years ago - 1986

"Hayes rides to victories with Shamrock Leprechaun" Jennifer Hayes, 11, of Clarkston won first place in the hunter division at the Bloomfield Hunt Horse and Pony Show with her horse Shamrock Leprechaun. The pair then won the equitation division a week later in the Hunter's Run Show.

"Smith wins first national tennis title" Mary Smith received her first national tennis championship. Smith, of Independence Township and Eastern Michigan University, teamed with Julie Kaczmarek of Lansing, Ill., to defeat Christine and Wendy Gilles, 6-3, 6-4, in the U.S. National Amateur Championships in Kiamesha Lake, N.Y.

50 years ago - 1961

"Waterford teacher completes nature study course" Mrs. Gladys Watchpocket, a teacher at Pierce Junior High School, was one of twenty people to complete a three-week Nature Interpretation Course at the Nature Center of Kensington Metropolitan Park. During the final week of the course, the group participated in planning of a "nature trail," learning how to conduct a field trip, and identification of plant and animal life along the nature trail.

"Clarkston locals" Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Hodkins sold their home in Detroit to make their permanent home in Clarkston on West Washington St. Dennis Galligan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Galligan left for the Great Lakes Naval Station, Chicago, to begin training.

Are we becoming 'soft?'

We are becoming a "soft" nation. An ocean of "wimps" and "hoity toitys" (whoever they are) will soon be upon us. No longer will we be a nation of beer and burgers -- everybody will want Chablis and crumpets (whatever they are).

Woe is us.

I have come to this conclusion after thorough research. The information and raw data I found, I gathered by employing investigative practices only the finest muckrakers use. In other words, I found some tidbits of info, jumped to a conclusion and blew the whole thing out of proportion. But, hey -- that's okay, I am a trained professional. It's my job as a blowhard to make mountains out of mole hills.

Why am I predicting that our nation will be overrun by latte-drinking, pinky finger pointing snobs, you may be asking yourselves? Because of the Doggie Dooley and other "things" that make life easier for dog owners with yards.

What is a Doggie Dooley? It is a . . . well, it's a, um . . . it's a thing you dig into the ground a foot or so down that you scoop dog doo into. It is a dog waste eliminator that uses an enzyme and water to -- and I quote, "reduce waste to a liquid," that is "harmless" and that is soon "absorbed" into the soil.

The Doggie Dooley (which costs

about 50 bucks) is only the tip of the iceberg in gadgetry folks can use to clean their yard of Fido feces. There are pooper scoopers that automatically bag for you. There are spring-loaded metal scoops with jaws that clamp around Pomeranian piles. You can even add some other enzyme into your Doggie Dooley that makes it smell good . . . or at least makes it smell not bad.

**Don't
Rush Me**



**A column by
Don Rush**

All this stuff is making the job easy. It's not 'sposed to be easy. Poop scooping is a smelly, tedious job that no adult in his or her right mind wants to do . . . that's what kids are for, aren't they?

they?

In return for giving them life, pampering them as infants, feeding them, clothing them, sheltering and protecting them, they get to de-mine the backyard so nobody (mom or dad) steps into a pile of doo, slips and loses a limb (or worse, gets some on them). It's a yucky, smelly, thankless job and that's why kids were made to do it.

It shouldn't be easy or nice. Children should be pooper scoopers because it makes them better adults. They may not

know it yet, but it is for their own good. Well, that's the way it used to be. When you got old enough to handle a spade shovel, it was your job to scoop poop before dad cut the lawn. If dad stepped in something, it was best to be out of town until he got his shoes cleaned.

Taking care of Fido's business was a lesson in character building. It also sent the message that you had better get good grades in school, get a good job, find a good wife and hurry up and have your own kids so they could pick up your dog's messes. There was a beauty in the simplicity of it all.

Not now.

Now, things are easy. Things have changed. Parents are buying stuff to make the job easier, doing the job themselves and some are even hiring regular people (not the neighbor kid) to come to their homes and clean up their yards of dog doo-doo.

What is the world coming to when perfectly sane adults are not letting the children do the dirty work?

What does it say to the children when adults actually hire other adults who make a living being known as the "Poop Scoopin' King," or "The Waste Terminator," or "We're Number One in The Number Two Business?"

(Not that there is anything wrong with

being a Master Scooper. I am sure it is a lucrative endeavor. Call me kooky, I just believe it would be tough to pick up chicks after a hard, summer's day of excrement removal. I could be wrong.)

This pampering of our children is going to make a generation of kids who won't be able to handle anything hard or smelly. They'll swill down tea from fine china versus a cup of Joe from a mug that says, "It Sucks To Be You." They'll watch croquet championships on TV instead of the Wide World of Wrestling. They'll end up saying things like, "Cheerio, my good man" or "Smashing," instead of "Way to go, dude," or "Cool." They'll wear knickers and stockings instead of jeans and white socks.

Ahh, the humanity!

The horror of it all -- why, they'll become British!

We must stop the madness. Have your kids pick up poop, today, tomorrow and forever. We thought we won the Revolution in 1783, but maybe it's all been a ruse from across the Atlantic Ocean. Maybe the Brits are lulling us into a 221-year false sense of security before striking back for the monarchy. (Bet you didn't see that hypothesis coming!)

This column originally ran on April 7, 2010, but comments can still be e-mailed to: don@dontrushmedon.com.

Dawn is getting darker, only a minute a day

I believe only Christmas gets more buildup than Labor Day. Back-to-school brings retailers to the fore, just like Santa Claus.

However, Labor Day is more of an ending, as in summer's over, kids have new sitters, footballs are being flung and political rhetoric becomes as welcome as a breeze from a pig farm. But, my point is, "You know summer is over when . . ."

Convertibles start looking out of place.

You get phone calls asking if they can do your snow plowing.

Your tomato vines and corn stalks need cutting.

You know summer's over when the crabgrass in your yard starts turning a glorious purple, and lawns can go more than a week without mowing.

Sweaters feel more comfortable on the golf course.

You see your first radiator antifreeze ads.

You have to put on your robe to go out for the morning paper instead of going out in your shorty pajamas.

You know summer's over when you start looking closer at the fuzzy bear caterpillars to check the width of the orange, red or brown stripe. (The wider the stripe, the shorter the winter.)

Cities are letting salt bids.

Corduroys are back on pant racks.

Beard stubbles are becoming visible on deer hunters.

Ski shops and hills boast bargains.

**Jim's
Jottings**



**a column by
Jim Sherman**

You know summer's over when short sleeve dress shirts, white belts and white shoes look out of place.

When "pure wool" commercials start appearing on television and in papers.

When re-runs finally are stopped by the networks (and, after viewing the new shows, you yearn for the re-runs).

When yards become parking lots for wrapped pontoon and fishing boats.

When there's an eerie quietness in the neighborhood after school opens.

You know summer's over when the first brown leaves fall, and you wonder if the wind will rake your yard for you.

When the "farmers' markets" disappear, garage sales slow and become holiday bazaars.

When church attendance goes up.

When fireplaces are rediscovered.

When the salmon run starts.

You know summer's over when the southbound lanes of I-75 are filled with the Florida bound.

When hats come out of the closet and furriers bring out their minks.

When rosy cheeks look healthier than summer tans.

When you contemplate: Do I buy a snow plow or snow blower?

And, you know summer's over when you leave for work and come home in the dark.

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The average human body contains about 0.2 milligrams of gold. Even at today's high costs of gold our bodies aren't worth a whole hellovalot, are they?

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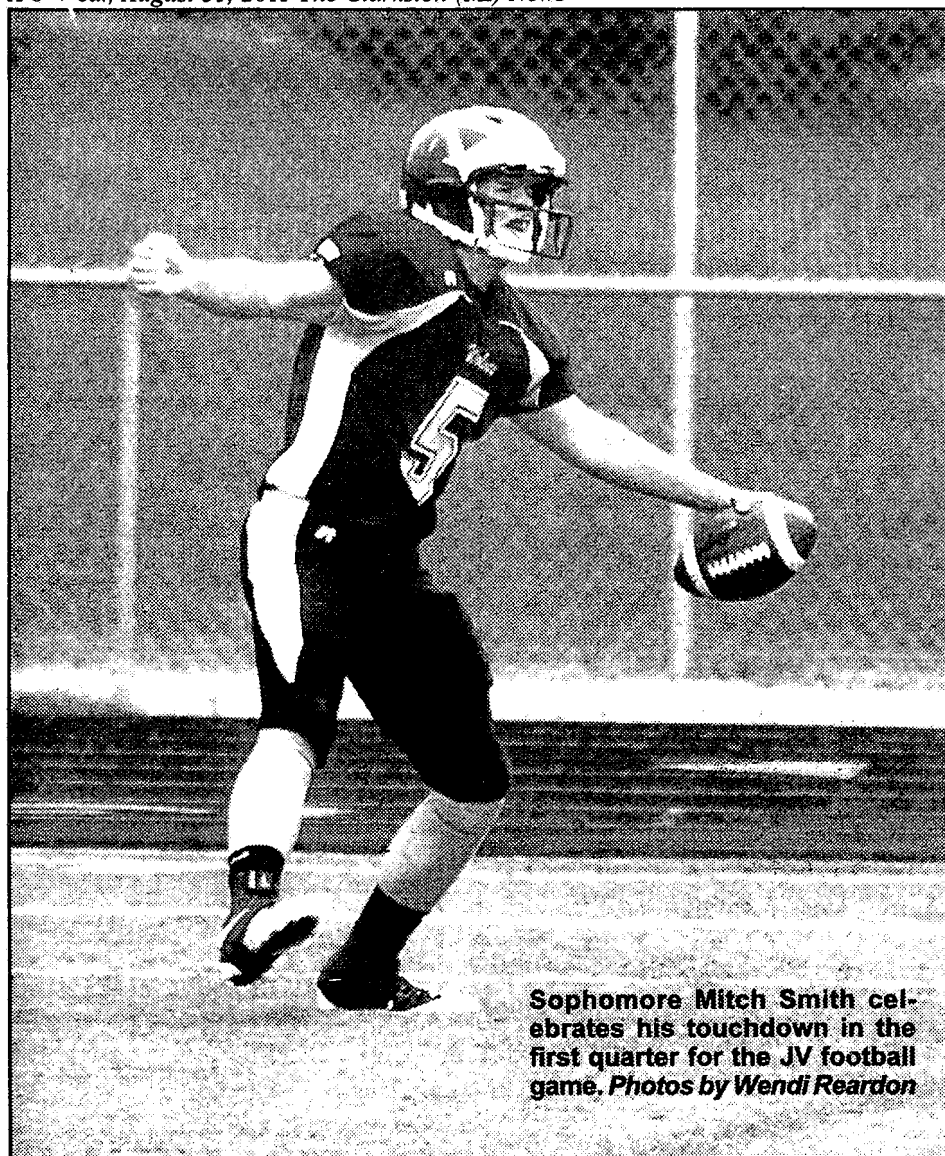
As summer winds down, we take time to enjoy the weather, home-grown produce and start thinking about fall. All that really means, is we're running a "best of" column from Jim Sherman, Sr. This was originally published on Aug. 23, 2006.

Old farmer's advice: Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

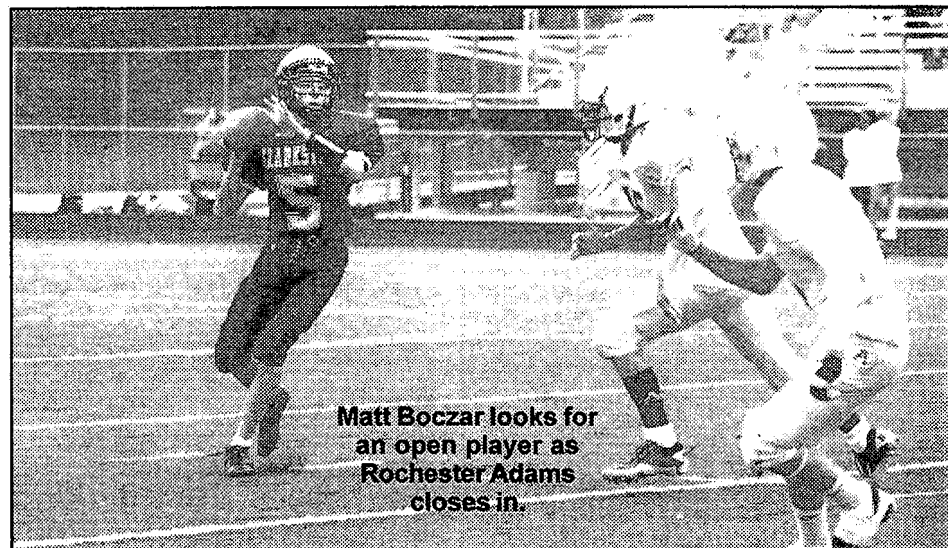
Good judgement comes from experience, and a lotta" that comes from bad judgement.

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

Every path has a few puddles. And every puddle has at least one little one jumping in it. I added that last sentence.



Sophomore Mitch Smith celebrates his touchdown in the first quarter for the JV football game. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Matt Boczar looks for an open player as Rochester Adams closes in.



The Freshman Cheerleading team gets the crowd revved.



Freshman Merrick Canada punts.

