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### From Your Superintendent...



Sandra Feeley Myrand  
Superintendent

On June 8, 2007, Lakeview High School graduated 240 students despite the threat of no electricity due to an afternoon storm that

swept the area. The District was quick to make alternate arrangements, parents were understanding and the graduates were patient through it all. My best to all of our young men and women as they pursue their academic and employment opportunities.

In a blink of an eye, we have completed another school year and two-thirds of a decade. It only seems like yesterday that 2000 blessed us with its presence. For any of us who associate with the preschool set or those who have proudly watched a child graduate, we really do know how fast the days, weeks, and months change into years, and those years move us forward regardless of our desires.

For Lakeview Public Schools, the 2006/07 school year was one of looking to the future. Starting the school year with labor agreements with the Lakeview Education Association and the Lakeview Principals Association, then finishing the year with agreements with the Secretarial/Clerical and Cafeteria Associations through the school year of 2009/10 is a great accomplishment for the entire District.

The athletic seasons brought the District distinction with the girls'

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### Class of '07 Recognizes Top Ten Students

"The Class of 2007 has been one of the highest achieving classes in my nine years as principal of Lakeview High School when it comes to academic, artistic and athletic successes," states Principal Robert duBois. "The District has seen more State-recognized students in those three areas than in the recent past." This year, the high school recognized the top ten students who have all taken a challenging curriculum while at Lakeview.

#### Graduation Night Awards. . .

On June 8, the top eight graduation night awards were received by: **Thomas Hillebrand**, the Robert H. Schaublin Outstanding Senior; **Chelsea Leonowicz**, the Ian Smith Award; **Riane Borkowski**, the Richard Black Award; **Caitlin Connor**, the Christine Nieman Honor Plaque; **Madison Chuhran**, the Co-Ed Service Award; **Amanda Chapman**, the William Srigley - Civics Award; **Julie Poggiolo**, the Balfour Award; and **Lucas Florin**, the Honor Award.



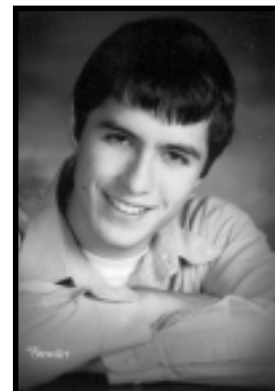
Thomas Hillebrand  
Valedictorian

Tom recognizes his 5th grade Princeton teacher Sherry Michalowicz as the most influential person throughout his school career. "She pushed me to be the best I could be," states Tom.

**Salutarian Terry Smith** is the son of Jeff Smith and Lisa Basile. Terry plans to attend Michigan State University. He is the recipient of the Michigan Competitive Scholarship, Michigan Promise Scholarship and the MSU College of Engineering Scholarship. Terry was a member of the cross country team for three years, captain for 1 year; swimming team for three years, captain for 2 years; rugby for two years and track for three years.

Terry credits his grandfather, Tony Yee, with influencing him throughout his academic career. "He always pushes me to do my best," states Terry.

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Terry Smith  
Salutarian

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### Rounding Out the Top Ten of the Class of 2007



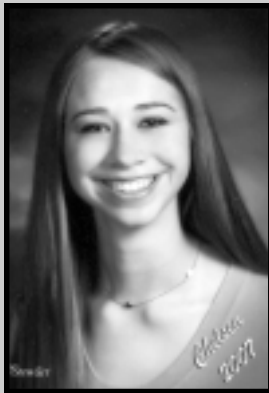
**Madison Chuhran**  
Eastern Michigan  
University



**Carissa Halas**  
Wayne State University



**Christine Hirzel**  
University of Michigan



**Chelsea Leonowicz**  
University of Michigan



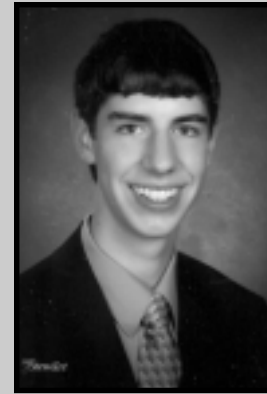
**Kristen Meeks**  
Wayne State University



**Tania Melton**  
Grand Valley State  
University



**Daniel Olszewski**  
University of Michigan  
Dearborn



**Ryan Powers**  
University of Michigan



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tradition, yet committed to  
bold exploration!

Congratulations to the  
Class of 2007  
Lakeview  
Board of Education  
and  
Central Office  
Administration

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volleyball and boy's soccer playing in regional competitions, girls' rugby team taking the State Championship, with having another state finalist in wrestling and closing out the year with softball and girls' soccer bringing honor to their teams and the District. Athletic and extra-curricular activities have not been negatively impacted due to the wise and careful stewardship of the Board and District in managing its fiscal resources.

The musical students of the District continue to do well in solo and ensemble, as well as at District and Marching Band competitions. Most importantly, dozens of students continue to have music, in a variety of forms, offered as part of their educational experience, at a time when so many districts have had to reduce or eliminate so many extra-curricular programs.

The most significant accomplishments this year, however, have been the implementation of the high school reform curriculum, the ACT/Michigan Merit Exam testing for high school juniors, and the introduction and use of new instructional material for all students in the school district. As I reflect on how much the District has accomplished during the 2006/07 school year, I am truly amazed that in difficult financial times, with limited resources, class sizes remained low or very reasonable, that ultimately no employees were laid off, and that Lakeview Public Schools remains a school district that is valued internally and externally.

Our parents have remained steadfast and our staff committed as we have moved forward to committing to campaigning for an extension of the 2001 bond issue to continue the renovation of the District's facilities.

