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CHELSEA

Local woman dies in crash

Sabrina Roberson touched many lives in her 20 years

By Edward Freundl
Special Writer

"She touched the hearts of everyone she met — you could never get her out of your head."

Devon Lixey summed up the feelings of many people who knew her best friend, Sabrina Roberson, 20, of Chelsea, who died July 15 in a car crash in Waterloo Township.

Roberson, a 2004 Chelsea High School graduate, was a single mother who was anticipating her daughter Talena's third birthday in August, but her maternal instinct was nothing new.

"She was the 'mother' of our group," said Ashley Maples, Roberson's other best friend. "She was the first one to drive; she made sure we got where we needed to go; she took care of us all. "She just wanted everybody to be happy. That's why this is very, very hard for us," Maples said.

That care and concern for people made her an ideal employee at Learning Expressions in Ann Arbor, a store specializing in educational and creative toys. She had worked there for a little more than a year.

"She was great with customers," said store manager Galeen Hergenrader. "She was wonderful at listening to customers to help them find exactly what they were looking for."

Hergenrader said Roberson had an eye for design and merchandising, but working at the store also taught her a lot about being a mother.

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Chelsea Area Players will present "The Pirates of Penzance" this weekend, with the opening show 8 p.m. Thursday at the Chelsea High School auditorium. Additional shows are set for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Jessica Rising (left), Katrin Murdock, Ty Jacobs, Cara Manor, Jennifer Peek, Brad Richert, Francesca Vitali and Heather Dove Greenleaf rehearse for the production. Tickets are \$15 and are available online at pirates-cap.com, in person at Chelsea Pharmacy, by phone at 1-888-774-4117 and at the door.

CHELSEA

Players present 'Pirates of Penzance'

Opening show set Thursday night at CHS auditorium

By Jennifer McArdle
Staff Writer

This is definitely the summer of pirates — both on the big screen and on the local stage.

Chelsea Area Players is presenting "The Pirates of Penzance" this weekend, with the opening show set for 8 p.m. Thursday at the Chelsea High School auditorium. Additional shows are set for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The show's producer, Ty Jacobs, did some forecasting before selecting "The Pirates of Penzance" as the

summer production. Last year, the players performed "Beauty and the Beast" and this year Jacobs was looking for a show that would draw people in.

"We wanted to do something that was just as exciting," Jacobs said.

He knew Disney's sequel to "Pirates of the Caribbean" would be in theaters this summer.

"From a pop-culture, sociological perspective, this summer should be quite big for all things pirate," Jacobs said. "I believed it would be in CAP's extreme favor to cash in on the timing of this new film's release with a summer performance, just weeks after the film's release, of a fun, classic work that certainly incorporates pirates on a grand scale."

Although Jacobs knew "Pirates of

the Caribbean" was highly successful in its 2003 release and he anticipated the sequel would be just as successful, he knew very little about the production the Players would be taking on.

"I knew nothing about ("The Pirates of Penzance") as of last summer," he said.

Jacobs quickly learned that the musical is a love story with pirates. Scott Longpre plays Frederic, who as a child was mistakenly apprenticed to a band of pirates. The pirates, all orphans, are known for never harming orphans and it seems that wherever they go, every ship they attempt to plunder is helmed by orphans.

At the age of 21, Frederic's apprenticeship contract is fulfilled and he leaves the ship. He soon meets a

group of girls — the wards of Major General Stanley, played by Bill Hohnke. The more intelligent and independent of the girls, Mabel (Colleen Stano) takes an interest in Frederic and the pair fall in love.

Things get complicated when the pirates come ashore and seize the girls, threatening them with immediate marriage.

Jacobs, who also serves as artistic director of the production, said he has modeled many of the visual aspects of the show after "Pirates of the Caribbean."

The musically intensive show also features Diana Hunt as Ruth, Brad Richert as sergeant of police, and Jacobs as the pirate king.

The daughters are played by Katrin

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CHELSEA AREA

Voters to decide fire millage Aug. 8

Millage to pay for local fire operations for next five years

By Jennifer McArdle
Staff Writer

Voters will be asked Aug. 8 to decide on the Chelsea Area Fire Authority's request for an operational millage of up to 2 mills for the next five years.

Proponents of the proposed millage say that the millage would create a fairer means of funding fire protection services in the area.

Currently, the city of Chelsea and the townships of Sylvan, Lyndon, Lima and Dexter each pay the Fire Authority a percentage of the operating costs according to the amount of fire service utilized. Based on a five-year average, if a municipality has a number of large fires, its cost for fire service would go

up compared to a period of time with fewer fires.

Municipalities then pass the cost of fire service along to residents through special assessments or general fund millages.

The proposed millage would replace those special assessments and the portion of the city's millage that pays for fire protection. Instead, all residents in the Fire Authority service area would share an equal burden for fire protection.

Under the proposed millage, the cost doesn't change substantially for residents.

A resident who owns a \$200,000 home with a taxable value of \$100,000 could expect to pay \$200 a year for fire service if the full 2 mills is levied. Most likely, residents will be paying less. The actual amount to be levied will depend on the total taxable value of properties within the Fire Authority service area. If the Fire Authority only needs to levy

1.5 mills to meet its \$1 million operating budget, the example resident cited above will only pay \$150 per year.

Gary Adams, a former member of the Fire Board, noted the millage will not increase the Fire Authority's budget, nor is it to expand its facilities.

"It's not for capital improvements," Adams said. Up to 2 mills will be levied only to generate enough revenue.

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BRIEFLY...

- Chelsea Summer Fest slated Friday and Saturday: Live musical entertainment, children's activities, a classic car show, Motorcycles on Main, arts and crafts activities and sidewalk sales will abound Friday and Saturday in downtown Chelsea with the annual Summer Fest. For more information, see The Chelsea Standard's special supplement published in last week's edition.
- Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce moves: The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce has moved to 310 N. Main St. in the Clocktower Complex. The telephone number, fax and e-mail address remains the same. The office was closed Monday and Tuesday to accommodate the move.
- Author's visit canceled at bookstore: A visit by Michael Lindley, author of "The Seasons of the Emma Lee," to Cranesbill Books in Chelsea has been canceled for Thursday night. He was to speak and sign copies of his book. The store is hoping to reschedule the Charlevoix resident's visit.
- Emily Eisbruch will introduce her guidebook, "A Curious Kid's Guide to Michigan," Aug. 3 at the bookstore during Sounds and Sights.

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This complex is the life-long dream of a veterinarian, Vicki Daldin Marsh, and her husband, Steve. "We wanted to create an inviting space for families to enjoy while getting the services and products they need for their pets" says Steve. Vicki's goal has long been to "help people care for their non-human family members in a compassionate, friendly environment."

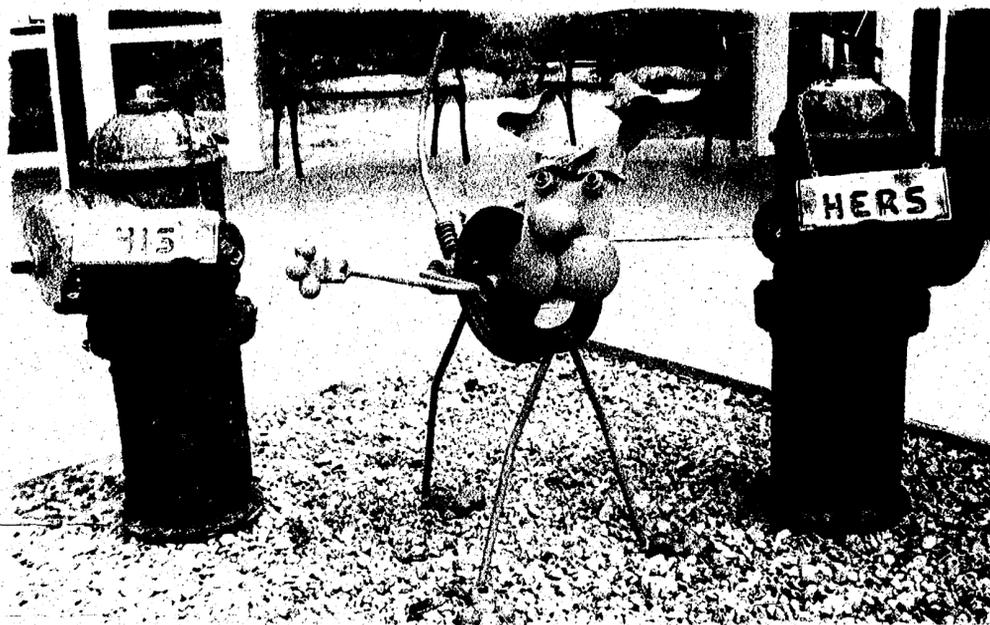
Animal Kingdom is a distinctive veterinary hospital. You would expect to see dogs and cats in the waiting room of a veterinary hospital, but there, you're just as likely to see a parrot, goat, turtle, hedgehog or other non-traditional pet. What you won't see is a waiting room

filled with products or a veterinary clinic that offers boarding and grooming services as many now do. "We wanted to stay focused on providing quality medical care without the distraction of offering non-medical products and services" says Dr. Marsh. This dedication to clients and patients is one of the reasons that Animal Kingdom Veterinary Hospital is open seven days a week.

Whether your pets have feathers, scales or fur, we are here for them" says Beth Chapman, the manager.

In addition to pet boarding, Creature Comforts offers grooming services as well. You can have one of their professional groomers, Amy Creteau, Heather Finch or Nicole Yax, make your dog or cat look and smell their best. Or, the 'do it yourself' types may want to try the easy-

cognizant of what we put in our bodies these days; many people are becoming similarly concerned about what we're feeding our pets" offers Beth. In addition to the large selection of specialty pet diets, you can find a variety of 'fun' pet products: pet T-shirts, sun glasses, life jackets, deli treats and the like. After a romp in the dog park, you may want to stop in The Pet Emporium and get your free treat-of-the-week.



Copper Leaf Farm occupies several acres of this property. Horse owners will appreciate many features of the stable; an insulated 72' x 120' indoor arena with an observation room, an outdoor arena, a round pen, personal tack rooms and large stalls that open directly to individual horse paddocks. In addition to boarding horses, Copper Leaf Farm will be offering riding lessons, driving lessons, pony rides, wagon rides, kid-camps and other farm related activities for families

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to-use self service pet grooming and bathing room.

"What a cool place" is the reaction one often hears from people entering **The Pet Emporium**. You can see the care that the Lebert family has put into this place, from the hand crafted fixtures that John built, to the carefully selected products that Beth has researched. "People are more

in the future.

On The Horizon... Copper Leaf Crossing has plans and approval to build additional features and buildings. A feed store and an expanded pet store are among the buildings that will go up. A community room will also be available to animal related organizations to hold their meetings. Guest speakers will also use this space for educational presentations on a range of topics from exotic animal husbandry to hoof care.

Copper Leaf Crossing is a one of a kind facility devoted to animals and the families that include them in their lives.

Quick Facts

Location-

Copper Leaf Crossing is located at the corner of Ann Arbor-Saline Rd and Pleasant Lake Rd- 'kitty' corner from the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

Contact Info-

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CHELSEA

Fund-raiser to help family in need

Pancake breakfast to be held from 7 to 11 Saturday morning

By Jennifer McArdle
Staff Writer

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. For Chelsea residents Jimmy and Michelle Germann, a pancake breakfast this weekend means much more.

First Assembly of God, 14900 Old US-12 in Chelsea, is hosting a pancake breakfast fund-raiser event from 7 to 11 a.m. Saturday to help the Germann family purchase a wheelchair-accessible vehicle large enough for their growing family. The family of five will soon be a family of six, with the expected birth of a baby girl Aug. 6.

Along with breakfast, the fund-raiser includes free games for kids, a big slide and door prizes.

Suggested donation is \$5 per person. Additional donations may be dropped off or mailed to First Assembly of God, indicating the Germann family fund-raiser.

The family's two oldest children, 12-year-old Christopher and 6-year-old Thomas, both suffer from spinal muscular atrophy, a motor neuron disease that affects one in every 6,000 babies born. About one in 40 people carry the gene that causes the disorder, which affects the voluntary muscles that are used for daily activities such as crawling, walking, head and neck control and swallowing.

"It affects all voluntary and involuntary muscles — breathing, eating, walking, both large muscle groups and small muscle groups," Michelle Germann said.

For a child to be affected by spinal muscular atrophy, both parents must be carriers of the gene. Even then, the likelihood of a child inheriting the disorder is one in four.

"We don't know (if we're

carriers). Ninety-five percent of the cases are that way. We fall into a five percent category where they don't know if we've got it," she said.

The boys underwent blood testing for the disease, which was negative. But biopsy results were consistent with the disease.

There is a rare link of the disease that affects only male children. Females are carriers.

"But there's no way to test for that as of yet," Michelle said.

That rare link may be the cause for the Germann family, since the couple's two sons were both affected and their daughter, Melanie, was not.

Dealing with the disease affects every aspect of the Germann family's life. Both boys require wheelchairs.

"I think it would have been more difficult had we had a child that wasn't affected first and then had a child who was. But our first child was affected so we've kind of been used to it — to all the extra medical help and things that he needed," Michelle said. "Our second son, of course, was affected more than our first and more severely and so that was kind of tough to deal with and that's when I quit working."

The family's vehicle has a lift to help load the two wheelchairs, but the family is outgrowing it.

"Our current van is a full-size conversion van, but once we pulled out all the seats to be able to get the two wheelchairs into, we have one seat left for our daughter that we have now, and that's it. Also, it has no raised roof and no lower floor and my oldest is getting ready to be 12 and he'll be too tall for the clear-space we have in it," Michelle said. "So we need to get a bigger (van), maybe a 12-passenger or something."

The fund-raiser will help the family with a down payment for the purchase of a vehicle with more seating and a raised roof.

The fund-raiser has



For Chelsea residents Jimmy and Michelle Germann, a pancake breakfast this weekend will help them purchase a wheelchair-accessible vehicle large enough for their growing family. Pictured are Michelle (left), Melanie, Jimmy, Tommy and Chris Germann. A baby daughter is expected to arrive any day.

become a community effort. Chelsea Milling Co. is donating the pancake mix. Main Street Coney Island has donated orange juice. The Common Grill has donated syrup. Chelsea Grille is donating sausages. Other

contributing door prizes and monetary donations. For more information about the fund-raiser, call 475-2615.

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The police include Stacy Buck, Lia Dykstra, Jenine Hanna, Ty Jacobs, Susan Morrel-Samuels and Angela Wharton.

Rich Alder is musical director.

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Candidates vying for support in primary

Democrats and Republicans are seeking support in the Aug. 8 primary election. Candidates running for the 18th District Senate and the 52nd District House are featured below in a question-and-answer profile.

District 18 State Senate

Liz Brater

Brater, a Democrat, is seeking re-election to the 18th District, serving Washtenaw County, an Ann Arbor native. Brater holds a bachelor's degree in American civilization and a master's degree in American history, both from the University of Pennsylvania. She is married to Engh Brater and has two grown children.



Liz Brater

Brater served three years on the Ann Arbor City Council and a term as mayor of Ann Arbor. She was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives from 1995 to 2000 before being elected to her current term in the Michigan Senate.

Q: What has drawn you to run for this position?
A: I am running for re-election to the Michigan Senate because I feel a responsibility to continue the work I am doing in Lansing, working with Gov. Jennifer Granholm to diversify and reinvigorate the Michigan economy, supporting excellence in public and higher education, seeking health-care coverage for all Michigan citizens and protecting agriculture and our environment.

Q: Describe the responsibilities and duties of the position you seek.
A: As state senator for the 18th District, I seek to represent my constituents all across Washtenaw County, to listen to their concerns and suggestions, and to propose legislation to improve Michigan public policy.

Q: What's your experience and qualifications?
A: I have served in public office since 1988, as council member, mayor, state representative and state senator. I have also served as land use director of the Ecology Center. I have gotten to know citizens, community leaders and local officials all across the county. I have developed a considerable depth of knowledge about the many issues facing state government, including the \$40 billion state budget.

Q: How have you contributed and how do you keep current on local government issues?
A: I serve as minority vice chairwoman of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and of the Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism Committee. I also serve as a member of the judiciary and finance committees.

Q: What are the three most pressing issues facing the state?
A: The biggest problem facing Michigan is our economy. We must diversify our economy, develop a skilled workforce and improve access to higher education. Michigan agriculture can and must play a vital role in strengthening our economy.

Q: What experience or qualifications do you hold that qualify you for this position?
A: As a businesswoman, I understand the economic reforms needed to create a business-friendly environment to turn around Mich-

igan's ailing economy. My service in the U.S. military taught me the importance of leadership and team work to accomplish the task at hand. My experience as a concerned citizen and stepmother of two has taught me that we must put partisan politics aside to once again make Michigan a place where our children can live, work and raise their families.

Q: How have you contributed, and how do you keep current on local government affairs?
A: Through local chamber of commerce, as a Manchester Community School Foundation trustee, and through community events and fundraising, as well as community involvement with W4 Country, Ann Arbor's 107.1. WTKA. I keep current on local government affairs through the newspaper, Internet, Mackinac Center and various township meetings.

Q: What are the three most pressing issues in your district?
A: Over Father's Day weekend, I went canoeing down the Huron River with my extended family—three generations of friends and neighbors. As we paddled down the river I contemplated our state of affairs. If our state continues on its current path, six of the 10 grandkids will move out of state in the next few years because they won't be able to find a job, or will find more rewarding jobs in other states.

Q: Describe the responsibilities and duties of the position you are seeking.
A: A state representative must understand the constituents' needs and concerns. Achieving results that address these concerns is the duty of a state representative. Specifically, state representatives have the responsibility to be good stewards of state tax dollars in providing the services that allow for the normal functioning of our society with as minimal an impact as possible of state government on citizens' daily lives.

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CHELSEA

Area author to sign her new book

Activity guide features Michigan's cities and landmarks

By Jennifer McArdle
Staff Writer

Emily Eisbruch, author of "Curious Kids' Activity Guide to Michigan," will make a special appearance at Cranesbill Books in Chelsea from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 3 as part of the Sounds and Sights on Thursday Nights festival.

The book is a travel companion for families who want to learn more about Michigan and just have some fun.

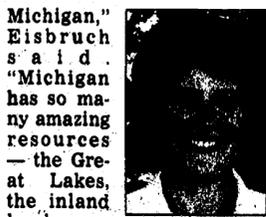
For a family that enjoys traveling throughout the region, Eisbruch found that there weren't enough activity books with information about places she and her family visited.

Eisbruch got the idea for the book in the spring of 2004 when she and her family were on a family camping trip to the southwest. At the Grand Canyon Visitors Center, they purchased a book called "Puzzler's Guide to the Grand Canyon," by Kristy McGowan and Karen Richards for their 11-year-old son.

"He started doing some of the puzzles in the book and sharing some of the questions with my husband, our 15-year-old daughter and me. I thought it was fantastic to have a book that kept us occupied and having fun in the car and also taught us about our surroundings," she said.

Since many of their travels are in Michigan, she wanted activities to pass the time in the car that featured Michigan's attractions.

"I decided right then, on that trip to the southwest, that I wanted to create a similar book about



Emily Eisbruch

Michigan," Eisbruch said. "Michigan has so many amazing resources — the Great Lakes, the inland lakes, the fantastic parks, wonderful islands, bountiful wildlife. I hope my book will help families appreciate and enjoy all that this state has to offer."

The publication is a colorful activity book all about Michigan. Every page takes children on an exploration of a different aspect of the state, featuring topics such as Michigan's cities, lakes, parks, islands, bridges and festivals.

"From living in Michigan and traveling here with our kids, I had some natural feeling for the places I wanted to highlight in Michigan. There are certain attractions, like Mackinac Island, the sand dunes, and The Henry Ford that just had to be included," Eisbruch said. "In some cases, it was tough deciding what not to include, since there are so many fantastic attractions in Michigan and the book has just 48 pages."

Her family's most frequent destination is Lake Michigan, but they've also explored Lake Huron and the Upper Peninsula.

Aside from Michigan's cities and natural wonders, Eisbruch's book also focuses on festivals and other pastimes.

"I devoted three pages to Michigan's festivals, but I could have filled many more. Michigan has a lot of wonderful annual festivals."

In addition to an activity page on museums, Eisbruch added a reference section featuring Michigan's museums at the back of the book with color photos and contact

information for her 25 top museums.

Eisbruch's daughter, now 17 years old, and her son, 13 years old, helped her in creating the book.

"During the book's development stage, I'd frequently ask my kids and their friends to test a page of the book, and of course I received great feedback and suggestions from them. Kids are very honest and they told me what was too easy, too hard, stupid, pretty good and really good. At this

point, my kids seem to think the book is fun," she said.

Eisbruch was born in Michigan. When she was 8 years old, her family moved away, but she moved back with her husband and children in the 1990s. She currently resides in Ann Arbor.

The book is available at Cranesbill Books, 108 E. Middle St. in Chelsea, and at Dexter Cards and Gifts, 8106 Main St. in Dexter.

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"It was good for her as a parent to see children and where they were developmentally, and what she had to look forward to," Hergenrader said. "She also saw some bad habits that she could try and stop early on."

Lixey and Roberson were neighbors who became close friends in the fourth grade, and the two girls were joined by Maples at age 12. The three went through school together, graduating from Chelsea High School two years ago.

"She went on every family vacation with me from fifth grade to sophomore year, and we even went to Cancun together," Lixey said. "One thing she always wanted to do was to swim with the dolphins, and my parents made that happen for both of us in December 2000."

Maples said she was able to spend time with Roberson and Talena two days before the fatal crash.

"We got ice cream last Thursday (June 13) and spent time in the park," she said. "We had a lot of fun, and we actually wrote some stuff on the big rock."

Maples and Lixey will make sure that Talena will grow up knowing about her mother.

"She would have done anything for her daughter. She loved her more than anything in the world," Lixey said. "We're going to put together a scrapbook for Talena to remind her what a great mother, friend and daughter her mother was."

Roberson was killed when the driver of the 2004 Chrysler two-door in which she was a passenger swerved to avoid a deer and hit a tree on Clear Lake Road at about 6 a.m., according to a Michigan State Police report.

The driver, a 22-year-old Ann Arbor man, and the front-seat passenger suffered only minor injuries because they were wearing seat belts and air bags deployed. But Roberson, who was asleep in the back seat, was thrown into the dashboard.

Police would not release the driver's name pending

possible charges related to the crash.

The manner of Roberson's death is a horrible twist of irony for her mother and stepfather, Trendera and Bill Eversole of Chelsea, owners of Track Time Driving Schools at Michigan International Speedway, which teaches the very techniques that could have saved their daughter's life.

"We teach defensive driving and teach you how to handle your car," Trendera, Eversole said. "Our goal is to start teaching drivers to build their confidence so if their car goes into a slide, or if the car goes off the road, they can recover it safely."

Roberson's death brings their work into much sharper focus and with greater urgency, Eversole said.

"I was on a rampage to do this before and I felt if we could save just one kid it's worth it. But now that I've lost my daughter, I feel that I need to save a lot more than one life," she said.

Eversole noted that Roberson faced numerous personal struggles, even as she always tried to help others. She had been diagnosed in early 2005 with lupus, a painful inflammatory disease that affects joint, internal organs and connective tissue. The diagnosis came after she had already been battling the disease for months.

"We never knew how much she suffered. The autopsy showed the disease was more advanced than even the diagnosis showed," Eversole said. "Out of all the tragedy of all of this, I can't say it's a better way to go, but maybe this was God's way of not putting her through liver failure and everything else."

"I hope she's at peace now."

The Eversoles are petitioning for custody and setting up a trust fund for Talena, who turns 3 Aug. 25.

Messages of condolence or donations may be sent to Bill and Trendera Eversole, Track Time Driving Schools, 10498 U.S. 12, Suite 2, Brooklyn MI 49230.

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Police, fire millage on August ballot

Township has had to dip into its general fund to pay for fire services

By Sandi Kasha
Staff Writer

Dexter Township residents will see a request for an increase in the millage rate for police and fire protection on August's ballot.

The township has proposed a combined 3-mill levy for both services. Supervisor Pat Kelly said the police fund is currently over-funded and the fire protection fund is under-funded.

"We have money in the bank we can only spend on police protection," she said. "We are taking money from our general fund to help pay for fire protection."

The township's general

fund budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year is \$783,000.

Township Clerk Harley Rider said this year's police budget is \$297,394. The township is expecting next year's budget to total about \$330,000.

Police costs are expected to increase by 40 percent by fiscal year 2008-09, Kelly said.

The fire budget for 2006 was \$299,179. Rider said the township had to pay \$225,000 from its general fund to help

fund fire protection. He projects the 2007 fire budget to be about \$330,000 based on current trends.

"If the proposed millage passes," Rider said, "we'll repay our general fund to cover the township's funding for fire protection."

The previous fire and police millages, which have expired, included a five-year 2-mill levy for police protection and a two-year 1-mill

levy for fire protection.

The new millages, at 1.5 mills each, will equal what's being levied currently for police and fire, Kelly said.

"We would not collect more than we needed," she said.

Kelly said that the township has a surplus in its police fund and doesn't anticipate levying the police millage in the first year. However, the township will collect the full fire millage, Rider said.

This should be favorable news to homeowners. Currently, homeowners pay \$280 a year in taxes on a home valued at \$200,000 and assessed at half. The township's decision not to collect police taxes would decrease payments to \$180, Rider said.

Once both millages are levied in full, the same homeowner can expect to pay \$300 each year for police and fire service.

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venue to cover the operational budget at CAFA, where measures have been taking place to cut costs since the hiring of Fire Chief Jim Payeur.

The proposed millage would be levied for five years, at which time the Fire Authority would seek a renewal millage.

Residents in various municipalities have different issues to consider when deciding how to vote.

City of Chelsea

City residents currently pay for Fire Authority services through the city's general

fund millage of 11.2494 mills. Of that amount, 1.53 mills is solely to pay for fire service for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, anticipated at \$345,094.

If the Fire Authority millage passes, the City Council has agreed to lower its general fund budget, which would in effect lower the general fund millage by that amount.

Lyndon Township

Under the current system of funding, the third largest contributor to the Fire Authority is Lyndon Township at 17.18 percent or \$170,816.15. Township residents pay that amount through a special assessment for fire service.

If the CAFA millage pass-

es, the township will not legally be able to levy that special assessment. The special assessment would be replaced by the fire millage.

Lima Township

The Lima Township Board of Trustees recently adopted a resolution to begin levying a special assessment for fire service, replacing the township's former method of paying for it out of the general fund.

The special assessment on real property is 1.5 mills.

If the fire millage passes, the township will not be able to levy the special assessment. If it's turned down, the special assessment will remain in place and residents

will pay for fire service in that manner.

Under the current method of funding, Lima Township is expected to contribute 15.76 percent this year, or \$156,709.

Sylvan Township

Sylvan Township currently has the second highest contribution to the Fire Authority at 24.7 percent or \$245,559 and contributes that amount out of its general fund.

But fluctuating costs for fire service make it difficult for the township to anticipate expenditures when planning the budget. In March, the Sylvan Township Board approved a deficit budget with plans to dip into its fund equity to cover

increased expenses, as a result, in part, to higher costs for fire service.

Dexter Township

Residents in Dexter Township will not be voting on the Fire Authority millage. If approved, the millage will not be levied there, though the township may choose to contract for services.

The Downside

The catch for city residents is that the city has already set its millage rate for the fiscal year, which runs July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. The Fire Authority's fiscal year runs March 1 through Feb. 28.

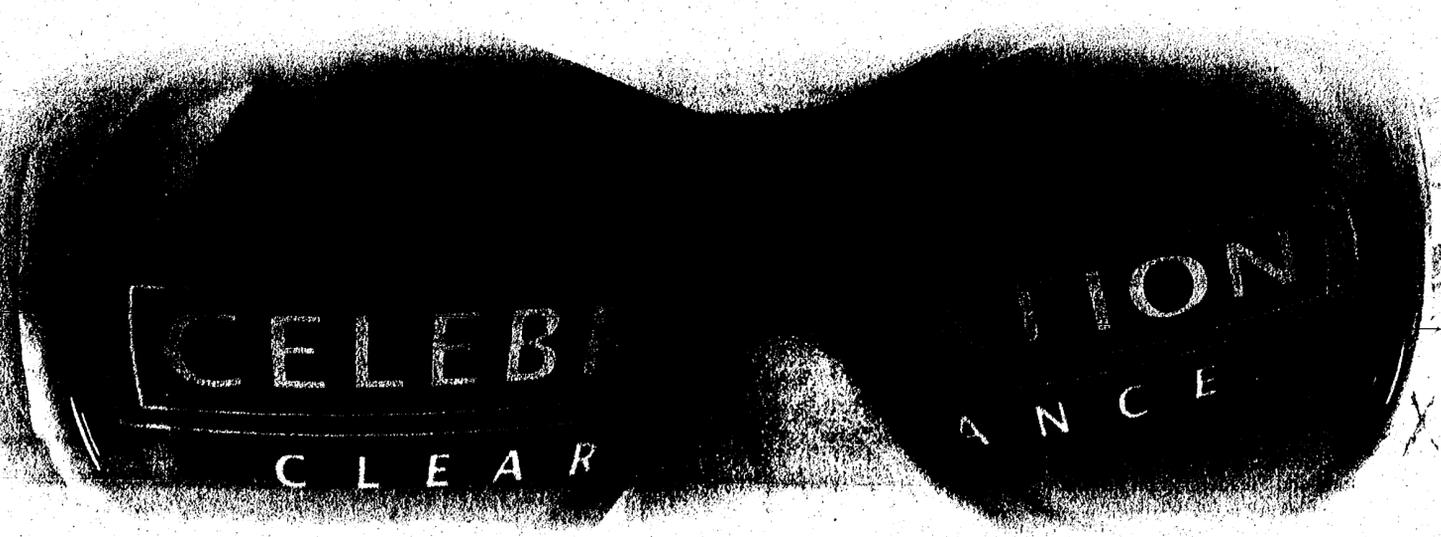
If approved, the new funding system will start March 1,

2007, which means there will be a slight overlap of the two millages. So, city residents will get hit a little harder in the first year.

The townships also operate on a different fiscal year than the fire authority, typically from April 1 to March 31. This would also result in a slight overlap between the fire millage and the township's special assessments in the first year.

