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The Christmas spirit



Boy Scouts from Troop 476 in Chelsea recently purchased new hats, mittens and gloves to donate to Faith In Action. Pictured are Sam Frahm (front row), David Trimas, Gerard Guysky, Brandon Alder, Aunic Goodin, Connor Dailey, Nick Weber (middle row), Patrick Dailey, Joel Myers, Shane McGrath, Evan Copeland, Nate Miller, Jack Abernethy, Adam Burman (back row), Austin Gray, Brendan Oswald, Jake Riemenschneider, Peter Riemenschneider, Rob Everard, Cam Girard and Scoutmaster Michael Dailey.

The Christmas faith

The Manger on Main Street

By Len Nihoff
Special Writer

I was driving down Main Street in Chelsea, rumbling along through the cold black night, the tires on the pickup truck crunching through the snow, headed toward home at the end of a long and tough week, when I spotted a powerfully improbable vision on the side of the road. It was the sort of thing that makes you close your eyes and shake your head and then goes away. So I did. But it didn't.

My eyes freshly focused, I realized that I had seen precisely what I thought I had seen. There, on the west side of Main Street, at the end of a row of shiny new frost-covered Fords, stood a manger. And, there, inside the manger, shifting restlessly to stay warm, circled a collection of wise men, shepherds, and all the other usual players of the nativity. The only figure I didn't remember from my family crèche set was that of a frigid soul who

stood in front of the manger, holding a llama on a rope. It was a nice touch.

In the midst of puzzling over this I suddenly remembered that I had heard something about our town featuring a "living nativity scene" as part of its "hometown holiday" celebration. I breathed a sigh of relief, but then tightened with a twinge of disappointment. After all, a nativity scene seemed a little out of place at the end of a car lot. A nativity scene seemed like the sort of thing we should find amidst the trees in a city park, or on the land of an historic farm, or maybe next to a stable. But a few yards away from a sign about advantageous financing? It felt a little odd.

And this sense of strangeness was helped by the grim symbolism that new car lots have come to convey in the past few months. For most of my life, rows of new cars have held an irresistible appeal. I know, of course, that

cars are just material things and that in the end they stop running and start rusting and we can't take them with us. But I grew up in Michigan, where the car—and particularly the new car—conveyed messages of freedom and self-expression and excitement. Some kids grow up wanting to be astronauts or surgeons or President. I grew up wanting to drive a Mustang.

These days, however, rows of new cars remind us of other things. They remind us of deeply troubled financial and credit markets, of survival struggles within an industry, of pleas for government help, of layoffs and buy-outs and ripple effects, and of dreams gone dark. So this set me to wondering. Of all the places on earth, I asked myself, why would you put a nativity scene there?

Well, they say there are no stupid questions, but I immediately realized that I'd just

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'Glowing and growing' Chelsea Senior Center expands, doubles in size

By Terry Jacoby
The Chelsea Standard

Tina Patterson is the enthusiastic and inspirational leader of the Chelsea Senior Center. As the center's director, it's Patterson's job to help create programs and events for the area's large and ever growing senior population.

Following the recent announcement that the facility will be expanded to twice its current size, Patterson doesn't look at it as double the responsibility, yet double the opportunity.

"We plan to really expand our health and wellness programs, working to keep folks active and engaged,"

Patterson said. "We hope to add dance classes and other fitness programs. We are working on some major grants that we will use to create 'best practices' models for healthy living. This is a very exciting time for the Senior Center."

The Chelsea School District and Chelsea Senior Center announced late last week the expansion of the Chelsea Senior Center. The Senior Center will be doubling its size, moving into offices recently occupied by the Community Education Department in the Washington Street Education Center.

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Teresa Zigman, executive director of business and operations; Dave Killips, superintendent of Chelsea schools; Ed Greenleaf, outgoing president of the Senior Center; and John Bohlender, incoming president, were all instrumental in securing the larger space for the Chelsea Senior Center.

City Council decides on ordinance changes

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

Over the past month the Chelsea City Council has taken a number of actions on ordinance amendments.

At their last meeting the council voted to take a second look at an ordinance change for Chelsea Pharmacy that would allow a drive-through window to be installed at their new location.

Chelsea Pharmacy is relocating to the Polly's Shopping Center across the street from their current location on the west side of Main Street.

The pharmacy was one of the businesses impacted by a fire that spread through the shopping complex on the corner of Main and Old U.S. 12 last May, although it

has been indicated that space was a concern as well.

Chelsea Pharmacy's parent company, Hometown Pharmacy filed their application for a text change that would permit the window as a special land use in the C-4 Restricted Commercial District that the property they are moving to is located within.

The ordinance will be up for second reading and approval at the Jan. 13 council meeting.

Other ordinance amendments changed recently include:

- Charges for both water and sewer service provided to any property in the service area may have a lien placed upon said property

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Adopt-A-Farm

December is the time to plan what to plant

By Edward Freundl
Staff Writer

When the cold wind blows, the best place to be on a farm is inside the house.

But while non-farm folk see snow on the ground, farmers "see" what they will put into the ground next.

That is especially true at Fusilier Farm and Greenhouse near Manchester, an operation that grows a dizzying variety of vegetables, fruits and

flowers nearly year-round.

With their dining room table covered inches-deep in an incredible array of seed catalogs last week, Mike and Kathy Fusilier pondered what they would plant just a couple of months from now.

"We're just going through seed catalogs," Kathy explained. "We order from Rupp's, Johnny's and Slegers, and get a lot of our flower seeds from Harris."

Rupp Seeds is located in Wauseon, Ohio; Johnny's

Select Seeds is in Winslow, Maine; the Siegers Seed Co. is in Holland, Mich.; and Harris Seeds is in Rochester, N.Y.

"Probably 90 percent of our stuff comes from Rupp, and Johnny's handles a lot of specialty stuff," Mike added.

"We have a somewhat limited supply of land, so we have to grow what we can sell."

Kathy continued that thought: "In most of the

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Mike and Kathy Fusilier go through several seed catalogs to select varieties of fruits and vegetables to order for next year.

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The good fight

New business champions American quality

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

Many businesses are trying harder than ever to distinguish themselves from the competition in an increasingly competitive business environment.

With the economy the way that it is, discretionary dollars are drying up by the day.

New Chelsea-based business Bumble's Dry Goods, which just opened last week, is a unique business model put into practice — sell goods made in the United States, Michigan specific if possible, not just to support the local economy, but to provide American craftsmanship and quality for customers.

Carolyn McNaghy didn't start out with the intention of carrying the "buy USA" standard on her shoulder, but as the former wildlife preserve worker from Indiana sought merchandise for a quaint little downtown shop she fell in love with the unique qualities of American-made goods.

"American companies make beautiful things," McNaghy said. "There is just a quality and a craftsmanship that you don't find anywhere else."



Carolyn McNaghy is the owner of New Chelsea-based business Bumble's Dry Goods.

So far she has had a lot of luck finding manufactured goods down south in states like Tennessee and Kentucky. Bumble's carries quite a few baskets, tin goods, wood crafted toys and ornaments, fabric goods, candles and various other small items.

McNaghy would like to get more mass produced goods from U.S. and Michigan companies, but has found that tracking them down is difficult — tracking down those that are there anyway.

"As I started out looking for things to carry, I was shocked to find how much wasn't made in the U.S. anymore," she said. "Stuff like lights and stuffed animals just aren't produced on a massive scale here. It's all gone over to China."

Finding such an animal in the wild of Michigan's economy could be tough, as the National Association of Manufacturers most recent analysis of Michigan manufacturing showed a heavy

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Girl Scout book drive a success!



Chelsea Junior Girl Scout troop No. 507 ran a book drive starting in mid-October and finished on Nov. 21 with a book sorting party at the Holiday Inn Express in Chelsea.

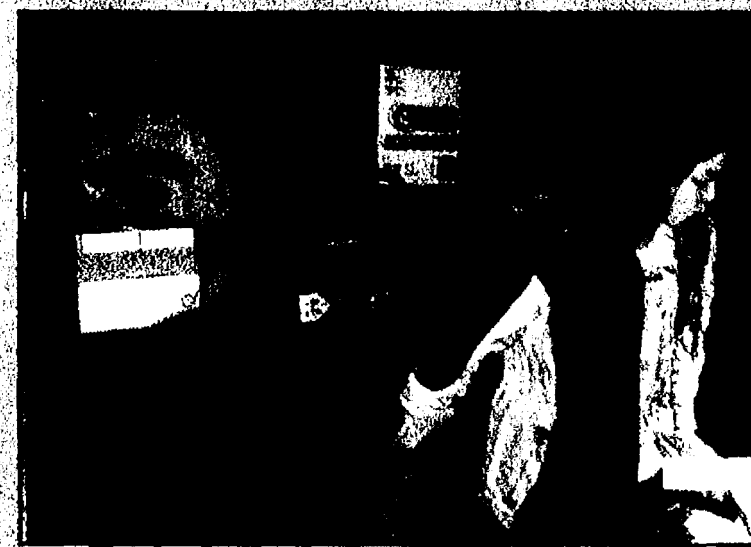
From start to finish, the girls were the ones who planned and did the actual work (with a little guidance from parents). First with delivering flyers door to door (each took sections of town about a 3-4 hour commitment) to get the word out, then each girl contacted one of eight businesses and five schools they selected and then they put the boxes in and checked the boxes once or twice weekly.

Natalie from U of M Volunteer Services - representing Reach Out and Read of Washtenaw, went to the troop's kick-off meeting to talk and show a movie about it and then at the end of the drive, picked up the books that Saturday morning from the hotel. ROR is a national non-profit organization that promotes early literacy in pediatric exam rooms across the nation by giving new books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud.

The turnout from the Chelsea community was phenomenal! Final count was 2,900 (plus a few) books they collected and of those 2,900, 1,466 good kids books, new and used, were donated to ROR. The remaining books (adult, teen and other books) were gladly taken by Chelsea District Library.

Oh the smiling faces on Saturday morning! What a rewarding experience it was and the girls received a little extra reward for their efforts by being able to stay the night, swim and eat!

The girls sorted and then filled Natalie's van with the boxes. They were all amazed at how many were collected and the girls were so happy that they could help children in some small way. The reward was two-fold in that the girls earned the Bronze Award (the highest award earned by Junior Girl Scouts) for their efforts and planning.



CENTER

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The new space brings the facility to approximately 2,000 square feet, more than double the current size.

The additional space will allow the Senior Center to offer more programs and opportunities to the community.

The leadership of the Chelsea Senior Center and Chelsea School District met earlier this month for a symbolic turning over of the new office keys.

In times where other Michigan senior centers are closing, The Chelsea Senior Center is fortunate to have the support of the Chelsea School System, said John Bohlender, 2009 president-elect of the Chelsea Area Senior Citizens Board of Directors.

"The Chelsea Senior Center expansion is the culmination of the efforts of many people over the years," Bohlender said. "It has been particularly grati-

fying to see the financial and volunteer support that the Senior Center has had and continues to get from the Chelsea area community. The additional space has been badly needed in order to provide essential programs that benefit both the Senior citizens and the whole Chelsea area community.

"We are particularly thankful to the Chelsea School District for providing the additional space to allow this expansion to take place. They have been very helpful in making this happen."

Gladys Buck, the past president of the Board of Directors, played a major role in making this project come to fruition. She also thanked the efforts of officials from the Chelsea School District for their commitment to making this plan a reality.

"I want to thank (Chelsea School District Superintendent) Dave Killips for the attention he gave me and other Board members when we approached him on the

possibility of moving to the WSEC, after previous attempts to obtain space for our center had failed," Buck said. "He listened and took the proposal to the Board. That move in 2004 to WSEC was the start of the growth we are now experiencing, and we have a center to be proud of that is a shining light for our community. Thank you Chelsea School District for all of your support."

Patterson and her staff, which includes Kay Heller, are eager to get going on a more comprehensive calendar of events.

"We want to make our Wii more accessible and use it on a regular basis," Patterson said. "We want to bring in more speakers, and even show more movies. Many seniors would like to see current films, but with the cost of a movie ticket they are unable to go to the theater. We want to expand our computer club, and work closely with the Community Education program of the schools to provide joint programs for

seniors. We will have cards five days a week because it's something people have requested and we were unable to accommodate before. We are planning to have more support groups for the community, such as for people who have lost a spouse."

To learn more about the Chelsea Senior Center please visit the Web site: www.chelseaseniors.org.

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Helen Drysdale of Manchester is overwhelmed to see all the items collected and made by Chelsea Senior Center members for hospitalized veterans. Helen brings them to the VA hospital on Christmas Day, and for many of the veterans her presents are the only gifts they have to open. There were lap-ropes, books, puzzles and more for those who served our country and appreciate the kindness of a grateful nation.

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Chelsea celebrates 175

Logo contest

Organizers of the upcoming 175th anniversary of the founding of the City/Village of Chelsea are looking for some artistic help. To help mark this historic event, organizers are looking for a logo to be used for the design of the anniversary celebration on everything from posters to cups to bags to key chains to books and more.

The celebration will be held June 25-28.

A panel of four judges will select the winners that best depict the event. Winners will be contacted personally and their names also will be announced in the Chelsea Standard. Cash prizes are \$100 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

Contestant eligibility states that candidates must be middle school through high school students from Chelsea or surrounding townships, from the local student population of public, private and home-schooled young people.

The design must be submitted on an 8 1/2 by 11 or larger sheet of white paper; include the wording "175th Anniversary," "1834," "2009," "Chelsea, MI" in the design; be in black and white, no shading, pen and ink suggested; artist's name must be printed on the back (not on front) of the art work, along with age, grade, address and phone. One submission per student.

Submit art-work to: the youth desk at the McKune Memorial Library, 221 S. Main Street, Chelsea or to Mr. Kargel, art teacher at Chelsea High. The deadline for dropping off logo submission is Friday, Jan. 16, 2009.

Questions about the contest may be directed to Katie Francis (734-475-1174 or kt5017@yahoo.com).

Volunteers needed

An upcoming event to plan for is the celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Founding of the City/Village of Chelsea. The celebration (June 25-28) will include a parade, youth activities, contests, music and folks in period costumes family oriented fun.

The kick-off day will be Thursday, June 25 at 6 p.m.

The 175th Committee met for the third time on Dec. 15 and committees were formed.

Would you like to attend our next meeting? The committee that is organizing 175th Anniversary of the Founding of the City/Village of Chelsea celebration welcomes all residents from youth to seniors, including groups and businesses to join in the planning of this spirited event.

The group is looking to incorporate ideas and get volunteers from the members of the Chelsea community. The next meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13 at The Clock Tower Building (second floor).

For information, contact Katie Francis at (734) 475-1174.

Reading program gives Chelsea students a boost

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

What if there was a different, more effective approach to teaching everything from American history to chemistry?

Teachers at Chelsea School District say there is, and they're going on their second year of doing so with great results.

During the summer of 2007 nine teachers were trained in the new Reading Apprenticeship program, which was instituted by the Washtenaw Intermediate

School District.

The program has been such a success in the district that English teacher and Reading Apprenticeship Coach Heather Conklin has seen the program grow from a group to an inter-district community of 28 teachers at South Meadows, Beach and Chelsea High School.

"We've really sort of taken it and run with it here in Chelsea," Conklin said. "It started with just two teachers being trained by the WISD, which decided on the framework for

(the program)."

It's important to note that the name is not meant to imply an English class program or classroom supplemental program, but something much more holistic and pervasive.

The results are astounding, according to Conklin. In studies conducted over a half of a year in 2007 groups taught using the Reading Apprenticeship method showed performance gains over students taught without the program anywhere from double to quadruple the

performance of peers in traditional settings.

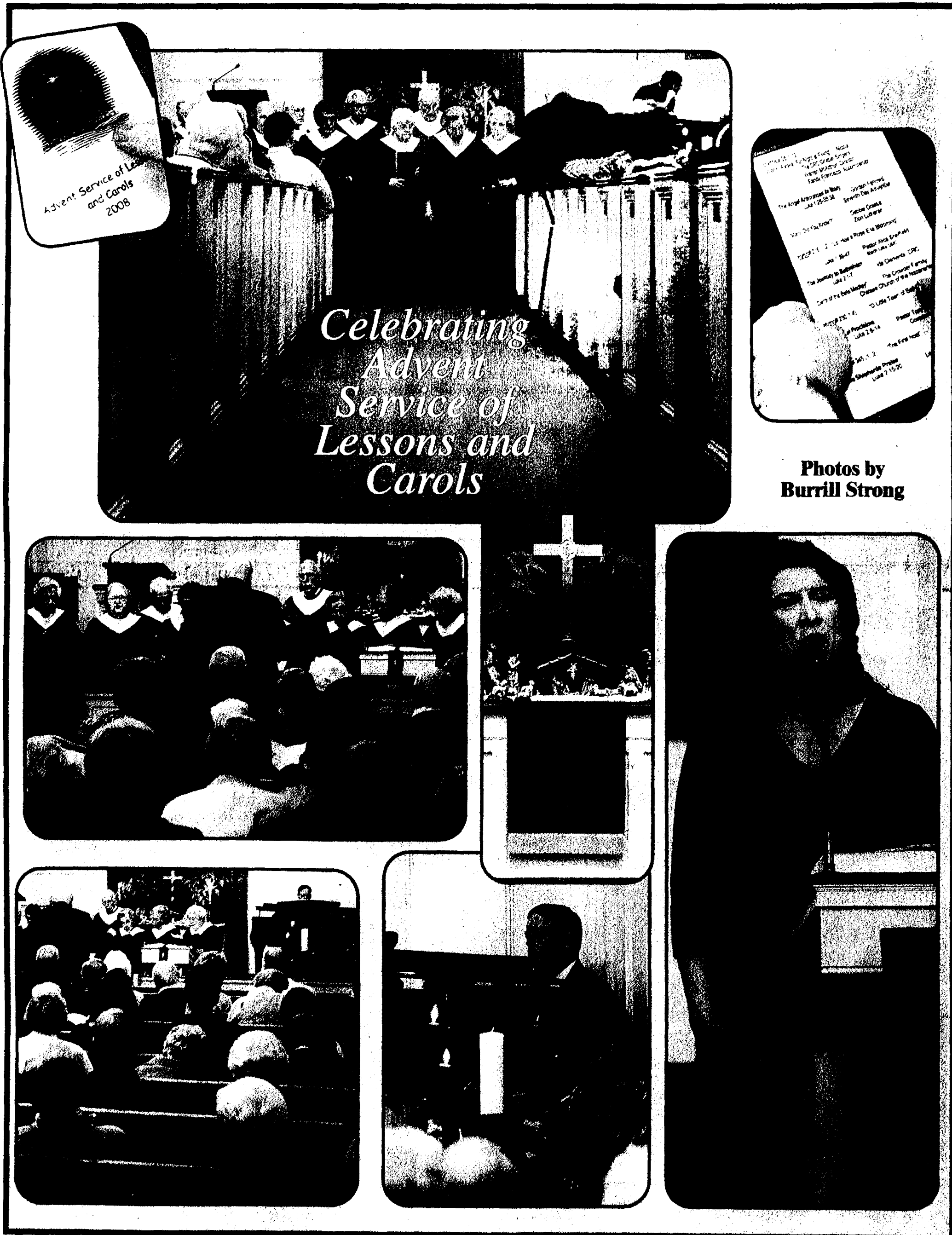
"What makes it interesting is that Reading Apprenticeship goes beyond teaching content of the class to how to do the reading, writing and comprehension," Conklin said. "In a history class we try to teach students how to read, write and think like historians."

Traditional education focuses more on "delivering content," she added, which isn't nearly as effective at instilling knowledge in stu-

dents. Through teaching new ways to read and write about the subjects of courses, students in the program are taught how to think about the material, and from there how to use it.

"With a student in a chemistry class, for example; we want the students to think about what a real chemist would be paying attention to in a lab... what kind of questions would they be asking? What kind of information would they be noting?"

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SRSLY hosts New Year's Eve event

This New Year's Eve, the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs of Chelsea are partnering with SRSLY to throw a family-friendly party that is free and open to the public.

"The idea for the party mainly came from the students themselves," said youth pastor Jason Boyer of the Chelsea Free Methodist Church. At the SRSLY youth meeting in November, students said that one reason teens choose to drink or use drugs is the lack of opportunities for fun on evenings and weekends. They suggested SRSLY host fun events for kids as an alternative to parties where drugs and alcohol might be used.

The New Year's Eve party is the result of the students' idea to promote a substance-free lifestyle, and adults' desire to support them in that decision. The

Rotary and Kiwanis clubs were interested in hosting a family-friendly event around the holidays, and decided that New Year's Eve was the right time.

"Rotary came to SRSLY in the spirit of collaboration and overlap between the mission of both groups: service to community and positive pro-social involvement," said Rotary Club and SRSLY President-Elect, Andrew Ingall.

"We think the party offers our area youth and families a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday," said Kiwanis Club President John Knox.

The party will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at Beach Middle School. The earlier time will allow families to celebrate together without interfering with parties people may have planned in their own home.

Planned activities include video game tournaments, movies, a euchre tournament, sugar-cookie decorating, live music, board games, food, face painting, swimming, volleyball, basketball, indoor soccer, arts and crafts, a chili cook-off, and a SRSLY Family Olympics.

"Sounds like a great party!" said Thuy Bui, a Chelsea mom who will be volunteering at the event.

"Hopefully, the party will help instill a mindset in the students that being a part of SRSLY is a very rewarding and positive experience," added Boyer, who is also a SRSLY Steering Committee member. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to see families spend time with one another. Sometimes we just need a good excuse to do things together, and this party will provide just

that."

With support from both civic clubs and local organizations like the Chelsea Aquatics Club, Chelsea House Orchestra, Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea School District, and SRSLY volunteers, the event is being offered totally free to the public.

"I think this event is a great idea for families looking for a low-cost, entertaining option for New Year's Eve," said Ingall. "I am looking forward to the chili cook-off, the performance of the Chelsea House Orchestra, and the Family Olympics."

For more information, and to sign-up for the chili cook-off, go to www.srslychelsea.org.

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Jim O'Neill, board member for SRSLY and professor at Madonna University, beginning today.

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Dancers step in



The Evening Primrose Garden Club had performers from Chelsea's Youth Dance Theater as the entertainment for their holiday party on Dec. 10, held at the Chelsea Depot. Those in attendance were the garden club members as well as the Depot Association Board Members. The performers in the photo are Hanna Smyczynski, Zach Arnold and Morgan Kelley.

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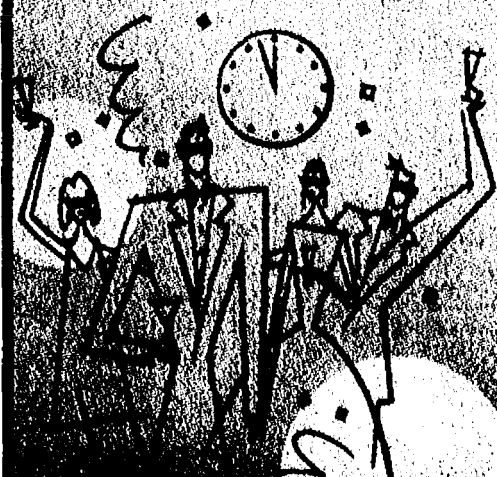
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EDITORIAL

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The Chelsea Standard

December 25, 2008

Here are some presents for the Christmas tree

The state Capitol is empty as lawmakers are home checking on their families. And now this town goes into a brief hibernation before the new year. So for the moment, we reflect on the holiday gifts that should have been but never were.

• For U.S. Sen. Shelby of Alabama, who is so sensitive about the "three automakers so that they can prosper, a lifelong membership in the United Auto Workers union.

• For President-elect Barack Obama, who is so sensitive about the "three automakers so that they can prosper, a lifelong membership in the United Auto Workers union.

• For U.S. Sen. John McCain and running mate Sarah Palin, a automatic renewal of their "maverick club" cards — and a media training course for the Alaska Governor.

• For former Michigan native son Mitt Romney, a huge male-pattern bald spot in the middle of his well-coiffed hair.

• Closer to home, Lt. Gov. John Cherry has something for the governor... a one-way ticket to Washington, D.C. which he will now have to hang on to for awhile.

• For Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a hairdresser who is not quite so chatty.

• For the governor's media secretary, who spends a lifetime covering for her boss and fending off the Capitol press corps, an unlisted phone number.

• Republican Rep. Dave Novak of Granville gets his wish to have a gun in every classroom in the state — but no bullets please.

• For moderate Owosso Republican Rep. Dick Ball, another stage name.

• Macomb County's soon to be ex-Rep. Jack Brandenburg spent a career lashing out at Detroit, which is what all good Macomb County lawmakers do. He gets an 8-by-10 glossy of former Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick.

• To state Supreme Court Chief Justice Cliff Taylor — a lifetime supply of stay-awake pills.

• For state Democratic Party Chairman Mark Brewer, a steady stream of Cliff Taylor-like Republicans to malign.

• GOP Rep. Ed Gaffney of Grosse Pointe Farms put up a yes vote for Granholm's income tax increase. He gets a possible appointment to the Michigan Liquor Control commission. No joke.

• For being a good sport and entering a race he could not win against U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, Rep. Jack Hoogendyk gets to teach every TV anchor in the state how to pronounce his unpronounceable last name.

• Every TV anchor type gets a year's supply of hairspray to go with it.

• For gubernatorial candidate Mike Cox, he inherits the box former U.S. Sen. Bob Griffin used to stand on when the diminutive one gave speeches. No more short jokes in 2009, too.

• Senate GOP leader Mike Bishop gets more man tan.

• Speaking of mavericks, GOP state Sen. Bruce Patterson (aka Cousin Bruce) gets a box set of tape recordings of all the closed-door GOP caucus meetings he boycotted this year.

• Back to the first family for a moment. How about a "How-To-Grow-Taller" book for first gentleman and frustrated basketball star Dan Mulhern? Maybe Mike Cox will let Dan the Man borrow the gift he inherited from former Sen. Griffin.

• And finally for all you good readers who have faithfully plowed through another year of columns: Peace.

Tom Sebuck hosts the public TV show "On the Record" and blogs regularly at www.heritage.com.

Letters to the Editor

A special thank you

On Oct. 1, 2008, our life was forever changed.

We lost our 29-year-old son Joel in a tragic accident. He was not just a loving son, but a devoted husband to Marcie and father of four children he adored. Family meant everything to him and he worked two jobs to provide his loved ones with things so many take for granted. He raised the children with strong morals and values, coached soccer and football, volunteered for community projects, was always there for family or a friend in need, helped total strangers and did everything a mother could be proud of and then some. He was a gentle, giving soul who touched the lives of so many. He took care of so many, yet neglected to have insurance for himself.