Wolfpack domination

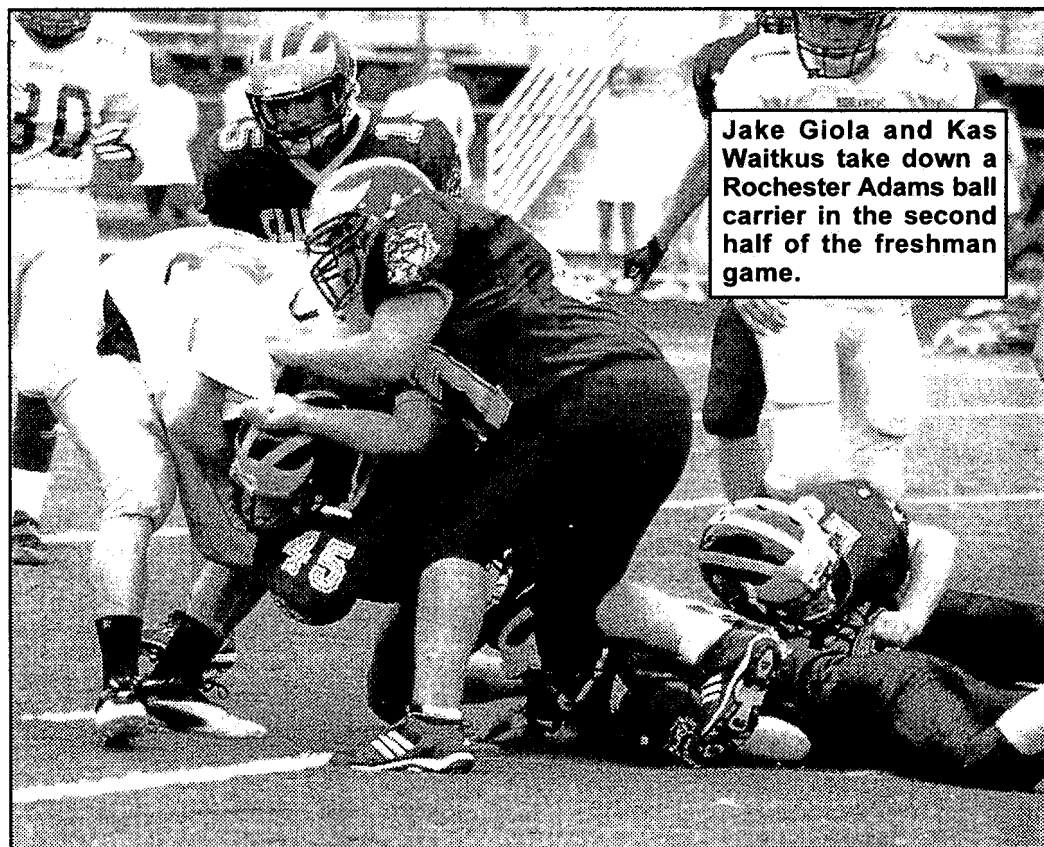
The Wolves opened up their football season last Thursday against Rochester Adams.

The JV team dominated the field as they beat their visitors, 42-14. The freshman team lost their first game, 12-6.

Both teams host West Bloomfield this Wednesday before they head into break for the holiday.

The freshman team begins their game against the Lakers at 4:30 p.m. and the JV team plays at 6:30 p.m., both at Clarkston High School.

It is the last home game for both before they head to Troy Athens next week.



Jake Giola and Kas Waitkus take down a Rochester Adams ball carrier in the second half of the freshman game.

Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Identity theft

A 39-year-old Independence Township woman filed a report on Aug. 17 after someone tried to make a \$83.97 purchase at Pro Flower Express in Connecticut. She had no idea how someone had gotten her information other than paying all of her bills online.

Check trouble

Dispatched to a business in the 5000 block on Sashabaw Road on Aug. 18 for check forgery. An area supervisor for the business talked to deputies concerning former employees checks had been cashed but without their signature and also noted in July the store had large amounts of money missing from cash drawers. She also noticed the assistant manager had been acting jumpy and nervous for the last couple of months.

TV taken

Coming home at 6:15 p.m. on Aug. 18, a Independence Township resident found the side door of his home in the 4000 block of Clintonville Road, kicked in. He walked through the home and found the intruder took his flat screen TV. A wooden privacy fence outside the home had been kicked in but no tread impressions were left.

Egg thrower caught

When a Brandon Township driver's pickup truck was hit by something tossed from another vehicle, he turned around, got the license plate, and called police, 12:15 a.m., Aug. 19, at Clarkston and Sashabaw roads. Deputies stopped an 18-year-old Rochester Hills man, driving another pickup. He and his passenger, a, 18-year-old Independence Township man, had a carton of eggs, two beers, and a plastic bat. They admitted to throwing eggs at signs but not at vehicles. The driver was cited with throwing objects from a moving vehicle and malicious destruction of property.

Domestic abuse

A 30-year-old Independence Township man faces domestic violence charges after an argument with his wife, 10:10 a.m., Aug. 19, in the 4000 block of Pine Knob Lane. He yelled and screamed, broke a chair against the floor, threw a clock against the wall, grabbed his wife by the wrists to stop her from calling 911, and threatened to break down a locked bedroom door after she fled there with their children. Deputies found him on Maybee Road standing outside his vehicle. The wife said she didn't want to prosecute, but deputies jailed him and sought charges anyway. He was arraigned, \$1,000 personal bond.

Hippie arrested for 'shrooms

A 23-year-old Jackson man was arrested for drug possession, 8 p.m., Aug. 18, at DTE. Security assigned to the Hippie Festival main gate found a large quantity of dried mushrooms concealed within a patron's belongings. The suspect tried to flee but was located and jailed pending warrants.

Rape suspect sought

A S. River Road resident awoke to find a stranger in her bedroom with his hand in her groin, 4:15 a.m., Aug. 19. The suspect, described as a Hispanic man with a mustache wearing white shirt with blue stripes and dark shorts, punched the victim and fled. Deputies searched but couldn't find him. The victim was treated by Independence Township Fire Department.

Business break in

The front door was shattered in a business in the 7000 block of Andersonville Road, Aug. 19, and cash taken.

Drunk driver

A 26-year-old Clarkston man lost control and hit a car, 7:43 p.m., Aug. 19, at Dixie and White Lake Road. He said he had two beers. With a .121 preliminary breath test, he was cited with drunk driving causing an accident and his car was impounded.

Purse thief

Standing to watch a concert at DTE, a patron left her purse on her seat and it was taken, Aug. 20. She saw a man walking away with it and went to get it. The man, a 25-year-old Van Buren Township resident, told her he found it in a men's restroom. She went to security and they found the man coming out of the men's restroom. He had a concert T-shirt from the purse, and admitted to taking it. He was released pending warrants.

High speed pursuit

Looking for a stolen pickup, deputies found it near on Sashabaw Road near Maybee and tried to stop it, 12:26 a.m., Aug. 20. The suspect took off at high speed, fleeing into Waterford Township, running red lights and forcing other vehicles off the road. He lost control in a residential area and crashed into a boulder. Subdued with the help of a Taser, he was arrested for fleeing and eluding, resisting police, possession of stolen property, driving with a suspended license, and possession of cocaine.

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It's official!
Jeffrey Thomas Steele proposed to Olivia Lynn Lowrie on Petoskey Beach, July 22.

Both are graduates of Clarkston High School, Class of 2002, as well as Michigan

State University. Both are employed at Bilkent University in Ankara, Turkey.

Proud parents are Tom and Tami Lowrie and Tom and Karen Steele, all from Clarkston. An outdoor wedding is planned next summer.

Around Town

A calendar of places to go, people to see and things to do

Special Events

Clarkston Famers' Market, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Sept. 3, Depot Park. 248-821-4769. **Springfield Farmers' Market**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sept. 4, Shiawassee Basin Preserve. 248-846-6558.

Red Cross Blood Drive, 2-8 p.m., Sept. 6, Independence Fire Department, 6500 Citation Drive. Register at 800-RED CROSS (733-2767) or www.redcrossblood.org, code, ifdlions.

Clarkston Village Players musical "Tom Foolery" by Tom Leher, Sept. 8-11, 15-17; 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Thursday; 2 p.m. Sunday. 248-575-4104.

Art in the Village, Clarkston Community Historical Society, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 17; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sept. 18, Depot Park, www.clarkstonhistorical.org.

Gone Bocce, fund raiser for Bucks for Buses in Independence, Springfield townships, 6-9 p.m., Sept. 22, Palazzo di Bocce, 4291 Lapeer Road in Orion. Buffet dinner, music by Dr. Baker, prize drawing, Bocce. \$50. 248-625-8231.

Youth Soccer Night, Sept. 22, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. JV, 5:30

p.m.; Varsity, 7 p.m. Free admission for kids wearing soccer jerseys. Halftime contests on field at half time.

Weekly meetings

Monday

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027.

Tuesday

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

Wednesday

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

Thursday

Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

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Obituaries

Gloria J. Schultz

Gloria J. Schultz of Clarkston passed away suddenly Aug. 28, 2011, at age 62.

She was the wife of Donald; sister of Edward (Karen) Betke, Michael (Cherie) Betke and Angela Nagle; preceded in death by her brothers Tony and Robert Betke; aunt/great aunt to many nieces and nephews; sister-in-law of Robert (Susan) Schultz and Charles Schultz.



Mrs. Schultz was an active member of St. Trinity Lutheran Church, having served on the Altar Guild, provided many homemade food dishes for various church functions, and served as a greeter.

She was an avid quilter, having donated a number of her 'masterpieces' to friends, family and cancer patients. Gloria also loved to travel, visit the local parks and read. One of her favorite past times was spending time with her pets.

Friends may visit Wednesday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service, Thursday, 11 a.m., at St. Trinity Lutheran Church, Clarkston, where friends may visit directly at the church Thursday, 10 a.m., until time of service. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Trinity Lutheran Church, Michigan Humane Society or Detroit Zoo. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

James M. Gilbert, 55

James M. Gilbert, "Jim," of Clarkston passed away Aug. 28, 2011, at age 55.

He was the amazing husband of Juanita for 33 years; father of Jimmy (Leah) Gilbert and Chadwick Gilbert; world's greatest grandpa to Vinnie; brother of Bob (Kay) Gilbert, Tony (Mary) Gilbert, Donny (Nelpha) Gilbert, Jo-Ann (Rick) Brzezinski, Mary (Gary) Szuch, Fred (Kathy) Gilbert, Mike (Maria) Gilbert, Patty Gilbert, Danny (Karole) Gilbert, Chrissy (Tony) Thomas and David (Karrie) Gilbert; brother-in-law of Bonnie (John) Morris and Connie (Mic) Sumbur; also survived by many nieces and nephews.



Mr. Gilbert was the dedicated owner of Jim Gilbert's Painting.

Funeral service Friday, 10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 6-9 p.m., and Thursday, 3-9 p.m. Interment White Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family for the future education of Vinnie.

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com guestbook

Treva Chivers-Porter, 98 James M. Urban, 50

Treva L. Chivers-Porter of Clarkston, formerly of Coles County, Ill., and Borger, Texas, passed away Aug. 21, 2011, at age 98.

She was the loving wife of Samuel Robert Porter; beloved mother to Steve (Debbe) Chivers; sister of Patricia Payton of Gentry, Ark., and Richard (Bev) Ingram of Garland, Texas; grandmother of Ryan Chivers, Erin (Kevin) Atkins, Phillip and Brian Chivers and Kay (Tom) Duffy, also survived by 10 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren and special friend Diane Issac. She was preceded in death by her first husband Norman, three children Tex, Barbara, and Phillip, her parents Thomas and Fanny Ingram, siblings Nina Cox, Bernice Goodlett, Thyra "Chic" Littrell, and Ronald Ingram.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



James M. Urban, "Jim," of Clarkston, formerly of Bay City, passed away Aug. 20, 2011, at age 50.

He was the husband of Linda Borucki-Urban; father of Ashley and Alex; son of Bob and Betty; son in law of Clarisse (the late Harry) Borucki; brother of Dave, Lori, John (Jan), Carole; uncle of Jessica and Jenna; brother in law of Robert (Tonya Gerow) Borucki and Diane (Mitch Robbins) Borucki.

Mr. Urban graduated from Kalamazoo College and was employed at Dunhams Corporate, Waterford. He enjoyed his many days of coaching football.

Visitation was Aug. 26 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Aug. 27 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston.

Rite of Committal Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, any donations to the family will be used for his children's future education. Online www.wintfuneralhome.com guestbook



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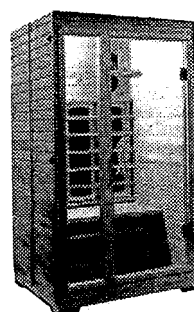
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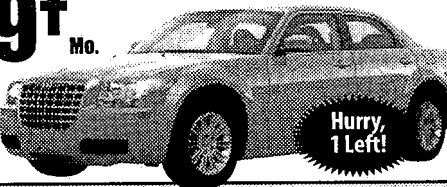
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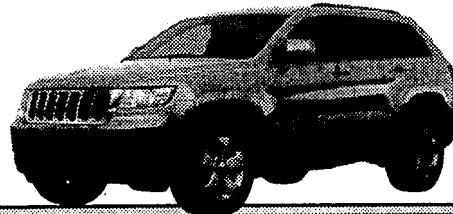
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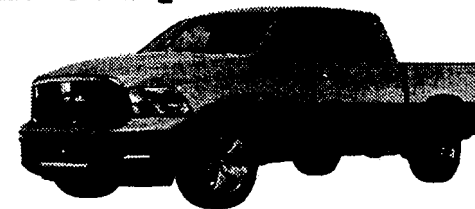


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Wolves show Highlanders the low road in season opener

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The atmosphere was charged as the Wolves' defense line got into position at the line of scrimmage last Friday night.

Rochester Adams went through the motions trying to close in on Clarkston's endzone and Clarkston's linebacker Chris Calvano took action.

With 20 seconds left in the game Calvano intercepted the Highlanders pass to capture the win for the Wolves, 28-21.

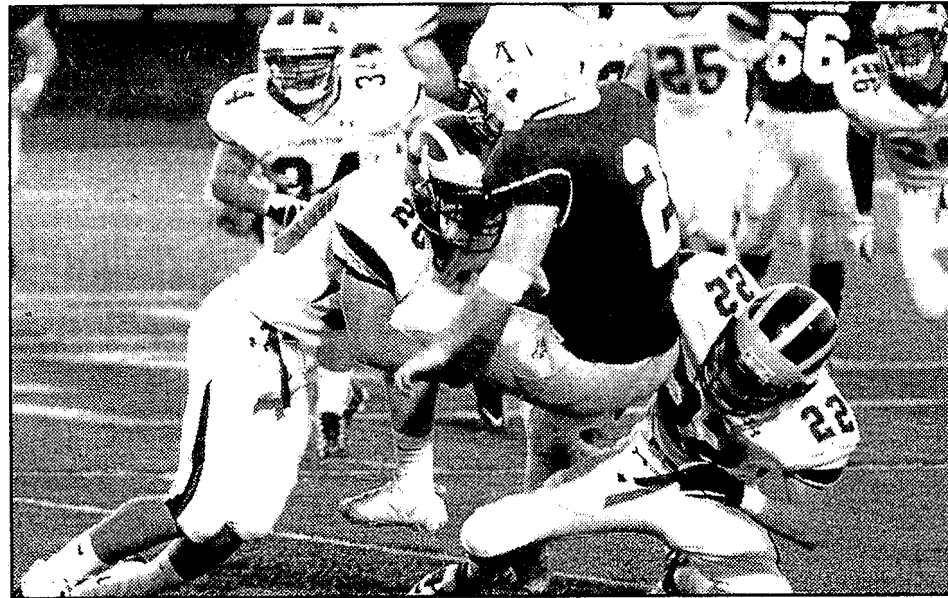
"It was a typical Clarkston/Adams game," said Kurt Richardson, head coach for the Wolves. "It is always going to be a dogfight. It is always going to be tight."