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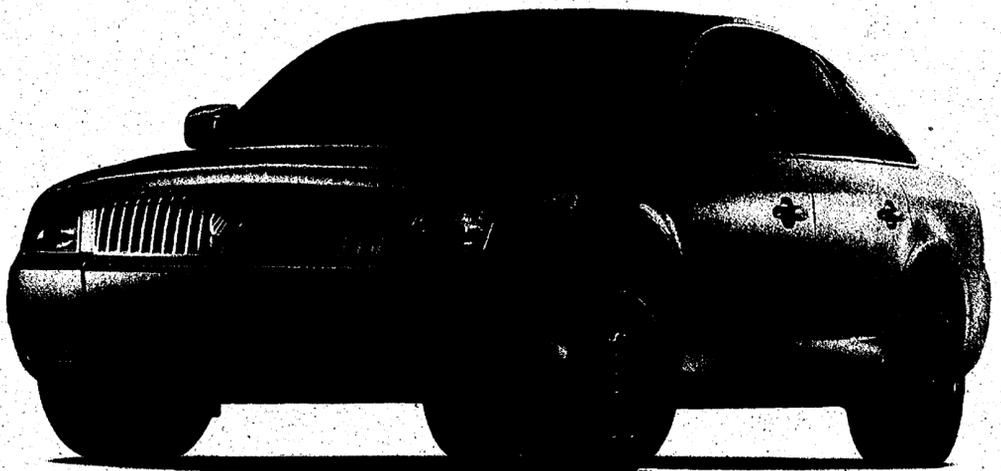
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POLICE BLOTTER

Scio Township Possession/Growing Marijuana Plants

Sheriff's deputies were dispatched July 11 to the 8700 block of Park Road to arrest a 41-year-old Scio Township man wanted on a warrant. Deputies noticed three planters sitting outside near the front door with four suspected marijuana plants growing in them. The plants were taken and destroyed by deputies.

Domestic Violence

A 45-year-old Scio Township woman called police July 16 to report family problems at her apartment on Sagebrush Road. She told police that she had returned from a trip to Alabama and had an argument with her 18-year-old daughter. She said her daughter struck her and her 16-year-old son intervened, trying to control the situation.

According to the police

report, a fight erupted. The daughter then left the apartment.

Deputies told the woman to contact police if her daughter returns home.

Malevolent Destruction of Property

A 54-year-old Scio Township woman told police her 2006 Monte Carlo was damaged July 14 while parked in the 1000 block of Rabbit Run.

According to a police report, profane words were carved on the car's hood. The driver-side fender and door were keyed, as well.

Police have no suspects or leads. Damage is estimated at \$2,500.

Armed Robbery

A 42-year-old Scio Township man reported an armed robbery July 22 in the 2000 block of South Wagner Road. The man said he was visiting his friend at the time.

He said that when he pulled into the driveway

and got out of the car, the suspect came up from behind him and pushed something to the back of his head and demanded money. The man told police that he turned around and saw that the suspect was pointing a gun at him.

The man told police that he only had \$8 on him, and the suspect took it and ran. The victim said he had never seen the suspect before.

The suspect was described as 5-foot-8 or 5-foot-10 in height, weighing about 160 pounds with short dark hair. Police have no suspects or evidence.

Larceny from a Vehicle

Police were dispatched to the Sesi car dealership on Jackson Road July 21 to investigate several larcenies. Eight tires and rims valued at \$3,400 had been stolen from two 2006 Mercury Milan vehicles.

The manager at Sesi said he opened up around 7:30

a.m. and noticed the tires were missing.

Drunken Driving

A 46-year-old Scio Township man was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated July 10 on Park Road. Police initially responded to a car crash at Park and Staebler roads. Deputies smelled alcohol on the driver's breath and he admitted that he had some drinks after work.

Police reported that the driver's speech was slightly slurred and he displayed minor balance deficiencies. A Breathalyzer showed his blood-alcohol level to be 0.23 percent. A level of 0.08 percent or higher is considered legally drunk under state law. The man was arrested and taken to jail. His vehicle was impounded.

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Plant to produce biodiesel

Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Mitch Irwin joined 57 Michigan soybean farmers and other owners of Michigan Biodiesel LLC July 13 at an open house and tour of a biodiesel processing plant nearing completion in Bangor. The plant is expected to be in full biodiesel fuel production by fall 2006, with a capacity of 10 million gallons per year.

"I congratulate the farmers and other owners of Michigan Biodiesel who, through their commitment and vision, have seen this project through to fruition," Irwin said in a prepared statement. "I am impressed by the progress that has been made to date, as seen on our tour of the facility, and look forward to celebrating the start of full production in the fall."

MDA partnered with Michigan Biodiesel LLC on a general feasibility study and preliminary business plan for biodiesel production in Michigan. The study results were released in March 2006, and concluded that, with an investment of \$7 to \$12 million, a stand-alone, \$5 to \$10

million gallon biodiesel plant could be built in one of several Michigan locations, including Bangor.

Working with the Michigan State University Product Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan Biodiesel LLC finalized a business plan and began construction at the Bangor site.

The Biodiesel Feasibility Study was financed in part by a USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant from USDA Rural Development.

The study comes on the heels of a report released in January by MSU, which estimates the impact of Michigan's agri-food sector on Michigan's economy to be \$60.1 billion annually and predicts continued growth.

During the tour of the Bangor biodiesel facility, Irwin praised Governor Jennifer Granholm for her leadership on developing an alternative energy strategy for Michigan, and for signing alternative energy bills into law July 7. He thanked the Michigan Legislature for its bi-partisan support of a renewable fuels package,

specifically recognizing state Sen. Ron Jelinek, state Rep. Neal Nitz and state Rep. Tonya Schuitmaker for their strong support and leadership.

"With the support of Governor Granholm and our legislative leaders, and the dedication of our agriculture producers and processors, Michigan will accept a key position in our nation's alternative energy arena," Irwin said.

Following our recommendation, CAFA has placed a millage proposal for fire operations on the August 8 ballot. As members of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority Task Force

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EDITORIAL

Fire millage fair way of funding

In an emergency situation, fire departments are often the first on the scene. When ambulances are 20 minutes or more away, responders at the Chelsea Area Fire Authority can get to the scene and begin administering CPR and first aid within a few minutes.

On Aug. 8, the Chelsea Area Fire Authority will ask

The proposed millage would shift the burden of paying for fire service from the participating municipalities to residents in the Fire Authority service area.

voters to decide on an operational millage of up to 2 mills. It's not so the Fire Authority can increase its budget. It's not because the Fire

Authority went over its budget and needs more money. It's not so the Fire Authority can build new facilities. It's just a different method of funding fire protection.

The proposed millage would shift the burden of paying for fire service from the participating municipalities to residents in the Fire Authority service area, leveling out the financial burden.

Residents already pay for fire service, either through a special assessment or general fund millages. The amount is based on how many fire and emergency responses are made to each municipality.

Exchanging those special assessments and general fund millages for a Fire Authority millage makes sense for the municipalities, which see annual fluctuations in the amount they contribute to the Fire Authority. It also makes sense to residents who end up footing the bill. All residents would share an equal burden for fire protection.

There's no doubt that the Fire Authority provides an essential service to the residents of Sylvan, Lima and Lyndon townships and the city of Chelsea. In an emergency, the only thing that matters is a quick response.



OTHER VOICES

Coordination not a requisite for success

I'm reminded at times that human nature is not far removed from the shadow of mastodons.

I returned home recently after spending three days at Cub Scout camp with my 10-year-old son. I still smell of mosquito repellent and my legs and lower back are still sore from all the trooping along paths from our campsite to this activity near the mess hall to that must-do down by the lake, but my son had a grand time and I guess that makes the ache and the stench a small price to pay.

The boy swam in the lake, paddled a playak, nailed, glued, and stapled together a crooked bat house, and fired-off some air rockets. He also participated in some archery, shooting BB guns, and a range of other games that require hand-eye coordination.

My son was not blessed with great dexterity. Positioning and drawing back a bow does not come naturally to him. His arrows tended to fly well left of the bull's eye. He's right-handed but left-eye dominant and he's awkward with his arms, so lining up the sight of a BB gun for him is not a simple motion.

As a father, I have to admit that watching him try to catch a ball can be painful. His hands and eyes just don't communicate too well with each other. It's like they're divorced or maybe his eyes are German and his hands are Cantonese.

In his early years, his lack of coordination wasn't a big deal. It didn't bother him because he didn't notice, but I knew the day would come when he would realize he wasn't as fast or as strong or as athletic as his friends, and that prescient knowledge filled my heart with dread.

That's because I remember being 10. I remember standing on baseball diamonds, basketball courts, football fields and obstacle courses and praying, "Just don't pick me last. Please don't pick me last."

Oh, I remember and I knew those days would come for my son.

The first one came last week at Cub Scout camp.



BRIAN COX

We had just finished playing in a loosely organized ping-pong tournament where my son had lost every game. Hitting a ball with a big old bat is hard enough for him; expecting him to put a plastic paddle to a small plastic ball was like asking him to shave while wearing oven mitts.

We were making our way through the woods to lunch when my son cried, "I lose at everything! I'm terrible."

At first I denied that I even knew what he was talking about. I tried to minimize how crushing it can be to athletically disinclined.

"You don't lose at everything," I said. "At sports, I do," he said. "I've never won anything."

I almost said, "It isn't about winning," but I cut that short. "Cut the platitudes," I thought. "Winning's more fun and builds confidence, and doesn't make you feel like a loser and everyone knows it, including your son."

I let out a breath. "I know," I said. "You don't really have great hand-eye coordination. You're kind of like me. And I know, it's hard when you're 10."

I started to enumerate, of course, all the things he is good at, but I stopped after a bit because I remembered being 10. I know that when a boy is 10 being smart, funny, kind, compassionate, gentle and caring don't compensate for not being able to catch a ball.

We don't award points for compassion. There are no trophies for "Biggest Heart." A child can never boast, "Dad, I'm 6-0 against other kids in kindness!"

My son is a wonderful human being and one day he'll get over not being coordinated and find his niche in other pursuits where coordination is not a requisite for success. But make no mistake, being 10 and uncoordinated just plain sucks.

I remember. Brian Cox is a reporter for Heritage Newspapers. He can be reached at 1-734-429-7360 or bcox@heritage.com.

STREET TALK

By Jennifer Sinkwitz

What is your favorite outdoor activity?



"Baseball." Andy McWilliams, Dexter Village



"Wake boarding." Joe Jarvis, Dexter Village



"Disc golfing at Hudson Mills." Andrew Stahl, Dexter Township



"Mountain biking." Josh Greer, Dexter Township

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Fire millage best option for area

All the voters of Chelsea, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan will have an opportunity Aug. 8 to vote for a millage for the Chelsea Area Fire Authority. The millage is only for operations and not for any new buildings. Operational costs include salaries, utilities, maintenance of equipment and facilities, insurance, and the truck fund.

The Chelsea Area Fire Authority is the first responder for all medical calls, personal injury accidents, crashes, technical rescues and, of course, fires. Our professional firefighters are highly trained, and have close ties with the community. When calls for service come in, our first priority is the saving of life, and the second priority is the saving of property.

Having a well-trained fire department standing ready to respond at a moment's notice is usually taken for granted. It's not really something that most people think about. That is until they need the service.

It's my most sincere wish that nobody from Chelsea, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan would ever have to call 9-1-1 again. The best thing that could ever happen is that none of our trucks ever roll out of the station again, but we all know that is never going to happen. In 2005, the Chelsea Area Fire Authority received 1,124 calls for service.

So far this year, we are 30 calls ahead of last year.

The most important function of local government is to provide protection for life and property. When someone calls 9-1-1 in a life and death emergency, they really don't care if we are a zoned community or if our master plan is updated. All they care about is that their loved one who needs help now.

That's why the Chelsea Area Fire Authority is committed to providing the best service possible coupled with frugal and conservative financial prudence.

I am asking for your "yes" vote for the Chelsea Area Fire Authority millage Aug. 8.

Maryann Noah
 Chairwoman
 Chelsea Area Fire
 Authority Board
 Lyndon Township

Construction crew courteous during work

I live on North Freer Road. For the last several weeks, the construction firm C & D Hughes has been working long hours, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., improving the condition of Freer Road.

I want to thank the crew for its courtesy, patience and sense of humor during this time. I found the crew quite accommodating when I needed to get in and out of my section of Freer, particularly my driveway. I believe there were only two days when I

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couldn't get to it. Before the work started, I wasn't looking forward to the noise and disruption. However, in looking back, the crew made every effort to minimize the disruption, and the noise actually has been less than the normal; day-to-day street traffic. Plus, the street is so smooth now.
Heidi Dalley
Chelsea

Steklac should have received a better review

I am writing as a member of the business community in Chelsea to register my disappointment in the way that City Manager Mike Steklac's performance has been judged by the City Council. I have worked with Mike on issues of importance to the town. I have found him to be level-headed, fair-minded almost to a fault, and positive about our town despite the list of problems he inherited. To those who feel he has not been a miracle worker, I would suggest that no one person would be able to make all factions happy with the outcome of every issue. Given the number of problems that faced Chelsea in the past few years, I'm shocked that his review focused on such problems as "speech habits." Lesser men would have run from these challenges, but Mike's community involvement and professionalism should have offset council's complaints to a greater extent than they have.

Chelsea is growing, and with that situation comes a whole slate of problems, including how we must rethink our immediate and long-term strategies for infrastructure, fire authority, real estate developers, cultural development and economic growth.

Mike has been able to work with some local businesses, and has often reached out to those involved to formulate an objective conclusion. I'm thinking of the sandwich-board sign issue, but also of Mike's role in groups outside of his job, including Rotary's current campaign to replace the old footbridge into Veterans Park.

In a community where consensus is hard to come by, no one should underestimate how tough a job he's had or how well he has performed.
Jan Loveland
Chelsea

Tim Walberg will represent conservatives

I'm writing to voice my support for Tim Walberg for Congress in the upcoming primary. The differences between him and Joe Schwarz couldn't be clearer.

For the past two years, Joe Schwarz has contributed to the massive increase in federal spending and the record deficit, while Tim Walberg spent 16 years in the state Legislature working to limit spending and tax increases.

While Joe Schwarz was out denouncing gun owners who wanted to be able to protect their families, Tim Walberg was fighting for their rights and received a lifetime A+ rating from the NRA.

While Joe Schwarz has been receiving massive campaign contributions from radical environmental groups, Tim Walberg believes we should be working to lessen our dependence on foreign oil and using our own natural resources.

Tim Walberg believes in the family, while Joe Schwarz was out getting the pro-abortion support of Planned Parenthood and becoming the No. 1 congressional money recipient of homosexual rights groups.

Don't be fooled by Joe Schwarz's slick campaign ads and endorsement list. Most of that support comes with a price. Fortunately for us, Tim Walberg has integrity and didn't compromise his viewpoint in exchange for a job.

In the last election, Joe Schwarz was able to sneak into the general election with only 28 percent of the Republican vote in the primary. This time, we have a real choice between a liberal and a conservative.

Let's take back the 7th Congressional District from

the liberal minority and get someone who will represent the majority of the people.
Vote for Tim Walberg Aug. 8.

Douglas Wright
Gregory

Cutting estate taxes contrary to values

In the July 13 editorial "Congress should end estate tax," the newspaper charged that opponents practice class warfare. I'm not buying it. Any legitimate debate of the equitable distribution of taxes has to look at income, wealth, who's paying and who's not.

Cutting estate taxes runs contrary to the core American value that economic success should depend on hard work and entrepreneurial spirit, not who your parents are. Equality of opportunity is an American value, not the inheritance of political and economic power.

Cutting or eliminating estate taxes would clearly shift a greater tax burden onto the middle class, while benefitting only the heirs of a handful of multi-millionaires at a time when budget shortfalls are cutting funding for basics such as mental health, education and health care.

Under the Bush administration's tax policy, those with high incomes have reaped the lion's share of benefits. In this supposed "great" economy most families are losing ground. The latest available figures are for 2004 in which the economy grew by 4.2 percent, yet the Census Bureau reports that median family income fell, poverty increased and more Americans went without health insurance. The benefits of economic growth went to a small group, the 1 percent with the greatest wealth.

The Bush administration has accelerated the gap that has been widening for three decades. From 1973 to 2002, the wealthiest 20 percent of households increased their share of overall income by 14 percent, while the income of all other groups fell and the share for the bottom fifth fell by 17 percent.

The real issue here is priorities. This is not the time to be looking for yet another tax break for multi-millionaires. We, as a people, face far more crucial issues that will determine the true quality of life we pass on to future generations. Can you imagine another 20 years of more of the same — more wars, more global warming, more expensive health care, more population, more war technology, more pollution and more hunger.

The Chelsea Standard and The Dexter Leader could do far better to address those issues in their editorials.

Warren Kress
Lima Township

Editorial was short on the hard facts

The July 13 editorial on the estate tax presented the issue in a simplistic and, hence, somewhat inaccurate

way. It was short of hard facts and long on vague statements like "the (estate) tax ... smacks of socialism."

By using the term, the newspaper attempts to plant a distracting and upsetting image of Cold War Russia in our minds from the start. But the term "socialism" actually refers to a very wide array of social and political philosophies. It was first coined at the turn of the century in Western Europe, where critics were trying to repair the damage from years of inequality and excesses of poverty. Their goal was humanitarian, to create a fair and just system for all citizens, and thereby to reduce social unrest.

Oddly, bringing up the Soviet Union reminds us that it is individuals, and their pursuit of power, that ultimately mess up political systems, even a democracy like ours, and one might even use the phrase "smacks of aristocracy" to describe the current White House and their base of "haves and have mores."

The editorial sustains the myth that without the external stimulus of money, people would not work to improve their lives. (Well, I did know a guy once who refused a pay raise because he would have to pay more child support. He was obviously an exception.) Let's face it, anyone intelligent who has a chance to improve his or her situation is going to take it.

Moreover, inheritance tax is already accepted as less of a disincentive to work than regular income tax. It doesn't tax money earned or spent, but merely the money the donor, upon death, gives away for anything non-charitable. In fact, wouldn't passing your vast wealth on to your children provide a disincentive for them to work hard?

I know heiress Paris Hilton's a hard worker. All those parties, so few nights.

The newspaper perpetuates another urban legend, that the rich "have more" (sounds nice, doesn't it?) because they either "worked for it, invested to earn it, or it was bequeathed to them."

Let's think about those three. First, who gets rich digging ditches, holding down two jobs, or working in a coal mine? Define 10 very hard jobs (start with firefighter, teacher, farmer, trucker, auto mechanic, waitress), and then tell me if they make a guy rich. Compare one day's work for Bill Ford to one day's work on the assembly line down in the plant. Now compare their pay. Who's going to be able to "have more" with the money made that day? Clue: Who does more golfing, traveling, shopping and investing?

Second, is it really fair to call investing money "earning"? Investing is not an honest day's work. It's more like gambling, without the house taking 99 percent. You don't even need much luck to make a lot of money. And with that money, you can make more

money. If I were that lucky, why shouldn't I pay some taxes on my good fortune, especially if it would fix some potholes in front of my house or feed some poor folks?

The apparent third type of rich person had their riches bequeathed to them. It was for these people that the estate tax was instituted. The purpose was to keep America from turning into an aristocracy like old Europe, where the rich could accumulate money and land, pass it on to their heirs, who could continue to accumulate more and more, effectively squeezing the middle class down into the lower class.

The estate tax is a good vehicle for skimming off the fat of the rich and pumping it into the nation's needs, instead of skinning the middle class and poor. Historically, societies have broken down when unlimited inheritance has been allowed.

With the fine art example (Anyone's wealthy parents collect fine art? Mine don't.), the writer of the editorial expresses compassion for the poor rich people, whose upper crust class is being singled out and penalized by the government. That's just not done in America, unless you're gay, African American, Hispanic, Muslim or middle class.

One of the author's final points actually supports my position best: That of the Americans who died last year (2.5 million), only 1.17 percent left taxable estates. That's only 29,000 people out of a population of 300 million. This is a tiny number of people affected and not family farmers, not small business owners, but the richest of the rich for such a revenue benefit to our government. And right now, these taxable inheritances are bigger than they have ever been in the past.

Don't fall for the age-old arguments, which aren't really true outside the abstract arena of idealism. Put simply, the rich want to keep
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Columbia, Mo., where she received her associate's degree in liberal arts. She added a bachelor's degree in Far Eastern studies at the University of Michigan and a law degree from the University of Maryland Law School.

She lives on a small farm with her husband, Kent Brown, and they raise miniature donkeys and pygmy goats. They have two daughters, Katie, an engineer at Ford Motor Co., and Jodie, a teacher in Seattle, Wash.

Q: What has drawn you to run for this position?

A: I believe that my deep roots in Washtenaw County and my diverse life experiences have prepared and qualify me to speak for the 52nd District. As a willing listener, I am open to considering varying viewpoints to reach a consensus that moves the process forward. This skill has been the hallmark of my law practice. My expertise lies in negotiating solutions and resolving volatile situations.

These skills, as well as my long-standing connection to this community, my accessibility and my ability to effectively navigate state government on behalf of my constituents, motivates me to seek re-election.

Q: Describe the responsibilities and duties of the position you are seeking.

A: A state representative speaks on behalf of her community in shaping public policy and setting the priorities of state government. She is also responsible for being the ombudsman between state government and her constituents.

Q: What experience or qualifications do you hold that qualifies you for this position?

A: Refer to my response to why I am seeking re-election.

Q: If you are an incumbent, please list your major contributions to your township.

A: My 100 percent attendance record in this first term as the 52nd District state representative underscores my commitment to the office.

It's with pride that I point to the funding that has been secured to replace the Dexter Main Street Bridge, exit ramps at Interstate 94 and Baker Road, and improvements at the intersection of M-52 and Werkner Road. My advocacy has moved a number of projects up MDOT's priority list, making sure we get our fair share of state transportation dollars.

To ensure my constituents have easy access to speak with me, I have convened numerous coffees and town hall meetings to give the people of the 52nd District a chance to talk with me directly in the familiar and comfortable setting of their home towns.

As the ombudsman for the 52nd District, my office has cut through the red tape to resolve issues from inside the system.

Q: How have you contributed, and how do you keep current on local government affairs?

A: To keep current with local government affairs, I attend or send a representative to township, village and city government meetings.

My participation in the Saline, Chelsea and Dexter chambers of commerce keeps me in direct contact with business leaders across the 52nd District. By attending the celebrations and special events of service organizations and community groups, I maintain my connections with the people in the communities that I serve.

Q: What are the three most pressing issues in your district?

A: Jobs and the Economy: Investing in public education, particularly early childhood and post-secondary education, is the key to making Michigan's economy robust once again. The High Scope Foundation has long-term documentation that every dollar invested in early childhood education saves us \$17. Getting our children off to a good start yields a lifetime of dividends.

A well-trained workforce will prepare workers of all ages for the job of today and tomorrow. I support stronger high school curriculum standards, innovations such as the Washtenaw Technical Middle College and the creative programs offered by Washtenaw Community College for displaced workers. I believe Michiganders are smart and motivated.

The public schools and post-secondary institutes of higher learning have a responsibility to offer relevant and accessible coursework that prepares people to join the workforce in the health care, high tech and advanced manufacturing industries.

Business Climate: I voted to eliminate the Single Business Tax because I believe it's imperative that we do everything possible to make Michigan attractive to businesses of every size and to encourage entrepreneurship. Cutting taxes requires legislators to identify spending reductions and revenue replacements to offset the impact of that tax cut. The legislature's top priority must be finding ways to stimulate the economy and create

a prepared workforce without turning our backs on our most vulnerable citizens.

Transportation, Gas Prices and Reliance on Oil: Soaring gas prices and our reliance on oil has created a willingness to pursue mass transit options and try alternative fuels. To interrupt the escalating traffic congestion and levels of air pollution, I envision a light rail system connecting us to Ann Arbor and Detroit and eventually other urban centers of the state.

Acknowledging the time it takes to establish new mass transit systems, the use of bio-diesel, E-85 and liquefied coal are changes that we can make today to save money at the pump, reduce our reliance on oil and lower CO emissions into the atmosphere.

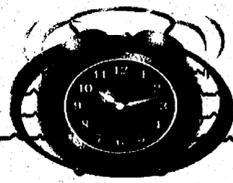
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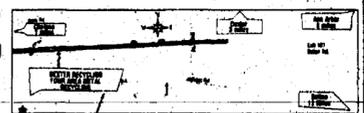
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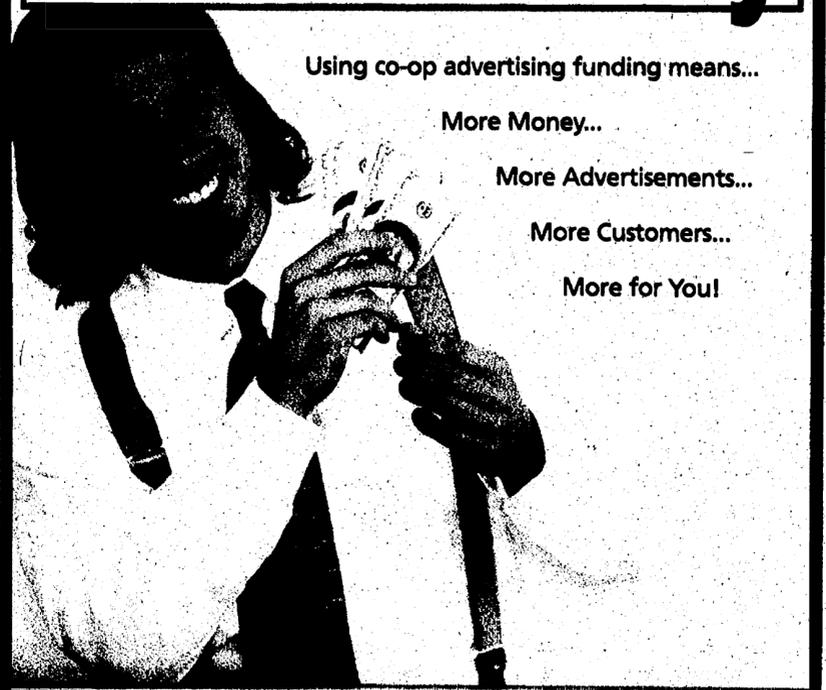
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Chelsea - Sprawling 50's ranch w/oak hardwood floors, covered ceilings, plaster walls & updates galore. 3 BR, 2 brand new ceramic baths. 1500 sq ft all on 1 acre lot just outside city limits for low taxes!
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Dexter - Home sits on peninsula of private Loch Highland just one mile from Ann Arbor. 3000 sq ft with 3 BR and 3.5 baths. Contemporary ranch on 3.3 acres heavily wooded. Many updates in this unbelievable property. \$575,000
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Grass Lake - Great ranch home on two acres features 3 BR, 2 baths with 1511 sq ft. Full walkout basement framed for 3rd bath. Huge custom deck goes length of home. 24x27 pole barn. \$222,500.
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Chelsea - Located on Mill Pond in Waterloo. Great updated farmhouse style featuring 3 BR, 2.5 baths. 1760 sq ft. Oak and stainless steel kitchen w/island. Hard wood floors, huge eat in kitchen. Chelsea schools. Jackson County taxes. \$239,900
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Dexter - (Open Sun 1-4) 3689 View. Pristine 3 bedrooms. 1.5 bath home in desirable Dexter sub. Possible 4th bedroom in finished lower level; hardwood floors, beautiful deck and a large lot. Great home for a great price. \$215,000
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Chelsea Vacant Land - 5.45 acres. Beautiful building lot with lots of wildlife. 5 min to downtown Chelsea, across from state land in Lyndon Twp. \$140,000
Kim Miller 734-476-1997



Grass Lake - Beautiful home only 1 year old! 4 BR, 2.5 bath on premium lot. Hardwood floors. 1st floor master suite. Cherry cabinetry throughout. Large covered patio. 1-94 to Mt. Hope Exit 6. 1 Mile to Sandhill \$279,900
Kim Miller 734-476-1997



Pineknay - Lake access to half Moon chain. 2003 ranch with 3 BR, 2 baths, nice landscaping. Full w/o basement has mechanicals tucked away for easy finishing. Many custom upgrades include ceramic, marble and ash floors. Neutral decor. Natural or gas fireplace. Warranty! \$191,000
Dianne Johnson 734-476-0238



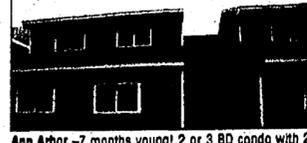
Dexter - Wonderful Cape Cod w/o partially fin LL. New decks, hardwood, hickory cabinets, new counter-tops 5 BR, 2.5 baths, 16x32 pool. All on 14.31 acres with barn, chicken coop, pond, stream, and artesian well. \$497,000
Dianne Johnson 734-476-0238



Dexter - Huge corner lot w/LL deck overlooking pond. 4 BR, 2 full and 2 half baths, neutral colors & many upgrades. Professionally fin w/o with wet bar. Hardwood floors, French doors to dining room. Large master suite. \$296,950
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Dexter - Loch Alpine - new windows, newer appliances, new roof, deck, carpet, paint, water softener. 3 or 4 bedrooms. Best buy in sub. \$224,900
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Ann Arbor - 7 months young! 2 or 3 BR condo with 2 full baths. Vaulted ceilings in living room. Daylight windows in bsmt. Kitchen pass thru to dining room. 16ft deck overlooks common area & tree line. Neutral carpet. 5 min to downtown, hospitals, schools and Xway. \$145,000
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Chelsea - Vacant Land. 2.85 acres off paved rd. Perfect site with utilities in, parked and ready for construction. Frontage on scenic mill Creek. 2538 Wheeler Dr. \$128,000
Jim Alvarez 810-599-0419



Dexter - Huge 5 bed/3 bath home on gorgeous, private, wooded 1 acre lot in Chelsea School District. Beautifully updated and maintained. \$262,000
Von Miller 734-276-4936



Stockbridge - 3 BR, 3.5 baths, ranch, with canal frontage/access to Wild Goose Lake. 2 kitchens, and amazing master suite. Garden level designed for entertaining. 1st floor laundry and open floor plan. \$285,000
Michael Dalley 734-368-4345



Stockbridge - Spacious country retreat 3 BR, 2 baths on 59 acre minutes from town. Close to Jackson, Lansing and Chelsea. Heated pole barn, zoned agricultural for use, ready for animals or sportsman paradise. \$449,900
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Grass Lake - Excellent starter home in Grass Lake schools. Located in Lenoi Twp. This 2 bedroom home has a huge living room and dining room area. A nice sized kitchen and a two car garage finished garage that could be converted to additional living space. \$93,900
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Dexter Condo - Like new 2 bedrooms, 2 baths condo w/ many upgrades. New wood flooring & freshly painted. Spacious master suite screened in porch w/ beautiful view into woods. Immediate occupancy! \$160,000
Barb Ager 734-648-0783



Dexter Schools - Beautifully kept 4 bedrooms in desirable Loch Alpine. Great yard w/ mature trees & lots of space in back. Spacious kitchen, formal living & dining rooms, family room, hardwood floors. \$299,500
Barb Ager 734-648-0783