On Dec. 7 a benefit to raise money for his young family was held at J. Dubs in Riverview. His 21-year-old sister Rachel, mature beyond her years, and Joel's stepmom Cheryl organized this entire event which was an overwhelming success. Several thousand dollars was raised which will be a tremendous help to Marcie in the days and months to come.

The entire Cleary family worked the fundraiser, collected donations from local merchants who also posted flyers outlining the day's events, arranged for entertainment throughout the day, held a silent auction, a Chinese raffle and 50-50 drawings throughout the day. The owner of J. Dubs, Eric, offered his business and staff for the entire day. I feel the kindness of my son's heart has been returned to his wife and young family a hundred fold.

Other parents who'd lost their children came in support, total strangers who'd read of our tragic loss came to offer prayers, help and encouragement.

Words could never adequately express my gratitude to our family and friends who have done so much to help us all during our terrible heartache. I've always believed in the goodness of people, maybe they're angels in our midst, be they family, friends or even strangers. May God bless Joel and all who have helped us and his precious family. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Katherine Lusk
Dexter

To the Editor: Is this not the wonderful world of the United States of America. If so, how can my neighbors think they can control my life and wishes?

I purchased this property many years ago and have paid my taxes, just like every other land owner has. Shouldn't I have the right to sell it and make my life a lot easier?

The gravel company that owns the land connecting to mine has approached me and gave me an offer that I could not refuse. We are talking about a field of less than 20 acres. The original pit was started in 1948. They have been mining gravel for more than 60 years from this spot.

How many of these people lived around here or better yet were even born? Then they move in and tell us what we can or can't do. I don't think so.

This will not be a new pit, nor will the plant or the equipment be moved into their backyard. The equipment and the trucks coming in to haul the sand and gravel out will stay the same as it is right now. Everything will stay as is and only the loaders will come a little closer than they are right now.

When they are done mining, you will see a very nice four acre lake. I will not be an eyesore or anything like that. Give any one of them the same opportunity as I have to sell

the property and let's see what they decide to do. In years past I have refused to sell this field to developers because I did not want to see another subdivision in our area. I am sorry that they will hear the beepers from the big front loaders that will be carrying the gravel to the electric conveyers that take it back to the plant to be processed. The gravel company is getting new OSHA approved beepers that will not be as loud and will help cut down on the noise level.

The gravel company will do everything possible to maintain good relations with the neighbors and Waterloo Township. This pit is very important to them and the companies that haul sand and gravel out of this pit. This sale is important to me, my wife and my family. I am doing nothing wrong and all I can say is this gravel pit has been here before I got here and has gotten larger each year. I knew this before I bought my place and knew that I had to put up with it or don't buy here. It's that simple.

Jim Dault
Waterloo

To the Editor: Approximately two months into school, I was informed that my son could no longer ride the Dexter bus in the morning 'the stop is a half block from my

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Our take: Mackinac Center is an informative resource

The Mackinac Center for Public Policy, based in Midland, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. It describes itself as a nonpartisan research and educational institute, although most would conclude that its writings and position on various issues would be considered conservative.

Although located in the middle of the state, the center attracts writers from throughout Michigan and discusses statewide and local Michigan topics. It also has contributors from Oakland County, including David Littmann, the center's senior economist, and Louis Schimmel, its director of municipal finance.

The watchdog organization, with 40 employees, is impressive in the way it documents its positions. Articles on any given topic

are well-written, thoughtful and well researched.

James M. Rodney, who is on the center's board of directors, is chairman of the board of Detroit Forging, based in Oakland County. The center's Board of Scholars includes Dr. Howard Schwartz of Oakland University, Dr. Robert Kleiman, professor of finance at Oakland University, is an adjunct scholar.

Oakland County Deputy Executive Robert Daddow has written for the center and has provided expert analysis over the years.

Financially, the center is as solid as its research. Its annual budget is around \$4 million. The center enjoys broad and growing support. In 2006, 62 percent of its contributions came from foundations, 24 percent from

individuals and 14 percent from businesses. The percentage of individual contributions has probably increased since then. All of its support is voluntary; there are no tax dollars involved in its operation.

The center says it tries to provide diverse policy analysis and government accountability. It has labor, fiscal, education and science initiatives, as well as a Property Rights Network and a Legal Studies initiative. Its labor research discovered and exposed the recent Reform Michigan Government Now ballot proposal as a partisan power play.

Meanwhile, former state Department of Environmental Quality director Russ Harding is available to help Michigan residents and businesses

when they become entangled in regulatory bureaucracy.

The center has an education initiative that has produced several primers on issues such as funding, collective bargaining, teacher quality and privatization, as well as created the Michigan Schools Database. It also has a presence on university campuses in the state. Students for a Free Economy is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to promoting the benefits of free markets, civil society and individual liberty.

Its innovative programs include MichiganVotes.org, introduced in 2002, which provides concise, plain descriptions of every bill, amendment and vote that takes place in the Michigan Legislature. Media, legislative staffs and Michigan vot-

ers have found the site an indispensable tool.

Officials at the Mackinac Center describe their first two decades of existence this way: "For 20 years the Mackinac Center has been a unique and persistent voice for government restraint, accountability and personal liberty."

They definitely have been true to their mission statement. The center articulates its stance clearly, based on documented information. The regular contributors to the center's publications are individuals with strong credentials and expertise in the various areas that they've written about.

You may not agree with its conclusions on a certain topic but you have to admit there is no doubt where the center stands on any given issue.

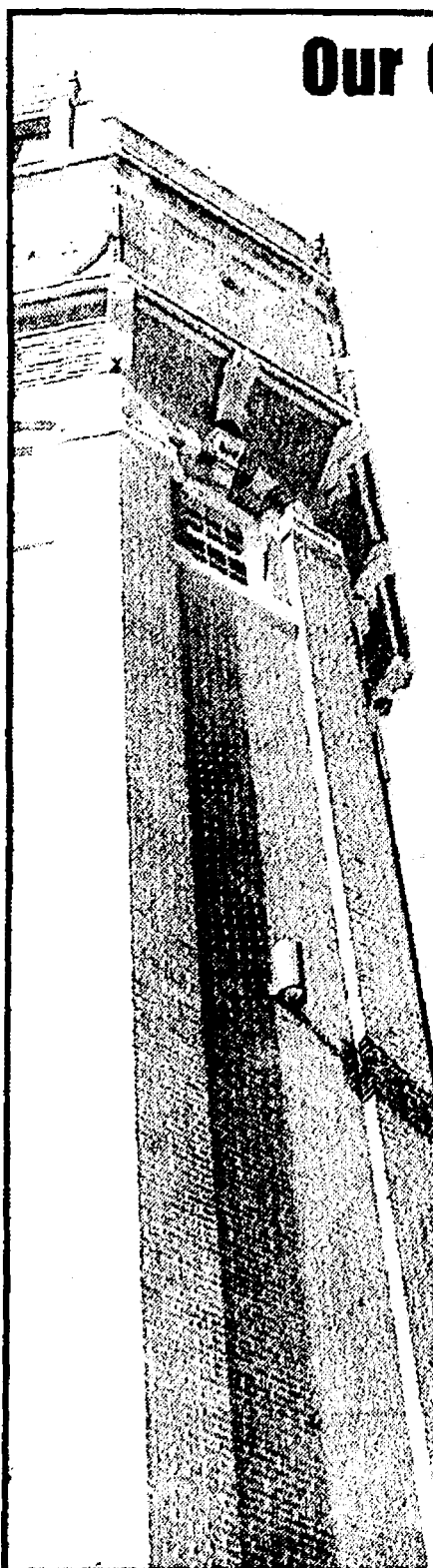
Our Chelsea History

What and where is the George P. Glazier Memorial Building?

A. Next to the United Methodist Church.
B. It is the 14th District Courthouse at South and Main streets.

C. Next to the Chelsea Retirement Community.
Answer B. In 1901 Chelsea industrialist Frank P. Glazier constructed a Beaux Arts masterpiece by architect Claire Allen of Jackson in honor of Frank's father, a Chelsea pioneer in banking. It was once called the finest bank building between Chicago and Detroit. Clad in Bedford limestone and rock-faced granite, two massive solid limestone columns flank the entrance. After use as Glazier's Chelsea Savings Bank, it was closed during the Panic of 1907. Farmer's & Merchants Bank bought the building in 1927. F&M and Kempf banks merged in 1934 to become today's Chelsea State Bank. CSB occupied the building until 1968 when they relocated to the corner of Orchard and Main streets. The Glazier bank building was donated to Washtenaw County in 1969. Since 1968 the building has housed the 14th District Court.

Answers courtesy 14th District Court Historical Marker and Chelsea State Bank 1997 100th Anniversary calendar.



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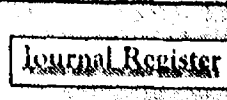
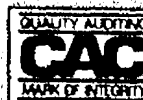
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Welcome home, Class of 1939



Chelsea High School class of 1939, held their 69th reunion at Reddeman Farms Golf Club. This event was Sept. 20 with 20 members and guests attending. The following classmates picture are: (front, left to right) Duane Rowe and Virginia Lehman Elkins, (center row) Delores Kent Eastcott, Virginia Burg Rowe, Elizabeth (Betty) Boyce Worden, Helen Jurecki Wahl, Mary Jane Riker Leeman and Betty Seitz Bust. (back) Bernard Lyons and Howard Haselschwardt. Irene Wahl Kennedy is not pictured.

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for delinquent charges six months or older.

The lien will be certified on a yearly basis with the assessor and applied on the following tax roll.

The lien will be applied and enforced in the same way that annual taxes are enforced on property owners.

The city also retains the right to withhold service

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Separate ordinances are kept specific to both sewer and water on this topic for the purposes of reading the ordinance book.

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asked myself one. Why would you put a manger scene there? You would do it because that is exactly where it belongs. And it belongs there more this year than in any year in the past.

After all, the message of the manger is not that hope lives somewhere else. It is that hope lives here, now, right next door to some of the things we find scariest and hardest to understand. The message of the manger is not that we have to find peaceful places to find peace itself. It is that peace can come to us anywhere, at any time, under any circumstances. And the message of the manger is not that everything has to be alright in order for us to experience true, exuber-

ant, over-the-top out-of-control joy. It is that such joy can come into our hearts even in the bleak midwinter of life, even with the cold wind swirling around us, even on the west side of Main Street at the end of the car lot.

As I drove past the manger, I watched the families walk hand-in-hand toward the frozen figures who greeted them. I saw the children run up gleefully to pet the llama. And I understood why the manger belongs on Main Street.

I cannot imagine it anywhere else.
Len Niehoff is Pastoral Assistant at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church. His sermons and meditations can be found on the church website or on his weblog, fallingoffthehorse@blogspot.com.

READING

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Ultimately the goal is to make a more independent and successful student.

Conklin says that students who go through the Reading Apprenticeship program take, word-for-word, more information from the material with a high success rate and volume of retention.

"One student told me, 'I think about how (the material) might relate to me and I have questions to keep myself on task, when I used to just read it to get done,'" Conklin related.

Many students have

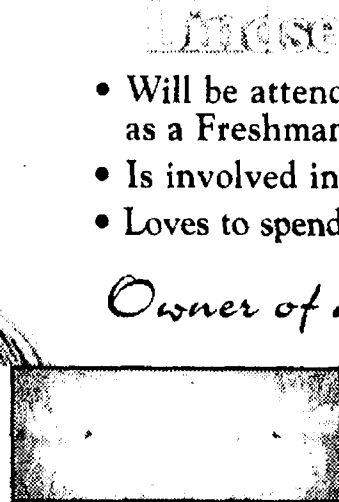
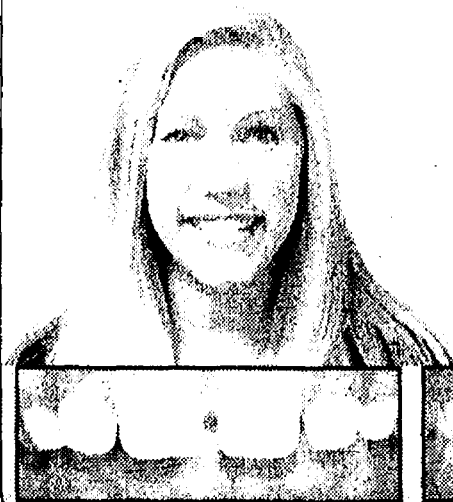
learned that you should stop or slow down during reading to think about the information, other students are reading more in their spare time and still more are supplementing the information in their books with their own questions and internal dialogues.

In the meantime, Conklin and the growing team of Reading Apprenticeship teachers is continuing to meet to discuss expansion of the program and the best way to approach different ideas and topics in other areas of education with the program's methodology.

"We're seeing some amazing results from this," Conklin said.

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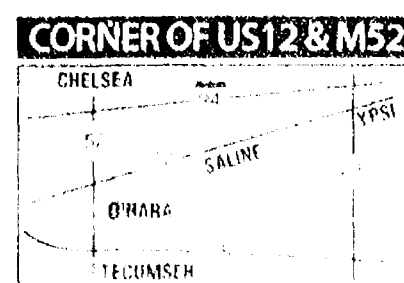
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News in Brief

Honors

Anne Seelbach is currently taking a tough college test — this time as a teacher, rather than as a student. Seelbach is spending the fall 2008 semester teaching history at Northwest High School in Jackson.

Student teaching is the culmination of Albion College's comprehensive teacher education program, which includes a wide variety of coursework and in-the-classroom experiences. A unique partnership between Albion College's Education department, the Albion College Fritz Shurmur Education Institute and Albion Public Schools provides Albion College students with unique opportunities to excel as educators from the beginning of their careers.

With completion of student teaching, Seelbach has finished her Albion College degree in history education with a minor in political science. She is the daughter of Paul and Arlene Seelbach of Gregory and a graduate of Chelsea High School.

Christmas Eve service

St. John's United Church of Christ is hosting a country Christmas Eve at 7:30 tonight. The little white church with its stained-glass windows is located half way between Chelsea and Manchester on Waters Road. Your heart will be lightened with Christmas carols, scriptures and more. The service will end with a candle lighting ceremony and the church will be decorated for Christmas with a tree, poinsettias, greens and candles. For information, call 734-475-3046.

Christian rock

The St. Paul United Church of Christ youth ministries groups are hosting a baked potato dinner to raise funds to bring Lost and Found, a Christian rock duo, to Chelsea. The fund-raiser is being held on Jan. 10, 2009 at St. Paul, 14600 E. Old U.S. 12 in Chelsea. Hot baked potatoes with lots of fixings will be served, value priced at \$5. Chili is also on the menu. The event runs from 4–7 p.m. Anyone is welcome to attend; no reservations are needed. The Lost and Found concert will be held April 18 at St. Paul. Their concerts can feel like a gathering of friends. The music is organic and fun, and the lyrics comment on life, faith, travel, friends and relationships. Tickets for the concert go on sale in January. More information about Lost and Found can be obtained on their Web site at www.speedwood.com.

Tax service business moves

Liberty Tax Service has "refilled" its location because of the fire in May at the Chelsea Crossing shopping mall.

"At the time of the fire we were told we should be able to move back in within 90 days, then the estimate was by mid December," explained Jim Mumma, owner of the local business. "The latest I heard from my landlord was that they would put a trailer up for me in the parking lot, but they could not get approval until the third week in January. That is too late for a seasonal tax office to open so we have leased another location and are in the process of setting up the office."

Mumma and his staff will open soon at 1290-B South Main St., next to the Flagstar Bank and across M-52 from Polly's Country Market.

"We will be open for business the first week of January," said Mumma. "We honor all competitor coupons, we offer free pick up and delivery of a client's tax paperwork, we offer fund-raising programs for charitable groups, we are a cell phone for soldiers drop off location as well as contributor and collection site for the March of Dimes March for Babies annual appeal. We also offer free tax returns for active military personnel."

For more information, call 734-433-9631.

Dexter blood drive Jan. 5

Most people don't think of donating blood during the holidays. For that reason, it is the time when the blood bank has an extremely low supply. Your donation of blood is needed at The Dexter Community Winter Blood Drive being held on January 5, 2009, from 1 PM to 7 PM at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, 7610 Ann Arbor St., Dexter, MI. Walk-ins are welcome or make an appointment by calling 1-800-GIVE LIFE and ask for the Dexter Community Drive. Your support is vital.

Schauer swearing-in

On Jan. 2, 2009, Congressman-Elect Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) will host swearing-in ceremonies in Battle Creek and Jackson for supporters, constituents and local officials as he prepares to take office as the new U.S. Representative from Michigan's 7th district. "I look forward to getting results for the people of Michigan and fighting to turn our economy around as a member of Congress," said Schauer. "We have a long way to go, but I promise to do whatever it takes to make sure our workers and businesses can compete in the 21st Century economy."

The Jackson event will be from noon to 1 p.m. at Jackson City Council Chambers, 161 W Michigan Ave, Jackson.

Art exhibit

"The Mind's Eye/Different Views" is the title of an upcoming exhibit at Sweetwater's Cafe gallery, 123 W. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Local artists Judy Enright, Barbara Goodsitt and Nicki Griffith will be displaying their work Jan. 5 until March 2. The three painters, all members of Ann Arbor Women Artists, work in diverse media, oil, colored pencil and wax/oil pastel and their styles and subject matter represent mythological connection, contemporary realism and organic abstraction.

The work can be viewed during the Cafe's regular business hours.

Chelsea smiles for municipal water fluoridation

By Sean Dalton

Staff Writer

Dentist Barbara Wehr would usually chalk it up to sweets and sugary beverages when a child came into her Dexter office with a mouthful of cavities. Most of these children were from the village, which Wehr assumed had optimal levels of fluoride in the municipal water supply.

Then one of her colleagues took a look at a general analysis of the village's water. And suddenly chocolate and Coke were had some company on the dentist's hit list.

The analysis showed that the village's water supply only contains .38 parts per million fluoride, which is well below the recommended guideline of .7 to 1 parts per million.

Federal health agencies such as the Center for Disease Control and many statewide studies have proven that fluoride contributes to a community's oral health and exposure to fluoridated water from birth is a key ingredient to healthy teeth.

Wehr was more than a lit-

tle surprised at the report since prior to opening a practice in Dexter she worked on a summer grant program through the Michigan Department of Community Health. She conducted a phone-survey asking if the water served to Dexter customers was fluoridated, and the answer was "yes."

After hearing about the report she commissioned two water tests of her own at the north and south end of the Dexter village water system, one from a kitchen sink at her own office and one from a residence in the 3500 block of Central Street.

The water from the tap at the Central Street home contained .32 parts per million fluoride and the water coming from Wehr's own tap had .31 parts per million. Under .6 parts per million it is recommended to consult a dentist.

Those living around Ann Arbor in areas where water is provided for by the city, fluoride levels are safe. Chelsea also fluoridates their water and has done so for a long time, according to

Chelsea Water Department Superintendent Ray Schmidt.

"I've been here for 17 years and they've been adding fluoride ever since," Schmidt said. Fluoridation even predates city efforts to chlorinate the water against bacteria and other biological contaminants, which was started in the early 1990's.

Most of the surrounding townships are on well water that more than likely contain naturally occurring fluoride similar to the village's water. Sylvan Township has water service too, but calls to their water department went unanswered as of press time.

Dexter Utility Superintendent Ed Lobdell echoed what he told Wehr and what she heard during a meeting on village water service earlier this month.

"We don't add fluoride (because) naturally occurring fluoride comes from the earth and rock formations," Lobdell said.

Schmidt, calling fluoridation "one of the most cost effective public health measures," said that he

estimates the cost to Chelsea water customers as 54 cents per person per year to bring the fluoride level up to 1 part per million.

Based on the December 2007 SEMCOG census, Chelsea averaged 24 pounds of fluoride pumped per day with more in the summer months. The Chelsea Village Council passed the measure to fluoridate its water on Oct. 20, 1959, making them a forerunner to municipal water fluoridation.

Money well spent, Schmidt says, adding that some studies have shown as great as a 60 percent difference in decay levels between comparable communities with and without fluoride in the municipal water system that have partnered for studies.

Wehr and Schmidt both agree that getting fluoride into the diet of mothers during the fourth month and pregnancy and children up to age 10 is important as those are the most important months and years of oral development.

Top employee



Chelsea resident Kim Parkansky was named 2008 Silver Maples Employee of the Year. Parkansky, left, was selected by her co-workers for her compassion and commitment to the entire Silver Maples community. The award was announced by CEO Jerry Wilczynski, center, and Human Resource Director Shirlee Curfman, right, at the annual staff party held on Dec. 13, 2008.

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FARM

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markets we have a limited amount of table space; we'll try new things, but it has to make money for us," she said.

The seeds are ordered now, during a slow time, so that they will be on hand when the Fusiliers are ready for them.

"The fruit people were telling us to get our orders out in the next 30 to 45 days; sometimes we order things and they come in a few days later," Mike said.

"We can stockpile the seeds, but when we get live plants like onion bunches, we have to be ready to go."

"We don't want them to sit around — we have to get them in the ground in a day or two."

Kathy pointed out other advantages to ordering early.

"If we buy now we get a discount, and if we wait too long they may be out of a particular type we're looking for," she said.

The Fusiliers also depend on the seed companies for expert advice.

"We've talked to the Johnny's Seeds rep about growing carrots," Kathy said. "We haven't had good luck with them yet and we'd like to get them on the menu this year."

The greenhouses give the Fusiliers an edge, allowing them to start seedlings in February whereas the ground outside won't be ready until at least late March or early April.

The lull between seasons is also a good time to look back at what worked and what didn't.

"We're switching to some of the newer varieties, and we're looking at growing more tomatoes," Kathy said.

"We probably could have sold twice as many tomatoes this year if we'd had them."

Added Mike: "We're going to plant them earlier, spread them out to get more plantings, and cover them more

with plastic to keep them warm."

Spreading out the growing season is not the only thing, however; the Fusiliers also spread their risk by supplying a dozen farm markets in Southeast Michigan with a wide assortment of produce.

"Mike keeps track of what each market sells, and if we sell more than 20 percent of any one thing he gets nervous," Kathy said.

"We've learned a lot over the years; we learned that if you sell a lot of different things, you will sell more of everything."

The Fusiliers also keep notes during the growing season on things like diseases, so that they can order more disease-resistant vegetable and fruit varieties.

"Our quality is very important — if I wouldn't eat it, I won't put it out to sell," Kathy said.

"When people come to you and say they get all their produce from you, that's what you want; you try to develop that level of trust with your customers."

Activities off the farm

Although the tempo of work on the farm this time of year is "more relaxed," Kathy said, "We probably should have been done with this a month ago, but we've had a lot of things to do."

Most recently, those "things to do" included the Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Dec. 2 through 5 and the Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable and Farm Market Expo, Dec. 9 through 11.

Both events took place in and around the vast expanse of the DeVos Convention Center in Grand Rapids.

The Expo was sponsored by the Michigan State Horticultural Society, the Michigan Vegetable Council and Michigan State University Extension.

The event featured a trade show with more than 300 exhibitors as well as educational seminars on berry growing, organic farming,

irrigation and other topics.

"We came across the find of the show: a plastic lifter/wrapper, which is a machine that rolls up plastic," Kathy said.

"It attaches to a tractor, and has two wheels and rollers that pick up the plastic — this was something we'd really like to get."

The Fusiliers use miles of black plastic to cover their rows of tomatoes and other produce to warm the soil and keep bugs and weeds to a minimum, but removing the plastic at the end of the season is a dirty, difficult, thankless task.

"That's the most hated job by everyone who works here," Mike noted.

They also availed themselves of the seminars while they were there.

"We went to a greenhouse workshop on Wednesday and a raspberry seminar Monday, and we walked around these displays of huge equipment," Kathy said.

That equipment comes with a huge price tag as well, and the Fusiliers must balance a machine's productivity gains against the cost and necessity of keeping up their other equipment.

"We need to get a new truck this year, so that (plastic roller) might have to wait," Kathy said.

Mike added: "The biggest thing is, some of that stuff is pretty expensive, and we have to prioritize what we can spend every year."

The Fusiliers have attended the expo for more than 10 years, and usually come back with something they can use.

"When you go to something like that, if you pick up one good idea it's worth your time," Kathy said.

The Fusiliers were also actively involved in the Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Meeting which took place the week before at the same place.

Mike Fusilier was elected to the MFB state board of directors in 1995 after Gov. John Engler appointed previous District 3 representative Doug Darling to the state

agriculture commission.

District 3 comprises Washtenaw, Livingston, Wayne, Oakland, and Monroe counties.

The state MFB board has 17 members representing each area of the state.

Fusilier serves or has served on the MFB Legislative Committee, chaired the Capital Finance Committee, and serves on the national Nursery and Greenhouse, state Fruit and Vegetable and Direct Marketing advisory boards.

Michigan Farm Bureau is the parent to a family of companies, most recognizable of which is Farm Bureau Insurance.

"I also serve on the Farm Bureau Insurance board and the Michigan Agricultural Commodities Marketing Association, which bargains on behalf of asparagus and apple growers," Mike said.

"I also sat on the advisory committee to the 7th District of the Federal Reserve for two years in Chicago; that was very interesting."

If that weren't enough, Mike is a member of the MFB Executive Committee and will be a delegate to the American Farm Bureau Federation national convention Jan. 11 to 14 in San Antonio, Texas.

And somewhere in there he even finds the time to help run a pretty successful farming operation.

The real reason for the state annual meeting is to develop policies that were approved at the local level and move them along to the national level, Mike explained.

The Washtenaw County Farm Bureau approved local policy resolutions at its annual meeting on Sept. 25.

"At the state meeting we

looked at about 1,000 resolutions coming from the 67 county Farm Bureaus throughout the state, and we sorted through all of them," Mike said. "We try to change legislation to help farmers."

The most important issues that passed at the state meeting were a long-sought ban on deer baiting, and policies on climate control and carbon trading.

"There is some real concern there," Mike said, referring to the climate change discussions. "You can just see money just flowing out of the Midwest into the coastal states if this thing isn't written right."

MFB has been in favor of banning deer baiting for several years, first because of the spread of bovine tuberculosis from the deer herd to the cattle and dairy industries, and now with the threat of chronic wasting disease.

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SUMMARY OF ACTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2008

Called to order at 7:05 PM
Members Present: Supervisor Kelly, Treasurer Kooyers, Clerk Rider, Trustees Brushaber, Knight, Lesser, and Maciejewski
Absent: None

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, amended the Fire Fund Budget to cover the annual payment to the Putnam Township fire Department; amended the General Fund Budget to transfer \$4,000 from the Election Department to the Clerk's Department to cover anticipated wages; and approved gross December payroll of \$22,260.42, General Fund bills of \$47,804.05, Fire Fund bills of \$92,012.17 and Police Fund bills of \$35,899.88.

