

Braves learning the hard way by competing against bigger schools

The Banks High varsity football team hosted Astoria Oct. 16 and lost, 38-10.

"Astoria is tough—a big team with big speed," said head coach Ben Buchanan. "We didn't move the ball well

and couldn't stop them. School was out [on game day] and the team was sluggish in the first half."

The Braves also had some mental adjustments to make on the field that night. Robbie Kent

has taken over as quarterback. Kent's height enables him to see downfield clearly from the pocket and Buchanan is confident that with experience he will beef up the Braves' passing game and lead more winning efforts.

Brian Ackerman is now using his speed to the Braves' advantage in the running back position.

Banks scored first, on a 42 yard field goal by Tyler Ellis. Unfortunately, Astoria racked up 31 points between that field goal and the Braves' next score.

In the fourth quarter, Kent's 30 yard pass to Chris Sagdal set up Ackerman's touchdown dash.

"In the second half we really competed and played well," said Buchanan, "but it was too late."

Kent, in his debut as varsity quarterback, passed for 68 yards, 27 of those to Casey Turner. Turner also led the Braves ground offensive, with 62 rushing yards. Ackerman was the hardest-hitting Brave, with 10 tackles.

The Braves hosted Clatskanie Oct. 8 in their Home coming game, and lost 22-13.

"It was a tough ball game," said Buchanan. "They beat us up and wore us down. Clatskanie was the bigger and more experienced ball club."

Clatskanie scored in the first quarter, but the Brave defense, led by Turner (14 tackles) and

Sagdal (11 tackles), held them at bay for the remainder of the half.

Turner did some damage offensively as well. In addition to being Banks' leading receiver (20 yards in two receptions) and second in rushing (22 carries for 74 yards), he sprinted two yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. Tyler Ellis kicked the PAT and sent the game into halftime tied 7-7.

Clatskanie scored seven in

the third quarter, and the Braves came back in the fourth to tip the scales again.

Ackerman (41 yards passing, 123 yards rushing), had his eyes open and his head in the game. Ackerman found an open lane and ran 27 yards into the end zone. The kick failed, leaving the Braves down by one, 14-13.

Clatskanie's touchdown and two point conversion late in the fourth put the game away.

Banks SD seeking disabled youth

The Banks School District is seeking assistance in locating children with disabilities, birth through 21 years of age, who have not graduated from high school and who are not attending or receiving other special services from public school.

Educational services for children with disabilities are mandated by Oregon and federal law. The Banks School District provides educational programs and services for eligible children from kindergarten through high school.

The Northwest Regional

ESD provides educational services for eligible children from birth to kindergarten. All services provided are appropriate to each child's disability.

Anyone who has a child with a disability or knows of a child with a disability in the Banks School District, ages 5 through 21, who is not currently receiving educational services is asked to notify Terri Amacher, Director of Student Services at 324-5151.

For children younger than kindergarten, call the Northwest Regional ESD, 690-5446.

Change of meeting date at Banks

Banks School District board meetings have been changed from the second Monday of every month to the third Monday of every month. The meet-

ings start at 7:30 p.m. and will be in the Jr. High School library.

For further information, call the district office at 324-8591.

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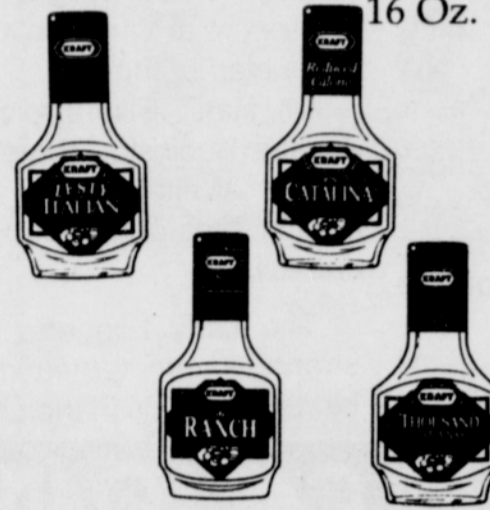
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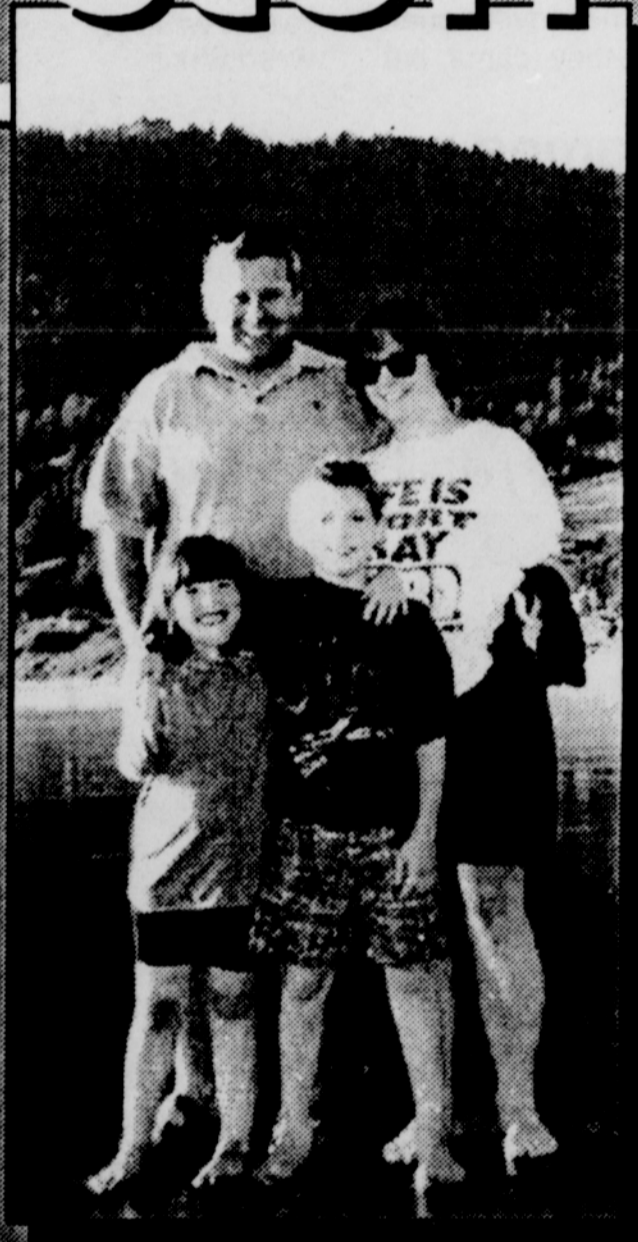
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