Lodi Twp. - Dexter schools, Lodi Twp taxes. Great country home yet close to shopping & expressways. 4 BR, 3.5 baths, formal living & dining room. 1st floor master suite. Partially finished basement \$345,000
Barb Ager 734-648-0783



Dexter Schools - Dexter Twp taxes. Cute well kept home on beautiful 1 acre lot with mature trees. 3 BR, 2.5 baths. Great room with fireplace, formal living & dining rms. 1st fl laundry. Dexter Pinckney Rd. to Fleming to Hidden Lake. \$279,000
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Webster Twp - Beautiful ranch home on Ann Arbor Country Club golf Course in Loch Alpine. Master suite with Jacuzzi. Spectacular views of wooded fairways. Fabulous finished walkout lower level. 2 fireplaces and much more. \$390,000
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Dexter - Spacious immaculate condo with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, sunroom, 1st floor laundry, and full basement plumbed for bath. Short stroll to Village of Dexter. \$229,900
Kim Roberts 734-648-6142



Dexter - Well maintained 2 story with 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished W/O basement, sprinkler system, huge deck. Short stroll into Dexter. \$315,900
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Dexter - Well maintained home, hardwood floors, 4 beds, 2.5 baths, bonus room, 3 car garage on a one acre lot. Great floor plan for entertaining. Basement has daylight windows. Better than new, landscaping, deck, A/C, blinds and sprinkler system are all in. Move-in ready! \$344,900
Kim Roberts 734-648-6142



Dexter - Contemporary 3 bedrooms, 3.5 bath home with many architectural angles. Finished walkout basement, maple cabinetry, island kitchen, and fireplace. All on a beautiful premium lot. \$299,900
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Chelsea - Horse farm 3 minutes drive to town! 7.5 acres, with barn and shed. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 bath colonial updated with new kitchen & bath. Great view, delightful 4 season room; above ground pool and master bath! \$349,900
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Nowell - Custom built 3 bedrooms, 3 bath contemporary home on 2.65 beautiful acres. Many upgrades, meticulously crafted cabinets, radiant heated floors, Pella windows. 1st floor master suite. 24x40 pole barn. \$319,900
Michael Dalley 734-368-4345



Grass Lake - Beautiful custom home in Grass Lake schools. Fabulous Great Room, well designed kitchen, w/lots of cabinets and large eating space. 1st floor master suite, 2+ car garage on 1 acre lot. \$229,900
Michael Dalley 734-368-4345



Gregory - Fabulous home on 5 heavily wooded acres that backs up to state land. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath ranch w/walkout basement. 2nd floor plan and incredible view from wrap around porch. See it to believe it! \$325,000
Michael Dalley 734-368-4345



Waterloo Twp. - Hilltop cape cod minutes from I-94 in Waterloo Twp. 3 BR, 2 baths, spacious LR and kitchen. 1st floor master. Deck and porch surround house. W/O plumbed for 3rd bath. 2 car garage w/attic storage all on 3 acres. \$205,000
Michael Dalley 734-368-4345



Grass Lake - Former model in Time Lake Preserve. Open floor plan w/ lots upgrades, granite, double crown molding, 1st fl master and laundry. Finished garden level w/wet bar, kitchenette, walkout w/egress windows. \$314,900
Michael Dalley 734-368-4345



(Price Reduction)
Dexter - Impeccably maintained 3 BR, 3.1 bath home. Vaulted ceiling in great room w/ gas fireplace, island kitchen. Finished walk-out basement w/full bath, kitchen, fireplace. Beautifully landscaped \$284,900
Jeri Endler 734-621-0744



(Under Contract)
Dexter - 2 BR, 2 bath with 1 car attached garage end-unit condo. Vaulted Great room w/gas fireplace. W/O part fin basement. Deck over looks pond. Walk to Village. \$175,000.
Jeri Endler 734-621-0744



Grass Lake - Beautiful home with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage on 2 acres. Two story foyer w/ exquisite leaded glass entry. Cook's kitchen, formal living room, family room. Large master suite w/huge walk in closet, and balcony overlooking backyard. \$294,900
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Ann Arbor - Own a piece of Ann Arbor history! Queen Anne style home built in 1888. 2136 sq ft; 3 BR, 2 baths, formal LR, DR. Beautiful English Gardens. \$579,000
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Jackson - Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath bi-level home. Newer kitchen w/oak cabinets. LR with gas fireplace. Main bath w/jetted tub, separate shower. Walk-out lower level w/ family room, bedroom and full bath. \$154,900
Jeri Endler 734-621-0744



Dexter - Two story home on 1.5 acres. 2200 sq ft. 4 BR, 2.5 bath. Open kitchen with large island and deck side pool, finished basement. Formal living & dining room, 3 car garage. \$324,900
Liz Rausser 734-476-4911



Dexter - Elegant 5 BR, 5.1 bath custom designed home w/ all the finest features. Kitchen has new appliances, granite counters. 2 story great room, 3 season sun room. Outdoor living space created with tumbledstone, outdoor FP and built in grille all overlooking landscaped 2 acres. Fin LL w/2 BR, full kit. 1.5 baths. \$1,199,000
Liz Rausser 476-4911



Dexter - Delightful ranch home with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Spacious light filled living room with bay window. Many updates including finished basement with an office/bedroom. Private setting with big backyard. \$199,500
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Loch Alpine - Picturesque views from this walkout building site overlooking the 2nd fairway of the Ann Arbor Country Club. View the pond and enjoy Golf Course living in Loch Alpine. Just steps away from a newly built clubhouse. With an exercise facility, restaurant, swimming pool and tennis courts. \$184,900
Liz Rausser 734-476-4911



Dexter - Terrific brick traditional home with 3400 sq ft of open living space. Crown molding, wainscoting, hardwood floors. 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths and 3 car garage. \$484,000
Liz Rausser 734-476-4911



Gregory - Lake living with Patterson Lake access. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, newer roof, C/A, furnace, adjacent to state land. Dock is in. Motivated Sellers! \$137,900
Leigh Maddick 810-599-2887



Dexter - Sunlit great room looks out to huge backyard w/pond & wooded view. 4 BR, 3.5 baths, 3600 sq ft, professionally finished w/d basement. Breakfast area & large kitchen w/ lots of counter space. 3 car stacked garage. \$389,000
Tammy James 734-386-7207



Chelsea - Elbow grease will finish this downtown historic home. Features 3 BR, 2 baths, 1540 sq ft, newer roof, kitchen, baths, master bedroom addition, furnace, elec and plumbing. Office in garage, new hardwood floors. Great investment! \$178,500
Michelle Elle 734-637-6376



Chelsea - Attention Investors! 1826 SF farm house on 5 acres, waiting for your renovations and TLC. Chelsea schools. Township taxes. Add'l storage available. \$164,900
Jeri Endler 734-621-0744



Grass Lake - Terrific retail space located in historic downtown district of Grass Lake Village. Perfect for franchise or individually owned business like restaurant, florist, sporting goods, bakery or bookstore. \$330,000
Jeri Endler 734-621-0744



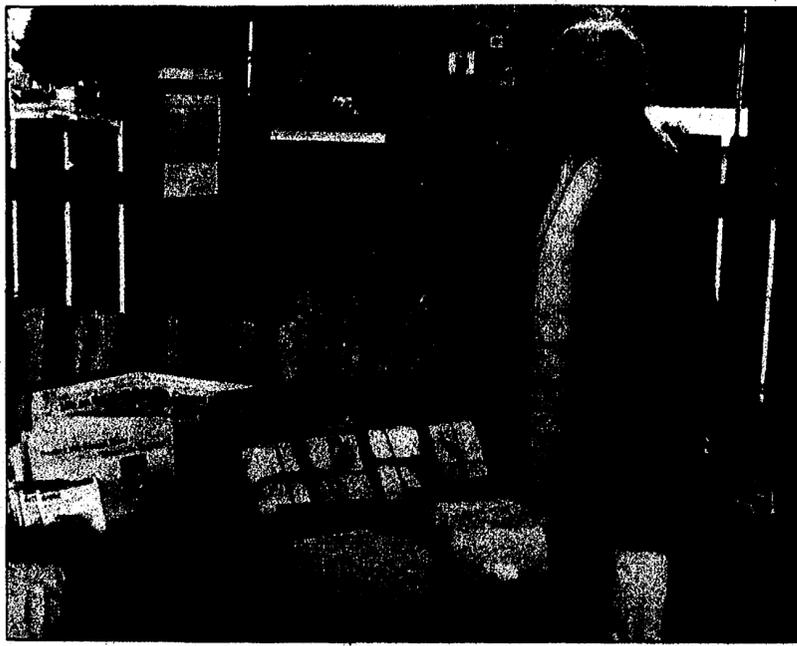
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— RECYCLED ART —

Heidi Kraepel (left) is among the artisans at the Chelsea Farmers' Market. Kraepel creates handmade cards as part of her business, Brown Bag Records. She enjoys creating useful items from recycled paper. She is also an advocate for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and the Gwich'in Nation Indians of Northeast Alaska and Canada. She offers a wealth of information at her booth for both causes, all free to her customers. Kraepel is pictured with Sally Houck.

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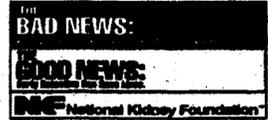
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their money. Wouldn't you? The rich run the government right now, so they are pushing for anything that helps them keep their money: income tax cuts, repeal of the estate tax, elimination of Social Security, reduction of benefits to the aged and needy, capital gains tax cuts, health care.

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run a nation, and those taxes are not evil if they affect those who are lucky enough to have the substantially more money than the rest of us. That's not socialism. That's simply just and fair.

Roy Schmidt
Lyndon Township



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CHELSEA

Fund-raiser set for senior center

A fund-raiser for the Chelsea Senior Center will be held Aug. 11 at the Comfort Inn Conference Center in Chelsea.

Vicky Wurster will combine show business and philanthropy to help make up for cutbacks in state funding.

The fund-raiser will include a sit-down dinner, cash bar, silent auction and music.

A dozen area residents are donating their time, Wurster

said.

Guests will be entertained by selections from such musicals as "Fiddler on the Roof," "Grease," "Sound of Music," "42nd Street" and "Camelot."

Tickets are available at Chelsea Senior Center, Chelsea Pharmacy and from Chelsea Senior Center board members.

For information about the fund-raiser, call the senior center at 475-9242.

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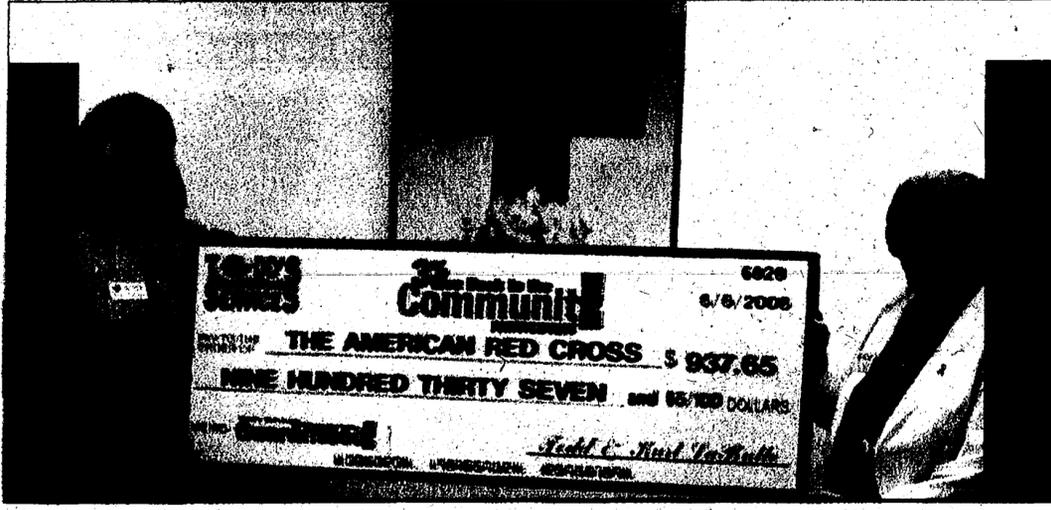
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Support Your Local Non-Profits



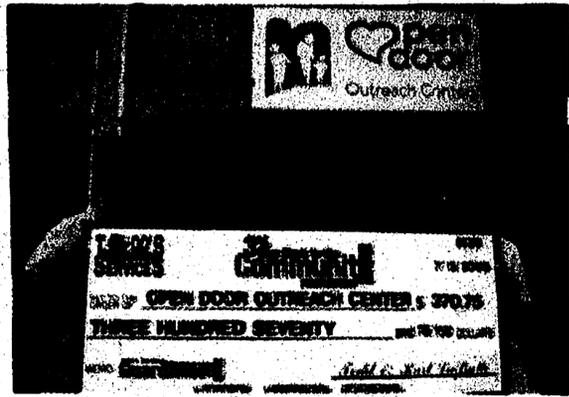
Karen Gregg (left) and Diane Serra accept a donation to support the American Red Cross of Livingston Co.

Many non-profit groups are struggling financially due to past events such as the 9-11 terrorist attacks, the Asian tsunami, and hurricanes. Repairing the devastation caused by these events has led to government cuts in funding. The lagging economy in Southeast Michigan has also contributed to the declining support of non-profit organizations. To try and help the situation, Todd's Services, Inc. (TSI) developed the **Give Back to the Community Program**. Through this program, TSI has had the pleasure of donating over \$450,000 to many local, non-profit organizations including schools, churches and public libraries. Over the next few years, TSI will donate a total of 2 Million Dollars to many well-deserving, local, non-profit groups.

This program has provided TSI the opportunity to work with and learn about so many outstanding, local non-profit groups. When most people think of non-profits, they probably think of the larger groups we are all aware of. Due to limited space, we couldn't list them all, but the following gives an example of smaller groups, possibly not as well-known, that are very worthy of recognition and praise.

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Open Door Outreach Center

Waterford, MI – Celebrating the spirit of interfaith charity and recognizing the human dignity of all persons, Open door Outreach Center's primary mission is to provide emergency services (food, clothing, and referral information) to families in need. Open Door offers free food and clothing to qualified families in our service area who experience an emergency that prevents them from providing basic family needs. Our careful selection procedure ensures that assistance is provided to those with the greatest need. opendooroutreachcenter.org

Community Support Team

South Lyon, MI – it is the mission of the South Lyon Community Support Team to provide financial support to families with children who have suffered catastrophic illnesses or injuries. The support team helps families within a 25 mile radius of South Lyon. Their largest fund raiser is the Annual Golf Outing in July at Links of Novi. For information or to join the group contact President Ann Traye at (248) 437-2533. slcst.org

St. Johns Outreach

Fenton, MI – The goal of St. John Outreach of Fenton is to enhance human dignity by promoting personal freedom and fostering hope through service based in faith. St. John Outreach serves the poor, the homeless and the marginalized in our community. They believe a community needs more than government safety nets. As necessary as they are, they often fail to break a fall. Our outreach brings friendship to the lonely, frees the poor from appalling servitude, and nourishes respect and caring among people of the community. For information contact Maureen Ottney at (810) 629-1817.

Give Back to the Community

This is how the Give Back to the Community Program works: When Todd's Services, Inc. landscapes a project, they donate 3% of the job total (up to \$600 max.) to the local, non-profit organization of the customer's choice. All local, non-profit organizations qualify including schools, churches, fund-raisers, sports teams, subdivisions, and many more.

TSI offers various financing programs including up to 12 months same as cash with no interest, or 36 months financing with a low monthly payment. If you are in need of landscaping and would like to help a worthy cause at the same time, or if you want TSI to donate a portion of landscaping, contact Todd's Services, Inc. at (810) 629-1817.

Great Lakes Burn Camp

Held in Jackson, MI - supports a camp for burn-injured children at no cost to their families. Donations are used to purchase specialized equipment, cover the cost of organized events transportation and provide quality of food and lodging. The camp is a special place for kids ages 7-17 to meet, heal, grow and support other burn survivors. Kids share their stories and bond with other kids in a comfortable, relaxed environment. greatlakesburncamp.com

Special Days Camps

Held in Jackson, MI - provides a safe place for children with cancer or leukemia, their siblings and families to come and enjoy normal childhood camp activities in a healthy, outdoor setting – under the care of skilled medical personnel. Those in treatment are given every chance to participate in all activities. Campers who are off treatment provide a wonderful inspiration to those who are sick. For the brothers and sisters of children with cancer Special Days Camps provides carefree camping fun "on their own," with friendly and understanding companions. specialdays.org

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Through the Give Back to the Community Program, TSI has already donated over \$450,000 to local organizations.

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Livingston

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Livingston has a mission of "nourishing our communities by feeding hungry people". This is done by securing surplus food from farmers, grocery retailers, food distributors and processors that would otherwise go to waste. Over one million meals are provided to individuals struggling to put food on their tables in our community. Gleaners operates a food pantry in Genoa Twp., which has over 1,300 visits made to it per month by local residents who need help with groceries. Gleaners' network is experiencing a 30% - 40% increase in request for food assistance. Over 59% of those who benefit from the food distributed are children and seniors. Gleaners Community Food Bank of Livingston is located at 5924 Sterling Dr., Howell, MI 48843. gafb.org

COMMUNITY

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The interior of the new church boasts three altars depicting a variety of saints.

Photo by Mary Kumbler

Spreading its wings

St. Joseph Catholic Church serving growing parish

By Sandi Kasha
Staff Writer

Rita Fischer has lived in the same house for almost her entire life.

The 85-year-old moved to the home on Fourth Street when she was 2 years old.

When she married her husband, Richard, they remodeled the home and raised their three children, Michael, 47; Mary, 46; and Ann, 43.

What has made Fischer happy and centered in the home is the fact that it's near St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Fischer was married at the church in 1957, had her children baptized there and sent them to the parish's school before it closed its doors in 1968.

"I was born a Catholic, live life as a Catholic and raised my family as Catholic," she said. "It's all I really know, and the church is a pillar for me. I find comfort in walking to its gardens and meditating."

Fischer said a new church is necessary for a growing parish. "I'm sad that things are changing," she said. "I know that it must be done and that the parish wants to be accommodating, but I'd still rather walk up the street to go to Mass than drive to the country."

The proposed 25,833-square-foot structure is expected to be completed by next fall. The new location is on the southwest corner of Mast and North Territorial roads.

The Rev. Brendan Walsh said that the church has 4,368 parishioners.

"We're continuing to grow," he said. "The new church is big enough to house growing

members."

The new Webster setting also will be safer for senior citizens, Walsh said. The new parking lot will have several handicapped parking spaces and the church would have more room for wheelchairs.

The Diocese of Lansing purchased the 46-acre parcel in April 2002.

Walsh said he didn't want to disclose the amount of the purchase, but said \$5 million was raised through two parish fund-raising campaigns.

Walsh, who has been with the church for eight years, said the parish will stay in the village to serve the community, but Mass will be held at the new location.

"The church will be preserved and open for special occasions like weddings and funerals," he said.

Walsh said that nothing would be removed from the church.

"It's registered as a historical building," he said. "The intent

is to keep the integrity of the history of the building."

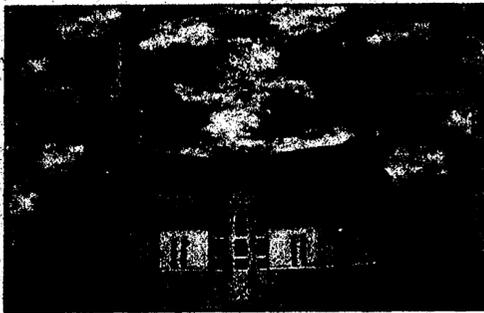
Built in 1872 to accommodate the growing Irish community, the church's original location burned down in 1884 at Dexter Town Hall and Quigley Road.

"It was a missionary church," said Cindy Johnson, the parish's religious education secretary. "They didn't have a clergy and only had Mass whenever a priest was traveling through."

The gothic-style church sits among modest single-family homes on the corner Fourth and Dover streets.

Johnson, who has been a parishioner for 30 years, said that the church and its activities and festivals became an integral

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A sketch of the proposed new church that will be built in Webster Township on the southwest corner of Mast and North Territorial roads shows that the parish wants to retain the current church's exterior structure.



Above, the grotto on the church grounds, built in 1887, depicts the story that took place in Lourdes, France, more than 100 years ago. The site attracts many visitors.



At left, the St. Joseph statue is situated on the side of the church.

Photos by Sandi Kasha

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, July 27

Sounds and Sights on Thursday Nights will be held from 8 to 8 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Chelsea. Some attractions will include Pedestrians rock music, Royal Garden Trio jazz music and magician Michael McGivern.

Cranesbill Books & Music has canceled Michigan author Michael Lindley's talk for tonight. For more information, call 433-2665.

Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29

Chelsea Summer Fest will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. both days in downtown Chelsea. Some attractions will include sidewalk sales, street performers, the Kid Zone, a food and entertainment court, and a classic car show from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday.

Saturday, July 29

Keith Parmentier will perform from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Pierce's Pastries Plus, 103 W. Middle St., in Chelsea. Morning Mochas and Melodies is a free event. For more information, call 475-6081.

Flowerpot painting for kids will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at Cranesbill Books & Music, in the alley behind the store, 108 E. Middle St., in Chelsea. For more information, call 433-2665.

Ice cream social, car show and bake sale will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. at Waterloo Village United Methodist Church, 8110 Waterloo Road, near Chelsea. To show a car, call 1-517-951-8700 or 475-2697.

Wednesday, Aug. 2

The film "Looney Tunes" will be shown 9 p.m. in the courtyard of Scoopies Café, 114 N. Main St., in Chelsea. The show is free and open to the public. For more information, call Jan Loveland at 433-2665.

Thursday, Aug. 3

Author **Emily Eisbruch** will introduce her guidebook, "A Curious Kid's Guide to Michigan" in the evening during Sounds and Sights on Thursday Nights at Cranesbill Books and Music, 108 E. Middle St., in Chelsea.

Monday, Aug. 7

The **Chelsea District Library** will host "Natural Methods for Sports Injuries" 6:30 p.m. at 500 Washington St. Certified acupuncturist and enzyme nutrition therapist Mark Rojek will explain how to prevent sports injuries through nutrition rather than surgery or medication. For more information, call 475-8732.

CHELSEA MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Alzheimer's Association Family Caregiver Support Group meets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Chelsea Retirement Community, 805 W. Middle St. Call 1-800-337-3827.

Books & Banter Group meets 1:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. Copies of the books are available for registered readers. For information, call 475-8732.

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the third Thursday of the month. Call 475-1145.

A Chess Club will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday through July 27 at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. The event is free, no registration required. For more information, call 475-8732.

Friends of Chelsea District Library meets on a regular basis. For more information, call Marie Brooks at 475-8732 or Jennifer Kundak at 475-2424.

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon every Thursday for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. For reservations, call 475-7439.

Friday

Al-Anon meets 12:30 p.m. every Friday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St., in the White Oak Center Great Room. Call 475-1462.

Congressman Joe Schwarz holds district office hours from 8 to 9 a.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at Zou Zou's, 101 N. Main St., in Chelsea.

Step aerobics are held from 9 to 10 a.m. at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

Saturday

Hope Clinic, for people with no health insurance, is held 9 a.m. to noon on the second Saturday of the month at Faith in Action, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-3305.

Western Washtenaw Republicans meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Cleary's Pub, 113 S. Main St. Call 996-9467.

German Social Club meets 1 p.m. the last Saturday of the month

at Wolverine restaurant, 20460 Old US-12. Call 475-1583.

Prayerful Hands Group meets monthly at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St., in Chelsea. The group knits, crochets, sews and quilts for those in need. For more information, call the church at 475-1404 or 475-1295.

Sunday

The Parkinson Education and Support Group of Washtenaw County meets from 1:30 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month. Call 1-800-852-9781.

Monday

Al-Anon meets 7:30 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-1462.

Chelsea AA group meetings are held 8:30 p.m. Monday, 8 p.m. Thursday, 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Chelsea hospital dining room, and noon on Tuesday and Wednesday at First Congregational Church, 121 E. Middle St.

Chelsea Area Garden Club meets noon the second Monday of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Call 475-1493.

Chelsea Kiwanis Club meets 6:15 p.m. every Monday at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Call 475-6128.

Circuit training classes are held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Monday and Thursday at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

Lima Township Board meets 8 p.m. the second Monday of every month at the Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, in Chelsea. For more information, call 475-2246.

Masonic Lodge 156 of Chelsea meets 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at 113 W. Middle St. Call 433-1452.

Mystery Book Club meets 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

Overeaters Anonymous meets from 6 to 7 p.m. every Monday at the Covenant Church, 50 N. Freer Road. For more information, call 995-1835.

Step aerobics are held from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

Taste of Home Café serves lunch at noon Monday through Friday at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. It's open to the public with a \$2.50 donation for senior citizens 60 years or older, and \$5 for all others. Reservations are required one day in advance. For information or reservations, call 475-9242.

Tuesday

Chelsea District Library Board meets 6:45 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St.

Chelsea Lions Club meets 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St.

Chelsea Rotary Club meets 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Common Grill, 112 S. Main St.

Euchre Party is held 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Chelsea Senior Citizen Center, 512 E. Washington St. Call 475-9242.

Grandparents as Parents program is held 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Call 712-3625.

"Senior Computing: One to One" workshop is held from 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Tuesdays each month at the Chelsea District Library, 500 Washington St. There is no charge, but registration is required. To register or for more information, call 475-8732.

Senior Nutrition Program meets noon every Tuesday for dinner at the Waterloo Township Hall, 8061 Washington St., in Waterloo. Call 475-7439.

Silver Sneakers workout classes are held from 8 to 8:45 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners meets at 1 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Road Commission Boardroom, 555 N. Zeeb Road, in Scio Township. For updates to the meeting schedule, check out the Web site at www.wcroads.org.

Woman's Club of Chelsea meets 1 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at The Pines, 325 Wilkinson St. For information, call Edith Lindberg at 475-3019 or Jinny Johnson at 433-9825.

Wednesday

Chelsea Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4078, 105 N. Main St.,

meets 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month. Call 475-1448.

Muscle toning classes are held 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Chair exercises are followed by walking. The class is free and open to the public. For more information, call 475-9242.

Narcotics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Chelsea Community Hospital, Dining Room B, 775 S. Main St., in Chelsea.

Step aerobics are held from 9 to 10 a.m. at Chelsea Free Methodist Church, 7665 Werkner Road. For more information, call 475-1391.

DEXTER

Thursday, July 27 through Saturday, July 29

The **Dexter Community Players** present "Oklahoma!" 7:30 p.m. all three days at the Dexter Center of Performing Arts, 2200 N. Parker Road, in Dexter. The cost is \$12 for students and for all tickets bought in advance, or \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at the Dexter library, Foggy Bottom Coffee House, online at www.dextercommunityplayers.org or by calling 426-5060.

Friday, July 28

Comedy juggler John Park will perform "How a Book Changed My Life" 7 p.m. at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. The event is free and registration is not required. For more information, call 426-4477.

Wednesday, Aug. 2

The **Dexter District Library Summer Reading Club** will wrap up with "The Amazing Clark" performing his "Three Little Pigs" comedy and magic show 11 a.m. at the library, 8040 Fourth St. Refreshments will be served after the program. For more information, call 426-4477.

DEXTER MISCELLANEOUS

Thursday

Congressman Joe Schwarz holds district office hours from 8 to 9 a.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at Bear Claw Coffee Company, 8074 Main St., in Dexter.

Dexter AA group meets 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in the education building, 3470 Dover St., in Dexter.

Dexter American Legion meets 8 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Call 426-3112.

Dexter Community Band meets from 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at the Dexter High School band room, 2200 N. Parker Road. Call 426-2734.

Dexter Historical Society meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St., in Dexter.

Dexter Rotary Club meets 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. every Thursday at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road.

Dexter Downtown Development Authority meets 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Copeland Administration Building, 7714 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Lions Club meets 6:45 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays at DAPCO Industries, 2500 Bishop Circle East, in Dexter. Call 426-8549.

Girlfriends Inc. is for women of all ages. Moms and newcomers especially welcome. The group meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Call 424-3404.

Monday

Dexter Board of Education meets 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at Creekside Intermediate School, 2615 Baker Road, in Dexter.

Dexter District Library Board meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St., in Dexter.

Dexter Village Council meets 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

Dexter Village Planning Commission meets 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of the month at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals meets 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St.

Dexter AA Group meets 8 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Joseph's Parish Hall Education Building, 3470 Dover St.

Dexter Child Study Club meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month. Call 426-3684.

Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St. Call 426-8299 or e-mail bjanadell@ca.com.

Dexter Kiwanis Club meets 6:30 p.m. the first and fourth

Tuesdays of the month at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Dexter-Ann Arbor St., in Dexter.

Dexter Township Board meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Township Planning Commission meets 7:30 p.m. the first and fourth Tuesdays at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road.

Dexter Village Parks Commission meets 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Wylie Elementary School, 3060 Kensington St.

Independent Order of Oddfellows meets 7:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 W. Huron River Drive, in Dexter.

Wednesday

Dexter American Legion Auxiliary meets 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the American Legion Post, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road. Call 426-3112.

Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Committee meets 8 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Chamber Conference Room, 8005 Main St. For more information, call 426-0887.

Dexter Touchdown Club meets 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the media center at Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road.

Friends of Dexter District Library meets 9 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month at the Dexter District Library, 8040 Fourth St. Call 426-4477.

La Leche League meets monthly on Wednesday mornings in Dexter. The league is a support and information group for pregnant and nursing mothers. For more information, call 426-5648.

TOPS Weight Loss Group meets weekly from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor-Dexter Road. Call 426-4031 for more information.

Western Washtenaw Democrats meets 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at the IBEW Hall, 7920 Jackson Road, in Scio Township. For more information, call 475-8551.



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• DAVE MASTIE - SCIENCE GUY: 2:15 P.M.
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WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Couple weds

Kathryn McKillen, daughter of Jeffery McKillen and Linda Sorg, both of Dexter, and Bryce McAllister, son of Linda and Butch Clark of Ann Arbor and the late Ronald McAllister, were married June 24 at Lakelands Golf and Country Club in Brighton.

The maid of honor was Jennifer Brown of Chelsea.

The bridesmaids were Alison D'Amico of Ann Arbor, Jill Berenson of Saline and Becky Young of Novi.

Courtney Fiegel of Ann Arbor and Michaela Clark of Portland were the flower girls. Nathaniel Fiegel of Ann Arbor was the ring bearer.

Nathan Munson of Dexter was the best man.

The groomsmen were Joel Ash of Brighton, Jeff Sorter of Dexter and Sean Davidson of Dexter.