The Board confirmed the reappointment of Treasurer Vickie Kooyers as the Board's representative to the Planning Commission, and the reappointment of Mary Adams and Jim Korcek as regular members of the PC. The Board also made the following appointments and/or reappointments: Steve Burch, Bill Gajewski, Mary Herda-Sprawka to the Zoning Board of Appeals; Jim Cormier as ZBA alternate member (after approving his resignation as a regular member); Paul Pelts, Peggy Clough and Dave Diesing as members of the Board of Review and Jim Drolett as BOR alternate; Jason Maciejewski as alternate rep to the Chelsea Area Fire Authority; Carl Lesser as representative to the Chelsea Area Construction Agency Board; Libby Brushaber as alternate rep to CACA; Vickie Kooyers as alternate rep to the Chelsea Area Planning/Dexter Area Regional Team.

The Board approved the first amendment to the Chelsea Area Construction Agency Inter-Local Agreement; the revised amendment number 1-D to the Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority Use Rules and Regulations; and the participation agreement for the "Partnerships for Change Sustainable Communities - First Step" grant. The Board also approved participation by several Township Officials in the 2009 Michigan Townships Association Educational Conference.

The Board authorized Ms. Kelly and Mr. Maciejewski to negotiate the contract for fire protection with the Chelsea Area Fire Authority and formed a committee to draft language for Planning Commission review and input regarding the site plan expiration provisions of proposed Amendment 34-6 to the Township Zoning Ordinance. The Board did not approve proposed Ordinance #38 - the "Ethical Standards of Conduct" ordinance - but did instruct the Planning Commission to set their own conflict of interest policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 PM
Respectfully submitted, **Harley B. Rider, Clerk, Dexter Township**
Summary approved by **Pat Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township**
This Summary of the December 16, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees was prepared by Harley B. Rider, Dexter Township Clerk, and approved by Pat Kelly, Dexter Township Supervisor, in accordance with the provisions of MCL 41.72a(5). A draft of the full minutes of the December 16, 2008, Regular meeting of the Township Board is available for examination at the Township Hall during regular business hours (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays). The full minutes of the December 16, 2008, Regular meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees will be presented at the January 19, 2009, Regular meeting for review and approval by the Board. Following approval the full minutes will be posted on the Township's web site www.twp-dexter.org.
Publish: December 25, 2008

LIMA TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF THE UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2008

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge to The Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laier and Zoning Administrator Frisinger. Also present several residents and guests.

Motion by Laier supported by McKenzie to approve the November 10, 2008 regular meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.
The treasurer's report was received.

The zoning administrator issued permits for 4 homes, 2 signs and completed 4 final inspections. Signs around the township were discussed, Frisinger and McKenzie will do a sign survey.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to table any action on signing the Draft Partnerships for Change Sustainable Communities Program and to return a letter to Joe VanderMuelen, with the concerns that some words as binding, and would be required to do as stated in policy, would usurp some of the local planning authority. Motion carried.

Motion by Unterbrink, supported by Bareis to allow Brian Ackley to plow snow at the Abrasive Finishing recycle site, when the snow reaches 3 inches or above, in lieu of Larry Risner plowing this site. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Unterbrink to adopt the First Amendment to the Inter-local Agreement for Chelsea Area Construction Agency to comply with the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967,
MDL 124.501 et seq. Motion carried.

Motion by Unterbrink supported by Bareis to table the Lima Township Facilities Ad-Hoc Committee report until January 2009 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier supported by McKenzie that the Lima Township Board allocate \$1000.00 for clerk/treasurer, AP, GL software training proposal dated November 14, 2008. Motion carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by McKenzie to approve the appointment of Donald Laier to the Lima Township Zoning Board of Appeals to December 31, 2009. Motion carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to approve the appointment of Neil Adams to the Zoning Board of Appeals to December 31, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Bareis to approve the appointment of Anne Ferris to the Lima Township Planning Commission to December 31, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to approve the appointment of John Edwards as representative to the Chelsea Area Fire Authority to December 31, 2010. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier supported by McKenzie to approve the appointment of Arlene Bareis as alternate to the Chelsea Area Fire Authority to December 31, 2010. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens to approve the appointment of Wallace Fusilier as representative to the Dexter Area Fire Department to December 31, 2011. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier supported by McKenzie to approve the appointment of Ken Unterbrink as representative to the Dexter Area Fire Department to December 31, 2011. Motion carried.

Supervisor stated the balance of appointments will be made in January.

Motion by Unterbrink supported by Bareis to amend the agenda by adding Centes Homes Lot Line Adjustment, MTA Educational Conference and CAFA Resolution. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to approve the meeting dates for 2009, as submitted by the clerk. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier that the Lima Township Board support the proposed lot line adjustment for Thornton Farms development to the perimeter lot line and Unit 339, as described in the December 8 concept sketches as submitted by Southeast Michigan Development Company for the Master Deed Modification and Consent Judgment modification, and that all costs and investigation be borne by Southeast Michigan Development Company and Mr. James Lamb. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier that Lima Township pay registration and related expenses to attend the MTA Educational Conference in Detroit, January 27-29, for whichever board members attend, on as is basis on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to adopt Resolution 2008-11, dated December 8, 2008 as drafter, except that Lima Township recommends not to exceed two mills. Motion carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to designate the Carlisle/Wortman, Associates Inc. annual charitable gift to Faith in Action, one-half to Chelsea and one-half to Dexter. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Unterbrink to pay bills as submitted, plus normal utility bills as they occur. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND PLANNING COMMISSION DECEMBER 16, 2008

The Webster Township Special Meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Supervisor Kingsley and Chairman of the Planning Commission Paul Zalucha on December 16, 2008 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, Treasurer Whitney, Trustees: Koch Kleinschmidt, Estleman and Westman Planning Commission Board members Chair Zalucha, Calhoun, Mitzel, Perry, Koch, Zuccaro, Woods, absent Lovell Zoning Administrator: Pindzia, recording secretary Zeeb and Planner Masson-Minock.

Supervisor Remarks

Zoning Ordinance

Discussion took place in regards to the new Zoning Ordinance

Call to Public

Adjourn:

Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2008

The Webster Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Kingsley on December 16, 2008 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, and Treasurer Whitney, Trustees: Kleinschmidt, Koch, Westman, Estleman and Zoning Administrator: Pindzia.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Approve Minutes

Motion Estleman second Koch to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 18, 2008. All ayes, and carried.

Supervisor Remarks

Approve Agenda

Motion Kleinschmidt second Estleman to approve agenda. All ayes and carried.

Call to Public

Reports

A. Treasurer's Report:

Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented as well as those anticipated bills received before the January meeting. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

B. Planning Commission:

Report received.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee:

No report received.

D. Zoning Inspectors Report:

Report received. Four new permits issued and 17 zoning inspections.

E. Sheriff's Report:

No report received.

F. Zoning Board of Appeals:

No report received.

G. PDR Committee:

Report received.

H. Fire Department Report

Report received.

Old Business:

New Business:

A. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

Motion Kingsley second Kleinschmidt to appoint Jennifer Simonds and Randall Krull for a three year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals. All ayes and carried.

B. Planning Commission Appointment

Motion Kingsley second Estleman to appoint David Lovell for a three year term to the Planning Commission Board. All ayes and carried.

C. Board of Review Appointment

Motion Kingsley second Westman to appoint Steve Bemis, Dita Albert and Donis Moore for a two year term to the Board of Review. All ayes and carried.

C. Compensation Commission Appointment

Motion Kingsley second Kleinschmidt to appoint Frank Cambria for a five year term and Scott Betzoldt for a four year term to the Compensation Commission Board. All ayes and carried.

Correspondence

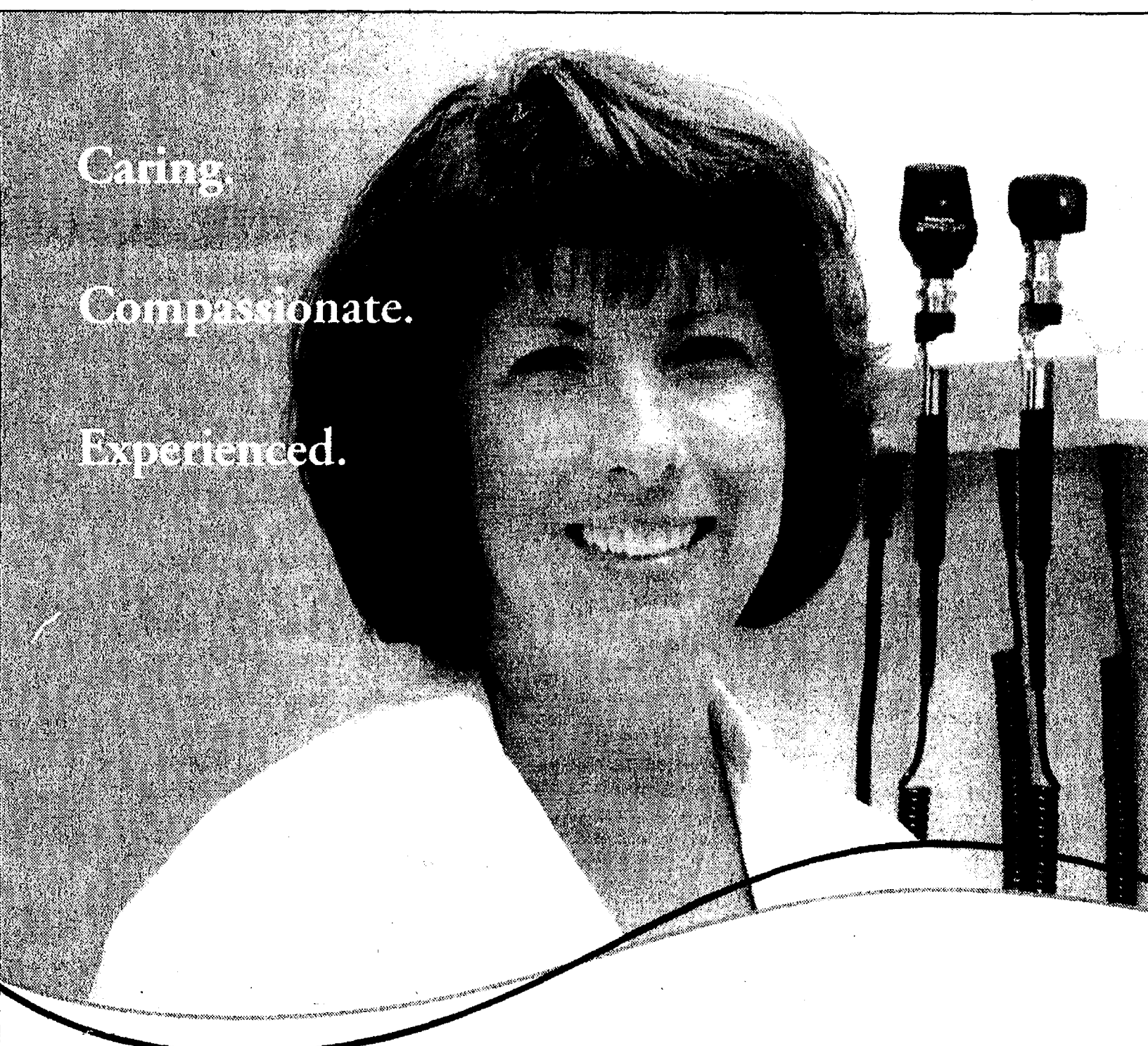
Call to Public

Adjourn:

Motion Kleinschmidt second Estleman to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

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Boonstra, county Republicans look to make a difference

Mark T. Boonstra is the chairman of the Washtenaw County Republican Committee. Boonstra recently talked with Heritage Newspapers Editor Terry Jacoby about the WCRC, the future of the Republican party and other related issues in a Q and A.

What is your role with the Washtenaw County Republican Committee? Chairman

How long have you been with the group? Although I have been active behind the scenes for many years, both with the local GOP and the state party and various candidates, I became chair of the WCRC in April 2008.



Boonstra

What is the background of the group? The WCRC is governed by an Executive Committee that meets monthly, at 7

p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of every month at the Washtenaw GOP headquarters located at 3025 Boardwalk, Suite 290 in Ann Arbor. All who share (or are open) to the principles of the Republican Party are welcome to attend, and to get involved with the party. Folks are encouraged to visit www.wash-gop.com and to sign up there. They can also get involved in their own communities through a number of informal groups, such as the Western Washtenaw Area Republicans, which meets on Saturday mornings in Chelsea.

What are the goals of the group?

The goal of the WCRC is to advance the principles of the Republican Party in Washtenaw County, and to select, assist and endorse qualified candidates for public office who believe in those principles and who demonstrate leadership and integrity.

What were some of the things the committee did leading up to this recent election?

Since I did not become Chair until April, the first task that I and the committee were faced with at that time was to identify and field as many qualified candidates as we were able in the short time before the candidate filing deadline in May.

We helped to raise a little money for candidates. We held a few events, including with Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land and Republican National Committeeman Rev. Keith Butler. We recruited volunteers. We worked with the Michigan Republican State Party and the McCain campaign to staff our Ann Arbor Victory Center and to coordinate volunteer activities.

And we worked to intensify that effort at a grass-roots

Q&A

level after the McCain campaign pulled out of Michigan. As the election neared, we created a Voter Guide that we distributed throughout the County. And we tried to improve communication with the GOP faithful with regular e-mail updates and announcements, information-sharing and notes of encouragement.

What are your thoughts about how the election went?

Obviously, the Republican Party nationally was hit with a "perfect storm" on Election Day 2008. After eight years of anything, "change" is usually in the air, and that was certainly true this year even more than most.

For a variety of reasons (some deserved, some undeserved), we have a historically unpopular incumbent President. Congressional Republicans "lost their way" in recent years too, in many respects. Sen. Obama (with some help from Sen. Clinton's primary challenge) proved to be a candidate of remarkable eloquence.

The mainstream media was openly fawning in its adulation and coverage of Sen. Obama.

Notwithstanding our recent successes in Iraq (which should enable President-elect Obama to continue the troop reductions that we have already begun), we remain a country at war. And on the eve of the election, this country was hit by a severe financial crisis the likes of which have not been seen in recent years. There was little that didn't go wrong for the Republicans this year.

Of course, not all of that was the Republicans' fault, nor was it Sen. McCain's fault. After all, it was Sen. McCain who was a proponent of the "surge" strategy that is now turning things around in Iraq. It was Sen. McCain who stood up to his own party and fought against earmarks and out-of-control federal spending. And it was Sen. McCain who was among those in 2005 who raised a warning cry about the looming financial crisis (for which the Democrats in Congress, and certain of their constituencies, actually bear significant responsibility).

But in the current environment, those were difficult messages for Sen. McCain and the Republican Party to get out.

As a consequence of the electoral environment, the Republican Party suffered a number of setbacks, in addition to losing the Presidency.

Here in Michigan, for example, we lost two Congressional seats. And perhaps most disturbing to me personally is

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Occupation: Attorney and Senior Principal with the Ann Arbor office of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC
Hobbies: Youth sports; community service (including currently serving as the president of the board of the Christian Montessori School of Ann Arbor, and as a director and former chair of the Washtenaw Economic Club).

the loss of Chief Justice Cliff Taylor from the Michigan Supreme Court. Cliff has been a fine public servant for many years, and was a truly distinguished jurist.

What were some positives that came out of the election?

A friend of mine recently asked me if this election marked the end of the Republican Party, the Party of Lincoln. I replied, "No way... not in a year in which we elected two new African American Republicans to the Michigan House of Representatives!"

We can claim success at the local level, too. It is certainly the case that Washtenaw County remains difficult territory for the Republican Party. That was true even before this year's election tsunami, and it remains true today. However, both of our incumbent Republican County Commissioners - Mark Ouimet and Jessica Ping - won re-election, and they both earned a higher percentage of the vote than they did in the last election cycle. It would have been easy, in the face of the national wave that overcame us on Election Day, to have lost both of them.

The fact that they won, and that they actually increased their margins of victory, shows that we're alive and well in Washtenaw County.

What can the Republican party do differently moving forward?

Well, the good thing about an election like this is that it

gives a Party an opportunity to search its soul and to find itself again. Every Party needs to do that once in awhile, and this has happened to both the Democrats and the Republicans from time to time over the years. It's now the Republicans' turn.

So, there will be a lot of reflection, both locally and on a state and national basis, on what went wrong, on what it means to be a Republican, and on where we go from here as a Party.

In my own view, that means both that we must reform and find new solutions to today's problems, and that we also, in doing so, must remember who we are, and stay true to our core principles.

For example, the Republican Party used to be known as the Party of fiscal discipline and balanced budgets. That at least appears to have gone by the wayside in recent years. Everyone expects the Democrats to be free spenders; but they didn't expect it from Republicans. And yet even the Republicans allowed spending to get out of control when they controlled Congress a few years back. We're now paying a price for that.

The Republican Party also is the party of freedom, equality of opportunity, and personal responsibility. While we recognize that there is a proper role for government - and that might be particularly true during a financial crisis such as we are facing now - we generally believe that the role of government should be a limited one. We believe that people generally should be allowed to make their own choices in life, rather than have the government decide what is best for them.

We believe that people can best decide how to spend their own money, rather than having the government decide how to spend it for them.

Relatedly, we believe that government's role is not to run the economy, or people's lives, but rather to keep us secure, and to facilitate the role of the private sector. The private sector is the engine that runs our economy. It is the private sector, not government, that creates jobs and opportunity. The government should create an environ-

ment that is conducive to economic growth, through low taxes and limited regulation, and that will enable the private sector to create jobs and to provide opportunity for all.

Government should not, however, over tax, over regulate, or foster an entitlement mentality that breeds a sense of dependency on government.

The Republican Party is a big tent, and there is more than enough room for disagreement on the margins. But if we are true to our core principles, and we keep them in mind when fashioning solutions to today's problems, then we'll be successful in coming elections.

What was the most frustrating aspect for you to deal with during this most recent election?

There were several. On the national level, John McCain and the Republican Party

were tagged with everything that was wrong in the economy and otherwise. And that was unfair. There is plenty of blame to go around, and frankly some of it belongs with Congressional Democrats and their friends at Fannie Mae, for example. So, that was frustrating, but it also goes with the territory when you run at a time when your Party is in office.

On the state level, let's face it, the Michigan economy has been in bad shape for several years, with the Democrats in charge. But given the national focus of the election, the Republicans somehow got blamed, and yet the Democrats in Michigan got a pass. That too seemed unfair.

It's also frustrating when the other Party runs on your principles, and gets away with it. While proposing trillions in

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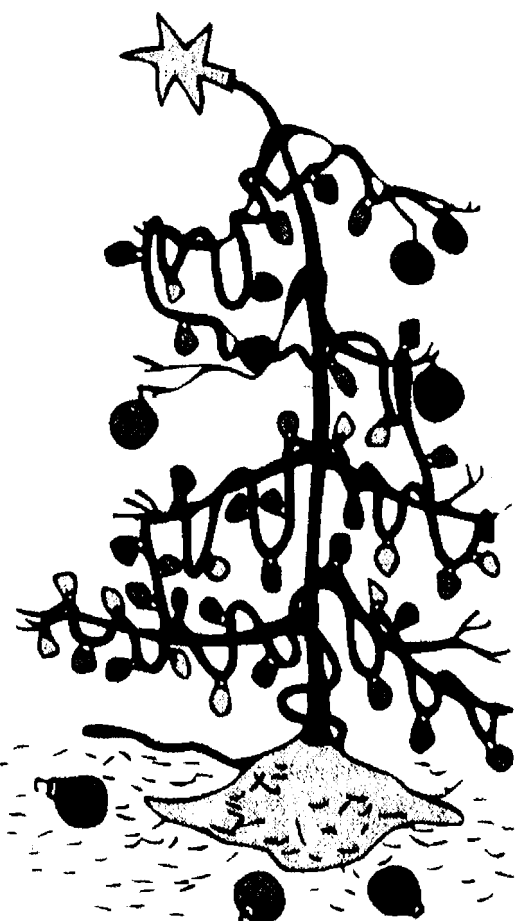
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stocks, along with bonds, government securities and other investments, gives you the best chance of achieving your financial goals.

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should become more valuable when stocks recover - as they have done following every bear market in the past.

It's tough to stay positive during a gloomy market environment. But the most successful investors are often the ones who have the courage to be optimistic when everyone around them is not.

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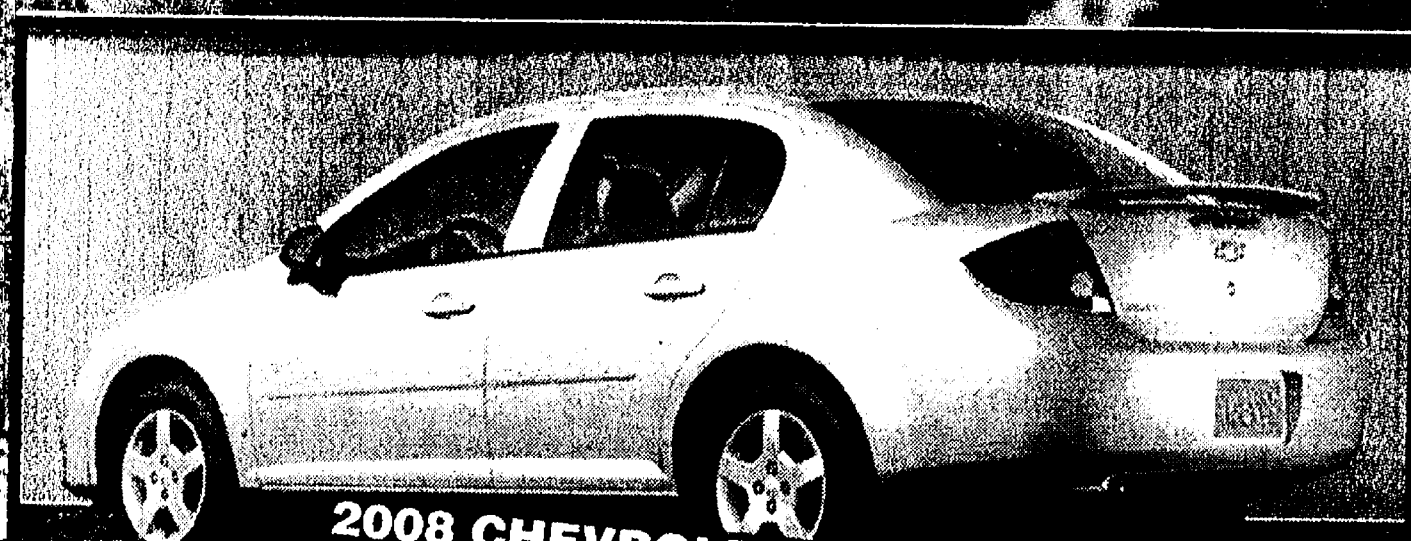
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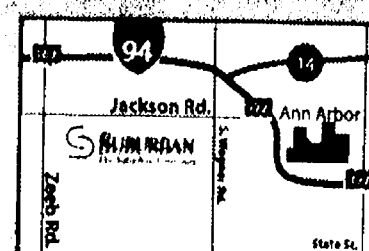
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STORY BY TERRY JACOBY

Overcrowded in "Apartment 3A," a Jeff
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to Donald, her mysterious, yet charming neigh-
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Wilson a co-worker who has long had a
and decides now is the time to declare

Wilson a message during "Apartment 3A"
across the stage, through the halls of the
and out into the chilly streets
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she says.
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Actors putting down roots in town and at the Purple Rose

Actors Michael Brian Ozden (left) and Matthew David recently moved to Chelsea

Living with diabetes

Local man may hold the secret to a long life with diabetes

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

Larry Wiertella is somewhat of a modern
medical marvel having lived intact with
type 1 diabetes for 51 years of his life.

That's why the Boston-based Joslin Diabetes
Center wanted to study the Dexter-area man
who has thus far exceeded expectations by sur-
viving with a disease that has a veritable mine-
field of complications.

When looking at the statistics, Wiertella, 67,
has a lot to be thankful for and it's obvious why
the center was so interested in studying him,
even going so far as to strongly urge that he
donate his body to science — a request that the
family refused for personal reasons.

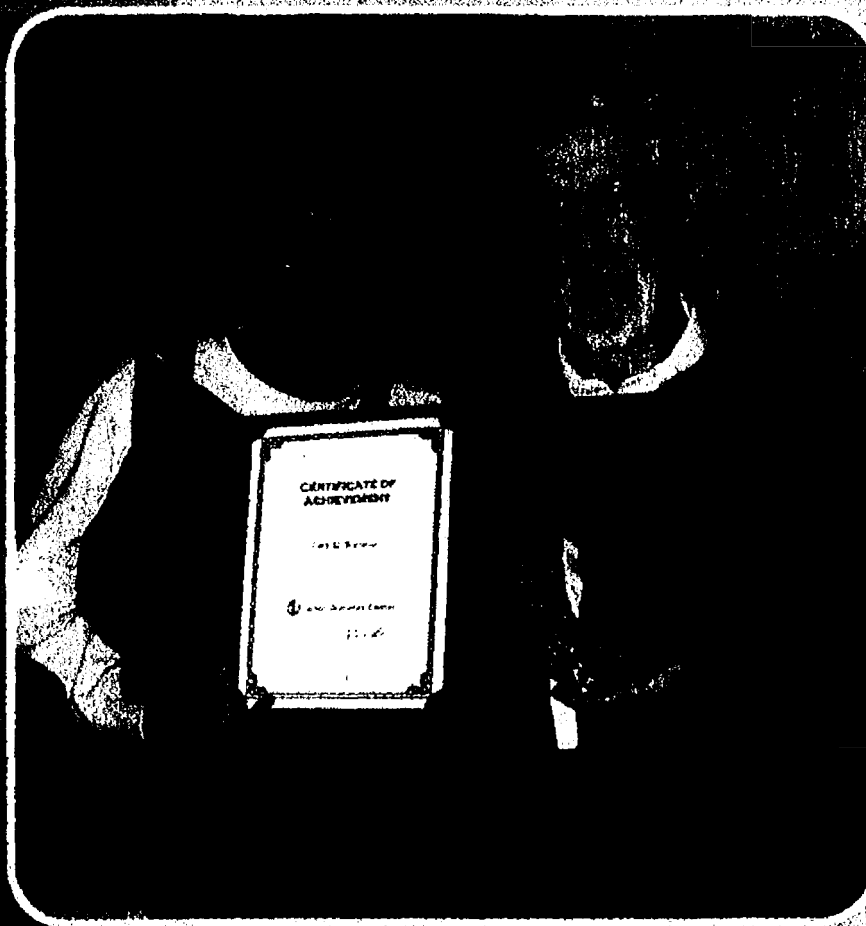
The center surveyed and physically exam-
ined Wiertella last May. The aim of the study is
to document the presence of eye and kidney

complications related to the disease, and to
examine DNA and substances in the blood and
urine of people who have lived with diabetes
for 50 years or more. The study will also pro-
duce findings on genes that affect a person's
chances of developing the disease.