As I write this, I know that the end of August is clearly in sight. However, we have a wonderful Michigan summer ahead of us. Run through the sprinkler with your kids, see the polar bears at the zoo, eat a drippy ice cream cone while walking the paths at one of the area's great parks, and just enjoy this wonderful life that we are blessed to share with family and friends.

**District Bids Farewell to Three Administrators**

Effective July 31, Jefferson Middle School Principal Fred Zielke will begin his retirement after serving the students, parents and staff of the District for the past four decades. Zielke began his career in Lakeview as a history teacher in 1966 and later as an administrator serving as assistant principal at Lakeview High School in 1986 and the past 15 years as Principal of Jefferson Middle School. Zielke has served on various committees, including interview teams and the first Strategic Planning team the District conducted in 1994.

Under Zielke's leadership, the middle school has maintained its North Central Association accreditation (NCA) and has met ED Yes! AYP every year. "Notifying the Board of Education of my intention to retire is a bittersweet experience," states Zielke. "In many ways I am sad to be ending my career with Lakeview because I will truly miss the daily interaction with children and staff, as well as the planning and execution of school

improvement efforts; yet, I look forward to the challenges and new opportunities retirement will bring to me," states Zielke.

In August, Maureen Beswick, Director of Student Services, will retire after a career that spanned five decades. Beswick began her first teaching assignment in 1959 teaching high school English, journalism and speech

at Lakeview. In 1963, she resigned from her position to begin raising her two daughters. In 1977, Lakeview was fortunate to have Beswick return to the classroom as a substitute teacher, serving in that role for the next eighteen

years. She returned to Lakeview High School in 1995 as a full time special education teacher. Beswick, who has been a life-long learner, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University in 1959 and continued to pursue her Master of



**(L-R) Administrators Tom Wozniak, Fred Zielke, and Maureen Beswick prepare to embrace their retirement during the Summer of 2007.**

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**1989 Graduate Returns to Lakeview**

This year's commencement guest speaker was Jennifer Cox from the Lakeview High School Class of 1989. Ms. Cox, who is the Vice President of Operations at ecoAmerica, has more than a dozen years of experience in environmental advocacy, fund development, and management. After working on former Vice President Al Gore's Reinventing Government project at the US Department of the Interior, Cox joined the fund-raising staff of the League of Conservation Voters. She spent ten years there focused on

increasing foundation support of the LCV Education Fund's civic participation and policy programs through a period of tremendous organizational growth. In addition, she has worked with the national Apollo Alliance and as consultant or volunteer with numerous other advocacy and political campaigns. Cox, who attended two semesters at Macomb Community College, graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in environmental policy and history.

**2007/08****District Dateline**

**Board of Education Meetings will be held in the Community Meeting Room in the Ian Smith, Sr., Administration Building, 20300 Statler, at 7:30 PM unless otherwise posted.**

August 8	Workshop Meeting
August 21	Regular Meeting
September 4	Workshop Meeting
September 11	Regular Meeting
October 2	Workshop Meeting
October 16	Regular Meeting
November 6	Workshop Meeting
November 20	Regular Meeting
December 4	Workshop Meeting
December 18	Regular Meeting
January 8	Workshop Meeting
January 15	Regular Meeting
February 5	Workshop Meeting
February 26	Regular Meeting
March 4	Workshop Meeting
March 18	Regular Meeting
April 1	Workshop Meeting
April 15	Regular Meeting
May 6	Workshop Meeting
May 20	Regular Meeting
June 3	Workshop Meeting
June 17	Budget Hearing 7 PM Regular Meeting
July 8	Organizational Meeting

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September 4	First Day of School for Students
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Education degree with a major in Special Education, which was granted in 1998.

After serving the needs of Lakeview's families for thirty-four years, she's looking forward to devoting her time to family and friends and pursuing her hobbies which include music, theatre, and travel.

"Mrs. Beswick's kind and gentle demeanor has always put students and parents at ease," states Superintendent Sandra Feeley Myrand. "She is a fierce advocate for students and has devoted countless hours to making Lakeview a quality school district and to improving the lives of the students."

Last but not least, the District will bid farewell to Lakeview High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Tom Wozniak (a.k.a. Woz).

Wozniak, who joined Lakeview in 1972 as the auto shop teacher, has served as a mentor to both faculty and students over the past 35 years. He has served in his administrative and athletic director position for three years. His acute eye for detail and organization introduced several new programs in the athletic department, including an answering system the parents can call for event information, a computer program where parents can get travel maps to away sporting events, and a sport scheduling program. He has worked closely with the Lakeview High School Athletic Boosters Club on their mission and their support of Lakeview's student athletes.

Student success has always been at the forefront of Wozniak's personal mission. He instituted a unified

progress reporting system for students, developed a hot line for students to report problems, and has worked tirelessly supporting students who have been in trouble, helping them learn from their mistakes.

Woz's presence will be greatly missed in the hallways of Lakeview High School come fall. "Whether greeting students in the early morning hours in the parking lot with his "boom box" playing "oldies but goodies", dressing as Santa's elf, or performing as Elvis Presley during the Seniors Talent Night, students, staff, and parents could always count on him giving 110% of himself," stated Superintendent Sandra Feeley Myrand.

While remaining true to Lakeview's Silver and Blue, Wozniak plans to spend more time with his family and also on his number one passion - the University of Michigan's football team where he serves as a volunteer. Over the years, he has made and presented every U of M football player with a uniquely personal gift at the beginning of each football season. He has also served as a cook during the U of M players and coaches football camps each summer. As a super fan, either on the field or in the stands, Woz hasn't missed a home or away U of M football game in years. On May 31, the Lakeview High School Athletic Boosters hosted a retirement celebration for Woz where U of M's football coach and friend, Lloyd Carr, served as a guest speaker.

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