A reception was held at Lakelands Golf and Country Club in Brighton. The couple honeymooned on Paradise Island in the Bahamas. They reside in Whitmore Lake.

The bride graduated from Dexter High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is a teacher in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The groom graduated from Dexter High School and Lansing Community College. He is a firefighter for the Ann Arbor Fire Department.



Wiedmayer to marry McCalla

Hillary Diane Wiedmayer of Manchester and Eric McCalla of Chelsea are engaged and planning a fall wedding.

The future bride is the daughter of Gary and Diane Wiedmayer of Manchester. She is a 1995 graduate of Manchester High School and a 2000 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Nursing. She is employed as a registered nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in the Medical Intensive Care Unit.

The future groom, a 1996 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2001 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, is the son of Susan and the late Kenneth McCalla of Chelsea. He is a high school history teacher and assistant varsity football

coach at Grass Lake Community Schools.

They are planning to marry Oct. 7 at Grace Point Evangelical Free Church in Adrian.

BIRTHS

A daughter, Delaney Grace, was born June 18 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township to Tammy and Andrew Parker of Ann Arbor. Maternal grandmother is Justine Wood of Ypsilanti. Paternal grandparents are George and Judy Parker of Chelsea.

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McGovern, Fouty exchange vows

Amber McGovern and Scott Fouty were married June 3 at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter.

The bride is the daughter of Laurie McGovern of South Burlington, Vt., and John McGovern of Ann Arbor. The groom is the son of Kim Nicola of Chelsea, and Michael and Amy Fouty of Chelsea.

The maid of honor was Annalise Wendell of Wauwatose, Wis.

The bridesmaids were Brynn Bridges of Kalamazoo, Sara Parrish of Charlevoix and Lauren Fouty of Chelsea.

The flower girl was Amelia Svyrson of Clawson.

Jeff Kolodica of Chelsea was the best man.

The groomsmen were

Trevor McGovern of South Burlington, Vt., Phil Fishburn of Chelsea and Chad Schwartzberger of Ypsilanti.

A reception was held at the Comfort Inn in Chelsea. The couple honeymooned at Sandals Grande in St. Lucia. They reside in Pittsfield Township.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2004 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is currently working on a master's degree in business administration at Cleary University and is employed at M-CARE in the finance department.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of Chelsea High School. He is a foreman at Salisbury Landscape Group.

CHELSEA

Gonda named to hospital post

John Gonda recently joined Chelsea Community Hospital as director of marketing and planning. His responsibilities include overseeing all marketing, advertising and media relations efforts for the hospital, as well as assisting with facility planning activities and monitoring patient volume trends and forecasts.

Before arriving at Chelsea hospital, Gonda was the marketing and public relations director at Forum Health in Youngstown, Ohio. Previously, he worked for Humility of Mary Health Partners, a region of Catholic Healthcare Partners, also located in Ohio.

Gonda has an undergraduate degree from Youngstown State University and has completed graduate course work at both YSU and Kent

State University. "We feel that John is an excellent addition to our organization," Kathleen Griffiths, president and CEO of the hospital, said in a prepared statement. "His years of healthcare marketing and media relations experience are going to be a valuable resource as we continue to expand our programs here at Chelsea Community Hospital."

Chelsea Community Hospital, established in 1970, is a private, nonprofit, acute care 113-bed facility. The hospital, which is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, is governed by a 15-member board of trustees and employs 1,000 people on a full- or part-time basis.

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CHURCH

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part of the community. Nuns from the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary were invited to open a school across the street from the parish in 1920.

"The old school is now an apartment building," Johnson said. "The nuns are gone and the church is still here."

Though the church has undergone some renovations, it has still retained its original charm with beautiful stained glass windows and impressive carved woodwork.

An elevator shaft was installed in the 1980s to accommodate parishioners in wheelchairs who needed to use the restrooms in the basement.

"It still will be cared for and respected as part of the village," Johnson said.

Walsh said the new church will be styled with the same elegance as the old church's exterior.

"The size of the new church would also welcome new people in," he said.

The McKenzie family moved to Dexter Village from Chicago six years ago. David, 40, and Laura, 35, wanted to provide their children, twins Aimee and Shelby, 11, and sons, Zach, 9, and Nick, 5, with stability.

Aimee and Shelby are altar servers at the church and Zach is being trained to be an altar server.

"I think immersing the kids with church and church-related activities provides them with positive influences," David McKenzie said.

Laura McKenzie said the kids feel safe and comfortable at the church.

"It instills the children with good values," she said. "The people are wonderful. The kids consider their family. We're pretty close with many young families that are involved in the church."

Aimee and Shelby said they are anxious for the new church to open, but there will be some things they will miss.

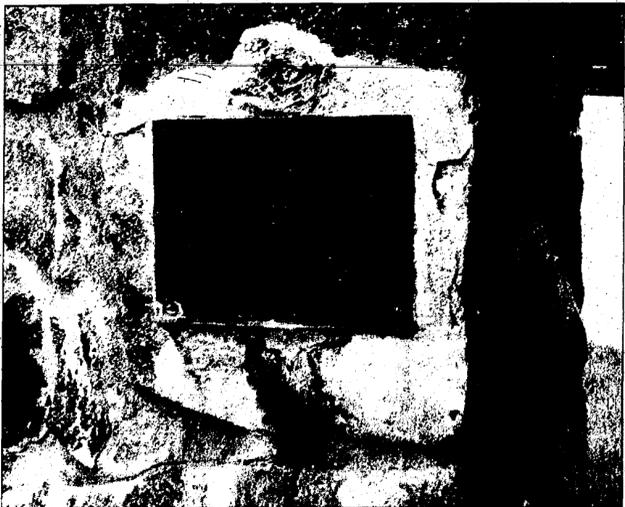
"I will miss serving at the old church," Shelby said. "I'm excited about the new church, though. It will be so much bigger."

The family attends Mass every Sunday and the McKenzies ensure their children are learning valuable lessons.

Nathaniel Cook, 17, found his faith a little later in life. He was raised a Catholic, but didn't practice his faith regularly until his sophomore



The McKenzie kids Zach (left), 9; Nick, 5; Aimee, 11; and Shelby, 11; enjoy getting involved at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The family makes it a point to attend Mass every Sunday.



The stone on top of the sign from the grotto on church grounds was brought from Lourdes, France.

Photos by Sandi Kasha

year of high school, when his girlfriend, Julia, reintroduced him to the church.

"I find it fulfilling to be involved with the church," he said, sitting in the dim church looking over the altar. "It gives me a sense of purpose."

Cook is part of the church youth group called the Mustard Seed.

"The purpose of the group is to get together with other teens and talk and learn about our faith," he said. "When you have faith and trust in God, then it allows you to believe in people."

Cook said the church moving isn't such a bad idea.

"This church is a special part of the community and that doesn't go away," he

said. "It isn't fair when Mass is starting and you have half of the church-goers standing up. The new church

will provide more room." Staff Writer Sandi Kasha can be reached at 475-1371 or skasha@heritage.com.

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Library to offer 'Books for Babies'

Most people can recall how and when they learned to read. For baby boomers, time spent in the first-grade classroom slowly sounding out the adventures of Dick, Jane and Spot comes to mind. But research now shows that reading — and literacy — is a process that starts much earlier in a child's life.

"Books for Babies," a new outreach program launched by the Chelsea District Library, is aimed at introducing babies to the world of books and reading. Through local pediatricians' offices, parents of newborns will receive a canvas bag containing a board book and early childhood literacy information that explain how literacy activities, such as holding books, turning pages, and watching parents read and write, can help their child get ready to learn to read in the school setting.

"This wonderful program acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their children," Karen Persello, head of youth and teen services at the library, said in a prepared statement. "By reading to babies, parents can help them develop language skills and start them on the path to success in reading and learning."

It's a natural outreach for the library, as the program dovetails with its goal of providing lifelong learning for

Chelsea-area residents.

"We love to do these kinds of programs," said Library Director Cathy Russ, "because positive early memories of libraries, books and reading will last a lifetime."

The initial phase of the program was partially funded through Pfizer Inc.'s employee and retiree grant program. Sharon Pignanelli, a Pfizer retiree and Chelsea library volunteer, said Pfizer would be pleased to see the money being used in a way that aligns well with its goal to help people lead healthier, longer and happier lives.

"I was pleased that the library chose to initiate the 'Books for Babies' program with this grant due to its long-term potential impact on the well-being of children," she said.

The Friends of Chelsea Library will provide funding for the purchase of additional bags and books. Megan McCall, president of the Friends, said the group is excited about helping connect young families with the resources of the library.

"Families can find a lot of support for fostering their child's development at the library," she said. "The library has wonderful books, magazines, videos about parenting and child development and offers great programs and special events to help foster a love of books and reading in children."

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SCIO TOWNSHIP

Auction to raise money for research

Foundation established in memory of Dexter High School graduate

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

A Berry Special Auction, to raise money for pediatric cancer research, is set for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Dexter Knights of Columbus Hall at 8265 Dexter-Chelsea Road.

The dinner and auction will be hosted by the Berry Patch Foundation, established in 2005 by family and friends of Carrie Lynn Sloan of Dexter, who lost her two-year battle with Ewing's sarcoma two years ago at the age of 24.

The nonprofit, volunteer organization's mission is to eliminate pediatric cancers as life-threatening diseases by advancing research, education and treatment.

A Dexter High School graduate with a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, Sloan volunteered for homeless organizations, youth programs and domestic violence prevention programs and visited dozens of countries, touching the lives of people all over the world.

"Carrie devoted her short life to helping battered woman with her volunteer work at SafeHouse, as well as her career as a domestic violence caseworker. She volunteered at a soup kitchen and participated in alternative spring break. The Berry Patch Foundation allows us

to continue her path of helping others," said Sloan's mother, Janet.

Auctioneer David Helmer of Braun and Helmer Auction Service will conduct the live auction, and items will include University of Michigan football tickets, golf outing for four at the U of M golf course, signed Catherine McClung limited-edition prints, several custom wood pieces and jewelry.

There also will be a silent auction, several raffle drawings, appetizers and music.

The guest speaker will be Dr. James Geiger, associate professor of surgery at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. One of Geiger's current areas of research is a cancer vaccine.

Tickets are \$25 and are limited.

For ticket information, call Sharon Uren at 426-4897. Tickets also will be offered for sale during Dexter Days Aug. 11 and 12.

"With all the Congressional cuts in cancer research, the Berry Patch Foundation has been able to pick up a small part of the slack with providing additional research dollars," Janet Sloan said. "This year, we were able to purchase a piece of equipment for Dr. Geiger's lab. Proceeds from the Sept. 14 auction will allow us to do more."

For more information, visit the Web site www.berry-patchfoundation.org.

Sheila Pursglove is a freelance writer. She can be reached at bingley51@yahoo.com.

— CLOWNING AROUND —



Clowns ham it up for the camera at Camp Dexter held at Cornerstone Elementary School each week during the summer. For this week, Ali Farhat (left), Andrew Sinelli and Shimon Newman show off their clowning skills during a lesson about lions, tigers and bears.

Photo By Rita Fischer

STERLING HEIGHTS

Pet event will feature sanctuary

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary will bring 20 rabbits this weekend to Adoption Alley at the fifth annual Pet-A-Palooza in Sterling Heights.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Freedom Hill, 15000 Metro Parkway.

The sanctuary, located near Ypsilanti, houses more than 80 abandoned and abused bunnies in need of homes.

Adoption applications will be avail-

able at this weekend's event.

"We feel this is a worthwhile event because the focus is education awareness and having a good time," said Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary Board President Tim Patino of Plymouth.

"Some events are just mass adoptions with an every-animal-must-go mentality, and some adoptions happen that probably shouldn't. Because there is so much activity, people don't feel rushed in their decision and can take the time to make

the right one."

Pet-A-Palooza will feature a number of events and entertainment, including Rock 'N' Roll K-9s, Ultimate Air Dogs, Cutest Pet Contest, Best Dressed Peg and Doggie Fashion Show. For a schedule of events, check out the Web site www.wcsx.com.

For more information about the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, call 1-734-461-1726 or check out the Web site www.rabbitsanctuary.org.

CHELSEA

Chelsea hospital to host lecture

Chelsea Community Hospital will offer a free public lecture on the management and treatment of carpal tunnel Aug. 24.

Dr. B.J. Page, an orthopedic surgeon with Chelsea Orthopedic Specialists, will focus on the symptoms of carpal tunnel and the treatments available. Page, who specializes in hand and wrist surgery and general orthopedic surgery, will address questions from

attendees, and will discuss why the problem occurs and what can be done to prevent it.

The lecture is part of the hospital's "Let's Talk Bones" series, now in its fifth year. It is free and open to the public. It will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Chelsea Community Hospital Health and Wellness Center Conference Room.

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Duck Race Set Saturday

Shari Roberts-Osojnak and Carl Roberts of Scio Township sell T-shirts for the Chelsea Rotary Club's rubber duck race in Chelsea. The event will be held 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Veterans Park as part of a fund-raiser to help replace the bridge near the park.

STATE

Group makes recommendations on benefits for elderly residents

Though grateful that Congress finally made an attempt to address the burden of escalating prescription drug costs placed on older adults, participants at a community forum hosted by Senior Advocates of Washtenaw expressed concern regarding Medicare's new prescription drug benefit. The complexity of the benefit, the exceedingly large number of plans from which to choose, the inability to switch plans without penalty, difficulty enrolling in the program and unchecked costs were chief among their concerns. Forum participants also offered suggestions for improving the program, ultimately reaching a consensus as to how that could best be accomplished.

Top 10 recommendations:

- Eliminate the gap in coverage (doughnut hole).
- Change to a single payer model.
- Reduce drug prices overall.
- Eliminate the asset test to qualify for a low-income subsidy in paying premiums,

- deductibles, and co-payments.
- Provide better education for consumers, professionals and volunteer counselors.
- Give consumers the ability to drop coverage at any time without penalty.
- Temporarily waive the late enrollment premium increase penalty.
- Update the www.medicare.gov Web site more frequently and guarantee the accuracy of posted drug prices and coverage.
- Establish a longer open enrollment period.
- Give consumers the right to choose, enroll or drop coverage, like other insurance industries offer.

On hand to hear these comments and report back to their respective offices were representatives of U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Rep. John Dingell, and U.S. Rep. Joe Schwarz. Senior Advocates of Washtenaw anticipates a response to the participants' recommendations.

Participants' full comments and recommendations

can be obtained from a summary report of the forum prepared for Senior Advocates of Washtenaw by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B. Copies of the report can be downloaded from the AAA 1-B Web site at www.aaalb.com or from the Blueprint for Aging Web site at www.BlueprintForAging.org.

STATE

Film looks at travels

When four high school students participate in a summer internship with a retired high school history teacher, they become detectives searching for information about the Old Chicago Road, one of Michigan's earliest transportation routes. Best of all, they embark on a road trip in "Evelyn," the teacher's 1975 Cadillac convertible, which takes them from Detroit to Chicago. En route they discover that the fascinating story of this special thoroughfare has been with them all the time. This is the premise of "From Moccasins to Main Street," an engaging film that is a unique combination of historical documentary, drama and travelogue.

Guided by an oversight team from the Michigan Historical Center, Department of History, Arts and Libraries, the hourlong film will air on public TV stations throughout Michigan and beyond this fall.

The project was funded in part with a \$60,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation Enhancement Fund through the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office.

"The Sauk Trail, the Chicago Road, Michigan Avenue, US-12 — the road has many names," said Michigan Historical Center Director Sandra Clark. "When you drive this road today, through small towns and cities alike, you follow in the footsteps of generations of travelers."

"From Moccasins to Main Street" tells the story of this important road through the eyes of four young people who learn that history is all around us, if we take the time to look for it."

As the film's fictional characters explain, US-12 began as a Native American foot trail. Explorers, missionaries and fur trappers traveled the path, which became a military road connecting Fort Detroit to Fort

Dearborn, at present-day Chicago.

Eventually, communities grew up along the road at distances convenient for refreshing the horses — and the passengers — of stagecoaches. During the 20th century, drive-in restaurants and theaters and tourist sites sprang up along the road, catering to the automobile traveler.

"US-12 has outstanding historic resources, leading to its 2002 designation as one of Michigan's Heritage Routes," said Pete Hanses, manager of Michigan Heritage Route.

Mike Mort of Equity Studios wrote and directed the film. Equity Studios spe-

cializes in films about Michigan, with credits that include "To Have and To Hold: A Call to Preserve the Lighthouses of Michigan," "A Clean Slate: The Story of Michigan's One-Room Schools" and "Archways to Our Past: The Story of Michigan's Historic Highway Bridges."

More than 400 DVD copies of "From Moccasins to Main Street" have been sent to Michigan libraries and intermediate school districts, colleges and universities and historical societies.

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New law to help fish, wildlife

The Senate recently passed the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act sponsored by Ohio Sen. Mike DeWine and Michigan Sen. Carl Levin. The bill is now before the House of Representatives awaiting action.

The act, authorized in the Senate bill at \$20 million annually, provides resources to state and tribal management agencies to conserve, enhance and restore Great Lakes fish and wildlife populations and their habitats.

Ducks Unlimited thinks the act has potential to meet the objectives of several fish and wildlife restoration plans, including the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, the Great Lakes Fishery Resources Restoration Study, and the new National Fish Habitat Initiative.

"Ducks Unlimited is grateful for the leadership provided by Senators DeWine and Levin in co-sponsoring the GLFWRA," Gildo Tori, director of public policy for Ducks Unlimited's Great Lakes/Atlantic Region, said in a prepared statement. "These senators have played

key roles in protecting and restoring the Great Lakes, and their leadership in the GLFWRA is another major advancement in bringing critical resources to restore the Great Lakes."

A wide assembly of partners support passage of the act, including Department of Natural Resources, directors of all eight Great Lakes states, and a coalition of 11 conservation organizations, including American Fisheries Society, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, BASS/ESPN Outdoors, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League, Pheasants Forever, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, The Wildlife Society, Trout Unlimited and the Wildlife Management Institute.

Funding under the act can include projects that protect and restore wetlands and near shore areas, a high priority in the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Restoration Plan, as well as restoring critical habitat for a wide variety of fish and wildlife endemic to the Great Lakes.

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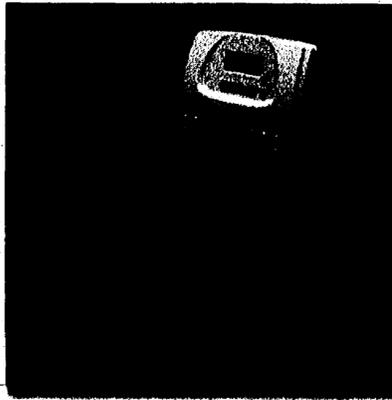
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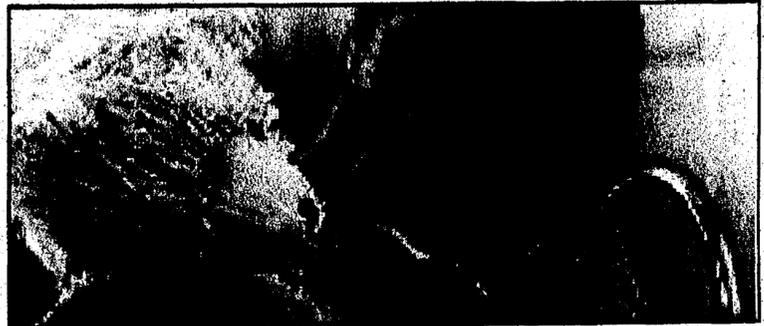


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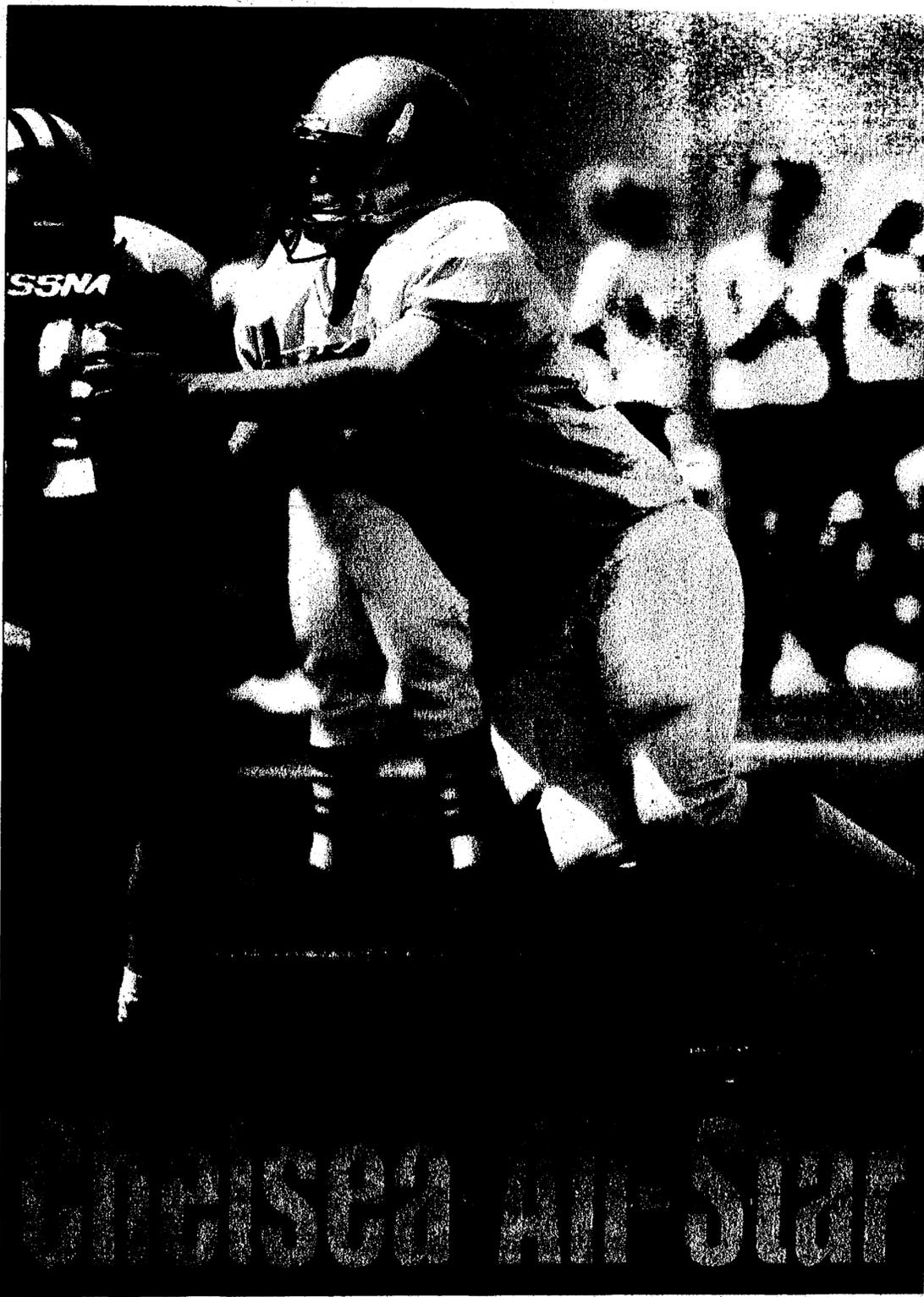
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Chelsea offensive lineman C.J. Boyer blocks Warren Cousino defensive tackle Richie Cessna, during last Saturday's 26th annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium. The East defeated Boyer's West squad 22-15.

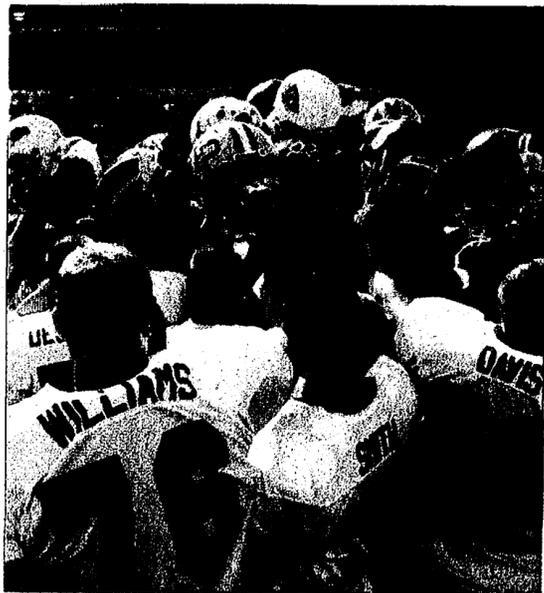


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The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game drew more than 11,000 spectators to Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium last Saturday. Here, the West All-Stars gather together after the contest raising their helmets in team unity.

State's best prove they're a cut above

ON THE SIDELINE



DON RICHTER

Michigan's best prep football players were on display last Saturday at Michigan State University.

The 26th annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game was a football feast in the middle of the summer.

It's a contest I look forward to every year.

There were many highlights at this season's game. One of the major factors was having a Chelsea and Dexter player competing in the event.

While the Bulldogs have had numerous players in the game throughout the seasons, this year marked the first time the Dreadnaughts were ever represented in the elite gridiron showcase.

Chelsea's C.J. Boyer started at offensive guard, while Dexter quarterback Jeff

Ziegler played in the second and fourth quarters. Both suited up for the West squad, which lost 22-15.

There were many outstanding moments and performances in the game.

The best all-around players last Saturday were Iowa-bound wide receiver Dominique Douglas (6-1, 185) of Detroit Murray-Wright, Eastern Michigan recruit Richard Franklin (5-11, 205) of Ann Arbor Pioneer and University of Michigan signee linebacker Quintin Patilla (6-2, 215) of Flint Carman-Ainsworth.

All three had a jump in their step and a pop in their game that seemed to be a notch above everyone else.

Three players, out of quite a few, who looked like Big Ten-caliber performers but will play in either Division II or at a community college, included running back/defensive back Dwight Thompson (6-1, 188) of Holland West Ottawa, defensive end Justin Winsor (6-4, 240) of Fulton-Middleton and defensive tackle Jeff Payment (6-4, 275) of Newberry.

Speaking of the Big Ten, and the Mid-American Conference, as well, I heard a couple of my colleagues

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Boyer starts for West squad in annual game

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's C.J. Boyer had one goal heading into last Saturday's 26th annual Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium. Boyer wanted to prove he belonged in the star-studded contest.

As a starter at left guard for the West squad, Boyer (6-foot-4, 260 pounds) proved he belonged, and then some.

For four quarters, Boyer knocked heads with, grunted, groaned and eventually opened gaping holes against the East's defensive linemen and linebackers. Behind Boyer and the rest of his linemates, the West All-Stars amassed 192 total yards, including 78 yards on the ground versus some of the best defensive players in the state.

A fourth quarter, All-Star record-breaking 94-yard run

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Bulldog C.J. Boyer pass blocks against University of Detroit Jesuit defensive lineman Athanasius Anagonye at last Saturday's Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game. Also helping out blocking are Ann Arbor Pioneer running back Richard Franklin (left) and Frankenmuth offensive tackle Alex Deschaine.



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The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game attracts media from across the state. The event brings together the top 88 high school football players from throughout Michigan.

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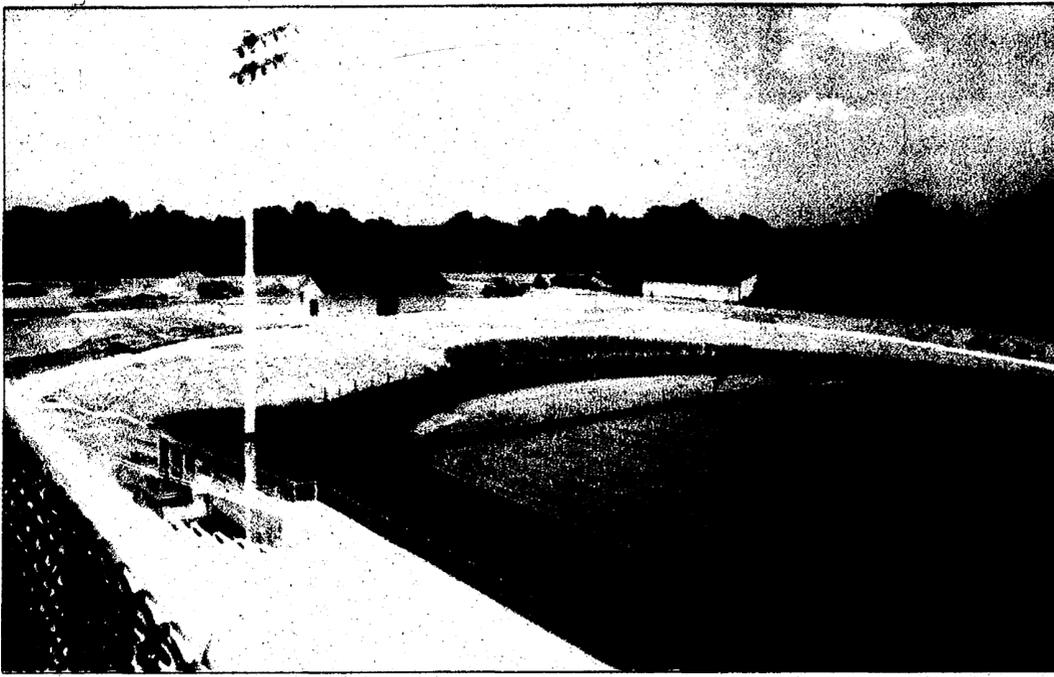


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Renovations at Chelsea's Jerry Niehaus Field continue. From high atop the new home grandstands, the rebuilt stadium entryway can be seen in the distance (middle), along with the new pathways leading to the visitor and home sides. Also visible are the new fence posts lining the track and the filled in former long jump pit and reconstructed player stairwell (far left).

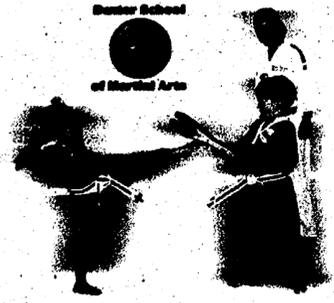
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covering the game wonder aloud why so many of the All-Star players were headed to Division II schools, and not the state's five Division I football playing programs.

Good question.

A guy like Payment is a classic example. An All-Upper Peninsula standout, Payment, also a quality basketball player and a lean 275, runs like a deer and tracks down ball carriers like a hungry grizzly bear. His downfall is that he plays above the Mackinac Bridge and, therefore, probably was never seen by the state's "Big Five" Division I schools.

That's too bad, because he's one of the best defensive linemen I've watched play in years.