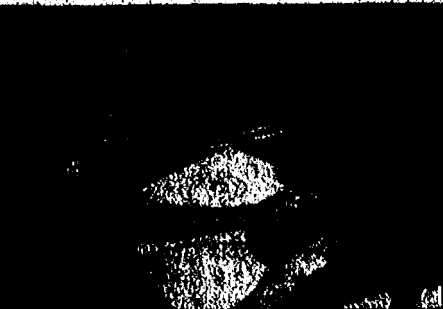
According to joint studies by the American
Diabetes Association and the Center for
Disease Control, diabetes was the seventh lead-
ing cause of death listed on American death
certificates in 2006. The previous year diabetes
contributed to a total of 233,619 deaths, based
on the most recent complete year of study by
the Association.

Just being diagnosed statistically doubles a
person's chance of death, according to the
ADA. The dangers include heart disease,
stroke, high blood pressure, kidney disease,

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Larry Wiertella used teamwork to earn the
diabetes Center certificate and courage medal for
50 years successfully managing type 1 diabetes.



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Pharmacies help dispose of prescription drugs

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Ready to flush unused prescription pills and expired over-the-counter medications down the toilet or sink?

Not so fast.

While that used to be the recommendation — with the idea it kept old drugs away from children — the idea is now down the drain, so to speak.

The new slogan is, "Don't rush to flush."

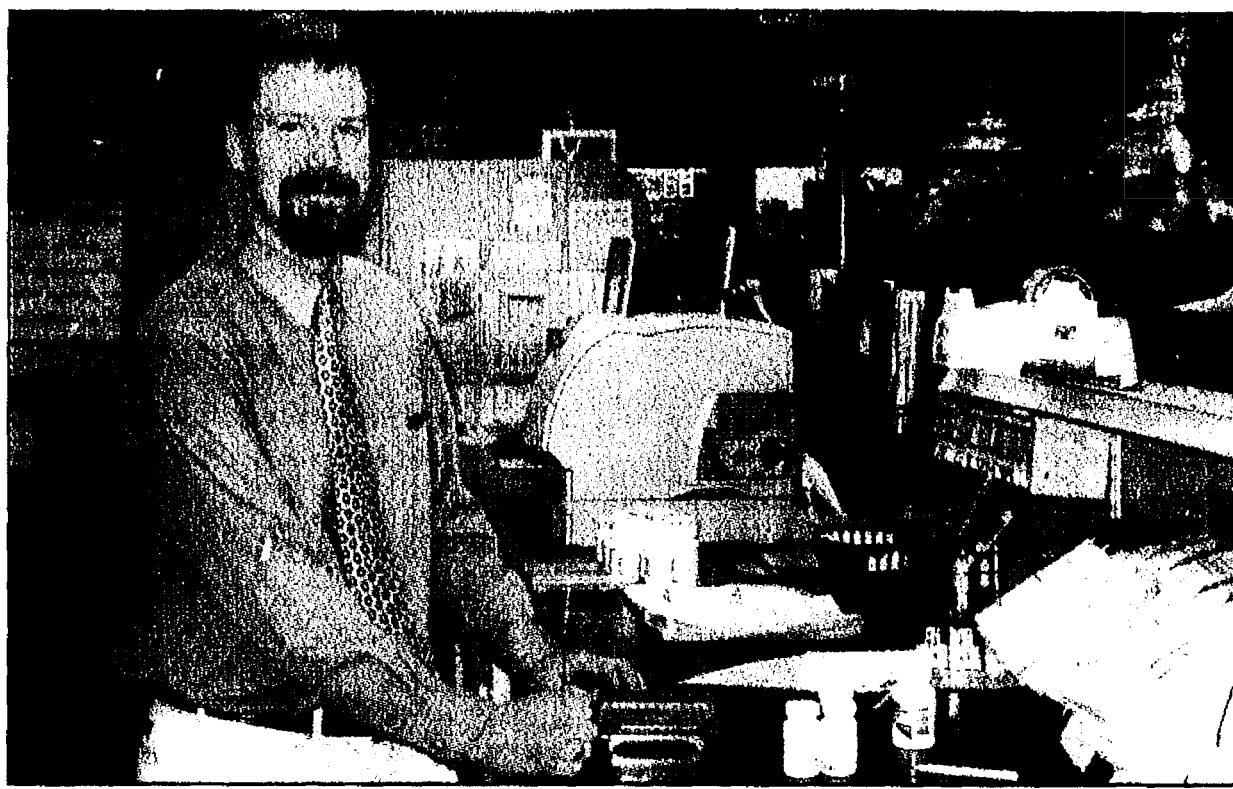
There's even a Web site — www.dontflushdrugs.com — to remind residents that flushing medications and personal-care products is no longer the correct method of disposal. Neither septic systems nor municipal sewers completely remove traces of flushed chemicals and these can reach the environment.

According to the Washtenaw County Drain Commission, cholesterol reducers, blood pressure medication, sleeping pills, hypnotics, hormone replacement therapy and antibiotics are being detected in drinking water. The long-term risk to humans and animals is still unknown.

People need a safe and simple way to get rid of old prescriptions and over-the-counter medications, and Washtenaw County came to the rescue with a new program, developed by the Department of Planning and Environment, along with the Drain Commissioner's Office. Residents can take unused or expired pharmaceuticals to participating pharmacies for collection. The county has provided a medical waste contractor that destroys the compounds properly through incineration.

The "Don't Flush Drugs" Web site provides a list of participating pharmacy locations, and describes what is and what is not accepted for collection. A short video demonstrates

Advice: No longer flush



Pharmacist Carl Olsen accepts unused or expired pharmaceuticals through a new program. The county has provided a medical waste contractor that destroys the compounds properly through incineration.

how to wrap and trash medicines and other personal care products that are not accepted at pharmacies.

"We've been working on this issue since 2002," said Jeff Krcmarik, Washtenaw County Environmental Programs supervisor. "There are many messages out there regarding what to do with unused medications. With this new program, we give a clear message: Don't flush drugs and here are your options."

"All of the studies conducted on surface water reveal what happens when municipal sewage treatment systems allow minute amounts of these compounds to pass, but no study that I know of provides an explanation what happens to pharmaceutical compounds when they pass through your on-site septic system," Krcmarik said.

Rachel Wilkinson, Wellness Center manager at Dexter Pharmacy 2 in Dexter, said the company was pleased to be an inte-

PHARMACIES

The free Pharmaceutical Take-Back Program lets Washtenaw County residents take old, unwanted medications to a pharmacy for proper disposal.

The program doesn't accept any scheduled drugs. Call these pharmacies with specific questions about acceptable and unacceptable medications.

Participating pharmacies:

- Pharmacy Solutions, Inc., 5204 Jackson Road, Suite C, Ann Arbor, 821-8000
- St. Joseph Mercy Pharmacy-Reichert, 5333 McAuley Drive, Ypsilanti, 712-2222
- St. Joseph Mercy Pharmacy-Saline, 410 W. Russell St., Saline, 429-1666
- St. Joseph Mercy Pharmacy Towers, 5301 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, 712-3333

gral part of the program to help spread the word to others about the impact their medications will have on future generations if not disposed of properly.

"At Dexter Pharmacy we believe it's important to do all we can to lower our impact on the Earth," she said.

The company's three locations — Dexter Pharmacy, Dexter Pharmacy 2 and

Village Pharmacy 11 in Maple Village in Ann Arbor — recycle as many items as possible, Wilkinson said. These include paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, batteries, electronics, sharps, printer cartridges and blood glucose meters.

"We're also currently trying to get our trash removal service to include recycling for our shopping complex," Wilkinson said.

If you're not convinced medications are a problem, consider a recent study conducted by the U.S. Geological Society found 80 percent of surface waters sampled had residual amounts of pharmaceutical compounds.

In addition, Poison Control reported more than 300 calls from Washtenaw County residents in the first six months of 2008 regarding children's exposure to pharmaceuticals.

In the same time frame, the Michigan Poison Control Center received 877 reports of accidental ingestion of ibuprofen in chil-

dren younger than 5 years old, as well as 501 reports for pediatric multivitamins; 474 reports for antihistamines, 463 reports for antibiotics, and 333 reports for calcium supplements.

That's a lot of pills finding their way into the hands of young people.

"Wrap and Trash" is the new recommendation. Remove or black out personal information on the label, but leave the drug name visible. Wrap medication containers in duct tape,

followed by several layers of plastic bags, to prevent crushing in the trash truck and contents spilling out. Modern landfills are lined, and the leachate is collected and treated to remove harmful compounds.

For more information, visit www.dontflushdrugs.com or call Jeff Krcmarik at 222-6865. For poison control, call 1-800-222-1222.

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News in Brief

Used Book Sale

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Debt workshop

The Chelsey adult education department is offering the "Strategies for Living Debt Free in the 21st Century" workshop. This one day workshop is aimed at helping people get out of debt using the same math system that groups use that you hear advertising on the radio, or see on TV. The workshop also gets into budgeting, while going over a system to evaluate your budget for the purpose of putting more money back in your pocket in various spending categories.

Forest "Rich" Wilson, CPCU, AIA, AIF, is conducting the workshop. Wilson has helped families through his workshops regain control of their financial future for over 10 years.

The workshop will be offered from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28. Call the adult education office at 433-2208 for more information.

Acting workshops

The Williamston Theatre will be offering an 8-week workshop this winter for high school students (14-18 years old). The workshop runs from Jan. 15 – March 9, 2009. There is no class on Feb. 16. Dana Brazil, a professional actress who has been seen onstage at the Williamston Theatre as well as The Purple Rose Theatre, will be teaching this workshop.

The students will use the

fundamentals of acting as well as improvisation and theatre games to create a piece of theatre for performance. This will provide the high school student with an invaluable performance experience. It will also reinforce the following aspects of theatre: auditioning, theatre games, improvisation, acting technique, scene study and character development.

Additionally, the students will be involved in all the elements of a theatrical produc-

tion including costuming, props, sound design and set design. The class will take a play from the page and go thru all stages of production in preparation for the final public performance.

The workshop will run on Monday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. and will be held at the Williamston Theatre, 122 S. Putnam Street in downtown Williamston. Cost is \$195.

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Laptops changing the educational landscape at Beach

By Edward Freundl
Special Writer

Big dividends can come in small packages, and that has been the case with new laptop computers for Beach Middle School students.

So far the response to these technological marvels — from students, teachers and administrators alike — has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I'm really impressed. The teachers are using them in more creative ways than I ever imagined," said Principal Pat Little.

"It's another tool in the toolbox for reaching the kids."

According to Superintendent David Killips, seventh- and eighth-grade students and their parents were surveyed last year about using the laptops.

"Of the parents who responded to the survey, 85 percent were highly or very highly in favor of the program," Killips said.

The Chelsea Schools Board of Education voted in the fall to expand the student laptop program from the sixth grade into the seventh and eighth grades.

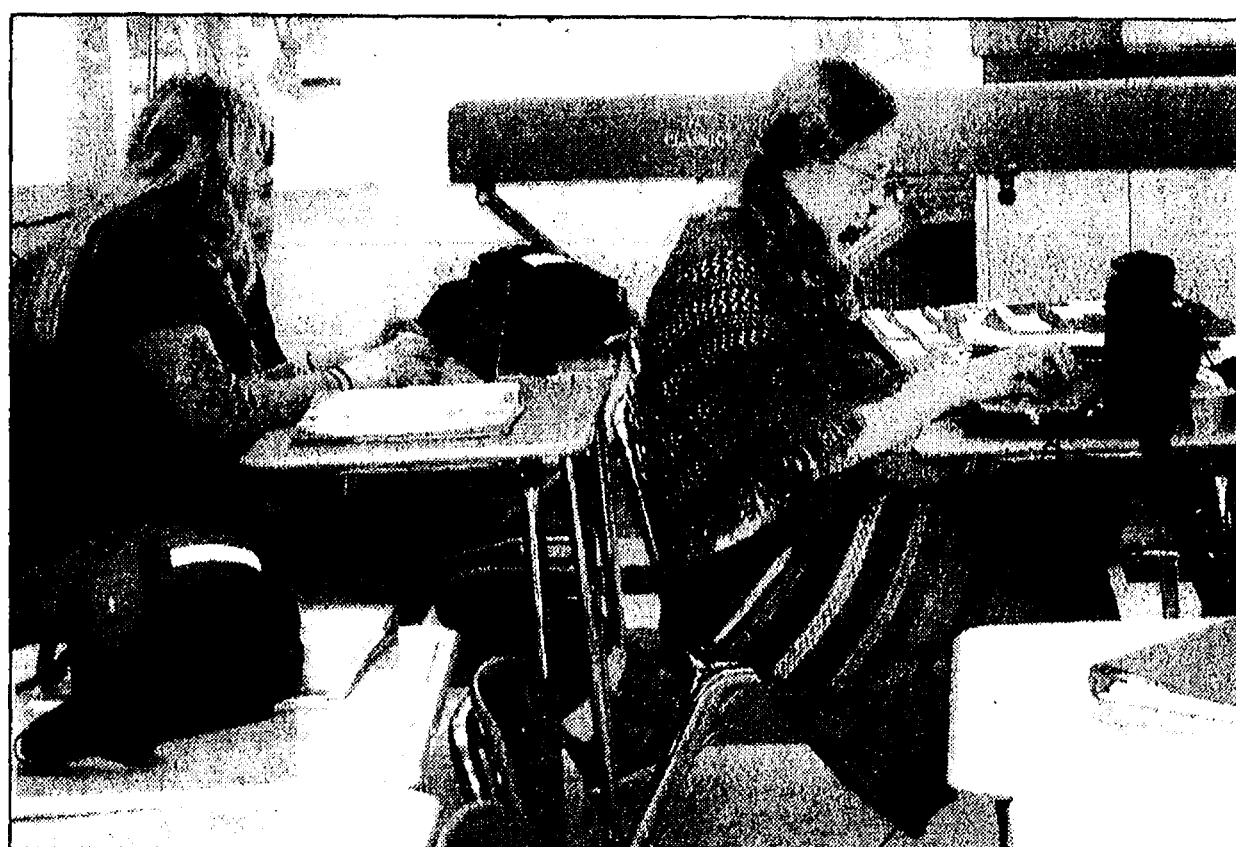
"We got these in late October, and by Halloween we were ready to go," Little said in mid-December, just before the holiday break. "It seems like we've had them for quite a while, but it's only been five or six weeks."

The cost of the approximately 400 laptops was covered by two sources: proceeds of a voter-approved technology bond, and grant money from a statewide program.

"The overall expenditure was \$386,000," Killips said. "However, all but approximately \$90,000 was anticipated to be spent anyway."

"The extra \$90,000 came from additional bond proceeds and certainly helped us with full implementation at Beach Middle School."

An organization known as the One-to-One Institute oversees the laptop grant programs at the state level, Killips said, and has made



Students use laptops in Corey Knight's Health class at Beach Middle School.

presentations nationally on topics that make for a successful laptop program.

"Chelsea was a grant recipient early on," Killips said.

Chelsea is not alone in providing laptops for students, and has picked up some tips from another district.

"The Walled Lake school district has been running theirs for more than seven years," Killips said.

"They have a great reputation with their program. We have utilized Walled Lake's experience to help us through our implementation."

Little added that one of the middle schools in Ann Arbor has laptops, "but they aren't allowed to take them home, so we're ahead of them in that aspect."

Sixth-graders at South Meadows Elementary School have been using laptops successfully for more than four years, so it was only natural to move the program up into the next couple of grades.

"The laptop program has always been well received," South Meadows Principal Lisa Nickel said.

"Once the novelty wears off for the kids, it is seen as a

great learning tool. It does not replace great teaching, but rather enhances it."

Nickel is a strong supporter of the program, and would like to see it extended to other grades as funding allows.

"I think extending the program to seventh and eighth grades made a lot of sense," she said.

"I would like to see it also expanded to fifth grade, and have hopes that we will get there in the future."

District Technology Director Scott Wooster explained the nuts-and-bolts differences between the new devices and those still being used in the sixth grade.

"The new laptops are much smaller in size and weight," Wooster said. "The students have really enjoyed this feature because they need to carry them around from classroom to classroom."

The Hewlett-Packard HP-2133 Mini-note laptops weigh less than 3 lbs., have a high-resolution, 8.9-inch display, a keyboard that is 92 percent of full size, and come with a sturdy carrying case.

The sixth-grade pilot program also gave Wooster a

chance to work out any bugs in the system.

"Because we have been running a program laptop program for the last four years, we have continued to adjust our procedures to reduce the number of problems we have on the laptops," he said.

"Problems still occur, of course, but the process we have established to get the computers back up and running helps us keep downtime to a minimum."

Wooster noted that there have been fewer problems this year, and at least part of that is due to the users.

"The students are becoming more tech-savvy, which helps keep the computers working properly," he said.

Even so, the rollout of the number of computers needed for every student across two grade levels was itself a challenge.

"It takes a lot of time to get 400 laptops issued to the students," Wooster added.

Their fingers do the walking

The students who use the laptops every day are perhaps their biggest fans.

"They are a great educational tool and I'm glad we

have them," said seventh-grader Allie Walker.

"They are a lot better than the ones in sixth grade, but they have their pros and cons."

Aaron Fojtik, seventh-grader, saw more benefits than drawbacks.

"I like them because they are small and really fast; they are a lot better, faster and lighter," he said.

Eighth-grader Joe Heinen said the laptops are "a good idea," and sees benefits for teachers as well as students.

"It's really nice, it's easy to carry around, and it's got a fast Internet connection," he said. "I don't like writing things down; I'd rather use the laptop."

"It's a lot easier on the teachers, too: we can go on shared documents, and our assignments are in a shared folder on the server."

Fellow seventh-grader E.J. Lin was a bit more blunt: "I'll be upset if they don't have them when I get to ninth grade."

She, too, saw the laptops as "beneficial" for students and teachers alike.

"They are more convenient," she said. "We use them most in Global Studies and English class, and sometimes in science class."

"It makes the teachers teach differently, it goes faster, and they don't have to pass out as much paper."

Global studies teacher Mark Scheese said their interactive nature make the laptops very useful for looking up information.

"If we're doing geography we're able to pull up maps and interactive map games; we're also able to go to Google Earth and see pictures of the places we're studying," he said.

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Principal answers concerns about laptops
By Edward Freundl
Special Writer

Beach Middle School Principal Patrick Little provided details about the school's student laptop program in a series of questions and answers.

Q: Why did the Chelsea School District decide to provide laptops for each middle school student?
A: For the past four years, the sixth-grade teachers and students have been doing one-to-one learning through the "Freedom to Learn" grant.

The data collected on the learning environment with laptops was very good. It showed that students felt the laptops were a great learning tool; they helped students feel more organized and empowered.

Parent and teacher data collected last winter supported the students' feelings.

Sixth-grade teachers were passionate about the positive impact on learning the laptops had on students, particularly those who struggle academically.

Under the program, they have seen many improvements in learning and the student use of technology.

The Chelsea School District established a five-year cycle for technology updates, and Fall 2008 was Beach's turn.

In pricing the replacement of traditional computer labs, District Technology Director Scott Wooster explored the additional costs to go 100 percent wireless and 100 percent laptop for all students and staff.

After the bidding process was complete, the "1-to-1 Laptop" program was slightly more expensive than a traditional model.

Superintendent David Killips approached the Board of Education about spending money to make the expansion of the laptop program a reality.

After the data were collected and reviewed about the impact on learning, the school board agreed to expand

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LAPTOPS

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"Some kids really enjoy it. It enhances their learning quite a bit."

Seventh grade Health class teacher Corey Knight pointed out that the students are comfortable with an advanced level of technology, drawing an analogy to an earlier generation of schoolchildren.

"They know how to work them better than I," Knight said. "It's kind of like our generation and TV. Our parents didn't have TV when they were young but to us it's normal, and using these laptops is second nature to these kids," he said.

Scheese also mentioned another major cost benefit to the laptops: textbooks can be accessed online.

"A lot of textbooks are online now, and that makes it easier for the school," he said.

Principal Little concurred. "Online texts will be a real cost savings — we'll only have to buy a set of 50 for a class room instead of 200," he said.

"But because the kids are using them for more things — for calendars, for e-mail, for writing — the laptops are more valuable to them than just as textbooks."

Knowing the curiosity level of young teens, their level of technological expertise and their inclination toward careless mishaps, school officials recognized that taking care of the laptops and prohibiting access to undesirable Web sites or software would be major concerns.

"It was a real learning opportunity about responsibility for the students and the parents, and that's been a good thing," Scheese said.

According to Killips, "First,

the student has the day-to-day responsibility to bring the computer to class, keep it charged and take it home as needed.

"Second is the cost of repair," he continued. "Students are given the option of taking the computer home. In some cases, the parents have opted not to have their child transport the computer home."

"The last concern is the Internet," Killips said. "We have implemented filtering, but we also continue to train the students on appropriate uses and behavior. Teachers continue to monitor students and their lessons to ensure they are only accessing appropriate sites."

Wooster explained that the district established rules for using the laptops as well as consequences for not following those rules.

"The students enjoy using the laptops and don't want to lose the privilege of using them, so for the majority of students this is enough," Wooster said.

"For the rest, we have ways of evaluating where they have been," he added. "If we find they have been installing software when they didn't have permission, they lose the use of the laptop for an appropriate period of time."

"We have also established an Internet filtering system that works even when the students are at home. This helps eliminate many of the inappropriate sites they might be tempted to go to."

Little said the laptop program makes an amazingly powerful learning tool available to the district at a relatively low cost.

"A lot of the instruments we rent for band are a lot more expensive: an alto sax runs about \$4,000 and these are less than \$1,000," he said.

ANSWERS

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the program to the seventh and eighth grades for the 2008-09 school year.

It is important for Chelsea to be progressive in the education of our students. We feel that this step is an opportunity to set our students apart from others by the integration and use of technology in everyday learning experiences at Beach Middle School.

Q: How will learning be different with this program?

A: Teachers will use the laptops differently based on their subject area and based on their comfort level with the technology.

There are some specific programs such as "Discourse" that we use. Obviously, research is made simpler by having the laptops in the classrooms, along with presentations on PowerPoint.

We already offer a digital photography class and a Windows Movie Maker class as electives which will now be taught in the classroom versus the lab.

Our Robotics and Electronics curricula are very popular and the laptops have software specific to those classes, so students will be able to take them for homework rather than just

using them at school.

The students can keep themselves more organized as well. The students are taught a specific file-saving protocol so they can receive and submit assignments electronically.

Hopefully, this will help the "lost paper" excuse that we see so often with middle school students. Students will drop assignments into a teacher's secure folder on the server when they complete the worksheet or homework.

Eventually, all our textbooks will be either loaded on the laptops or, as we do now for English classes, the books are online.

Some students I have talked to may use Microsoft Express, Google Calendar or other digital calendars on their laptops.

There is one word of caution, however. There is no "magic" in these laptops. Rather, they are a dynamic tool and an opportunity to enhance learning.

There is a very humanistic side of teaching that we all recognize as essential to our success.

We will not lose track of the empathy, motivation and synergy that is needed in great learning environments.

Q: What happens if a student doesn't follow the laptop rules?

A: All staff maintain high expectations for students

with the laptops.

They and their parents sign a contract — if they have problems, the computer goes to "laptop jail." The family and the school agree to a learning plan, and then the laptop is "set free" to the student.

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can be taken away if poor choices persist. In addition, parents are financially responsible if the laptop is damaged in any way.

This, too, is part of learning about responsibility that takes place at Beach Middle School.

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Local Business Profile

Capturing special moments on video

By Jackie Smith
Special Writer

Robert Coelius grew up in a telecommunications environment, picking up the know-how and skills to run a video production company from his father.

After gaining some experience in New York City, he settled down in Pinckney with his wife Carolann and the two went into business together. She said he was teaching her how to work a camera, even while the two were still dating.

"After Rob and I dated for about six months, he informed me that I was taking over as the second camera," Carolann said. "I had never even held a video camera before, but he assured me that I would do just fine, plus I was cheap."

The two now run Video Farm Productions, a video event-based documentation company that records large and small life events, with the occasional creative project. And the even more occasional volunteer projects for local groups and organizations.

Seeing the paired venture as a benefit, the couple said they enjoy working with one another and also finding time to do other things besides work.

"Getting to do something that I love and that I am good at is a blessing to me," Robert said. "Since Carolann and I own the business, we can focus on any subject that interests us and put that information out there in an entertaining way."

Carolann said she finds it interesting for reasons other than the subjects of their shoots and sees it as a creative endeavor.

"I love getting to see lots of interesting performances," she said. "I've spent much of my life playing and listening to music and this is a great way to still be involved with the arts."

Tina Patterson, director of the Chelsea Senior Center, has worked exclusively with Video Farm on a project she said was for a historical documentary on old local one-room schoolhouses, some of which were still in existence in the 1950s.

Carolann recalls her amazement to the project itself, and said that she had never met anyone who had gone to a one-room school house before.

"It was great to see that so many people still live in the community and are friends to this day," she



Robert Coelius and wife Carolann own and operate Video Farm Productions, a video event-based documentation company that records large and small life events.

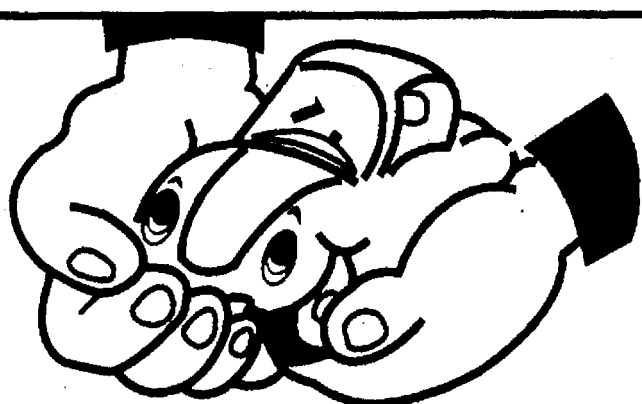
said. "I've cried every time that I've watched this video."

Having grown up in the area, Robert said he felt a connection with much of the interviewees while working the project and was "proud that (they) could contribute to their legacy."

Patterson said Video Farm was chosen from several other companies, and after a year of documenting interviews with them, their work produced so many they couldn't fit into the 50-minute film.