The Wolves were first to get on the scoreboard four minutes into the game, courtesy of a 13-yard run from running back Brian Kaminsky from quarterback Mitch Baenziger.

Adams tied the score with nine seconds to go in the first quarter off Tony Annese's 27-yard run.

Clarkston answered at the end of the next quarter. Baenziger threw a pass to Travis Smith in the right side of field into endzone with 36 seconds to go. The ball went out of bounds and the boys got into position for one more play.

Baenziger threw the ball to Smith one more



Alex Dicea and Nik Clark stop Rochester Adams offense. Photo by Larry Wright

time. Smith caught the ball in the endzone before Highlanders defense descended on him.

The Wolves scored again coming back from half-time break on their first possession. The action started on Clarkston's 17-yard line after Smith caught the Highlanders' punt and

the action hit its peak after Baenziger made a 44-yard run a few minutes later.

Running back Joey Goss scored on a two-yard run three plays later after breaking through the Highlander's defense and into the endzone.

The Wolves seemed to leave Rochester

Adams in the dust after Kaminsky scored on a 12-yard run with 7:25 left in the game, putting the score 28-7.

"It was great," said Kaminsky. "It was just another way to get my team up. Our offensive line was great for blocking."

But the Highlanders pulled themselves up in a span during a three minute gap with touchdowns made by Andrew McBride and Ben Hart.

"We thought we put a nail in the coffin and they came back," said Richardson. "They made some great plays. I liked our quarterback tonight - Mitch has stepped up and got it done. Travis was very good tonight."

He addressed the team after the game with a closing pep talk to learn from the game.

"It was step number one," he said.

The boys head to West Bloomfield on Thursday night for their first OAA Red match-up.

"We have to hit hard," said Kaminsky.

Alex Barta scored four PATs on his kick attempts.

The JV team won their home opener against Adams, 42-14, and the freshman team lost, 12-6.

The varsity team kicks off at 7 p.m., 4925 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield Township.

Athletes of the Week Tourney champions

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spikers fought through adversity to win their first tournament of the season on Aug. 26 at the Marysville Invitational.

The Clarkston High School Girls Varsity Volleyball team beat Port Huron in the finals to take home the honor by winning both sets, 25-18 and 25-13.

But the most memorable game for the team was the semi-final match against Petoskey, where the girls won 25-23 and 25-21.

The Lady Wolves were down both sets and climbed their way through a 10 point deficit in the first set and a eight point deficit to win.

"It was a true test to see if the girls could play through adversity and not get frazzled,"

said Kelly Avenall, head coach. "They continued, got through it and didn't get nervous. They played well."

With five returners from last season, the team is young and it was a test of where they are for the season.

"They just kept fighting and chipping away at it," said Avenall. They didn't really give up at all."

Rachel Dickerson had 55 kills and six blocks during the day. Kaley Konjarevich had 39 kills and 23 aces; Stephanie Marani had 39 kills and 15 blocks and Maddie Lightfoot had 76 digs and seven aces.

"We served pretty well and it helped us," said Avenall.

Clarkston beat seven games including Sterling Heights in the quarterfinals.



Clarkston High School Girls Varsity Volleyball team celebrates winning the Marysville Invitational in their first tournament of the season. The team includes Courtney Blaszkowski, Sarah Bullen, Katie Chadwell, Rachel Dickerson, Brianna Frakes, Brooke Huisman, Kaley Konjarevich, Maddie Lightfoot, Franziska Loetzner, Stephanie Marani, Angela Niezgodka and Emily Popp. Photo provided

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Clarkston crush Lake Orion foe

Kickers added three more games to the win column after last week.

"They were good," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Chuck Lawhorn. "It was tough for us, especially on Friday. It was our sixth game in six days."

They opened the week against Waterford Mott with a 3-1 win on Aug. 23, with two goals from Ryne Jones and a goal from Spenser Pawlik - all in the second half.

"When we started to pick up in the second half and we were able to build on that in practice on Wednesday," Lawhorn added.

The boys conquered the Lake Orion field on Aug. 25 - leaving a 2-1 win in their wake, both goals from Brad Schultz.

"We controlled the game for the most part," Lawhorn said. "It was definitely a confidence booster. A lot of the boys haven't played at Lake Orion before and to win the game meant a lot to them. The guys who came off the bench played really well. Coming off that emotional win everyone put out a lot of energy. We came out on Friday and struggled a little bit."

But the struggle didn't show on the scoreboard as the boys beat Waterford



Jordan Kieft leads the ball into Waterford Mott territory. Photo by WR

Kettering, 2-1. Conor Bright and Brandon Reynolds scored for the Wolves in the game.

The boys played at Detroit Catholic Central on Tuesday and host Rochester Adams on Thursday, 7 p.m.

"I saw Adams on Saturday and they struggled against Ann Arbor Pioneer," Lawhorn noted. "But Pioneer is a good team. I know Adams will be ready for us."

He also added everything is coming together for the Wolves and the boys are beginning to gel.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

Spikers rule the court

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves have already pulled out their aces for the beginning of the season with huge wins.

They opened the season at the Fenton Quad on Aug. 23 and beat three teams - Brighton, 25-15 in two games, Davison, 25-16 and 25-19, and Fenton, 25-13 and 25-17.

"It went really well," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach Kelly Avenall. "The biggest thing, and I told them, there were a lot of question marks as how we were going to come back this year after losing seven pretty good seniors. It was good to come out with a really great start."

The team has five returners from last year's MHSAA Regional Championship team and Avenall has seen a lot of standouts from this year's newest players including sophomore setter Brianna Frakes.

"She surpassed all my expectations," said Avenall. "She is going to be a good player in the next couple of years. She is smart and she hustles."

Junior Kaley Konjarevich returns from last year and will see more time on the court as a starter and had 18 kills in the team's first set of victories.

"She had a great night at the Fenton Quad," said Avenall. "She opened up a lot of eyes. We are looking forward to getting a good season out of her."

Senior Maddie Lightfoot had 34 digs, se-

nior Stephanie Marani had 18 kills and eight blocks, and junior Rachel Dickerson had 16 kills.

The team won seven matches at the Marysville Invitational on Saturday. They beat Port Huron in the championship round, 25-18 and 25-13.

The JV team and freshman team also won their tournaments. JV beat Fenton in Flushing and the freshman beat Oxford.

"It is a trifecta for the program," said Avenall.

The varsity team heads to Flushing on Tuesday and took on Flushing, Oxford and North Branch.

"North Branch is always a tough team," said Avenall. "They are Class B but they are top ranked and have won the state championship a few times in the last ten years. They are going to give us a good challenge."

They are also looking forward to playing Oxford, the team moved into Clarkston's division this year. Avenall added this year's team will be fun to watch.

"We have a young team and it is a completely different dynamic than last year," she said. "Last year we were working with chemistry and this year it is fun because their learning curve is huge. They have room for improvement and they are like sponges soaking it up."

The goal for the season is to win the OAA Red league, which play begins in September, and return to the MHSAA Quarterfinals.

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What are you most looking forward to heading back to school?



"Trying to pass. If I don't pass I can't take driver's education."

- Zach Emery



"Seeing all my friends and getting all 'A's' because if I don't I'll have to go to a private school far away."

- Hailey Tenetck



"Friends, definitely friends."

- Liz Zelcowski



"Seeing my friends and trying to get good grades."

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By Elise Shire

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Family raises funds for future adoption

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Jamie and Angelo Marino of Springfield Township want a big family. They have four boys and are now looking to adopt.

"The nursery is ready and we can't wait to have a baby in our home again," Jamie said.

"We love children," said Angelo, who's great grandmother had 21 children, three of whom were adopted.

They can pay for almost half the cost of adoption, which can run into the tens of thousands. For the rest, they applied for loans and grants, and organize fund raisers such as a yard sale next week.

"It's very expensive," she said. "However, we believe that the chance to nurture and love a child that needs a family, far outweighs the financial costs."

The sale is Sept. 8-10, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at their home, 5411 Farley Road.

The sale will include electronics, antique chairs tables, and other furniture, clothes for children and adults, sports equipment, tools, collectibles, and other items.

"The whole garage is filled with so much stuff," Jamie said. "People keep giving donations, we're blessed."

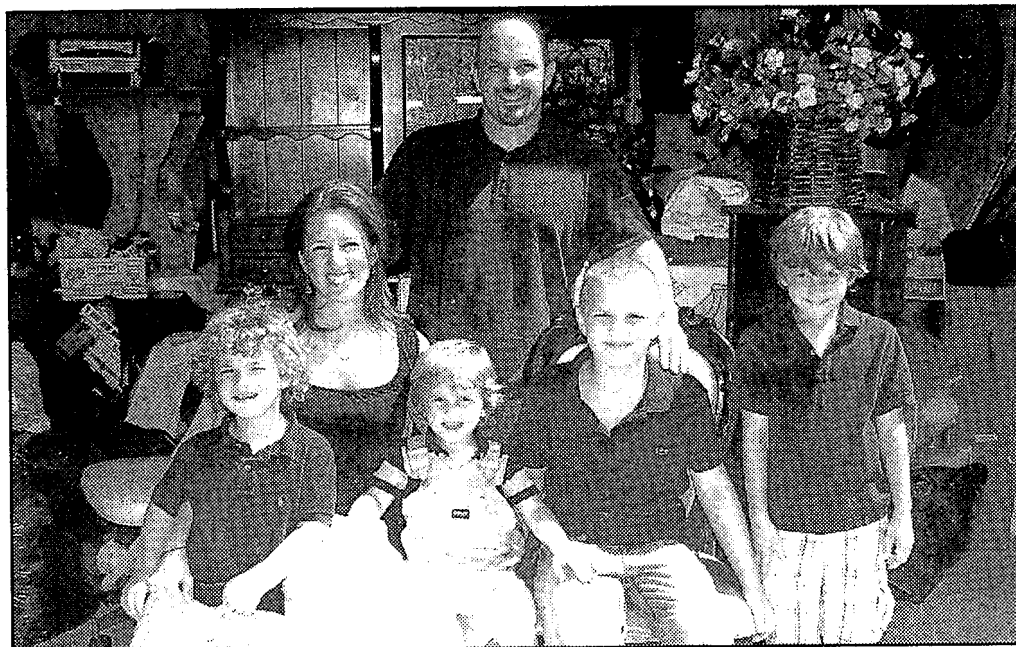
"We haven't been able to park there for the last two months," Angelo said. "Neighbors have been very gracious."

They will probably have another yard sale in the spring.

"Whatever we don't sell will be donated to Grace Center of Hope," Angelo said. "It's an awesome organization. They help needy families get on their feet. Anything donated will be utilized for good."

The Marinos have been married for more than 10 years. Angelo, who is from Philadelphia, and Jamie, a Clarkston native, met in New York City, where Angelo had a restaurant.

They moved to Michigan six years ago to



Jamie and Angelo Marino, with their children, from left, Mateo, Marco, Angelo, and Luca, with some of many items for their yard sale to help fund their efforts to adopt a child. Photo by Phil Custodio

be closer to family and for a lower cost of living.

"Michigan is more affordable," Angelo said.

Their four sons, Angelo, 9, Luca, 7, Mateo, 5, and Marco, 3, look forward to getting a new brother or sister.

"Luca's very good with little ones," Jamie said. "This is good for the children to see, and we can show our child one day, look at all this work we did for you."

They are working with Bethany Christian Services in Madison Heights, Mich.

With orientation, classes, home study, and paperwork complete, they are now considered a "waiting family."

"They're great, very supportive," Jamie said.

Bethany offers international adoptions, but the Marinos are looking local.

"There are babies in America, in Detroit and locally, who need good home and families too," she said.

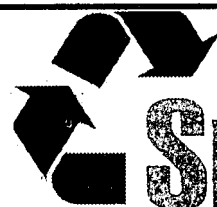
More than 20 families donated items for the yard sale, Jamie said.

"We've also had a nice response from our church (Oak Brook Bible Church) and family, they've been wonderful," Angelo said. "There's a lot of help out there. This is a great community."

Longhorn Steakhouse, where Angelo works as manager, also helps, he said.

"I'm fortunate to be with Longhorn Steakhouse. It's a great company," he said.

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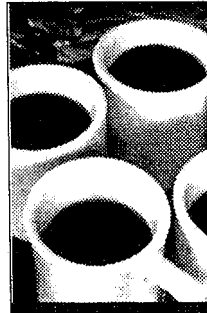
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- Keep a savings balance of at least 6 months of expenses. This cash cushion can be used when emergencies do arise instead of charging on credit cards.

- Map out a college savings plan and begin funding early.

- Manage taxes early in the year and

look for deductions, credits and deferral of income to reduce your tax bill. The savings on taxes can be used for other goals.

- Go for steady, consistent, long-term growth in your investment. By the time you read about a "hot tip" it's usually cold.

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His plan is to build the company but still maintain the personal service of a small company. He offers discounts for seniors and veterans.

"I have family in the military," he said. "I appreciate what they and seniors have done, and do what I can to help."

Call 248-394-9000 for more information.

- Phil Custodio

Prepare now for when a loved one dies

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, which makes it the ideal time to think about life insurance needs.

This effort is an unprecedented collaboration among companies, agencies, associations and individual agents committed to a single goal – to help millions of Americans understand and obtain the life insurance coverage they need.