One of the most memorable plays of the game was West quarterback Michael Canfield (6-2, 220), headed to Central Michigan University, hurdling East defensive back Allen Adams (6-0, 180) of Detroit Cody, who was bent over preparing for the tackle.

Canfield cleared Adams' helmet by at least a foot and, without missing a beat, continued down the field before being caught and tackled out of bounds.

The move by Canfield was one of those moments that draws oohs and aahs from the crowd and players alike.

Other highlights of the afternoon was East quarterback/punter and Saginaw



Photo courtesy of Sue Bauer

Former Chelsea standout Tony Scheffler, who competed in the 2001 Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game, showed up at last month's Future Bulldog Football Camp to sign autographs and talk to the kids. The Denver Broncos selected Scheffler, an All-Mid-American Conference tight end at Western Michigan University, in the second round of last spring's NFL draft.

Valley State University recruit Danny Stiefel (6-2, 190) of Sterling Heights Stevenson booming a 65-yard punt late in the fourth quarter, pinning the West deep in its own zone.

Also memorable was Livonia Stevenson running back Pat Clagens (5-10, 180) juking, ducking and zigzagging his way down the field for an East game-winning

and All-Star record 94-yard touchdown run.

All in all, it was a good day for football. It was a good day for Chelsea and Dexter. And it was a good day for Michigan high school football.

Is there ever a bad day for football? Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 475-1371 or at drichter@heritage.com.

GOLF

Marshall wins tournament

Chelsea's Elliot Marshall captured the Meijer Tour tournament title last Friday at the Tecumseh Country Club.

The junior-to-be at Chelsea High School bested the field, shooting a two over par 74. His previous best finish was a three-way tie for

first earlier this summer season.

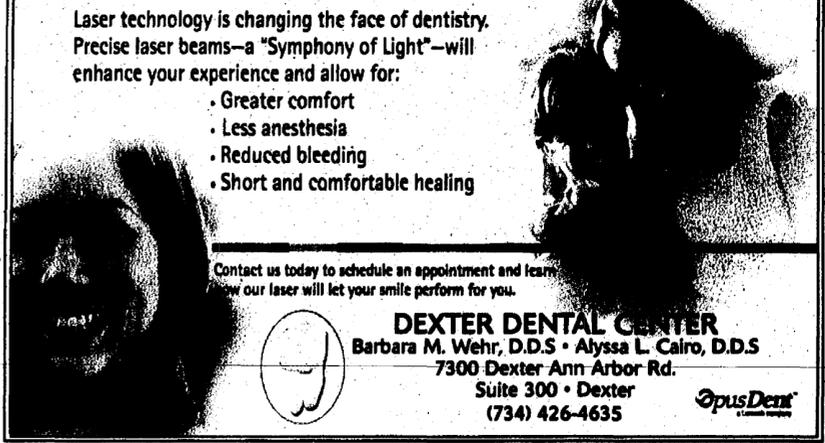
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ALL-STAR

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by the East's Pat Clasgens from Livonia Stevenson was the difference in a tightly contested game, as the East defeated the West 22-15 in front of more than 11,000 spectators at Spartan Stadium.

"It was amazing," Boyer said of the talent and atmosphere at the game. "It was so different from high school. Everyone you're going against is good. I've played a lot of quality teams in high school, but these were the best players in the state."

Boyer said he had to bring his "A" game on every play.

"It's not like you can just go out there (and play); everything has to be perfect," he said. "You have to work as a team to win and we made a lot of mistakes today."

The East jumped out to an early 15-0 lead.

In the first quarter, Iowa signee wide receiver Dominique Douglas (6-1, 185) of Detroit Murray-Wright hauled in a 27-yard touchdown pass from Saginaw Valley State recruit quarterback Danny Stiefel (6-2, 190) of Sterling Heights Stevenson, giving the East a 6-0 lead.

Two minutes later, East linebacker and Central Michigan University recruit D.J. Tracy (6-2, 225) of Livonia Franklin blocked a punt deep in the West's zone, forcing a safety, increasing the East's advantage to 8-0.

In the second quarter, East running back and University of Cincinnati signee John Goebel (6-1, 215) of Birmingham Brother Rice caught a 77-yard TD pass from quarterback and Michigan State preferred walk-on Jacob Ball (6-2, 205) of Rochester Adams, giving the East a 15-0 lead with 4:35 left in the first half.

With 2:51 remaining in the second quarter, West linebacker Nick Violette (6-1, 210) of Midland Bullock Creek returned an interception 53 yards for a score, cutting the East's advantage to 15-7 as the two clubs headed to the locker room.

In the third quarter, Boyer and rest of the West squad began flexing their collective muscle.

With 3:34 left in the third quarter, West running back and Eastern Michigan University signee Richard Franklin (5-11, 205) of Ann Arbor Pioneer followed a Boyer block and sprinted 13 yards up the gut for a game-tying touchdown. With the score, the contest was knotted at 15-15.

On the TD run, Boyer created a hole so wide that Franklin wasn't touched until he reached the East's goal line.

"We ran an I-so left, where Richard (Franklin) follows me," Boyer said of the TD play. "I just found a guy and hit him hard. Richard is a great running back and made the cut for the score."

The game remained tied until Clasgens' 94-yard TD run with 5:39 left on the clock, giving the East the win, 22-15.

The West, behind Dexter quarterback Jeff Ziegler (6-6, 215), who'll play at the University of Michigan in the fall, rallied late in the contest, but could not score despite numerous attempts.

The best opportunity occurred with 2:54 remaining in the game with the West facing a fourth-down-and-12 play from the East's 15-yard line, when a scrambling Ziegler stepped up in the pocket and fired a pass over the middle to Wyoming Park wide receiver Brett Powell (6-0, 180) at the back of the end zone. Despite diving and



Dexter quarterback Jeff Ziegler barks out signals, as Chelsea's C.J. Boyer (right) prepares to fire out of his stance at last Saturday's All-Star game. Typically heated rivals, Ziegler and Boyer were teammates on the West squad.

Photos courtesy of Burrill Strong



Chelsea's C.J. Boyer urges on his West teammates during last Saturday's Michigan High School Football Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game at Michigan State University's Spartan Stadium.

getting a hand on the ball, Powell was unable to secure the pass, ending the West's final threat.

Ziegler played well for the West, finishing 8-of-16 for a game-high 109 yards passing.

Boyer, who'll play at Saginaw Valley State in the fall, also excelled among the state's finest gridirers.

"I thought I played pretty well," he said. "I thought coming in and learning a whole new offense in a week, I played well. I've never run any of this stuff. I was more worried about the team."

Boyer, who was a first-team All-State selection last season, said it took a few days for the West squad to jell.

"We started off pretty rough," he said. "Nobody knew each other, so it was weird. We didn't have a very good first practice. Then the last practice we had before (last) Friday it was tremendous. We didn't really show up today. We made too many

mistakes and they (East) made the plays."

Boyer said competing in the All-Star practices and the game taught him valuable football lessons.

"I learned that it's a completely different game when you get to the upper levels," he said. "In high school, you're able to just go out (and play), but up here you have to turn it on and work for everything."

Despite losing the game, Boyer said the entire All-Star experience was memorable.

"I'll never forget being with the guys and around the coaches," he said. "It was a great atmosphere. Playing with Ziegler, who's a rival, and Richard (Franklin), who's a rival, just being with those guys and all the other guys is something I'll remember forever."

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But the state of California turned down a series of newspaper Freedom of Information requests to look at those histories, citing the privacy rights of the workers. It also refused access to its data base of offenses and other day-care center violations unless the newspaper paid \$45,000 for the information.

In the end, the Register won its fight for access to documents—which were used to track down the criminals and public court records that revealed their histories. The newspaper also built its own data base from nearly 50,000 pages of inspection and complaint reports in Orange County. These efforts allowed the Register to unveil for the state's parents the uncomfortable truth. Throughout California, thousands of day-care workers had long criminal histories. The results of the data base analysis also showed pervasive problems of mistreatment, neglect, overcrowding and unsafe conditions.

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LIVING

ANN ARBOR

Musical mention Local man to perform at The Ark

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Chelsea High School alumnus Zachary Smith, leader of the Dixie Power Trio, will head back to home turf when his group performs 8 p.m. Aug. 9 at The Ark in Ann Arbor.

Though the Dixie Power Trio has toured extensively throughout the United States in the last 15 years, this will be the group's first public performance in Michigan since the release of its most recent CD, and sixth release, "Let's All Go Down to New Orleans," recorded live in 2004.

Smith, who grew up in Ann Arbor and Chelsea before moving to Washington, D.C., had an early start to his musical career. He played in the Michigan Youth Symphony when he was in eighth grade, rehearsing at the University of Michigan.

"When I reached ninth grade, the late classical trumpet legend Armando Ghitalia did the auditions and cut me because of my jazz player tone," Smith said. "That was the last symphony I ever played with, though I did improve my tone."

Smith's first professional gig was with the Saline Big Band, directed by his uncle, Dave Wolter.

"I couldn't believe I was going to get \$25 for playing my horn. That was twice what I got for mowing my parents' lawn," he said.

"The scary part was after the gig, trying to engage my uncle in conversation as he drove us home so that he wouldn't fall asleep at the wheel. I knew we were in trouble when he started alternating the heat to the defrost to the open window."

"Of course, part of the problem was a Saline Big Band tradition of going to the Denny's after every gig and eating breakfast until 3 a.m. A lot of those scary drives could have been avoided if

THE FACTS

WHO: The Dixie Power Trio

WHAT: Performance

WHEN: 8 p.m. Aug. 9

WHERE: The Ark in Ann Arbor

BACKGROUND: The group's leader, Zack Smith, is a 1982 Chelsea High School graduate and played in the Chelsea High School band, the Michigan Youth Symphony and the Saline Big Band.

MORE INFO: For more information on the group, visit the Web site www.dixiepowertrio.com.

they had just stopped in for coffee."

While a student at Chelsea High School, Smith, who graduated in 1982, wanted to play in a jazz band.

"The band director at the time gave me some money to buy some charts and told me I could start a big band if I was willing to run it. Amazingly enough, I had enough band geeks willing to rehearse at 7 a.m. that we had a full big band for three years," he said.

Home for the summer from his first year of college at North Texas State, Smith started a cover band to play some gigs and make a little extra money.

"We rehearsed in the basement of the Chelsea Lanes bowling alley, and played a handful of gigs, including one at the Blind Pig. That was tricky because our drummer was only 15. We were certain somebody was going to kick us out if they found out. Come to think of it, none of us were even close to drinking age."

The Dixie Power Trio — which actually has four members — was formed in 1992, and is based in the nation's capital. The musicians have

developed a reputation as an East Coast "Louisiana variety band," and perform on an eclectic mix of instruments, including cornet, accordion, frottoir, guitar, bass and drums to achieve its unique New Orleans flavor.

The group has shared concert stages with many Louisiana luminaries, including the Neville Brothers, Terrance Simien, Dr. John, Wynton Marsalis, Chubby Carrier, Beausoleil, the Dirty Dozen, the Olympia Brass Band and John Cleary.

"The band has changed a lot since the first time we played Ann Arbor at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival in 1995," Smith said. "We no longer have a banjo, the tuba player has switched to electric bass, the drummer left and came back, and I learned how to play about four more instruments."

"Back when we started the band, we were a wacky rock 'n' roll and Dixieland hybrid. Now we are simply a band that plays Louisiana music: zydeco, Cajun, funk, and New Orleans jazz."

"We feature a world-class jazz guitarist in Wayne Wilkinson, and play music that is fun to listen to and dance to. Our most recent album is a live CD that we recorded at a listening room very similar to The Ark, in Ashland, Va. We had a real good vibe going that night and played to a packed house of our friends and fans."

Smith is looking forward to his return to Washtenaw County.

"We don't get a chance to come through Ann Arbor very often, so it is always very special to me when we do," he said. "It's the rare chance for my parents to hear what I'm up to, and a bunch of old friends and acquaintances usually show up which is very cool."

"Once my high school French teacher came up at the end of a show — I was not a good pupil — and all I could think was: 'How weird,

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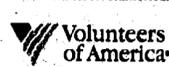
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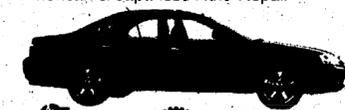


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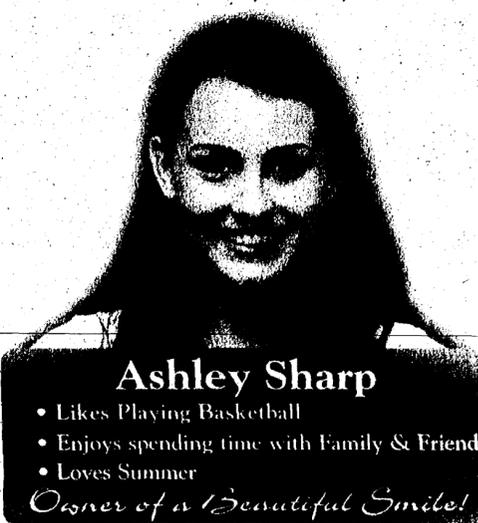
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ANN ARBOR

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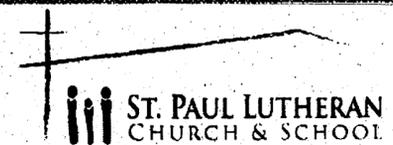
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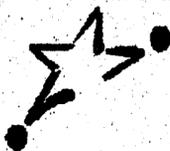
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LYNDON TOWNSHIP
SUMMARY MINUTES - JULY 11, 2006
PROPOSED MINUTES PENDING APPROVAL
BY LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD ON AUGUST 17, 2006
LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006, 7:00 P.M.
LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
Call to the Public.
Consent Agenda adopted with amendments.
Moved and carried to approve payment of two bills that recently arrived.
Moved and carried to nominate Mary Jane Maze and Linda Reilly to act as alternate members to the Multi-Lakes Board.
Moved and carried to approve the new proposed rate structure for Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority.
Moved and carried that when in the event of a fire, wind, or natural disaster, the Township Board has the opportunity to waive the application fee, variance, deposit and expenses to consider the needs of our residents and their extenuating circumstances, and the ordinance will be left as it is.
Moved and carried to approve the Electronic Communications Policy.
Moved and carried to table the Meeting Cancellation Policy.
Moved and carried to table the Service, Maintenance and Repairs Policy.
Other Business.
Reports given.
Call to the Public.
Moved and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol A. Morrow
Office Manager

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Chelsea District Library
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2007 PROPOSED BUDGET

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON August 15, 2006 at approximately 6:45 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library, 500 E. Washington Street, Chelsea, Michigan on the following proposed 2007 budget:

Expense	Fiscal Year 2006 Budget
Personnel Expenses	779,116
Supplies	28,800
Professional Services	40,465
Maintenance Services Contracts	80,155
Telecommunications	22,300
Promotional Materials	32,550
Programming Expenses	33,955
Volunteer Services	1,100
Utilities	75,300
Rent	
Board Expenses	4,200
Automation Services	34,898
Continuing Education Exp.	22,770
Capital Expenses	19,427
Collection Expenses	156,050
Opening Day Collection	
TOTAL	\$ 1,331,086

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget is the subject of this hearing.

Operating	Rate
Operating Total	1.6380
Bond Debt	0.7000
	2.3380

The proposed 2007 budget documents are available at the Chelsea District Library for public examination.

Cathleen Russ, Library Director
Chelsea District Library
500 E. Washington Street, Chelsea, MI 48118, (734) 475-4268.
Publish: July 27, 2006

LIMA TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 10, 2006

The Public Hearing for the Review of the Lima Township Assessment Rolls in Connection with the Proposed Special Assessment for Fire Protection was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on July 10, 2006. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laier and Zoning Administrator Friesinger. Also present several residents and guests.

There was discussion regarding the 1.5 mills to be assessed, how fire charges are presently funded and the proposed CAFA fire millage. There were no questions on the assessment rolls.

The public hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order at 8:10 p.m. Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to adjust the agenda to place Biltmore LLC Development Agreement and Conditional Zoning Request to the top of Old Business. Carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2006 regular meeting noting two punctuation issues. Carried.

The treasurer's report was received.

The zoning administrator issued permits for 3 decks, 1 farm lean-to, 1 pole barn, and 1 home addition. He noted three possible zoning infractions, animals on .25 acres, bee hives on the property line and abandoned house on McKinley Road.

Resolution 2006-05 was offered by Unterbrink and supported by Laier. Gary F. Adams and Janet C. Adams and Biltmore LLC a Michigan Limited Liability Company own lands of approximately 219.5 acres in Section 6 and 7, tax parcel G07-06-400-003, (described in Conditional Rezoning Agreement approved by the Lima Township Board July 10, 2006). Owner requests to rezone the property from AG-2 to R-1C. The township board has reviewed the record and findings of the Planning Commission and determines the requirements and standards of the Lima Township Zoning Ordinance and provisions of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act have been met.

Therefore be it resolved that the Township Board approves the terms and provisions of the Conditional Rezoning Agreement and authorizes the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to execute the same. And direct the Township Clerk to publish the Ordinance in accordance with the law. (A complete copy of this resolution is on file in the Township Office.) All Ayes: Trustee Laier, Treasurer Havens, Trustee McKenzie, Clerk Bareis, and Supervisor Unterbrink. Carried.

Motion by Havens supported by Bareis to approve Thornton Farms Phase II Proposed Sixth Amendment to the Amended and Restated Master Deed as recommended by Township Attorney John Etter in his letter dated June 30, 2006. A copy of the sixth amendment to be supplied to the township clerk by Attorney Alan Greene. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by McKenzie supported by Havens: Resolution of Lima Township's Participation in the Washtenaw County Purchase of Development Rights Program, Resolution No. 2006-08.

Therefore be it resolved, that the governing body of Lima Township authorizes participation in the County Purchase of Development Rights Program so its landowners have access to the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund. Be it further resolved that the Township of Lima supports the efforts of the County Board in the preservation of agriculture and farmland and encourages landowners who own land that should be preserved to apply to the County Program. (Complete copy of this resolution is on file at the Lima Township Office.)

Ayes: McKenzie, Havens, Laier, Bareis and Unterbrink. Nays: None. Absent: None. Resolution declared adopted.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to deny the petition by Three Diamond Development to amend the official zoning map, to rezone approximately 55.28 acres from AG-2 to RR for Application #06-003, based on recommendations from the Township Planner, which is clearly defined in his report. Carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to send the Proposed Community Wastewater Utility Systems Ordinance to Attorney Etter for comments. Carried.

Resolution #2006-07 Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority Added Fee for New Dwelling Units was offered by Havens supported by Unterbrink. Whereas the Township of Lima is a participating municipality of the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority and all residential dwelling units are assessed at the rate of \$28.00 each year for five years through 2011, Therefore be it resolved that all new dwelling units in the Township of Lima shall be charged for recycling at the rate of \$28.00 per year per dwelling unit on the following schedule: Calendar year 2006-07 \$130.00, year 2008 \$104.00, year 2009 \$78.00, year 2010 \$52.00, year 2011 \$26.00. (A complete copy of this resolution is on file at the Lima Township Office.) Ayes: Havens, Laier, McKenzie, Bareis and Unterbrink. Nays: None. Resolution declared adopted.

Motion by Laier supported by McKenzie to pay bills as presented. Carried.

Motion by Laier supported by McKenzie to adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

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LIMA TOWNSHIP
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 24-A
AN ORDINANCE TO CONDITIONALLY REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND CONSISTING OF 219.5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS FROM AG-2 (AGRICULTURE DISTRICT) TO R-1C (URBAN DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT).

THE TOWNSHIP OF LIMA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO OFFICIAL ZONING MAP
The Lima Township Board of Trustees, pursuant to Section 405 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006 (MCL 125.3405), rezones the hereinafter described parcel consisting of approximately 219.5 acres, more or less, located in Sections 6 and 7 of Lima Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, being Tax Code Parcel No. G 07-06-400-003, from AG-2 (Agriculture District) to R-1C (Urban Density Residential District), more particularly described as follows:
A part of the east 1/4 of Section 6 and a part of the northeast 1/4 of Section 7, T2S, R4E, Lima Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Section 7; Thence South 01 degree 23' 45" East 933.09 feet along the East line of said Section 7; Thence North 89 degrees 54' 50" West 2002.82 feet along the Northerly right-of-way line of Conrail and the Southerly right-of-way line of Dexter-Chelsea Road; Thence North 02 degrees 01' 30" West 894.76 feet; Thence South 88 degrees 59' 10" West 44.35 feet along the North line of said Section; Thence North 00 degree 20' 35" West 2652.72 feet; Thence North 89 degrees 12' 20" East 690.68 feet along the East and West 1/4 line of Section 6, T2S, R4E; Thence North 00 degree 32' 30" West 1716.80 feet along the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 6; Thence North 89 degrees 20' 20" East 1341.20 feet along the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 6; Thence South 00 degree 44' 30" East 1713.72 feet (Recorded as 1713.47 feet) along the East line of said Section 6 to the East 1/4 corner of said Section 6; Thence continuing along said East line South 00 degree 44' 30" East 2644.50 feet (Recorded as 2644.75 feet) to the point of beginning and containing 219.5 acres of land.

SECTION 2. SEPARABILITY
If any section, subsection, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, or of any other provision in the Lima Township Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEAL
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE
The balance of the Lima Township Zoning Ordinance, except as herein or heretofore amended, shall remain in full force and effect. The repeal and amendments provided herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending fee, assessments, litigation or prosecution of any right established, occurring prior to the effective date hereof.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE
The Township Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. Except as otherwise provided under Section 402 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, this Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days after publication of the Ordinance.

This Ordinance was duly adopted by the Lima Township Board of Trustees at its regular meeting called and held on the 10th day of July 2006, and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law.
Kenneth B. Unterbrink, Supervisor Lima Township
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk Lima Township

Publish: July 27, 2006

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - JULY 18, 2006

The regular Webster Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Kingsley on July 18, 2006, at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, Treasurer Calhoun, Trustees: Fink, Kleinschmidt, Koch, and Westman, Sergeant Filipiak and 27 residents.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
Approve Minutes
Motion Fink support Kleinschmidt to approve the June 20, 2006 minutes as presented.
All ayes and carried.
Supervisor Remarks
Audit Report for March 31, 2006: Audit Presentation given by Pfeiffer, Hanniford & Paika
Senior Citizen Presentation
Report presented by Dee Wensel, President of the Board of Trustees of the Dexter Senior Center
Approve Agenda
Motion Heller support Calhoun to amend and add Item C to Old Business. Henk Audio Visual Inc. All ayes and carried
Call to Public
Reports
A. Treasurer's Report: Motion Calhoun support Westman to accept Treasurer's Report and pay bills as presented as well as those anticipated before the August meeting. All ayes and carried.
B. Planning Commission: Received and discussed
C. Parks & Recreation Committee: No report
D. Zoning Inspector Report: No report
E. Sheriff's Report: Report presented by Sergeant Filipiak
F. Zoning Board of Appeals: No report
G. PDR Committee: Report received
H. Fire Department: No report
Old Business
A. Information Systems Specialist Position:
Motion Westman support Kleinschmidt to table issue until August board meeting and that further consideration should be given to the possibility of funding a part time person to fill position. Motion to table carried.
B. Milligan Landscaping Services LLC Consent Judgment
Motion Westman support Kleinschmidt to accept the Milligan Landscape Services LLC Consent Judgment as amended to receive written information from Attorney.
Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.
C. Henk Audio Visual
Motion Kingsley support Calhoun to accept the Henk Audio Visual contract. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.
New Business
A. Dexter Senior Center Support
Motion Koch second Heller to support the Dexter Senior Center request for support in the amount of \$4059.72. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.
B. Carl Koch Notification
Notification will be sent to Carl Koch
C. Preserve Development Agreement
Motion Kleinschmidt support Koch to approve and enter into provided Development Agreement with Preserve. All ayes and carried.
Correspondence
Call to Public
Adjourn
Motion Heller second Kleinschmidt meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

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DEATHS

SABRINA LE ROBERSON Chelsea

Sabrina Le Roberson, 20, of Chelsea died July 15, 2006, after she was fatally injured in a car accident in Jackson County.

Ms. Roberson was born Dec. 30, 1985, and graduated from Chelsea High School in 2004. She is the daughter of Trena and Bill Eversole, and Donald Roberson.

Ms. Roberson will be greatly missed by her sister, Sheresa Jo Roberson; and a beautiful daughter, Talena Jo Roberson.

She will be remembered for her caring spirit and kind heart.

Ms. Roberson was blessed to

be surrounded by a very large, extended family, and many good friends who will miss her. Her family said she is with the angels now.

Visitation was held July 19 at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home's Jenter Chapel in Manchester.

A celebration of her life was held July 20 at the Emanuel United Church of Christ in Manchester. The Rev. Steven Kincer officiated.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family for future designation.

Those who wish may sign Ms. Roberson's guest book at www.borekjennings.com.

LUCY M. SCHILLER Ann Arbor

Lucy M. Schiller, 57, of Ann Arbor died unexpectedly July 22, 2006, at her home of natural causes. She was born July 5, 1949, in Tecumseh the daughter of Elwyn R. and Vonda L. (Dresselhouse) Schiller.

Ms. Schiller graduated from Central Michigan University in 1971 and lived in the Bay City area from 1971 to 1995. She had taught school there, and also was a former executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Midland and Caro.

From 1995 until her death, she was employed at the University of

degree in 2000 from U of M and at the time of her death was a resource librarian in pediatric research at the University.

Ms. Schiller loved to work in flower gardens. She was artistic and enjoyed stained glass, counted cross stitch and glass-bead jewelry. She was an accomplished Web site



Surviving are her mother of Gregory; a sister and three brothers, Audie M. Hampshire of Portland, Ore., Charles M. Schiller of Bloomingdale and LeRoy (Dawn) Schiller of Rives Junction; six nieces and nephews, Steve, Andrea, Jessica, Monica, Zack and Parker; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and an adopted sister, Rosie Blackwell of Waterloo.

Also surviving are her canine companion, Molly, and feline com-

panions, Jasper and Nudge. Ms. Schiller was preceded in death by her father in 2004.

A funeral was held Wednesday at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home. The Rev. Kathy Schell officiated. The family received friends Tuesday and Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation or the Washtenaw County Humane Society.

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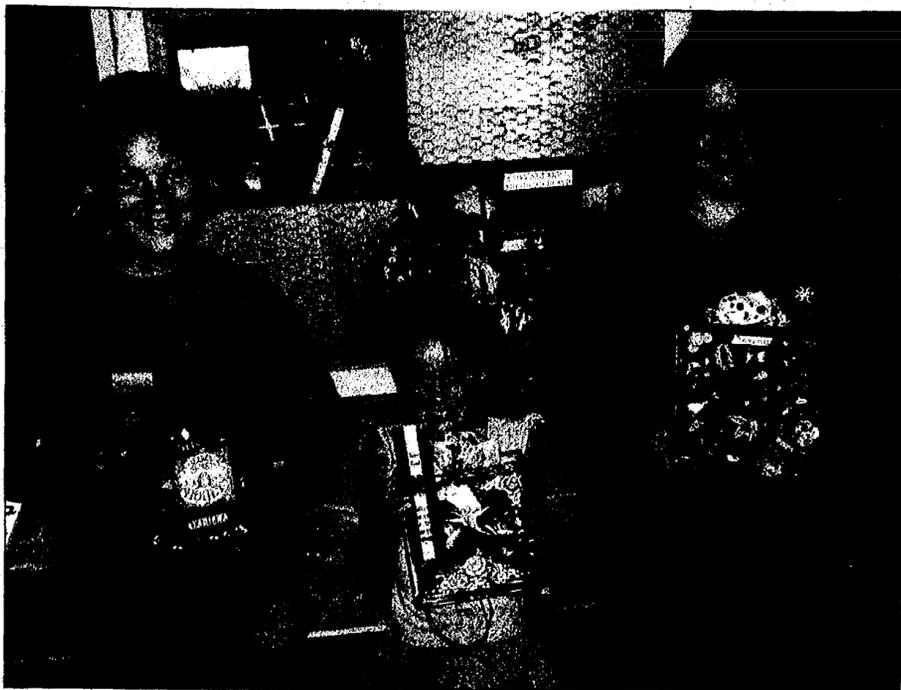
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Sami Stacey (left), Taylor Luckhardt and Krikett Luckhardt of Dexter show off light-up glass boxes they created for the annual 4-H Youth Show held July 23 through 28 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds near Saline.

Photo By Rita Fischer

DEXTER

Toth attends conference

Kathy Toth of Dexter and an agent with Real Estate One in Ann Arbor recently returned from attending the Star Power annual conference, an educational opportunity offered in the real estate industry. Presented by internationally acclaimed educator and trainer, Howard Brinton, the conference brought together more than 1,900 of the most progressive, forward-thinking professionals in real estate today to share their methods of success, according to a press release from Real Estate One. The faculty consisted of 175 of the continent's top-producing real estate professionals, all ranking in the top 1 percent of all Realtors in North America. As a part of the conference, Toth received information for consumers about the top six mistakes that sellers can make when selling a home, as well as a questionnaire for evaluating and hiring a real estate professional. Toth will make these two reports available to residents at no charge. Anyone wanting the information may call 669-0337 or e-mail a request to info@kathytoth.com.

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CHELSEA

Foundation awards grants

The Chelsea Community Foundation recently awarded grants to three non-profit organizations for programs to benefit the Chelsea community. The organizations and their awards are:

- Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, Michigan Great Lakes Chapter in Ann Arbor, was given \$8,000 to support Foundations of Dementia Care, a pilot professional training program for direct-care providers in Chelsea.
- The program will help providers develop the skills and attitudes needed to care for people with dementia. They will learn about the broad aspects of dementia, and specific courses will be tailored toward the needs of each provider and facility.

- Chelsea Center for the Arts received \$10,000 for support of Sounds and Sights on Thursday Nights, an 11-week entertainment series that takes place on Thursday evenings in downtown Chelsea.
- The grant will help the center in its mission to develop, foster and promote the arts to community. In addition to its strong musical focus, the series will offer a variety of nonmusical performances for the community to enjoy, including mimes, jugglers and other special performers.
- The Purple Rose Theatre Company was given \$8,150 to help introduce youth to various career opportunities in theater through its "Spotlight on Kids" program.

The program draws younger audiences to performances and strengthens relationships with businesses to help market and promote the theater company among youth. In addition, study guides will be developed to help group leaders enhance the theater experiences of young people.

The Chelsea Community Foundation is a permanent charitable endowment fund that provides an ongoing source of revenue for programs and activities deemed worthwhile in Chelsea.

Founded in December 1995, the foundation is a \$1.56 million permanent charitable endowment and has provided nearly \$700,000 in grants to organizations working to improve the quality of life in Chelsea and surrounding communities.