"They were in a competitive bid with other people," she said. "We are delighted

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DEXTER VILLAGE SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2008

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan

ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the regular Council minutes of November 24, 2008 as presented.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, and Keough.
Nays: none

Motion carries

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Cousins; support Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins, and Keough
Nays: none

Motion carries

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$123,505.23
Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith, and Keough.
Nays: None

Motion carries

NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

Motion Smith; support Carson to rescind resolution 8-2008, Municipal Employees Retirement benefit change.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, and Keough
Nays: none

Motion carries

Motion Fisher; support Smith to accept the Budget Amendment for Fund 792, the Economic Development Fund.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough
Nays: none

Motion carries

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to adjourn at 9:14

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted, Carol J. Jones, Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: December 22, 2008

NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org

Publish: January 1, 2008

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SUBJECT OF MEETING:

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LUANN S. KOCH, CLERK

Posted: December 8, 2008

Publish: January 1, 2009; January 15, 2009

LYNDON TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 48 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT, TERM. The TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to the Consumers Energy Company, a Michigan corporation, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called the "Grantee," the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONSIDERATION. In consideration of the rights, power and authority hereby granted, said Grantee shall faithfully perform all things required by the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. CONDITIONS. No highway, street, alley, bridge, waterway or other public place used by said Grantee shall be obstructed longer than necessary during the work of construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when said work was commenced. All of Grantee's pipes and mains shall be so placed in the highways and other public places as not to unnecessarily interfere with the use thereof for highway purposes.

SECTION 4. HOLD HARMLESS. Said Grantee shall at all times keep and save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the structures and equipment hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein given, said Grantee shall, upon notice, defend the Township and save it free and harmless from all loss, cost and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 5. EXTENSIONS. Said Grantee shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said Township and shall furnish gas to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 6. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive. Either manufactured or natural gas may be furnished hereunder.

SECTION 7. RATES. Said Grantee shall be entitled to charge the inhabitants of said Township for gas furnished therein, the rates as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission, to which Commission or its successor's authority and jurisdiction to fix and regulate gas rates and rules regulating such service in said Township, are hereby granted for the term of this franchise. Such rates and rules shall be subject to review and change at any time upon petition therefore being made by either said Township, acting by its Township Board, or by said Grantee.

SECTION 8. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by the party desiring such revocation.

SECTION 9. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION. Said Grantee shall, as to all other conditions and elements of service not herein fixed, be and remain subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission or its successors, applicable to gas service in said Township.

SECTION 10. REPEALER. This ordinance, when accepted and published as herein provided, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of a gas ordinance adopted by the Township Board on November 17, 1978 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

and amendments, if any, to such ordinance whereby a gas franchise was granted to Consumers Energy Company.

SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon the day after the date of publication thereof; provided, however, it shall cease and be of no effect after thirty days from its adoption unless within said period the Grantee shall accept the same in writing filed with the Township Clerk. Upon acceptance and publication hereof, this ordinance shall constitute a contract between said Township and said Grantee.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 9th day of December, 2008.

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above Ordinance was adopted by the Lyndon Township Board on December 9, 2008.

The above is the full text of the Ordinance.

The effective date is January 2, 2009.

A copy of the Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Lyndon Township Clerk's office, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118, Tuesday through Thursday, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, telephone 734-475-2401.

Linda Reilly, Clerk of Lyndon Township

Dated: December 23, 2008

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

I, LINDA REILLY, Lyndon Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the within Ordinance was adopted by roll call vote at a regular meeting of Lyndon Township Board on the 9th day of December, 2008, upon motion of Member JOHN FRANCIS and seconded by Member ROBERT MESTER.

AYES: 5 — Robert Mester, Marc Keezer, John Francis, Mary Jane Maze, Linda Reilly

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: NONE

I further certify that said Ordinance was adopted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

LINDA REILLY

LYNDON TOWNSHIP CLERK

RECORD OF ADOPTION

Date of Adoption:	December 9, 2008
Date of Publication-Affidavit Attached:	January 1, 2009
Paper of Publication:	The Chelsea Standard
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Faith

We're all fighting a hard battle

As I run into people, both on the inside and the outside of my congregation, one thing becomes quite apparent: Everyone is fighting a hard battle. Some have it easier than others, but no one escapes tough situations in this world of ours - a world that is plagued by the consequences and curse of human sin.

The battle is different for each of us. Many are battling disease or declining health and aging.

Others have to live with family conflicts. Some are dealing with the loss of loved ones. Many suffer severe disappointments. A lot of people almost knock themselves out shuffling children around so they can get to work and earn a living. And there are those who are living with the consequences of bad decisions they made long ago, or continue to make. Really, all of us face an uncertain future.

Furthermore, I'm convinced

that no one is really in a position to fight this battle without the Lord. Even when people seem to be successfully coping and overcoming due to their own strength or with the help of other people, there is something missing. If you do not consciously seek and receive the Lord's help, there is a true source of strength and comfort you're not taking advantage of.

I'm convinced, still further, that you don't fully receive the

Lord's presence unless you are in regular contact with His Word, the Bible, and His Sacrament, and His people - through a Christian congregation. I have no doubt that there is no substitute for being involved in a Christian congregation. This will include regular worship with a group of fellow believers in Jesus Christ.

In view of all this, I believe that we should help people when



MINISTERIAL Message

By Pastor Mark Porinsky
Faith Lutheran Church

that is in our power. This does not always mean giving them everything they want or ask for. Most of all, we have to be lenient, recognizing that everyone we meet is fighting a hard battle. We are not responsible for fighting

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DIABETES

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nervous system disease and diabetic ketoacidosis, not to mention blindness and amputation.

Getting as far as he has, Larry Wiertella is thankful.

"So far I haven't even lost the tip of my finger," Wiertella says while sitting across a table from me in his dining room. His home is a warm, inviting place full of beautiful furniture, pictures, antiques and other comforts.

The lean, silver-haired man is marked by an outgoing nature, positive attitude and love of storytelling. Through glasses his eyes do as much talking as his arms and mouth as he shares his tale of a 15-year-old Michigan boy who loves the outdoors and sports, and how that boy eventually came to be diagnosed with early onset type 1 diabetes.

"I had been pheasant hunting with my dad and my uncle when pheasants were all over Michigan," he recalled of his family hunting trips. One day he went out hunting despite feeling ill and was even feeling worse by the time he arrived home.

"My dad took me to a hospital in Wayne to Dr. Carpenter, who was the guy who helped give birth to me," Wiertella recalled. "He said put some crackers under his tongue. He just needs some moisture."

That didn't work out so well, as he kept "getting sicker and sicker."

A trip to Henry Ford Hospital and then resident Dr. Fred Whitehouse, a former president of the American Diabetes Association, led to an answer to the mystery illness that cut a hunting trip short - the first of many lifestyle changes and sacrifices in Wiertella's life.

"I only took one shot when I first came down with this and then started mixing doses per day," Wiertella recalls of some of the first demands that the disease made on his daily routine. He can only physically exert himself for three hours at a time before having to "take care of himself."

Since then he has had to watch his diet with regularity and manage his glucose level, which in and of itself has evolved over the years. Diligence, regular doctor visits and heeding guidelines established by those in the medical field are musts. Living a good healthy life in a common sense fashion is something Wiertella prescribes to everyone.

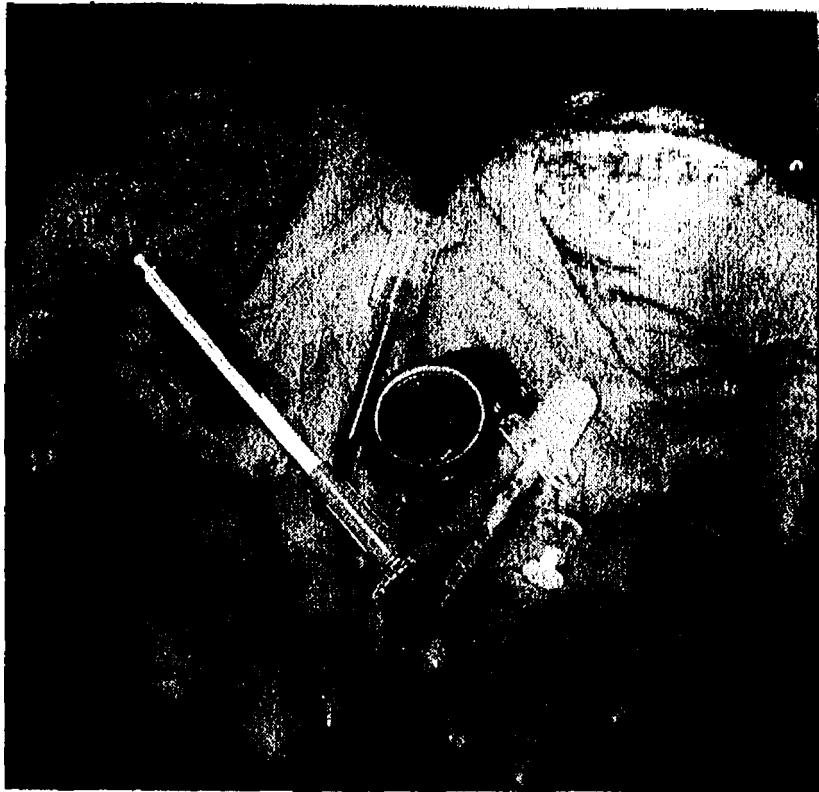
Technology has given way for disposable needles to replace glass needles that needed to be boiled in water. Since 2000 Wiertella like many other diabetics wears a catheter fed mechanical insulin pump on his torso that holds 12 shots or 30 units of insulin that are fed into the wearer's body steadily over the course of the day.

The diets have also evolved from measuring food group ratios at each meal to monitoring and balancing carbohydrate intakes.

With all of the advances in medical technology, it's gotten easier to manage the condition in some ways, but one thing has remained consistent through the over five decades that Larry Wiertella has lived with diabetes. He has been diligent about his care, with the support of his parents and later his loving wife Joanne, but he has also remained positive and cheerful in the face of a disease that many people have a difficult time coming to grips with.

"I would imagine people with diabetes worry themselves sick a lot of the time," he says. "It's not that tight of a thing. You can make a mistake over the course of the day and come back from it, but you never neglect."

"And you can't constantly worry. Some of these folks live their whole lives weighing their food. If you spend



Larry Wiertella takes the expression "taking lemons and making lemonade" to a whole new level as he creates golf tees, darts, coin holders and various other gadgets big and small with the parts from his old syringes and other diabetic medical supplies.

all your time weighing your food you're not thinking about anything else in life."

Almost right from the get-go, Larry didn't let diabetes get him down. He recalls the month he spent at Henry Ford Hospital fondly, despite his reason for being there.

"They had to stick me, a 15-year-old, in the juvenile ward ... the kids would squirt me with syringes and yell 'he's got hair on his legs!'"

Instead of letting things get him down, Wiertella responded in much the same way he would respond to most things in his life: with a laugh and a sense of

humor.

"I got the biggest syringe I could find and really showed them!"

Sports, outdoor activity, chopping wood and building their current home and even a little bridge over a small brook on their property were never out of reach.

Wiertella, an art teacher, has always made the best of his situation both personally and professionally. He is known to turn "junk" into artwork since he often has shoestring budgets. His diabetes treatment supplies are no exception.

"He can't bear to throw anything away," Joanne jokes. "He has made darts,

inserts, golf tees and every thing else out of his syringes."

Larry holds up the golf tee proudly, the top of which is a syringe plunger. "You have to look on the brighter side of things ... if I moped all the time I wouldn't have gotten very far."

The Wiertella's both take a step back and reiterate that one should never underestimate the importance of balancing diet, exercise and insulin to have a long fulfilling life as a diabetic.

But both agree that simply leading the same healthy life that a non-diabetic should lead and focusing on the best that life has to offer are the true keys to not just living more than fifty years with

diabetes, but living a quality fifty years despite diabetes.

It's unclear when the study will yield results, if any. The Joslin Diabetes Center has achieved a number of "highpoints" in their studies over the past several years, including breakthroughs in understanding the tissue of those with dia-

betes, how certain treatments function in the bodies of certain patients and the benefits of intensive lifestyle intervention, among others.

In the meantime Larry and Joanne are getting ready for a great new year and another chapter in their lifetime of stories.

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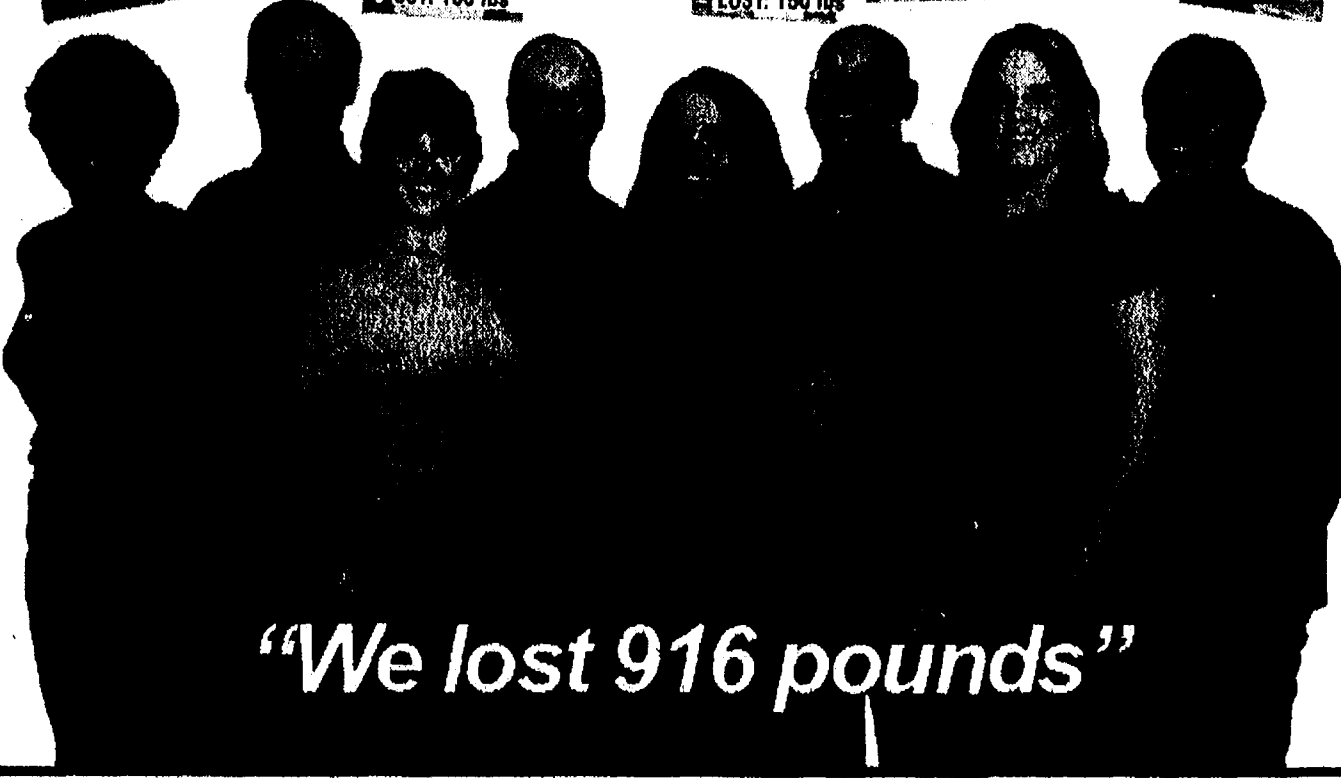
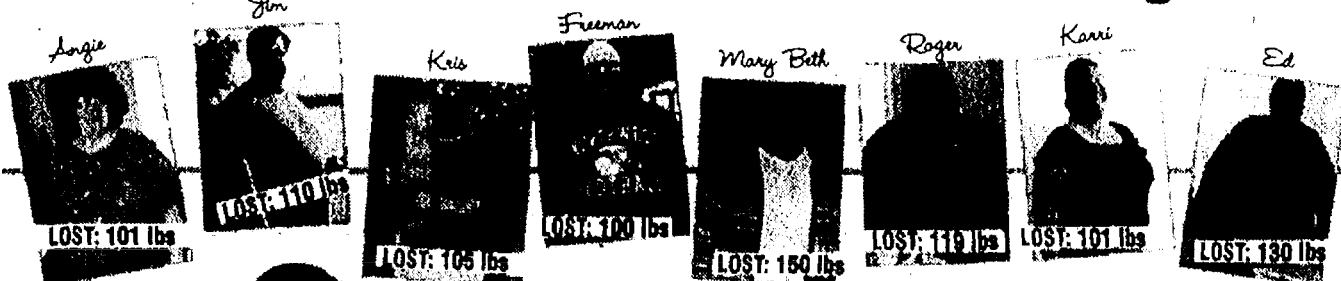
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Scio artist to exhibit at show in Dexter

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Scio Township artist Zeke Mallory — who will have a "One Man Exhibition" of 20 landscape paintings at Daisy Lake Art Gallery in Dexter Jan. 23 to Feb. 28 — originally had childhood dreams of playing pro baseball.

But he quickly realized his hand was meant to hold a brush, not a baseball bat. The baseball diamond's loss is the art world's gain.

Mallory, a Cheboygan native, grew up in Washtenaw County where he attended Lincoln schools, but spent his summers up north, where his roots run deep. His paternal grandparents lived on a farm near Cross Village in Emmett County, and his maternal grandfather ran a small cabin resort south of Mackinaw City. The rural scenery of northern Michigan inspires many of his landscape paintings.

"Growing up I did the things rural boys do — playing baseball, exploring in the woods and fields wherever I was," Mallory said. "I started drawing and painting early on for something to do inside."

"Once I figured out I probably wasn't going to be a professional baseball player I wanted to be a forest ranger, but discovered that the best thing about science was drawing stuff."

Mallory started art classes in 7th grade, and after winning a national youth art award in the 11th grade, decided to pursue art as a career.

After serving in the U.S. Navy, he used the GI Bill to attend Eastern Michigan University, where he majored in Fine Art with a minor in Commercial Art.

Before he could complete his degree, he started a

Michigan landscapes

Who: Artist Zeke Mallory

What: "Zeke Mallory — One-man Exhibition," a collection of 20 paintings

When: Jan. 23 through Feb. 28, with an Artist Reception 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 23 and "Afternoon With The Artist" noon to 5 p.m. Jan. 24

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graphics business in Ann Arbor with artist John Copley.

"I felt pretty cocky at the time, so I dropped out of school," Mallory said. "The business gravitated towards sign painting and silk-screening tee shirts. After 10 years downtown, John and I sold the building and I went traveling, finally settling in Scio Township where I currently live and have my studio."

Mallory, a freelance artist and professional sign painter for over 35 years, specializes in original paintings, murals, handcrafted signs, and commercial design and logos.

His work as a custom sign painter and muralist has taken him throughout Michigan and all over Washtenaw County, with clients in all the local communities — Chelsea, Saline, Manchester, Milan, and Dexter, where he has painted murals behind Hackney Hardware, inside Stuechis, and on the S.J. Lippert Flooring Building. Some of his outdoor murals can be

seen at Tios Restaurants in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, and Viking Sewing Center in Scio Township.

He has created billboards and backdrops for trade shows and fairs and painted interior wall murals for restaurants and businesses, as well as children's rooms, kitchens, and living and dining rooms of private homes.

His work can be seen in the logos of Dexter Heating and Cooling, Beanstalks Play Café in Saline and the Treehouse in Chelsea, and in many other local businesses.

"I love the smaller communities in Washtenaw County and enjoy working with the clients I have

there," he said.

"Along with my wife Peg and daughter Celia, I enjoy driving along the back roads and taking photos, going to Alber's Orchard, the Dexter Cider Mill, Sharon Hollow, and Coleman's Corn Maze, stopping in these communities for a snack or lunch."

Although he enjoys sign work for its combination of varied abilities and tasks, and enjoys designing and creating a persona for a business, Mallory's first passion is painting landscapes. He is fascinated with rural Michigan and the surrounding backwoods and local landmarks, and also enjoys painting the Huron River, one of his favorite subjects.



Artist Zeke Mallory and a few of his favorite pieces.

His first show was a group show with the river as the subject.

For the past few years, Mallory has been able to spend time at the University of Michigan, Biological Station in northern Michigan with his wife and daughter, and has worked on a special series of paintings of scenes in and around the renowned research field station on Douglas Lake near Pellston.

"I like painting landscapes because I can find the abstract, the gesture or the feeling within the scene, or I can invent," he said.

Mallory, who paints using oils, acrylics and watercolors, divides his time

between Ann Arbor and northern Michigan, and enjoys painting both on-site — "plein air" — and in his Scio Township studio on Jackson Road.

His exhibit at the Gallery was the result of pure serendipity. He met Victoria Schon, owner of Daisy Lake Art Gallery, a few years ago when she sought out his expertise and asked him to letter her windows and build an A-frame for her.

"I directed her to my website where she saw my paintings, and after some conversation and viewing she asked me to do a show at her gallery," Mallory said.

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SECTION B SPORTS

The Chelsea Standard

December 25, 2008

Basketball Beach drops game to Bedford

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Gold boys' basketball team lost to Temperance Bedford 22-17 Dec. 10.

"We came out and played extremely hard," said Chelsea coach Brian Sayers. "We played a very good team and hung with them the whole game. Our guards handled their full court pressure very well and we were able to get the ball down the court and execute our plays. We still need to work on rebounding, but I was pleased with our effort and intensity."

Craig Centofanti, Zach Rabbitt and Caleb Johnson led the Bulldogs offensive.

Zach Jones played well on defense for Beach.

On Dec. 8, Chelsea lost to Tecumseh 21-10.

"We came out and played very lackadaisical," Sayers said. "Tecumseh played hard on defense and held us to only one shot on offense."

Centofanti and Rabbitt paced the squad offensively.

On Dec. 15, Beach lost to Saline Blue 28-15.

"I thought we had good practices leading up to the game," Sayers said. "I really wanted to come out and play well against Saline. We didn't stop their guards from executing and they made some big shots. I was pleased with our effort and how we improved over the last week."

Rabbitt led Chelsea with 13 points.

On Dec. 17, the Bulldogs defeated Adrian Blue 16-15 in their season finale.

"We played hard and were able to make enough shots to pull out the win," Sayers said. "It was an exciting way to end the season. I am happy the kids had a good time."

Beach was 9-of-16 from the free throw line.

Rabbitt finished with 11 points to lead Chelsea (4-8).

Chelsea's Beach Middle School eighth-grade Blue boys' basketball team defeated Adrian 26-20 Dec. 15.

Michael Steinhauer led the Bulldogs with 10 points.

"We had a poor effort last time against this team and our guys saw this game as a challenge and certainly stepped up," said Chelsea coach Jason Morris. "I was so pleased with our defensive effort today, as well as our patience on offense. The guys worked hard for this one."

On Dec. 10, Chelsea lost to Temperance Bedford 30-24.

Logan Brown paced Beach with 16 points.

"We played a great team down to the wire," Morris said. "They have a pretty talented center and I thought Michael (Steinhauer) and Christian (Vosters) did a great job trying to defend him. We also did a great job from the free throw line."

On Dec. 17, Chelsea lost to Saline 20-15 in its season finale.

Luke Hollandsworth and Steinhauer led the Bulldogs with seven points apiece.

"I was real proud of how we played our last five

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Chelsea senior Ethan Johnson had three assists in the Bulldogs' 5-4 victory over Ypsilanti Lincoln/Milan Dec. 17.

Hockey

Dawgs ice Lincoln/Milan

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea hockey snapped a two-game losing streak defeating Ypsilanti Lincoln/Milan co-op team 5-4 Dec. 17.

Lincoln/Milan opened the scoring with a power play goal by Drew Harper at 6:24 of the first period.

At 9:36 of the first period, junior Drew Brown tied the game at 1-1 for the Bulldogs (5-3-1) with a goal off an assist from seniors Ethan Johnson and Randy Cox.

To begin the second period, Brown scored at the 6:38 mark for a 2-1 Chelsea advantage. Johnson and Cox recorded an assist on the play for the Bulldogs.

Less than a minute later, Lincoln/Milan responded as Corey Pfeiffer scored tying the contest at 2-2.

With 17 seconds left in the second period, Brown scored a power play goal giving Chelsea a 3-2 lead. Brown's third goal of the night gave him a hat trick. Cox picked up his third assist of the contest on the score.

At 3:44 of the third period, Brown notched goal No. 4 off an assist from Cox and Johnson for a 4-2 Bulldog lead.

Drew Harper answered for Lincoln/Milan with a goal at 5:40 of the third period cutting Chelsea's margin to 4-3.

Senior Brian Manitz scored the game-winning goal at 10:26 for the Bulldogs. Sophomore Dylan Laidlaw recorded an assist for Chelsea.

At 13:50 of the third period, Niko Kreider scored for Lincoln/Milan for the night's ending tally.

The Bulldogs out-shot Lincoln/Milan 36-19 for the game.

Earning the win in net for Chelsea was junior goaltender Matt Darr.

Chelsea coach Don



Bulldog junior Trevor Mattson helped limit Lincoln/Milan to 19 shots on goal, including 10 shots in the final two periods, during last week's win.

Wright said it took a period or so for his squad to take control of the game.

"The first period was somewhat even," he said. "It was back and forth. Matt Darr did a good job for us. By the second and third periods, we controlled most of the game."

Defensively, the Bulldogs clamped down along the blue line, slowing down Lincoln/Milan significantly in the later periods.

"They had a total of 10 shots over the last two peri-

Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong

Swimming and diving

Chelsea places second at meet

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's boys' swimming and diving team finished second at the Southeast Michigan Independent Swim League meet Dec. 12 through 13.

The Bulldogs ended up with 203 points.

Winning the meet was Tecumseh with 221 points. Adrian was third with 192 points, while Milan was fourth with 132 points. Ypsilanti fifth with 92 points and Temperance Bedford sixth with 63 points.

In the 200 medley relay, the Chelsea foursome of Todd Kruse, Nick Dyerly, Viran Rana and Evan Phillips bested the field finishing first in 1:51.45. Robby Everard, Chris McQuarrie, Jonathon Skidmore and Jordan Veenstra placed sixth in 2:03.83 and Ross Agir, Blayde Ray, Phillip Arbogast-Wilson and Casey Hirth touched eighth in 2:14.00 for the Bulldogs.

Ryan Wrathall, Andrew Wickens, Dyerly and Phillips finished second in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:37.06. Nick Hewitt, Hirth, Ray and Arbogast-Wilson placed fourth in 1:51.15 for Chelsea.

In the 300 medley relay, Dominic Conybeare, Wickens and Rana finished second in 3:17.17 for the Bulldogs.

Matt Bach, Ryan Wrathall, Phillips and Rana placed second in the 500 freestyle relay in 4:46.37. Jacob Bogarin, Veenstra, Hewitt and Argir ended up fifth in 5:25.95 for Chelsea.