A time of personal loss can be devastating emotionally and financially. And while many people have provided for their families by purchasing life insurance, they tend to avoid talking about it with their loved ones.

So, here are some basic steps to help your loved ones be better prepared when the time comes to find important policy information or file a death claim. Here's what you can do to make an otherwise difficult time in life a little bit easier:

As a policyholder:

- Keep all beneficiary designations up-to-date and on file with your insurer. Not doing this can slow down the benefits claim process and send the payment to your estate or to someone other than whom you intended. Events such as marriage, birth, adoption or death often necessitate a beneficiary change.

- Keep premium payments current. Otherwise, a loved one may receive a reduced benefit, or in worst cases, no benefit at all.

- Understand your own life insurance portfolio and share it with selected loved ones.

As a loved one during a time of loss:

- Be prepared with policy information (policy number(s), addresses of any beneficiaries and, in most cases, a certified death certificate).

Prudential Insurance



A column by Darwin Moore

- Ask the insurer if there are other policies on record for the deceased.

- Contact the individual's insurance professional, financial or personal advisor.

- Consult the individual's checkbook, bank statements or credit card bills for payments to insurance companies.

Small steps to prepare for the unexpected now can make things easier in what may be one of the most trying times a family can go through.

Provided courtesy of Prudential. For more information, contact Darwin Moore, a Financial Professional Associate with The Prudential Insurance Company of America's Great Lakes agency located in Clarkston. Call 248-688-3671 or email darwin.moore@prudential.com.



Glitz stylists learned the latest in Santa Monica, Calif.

Business achievements

Thirty Glitz employees learned the latest in cut, color, and up styling during a recent all-expense paid trip to Santa Monica, Calif.

Goldwell Color Co. and KMS California hosted the two-day class for stylists at all four Glitz locations, Clarkston, Rochester, Orion Township, and Lake Orion.

They learned two new looks, one very long over directed layer cut, the other a geometric cut with sharp lines and an asymmetric edge.

Trips planned in the next year include Redken Exchange 5th Ave. in New York City in September, International Color Zoom competition in Miami, Fla., in October, and Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant in November.

For more information, call 248-625-1001.

McLaren Health Care's Great Lakes Cancer Institute-Clarkston was named a silver winner in the Brick Industry Association's 2011 Brick In Architecture Awards.

Located on the campus of McLaren Health Care Village on Sashabaw Road near I-75,

the 42,000-square-foot outpatient facility houses state-of-the-art technology, radiation, medical and surgical oncology practices, as well as educational programs and family support services for patients with cancer.

It was designed by Chicago-based architecture firm, RTKL Associates.

"The design concept for McLaren's Health Care Village complements and integrates with the architecture of Independence Township," said Steven Blye, AIA, senior project designer for RTKL Associates. "It is very gratifying to receive such a prestigious honor for all of the hard work put into this project."

"McLaren has provided something pretty unique and special at its Great Lakes Cancer Institute-Clarkston," said Daniel Medrano, corporate director of facilities management at McLaren Health Care Corporation. "This exceptional facility will definitely aid in providing the very best care to McLaren's cancer patients."

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The first serves and volleys, kicks, trots, races, and jumps of the fall athletic season recently commenced. The marching band perfected their steps. Students picked up their schedules, visited their teachers, met their classmates, and found their lockers.

School starts on Tuesday, Sept. 6. Teachers and staff returned to work on Monday, Aug. 29. I'm expecting to experience our best year ever!

We welcome new leaders at Springfield Plains, North Sashabaw, Clarkston Elementary, in our nutrition department, and at the high school (assistant principal).

We've hired three new interventionists, who will serve students at each of our secondary buildings. We're also excited to welcome our new teachers, support staff members, and social workers.

You'll remember that last year, our district adopted new vision and mission statements and a learner profile.

Additionally, we're *thinking beyond possible*, serving as a partner within the community.

Soon, you'll see updates of intersections around the high school, which will happen in partnership with Independence Township and the Road Commission.

Our Career and Technical Education programs are developing new partnerships and learning opportunities with local businesses and Oakland University.

We plan on facilitating regular meetings with civic, not-for profit, governmental, and health care providers to build additional partnerships.

When your business, agency, or school

encounters a need, think of the Clarkston Community Schools as your partner and ask us how we can serve you! Contact me please, so that we can think things through!

We expect to continue to expand our educational partnerships and horizons so that each of our students experiences a digitized, globalized, personalized, and customized education.

Words from the Sup't



Dr. Rod Rock

One example is a college class we'll offer this winter at CHS in partnership with Oakland Community College. CHS and RHS students can take this study-skills course for dual credit.

Another is CCS working in conjunction with Central Michigan University (CMU) to develop and deliver technology-based professional development to teachers.

The goal of this PD is to increase the technical literacy of the CCS staff while providing college credit to staff members who require it for re-certification.

Other partnership examples include potential connections with Everest Academy, Oakland Christian School, and Our Lady of the Lakes Academy in Waterford.

With 13 other Oakland County school districts and the Oakland Schools, we will begin this fall a Cultures of Thinking initiative with Harvard University.

This includes leadership sessions in the fall and teacher professional learning in the spring.

Several of our schools will pilot technology initiatives this year, including iPads,

Netbooks, student response systems, and wireless environments.

Throughout the year, you can expect to hear about a possible technology bond that would enhance instructional technology across the district.

You'll also notice some dirt moving around the high school as the stadium and tennis facilities undergo some updates.

Finally, you'll want to tune into the Blessings in a Backpack initiative at Andersonville Elementary, which when fully operationalized will provide food to students on the weekends.

These initiatives will seek funding support throughout the year.

Our primary focus areas for continuous improvement this year include literacy, higher order thinking, using technology to enhance learning, and using data to inform instruction.

Much of this will take place as teachers work in grade-level and subject-area teams during our delayed-start Wednesdays.

Beyond this, we will work very hard to balance our budget; update our policies; improve efficiency and effectiveness of operations; measure the effectiveness of programs; evaluate teachers and administrators; support all learners; implement new laws and regulations; safely transport our students; and enhance our nutritional, athletic, human resource, special education, business, instructional, early childhood, and custodial and building and grounds services.

We seek to continuously and transparently communicate with you throughout the year. Please read the *LINK*, school newsletters, e-blasts, and other print communication that we send; check out our website

(www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/education/components/scrapbook); follow my blog (rodrockon.blogspot.com) and tweets (@rodrock1); and attend school events and/or board meetings (or view them through our website).

Please also watch for community forums, which I intend to host at several locations during the year.

Our theme for this year is *taking it from the top...*, which has two meanings:

(1) the feeling of engaged learning is similar to the feeling of descending a sand dune, whereby our energy and momentum pull us forward, revealing new possibilities along the way; and

(2) deep learning is processed in our brains (at the top) and is a social, emotional, full-body experience wherein the heart rate increases, many areas of the brain light up, the eyes see, the ears hear, the nose smells, and the skin feels.

As we engage together in learning this year, our collective energy—like running down the hill—and the culture we co-create for learning—a culture of thinking and learning that engages the entire brain and body—will determine much of what gets learned and what gets learned about learning. *Taking learning from the top*—with parents, community members, instructional leaders, learners, staff, and faculty—each of us will experience an incredible school year.

I am here to serve the children, district, staff, parents, and community. Please feel free to contact me at rdrock@clarkston.k12.mi.us. I look forward to seeing you throughout the year!

Rod Rock, Ed.D., superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools

Councilmen want more say

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"I would like to agree with Richard, because I kind of look back at the last time we filled a position, which clearly the candidate (Kim Howe) was not capable of fulfilling those duties (as clerk), and I think if we would have took a closer look at that, we wouldn't of had that," he said. "I didn't think she was qualified to be clerk at all. I think that was one of the biggest mistakes we made was for her to be clerk."

Ritter said the function he is responsible for is "just what we've done."

"I'm thinking anything other than that is simply micromanagement and interferes with the daily operations," he said. "It's really up to council if they want to concur with my recommendation and we can move forward."

Councilman Steve Hargis said he's been on a selection committee in the past and

seemed to like how it worked.

"I know we haven't specifically seen these people ourselves, but I know how this process has worked in the past," he said. "I tend to agree with how it's been done up to this point."

Council voted 5-2 to approve the recommendation. Bisio and Inabnit voted "no."

"It's irresponsible for the council to exercise its authority without any information whatsoever about this person or about any other candidates, about whether there was alternatives explored such as I previously suggested," Bisio said.

Ritter told *Clarkston News* on Aug 25 he would send out Barlass's resume to the council and that she would be officially appointed by the council at the Sept. 16 meeting.



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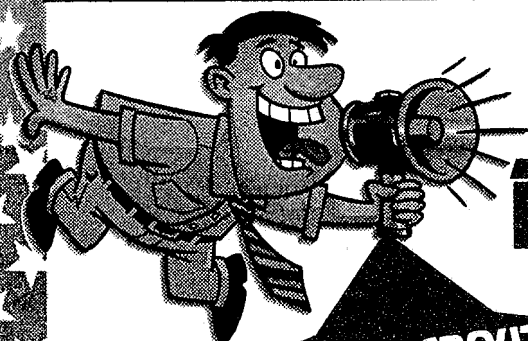
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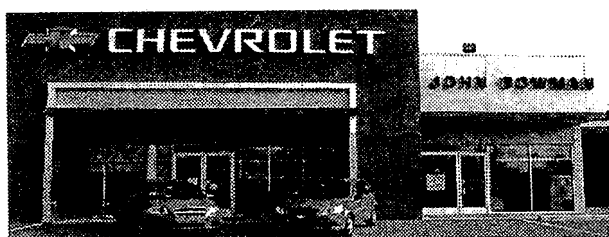


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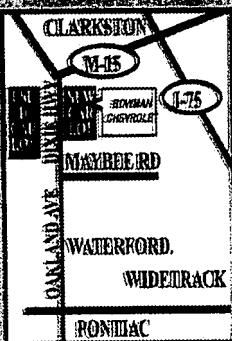
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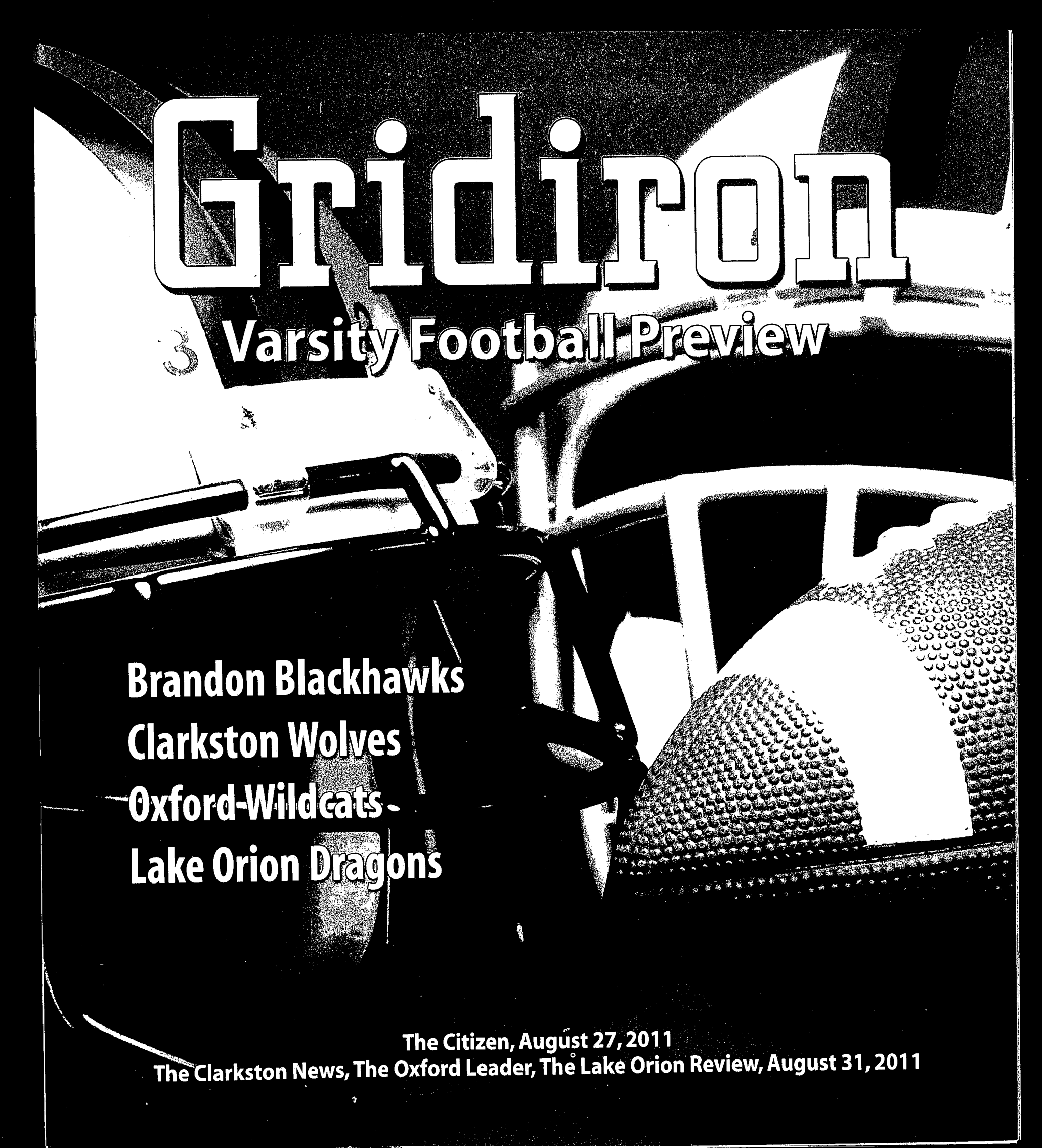
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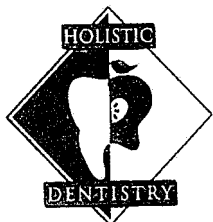
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That's how close the 2010 Brandon Blackhawks are to making the playoffs.

After back-to-back 3-6 seasons in 2008 and 2009, followed by a 5-4 record last year, the 2011 Blackhawks will continue the drive toward the playoffs with plenty of experience, size and speed.