ANN ARBOR

Musicians to perform Aug. 2

Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's International Youth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Blue Lake's founder and president, Fritz Stansell, will give a free performance 7:30 p.m. Aug. 2 in Ann Arbor.

The performance will be held at the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium as a part of Blue Lake's 40th anniversary celebration.

The program will include Brahms' "Academic Festival

Overture," George Gershwin's "An American in Paris" and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4 in F minor."

In June and July 2006, the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's International Youth Symphony Orchestra undertook a 23-day tour of Europe, giving eight concerts in Austria, Germany and France as a part of Blue Lake's International Exchange Program.

After the Ann Arbor concert, the group will return to

Blue Lake to give their Homecoming Concert Aug. 3.

The 79-member orchestra is made up of Blue Lake campers, ages 13 through 18. Members of the orchestra from the Washtenaw County

area include Stephanie Boyd of Ann Arbor, Ignatius Chen of Ann Arbor, Jesse Schoof of Dexter, Mariyam Isa of Ann Arbor, John Masuga of Ypsilanti and Dominic Kenny of Ann Arbor.

WASHTENAW COUNTY

Watershed council offers training

The Huron River Watershed Council will host training on soil erosion and sedimentation issues in Mill Creek and the permitting process in Washtenaw County from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 3 at Dexter High School and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Washington Street Education Center in Chelsea.

Guest speakers will be Dave Wilson, retired faculty at Vanderbilt University and lead investigator of the Mill Creek sediment study, and Anya Dale of the Washtenaw County Soil and Sediment Control Office.

Participants will learn to identify and report soil erosion and sedimentation problems that occur on active construction sites and existing development. Participants will learn to protect Mill Creek from further sediment damage.

The training is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to address the high-priority pollutants affecting water quality in Mill Creek and the Huron River.

Damage from erosion and sediment affect nearly every resident. Soil erosion and sedimentation result in contaminated drinking water, destroyed plant and animal habitat, decreased water

clarity, increased risk of flooding from clogged storm sewers, and reduced recreational value and use.

Of particular concern in the Mill Creek watershed is the increase in particulate-bound nutrients, such as phosphorus, which are delivered to surface waters by eroded soils. Phosphorus helps to cause nuisance algae blooms in the Huron River and its reservoirs.

To participate, call Elizabeth Riggs by Aug. 1 at 769-5123, ext. 15.

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Brenda, Ted & Oliver

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MEDIUM # 85
Solutions published in this newspaper, or check "IRC Publications" on the Solutions page of www.sudoku.com

PET APPEAL

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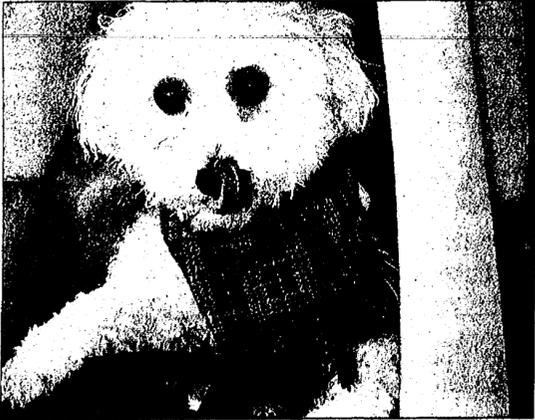
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2006



Ashley
My pet is a male tri-color Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. He is seven years old. His Name is Ashley. Submitted by Susan Green, Milan



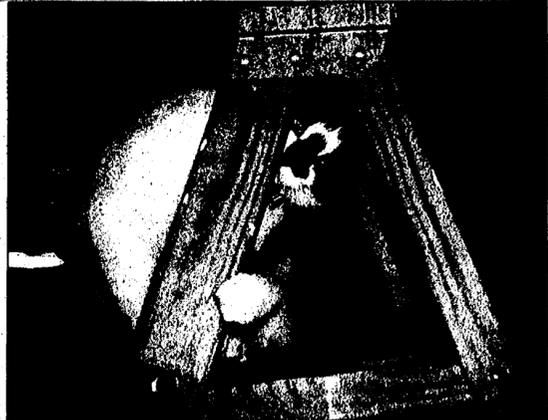
Brownie
Brownie is a 5-year-old fancy rat. He enjoys eating yogurt treats, lettuce and cantaloupe. He also enjoys children and acoustic guitar music. His favorite Book: "Runaway Ralph," by Beverly Cleary Submitted by Hanna and Emma Benedek, Saline



Daisy
Daisy Marie Auten is a Bichon Frise. Our family adopted Daisy over Memorial Day weekend 2005 from Petland. She has become a great addition to our family. Submitted by Victoria Auten



Monica and Buzz Lightyear
Monica, the yellow cat, is only about 6 lbs. Buzz Lightyear, the black cat, is about 17 lbs, but a real lover. Every night, both end up sleeping with "their boy", and knew from day one, which kid they were for. Submitted by Steve, Diane, Elijah and Micah Berlage, Dexter



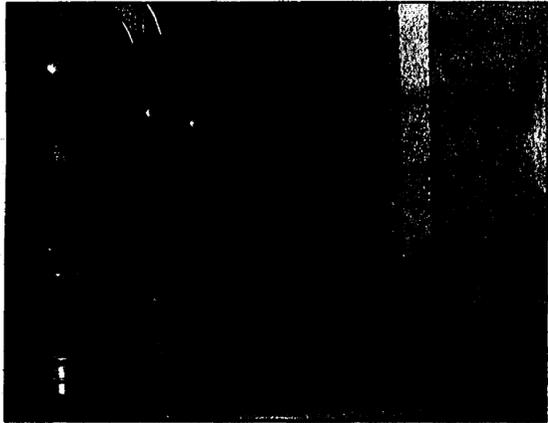
Moonlight
Moonlight was about one in this picture, and she was such a sweetie! Unfortunately last summer, we came home to find that Moonlight had passed away. We miss her a lot, and we'll never forget our little squeaker. Submitted by, Melissa Danko



Oreo
Oreo Spegorio Herring is a black and White domestic. Oreo is six years old. She is our bright angel. Submitted by Christopher and Angela Herring, Belleville



Sasha Sue Herring
We got Sasha from a vet in Ypsilanti. Her mother had been hit by a car in front of the vet's office, but had not been killed. She was ready to deliver her babies, although they were a little early. Sasha and her two brothers survived, her mother did not. Submitted by Christopher and Angela Herring



Cosmo
Cosmopolitan Kramer Herring is a large black domestic cat. Cosmo was rescued by a neighbor from the Pfizer testing labs in Ann Arbor. If ever a cat was like the Pink Panther, Cosmo is it. Submitted by Christopher and Angela Herring, Belleville



Shyler
I do not know how old Shyler is but I have had her for one year. She is very special to me because she is all mine. I do not have to share her with my brother. Submitted by Marieke de Meijer, 8-years-old, Chelsea



Riley
Riley is a poodle/golden retriever mix. Riley is special because at one time, a doctor told us that our family could never have a dog due to our son's allergies. This was heart-breaking because all of us love dogs. As he got older, our son seemed to become more tolerant of dogs and we noticed that he did especially well with this kind of mix. Submitted by Christopher Burke, Ann Arbor



Max
Max is a Seal Point Siamese. Submitted by Rick and Cheryl Leach



Sparky
My family got our dog Sparky in Indiana. On the way to Michigan Sparky got carsick and we discovered that he ate spaghetti and meat balls! In the end it was worth it because we have the best dog we could have ever hoped for. Submitted by Christine Mueller, Ann Arbor



Brat
Brat is a registered American Paint Horse (APHA) mare, 8 yrs. old. Brat was taking a break by the barn. She is very well fed & loved.

Due to the overwhelming response received for the Pet Appeal special section, Heritage Newspapers' management has decided to run this "overflow" page in order to celebrate all of the wonderful photos of local pets sent in from our wonderful readers. Thanks to all of you for taking the time to send in adorable pictures of your family animals. Please browse our Pet Appeal special section in this paper and watch

— 4-H TALENT —



Members of the All Around 4-H Club show off their talent at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show earlier this week. Chelsea residents Carl Collins (left) holds his rocket, Shelby Collins shows off her dog photograph and Elizabeth Boyce displays a pillow that she made. The annual fair continues through Friday at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds near Saline.

Photo by Rita Fischer

PET TAILS

Join the fun this weekend at Freedom Hill pet event

Ordinarily, I would give words of caution about taking your family pet to a large summertime venue, but this event already has gone to the dogs.

It's the fifth year for Pet-A-Palooza, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Freedom Hill, 15000 Metro Parkway in Sterling Heights.

Bring your dogs, grab the cat and come check it out.

This event is hosted by FM radio station WCSX, which will provide a live remote broadcast on the scene with all the animal action. There will be many pooch activities scheduled for dogs, including Milt Wilcox's Ultimate Air Dogs, Doggie Fun Zone and Rock 'N' Roll K-9s, plus other pet-related contests.

The event is not only a great time, but it's a great opportunity to adopt a pet at Adoption Alley, where many animal rescue groups will have pets for adoption, including the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary.

So, if you're feeling left out at the pet contest because you simply don't have one, now is the time to adopt. Hundreds of homeless dogs,



TIM PATINO

cats, puppies, kittens and rabbits from 30 local shelters will be there just waiting for you to take them home.

There also will be pet-related services and products available for you to check out.

If you are taking your animal companion to the event, plan on it being hot outside and your pet should have plenty of water. Moderate their activities to prevent overheating. Remember heat stroke is the No. 1 killer of dogs in the summertime.

This also might be a good time for a grooming to get rid of that extra fur to help keep them cool.

And, lastly, never ever leave your pets unattended in the car. The heat rises rapidly in automobiles, and so will your pet's body temperature, possibly causing death or brain damage.

OK, that's all my words of caution. Just use some common sense this summer for your pet's sake and have

some fun at Pet-A-Palooza.

Hope to see you there.

For more information about the event, call 1-248-591-6812.

Tim Patino is president of the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary Board. He can be reached at tim@rabbitsanctuary.org.

DEATHS

Continued from Page 8-C

ZORRI MAE FLETCHER
Stockbridge, MI
Zorri Mae Fletcher, 84, of Stockbridge died July 24, 2006, at home under the loving care of her family and Great Lakes Hospice. She was born April 17, 1922, in Salyersville, Ky., the daughter of Newton and Emily Marshall Cole, both of Kentucky.

Thirteen children were born of this union of which 11 are deceased.

Mrs. Fletcher is survived by a brother, Elmer Cole, and a sister, Shug Cole, both of Kentucky. She is also survived by numerous half-sisters and half-brothers.

Mrs. Fletcher married Orville Hughes May 23, 1936. They were married for 43 years. Orville preceded her in death Aug. 9, 1978.

She married Homer Fletcher Nov. 21, 1980. They were married for 15 years. Homer preceded her in death Aug. 6, 1995.

Mrs. Fletcher is survived by seven children, a son, Paul (Jody) Hughes of Dolan Springs, Ariz.; a daughter, Pearl (John) Sparks of Kingman, Ariz.; a daughter, Cinda (Keith) Patrick of Jackson; a daughter, Thelma (Colbert) Smith of Stockbridge; a daughter, Ruth

(Harold) Brown of Parma; a daughter, Kathy (Bob) Stone of Leslie; and a daughter, Jody (Steve) Poe of Jackson.

Mrs. Fletcher is survived by 27 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four grandchildren, Ariene Marie Pickard, Phillip Wayne Hughes, Derek Shane Smith and Brian Keith Patrick; and two great-grandchildren, Nicole Marie Kirk and Thomas Keith Hackworth.

Mrs. Fletcher has been a member of The Church of Christ for 70 years. Her love of God always has been an inspiration for her family.

She loved spending time with her

children and numerous grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking for her family and friends, and spending time with her brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mrs. Fletcher was such a compassionate soul that wherever she went, she was well-loved.

Visitation was Tuesday and Wednesday at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge.

The funeral will be held 1 p.m. Thursday at The Church of Christ in Stockbridge, with Larrel Whitaker officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery in Stockbridge. Dinner will follow in The Church of Christ basement.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Church of Christ.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHTENAW NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 06-64-2E
Estate of WILLIAM THOMAS LUCAS, DECEASED, Date of Birth: September 16, 1924 TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, WILLIAM THOMAS LUCAS, DECEASED, who lived at 511 Bruce St., City of Ann Arbor, Michigan died May 30, 2006. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JACQUELINE A. BELT, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107 and the named proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: July 18, 2006

JACQUELINE A. BELT
Personal representative
11430 Hough Road
Allen MI 48022
(588) 784-8138

Kusch, Flintoff & Conlin, P.C.
Peter C. Flintoff, Attorney P13531
119 South Main Street
Chelsea, Michigan 48118
(734) 476-8871
Publish: July 27, 2006

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M. AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA
To Be Determined
Publish: July 27, 2006

DEXTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

To the qualified electors of the Township of Dexter, notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of MCL 168.798(1), the Dexter Township Clerk will conduct a **PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST** of the voting equipment to be used in the August 8th, 2006 Primary Election. The test will be conducted on Tuesday, August 1st, 2006, at 5:00 P.M. at the Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI 48130. Interested members of the public are invited to observe this Public Accuracy Test. Please contact the Clerk's office with any questions (734-426-3787).
Harley B. Rider, Clerk
Dexter Township
Publish: July 27, 2006

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, 566 WEBSTER CHURCH ROAD, DEXTER, MICHIGAN

AGENDA: A request by Michael T. Zarn, Manager, Askay Development LLC, Ann Arbor, MI to REZONE Parcel No. C-03-18-200-022 (39.33 Ac.) located in the Northeast 1/4, Section 18, (with frontage on Huron River Dr. and Chamberlin Rd. from A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Rural Residential).
Written comments may be made in advance mailed or delivered to the above address.
Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than 7 (seven) days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.
PAUL ZALUCHA, CHAIRMAN
PLANNING COMMISSION
Publish: July 27, 2006

WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Washtenaw County Road Commission will hold its second Community Forum on Thursday, July 27, 2006, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to update the public on the Road Commission's plans for development of its vacant property on North Zeeb Road in Soho Township. The Community Forum will be held in the Assembly Room of the Washtenaw County Road Commission, located at 588 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
On April 4, 2006, the Board of County Road Commissioners formed the North Zeeb Road Task Force to address issues and concerns related to the agency's proposed Yard One development. During the Community Forum, an oral report and illustrations will be presented on various options identified by the Task Force for possible inclusion in a future "North Town Center". A public comment period and an opportunity for one-on-one discussions with Road Commission representatives and consultants will also be part of the Community Forum.
For further information on this Community Forum, contact Valerie Cooper, Public Information/Community Relations Officer for the Washtenaw County Road Commission at (734) 327-8575 or via email at vcooper@wscroads.org.
Publish: July 13, 2006, July 20, 2006 & July 27, 2006

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE TESTING OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

To the qualified electors of the Township of Webster, notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of MCL 168.794a(3), the Webster Township Clerk will conduct a PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST of the AutoMark equipment to be used in the Tuesday August 8, 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION. The test will be conducted on Friday July 28, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Webster Township Hall 5665 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, MI 48130. Interested members of the public are invited to observe this Public Accuracy Test. Please contact the Clerk's office with any questions (734-426-5103).

Mary Dee Heller Clerk
Webster Township

Publish: July 27, 2006

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO BE HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2006, 7:00 P.M.
SYLVAN TOWNSHIP HALL
18027 OLD US 12, CHELSEA, MI 48118
www.twp-sylvan.org

SUBJECT OF MEETING:
Variance application has been received for an appeal to demolish existing house, rebuild on a non-conforming lot and for a side yard setback at 908 Ridge Rd. Chelsea, MI 48118.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Sylvan Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting; upon 14 days notice to the Sylvan Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Sylvan Township board by writing or calling the following:
LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk
18027 Old US 12
Chelsea, MI 48118
(734) 475-8890

A copy of this notice and application with supporting documents are on file in the Office of the Clerk.

LUANN S. KOCH, CLERK

Posted: July 5, 2006
Publish: July 27, 2006

LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006, 7:30 P.M.
LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL, 11452 JACKSON ROAD
CHELSEA, MICHIGAN 48118

APPLICATION # 06-006. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, TO PROPOSE TO BUILD AND DEVELOP A CHURCH FACILITY. THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 11745 JACKSON ROAD, CHELSEA, MI 48118, AND IS PART OF W 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SECTION 21, LIMA TOWNSHIP, PARCEL # G 07-21-100-004.

APPLICATION FILED BY:
CHELSEA FREE METHODIST CHURCH
7665 WERKNER RD.
CHELSEA, MI 48118

A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS PROPOSAL IS ON FILE IN THE LIMA TOWNSHIP OFFICE.

WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO:
ELIZABETH SENSOLI, CHAIRMAN
LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 59
CHELSEA, MI 48118

Publish: July 27, 2006 & August 10, 2006

LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006, 7:30 P.M.
LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL, 11452 JACKSON ROAD
CHELSEA, MICHIGAN 48118

APPLICATION # 06-007. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER A PETITION TO AMEND THE LIMA TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE.

PROPOSED CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
(1) SECTION 3.38 - CONDITIONS AND SAFEGUARDS
(2) SECTION 5.32 - OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION OPTION
(3) ARTICLE 8 - PUD
(4) ARTICLE 13 - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
(5) ARTICLE 14 - AMENDMENTS

APPLICATION # 06-008. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER A PETITION TO AMEND THE LIMA TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE.

PROPOSED CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
(6) SECTION 3.2 - DUTIES OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
(7) SECTION 3.3 - SPECIAL USE CHANGES

APPLICATION FILED BY:
LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
11452 JACKSON ROAD
CHELSEA, MI 48118

A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS PROPOSAL IS ON FILE IN THE LIMA TOWNSHIP OFFICE.

WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO:
ELIZABETH SENSOLI, CHAIRMAN
LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 59
CHELSEA, MI 48118

Publish: July 27, 2006
August 10, 2006

LYNDON, LIMA & SYLVAN TOWNSHIP And THE CITY OF CHELSEA ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of Lyndon, Lima & Sylvan Township and The City of Chelsea
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A
PRIMARY ELECTION
will be held in said governmental unit on
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006
From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:
Governor
United States Senator
Representative in Congress (District 7)
State Senator (District 18)
Representative in State Legislature (District 52)
County Commissioner (District 1)

ALSO, to elect the following officers:
Precinct Delegates

ALSO, to vote on the following proposition(s):
CHELSEA FIRE AUTHORITY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the Chelsea Area Fire Authority, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, Levy an amount not to exceed 2.0 mills (\$2.00 on each \$1,000 dollars of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property within the limits of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority for a period of five (5) years, 2006 to 2010 inclusive, to provide funds for all purposes authorized by statute, including operating and equipping the Authority; and shall the Authority levy such new additional Millage for said purpose; the estimate of the revenue the Authority will collect if 2.0 mills is approved and levied by the Authority in the 2006 calendar year is approximately \$1,427,000? A small portion of the revenue collected may be required to be distributed to the City of Chelsea Downtown Development Authority.

Should the proposal be adopted?
YES
NO

Treasurers Statement
I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of Friday, June 23, 2006, the records of this office indicate that the total of all vote increases over and above the tax limitation established by the constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in:

City of Chelsea
Lima Township
Lyndon Township
Sylvan Township
Washtenaw County, Michigan, is as follows:
Charter millages are not over and above the tax limitation, but are listed here for information purposes.

	Purpose of Millage	Millage Amount	Expiration of Millage
Chelsea District Library	Operating	1.8466	12/2019
Chelsea School District	Operating	16.8047	2013
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	Sinking	0.9321	2007
	Headlee	2.8555	2014
City of Chelsea	Streets	1.5246	Indefinite
	Solid Waste	0.4389	Indefinite
	DDA	1.6681	6/5/07
	Operating	19.3095	Indefinite
Dexter Community Schools	Operating	17.8164	2013
	Non-Homestead		
	Operating	2.7003	2013
Dexter District Library	Library Support	0.4409	Indefinite
	Ingham Intermediate School District		
	Vocational Ed-All	1.2935	Indefinite
Lima Township	Operating-All	0.1895	Indefinite
	Special Ed All	4.5081	Indefinite
	Operating	0.8514	Indefinite
Lyndon Township	Operating	0.7454	Indefinite
	Schools		
	Operating	18	12/2009
	Non-Homestead		
Sylvan Township	Operating	6	12/2009
	Non-Homestead		
	Allocated Operating	0.9474	Indefinite
Washtenaw Community College	College		
	Operating	1.6272	Indefinite
	Operating	0.9527	6/2011
	Operating	0.805	6/2007
Washtenaw County	HOMA	0.2146	Indefinite
	Natural Areas	0.2421	2011
	Parks	0.2379	2009
	Emergency	0.2	12/2006-12/2016
Washtenaw Intermediate School District	Operating	4.5493	Indefinite
	Parks	0.2385	2007
	Special Ed Operating	2.9074	Indefinite
City of Chelsea	Gen Ed Operating	0.099	Indefinite
	Special Ed Operating	0.9906	12/2010

Dated: Friday, June 23, 2006

Washtenaw County Treasurer, Catherine McClary
POLLING PLACES ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS and all are hand-capped accessible:

Lyndon Township: 17781 N. Territorial Road
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City of Chelsea: 800 Washington Street
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CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2006 - 6:45 P.M.

Meeting location:
Chelsea District Library Meeting Room

Trustees in Attendance: Greg DeGraff, Vice President; Karen Dixon, Secretary; Carol Hollenshead, Treasurer; Katherine Frieinger, Trustee; and Cathy Russ, Director.

Trustees Absent: with notice: Gary Zenz, President; Kate McAuliffe, Trustee;

A quorum was present.

Guests: Leila Draguells, Lynn Fox, Mike Truax, O'Neal Construction; Gary Sherman, Fanning/Howey; Jim Mumby, Fanning/Howey; Dan Karminsky

Staff: Linda Ballard, Shawn Personke, Karen Persello, Ron Andrews, Bill Harmer and Terri Lancaster.

Welcome and Call to Order:
G. DeGraff called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

Oath of Office:
Swearing in of the new trustee from Lima Township, Katherine Frieinger, by Terri Lancaster.

Agenda Review and Additions
MOTION made by C. Hollenshead, SECONDED by K. Dixon to approve the distributed agenda with following addition. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Addition of Closed session minutes for May 16, 2006.
2. MILAF signature card under Action items.

Compulsory Segments:
Minutes and Approval of Checks
MOTION made by C. Hollenshead, SECONDED by K. Dixon to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2006 Board Meeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION made by K. Dixon, SECONDED by C. Hollenshead to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2006 Closed Session Meeting; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION made by K. Dixon, SECONDED by C. Hollenshead to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2006 Special Board Meeting; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION made by C. Hollenshead, SECONDED by K. Dixon to accept the General Fund operational checks. Discussion on EBAY book sale account. C. Russ to provide further information on EBAY book sale account at next meeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION made by C. Hollenshead, SECONDED by K. Dixon to accept the Construction Project Fund checks. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director's Report and Communication
No questions or comments on the Directors Report. C. Russ reports that her first 2 days have gone extremely well and she is happy to be at CDL.

Public Comment
None

Construction Project Discussions and Reports
CM Report - O'Neal Construction
M. Truax gave an update on the building project. Final cost for the stabilizing of the peripheral columns that will support the portico on the west side of the building have not been totaled yet.

K. Dixon has requested that the board meet at 8:00 pm at the building site before the next board meeting on July 18, 2006. C. Russ will coordinate this.

Building Committee Report & Library Technology Plan
The Building Committee reports that Gary Zenz has been in contact with a potential donor who may pay for the cost of adding a flag pole and flag to the building project. M. Lansdale had put together initial information and Shawn Personke will follow up on the project.

Technology Package bids have come in under budget and the Building Committee's recommendations are in the Action Items.

Art Committee
Lynn Fox announced that the community art project "Opening the Doors of Knowledge" has been asked to be part of the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair - ArtZona Activity Tent. They are looking for volunteers to help with the activities at the Fair.

Action Items
Appointment of Library Director and Owner's Representative
MOTION made by C. Hollenshead, SECONDED by K. Dixon, to appoint Cathleen Russ, Director of the Chelsea District Library, as designated Owner's Representative for the Chelsea District Library. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MILAF
MOTION made by C. Hollenshead, SECONDED by K. Dixon to remove the past director from the MILAF account and to appoint new director, Cathleen Russ as the designated signer. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

June Budget Adjustments
Discussion on the proposed budget adjustments. Questions were answered by the Staff for each line item. MOTION made by C. Hollenshead, SECONDED by K. Dixon to accept the budget changes as presented. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mokuna Memorial Library construction budget adjustments
Discussion on the 3 changes presented by the Building Committee. MOTION made by K. Frieinger, SECONDED by C. Hollenshead to accept the adjustments to the Construction Budget. Discussion followed with an explanation by Lynn Fox as to why they requested the amount left over from the Technology bids be put in a Technology Contingency. They would like to see it spent on technology at a later time in the project.

K. Frieinger and C. Hollenshead withdrew their motion to accept the budget adjustments as a group.

MOTION made by C. Hollenshead, SECONDED by K. Frieinger to transfer \$16,000.00 of the Technology line to Furnishing line to purchase 43 chairs and 2 chair dollies. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

No action was taken on the Technology Contingency; the money will remain in the Technology line.

Action was tabled on the Flag and Flag Pole, until the July Board meeting.

Discussion Items
Budget Hearing and Notification
Board was requested to read over the Budget Hearing and Notification to be moved to Action at the July Board meeting.

Reports
None

Parking Lot
Questions by C. Hollenshead to G. DeGraff on the Construction Project budget reporting. The General and Construction budgets have been posted on the web site per patron request.

C. Russ asked for some guidelines in the Construction Project payment approvals. She should refer to the Department Heads and Board President, Gary Zenz. Anything over \$25,000.00 has to be approved by the Building Committee/Board.

C. Russ has been invited to attend several upcoming meetings in the community.

Board discussed a letter received from Anastasia Gale regarding recommendations she requested from staff members. The board decided that they would acknowledge receipt of the letter and that this is an operational matter, not a board matter. Board Secretary, Karen Dixon will draft the letter.

Kathy Frieinger, the new board member from Lima Township gave the board and staff some background on herself. Board President, G. Zenz, will discuss with her on what committees she would like to serve.

Adjourn:
MOTION made by G. DeGraff SECONDED by C. Hollenshead to adjourn meeting at 8:25 pm. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Karen Dixon, Secretary

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP ELECTION NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN DEXTER TOWNSHIP ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2006 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

The Primary Election is being held for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:
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Representative in Congress, 7th U.S. Congressional District
State Senator, 18th District
Representative in State Legislature, 52nd District
Washtenaw County Commissioner, 1st District

ALSO, to elect the following officers:
Precinct Delegate;

ALSO, to vote on the following local proposals:
**Dexter Township Proposal E
Fire Millage**

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Dexter Township imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for said Township by not more than 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2006 through 2010 inclusive for fire protection services, including, but not limited to: Contracting for fire fighting and fire prevention services; emergency medical services provided by fire personnel; purchase and/or lease of fire fighting equipment; and any and all other services related to fire fighting activities; and shall the Township levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$447,309.81.

o Yes
o No

**Dexter Township Proposal F
Police Millage**

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Dexter Township imposed under Article IX, Sec. 8 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for said Township by not more than 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 2006 through 2010 inclusive for police services, including, but not limited to: Contracting for police services; hiring police officers and related staff; purchase and/or lease of police vehicles and equipment; construction, purchase and/or lease of facilities for police operations; contracting for dispatch services; and any and all other services related to police activities within Dexter Township; and shall the Township levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$447,309.81.

o Yes
o No

The County Treasurer's Statement: (Published in compliance with MCLA 211.203(3), being part of Michigan Property Tax Limitation Act. I, Catherine McClary, Treasurer of Washtenaw County, Michigan, hereby certify that as of June 12, 2006, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property located in Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, is as follows: (Charter millages are not over and above the tax limitations, but are listed here for information purposes.)