In the 300 backstroke relay, Skidmore, Kruse, Conybeare and Everard touched first in 3:06.48, while Colby Wrathall, Argir, Arbogast-Wilson and Ray finished fifth in 3:47.20.

Bach, Wickens, Rana and Skidmore finished second in the 300 butterfly relay in 3:08.17 for the Bulldogs.

In the 700 freestyle relay, Ryan Wrathall, Kruse, Bach and Veenstra placed third in 7:35.82, while Hewitt, Arbogast-Wilson, Ray and Everard finished seventh in 8:17.42.

In the 300 breaststroke relay, Bogarin, Skidmore, Dyerly and Veenstra ended up third in 3:39.20, while McQuarrie, Hewitt, Hirth and Argir placed sixth in 4:09.54.

Ryan Wrathall, Conybeare and Kruse finished second in the 600 freestyle relay in 6:12.14 for the Bulldogs.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Bach, Conybeare, Wickens and Phillips finished second in 1:52.96 for Chelsea.

On Dec. 9, the host Bulldogs defeated Ann Arbor Skyline 138-39.

Kruse, Rana, Skidmore and Phillips placed first in

1:53.75 in the 200 medley relay, while Everard, Wickens, Ray and Argir ended up second in 2:07.25.

Ryan Wrathall was first in the 200 freestyle in 2:07.66, while Arbogast-Wilson was second in 2:21.07 and Veenstra third in 2:22.96.

Skidmore touched second in the 200 individual medley in 2:28.19, while Wickens was third in 2:34.08.

Phillips was first in the 50 freestyle in 23.57, while Dyerly was second in 24.07 and Bach third in 24.41.

Chelsea's Michael Heydlauff finished first in the one-meter diving event with 228.25 points, while Colby Wrathall was second with 170.45 points.

Wickens touched first in the 100 butterfly in 1:05.19, while Rana was second in 1:05.65 and Bogarin third in 1:22.26.

Phillips was first in the 100 freestyle in 54.51, Bach second in 55.05 and Kruse third in 55.83 for the Bulldogs.

Ryan Wrathall was first in the 500 freestyle in 5:57.27, while Arbogast-Wilson was second in 6:31.16 and Everard third in 6:47.47.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Dyerly, Bach, Phillips and Veenstra finished first in 1:42.27, while Ryan Wrathall, Ray, Hewitt and Argir placed second in 1:49.82.

Kruse finished first in the 100 backstroke in 1:01.49, while Everard was second in 1:19.15.

Skidmore was first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:14.02, while McQuarrie was second in 1:25.63 for the Bulldogs.

In the 400 freestyle relay, Ryan Wrathall, Kruse, Rana and Dyerly placed first in 3:57.94, while Wickens, Veenstra, Bach and Skidmore ended up second in 4:03.80 and Argir, Ray, Arbogast-Wilson and Everard stopped the clock in 4:26.47 for Chelsea.

The Bulldogs now take some time off for the holiday break. Chelsea, as usual, has a difficult schedule ahead of it. The Bulldogs compete in the Southeastern Conference, which is arguably the best swim league in the state. With state powerhouses such as Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron, Saline and Dexter in the conference, Chelsea has a difficult stretch of meets.

The Bulldogs next host Tecumseh Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

On Jan. 10, Chelsea travels to Holland Christian to participate in its invitational at noon.

On Jan. 15, the Bulldogs host Ann Arbor Pioneer at 6:30 p.m.

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Basketball

Cagers fall to Saline

By Don Richter
Sports Editor

Chelsea's freshman girls' basketball team lost to Saline 41-27 Dec. 16.

"This was our best offensive game scoring 27 points and scoring in all four quarters," said Chelsea coach Brian Boos. "The girls came up short even with a fourth quarter press and scoring run. Our scoring was very balanced."

Leading the Bulldogs (0-4) was Katelyn Kingsley with 10 points.

Nicole Brown added eight points, while Megan Fenner had four points for Chelsea.

Sarah Bucholz finished with three points, while Tessa Elwart and Amber Plemens each netted one point for the Bulldogs.

On Dec. 12, Chelsea lost to county rival Dexter 38-15.

Kingsley and Plemens each scored six points to pace the Bulldogs.

Tess Schuessler had two points, while Allie Smith had one point for Chelsea.

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Fall League
 Cribley 11-3-1
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Results -
 Treehouse 9, Dex. Pub 3
 Cribley 10, Gilbert 5
 Da Bears 14, Hungry How. 4

Golden Masters
 Top Gun 8-4-1
 Victory Lane 6-2-5
 Variety Die 7-4-2
 Tidy Tom 6-4-3
 ABC Detail 7-6
 Dapco 6-6-1
 Home Tech 3-9-1
 Cliff Keen 2-10-1

Results -
 Victory Lane 2, Tidy Tom 2
 Top Gun 6, Variety Die 2
 ABC Detail 6, Home Tech 3
 Dapco 3, Cliff Keen 2

Masters
 Surovell Financial 9-2-4

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Victory Lane 4-9-2
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Williams Party Store 3-10-2

Results -
 Tidy 5, Victory Lane 3
 Cliff Keen 4, Korzon 3
 Common Grill 4, Surovell 2
 L.F. Marr 4, Williams 2
 Elastizell 5, Morehouse 0

BEACH

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games," Morris said. "This team certainly improved from where we were at the beginning of the year, especially defensively. It was a privilege to coach them and I look forward to seeing them playing at the high school level next year."

Chelsea's Beach Middle School seventh-grade Gold boys' basketball team lost to Temperance Bedford 16-15 Dec. 10.

"We were off all night by a fraction," said Chelsea coach Corey Knight. "We were a step behind on defense or a half-second late to get the loose ball."

The Bulldogs battled back from a nine-point fourth quarter deficit to make it close at the end.

Wrestle

Bulldogs first at invite

By Don Richter
 Sports Editor

Chelsea wrestling finished first at the five-team Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central Invitational Dec. 13.

The host Falcons placed second, while Riverview Gabriel Richard was third.

At 103 pounds, the Bulldogs' Vince Krause ended up unbeaten at 5-0 on the day.

At 112, Steve Buss was 5-0, while Ben Doll was 4-1 at 119 and Glen Cobb 5-0 at 125 for Chelsea.

Bulldog Andrew Nold was 5-0 at 130, while Matt Gillespie was 3-2 at 135 and Dylan Ray Leonard 2-3 at 140 and Brandon French 5-0 at 145 for Chelsea.

At 152, Dakota Cooley finished undefeated at 5-0, while Matt Lindauer was 3-2 at 160 and Kevin Rosentreter 5-0 at 171 for the Bulldogs.

Kyle Coburn was 3-0 and Evan Grau 2-1 at 189 for the Bulldogs, while Ricky Douglas was 5-0 at 215 and Early McGowan 5-0 at heavyweight for Chelsea.

"The kids wrestled well," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "We improved our overall skill and technique."

On Dec. 11, the Bulldogs traveled to Adrian for a tri-meet with Tecumseh.

Chelsea lost to the Maples 41-21 and fell to the Indians 51-21.

The Bulldogs travel to

Holly for its invitat Jan. 10 at 9 a.m. On Jan. 15, Chelsea hosts a tri-meet at 5:30 p.m.

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Chelsea Golfer



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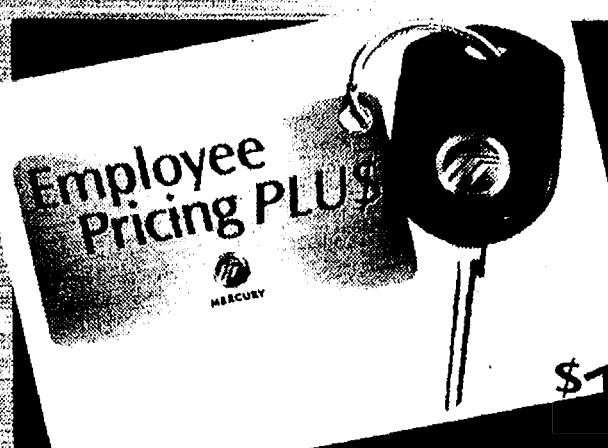


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Hunter celebrates two firsts

Think back to the first time you shot a deer, let alone a buck, with a bow and arrow. With that memory in tow, imagine shooting another buck that same year, hunting with a muzzle-loader for the first time.

Crazy, huh?

This unlikely scenario happened recently to a local hunter. Fortunately, I was lucky enough to be present on both occasions.

For Jason Wickman, Christmas came early this year. Well, Christmas actually came twice for Jason. And these outdoor gifts couldn't have happened to a nicer guy.

I met Jason through a mutual friend and it didn't take long for us to strike up a friendship. Jason is one of the nicest guys I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. You'll never forget Jason once you've met him because he's a pretty happy-go-lucky kind of guy. He's a devoted husband to Amy Mitchell and a great dad to his son Alex (3-years-old) and his daughter Katie (5-years-old).

Jason is a very talented guitarist and singer, who even has a small recording studio in his basement. I've seen Jason play his guitar and sing to his kids and it's a sight to behold. It's hard to tell who's having more fun — the kids listening intently to their dad or Jason singing as though he were howling at the moon. All the while, he's got that trademark grin on his face, which makes the experience even better.

Jason and I had a few conversations earlier this year about the possibility of bow hunting together in the fall. There was just one little problem — Jason never shot a bow, let alone ever bow hunted before. So, we found the time to make a pilgrimage to Schupbach's Sporting Goods in Jackson. Brian Schupbach did what

TAYLOR MADE ADVENTURES



RICK TAYLOR

he does best and helped Jason find the perfect bow before helping him sight the bow in before we left.

I read Jason the riot act about practicing often before bow season began. He took note to my concerns. The two of us shot at the Chelsea Rod and Gun 3D archery range. Jason, also, practiced on his own when he could. With all of his time and effort, his confidence was improving, along with his shooting, due to his hard work and practice.

Jason was ready.

I was able to get permission from a friend of mine to hunt his 20-acre parcel just east of Chelsea. I knew there were a lot of deer in the area. I, also, received permission to bring Jason to the land. I knew the odds were in our favor.

One day it happened where we could get away and spend a few hours in a two seated tree stand. We were set up 20 yards inside the woods overlooking a large cornfield. The corn was still standing, the sun was shining and the wind was barely a whisper, which made for a perfect bow-hunting day. We saw a lot of does leaving the corn for the woodlot behind us. It was great to see deer so early in the afternoon hunt.

Anticipation filled the air. We felt very confident because we were the only

people hunting on this awesome parcel of land.

I was looking straight away when I heard the crack of a stick off to my 2 o'clock position. I jabbed Jason in the ribs with my elbow and pointed in that general direction. Jason got his bow ready and we both caught the movement of a nice 6-point buck. He slowly came in closer and Jason quickly came to full draw as the buck passed in front of us. The buck was only 15 yards away, offering Jason a broadside shot.

Jason pulled the trigger on his release and made an excellent shot, tight behind the shoulder of this gorgeous buck. The buck ran off just a few steps before running into a tree, it spun around, then ran three to four more steps and fell over dead. We were dumbfounded. I bet six seconds didn't go by before that deer was on the ground.

Way to start off your bow-hunting career Jason.

I love muzzleloader hunting because of the challenge. You only get one shot so don't mess it up. Jason and I thought it would be fun to try our luck again by hunting together with the muzzleloader. We went to that "honey hole" in Dexter that I described in a previous article.

Keep in mind that Jason never harvested an animal with the muzzleloader. We had visited the range prior to this hunting trip and sighted in our guns. We were ready.

We didn't even get out to our hunting location until 4:30 p.m., which is ridiculously late to begin with.

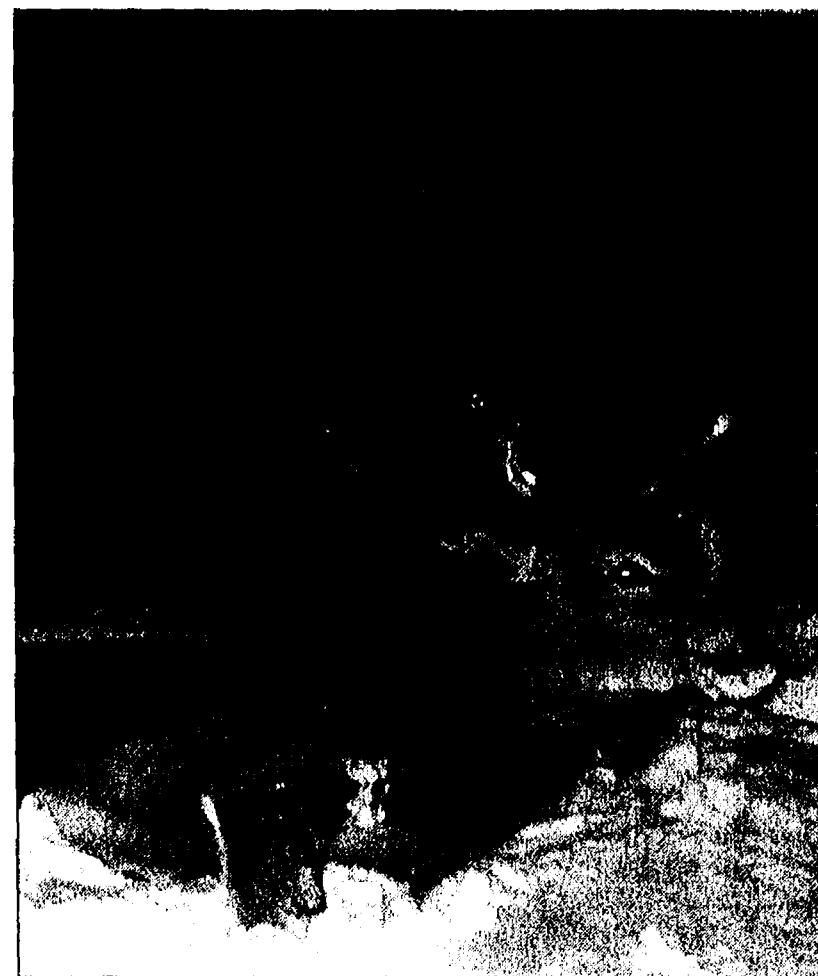
Varying hues of crimson blanketed the sky as the sun hovered over the horizon — it was quite a sight to behold. Shortly thereafter, we caught movement from the other side of the field. And, wouldn't you know it,

it was another buck.

How does the saying go? "I'd rather be lucky than good." We watched that buck slowly make his way toward us. We were afraid to move, the buck and doe that tagged along were so nervous. Finally, the buck turned to our left and stopped just long enough for Jason to make a shot. Other than the deafening crack of the muzzleloader, smoke filled the air and we couldn't see anything for a long time.

We headed down quickly and looked for a sign, but hardly saw anything. Thank goodness for snow. We followed the fresh tracks leading away from our stand and eventually started to find a bit of blood here and there. After tracking this buck for almost 100 yards, we finally found it. Jason put an excellent shot on his second buck of the season.

Congratulations, Jason. I'd like to offer a suggestion to gun hunters who hunt from a tree stand. Consider using "shooting sticks" when your about to make that ever important shot. It's difficult to get a steady rest when you're 20 feet up in the air and the shooting sticks really make a difference. Give it a try sometime — you might be surprised. Either way, just do your best to get out there!



Local hunter Jason Wickman kneels next to a buck he harvested recently.

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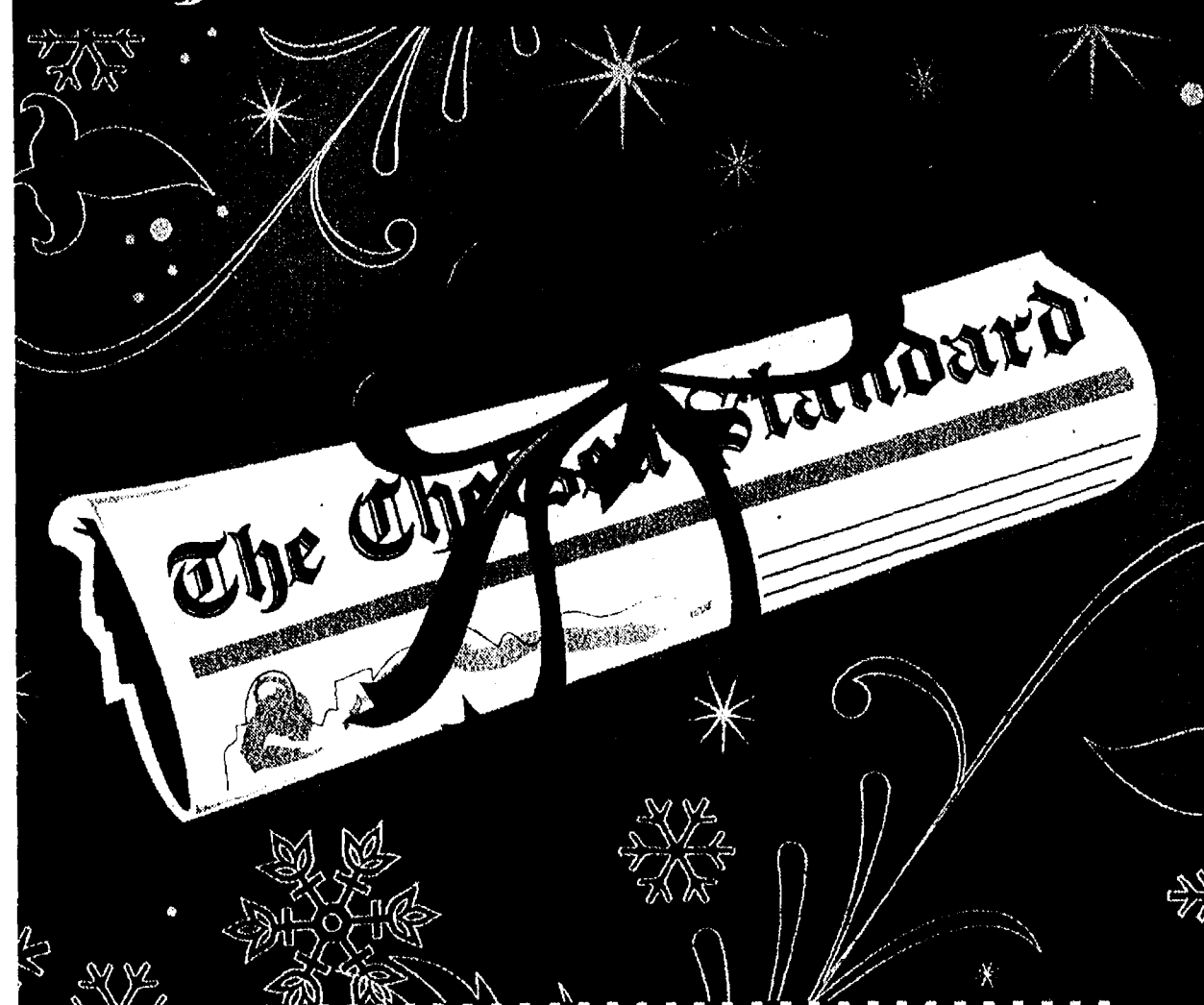
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. **MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Steven A. Thompson Sr and Vickie L. Thompson, Husband and Wife to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated February 19, 2002 and recorded April 23, 2002 in Liber 4118 Page 994 and re-recorded August 21, 2003 in Liber 4301 Page 411. Washtenaw County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the holders of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Capital I, Inc. Trust 2002-HE1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-HE1, by assignment dated July 1, 2003 and recorded July 15, 2003 in Liber 4283, Page 873, and re-recorded by affidavit dated January 16, 2007 and recorded January 26, 2007 in Liber 4604 Page 595, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$80,712.87) including interest 10.75% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Washtenaw County at 10:00AM on January 8, 2009 Said premises are situated in City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan, and are described as: The North 54 feet of the East 140 feet of Lot 39, Morse's Addition, as recorded in Liber 67 of Deeds, Page 382, Washtenaw County Records. Commonly known as 430 Second Avenue, Ypsilanti MI 48197 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: NOVEMBER 25, 2008 U.S. Bank National Association, in its capacity as Trustee for the holders of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Capital I, Inc. Trust 2002-HE1 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-HE1, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-01786 ASAP# 2936995 11/27/2008, 12/04/2008, 12/11/2008, 12/18/2008

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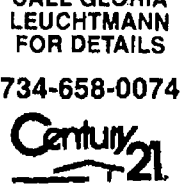
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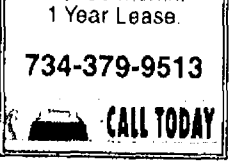
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (ALL COUNTIES) AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTICE (248) 362-6100. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY, MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Michael A. Walton and Linda S. Walton, husband and wife of Washtenaw County, Michigan, Mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 29th day of March, A.D. 2006, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan, on the 6th day of April, A.D. 2006, Liber 4549, Page 832 of Washtenaw Records, which said mortgage was assigned to AmTrust Bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$154,625.68 (one hundred fifty-four thousand six hundred twenty-five and 68/100) plus accrued interest at 6.2% (six point two percent) per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of January, A.D. 2009, at 10:00:00 AM said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, the main lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, Huron Street entrance, Ann Arbor, MI. Washtenaw County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the City of Chelsea, in the County of Washtenaw and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: City of Chelsea, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, Lot 82 and the North 1/2 of Lot 83, THE GRANTWOOD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF CHELSEA, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 40, Washtenaw County Records. Commonly known as: 750 Book Street PPN: 08-07-07-360-010 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 11, 2008 WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO. L.P.A. By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938) Attorney for Plaintiff Wellman, Weinberg & Reis Co. L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48064 WWR# 10017910 ASAP# 2943151 12/11/2008, 12/18/2008, 12/25/2008, 01/01/2009

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News in Brief

Find life under the ice

The Huron River Watershed Council has planned a great outing for Jan. 31. A searcher trained in the ways of the river will lead guests and a few friends to find the elusive Winter Stoneflies. These underwater creatures cannot be found during most of the year; they come to life only during the winter months when most fish are too sluggish to eat them. Your searcher will handle the

stream work, allowing you to stay dry. Register by Jan. 19 to be placed on a team. You will be helping with a long-term study of our environment since aquatic insects, by their sensitivity to environmental conditions, tell us about problems in the river and its streams.

No prior knowledge or training is required and children are welcome if each one is accompanied by an adult. As one of the volunteers said,

"I got involved because it sounded like something I would never get the chance to do in my everyday life. The opportunity to learn something new, so far removed from what I do everyday, was really attractive...and the results would be important to the health and future of our creek."

It will take about five hours and you may choose from two starting times: 10:30 a.m. or noon. You must register by

Jan. 19 in order to be put on a team. The event is free. Contact Joan at jmartin@hrwc.org or (734) 769-5123, ext.11 to register or ask questions.

Pageant applications

The eighth annual Junior Miss Washtenaw Pageant is accepting applications for this year's program, which will be held Jan. 31 at the Washington Street Education Center in

Chelsea.

The pageant is a fundraiser for the Miss Washtenaw County Scholarship Program, a Miss America sanctioned preliminary in which scholarships are awarded to the top contestants.

The Junior Miss Washtenaw Pageant is divided into three age brackets: contestant's ages 5-7 years old compete in the Little Miss division; ages 8-10 compete in the Junior division; ages 11-13 compete in the

Pre-teen division.

This year's contestants will present their poise and appearance in casual and formal wear, and share their personality in personal interviews. Optional competitions include photogenic, fashion modeling, and talent for all age groups.

This year's entries are due Jan. 15. For more information, call 734-417-1396 or see their Web site www.misswashtenawcounty.com.



OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, December 28
12:00-4:00 p.m.

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PRESERVE ✓
PREPARE ✓

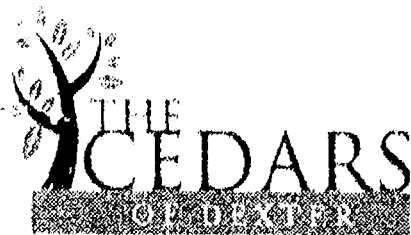
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AccuWeather.com® SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly cloudy	Snow and sleet late	Chance of a little rain	A chance of rain	Partly sunny and breezy	Some sunshine	Clouds and sun	Colder with snow at times
25° to 31°	15° to 21°	37° to 43° 32° to 38°	38° to 44° 22° to 28°	33° to 39° 17° to 23°	33° to 39° 19° to 25°	32° to 38° 10° to 16°	25° to 31° 3° to 9°

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Statistics for the week ending Monday, Dec. 22

Temperatures:

High/low for the week	29°/-1°
Normal high/low	33°/21°
Average temperature	17.6°
Normal average temperature	27.4°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	0.81"
Total for the month	1.94"
Total for the year	28.68"
Normal for the month	2.09"
Normal for the year	34.68"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures ● High ● Low

22	28	25	29	22	25	16
16	20	7	18	19	-1	1

Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat. Sun. Mon.

THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature*

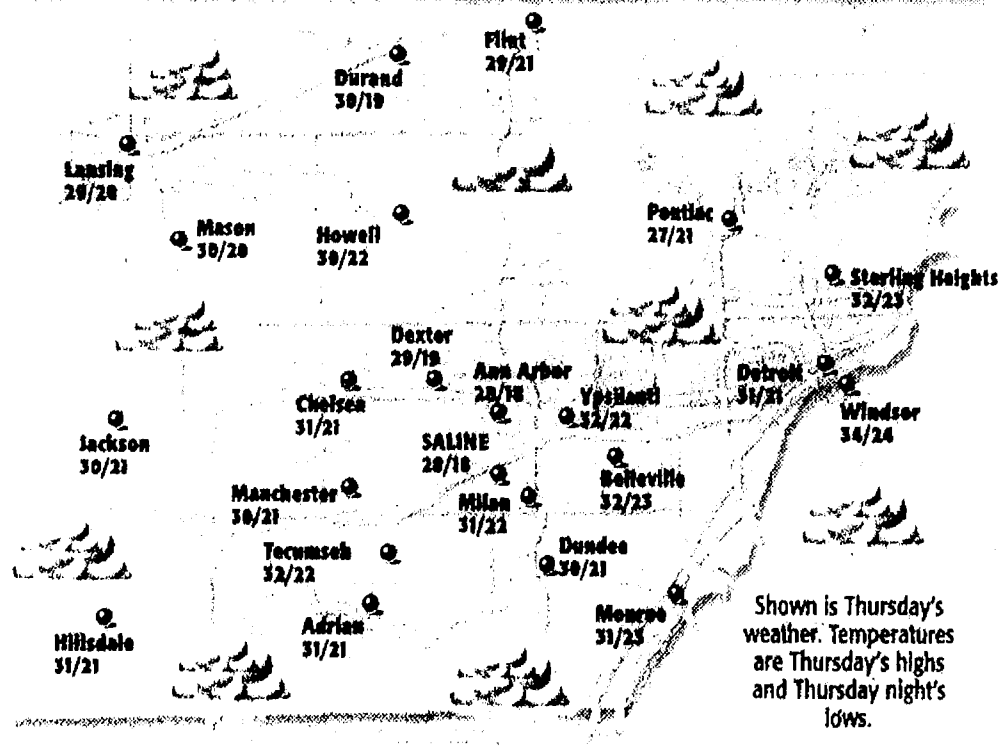
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The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number the greater the need for eye and skin protection: 0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme

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SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Thursday	8:02 a.m.	5:09 p.m.
Friday	8:03 a.m.	5:09 p.m.
Saturday	8:03 a.m.	5:10 p.m.
Sunday	8:03 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Monday	8:03 a.m.	5:11 p.m.
Tuesday	8:04 a.m.	5:12 p.m.
Wednesday	8:04 a.m.	5:13 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	6:46 a.m.	3:26 p.m.
Friday	7:39 a.m.	4:17 p.m.
Saturday	8:25 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Sunday	9:03 a.m.	6:15 p.m.
Monday	9:35 a.m.	7:19 p.m.
Tuesday	10:02 a.m.	8:23 p.m.
Wednesday	10:26 a.m.	9:26 p.m.

RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday

Flood stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek	2.28 ft
Dearborn Heights	
Huron River	16 ft
Ann Arbor	13.01 ft
Malletts Creek	
Ann Arbor	3.35 ft
Mt. Pleasant Creek	
Dexter	12 ft
River Raisin	6.96 ft
Manchester	3.46 ft

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	570.06 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	573.35 ft

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Adrian	31/21/c	39/35/r	39/27/r	Manistee	21/17/sf	39/32/r	36/20/sn
Ann Arbor	28/18/c	40/35/r	41/25/r	Midland	29/18/sf	37/30/r	42/24/sn
Battle Creek	29/22/sf	42/37/r	41/25/r	Muskegon	22/19/sf	36/30/r	37/25/sn
Bay City	28/20/c	35/30/r	37/23/sn	Pontiac	27/21/c	39/33/r	40/26/r
Detroit	31/21/c	39/37/r	45/29/r	Port Huron	32/19/c	40/35/r	43/28/r
Flint	29/21/c	39/34/r	40/25/r	Saginaw	28/20/sf	35/30/r	37/23/sn
Grand Rapids	29/22/sf	37/34/r	38/24/sn	Sault Ste. Marie	21/13/sf	28/25/c	33/20/sn
Kalamazoo	28/24/sf	42/36/r	39/25/r	Sturgis	30/24/sf	44/37/r	42/26/r
Lansing	29/20/c	39/34/r	39/24/r	Traverse City	27/18/sf	36/33/j	41/21/sn
Livonia	34/23/c	39/34/r	47/28/r	Warren	30/23/c	39/35/r	43/29/r

WORLD CITIES

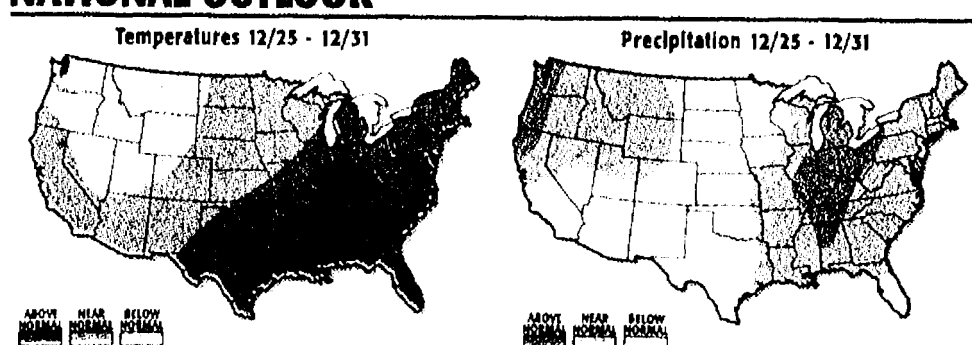
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Athens	46/40/s	50/43/sh	50/45/r	Montreal	34/7/c	21/16/c	37/28/r
Berlin	32/23/s	29/23/pc	30/21/s	Moscow	23/16/sf	21/12/pc	23/14/c
Buenos Aires	86/61/pc	82/63/s	86/64/pc	Paris	43/32/pc	36/28/pc	37/28/s
Cairo	60/45/c	61/48/s	63/46/pc	Rio de Janeiro	44/74/r	82/72/r	81/73/r
Calgary	11/-4/c	6/0/s	14/13/c	Rome	48/39/r	46/41/r	46/43/r
Hong Kong	72/63/s	70/63/pc	66/64/r	Seoul	23/6/s	27/15/s	36/27/pc
Jerusalem	52/42/r	53/39/pc	58/43/c	Singapore	62/75/r	85/77/sh	86/76/r
Johannesburg	74/55/t	73/57/sh	78/56/t	Sydney	77/59/s	81/63/s	81/70/pc
London	48/36/pc	43/34/pc	41/32/pc	Tokyo	58/59/s	43/36/s	46/34/s
Mexico City	75/37/s	76/36/s	76/38/s	Warsaw	32/25/sf	30/23/sn	27/21/c

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Atlanta	59/50/c	61/52/c	65/46/c	Miami	82/68/s	81/68/pc	79/69/s
Boston	47/25/pc	35/27/pc	44/40/r	Minneapolis	19/17/j	35/13/sn	14/11/sn
Chicago	30/29/c	44/32/r	37/22/sn	New Orleans	71/62/pc	76/60/c	70/52/c
Cincinnati	42/31/pc	56/44/sh	55/31/r	New York City	47/33/pc	43/38/pc	51/43/r
Cleveland	36/25/c	43/38/r	54/34/r	Orlando	79/60/s	80/58/pc	79/59/s
Dallas	64/60/c	73/46/pc	54/32/pc	Philadelphia	46/33/pc	44/40/pc	55/44/r
Denver	42/20/pc	31/8/sn	27/13/pc	Phoenix	64/46/r	67/38/r	58/38/pc
Honolulu	81/70/pc	81/68/s	81/67/pc	Pittsburgh	40/30/c	46/42/r	59/42/r
Houston	71/64/c	75/63/t	68/43/sh	St. Louis	43/43/r	61/38/sh	43/30/r
Kansas City	40/35/f	53/28/r	35/25/sn	San Francisco	53/41/sh	53/42/pc	54/45/sh
Las Vegas	54/35/r	49/28/pc	49/31/pc	Seattle	37/27/c	39/35/r	43/39/r
Los Angeles	58/46/sh	60/44/pc	62/46/pc	Wash., DC	51/30/pc	43/37/pc	62/45/r

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, b-ice.

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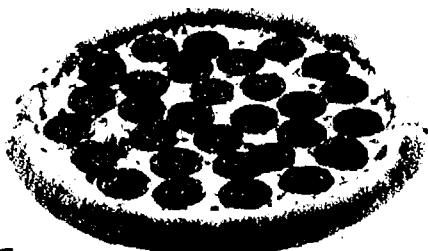


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Medium Round

Mozzarella Cheese & 1 Topping
8 Slices



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\$7.99 \$9.99 \$12.99 \$16.99



Pick Your Pac

1 Pizza with 2 Toppings, an Order of Jet's™ Bread with Pizza Sauce, and an Antipasto, Garden, or Greek Salad
Baby Pac: 1 pizza, 1 bread, 1 salad
Jet Pac: 1 pizza, 1 bread, 1 salad, 1 drink

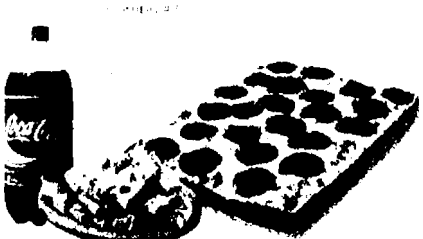


\$15.99 \$22.99



Choose Your Combo

Your Choice of a 1 Topping Pizza, Order of Jet's Bread with Sauce, and a 2 Liter of Coke



\$12.49 \$13.99 \$15.99



Triple Cheese Turbo Stix

Mozzarella, Cheddar, Romano Cheese and Topped with Garlic Butter. Includes Pizza Sauce.



\$4.99



8 Corner Pizza

Mozzarella Cheese & 1 Topping
Additional Toppings Only \$1.99



\$10.99



Choose Your Wings

10pc Boneless or 1lb Jet's Wings



\$6.99



HEAT THINGS UP WITH OUR NEW SPICY PEPPERONI.

* Crusts Available in Deep Dish, Hand Tossed Round or Crispy Crust. Crispy Crust Available in Small and Large Only. * Spicy Pepperoni Available for an Additional Charge.

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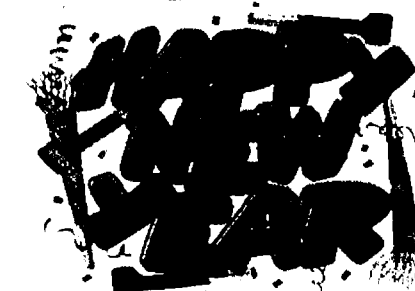
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So Many Flavors. So Little Time. Try Our TASTY CRUST.
Butter, Garlic, Romano, Poppy Seed, Sesame Seed, and Cajun.

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Special Sunday New Years Ad
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PACKAGED LIQUOR

DOUBLE COUPONS TO 50¢

OPEN 6 AM TO MIDNIGHT
7 DAYS A WEEK

Sale prices effective Sunday December 28 thru Tuesday January 6, 2009

USDA Choice Premium Beef
**BONELESS
RUMP ROAST**

19.99
LB.

USDA Choice Premium Beef
**BONELESS
NEW YORK STRIP
STEAKS**

5.99
LB.

**BANQUET
MEALS**
Selected Varieties
6.75 - 12 oz.

SAVE \$2.00 on 3

**MAINE
LOBSTER TAIL**
4 oz.
\$5.99

HOLIDAY HOURS
New Years Eve
6:00 am - 7:00 pm
New Years Day
8:00 am - 12:00 am

SAVE
UP TO
\$1.21 lb.

Sweet & Juicy
**RED & GREEN
SEEDLESS GRAPES**

1.99
LB.

Fuji, Gala, Braeburn
or Granny Smith
APPLES

98¢
LB.

**SUPER
BONUS
BUY!!**

Banquet
**SUPER
BONUS
BUY!!**

**PEPSI-COLA
PRODUCTS**
Selected Varieties
8 PK (16.9 oz. BOTTLES)
(plus deposit)

SAVE \$4.50 on 3

7-UP
**SUPER
BONUS
BUY!!**

7-UP
**SUPER
BONUS
BUY!!**

**7-UP
PRODUCTS**
Selected Varieties
12 PK (12 oz. CANS)
(plus deposit)

SAVE \$5.25 on 3

KRAFT
**SUPER
BONUS
BUY!!**

KRAFT
**SUPER
BONUS
BUY!!**

**KRAFT
AMERICAN
SINGLES**
12 oz.
P.P. 2.99

SAVE \$2.50 on 2

DON'T MISS OUR WEEKLY AD ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.COUNTRY-MARKETS.COM

Suggestions? Comments, Looking for a Specific Item? Send your requests or comments to: marykennedy@country-markets.com

**DOUBLE
COUPONS**

You can get DOUBLE COUPON SAVINGS this week at Polly's Country Market. Bring in your manufacturers' "50¢ OFF" or less coupons and get double the savings (Not to include retailer, cigarette/tobacco products, Polly's Country Market Coupons, free or coupons exceeding the item value). You must purchase the products in sizes and quantities specified. Limit one coupon for any particular item. Additional coupons for identical items will be redeemed at face value.

We reserve the right to limit quantities. Some items not exactly as pictured. Not responsible for typographical errors.

GET READY...GET SET...CELEBRATE!

NATURE VALLEY GRANOLA BARS
5.3 - 9.5 oz.
Selected Varieties

Low Fat Chewy
New Year Stock Up Item!

150¢
SAVE \$2.00 on 4

KELLOGG'S SPECIAL K CEREAL
Chocolate 13.4 oz., Blueberry 11.4 oz., Vanilla Almond 14 oz., Fruit & Yogurt 12.8 oz., Cinnamon Pecan 12.5 oz., Low Carb 13.5 oz., Original 12 oz., Berry 12.8 oz.

Special K
New Year Stock Up Item!

150¢
SAVE \$6.60 on 4

GENERAL MILLS CHEERIOS
Original 14 oz., Total 10.6 oz., Honey Nut Cheerios 12.25 oz., Fiber One Honey Clusters 14.25 oz.

Cheerios
New Year Stock Up Item!

150¢
SAVE \$12.25 on 5

KELLOGG'S POP TARTS
8 ct.
Selected Varieties

Pop-Tarts
New Year Stock Up Item!

150¢
SAVE \$1.40 on 4

COFFEE-MATE CREAMER
35.3 oz. Valu Size

Coffee-Mate
New Year Stock Up Item!

150¢
SAVE \$3.00 on 2

SWISS MISS COCOA
10 ct.
Selected Varieties

SWISS MISS
Buy More Save More!

150¢
SAVE \$4.60 on 4

JUICY JUICE
64 oz.
Selected Varieties

Juicy Juice
New Year Stock Up Item!

150¢
SAVE \$3.80 on 4

HUNT'S SNACK PACKS
4 Pk.
Selected Varieties

Snack pack
New Year Stock Up Item!

150¢
SAVE \$2.50 on 5

BETTY CROCKER FRUIT SNACKS
4.5 - 9 oz.
Selected Varieties

more fun!
Buy More Save More!

150¢
SAVE \$3.00 on 4

GENERAL MILLS PIZZA CRUST MIX
6.5 oz.

Pizza Crust MIX
Buy More Save More!

150¢
SAVE \$3.24 on 6

HERSHEY'S BAKING CHIPS & SYRUP
8 - 24 oz.
Selected Varieties

HERSHEY'S
Buy More Save More!

150¢
SAVE \$1.00 on 2

CHEF BOYARDEE CANNED PASTA
15 oz.
Selected Varieties

BOYARDEE
Buy More Save More!

150¢
SAVE \$1.25 on 5

BRING THE NEW YEAR IN WITH TACO BELL!

TACO BELL SALSA
16 oz.
Mild or Medium

TACO BELL

125¢
SAVE \$1.70 on 2

TACO BELL SEASONING MIX
1.25 - 1.40 oz.
Taco or Chicken Fajita

TACO BELL

25¢
SAVE 50¢ on 2

TACO BELL TACO SHELLS
10 - 12 ct.
Selected Varieties

TACO BELL

150¢
SAVE \$4.25 on 5

TACO BELL REFRIED BEANS
16 oz.
Regular or Fat Free

TACO BELL

150¢
SAVE \$1.50 on 5

TACO BELL SALSA CON QUESO
13 oz.
Selected Varieties

TACO BELL

25¢
SAVE \$1.50 on 2

TACO BELL DINNER KITS
14.25 - 14.9 oz.
Hard/Soft Taco or Double Decker

TACO BELL

150¢
SAVE \$1.50 on 2

HATS OFF TO NEW YEARS SAVINGS!

**DEL MONTE
CANNED
VEGETABLES**
14.5 - 15.25 oz.
Limited Varieties



SAVE \$3.25 on 5

**KRAFT
MIRACLE WHIP**
32 oz.
Regular or Light



SAVE \$3.90 on 2

Baked in Michigan!
**HOLSUM
KING SIZE
WHITE BREAD**
24 oz.



SAVE \$6.00 on 4

**BROOKS
CHILI BEANS**
14.5 - 15.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.50 on 5

**HUNT'S
SPAGHETTI
SAUCE**
26 - 26.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.75 on 5

**WONDER
BEEFSTEAK
BREADS**
16 oz.
Selected Varieties



NEW YEAR FAVORITE!

**LIBERTY GOLD
MANDARIN ORANGES
& MUSHROOMS**
4 - 11 oz.
Selected Varieties



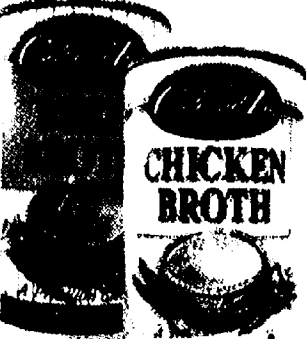
SAVE UP TO \$2.00 on 4

**LIBERTY GOLD
PINEAPPLE &
CANNED FRUIT**
14.5 - 20 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE UP TO \$2.00 on 4

**COLONIAL INN,
BROTH**
13.75 oz.
Beef or Chicken



TOTAL BOTTOM LINE SAVINGS!

**RICE A RONI &
PASTA RONI
SIDE DISHES**
3.8 - 6.8 oz.
Selected Varieties



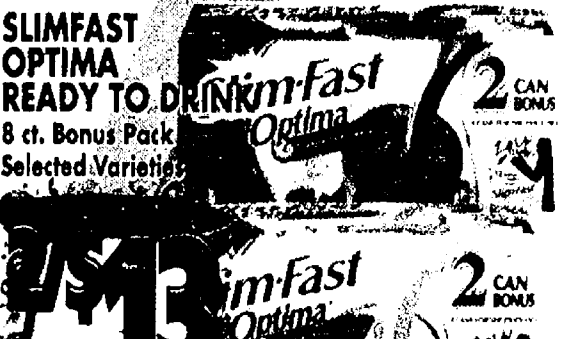
SAVE \$1.00 on 4

**VLASIC
SAUERKRAUT**
32 oz.
Old Fashioned
or Polish



SAVE 70¢ on 2

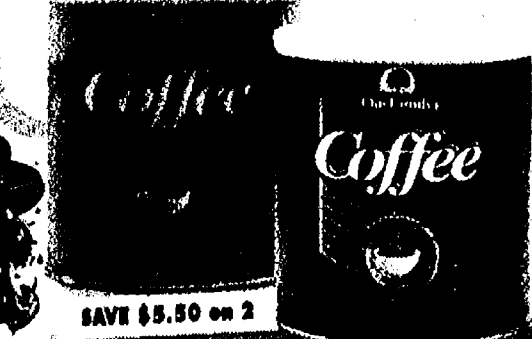
**SLIMFAST
OPTIMA
READY TO DRINK**
8 ct. Bonus Pack
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$3.38 on 2

OUR FAMILY BRAND SALE!

**OUR FAMILY
COFFEE**
26 - 34.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$5.50 on 2

**OUR FAMILY
FROSTED FLAKES
OR FRUIT RINGS
CEREAL**
15 - 17.6 oz.



SAVE 70¢ on 4

**OUR FAMILY
SALAD DRESSING**
16 oz.
Selected Varieties



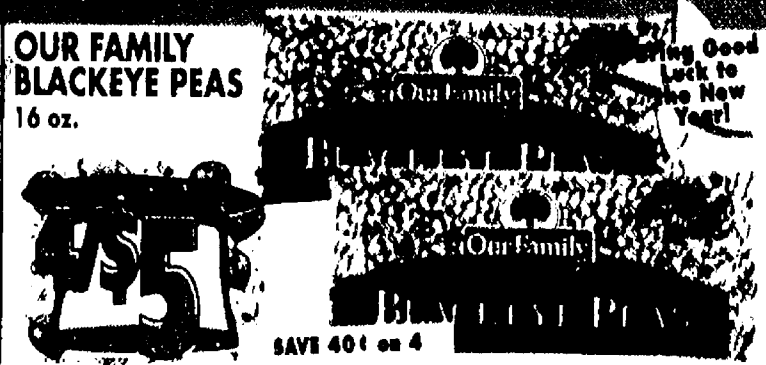
SAVE \$1.00 on 2

**OUR FAMILY
TOMATO JUICE**
46 oz.



SAVE 70¢ on 2

**OUR FAMILY
BLACK EYE PEAS**
16 oz.



SAVE 40¢ on 4

**OUR FAMILY
SUGAR**
5 lb.



SAVE \$1.20 on 2

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH HUGE SAVINGS!

OUR FAMILY
SEAFOOD
SENSATIONS
1/2 MOON
COOKED
SHRIMP RINGS

\$8.99
EA.

HARVEST OF
THE SEA
EZ-PEEL RAW SHRIMP
31 - 40 ct. • 1 lb. Bag

\$4.99
EA.

ARMOUR
MEATBALLS
1 lb. Bag
Homestyle or Italian

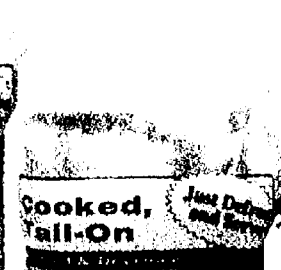
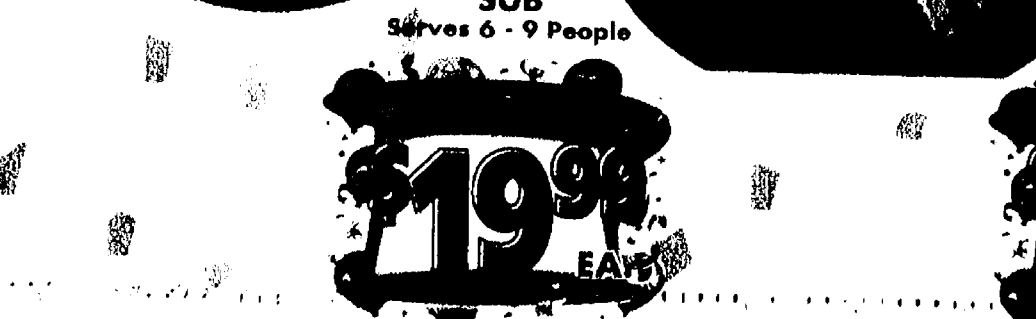
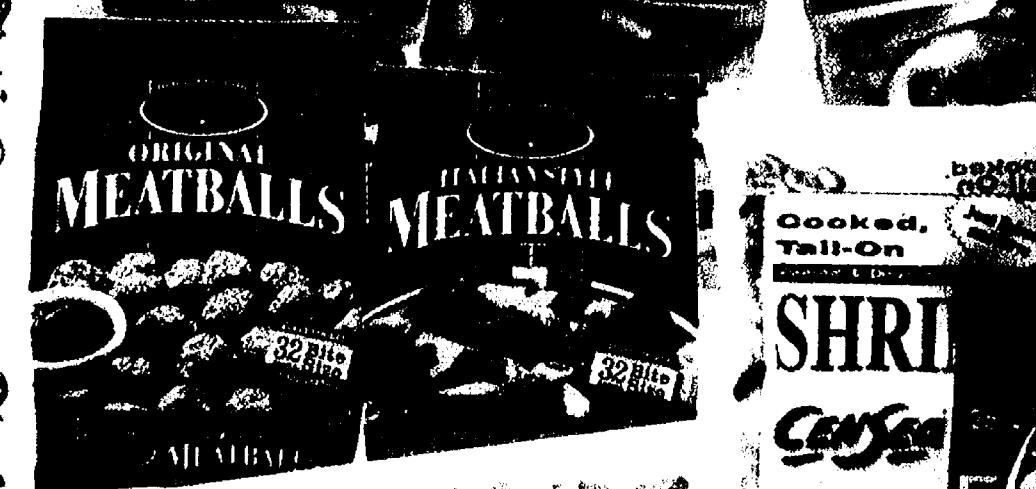
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EA.

CHUNG'S
EGG ROLLS
20 oz. Pkg.
Chicken or Vegetable

\$4.99
EA.

VERY
VEGETABLE
DELIGHT
Medium

\$24.99
EA.



CENSEA
COOKED
SHRIMP
31 - 40 ct. • 2 lb. Bag

\$9.99
EA.

HARVEST OF THE SEA
COOKED SHRIMP
41 - 50 ct. • 2 lb. Bag

\$10.99
EA.

CENSEA
COOKED
SHRIMP
31 - 40 ct. • 2 lb. Bag

\$11.99
EA.

PARTY TIME
PLATTER
Medium • Serves 14 - 21

\$39.99
EA.

SPINACH DIP
TRAY
Small Only
Serves 7 - 13 People

\$15.99
EA.

DAIRY & FROZEN SAVINGS!

**MINUTE MAID
PREMIUM
ORANGE JUICE**
59 - 64 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.77 on 3

**DANNON
YOGURT**
6 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.75 on 5

**SHEDD'S
COUNTRY CROCK**
12 - 45 oz. Value Size
Selected Varieties



New Year
Stock Up
Item!

SAVE \$1.80 on 2

**LEAN CUISINE
ENTREES**
6 - 11.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE UP TO \$6.40 on 4

**HOT, LEAN OR
CROISSANT
POCKETS**
7.5 - 10 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.00 on 4

**BANQUET
BONELESS
CHICKEN**
28 - 32.4 oz. Value Size
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.50 on 2

**LIFE SAVERS
SHERBET**
56 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.50 on 2

**CRYSTAL
SPRINGS
MUFFINS**
12 oz.



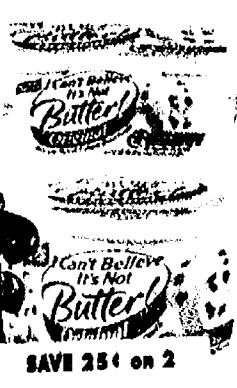
SAVE \$1.00 on 4

**COFFEE MATE
CREAMER**
32 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.30 on 2

**I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT'S
NOT BUTTER**
8 - 16 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.54 on 2

**PILLSBURY
TOASTER
STRUDEL**
10 - 11.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



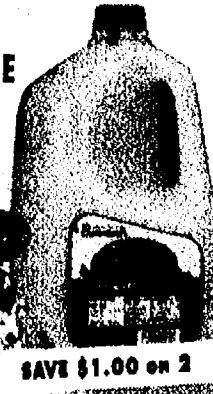
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**ORE-IDA
STEAM 'N MASH
POTATOES**
24 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.00 on 2

**BAREMAN'S
ORANGE JUICE**
1 Gallon



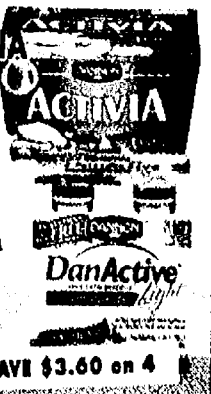
SAVE \$1.00 on 2

**DAISY
COTTAGE
CHEESE**
24 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.90 on 2

**DANNON ACTIVA
& DANACTIVE**
4 Pk.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$3.60 on 4

**COLE'S
GARLIC
BREAD**
10.5 - 16 oz.
Selected Varieties



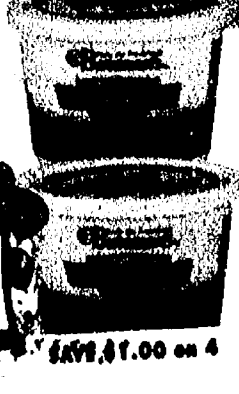
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**TOTINO'S
PIZZA ROLLS**
40 ct. Value Size
17 - 19.8 oz.
Selected Varieties



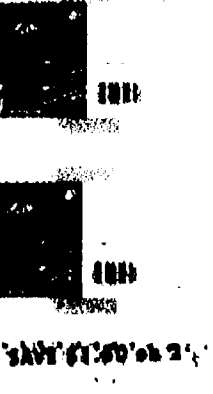
SAVE \$1.50 on 2

**BAREMAN'S
SOUR CREAM
& CHIP DIP**
16 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.00 on 4

**CRYSTAL
FARMS
CHEESE CHUNKS**
16 oz.
Selected Varieties



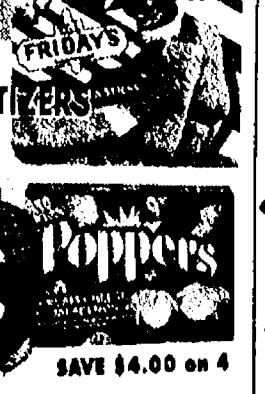
SAVE \$1.60 on 2

**DIGIORNO
PREMIUM
FROZEN PIZZA**
18 - 34.2 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$4.00 on 2

**TOGO FRIDAYS
& POPPERS
SNACK APPETIZERS**
7.6 - 14 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$4.00 on 4

**EDY'S GRAND
PREMIUM
ICE CREAM**
48 OZ.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.20 on 2

We Carry Only USDA Choice Beef,
The Best in Town. Don't Be Fooled By
Select Beef or Lower #1 Grades.