Pizzala

Brandon High School fifth-year Varsity Coach Tim Pizzala said look for solid play on both sides of the ball when his Blackhawks open on the road Aug. 26, taking on the

Clio Mustangs. The first home game will be Sept. 1 when the Kearsley Hornets come to town.

"Building on last year, we now have the talent and strength to be top contenders," he said. "Last year we were a young team—we're back much stronger on several levels. This year our entire offensive line will be seniors. We run a spread offense, which in my opinion is still the most challenging and difficult to defend in high school football. Given the size and leadership of our offensive line, whether we run the ball or pass our quarterback and backs will have the protection necessary to make the big plays."

Pizzala said the 2011 Blackhawks can finish a game out.

"Last year, we lost three games at the very end—we did not close the game out,"

he said. "The key in 2011 will be to take care of the ball, limit turnovers and make the stops on defense. We come out fast—we score fast. Holding that lead in the fourth quarter will make this team playoff contenders. This team is full of hard working kids—points per game are up—look for a tough winning season from the Blackhawks."

The offense will be led by senior quarterback Shane Mahaffy.

"Mahaffy came up big in many games last season—he set new school records for passing—more than 1900 yards," said Pizzala. "As a senior, look for more of the same—he's physically stronger and can take care of the ball."

Given Mahaffy's vision and experience—senior receiver 6'4" Dylan Everett along with seniors Zachary Fernandez and

Cody Feltner, will catch plenty of passes this season, added Pizzala.

On defense, look for linebackers Nicholas Wummel, Blake Nivelt, Matt Smith and Blake Rehahn to be tough at stopping any running game in the league. Defensive linemen seniors Bryton Davis and Matthew Selak, coupled with defensive backs Derek Darling and Ryan Barnes, will be key in keeping opponents without the football.

Special teams will feature standout senior Cody Feltner.

"Feltner can do it all—kickoffs, field goals and punting—look for the other team kept deep."

"Year after year, fan support has been outstanding," said Pizzala. "It's been since the 2000 season that a Blackhawks football team has made the post season—11 years is far too long."



Front row from left: Caleb Cordner, Michael Tagliavia, Ryan Barnes, J.T. Stricklin, Brandon Lee, Derek Klanke, Jared Tiernan, Andrew Derry and Casey Rausch. Second row from left: Blake Nivelt, Jacob Heath, Derek Darling, Nick Wummel, David Ryan, Garrett Hooper, Shane Mahaffy, Voshon Majette and Evan Oliver. Third row from left: Coach Prevost, Cody Feltner, Kyle Stone, Austen Lozier, Larry Bland, Cody Haragos, Blake Rehahn, Jake Eschmann, Brandyn Cicero and Coach Dohm. Fourth row from left: Coach Pizzala, Dylan Everett, Zack Fernandez, Justin Mezssets, Craig Burns, Matt Selak, Jack Francis, Matt Smith, Trevor Dean and Coach Sawyer. The 2011 Brandon Blackhawk Varsity football team. Photo by Patrick McAbee.



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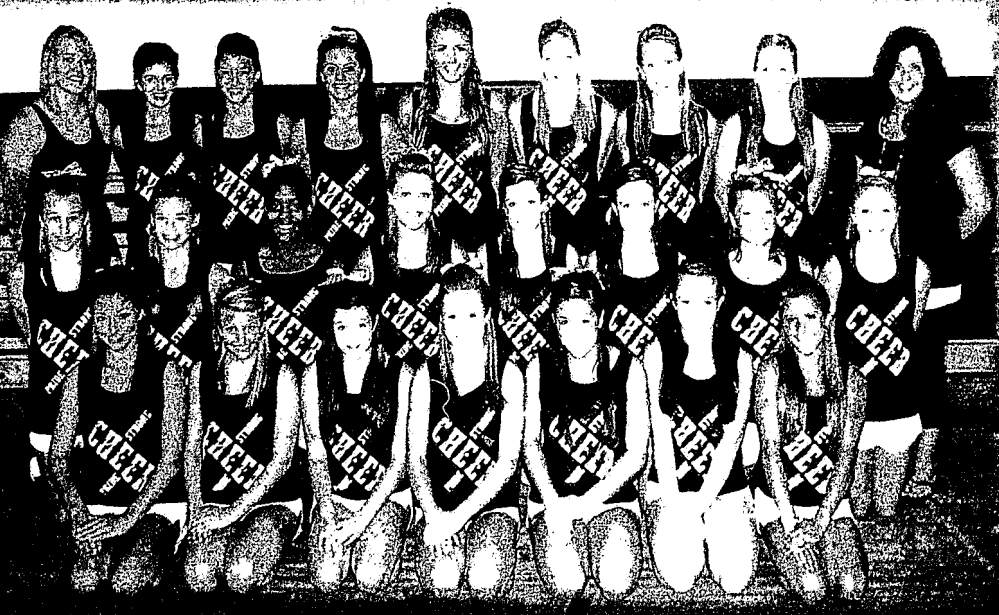
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Whittany Harding, and Kelly Hamilton.

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BRANDON ROSTER

No	Name	Off	Def	Yr	Ht	Wt	No	Name	Off	Def	Yr	Ht	Wt
2	Ryan Barnes	WR	DB	Sr.	5-9	145	47	Cody Haragos	WR	DL	Jr.	5-11	175
3	J.t. Stricklin	WR	DB	Sr.	5-9	150	50	Evan Oliver	OL	DL	Jr.	5-11	150
4	Shane Mahaffy	QB	DB	Sr.	5-11	160	51	Justin Mezsets	OL	DL	Sr.	6-4	300
5	Zach Fernandez	WR	LB	Sr.	6-1	205	52	Garrett Hooper	OL	DL	Sr.	6-0	185
6	Nick Wummel	WR	LB	Jr.	5-10	175	53	Bryton Davis	RB	DL	Sr.	5-10	215
8	Caleb Cordner	WR	DB	Sr.	5-10	170	54	Larry Bland	OL	DL	Jr.	6-2	235
9	Derek Darling	WR	DB	Sr.	5-10	165	55	Ryan Wood	OL	DL	Jr.	6-1	220
11	Jared Tiernan	WR	DB	Jr.	5-5	140	56	Jack Francis	OL	DL	Jr.	6-2	195
12	Brandon Lee	WR	DB	Sr.	5-10	160	57	Tom Skornicka	OL	DL	Sr.	6-2	170
14	Brandyn Cicero	WR	DB	Jr.	6-1	170	59	Matt Selak	OL	DL	Sr.	6-2	250
15	Mitchell Ballard	WR	LB	Jr.	6-0	175	60	Jacob Eschmann	OL	DL	Sr.	5-7	190
18	Craig Burns	QB	DL	Jr.	6-7	245	64	Casey Rausch	OL	DL	Sr.	5-10	190
19	David Ryan	RB	DB	Sr.	5-10	165	71	Trevor Dean	OL	DL	Sr.	6-0	205
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23	Andrew Derry	WR	DB	Jr.	5-4	150	82	Kyle Stone	WR	DB	Sr.	5-11	150
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Brandon Blackhawks Band program

The Brandon Band Program has enjoyed a rich tradition of success both on and off the football field because of the tremendous support of the students, parents, teachers, and administrators at Brandon Schools. Marching band students work very hard every year to put a great show on the field. One of the greatest things about marching band is that it offers a unique opportunity for students to grow as musicians as well as learn about important aspects of life. Students learn personal discipline, respect, humility, commitment, and teamwork. They also form friendships throughout the season that last for many years.



McMartin

The season begins with band camp.

This year the band attended Echo Grove Camp in Leonard, Mich. for five days. The band rehearsed from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. with short breaks for meals and a short afternoon relaxation time. At camp, the goal is to learn as much of the half-time show as possible. Individual section rehearsals, full music rehearsal, marching fundamentals, and drill rehearsals are balanced throughout the day by the staff to ensure the band's success. While band camp is mostly hard work, the band students do manage to squeeze in a little fun during breaks and in the evenings.

The 2011 Brandon Blackhawks Marching Band consists of 101 members. The students are divided into sections: 71 Winds, 13 Percussionists, 14 color guard and 3 field conductors. The band rehearses 4th hour during the school day as well as on Tuesday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. The band will be performing a 3 movement

show based on Edvard Grieg's, "Into the Hall of the Mountain King." "It is a sort of classical remix of Grieg's popular melody," says McMartin. The show incorporates a large two-story castle with amplified sounds, zombies and eerie effects to help portray the music. This year's field conductors are Junior Scott Loughlin, Junior Haley Mitchell and Senior Mattie Kwiatkowski. This year's performances include four home football games, the Brandon Scholastic Marching Band Invitational, the Trenton Invitational, the Dewitt Invitational, the Ortonville Christmas in the Village Parade, the Ortonville Memorial Day Parade, the Brandon Homecoming Parade, and other various competitions and events. Staff includes Michael Sudrovech, Amanda Burnell, Aletha Charais, Michael Medvinsky, James Schuster, and Russell McMartin.

"The Marching Band is the most vis-

ible ensemble that the school district offers. The season costs thousands of dollars for design, staff, music and equipment. With the exception of transportation, the season is almost entirely paid for with fundraising and donations," says McMartin. "Wireless Zone of Ortonville has been a great partner throughout the years and we are always looking for other local businesses to help sponsor our season."

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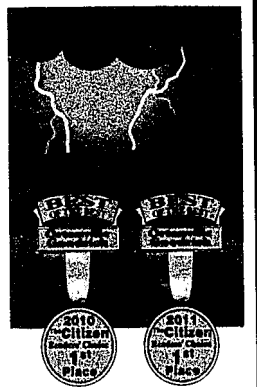
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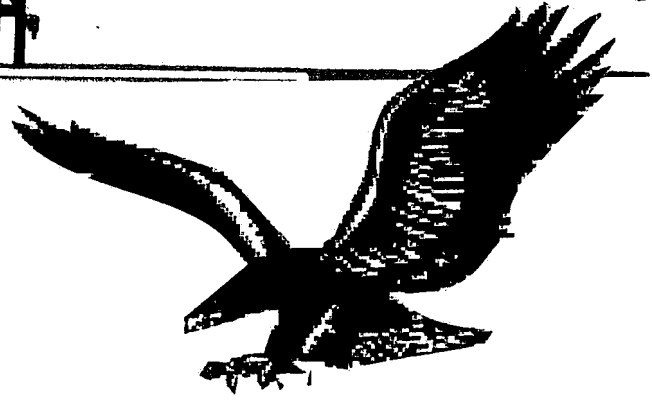
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Holly Cavanaugh
Sarah Chartier
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Miranda Cheers
Kelsey Connell
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Jacob Creech
Megan Crump
Reves Devoe</p> | <p>Brittany Dimaria
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Shelby Duff
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Brian Evans
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Kaitlin Foltz
Katie Forster
James French
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Haley Mitchell
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Emily Moore
Sofia Mourouvapin
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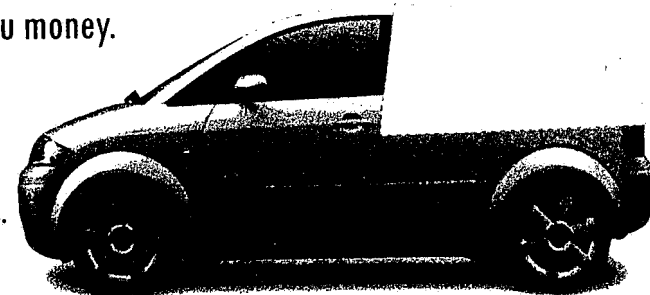
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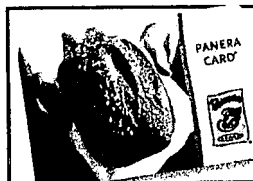
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Experience key to season success, coach says

Kurt Richardson stood on the 20-yard line, Aug. 14, overlooking the Clarkston Wolves Boys Varsity Football team during practice.

With his arms folded, the head coach watched as the offense line finished their play. Richardson, going into his 25th season, stepped forward with a few pointers to help the players next time they made the play.

The team's prospects are looking up – the fall 2011 roster is filled with juniors and seniors and a lot of returners from last year's 7-3 season.

"I expect us to be very good," Richardson said about this season. "I am sure every coach is saying that at this point but if we stay healthy, we can do some really good things."

He pointed to the returners as one of the strengths as they head into the season.

"They have been working together for quite awhile," he added. "They have a feel

for each other. Plus, all of the offensive line is coming back."

Another strength is the skill of the players.



Richardson

keep him healthy, they are a solid group."

Joining Baenziger in the starting offense lineup is Goss in the running back role, Smith and Schwartz as wide receivers – all in their senior year.

"You start with our linebackers Zak Collins and Matt Dellinger," said Richardson. "Then, from there you go to Joey Goss, Travis Smith, Mike Schwartz and Evan Montgomery – they are a pretty good group. Plus, with Mitch Baenziger as

quarterback, if we

Completing the offensive line are junior Craig Colombo, center; senior Lucas Sanders and junior Nick Azzopardi as guards; sophomore Nick Matich and junior Jesse Chadwell as tackles; and junior Nathan Yeloushan in the tight end position.

The starting defense line is seniors Collins and Dellinger in the linebacker roles, senior Ethan Frick as a defensive back, seniors Joe Genova and Montgomery in the safety positions, and junior Alex Dicea in the corner.

"They are also our strengths right now," said Richardson. "Ethan will be a good player for us."

He added another strength is in senior Alex Barta.

"I don't know if anyone has a better punter and place kicker than Alex," Richardson said. "He is good."

The season begins on the road with the boys at Rochester Adams, Aug. 26, and at

West Bloomfield, Sept. 1. They host their home opener against Troy Athens on Sept. 9 as they dig deeper into their league games. The Wolves are one of the favorites to take the league title in the OAA Red this season, along with cross-town rivals and last year's Division I State Champions Lake Orion.