Washtenaw County	4.5493 mill Operating	Indefinite
	0.2385 mill parks	2007
	0.2379 mill parks Natural	2009
	0.2146 mill HCMA	Indefinite
	0.2421 mill natural areas	2011
Dexter Township	0.2000 Emgoy. Comm. System	2006-2016
	0.8298 mill Operating	Indefinite
Washtenaw Community College	0.9732 mill fire	Expired 2005
	1.7688 mill police	Expired 2005
	1.6272 mill Operating	Indefinite
Chelsea Public Schools	0.9527 mill Operating	6/2011
	0.8060 mill Operating	8/2007
	16.8047 mill non-homestead	2014
	2.8555 mill non-homestead	2014
Chelsea District Library	0.8321 mill sinking	2007
	1.6466 mill Operating	12/2019
	Dexter Community Schools	17.8164 mill non-homestead
Dexter Library District	2.7003 mill non-homestead	2013
	0.4409 mill	Indefinite
Livingston Educational Service Agency	1.0124 mill charter	Indefinite
	1.2567 mill operating	Indefinite
Washtenaw Intermediate	0.0870 mill	Indefinite
	0.0990 mill General Ed operating	Indefinite
	0.9906 mill Special Ed operating	12/2010
	2.9074 mill Special Ed operating	Indefinite
Pinkney Community Schools	18.0000 mill non-homestead	2009

Dated: June 12, 2006

Washtenaw County Treasurer Catherine McClary.
POLLING PLACES ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:
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PRECINCT 2 - Multi-Lake Sewer Authority, 12088 N. Territorial Rd., Dexter
PRECINCT 3 - Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinkney Rd., Dexter

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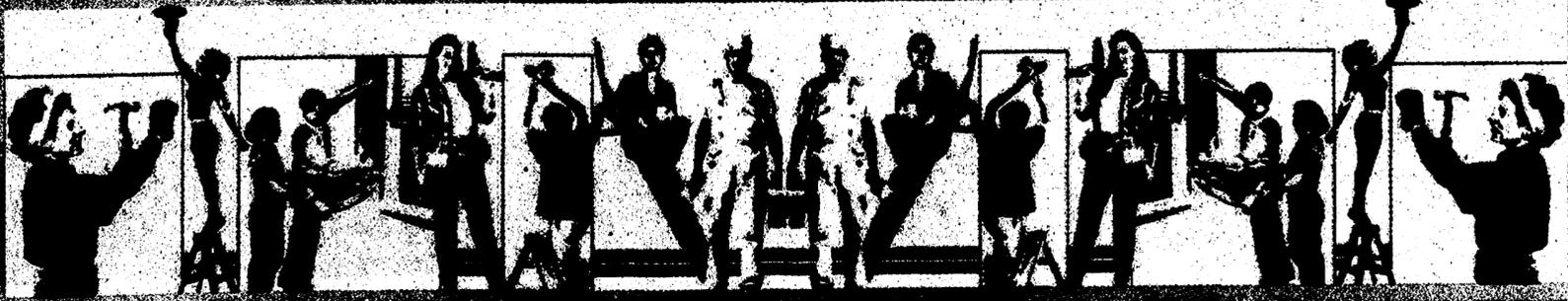
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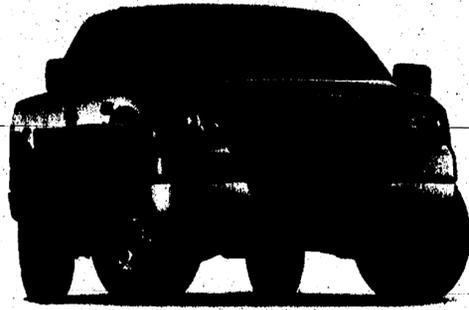
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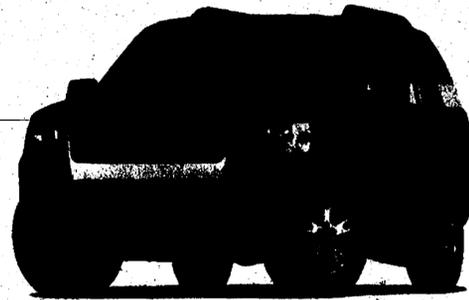
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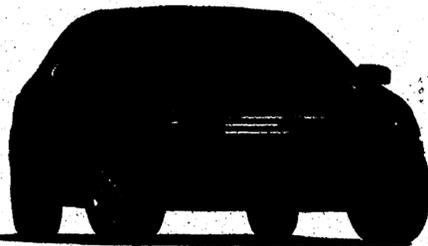
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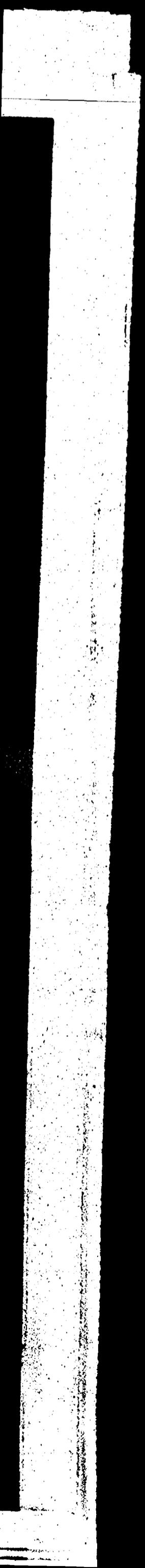
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Unplugged night set for Carr Park

Don't miss the kick-off event for annual festival

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

Imagine a party that includes 399 of your closest friends, a sumptuous spread of food and drink, great music and a park setting — all just for the sake of having a party.

You've just imagined the fourth annual "Riverfolk Unplugged" event, set for 8-11 p.m. Aug. 4. The party foreshadows the Aug. 5 Riverfolk Festival and features three of the festival's headline acts — not to mention the possibil-

ity of some special surprise guests as well.

It's an opportunity to relax and mingle with the musicians and artists who make the Riverfolk Festival such a great event each year.

The uniquely "Manchester" event will be held in Carr Park, site of the next day's Riverfolk Festival, and will be catered by Dan Huntsbarger's Moveable Feast. The Unplugged BBQ will feature a fresh fruit platter, Santa Fe redskin potatoes, Chicken Jambala, spice-seared salmon, slow cooked barbecued pork, fresh corn on the cob, roast vegetable crepe, desserts and beer, wine and sodas.

GET A sneak preview of Adrienne Young and Little Sadie, recently featured on cable television's CMT and GAC; of Steppin' in It, pounding out their own brand of roots combining old-time country, swing and blues; and of Rachael Davis with guitarist Brett Hartenbach, the Boston Music Award Winner for Best New Singer-Songwriter.

Adrienne Young has released two albums on her own label, most recently "The Art of Virtue," a record with a message that applies to the cultivation of the self. To Young, it's everyday choices — not grand gestures — that add up to a "virtuous life." Throughout the 15 tracks on the album, her message remains consistent: every choice we make, from the food we buy to the channels we watch to the history we do or don't preserve, has consequences. We can hold ourselves to higher standards, despite the forces that may seem to erode them.

Not yet 25, Boston native Rachael Davis has spent most of

her life involved with music. She's been singing on stage since the age of two and her debut CD, released in 2001, has earned her critical acclaim and the admiration of her peers. Her second CD shows a commitment to music and a passion for excellence. Her live performances are "dynamite" and in the words of the Boston Globe, Davis is "off to a faster start than any Boston songwriter in memory."

With their assortment of vintage instruments, Steppin' in It bring listeners back to the days of old-time radio. These young men achieve the seemingly impossible task of making the most traditional sounds contemporary.

Songwriter Magazine calls Steppin' in It "some of the liveliest and most rocking acoustic roots music around."

Upright Bassist Dominic Suchyta and multi-instrumentalist brothers Andy and Joe Wilson compliment the strong songwriting talents of singer/songwriter Josh Davis



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Adrienne Young brings new old music



Adrienne Young and Little Sadie are bringing a fresh new energy to traditional folk and bluegrass styles of music. Young has also been busy building a name for herself through her advocacy for local farming.

Headliner supports local farmers

Adrienne Young, a performer at this year's Riverfolk Festival, is also an advocate for local farming. She says it pays to buy your produce from local markets.

"You're supporting your local economy instead of corporate conglomerates," she said over the phone Friday, on the road with her band Little Sadie. "If you have your choice to hand your money to Frito-Lay or to your neighbor down the street, who would you pick? Buying local strengthens communities.

"You're not just stopping your money down on a conveyer belt and taking whatever it is you're taking. It's like a sacred exchange."

Three years ago, Young teamed up with FoodRoutes Network, a non-profit organization that promotes the importance of buying local food.

Around that time she released her first album, "Plow Till the End

of the Road" on her own Addiebelle Records.

The album, which was nominated for a Grammy for Best Record Packaging, romanticizes the toil of the local farmer. Packaged with a distinct antique look, it contains with it a small packet of wildflower seeds.

Her second album, "The Art of Virtue," was inspired "by reading a lot of Benjamin Franklin," Young said.

"I love how he came up with a really practical application on improving your character on a daily basis," she remarked, then asking hypothetically, "How many more cars be driving on the road? How long can we keep doing what we're doing?"

"We can't sustain our society so we need to make some changes."

Young explained if everyone would buy from local growers, it would reduce the need for gasoline necessary to ship foods across

the country.

"It would also reduce the amount of pesticides because you don't need to keep the produce fresh for two weeks," she added.

Young said one of the reasons people choose not to go to the market is convenience.

"It's easier not to think about the ramifications of all the choices you make when you just want to run by the (supermarket) on the way home," she said.

But the plucky songstress is confident she can change peoples' mindsets, even if it takes patience.

"It'll shift. It's just beginning to. It's just going to take some time," she said.

For more information on Adrienne Young, visit www.adriennyoung.com or for more information about FoodRoutes, visit www.foodroutes.com.

Adrienne Young and Little Sadie will be playing at 9 p.m. on the Main Stage in Carr Park.

Raised in Florida and influenced by her grandfather, who at age 80 still picks in a bluegrass band, Adrienne Young evolved from actress to recording artist after moving to Nashville and enrolling in Belmont University's music business program.

Her career accelerated after she took first place in the Chris Austin Songwriting Contest at North Carolina's Merlefest.

Then, working with Nashville pop and alt-country visionary Will Kimbrough, Young made her first album, *Plow to the End of the Row*. Not only was the album acclaimed by critics, it earned a Grammy nomination for album design. Those who bought the album were rewarded by the tiny package of seeds nested in the CD sleeve, an idea of Young's that made her worldview tangible.

"Adrienne Young reinvents traditional fiddle tunes, the Grateful Dead, the writings of Benjamin Franklin and the meaning of morality and faith on her outstanding second release ... a new kind of old-time music for the 21st century," says Eric Fiddler of the Associated Press.

Her "sophomore" album, *Art of Virtue* — most of which she wrote or co-wrote — was produced by Young with able assistance from long-time collaborator Will Kimbrough and acoustic recording genius Gary Paczosa.

Besides Young's accomplished songwriting, the 15 tracks include old-time fiddle tunes re-imagined for a new day. In addition, the gospel standard "Farther Along" is part of the album along with the Grateful Dead's classic anthem of renewal, "Brokedown Palace."

The message is consistent: every choice we make, from the food we buy to the channels we watch to the history we do or don't preserve, has consequences. Our standards can be higher, despite the many forces that seem to corrode them.

Few songwriters can negotiate this terrain with ease and assurance, but Young is one who can.

Adrienne Young and Little Sadie will perform on the Main Stage at 9 p.m.

Don't miss this outstanding band, currently working on their third album, "Room to Grow."

Siegel to play main stage

Bringing his engagingly unconventional lyrics and a dynamic musical style that incorporates modern folk, roots, and jazz to this year's Riverfolk Festival stage is folk sensation Dick Siegel.

Siegel, a local and national celebrity, is a member of the Detroit Music Hall of Fame and the recipient of multiple Detroit Music Awards and the Kerrville Music Festival's New Folk Award.

He was named in WDET's list of the most important and influential artists in the history of Detroit, alongside legends such as John Lee Hooker, Stevie Wonder, and Aretha Franklin.

The son of a classical violinist, Siegel grew up in New Jersey in an environment that encouraged creative musical expression. After playing drums in his teens, he taught himself the guitar and honed his songwriting skills while majoring in English at the University of Michigan.

It was at this time that he discovered the powerful imagery in Dylan Thomas and T. S. Eliot's poetry, as well as the lyrical accessibility of Bob Dylan's music.

"I decided that Bob Dylan had single-handedly infused modern poetry into modern music," he says.

A longtime National Public Radio staple, his songs have featured prominently on stations such as Austin's KUT, New York's WFUV, and San Francisco's KPFA, as well as syndicated shows including Mountain Stage and All Things Considered.

"For years Dick has been the poetic, hilarious soul of the local scene. The rest of the world is now discovering his eccentric hybrid

of folk, country, and jazz," said Dave Siglin, Director of The Ark in Ann Arbor.

With the release of his latest EP, *Fighting for King George*, Siegel returns with an upbeat political roots rocker and soulful, pared-down reflections on the American identity that showcases his incisive songwriting.

Siegel will be performing at 8 p.m. on the Main Stage in Carr Park.



University of Michigan graduate and national folk sensation Dick Siegel will be strumming his guitar and singing his songs at 8 p.m. from the main stage at Carr Park. Siegel music is a unique blend of folk, roots and jazz stylings.

Special hospitality for Riverfolk senior citizens

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Gators can provide rides to festival events, workshops and art fair booths.

So come and join us in the shade on Saturday Aug. 5, 2006.

Festival organizers recommend reserved table seating. To reserve seating, senior groups must contact Riverfolk in advance via the Web site (www.riverfolkfestival.org) or by calling 877-RIV-FOLK (877-748-3655).

This year, 50 cents from every ticket to the Riverfolk Festival is being donated to the Village Parks Commission. This new addition this year spells a firm commitment by Riverfolk to financially support the village parks financially. In addition, the "Barn Raisers" committee, on a mission to rebuild the playground equipment at Carr Park, will be selling raffle tickets for a stainless steel barbecue grill to be raffled in September.

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Bill Kirchen to headline festival

By Marsha Johnson Chartrand
Heritage Newspapers

"We have some whopping lineup, that's for sure," says Mark Palms, Riverfolk Festival Director. "Believe me; we are in for a good time."

The "whopping lineup" for this year's festival includes legendary rock-a-billy guitarist Bill Kirchen, formerly of Commander Cody and his Lost Planet Airmen.

A Grammy-nominated guitarist, singer and songwriter, Kirchen is one of the fortunate few who can step on any stage, play those trademark licks which drove the seminal Commander Cody classic Hot Rod Lincoln into the Top 10 nationwide, and elicit instant recognition for a career that's spanned more than 30 years. Past performances have placed his name along side Nick Lowe, Emmylou Harris, Doug Sahm, Elvis Costello and Danny Gatton.

Named "A Titan of the Telecaster" by Guitar Player Magazine, he celebrates an American musical tradition where country music draws upon its origins in blues and bluegrass, and in the Western swing of Texas and California honky-tonks.

An apt description of Kirchen's singing, songwriting and guitar playing skill is provided in this quote from Nick Lowe: "He's like a devastating culmination of the elegant and funky... a really sensational musician, with enormous depth."

A winner of multiple Wammies over the years, in 2002 Kirchen was one of three artists inducted into the Washington Area Music Association Hall of Fame along with Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters,

Nirvana) and John Phillip Sousa.

A Kirchen performance recalls a half century of guitar legends, from C&W virtuosos like Merle Travis, Joe Maphis and Grady Martin to rock legends like Scotty Moore, James Burton, Duane Eddy, all the way to Jimi Hendrix, and extends their brilliance into the present.

This is well captured on his latest CDs: Raise A Ruckus, Hot Rod Lincoln - Live! and Tied to the Wheel on HighTone Records, featuring the 2001 Grammy nominated original composition "Poultry in Motion."

His latest release for the Cracker Barrel label is Dieselbilly Road Trip.

KIRCHEN'S AMERICAN roots music received a Grammy nomination for Best Country Instrumental Performance in 2001. But he is probably best remembered for his 1972 hit, "Hot Rod Lincoln."

"Bill is the real deal when it comes to rock guitar," Palms says. "He has been everywhere, and played with some huge stars. We are lucky he agreed to play Riverfolk, because he is playing all across the planet."

"The word is, he heard good things about our festival and wanted to come to Manchester."

So get your trucking music tapes out because the King of Trucking Music is pullin' into town with his band.

Bill Kirchen is prepared to present a show you don't want to miss.

Kirchen will perform on the Main Stage at 10 p.m. and also will present a guitar workshop in the main pavilion at 3:40 p.m. Don't miss the pavilion workshops, which will provide an even wider range of talent than is evident in the main stage performances!



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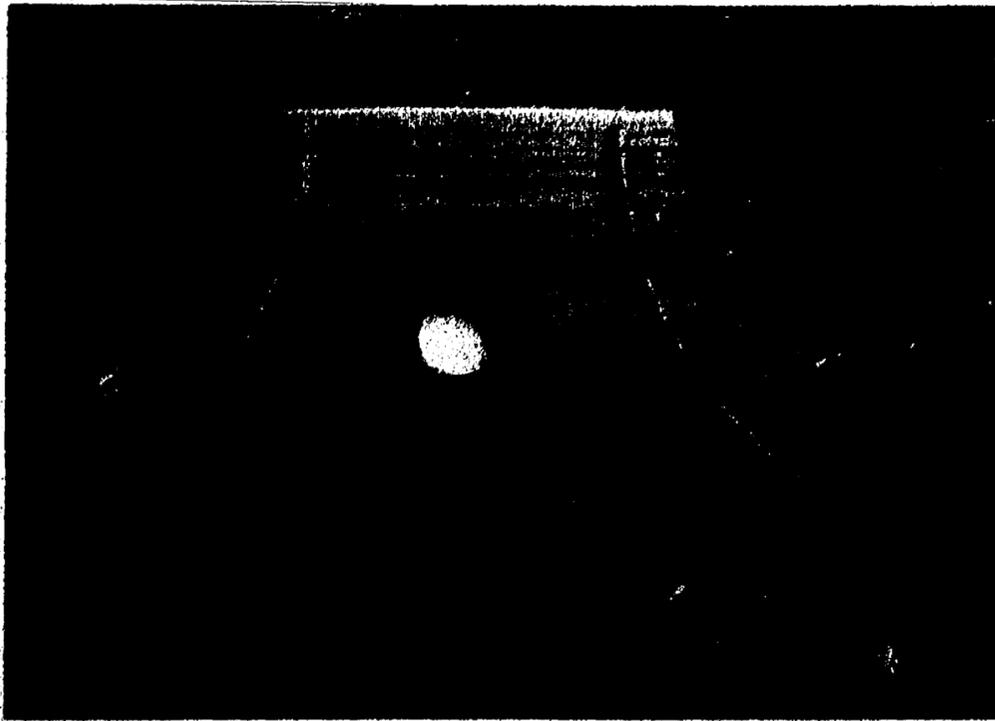
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Lee Krieger: Making music in more than one way

By Brian Gougherty
Heritage Newspapers

Every year Riverfolk brings dozens of musicians and artists into Manchester, but with Lee Krieger the festival gets both.

Krieger is an apprentice luthier under the guidance of master luthier Jeff Lewis of Lewis Creek Instruments. He is also a student of music at Siena Heights University in Adrian, and expects to

graduate this fall.

This summer, he'll be attending the art fair at the Riverfolk Festival to peddle his instruments.

Krieger began woodworking more than seven years ago and began building instruments under Lewis' guidance four years ago. Along with his craft, Krieger plays the Celtic Folk harp, which he may bring to play in the art fair at Riverfolk.

Listen for the sound of a harp or Indian song flute and you are sure to find Krieger's booth!

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From left to right: A man playing guitar, a woman, and a man.



2006 Riverfolk Schedule

Friday, August 4, 2006

UNPLUGGED SCHEDULE

7:00PM	9:00PM	10:00PM	11:00PM
7:30 - 8:30 PM Racheel Davis & Brett M.	8:45 - 9:45 PM Adrienne Young & Lane	10:00 - 11:00 Steppin In	

Saturday, August 5, 2006

Afternoon Stages

	11AM	12 PM	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM
Pavilion	11:40 - 12:20 The Hummingbirds	12:40 - 1:20 Racheel, Seth & Daisy May	1:40 - 2:20 Clogging Workshop	2:40 - 3:20 Swing Dance, Steppin In II	3:40 - 4:20 Bill Kirchen Guitar Wksp	4:40 - 5:20 Sunkwa Kids Wkshp	
Main Stage	12:00 - 12:40 Sunkwa	1:00 - 1:40 Jo Serrapere & the Willy Dunns	2:00 - 2:40 Annie & Rod Capps	3:00 - 3:40 The Ratsn Pickers	4:00 - 4:40 Jeremy Killel	5:30 Kids Parade	
New Stage	12:20 - 1:00 Annie & Rod Capps	1:20 - 2:00 The Hummingbirds	2:20 - 3:00 Whit Hill & the Postcards	3:20 - 4:00 Jo Serrapere	4:20 - 5:00 Commonwealth Dance Collective		

Evening Show

6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM
7:30 - 8:30 PM Racheel Davis & Brett M.	8:00 - 9:00 PM Adrienne Young & Lane	10:00 - 11:00 PM Steppin In			

Juried Artists Roster

- Adrienne Young & Lane
- Brett M.
- Bill Kirchen
- Jo Serrapere & the Willy Dunns
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Upright Bassist Dominic Suchyta and multi-instrumentalist brothers Andy and Joe Wilson complement the strong songwriting talents of singer/songwriter Josh Davis, whose haunting vocals paint a picture of rural and urban Michigan breaking its blue-collar back under troubled times.

Steppin' In It will be performing on the festival's Main Stage in Carr Park at 11 p.m.



Steppin' In It

Ticket locations

Tickets for "Unplugged," the Riverfolk pre-festival event held along the banks of the River in Carr Park on Friday, Aug. 4, are available at Village Gifts in Manchester; and also in Ann Arbor at the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Tickets, offered pre-sale only, are limited and cost \$35, which includes dinner by The Moveable Feast, two drinks and unlimited fun with Riverfolk musicians and artists in attendance.

Festival pre-sale tickets are \$12 and are available in Manchester at Village Gifts, Manchester Market

and United Producers; in Chelsea at Cranesbill Books; at the Drowsy Parrot in Saline; and in Ann Arbor at the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau, Oz's Music and Herb David's.

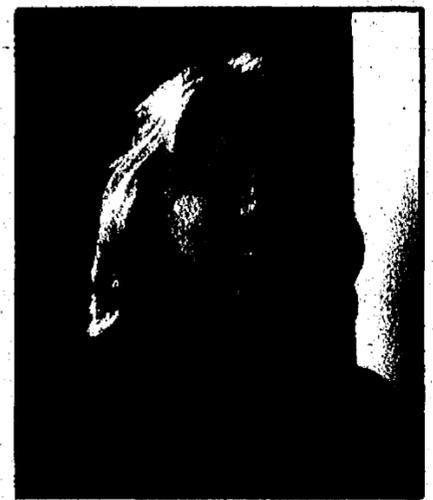
Tickets also are available on-line at www.riverfolkfestival.org. A combination package of Riverfolk Unplugged and Festival tickets are available for just \$42 — a \$5 savings!

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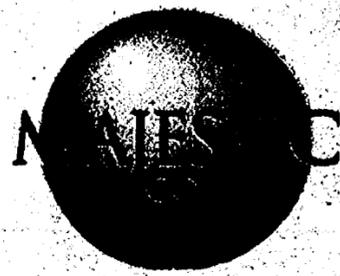
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Arts alliance part of Riverfolk organization

By Austen Smith
Heritage Newspapers

These days, there is no off-season for those involved with the Riverfolk Festival.

In the deep of winter, Riverfolk began reaching into the community by offering art classes for kids and adults. The newly-formed Riverfolk Community Arts Alliance, partnering with Community Education, kicked off Jan. 14 with workshops and an evening concert at Manchester High School.

The RCAA is dedicated to offering arts enrichment programs all year, and has since included a joint art show linking the Manchester District Library, Manchester Community Schools and the RCAA to showcase student art talent, along with last weekend's wildly successful production of "The Wizard of Oz."

Thanks to a grant from the Ann Arbor Community Foundation, the Riverfolk organization is

working in partnership to pursue a community arts education program sponsoring a wide variety of arts activities.

A "Celebrate Community Arts" program at Manchester High School in January, featured artists Mary Rochelle Burnham and Shelly Schwartz and concluded with a performance by Riverfolk musical artists Sunkwa, performing African music from the country of Ghana.

The kickoff celebration was topped off that evening with a concert featuring the Manchester High School Jazz Band, Webb Seegert and The Raisin Pickers, Sunkwa with the workshop participants and featured performer, Beth Patterson from New Orleans.

Community education is no stranger to Riverfolk Music and Arts Festival, which takes place on the first Saturday of August each year. They have teamed up before to coordinate the children's choir, which performs at the festival. For the RCAA,

Community Education Director Sue Colvia was asked to organize local kids to get involved with the workshops and the Sunkwa performance.

COLVIA SAID she's anxious to work with Riverfolk organizers again and get started with more classes.

"It's still fairly new and I don't think very many people know about it yet," Colvia said. "I'm hoping to get the word out to families that this is something new and different; I think people will really like it."

The second major event sponsored by the Riverfolk Community Arts Alliance (RCAA) featured artwork by Manchester High School students and was hosted at the Manchester District Library.

Deb Spring, a member of the RCAA steering committee, said this was an exciting collaboration.

"We helped bring together two organizations that hadn't worked

together before," she said, "and we hope that connection will provide opportunities for future enrichment activities."

Art work in many different media, created by Manchester High School students, was on display at the library May 18 through June 2.

Library director Heather Sturm is excited about the new connection with the schools and is looking at future activities on which they can collaborate.

"We know from what people have told us they want the library to offer programs and other special events," she said.

Sturm said that since one of Manchester's challenges is the fact that there aren't a lot of public venues for events like art exhibits, the library is a logical space to host some of these events.

Angelina Watson was a new art teacher this year at Manchester High School and has been excited about the opportunity to meet

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people in the community and share what has been happening in her classroom.

"It was a new thing for the kids and I am glad to be able show that off with them," she says.

And, she adds, it's a great opportunity for the kids to have an "authentic" art opening.

To get involved with the Riverfolk Community Arts Alliance, a program committee of the Riverfolk Music and Arts Organization, and find out more about future arts-oriented programs that will be offered in the Manchester community, contact the Arts Alliance at PO Box 146, Manchester or email mark@riverfolkfestival.org.

At right, Natalie Palms, Jeremy Kittel, Billy Jonas, Daisy May Erlewine and Mark Palms join in an old-fashioned "jam session" during the finale of last year's Riverfolk Festival.

Photo by Marsha Johnson Chartrand

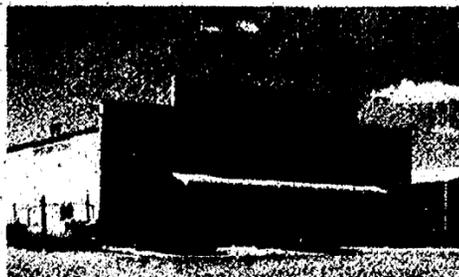


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Alcohol - We have food vendors who would love to keep you full and content throughout the Festival day and evening, but no alcohol is sold at the Festival. Coolers are welcome if you are inclined to have a libation. Alcoholic beverages are available in stores in downtown Manchester (2 - 3 blocks away).

Smoking - Even though this is an outdoor event, we try to limit smoking to designated areas that have "butt buckets" available for cigarette disposal.

Recycle - We try to leave the park in even better condition

than we found it so help us by pitching in as trash receptacles are clearly marked and available throughout the park. Some of our community members benefit from the collected returnable bottles and cans. Please use these bins marked "RECYCLE".

Credit Cards/ATM - Our juried art show is there not only for your perusal but also available for purchase. Most, but not all, artists accept credit cards. Public ATM machines are available at the local banks and businesses downtown (2 - 3 blocks away).

Workshops - The dance and music workshops are free and open to all on a "first come-first serve" basis.

Kids - There are activities for children in our Kids Area. All children using the Kids Area are required to check-in at the gate and get a name tag.

Seniors - There is special "Senior Citizen's Tent" with



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A play area for children is the site of dozens of sand castles in the award-winning Kids Area at Riverfolk.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Pavilion

11:40 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

The Hummingbirds

12:40 to 1:20 p.m.

Rachael, Seth and Daisy May

1:40 to 2:20 p.m.

Clogging workshop

2:40 to 3:20 p.m.

Swing dance, Steppin' In It

3:40 to 4:20 p.m.

Bill Kirchen guitar workshop

4:40 to 5:20 p.m.

Sunkwa kids workshop

New Stage

12:20 to 1:00 p.m.

Annie and Rod Capps

1:20 to 2:00 p.m.

The Hummingbirds

2:20 to 3:00 p.m.
Whit Hill and The Postcards

3:20 to 4:00 p.m.

Jo Serrapere

4:20 to 5:00 p.m.

Commonwealth Dance Collective

Main Stage

12:00 – 12:40 p.m.

Sunkwa

1:00 – 1:40

Jo Serrapere and the Willy Dunns

2:00 to 2:40 p.m.

Annie and Rod Capps

3:00 to 3:40 p.m.

The Raisin Pickers

4:00 to 4:40 p.m.

Jeremy Kittel

5:30

Kids parade

6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Rachael Davis

7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

Seth Bernard and Daisy May

8:00 to 8:45 p.m.

Dick Siegel Trio

9:00 to 9:45

Adrienne Young and Little Sadie

10:00 to 10:45

Bill Kirchen Band

11:00 to 11:45

Steppin' In It (finale)

ARTISTS LISTING

The Riverfolk Music and Arts Festival's "Walk of Art" features artists from afar as well as home-grown ones.

Many of the Riverfolk artists are here for their fifth consecutive year, while others are in their first year. The Riverfolk Festival's unique juried art show is an opportunity to get acquainted with the outstanding quality, variety and originality of the work of 30 or more exhibitors from the Midwest and Canada.

The visual artists in the "Walk of Art" will share creations of jewelry, painting, instrument making, stained glass, pottery, and much

more.

Among this year's visual artists are Augusta Deshawn Simmons-Gant, Lisa Poulson, Darwin Studio, Dee Miles, Peter Lenehan, Robert Finks, Gary Rednour, Michael Hahn, Nicole Beaudoin, Susan Neglia, Christina R. Stark, Nancy Feldkamp, Jo Ellen Kladzyk, Sharon Miller, A Welcomed Touch, William Gregory, Barb Hollosy, Marijim Thoene, Patti Vergiels, Kristin Warner, Melissa Sullivan, Michelle Massey, Doug Mills, Farah Rose, Marlene Thorne, Lee Krieger, Cheri Reiman and Susan Steel.

WORKSHOP: SUNKWA & LAZ FROM GEMINI

Kids don't want to miss this workshop featuring the energetic sounds of African drums and the gyl (pronounced "jeel") along with the songs and singing of Laz from the Gemini brothers.

Southeastern Michigan's African music scene is growing, and that's an exciting thing! Sunkwa is an Ypsilanti-based group led by Kofi Ameyaw, who has performed with the Bernard Woma Trio, Blakuye, and other groups. Sunkwa has appeared at the Detroit Concert of Colors, the East Lansing Jazz Festival, and other venues around Michigan, New Jersey, and New York, snagging new fans wherever they go with their powerful, complex rhythms and sheer energy.

The group's music has its roots in Ghana but also draws on other international styles.



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Common mission unites musical efforts

At a March 1 special meeting of the Riverfolk Festival Board of Directors, the board was asked to consider a request from the Manchester Gazebo Concerts to be accepted as a Program Committee under Riverfolk.

"The Gazebo Concert series fits extremely well with our mission to bring arts and music to the area and to increase volunteerism," said Richard Spring, presiding officer of the Riverfolk Festival Committee. "The motion was offered and passed unanimously."

This is the second program committee to fall under the Riverfolk organization as the Riverfolk Community Arts Alliance came under the 501(c)3 organization's umbrella last fall.

"We are very excited about the opportunities both of these committees bring," Spring added. "This gives us the chance to expand the scope of our organization to bring arts and music to the Manchester community on a year-around basis."

As a result of these changes, however, the board quickly real-

ized that its legal name of "Riverfolk Music and Arts Festival" no longer accurately fit the organization.

So, at the same meeting it was voted to become the "Riverfolk Music and Arts Organization."

As Riverfolk is a non-profit organization, it can take on Program Committees such as the gazebo concerts and the arts alliance to provide oversight and ensure that proper financial procedures are followed.

"That way businesses, organizations and individual contributors will be able to continue to enjoy the tax advantage of making contributions to the festival, the arts alliance, or the gazebo concert series," Spring said. "Each has separate budgets and there will not be a mixing of the funds. Each committee is considered 'semi autonomous' under our policies and procedures."

Consequently, each committee is responsible for its own fund-raising activities and managing a budget.

Carl Curtis remains the chair of

the gazebo concert program committee.

"We don't expect to see any big changes this year. On the surface, the concert series will look exactly the same. It's just that we share a common mission with the Riverfolk organization and it seemed a logical move for us," Curtis said.