USDA Choice Meats at Low, Low Prices!

We Carry Hormel
All Natural Pork &
Amish All Natural Chicken

USDA Choice Premium Beef
**BONELESS
ROUND STEAK**

\$2.19
LB.

USDA Choice Premium Beef
**FILET
MIGNON**

\$13.99
LB.

Hormel Natural Choice
**BULK PORK
BREAKFAST
SAUSAGE**

\$1.69
LB.

Hormel Natural Choice
**WESTERN
STYLE
PORK RIBS**

\$1.49
LB.

OUR FAMILY
**WHOLE
BONELESS
HAM**

\$1.99
LB.

BEA'S BEST
**CORNEB BEEF
BRISKET FLATS**

\$2.99
LB.

Fresh Wild Caught
From Guatemala
**MAHI MAHI
FILLETS**

\$1.79
LB.

**CREAMED
HERRING**

\$1.39
LB.

USDA Choice Premium Beef
**BEEF
TENDERLOIN
ROAST**

\$12.99
LB.

Hormel Natural Choice
**PORK
STEAK**

\$1.19
LB.

Hormel Natural Choice
**BOSTON
BUTT
PORK ROAST**

\$1.39
LB.

Ground Fresh
Several Times Daily
**GROUND BEEF
FROM ROUND**

\$2.25
LB.

Hormel Natural Choice
**PORK
BACK RIBS**

\$1.35
LB.

Hormel Natural Choice
**PORK
TENDERLOINS**

\$3.99
LB.

Fresh Wild Caught
From Canada
**BONELESS
SKINLESS
COD FILLETS**

\$1.74
LB.

Fresh Wild Caught
From Chili
**BONELESS
ATLANTIC
SALMON
FILLETS**

\$1.59
LB.

SARA LEE
**CHICKEN
BREASTS**

\$1.69
LB.

Deli

WHOLE
ROTISSERIE
CHICKEN

\$7.99
LB.

BOARS HEAD
PESTO PARM
HAM

\$1.79
LB.

Boars Head available at Chelsea, Dexter,
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BOARS HEAD
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\$1.69
LB.

HOT PEPPER
CHEESE

\$1.49
LB.

DELLAIO
CLAMATO
OLIVES

\$1.49
LB.

DELLAIO
X-SHARP
CHEDDAR

\$1.49
LB.

DELLAIO
MUNSTER
CHEESE

\$1.49
LB.

BOARS HEAD
HART OR GENOA
SALAMI

\$1.79
LB.

LEON'S
HAWAIIAN
SALAD

\$1.49
LB.

ANDRIDGE
RED SKIN
POTATO SALAD

\$1.29
LB.

DELLAIO
OLIVES

\$1.49
LB.

DELLAIO
MUNSTER
CHEESE

\$1.49
LB.

BOARS HEAD
HART OR GENOA
SALAMI

\$1.79
LB.

Lunchmeats

PAVONE
SLICED PEPPERONI

\$1.19
LB.

TYSON
CHICKEN

\$1.69
LB.

ECKRICH
SMOK-Y-LINKS

\$1.74
LB.

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TAQUITOS

\$1.69
LB.

JOHNSONVILLE
SUMMER SAUSAGE

\$1.29
LB.

OLD WISCONSIN
SNACK BITES

\$1.09
LB.

JOHNSONVILLE
PORK SAUSAGE
LINKS & PATTIES

\$1.29
LB.

KOEGEL'S
SKINLESS & ALL
MEAT FRANKS

\$1.29
LB.

KOEGEL'S
RING
BOLOGNA

\$1.29
LB.

KOEGEL'S
RED HOTS &
PICKLED
BOLOGNA

\$1.29
LB.

ORGANIC & NATURAL FOODS!

ORGANIC VALLEY MILK
64 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$6.99
SAVE \$1.50 on 2



ORGANIC VALLEY BUTTER
1 lb.
Salted or Unsalted

\$4.00



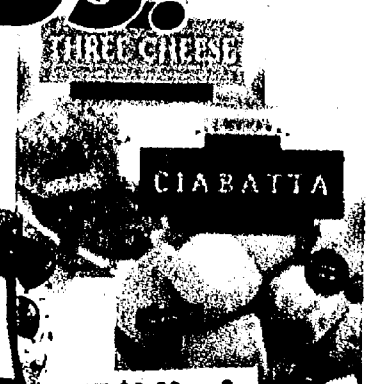
QUORN MEATLESS PRODUCTS
7 - 12 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$6.99
SAVE \$2.50 on 2



ALEXIA BREADS
10.5 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$5.99
SAVE \$1.50 on 2



NATURE'S PATH OATMEAL
11.2 - 14 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$5.99
SAVE \$2.90 on 2



NATURE'S PATH ENVIROKIDZ CEREALS
10 - 14 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$6.99
SAVE \$1.90 on 2



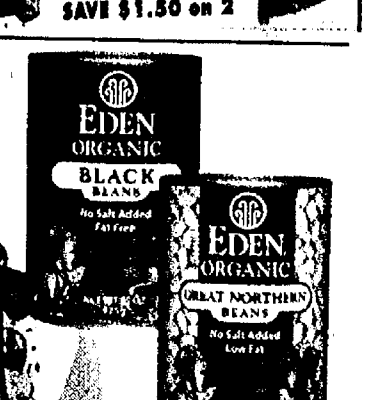
TERRA KETTLE STYLE CHIPS
13.5 - 14.5 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$6.99
SAVE \$3.10 on 2



EDEN BEANS
15 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$5.99



NATURAL VALUE SEA SALT
26 oz.
Plain or Iodized

\$4.00
SAVE 25¢



NATURAL VALUE PASTA SAUCE
26 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$4.99
SAVE 70¢ on 2



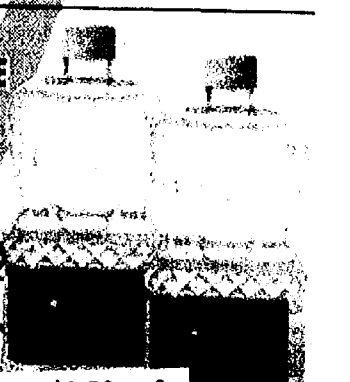
NATURAL VALUE CANNED VEGETABLES
15 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$4.00
SAVE 25¢



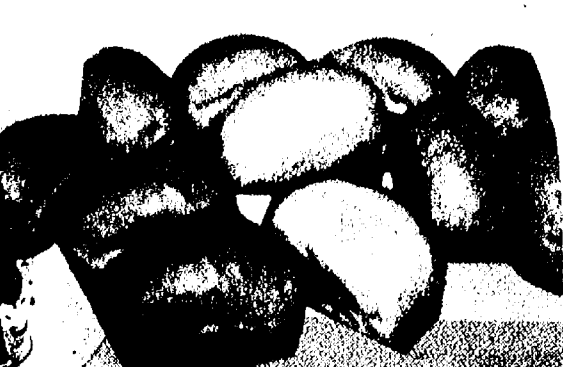
NATURAL VALUE CANOLA OIL
32 oz.

\$6.99
SAVE \$2.50 on 2



Fresh Baked MINI LOAVES
2 ct.
Selected Varieties

\$1.89



Bakery

Fresh Baked TELERA ROLLS
6 ct.

\$1.79



CAKE DONUTS
6 ct.
Selected Varieties

\$2.19



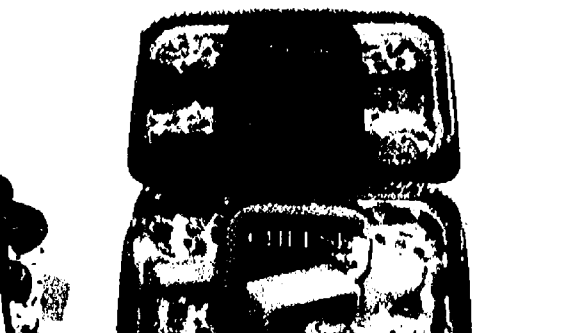
CHEESECAKES
32 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$9.99



MINI COFFEECAKES
10 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$2.99



HOME & HEALTH CARE SAVINGS!

SWIFFER CLOTHS
12 - 16 ct.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.07 on 3

CLOROX BLEACH
82 - 96 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 76¢ on 2

SCOTT TOWELS
8 Roll



SAVE \$2.64

TIDE 2X LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT
100 oz.
Selected Varieties



FULL CIRCLE TRASH BAGS
30 - 70 ct.
Selected Varieties



SAVE UP TO \$2.70 on 2

KLEENEX FACIAL TISSUES
8 - 200 ct.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.32 on 4

COTTONELLE BATH TISSUE
24 ct. Regular Rolls
12 Double Rolls
8 Triple Rolls
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.07

HUGGIES & GOODNIGHT DIAPERS
11 - 56 ct.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.30

DIAL BODY WASH & REFILL
16 - 32 oz.
Selected Varieties



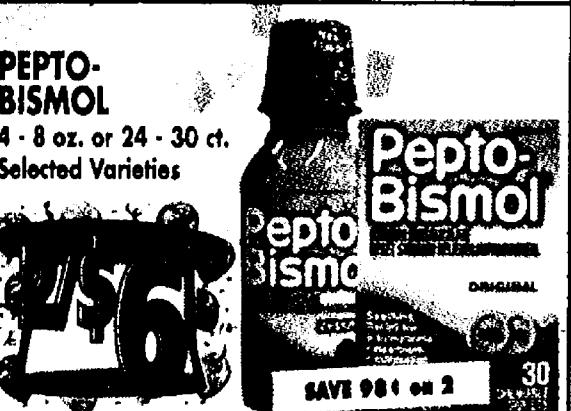
SAVE \$3.46 on 2

SOFTSOAP LIQUID HAND SOAP
7.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.07 on 3

PEPTO-BISMOL
4 - 8 oz. or 24 - 30 ct.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 98¢ on 2

OUR FAMILY IBUPROFEN
50 ct.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.78 on 2

NUNN BETTER PET CARE SAVINGS!

NUNN BETTER ORIGINAL CAT FOOD
16 lb.



SAVE \$2.90 on 2

NUNN BETTER DOG BISCUITS
4 lb. Value Pack
Medium or Large



SAVE \$1.80 on 2

NUNN BETTER PREMIUM DRY DOG FOOD
16 lb.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.00 on 2

NUNN BETTER WILD BIRD SEED
20 lb.



NUNN BETTER SUNFLOWER SEEDS
12 lb.



SAVE \$4.80 on 2

NUNN BETTER FANCY BIRD SEED
20 lb.



SNACK & BEVERAGE SAVINGS!

FAYGO PRODUCTS
12 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)



SAVE \$2.82 on 3

PEPSI-COLA PRODUCTS
18 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Special Bonus Pack
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)



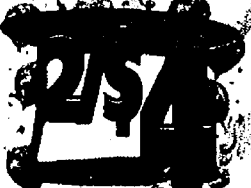
SAVE \$2.98 on 2

RED BULL ENERGY DRINKS
4 Pk.
Regular or Sugar Free



SAVE \$1.50 on 2

FRITO LAY LAY'S POTATO CHIPS
10.5 - 12 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$3.30 on 2

SNYDER'S OF HANOVER POUNDERS PRETZELS & TORTILLA CHIPS
16 oz.
Selected Varieties



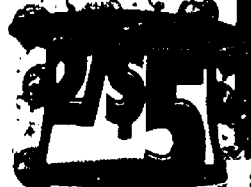
SAVE \$1.30 on 2

CRUNCH 'N MUNCH
12 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.00 on 2

KEEBLER CLUB, CHEEZ-IT & TOWNHOUSE
9 - 16 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.20 on 2

MIKE-SELL'S POTATO CHIPS, CHEESE SNACKS
7 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE UP TO \$2.60 on 4

COCA-COLA & PEPSI-COLA PRODUCTS
2 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)



SAVE \$1.00 on 4

OUR FAMILY POP
2 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)



SAVE 20¢ on 4

FRITO LAY TOSTITOS TORTILLA CHIPS
9 - 13 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.82 on 3

TOSTITOS SALSA
16 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 90¢ on 2

7-UP PRODUCTS
6 Pk. .5 Liter Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)



SAVE \$6.00 on 4

HAWAIIAN PUNCH
128 oz. Value Size
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.50 on 2

OUR FAMILY TORTILLA CHIPS
13.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.02 on 3

PACE SALSA
16 - 24 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.30 on 2

BAREMAN'S FRUIT DRINKS
1 Gallon
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.50 on 5

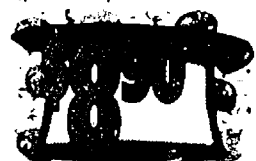
SPRING! NATURAL SPRING WATER
24 Pk.



SAVE \$7.10 on 2

WINE CELLAR

**MARTINI & ROSSI
ASTI SPUMANTE**
750 ml
(plus tax)



SAVE \$3.45

LINDEMANS WINES
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



SAVE 90¢ on 2

**BERINGER
NAPA VALLEY
CHARDONNAY**
750 ml
(plus tax)



SAVE \$2.45

**KENDALL JACKSON
CHARDONNAY & MERITAGE**
750 ml
(plus tax)



SAVE \$1.95

**YELLOW TAIL
AUSTRALIAN WINE**
1.5 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



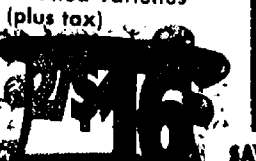
SAVE \$1.95

**MIRASSOU
CALIFORNIA
COLLECTION**
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



SAVE \$6.38 on 2

**BLACKSTONE &
RAVENSWOOD
VINTNERS BLEND**
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



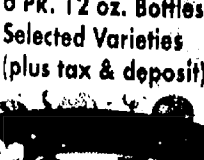
SAVE \$5.90 on 2

**FRANZIA
BOX WINES**
5 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



SAVE \$1.45

**BELLS &
ARCADIA
CRAFT BEERS**
6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



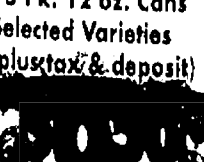
SAVE \$1.00

**SAMUEL ADAMS
BEER**
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



SAVE \$1.20

**BUDWEISER
SPECIAL BONUS
PACK**
15 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



SAVE 85¢

**MICHELLOB
SPECIAL BONUS PACK**
20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottle
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



SAVE \$1.00



THE BREWERY!

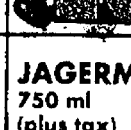


**FAYGO
MIXERS**
1 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)

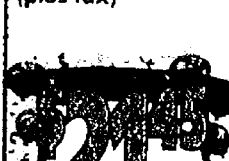


SAVE \$1.00 on 5

**ABSOLUT
VODKA**
750 ml
(plus tax)



JAGERMEISTER
750 ml
(plus tax)



**CHIVAS REGAL
SCOTCH**
750 ml
(plus tax)

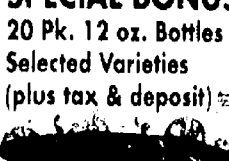


HEINEKEN
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)

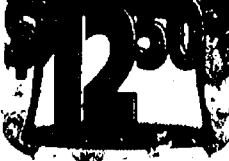


SAVE \$1.75

**COORS
SPECIAL BONUS PACK**
20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



SAVE \$1.25



**RED EYE
BLOODY MARY
MIX**
1 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)

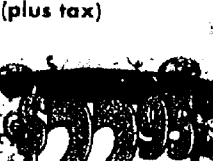


SAVE \$1.50 on 2

**STOLICHNAYA
VODKA**
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



**JACK DANIELS
WHISKEY**
750 ml
(plus tax)



KAHLUA
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)

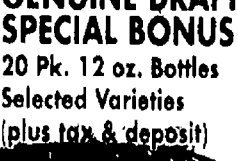


**MIKE'S
HARD LEMONADE**
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
(plus tax & deposit)

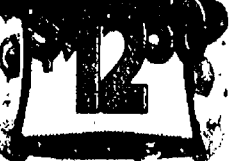


SAVE \$1.75

**MILLER LITE &
GENUINE DRAFT
SPECIAL BONUS PACK**
20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)

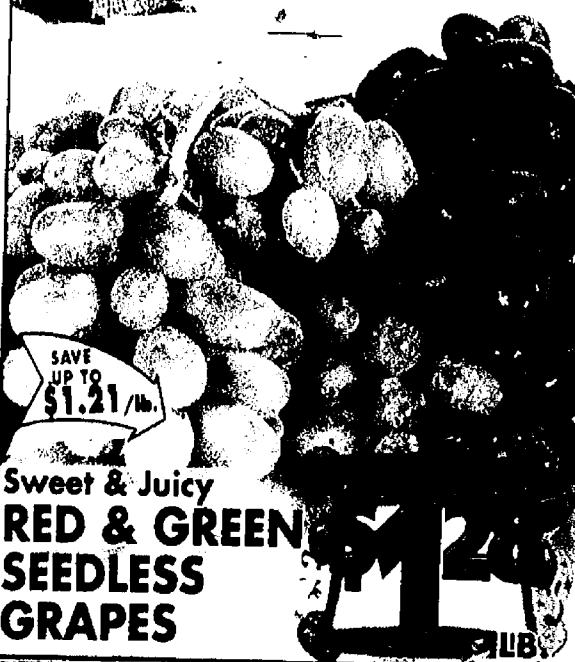


SAVE \$1.25



RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH HEALTHY SAVINGS!

Enjoy 5 Servings of Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Each Day for Better Health



SAVE UP TO \$1.21/lb.

Sweet & Juicy
RED & GREEN SEEDLESS GRAPES

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SAVE UP TO \$1.01/lb.

Fuji, Gala, Braeburn or Granny Smith
APPLES

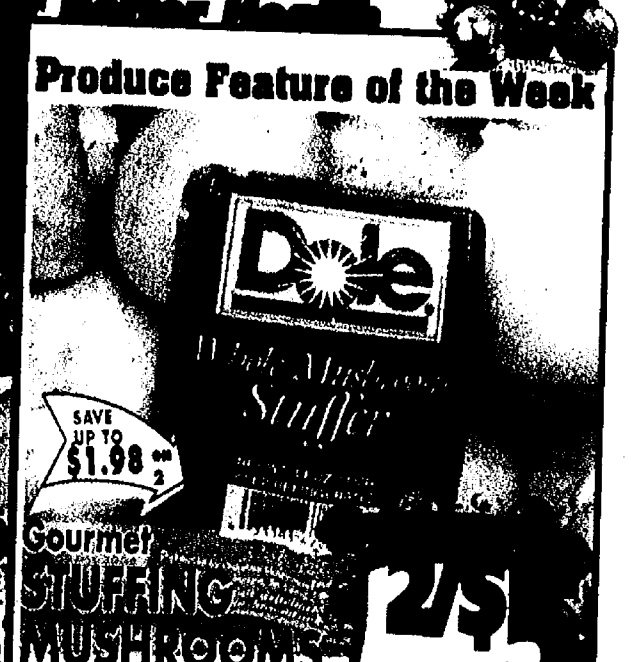
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SAVE UP TO \$1.00

California
BROCCOLI CROWNS

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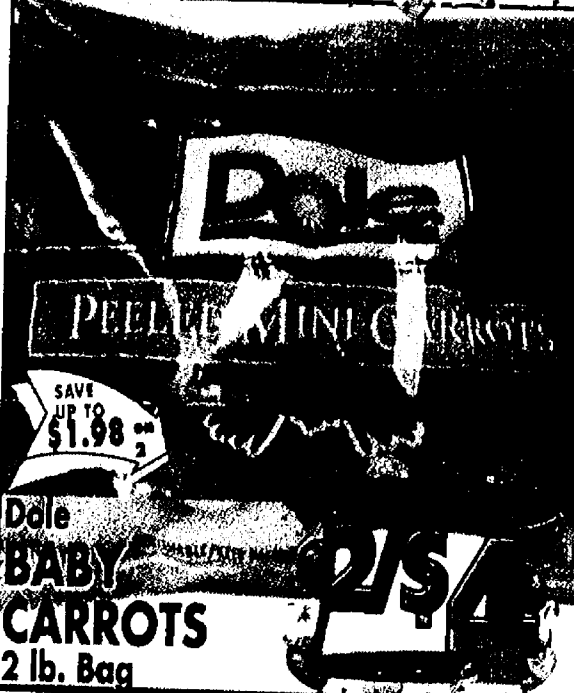
Produce Feature of the Week

SAVE UP TO \$1.98

Gourmet
STUFFING MUSHROOMS

14 oz.

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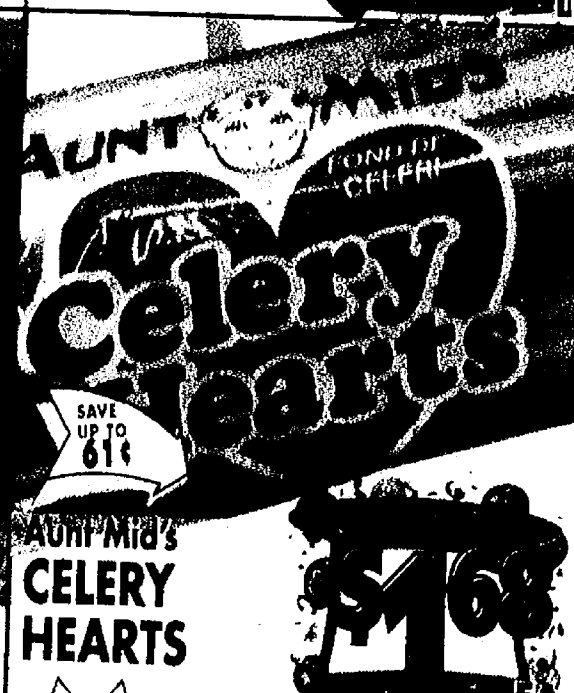


SAVE UP TO \$1.98

Dole
BABY CARROTS

2 lb. Bag

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SAVE UP TO 61¢

Aunt Mids
CELERY HEARTS

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SAVE UP TO \$2.00

Red Ripe
GRAPE TOMATOES

Pint

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Fresh Floral Department
May not be exactly as illustrated

NEW YEAR'S BOUQUET

\$7.99



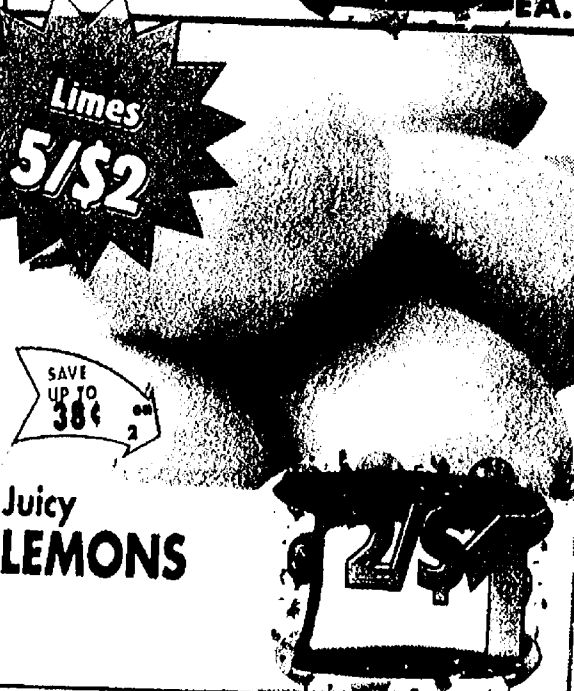
SAVE UP TO \$1.98

Dole
Classic Romaine

Greener, Safer, & Classic Romaine
DOLE SALADS

15 oz. Family Pack

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Limes
5/\$2

SAVE UP TO 38¢

Juicy
LEMONS

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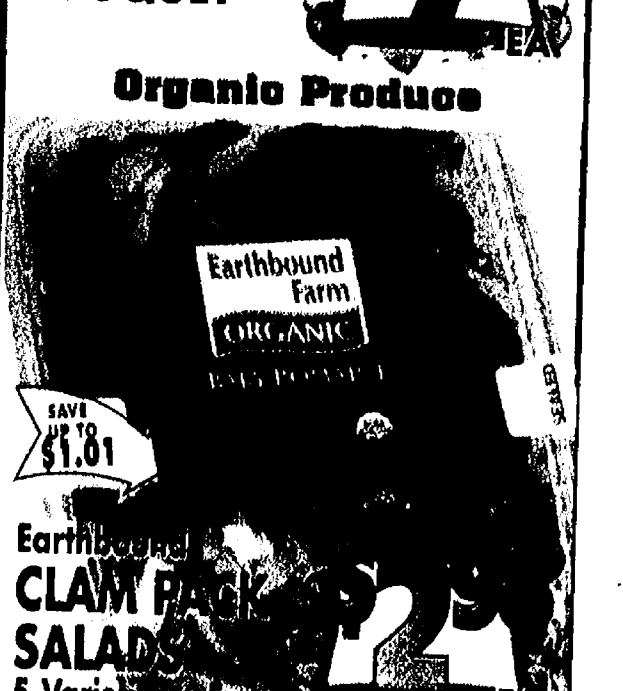
SAVE UP TO \$1.98

Dill
VEGGIE DIP

Marzetti's
VEGGIE DIPS

15 oz.

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Organic Produce

SAVE UP TO \$1.01

Earthbound Farm
CLAM PACK SALADS

5 Varieties 5.02 oz.

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