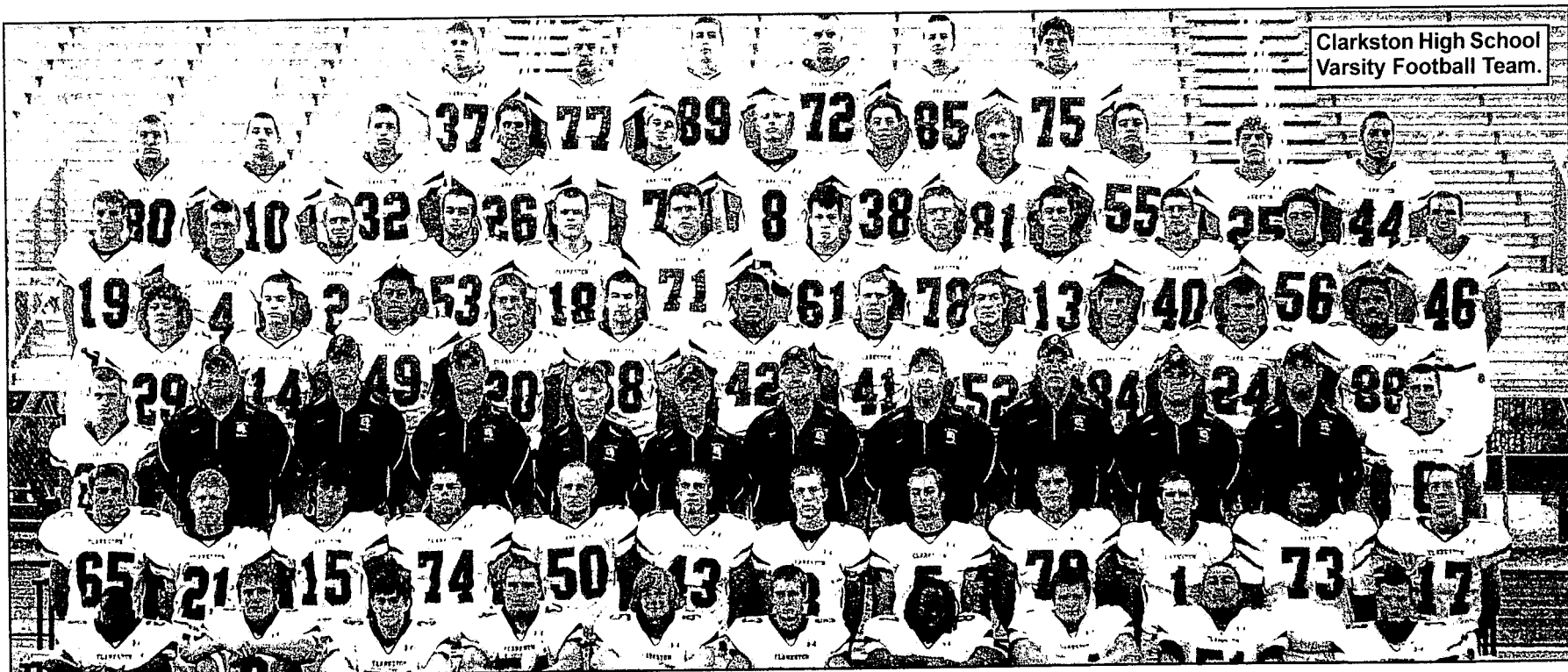
"The league will be a dogfight," said Richardson. "Orion is always Orion and everybody else is going to be better."

With each week that passes, the boys get more excited and focused on the season possibilities, including a trip to Ford Field for the state championship – every team's goal.

Richardson said adding to the talent and skill set of the team, another helpful key to the season is the coaching staff.

"There is the continuity in the staff which makes things easier," he said.

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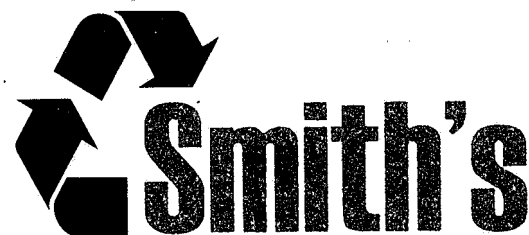
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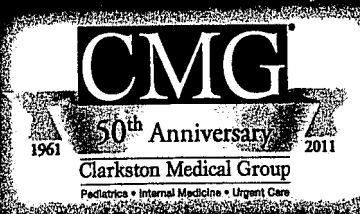
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3	Joe Genoa	Senior	5'11"	170	S	33	Jordan Stover	Senior	5'7"	155	SS/FS	70	Jason Schick	Junior	6'0"	230	OL
4	Evan Montgomery	Senior	5'11"	190	RB/S	34	Ben Kaminsky	Junior	5'9"	205	RB/OLB	71	Eric Eberle	Junior	6'1"	275	OL
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6	Jared Yaroch	Junior	5'10"	160	WR/DB	37	Dylan Hancock	Junior	6'3"	170	DB/WR	73	Evan Trout	Senior	5'10"	265	DL
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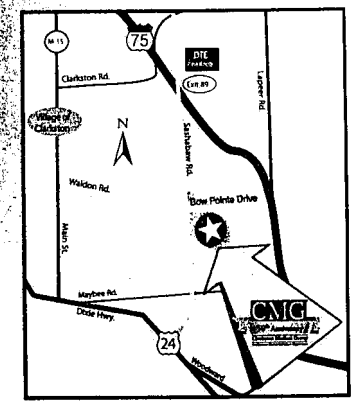
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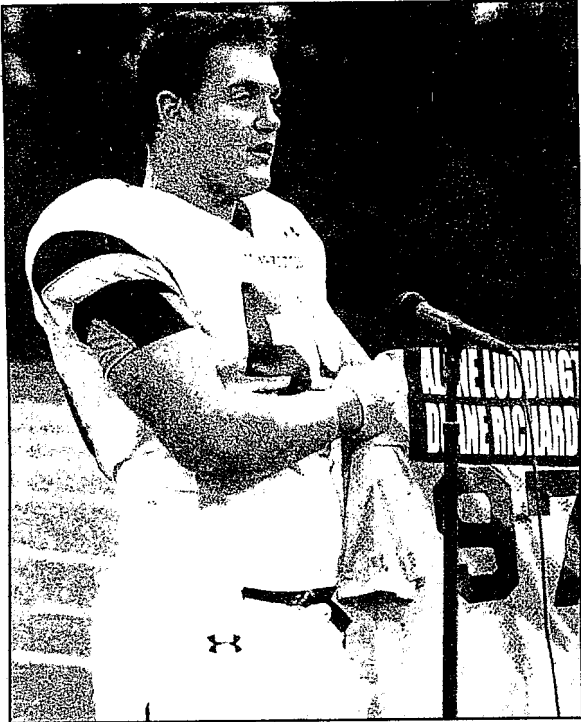
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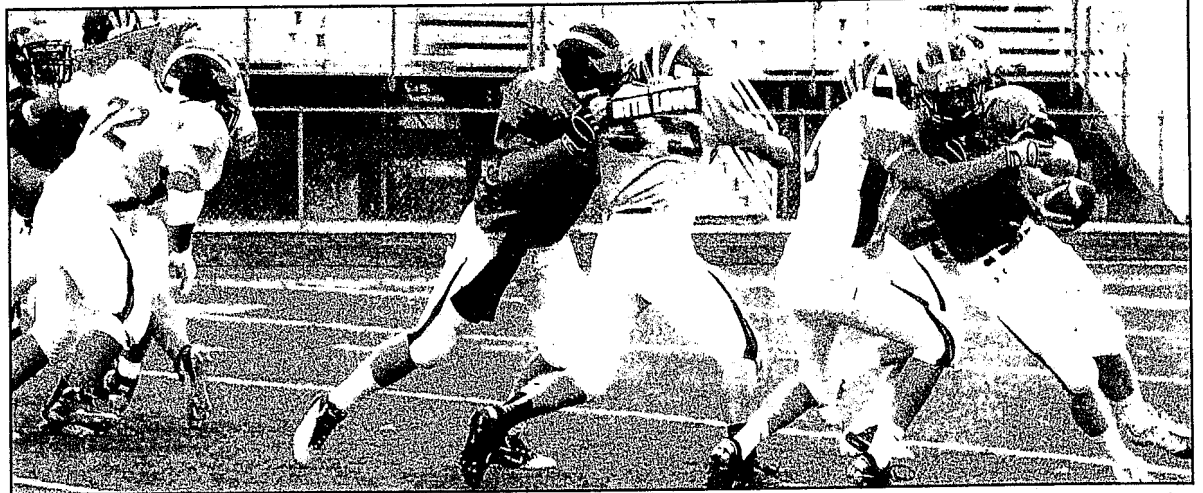
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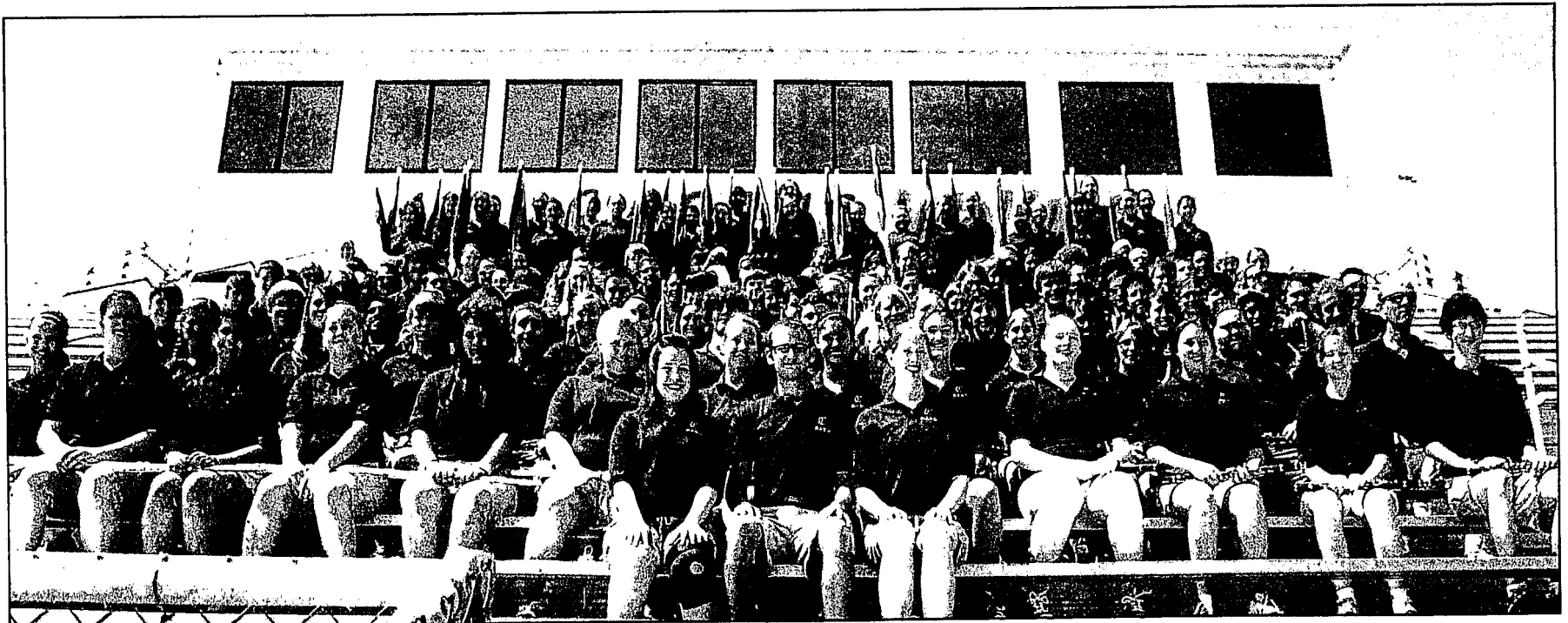
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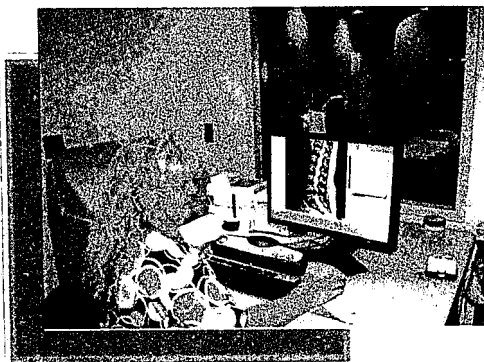
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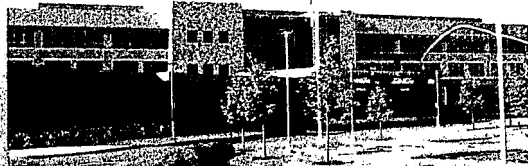
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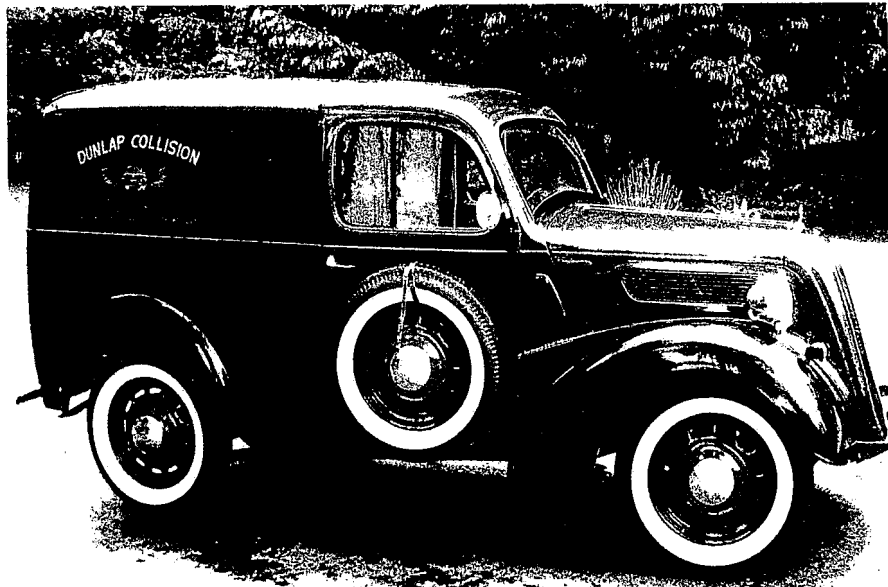




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Rowley: Blue turf is 'great,' but what matters is 'making plays'

By Dan Shriner
Oxford Leader Football Correspondent

Everyone in Oxford knows about the new blue turf that Coach Bud Rowley's squad will try to use to its advantage in the school's second season in the Oakland Activities Association (OAA) White Division.