This season's gazebo concert performers have included storyteller LaRon Williams, singer-songwriter Kiana Weber, the Wes Linenkugel Quartet, The Raisin Pickers, members of the Wizard of Oz cast, the Billy King Band, and the Saline Big Band.

And the musical entertainment does not end tonight. This coming week, the Gazebo will welcome the Cadillac Cowboys to the stage for the final gazebo concert of the 2006 season.

Ann Arbor legends, the Cowboys have been playing together since the 1970s and are making their second appearance on the Gazebo stage.

"We have had lots of variety," said Curtis. "We have folk, we have

big band, we have the dulcimers ... we wanted to appeal to many different musical tastes throughout the summer."

Gazebo Concerts are never cancelled due to weather. If it rains, the fun goes on at the Emanuel Church Fellowship Hall, just across the street.

"We encourage people to come out whatever the weather," Curtis says. "We'll have a good time just the same, with a roof over our heads."

The summer gazebo concert series is primarily funded by donations collected midway through each concert performance. Performers frequently have CDs of their music available for sale on concert evenings.

Music begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday night. Two 30 to 45-minute sets plus intermission allow the concert to end by 9 p.m. as the sun sets over the Emanuel Church steeple.

Bring a comfortable seat, bring a picnic and bring some friends to the conclusion of the summer's gazebo concert series.



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Seth Bernard (center) and Daisy May Erlewine are returning headliners for this year's show, and will appear in a 12:40 p.m. workshop session as well as at 7 p.m. on the Main Stage

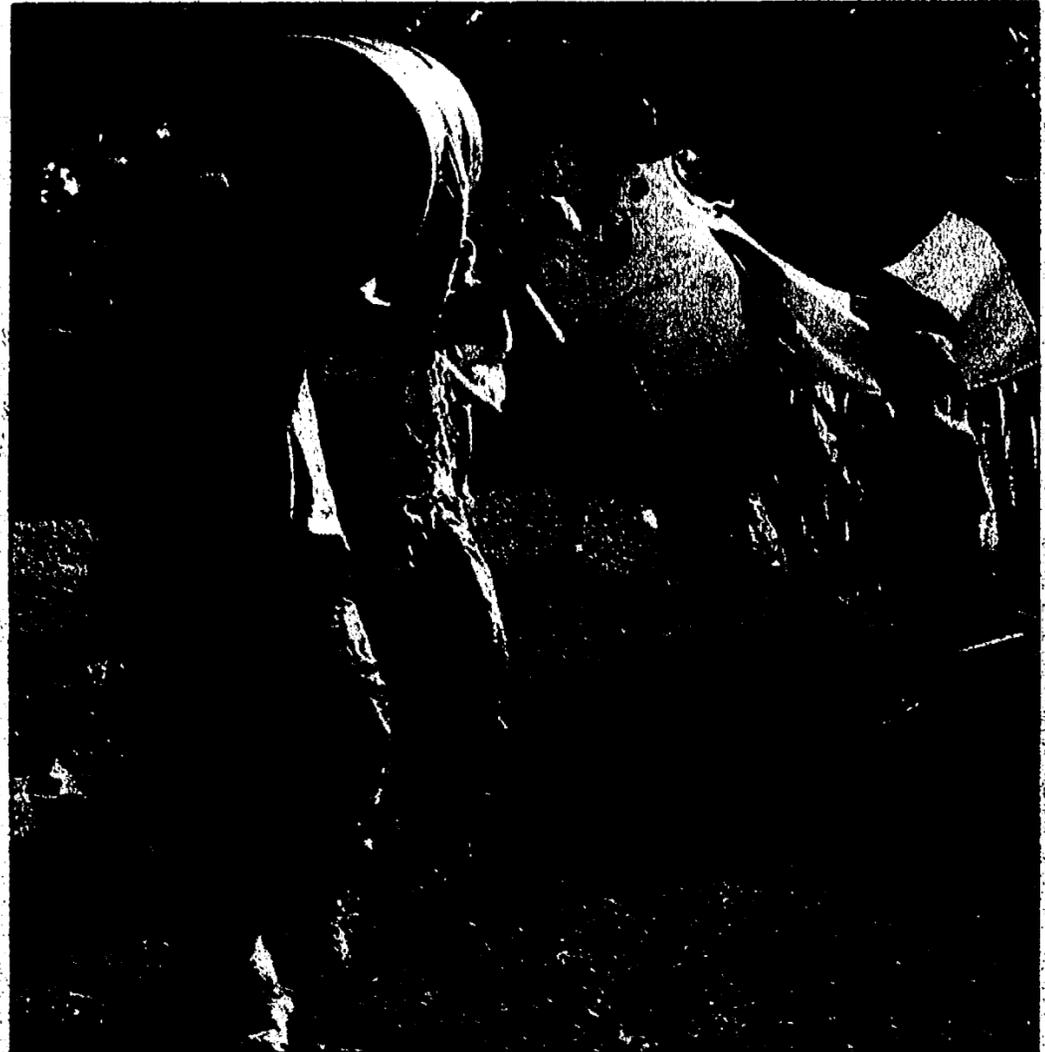


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The popular annual "kids parade" will feature Ruthette Mills' giant puppets, Finn and Fern this year and will take place at 5:30 p.m.



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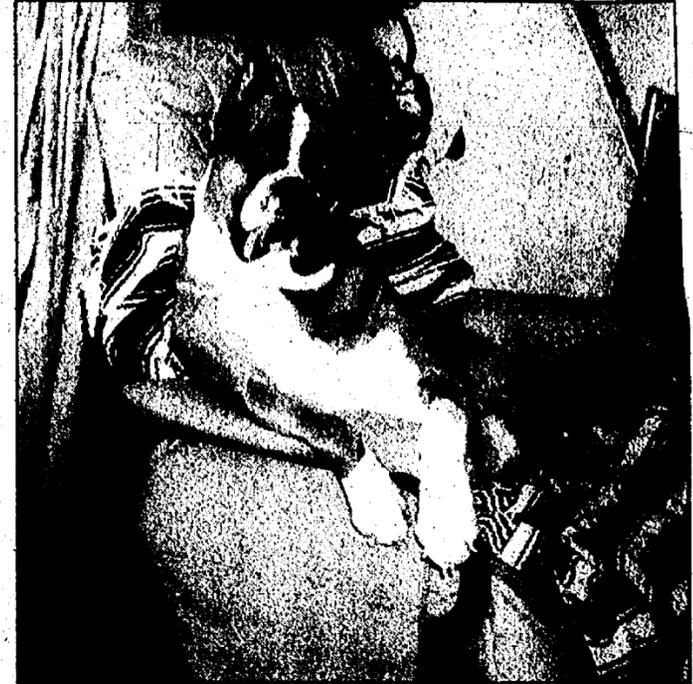
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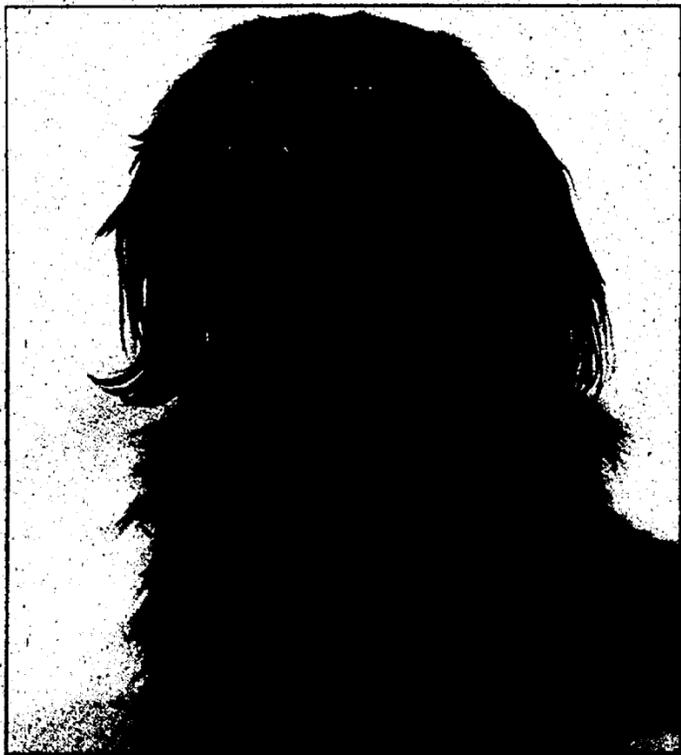
Sydney
Hi, my name is Sydney. I am a three year old female pug. I am owned by the Kotlarczyk family from Saline. My favorite place to visit is the dog park at Mill Pond. That is where I meet up with my friends and acquaintances. *Submitted by Kaye Kotlarczyk, Saline*



Lillie
Lillie, our 3-year old black lab, takes the time to smell the flowers. Lillie is a loving dog that was born in the Upper Peninsula and gives big hugs when you spell H-U-G to her. *Submitted by Kim Jacobson, Saline*



Candi
Candi is our six-year old Boxer. She loves kids and loves to watch our family fish from our deck. When we brought this chair home, she made it "her" chair right off the bat. *Submitted by Tom and Bonnie Harless, Ypsilanti*



Kiwi
Here is a cute picture of my dog, Kiwi. *Photo submitted by Debbie Murray, Saline*



Bird
Bird is our 20-year-old Cockatiel. He sings different songs and when you walk up to his cage in the morning he will say, "Hello Bird." *Submitted by Tom and Bonnie Harless, Ypsilanti*



Spunky
Our dog, Spunky, is a Shih Tzu. One day, my husband and I took a ride and ended up at a Pet Store. Upon arrival we spotted this wonderful, cute, little puppy that took our heart. He's, for sure, a blessing from God. *Submitted by Linda Venia, Milan*



Knight
Knight is a 5.5-year-old black Lab weighing in at 94 pounds. He is a very friendly and gentle dog. He also is good at retrieving ducks when he goes hunting. Knight is a real pleasure to have around. *Submitted by Jan Caudill, Saline*

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Baby
I owned a three-year-old Australian Dog breed with Springer Spaniel and Chocolate Lab. Her name is Baby. Tragedy struck our family on July 12 when Baby was hit by an out-of-control speeding vehicle. Needless to say our family feels empty and we miss her dearly. Submitted by Amanda Paul, 16-years-old, Milan



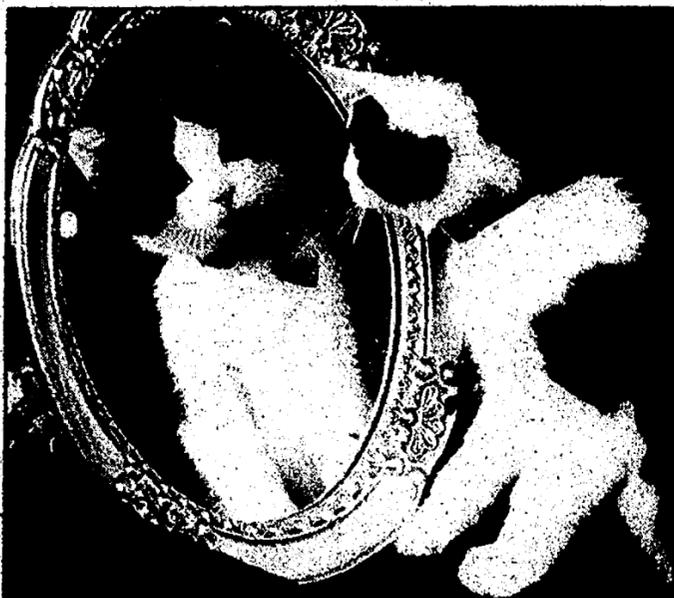
Miles Davis
This is a photo of Mr. Miles Davis, our 8 lb. miniature poodle. He just turned four years old in May (in people years). Submitted by the Harrison Family (Chad, Calesta, Juliette, and Alexander- and Miles), Saline



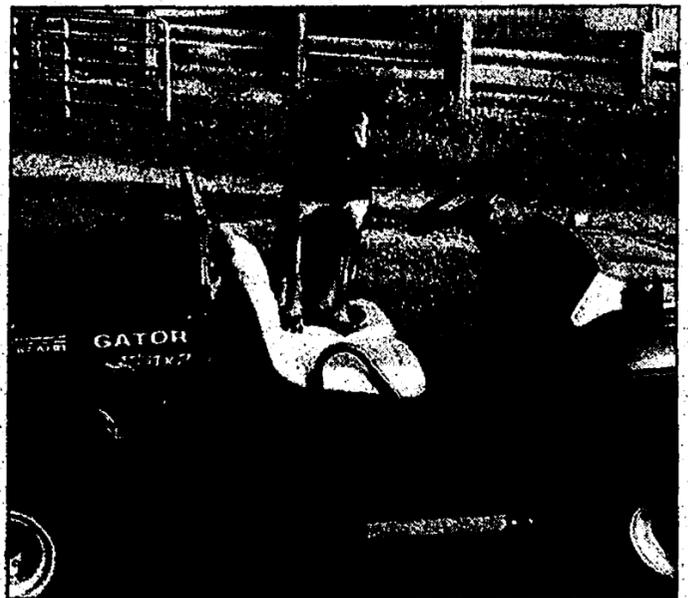
Sasha
Sasha, age 18 now, is the most laid-back cat we ever had. She is a long-haired Burmese with cream and shades of gray. She's a great joy to have around. Submitted by Mary and Bill McDonald, Saline



Callie
Seven years ago, my daughters and I visited the pet store to see the Border Collie puppy that had been put on sale. Callie was a black and white short haired Border Collie. She was 5 months old, skinny, long legs and all ears! Like any pet owner I know, Callie is another 'little kid' in the family. She is a very special dog and cute to us in looks as well as personality. Submitted by Kelly Robbins, Saline



Jasper
This is Jasper. Jasper was rescued from the Humane Society. He is afraid of everything, even his own reflection. Jasper and I share a birthday on February 15. He loves to be brushed and is wild for his "super supper." I have always loved cats for their independence. He is a sweetie. Submitted by Nancy J. Greko, Saline



Haley
Our dog is a two-year old Rottweiler-Lab mix. Since we have a farm and sell hay, we named her Haylee. She has ridden on a "Gator" since she was six weeks old. The "Gator" can't start without her jumping on it. And sometimes, like in this picture, she thinks that she should be able to drive it herself. Submitted by Bruce and Judy Park, Chelsea



Spike
My bearded dragon is named spike. He likes to eat live crickets and he loves lettuce. I like to pet him, hold him, put him on my shoulder and sometimes he will sit on my lap. His head moves like a robot and when you put music on he will dance to it. He likes company, spongebob and he also likes to listen to books. He wonders what strange noises are. He sheds a lot of skin, (I have a bag full). He is used to the family but mostly me and my dad. He is one foot five inches long and he's a brownish yellowish color. Submitted by Tara Kielty



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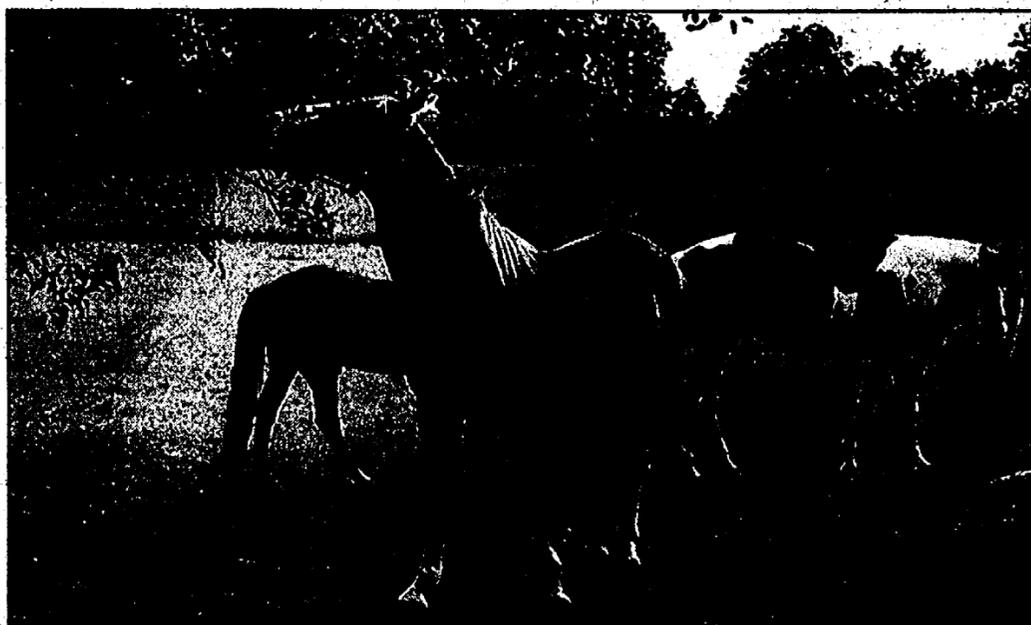
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Shadow, a 135 lb, 5 year old golden retriever was a walk-on into our family about 3 years ago. Miss Beatrice was born in February this year on my aunt's farm. The runt of the litter. Shadow became a true friend. They shared food and rawhide chews, and slept together. He let her climb all over him, and nestle in his tail. I'm sure she thought she was a dog, too. Submitted by Cathy Hunter, Dexter



Rainbow's True Saint
Rainbow's True Saint, registered Tennessee Walking Horse gelding, 7 yrs. old. Bo found out he could pick apples from the tree. Submitted by Dee Tomshany, Dexter



Chopper
His name is Chopper. He is a 3-year-old, red Labrador retriever. Chopper's hobbies include hunting, fishing and swimming. Submitted by Andy Wojtysiak, Saline



Bert
We found "Bert" on our driveway one very cold January night in 1993. He was 8 to 10 months old. Bert enjoys wearing clothes. He has thirteen "outfits" including a tuxedo with a top hat, a kimono from Korea and a life vest for the occasional canoe ride! Submitted by The Burkel Family, Dexter

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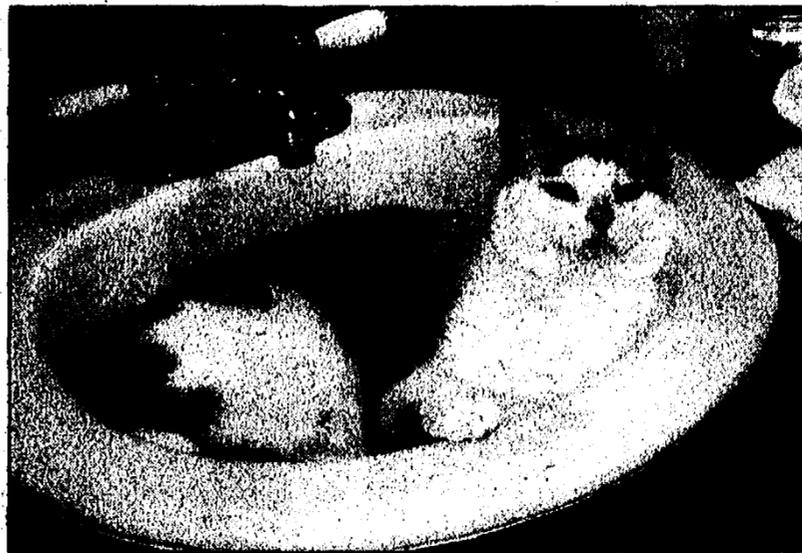
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Chase and Copper
Attached is a picture of our pets Chase and Copper. They are orange tabby brothers who were rescued from backside of Krogers in Milan. Submitted by John and Barbara Czyrka, Saline



Tweety Cat
"Tweety-Cat" is a three and a half-year old domestic short hair with Lynx Point Siamese markings. Tweety loves to find cozy places to sleep, and it's usually never in the same spot! Submitted by the Rayer Family, Dexter



Harper Lee
The photo is of our dog, Harper Lee. He is a six month old long hair dachshund. He is the joy of our day, every waking day. Submitted by Chryll and Wayne Salow, Saline



Sasha
This picture is of my favorite puppy, Sasha, even though she is 2 years old. Her special attributes are her ability to shower you with kisses and make most people laugh with her silly antics and that is why we love her! Submitted by Caroline Mauley, Belleville

Making room for a new puppy

Now that spring has arrived and the summer months are approaching, many families prepare to welcome a new puppy into their home. Bringing home a new dog can be one of the most exciting events in one's life, however if a family isn't prepared for the work and effort it takes to be a good pet parent, frustration with their dog's behavior may lead to dissatisfaction. The Humane Society reports that one of the main reasons dogs are returned or relinquished to the shelter is because the owners were not prepared to handle the animal's behavior.

"Many pet owners don't realize the changes they have to make in their own schedules and lives to accommodate for the challenges a new puppy can present," said David Bledsoe, DVM, Farnam Pet Products (www.farnampets.com), and an expert on pet behavior. "However, by taking the necessary steps to properly welcome this

new member into their family, pet owners can establish a bond with their dogs that will ensure a positive companionship for many years to come."

To assure a smooth transition for both puppy and owner, Dr. Bledsoe offers new pet parents the following tips to ensure their puppy becomes a happy addition to their family:

1. Puppy proof your home: Before the puppy arrives, owners should do a sweep of their home and yard and pick up all of the things they do not want the puppy to get into. This will be an ongoing effort and it's important for pet parents to remember that it is their responsibility to keep the dog or puppy safe and out of trouble. Puppies don't know any better, so it is up to the pet parent to make sure the puppy is supervised continually. Additionally, owners should purchase toys that are

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Cooper
Cooper is a three year old Yorkshire Terrier. "When he absolutely has to have your attention he jumps high enough to land in your arms if you are paying attention. Submitted by Cathy Breneman, Saline



Batman
This is Batman (named by son), my female cat. Originally it was my youngest sons kitten. Since then, son graduated and is off to college. My son made me promise not to declaw her. I have kept that promise. Submitted by Pamela Ponte, Chelsea



Mulligan
Mulligan is a 110-pound chocolate Lab who will be 4 years old in Sept. He lives in Grand Rapids with his mom and dad, but was born in Allegan. He looks forward to visiting his grandma and grandpa, who live in Saline. Submitted by Dianne Hill, Saline

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durable, safe and fun. These toys should readily be available to quickly substitute whenever the owner sees his or her puppy chewing on something that isn't appropriate.

2. Easing the stress of separation: When possible, pet owners should provide their breeder with a towel or blanket that can be rubbed on the mother dog prior to taking the puppy home. It will contain the scent of the dog and will help comfort the puppy during the drive home. Additionally, owners can use comforting pheromone products in their home to help ease the puppy's transition and make him feel comfortable in his new environment.

Nursing mother dogs emit pheromones - natural chemicals secreted by the animal to communicate with others of the same species. Products such as Comfort Zone with D.A.P.® (Dog Appeasing Pheromones) (www.petcomfort-zone.com) mimic the same "appeasing" pheromones, making dogs feel secure and comfortable, while reducing the animal's urge

to act out destructively through chewing, excessive barking or house soiling. The clinically-tested and veterinarian-recommended product comes in diffuser and spray applications.

3. Crates - an effective training tool: A crate serves as a place for the puppy to call his own and is a great place for short time-outs and for sleeping. Additionally, crate training can be an efficient and effective way to house-train a dog as it helps teach the dog to have bladder and bowel control. Because puppies do not like to eliminate where they rest/sleep, the puppy learns to wait and go at conveniently scheduled times.

4. Make potty training easy: New owners must remember that young puppies have no more control or understanding of the concept of potty training than a toddler. In the early weeks of ownership, house-breaking is often hit or miss as puppies are physically not able to hold "it" for extended periods of time nor will they remember 5 minutes after they've made a mistake what they have done to upset the dog owner. The best way of training a puppy to go outside is to take him out as soon as he wakes up in the morning, right after each

feeding and nap, as well as right before bed at night. With any form of training, consistency is the key and positive praise will go a long way in addressing the pet's behavior.

5. Give your puppy a peaceful place to sleep at night: It is very common for puppies to cry the first few nights in a strange place. An old fashioned "ticking" clock or one of the owner's dirty t-shirts will often settle the pup down to sleep. Others have found a small stuffed toy, a baby blanket or even a hot water bottle to be affective as

well. Comfort Zone spray can be applied to the puppy's bedding as well, to help him or her feel comfortable in their unfamiliar surroundings.

"Among the important things new pet owners can do are give their puppy lots of love, attention and positive reinforcement. Also, it is wise to always consult a veterinarian or trainer with any questions regarding the puppy's health and behavior," Dr. Bledsoe said. For additional tips and resources, Dr. Bledsoe recommends that pet owners visit: www.petsosinfo.com.

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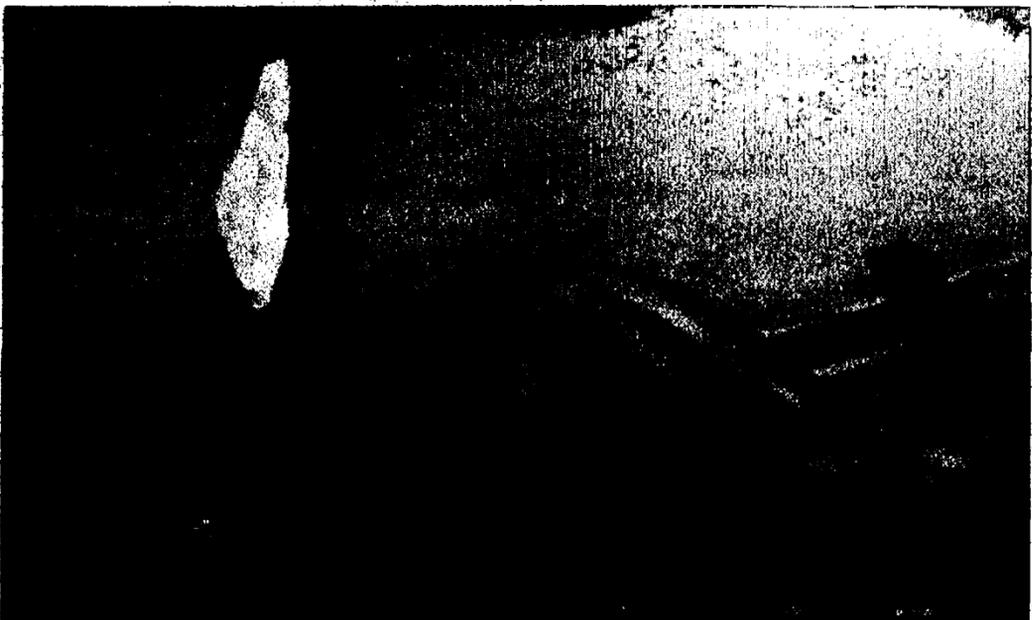
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Born May, 5 2000, he resides in Webster Township. his hobbies are Hunting rabbits and other small game, sunbathing. His favorite Book: "Three Stories You Can Read to Your Dog," by Sara Swan Miller. Submitted by Patrick and Karen Eisel, Dexter



Chloe

My name is Chloe and I am owned by Carol Sobecki. I am a one-year-old, feisty Miniature Dachshund and am red in color. I was born on July 10, 2005 in Woodhaven, Michigan. I came to live in Belleville when I was 10-weeks old. Submitted by Carol Sobecki, Belleville



Lance

Lance is a 6 year-old Sheltie who may be a little overweight but is the most loyal, loving dog any family could ever want! Submitted by Denise Miller, Chelsea

Enjoy fuss free pet grooming

For anyone who's ever wrestled with an 80-pound labrador in the bathtub or whose docile tabby turns into a mountain lion at the sight of a sink full of suds, you know that grooming your pets isn't always an easy feat. Water gets everywhere, fur sticks to the bottom of the tub drain, and a soggy pet can get loose and decide to shake off or rub up against furniture in rooms that are normally off-limits. Plus, there are other grooming necessities like basic brushing that can be downright 'hairy' as well.

To make your pet's home-grooming experience less of a chore, 3M, a manufacturer of pet wipes, has compiled this list of tips for the novice groomer that will minimize those chaotic bath-time fiascos:

- Pets in general have skin that is much more delicate than humans'. Therefore, use products specifically designed for animals, rather than using your own shampoo or soap, which could strip essential oils from your pet's coat.

- Matted coats are not just an eyesore; they can pose health problems, like circulation trouble, or be uncomfortable for your pet. Try to comb out small mats; but if it is too difficult, your pet may need to be professionally shaven by a groomer to avoid injury or discomfort. Avoid matting with regular brushing of your pet's fur.

- Frequent bathing is unnecessary for pets; however, you do want

to keep their coats fresh and clean. Use a product like 3M Pet Wipes for dogs, cats and other small animals to save you time and the hassle of washing your pet in the traditional sense. By using a single, heavy-duty pet wipe, your furry companions can be cleaned and deodorized without a mess. The wipes use a combination of cleaning, deodorizing and moisturizing ingredients that neutralize odor, keeping your pet smelling clean and fresh. Special emollients help protect and moisturize the pet's skin and leave the pet's coat shiny and luxurious.

- Don't overlook flea and tick prevention. Your veterinarian can suggest a prescription product, and there are several over-the-counter varieties. Inspect your pet regularly for imbedded ticks or surface fleas. Fleas leave behind tell-tale signs, like "flea dirt" - dark dots of waste that cling to pets' fur. Also look for frequent scratching or biting of the coat by your animal.

- Your pet's ears also need cleaning. Animals with ears that flop over and don't allow much air into the ear canal can be particularly at risk for dirt accumulation and infection. Antibacterial Ear Wipes from 3M are made of a thin fabric designed for cleaning these tiny crevices. If you notice a foul odor in your pet's ears, it could be a sign of infection, and you should make an appointment with the vet.

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Jake
 Jake is a 17lb. tiger cat who we adopted when he was 8 weeks old. We discovered him and his 7 brothers and sisters living in an abandoned house. Jake will sit, shake, and lay down for a piece of steak. He is always purring. Submitted by the Williams Family, Chelsea



Gabby
 I'd like to introduce myself. I am "Gabby" Russell and, as you can see from my photo, I have a great sense of style when it comes to picking out my accessories! I am an English dwarf rabbit and extremely old at 13-1/2 years (average 5-7 years) with a weight of a mere 3 pounds. Submitted by Dawn Russell, Milan



Moose
 This is Moose. He was adopted from small animal rescue just over three years ago and he is probably 7 or 8 years old. Moose attends most High School cross country meets decked out in Saline spirit. Submitted by the Lesch Family, Saline

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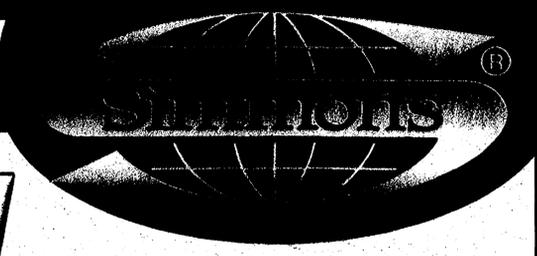
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