The beautiful field is certainly one-of-a-kind and will become a trademark for the Wildcats in the coming years.

But while Rowley likes the field and the enthusiasm surrounding it, he knows that football is football and it does not matter if teams play on blue turf or the moon.

"All of the excitement is great, but it comes down to making plays on the field," Rowley said. "It doesn't matter what color the turf is once we are playing."

There are few coaches on any level as dedicated as Rowley. For most of us there are four seasons. For Rowley, there is football season and the off-season.

In his 33rd season leading Oxford, the coach is a great motivator and will have his team ready.

"We have a good schedule this season and believe we can win six or more," he said.

Six victories would guarantee a spot in post-season play and would be an improvement over the Wildcat's inaugural season in the OAA when the team was 3-6 overall and 2-5 in league play.

Having a successful season will depend on the team's experienced players and their leadership, Rowley said.

"It will come down to our senior leadership, and not on the field, but in practice and the locker room. They must bring a certain work ethic that the underclassmen will learn."

Several of the Wildcats' seniors have played on the varsity since they were sophomores and have plenty of experience.

Two of those team-leading seniors will be Prescott Line and Collin Goetz. Line will be a

four-year starter on the varsity and will play running back and linebacker.

Goetz will play on both the offensive and defensive lines and already has a scholarship to Central Michigan University to play. Goetz had played for three years on the varsity.

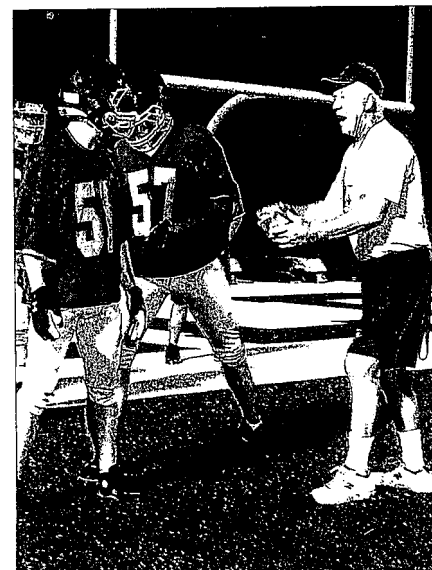
The quarterback will be senior Vito Giannola, who has played for two years at the position.

Tyler Hunsucker and Matt Economou are both three-year starters for the Wildcats. Rowley said Anthony Cappuccilli and Matt Anger will be valuable to the team as will seniors Grant Ingalls and Dakota Westmoreland.

"Those guys will lead the way for us" Rowley said.

Two juniors also will be valuable fixtures on the offensive line.

Logan Money and Zach Hadorn will learn from their upperclassmen and will be ready next season to take the leadership reins.



Oxford Football Coach Bud Rowley (right) tells one of his gridiron warriors it's all about "intensity" this season. Photo by CJC.

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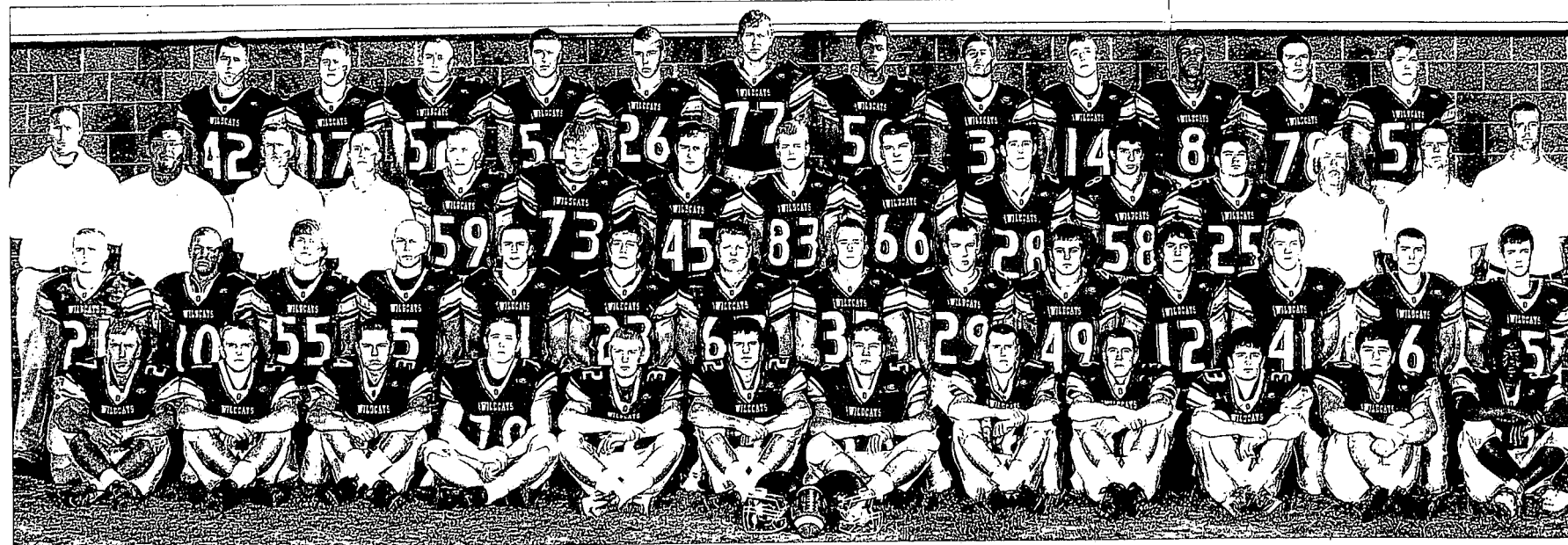
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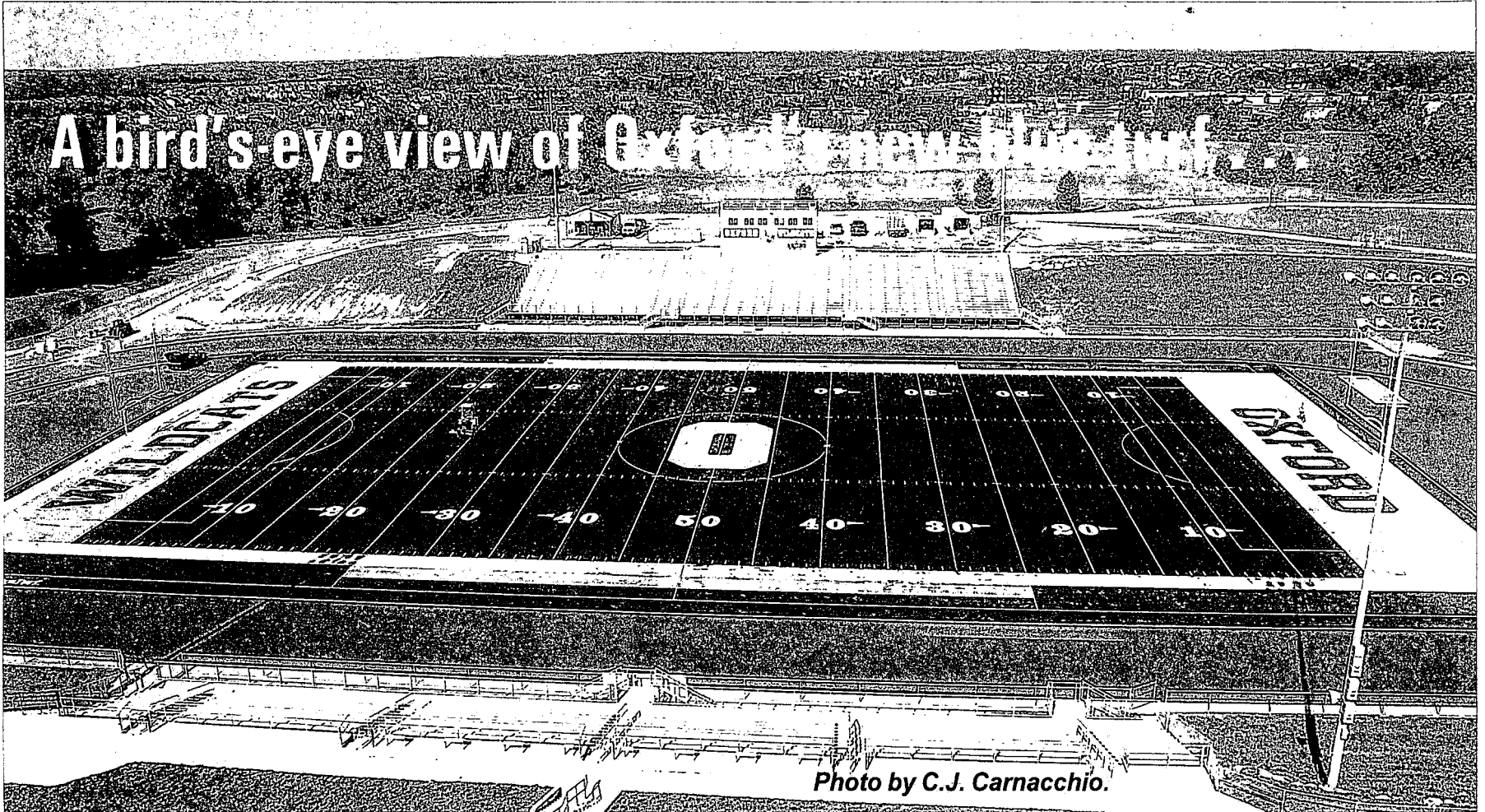


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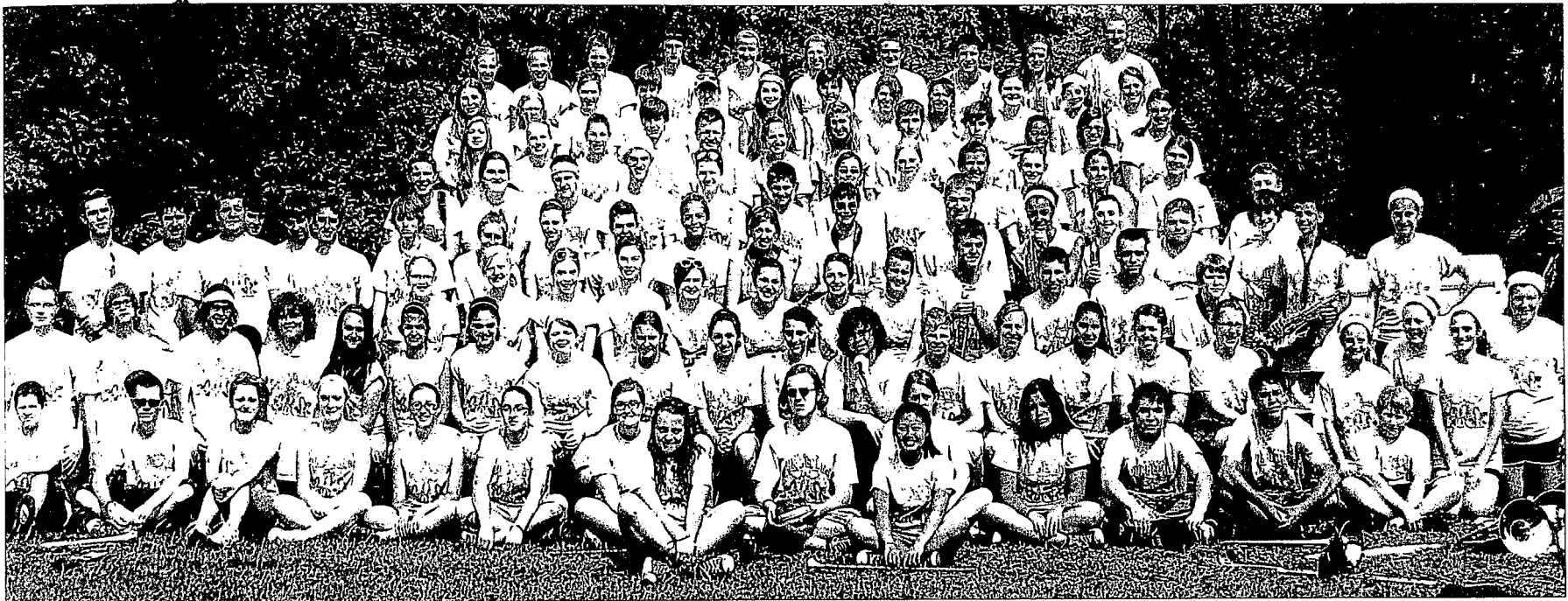


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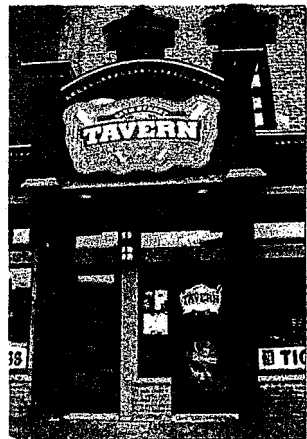


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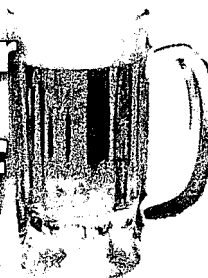
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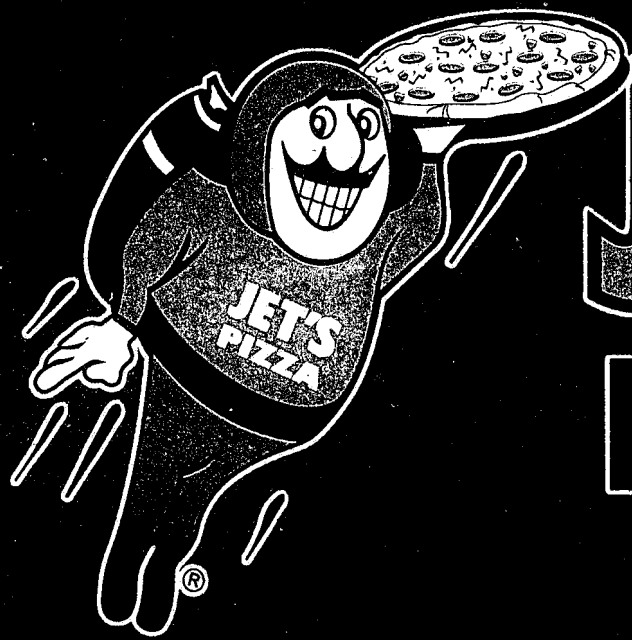
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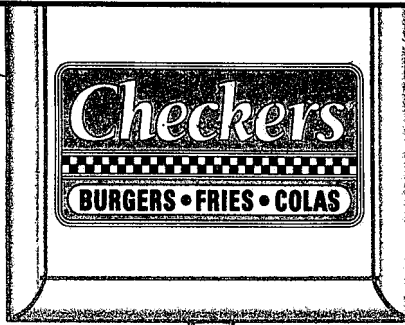
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92 Dragons looking to a future of gridiron success

By **Gabriel Ouzounian**
Lake Orion Review Reporter

Nearly nine months have passed since the Lake Orion varsity football team triumphed over Plymouth to become the 2010 MHSAA Division 1 State Champions.

It's time to start thinking Dragon football again.

Despite a mostly intact roster of four-year players, coach Chris Bell is modest about the team's ability. He and his veteran coaching staff want to concentrate on preparing their team before worrying about its opponents.



Coach Chris Bell

"We have 92 kids on the roster, a lot of great talent and have had a lot of great competition in camp - it's just a matter of finding kids that can play on the level we need to be successful," Bell said. "We're only concerned with ourselves right now. We will scout our opponents eventually but, at this time of the year, we need to focus on how good we can be, need to learn our system and techniques, and that process takes time."

That talent, according to Bell, includes returning players Sean Charette, a four-year starting quarterback; Kevin Cronin on the offensive line; defensive players Andrew Shafkalis and Jon Gall, defensive MVP last year; and wide receiver Robert Aiello. Bell also mentioned the team's six-foot, six-inch wide receiver Chaz Miller, juniors Nick Vogelmeier and Brandon Clements, and up-and-comers Davis Rossman, Derek Delaura and Jeremy King.

"Rebuilding the offensive line is going to be a challenge and we lost our punter and our kicker," Bell said. "Delaura will be our punter and back-up quarterback, and we expect Rossman to be one of our leaders as a defender at linebacker."

"But it's not just those guys - we have a ton of players on the team that all look good. At this point, what we have are leading returners and a bunch of talented guys battling at all spots."

The head coach said the defensive line is "very athletic," a trait of this group for the last several years. Other team strengths include the passing game, "especially with Charette," and noted his wide receivers are coming along well.

Leadership of the team has been assumed by Rossman, Cronin and Charette, who "continues to be a really good leader." Bell said he's happy to see the starting quarterback

helping and guiding the younger players.

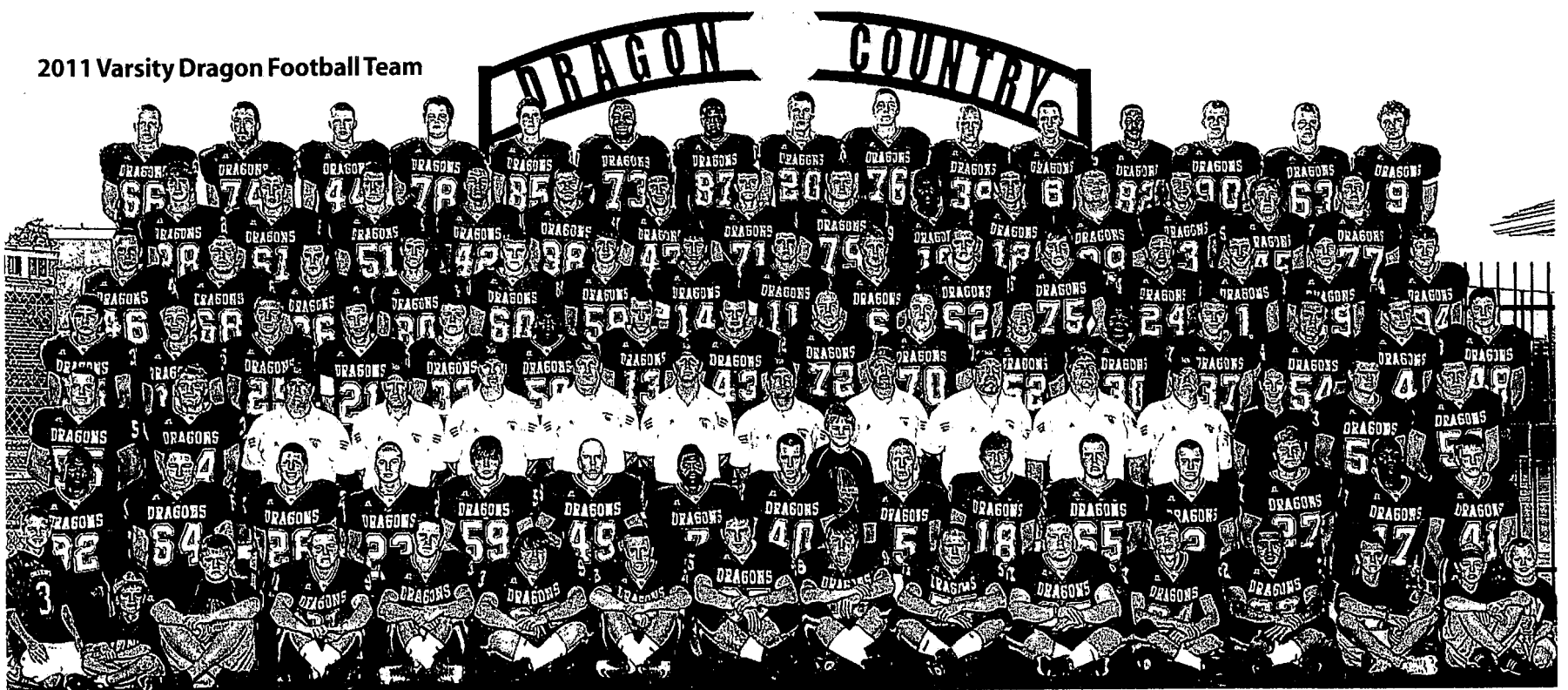
Despite losing 18 starters from last year's championship team, Bell is not looking for leniency. The key to the season rests on the team becoming great at all phases of the game, not just in any one particular area like the offensive line, he said.

"We have the talent, and we cannot use age or inexperience as an excuse," said Bell. "These guys are good, but now they have to show how good by playing well."

Lake Orion finished 13-1 in 2010 en route to the OAA Red championship and state title. Coach Bell is in his 14th season coaching football at Lake Orion High School.

The coaches may be concentrating on their own players now, but their first opponent, rival to the north Oxford, will receive the team's undivided attention on Aug. 26, as it begins its quest to return to the playoffs.

2011 Varsity Dragon Football Team





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Friday	08/26/11	Oxford Community Schools	Away	7:00 PM
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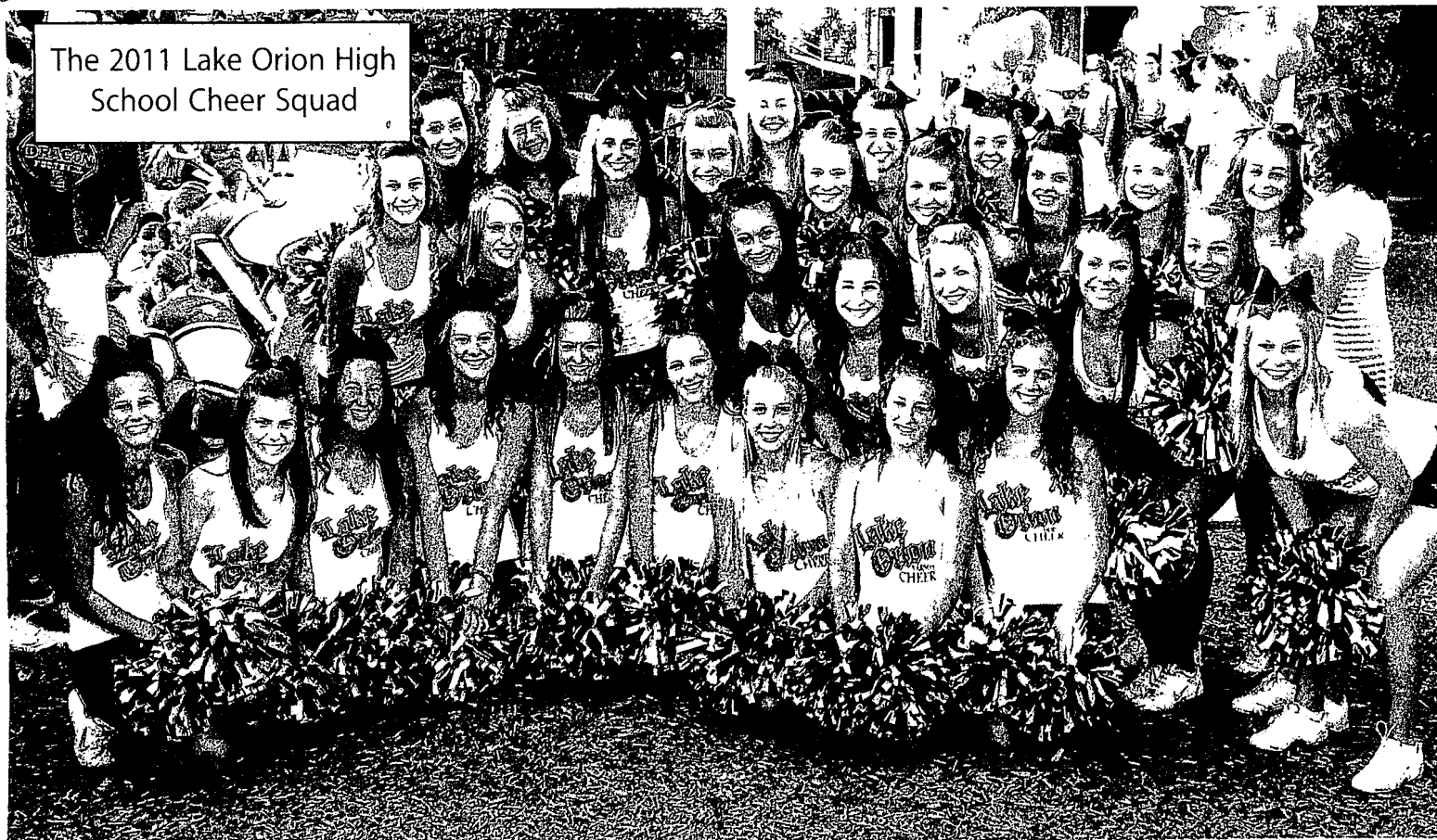
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Aginaga, Garrett	92	Ester, Corey	17	Luca, Kirk	18	Simek, Trevor	16	Waymer, Jordan	83
Aiello, Robert	8	Faber, Aiden	96	Matthews, Mitchell	79	Spanke, Nick	93	White, Nick	58
Arnold, Austin	31	Fontana, Alex	46	McGee, Riley	91	Stanley, Jonathan	50	Wilbon, Damion	3
Arnold, Zach	80	Friedman, Joey	67	Miller, Chaz	20	Stevenson, Corey	19	Williams, Matt	41
Avakian, Eric	95	Gall, Jon	45	Miller, Steve	37	Sturza, Austin	60	Williams, Derric	42
Bass, Jake	65	Gardner, Jacob	6	Miller, Jacob	38	Sutton, Josh	43	Williams, Anthony	73
Basso, Durham	56	Glende, Grant	2	Moore, Tyrone	82	Szeliga, Shane	27	Wolf, Jonas	75
Bonnici, Jimmie	14	Goodrich, Joseph	35	Morgan, Jesse	99	Tebeau, Jacob	61	Wood, Kyle	54
Booker, Nick	10	Gros, Ethan	34	Narusch, Zack	98	Thede, Alex	13	Woods, Alex	7
Bridges, DeAndre	24	Guindon, Jon	70	Olayinka, Victor	32	Upshaw, Michael	30	Yegliński, John	53
Charette, Sean	1	Harley, Jacob	57	Ovesen, Dalton	9	VanHouzen, Derek	23	Young, Ron	87
Clements, Brandon	81	Harper, William	59	Pavglio, Trent	33	Vigilant, Jon	21	Zamora, Sam	97
Collins, Keegan	36	Helmstetter, Jake	63	Pillivant, Daniel	52	Vogelmier, Nick	4	Zielinski, Steve	48
Croft, Cody	39	Hill, Travis	62	Plourde, Alex	26				
Cronin, Kevin	66	Hoffman, Jeremy	12	Rogan, Evan	90				
Cunningham, Brett	78	Hudson, Trevor	94	Rossman, Davis	44				
Darnall, Lewis	5	Iselli, David	51	Rutkowski, Clayton	86				
DeLaura, Derek	11	Kelly, Shane	28	Sally, Jake	72				
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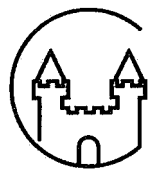
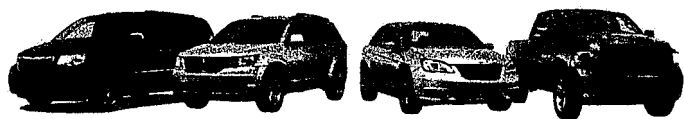
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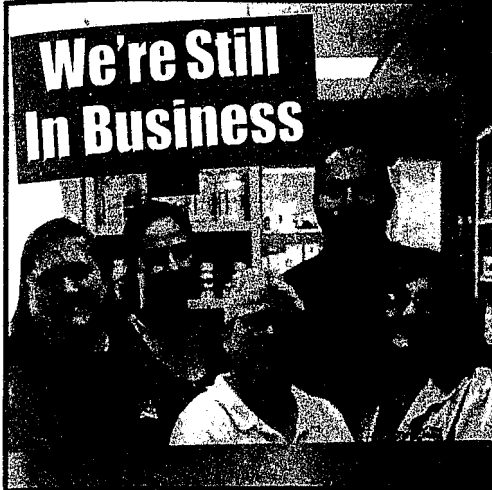
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