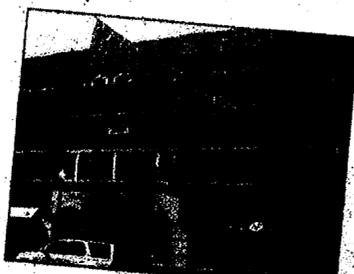




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WISD millage hike 'in the best interest' of students

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

Mark Van Bogelen, president of the Washtenaw Intermediate School District's board, says that approving a regional enhancement millage on the Nov. 3 ballot is "in the best interest of our children, our schools and our communities."

Voters in 10 Washtenaw County school districts will decide just how much "strong schools" should cost when they go to the polls to vote on a 2-mill increase over five years to help fund WISD programs.

The district's millage rate for 2009-10 is 3.9745 mills, a total of the general and special education funds. The new millage rate, if the enhance-

ment millage is approved, would be 5.9745.

The millage would come out of residents' property taxes.

The WISD board approved the action last week after receiving 10 identical resolutions from its 10 local boards of education seeking the enhancement millage. Michigan law states that an intermediate school district must act once it receives resolutions with identical requests from boards of education representing a majority of the students within the ISD's constituent school districts.

The law also requires the board to distribute 100 percent of the funds back to its local districts based on the number of students in each school

In comparison

The Washtenaw Intermediate School District millage rate for 2009-10 is 3.9745 mills (total of general education and special education). The new millage rate if the enhancement millage is approved would be 5.9745. Here is a comparison of similar intermediate school districts and their total 2009 tax rates.

Ann Arbor	5.9745 mills
Dexter	5.9745 mills
Lincoln	5.9745 mills
Manchester	5.9745 mills
Milan	5.9745 mills
Saline	5.9745 mills
Whitmore Lake	5.9745 mills
Willow Run	5.9745 mills
Ypsilanti	5.9745 mills

district. WISD is a regional education service agency that works with the public schools in Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Dexter,

Lincoln, Manchester, Milan, Saline, Whitmore Lake, Willow Run and Ypsilanti to promote continuous improve-

ment of achievement for all students.

Van Bogelen understands that many families in Washtenaw County are experiencing difficult financial times. But he stresses that this millage request isn't the only way the WISD is dealing with economic uncertainty and shortcomings. He says that cuts have been made and tough decisions looked at before asking for more money from already struggling citizens.

"School districts have made cuts and found ways to be more efficient," he said. "Plus, the schools have been working together in more than 86 different areas to cooperate, share or consolidate services and staff to cut costs. And

they are continuing to look for additional ways to save money."

Cutbacks in personal also have been made.

"The district employs about 200 people," Van Bogelen said. "Over the last few years, WISD has downsized by not filling vacant positions, sharing staff, laying off staff and consolidating programs."

Some school districts, including Chelsea, recently approved a bond issue, which are generally requested by individual school districts. Revenue from a bond issue only can be spent on capital projects, such as building construction or districtwide technology.

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County Budget Crisis

Deficit increases as Commission looks at additional cuts

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

The county is going to balance its budgets for the coming fiscal year: the only question is "how?"

Administrator Bob Guenzel presented a framework last week for cutting an additional \$11.7 million from the budget representing some 181 full-time positions drawing payroll indirectly from general fund money.

Originally, the county had thought it would face a \$26 million structural deficit in 2010-11, but on Aug. 3 that deficit increased to \$30 million or more.

Commissioners had hoped to close the remainder of the gap after making \$12.8 million in cuts from the 2010 budget and \$900,000 the following year through talks with the unions - concessions were thought to be the bulk of Phase II of the county's budget balancing effort.

Some department heads were reluctant to discuss their predicament.

Washtenaw County Head Start Administrator Patricia Horne McGee said most of the proposed cuts to her operation would be teaching positions. Head Start is one of several unmandated programs facing cuts - 35 full-time positions representing \$765,880 to be exact.

Horne McGee said that "a program that has been in the county for 44 years would be a big loss to the community to the children and to the families."

Her department has 100 employees at five locations throughout the county.

The organization is funded in part by federal grant money as well, but she characterized the loss of 35 teachers as a blow to Washtenaw Head Start.

"We are fully enrolled and ready to serve the next class of 561 children and families so we're looking forward to a very good school year," Horne McGee said.

She did not know if cuts would affect the current school year, saying that would "be determined by the county."

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- Lisa Greco
Juvenile Detention Program Director

County officials admit that the budget situation and the deficit resolution are fluid in nature. The revised financial forecast shows projected revenues of \$91.4 million in 2011 with expenditures of \$121.6 million.

Some operations wouldn't affect the community quite as much, aside from job loss.

There has been talk of saving \$1.1 million by eliminating the Planning Advisory Board and Planning Commission, both of which are part of the county's strategic planning group.

Getting rid of building inspection services could save another \$239,547 in general fund money. With few new building projects and developments going up in this economy the demand for such services is small, according to Guenzel.

The county's support services department of six employees could be cut to save \$750,000. Staff would simply have to "adjust," according to county officials.

Officials at the Washtenaw County Community Support & Treatment Services offices in Ypsilanti could not be reached for comment. Administrator Donna Sabourin's operation faces a \$2.4 million reduction to mental health services, which would mean the loss of 91.4 full-time jobs.

Another \$588,000 cut to public and environmental health is also up for consideration.

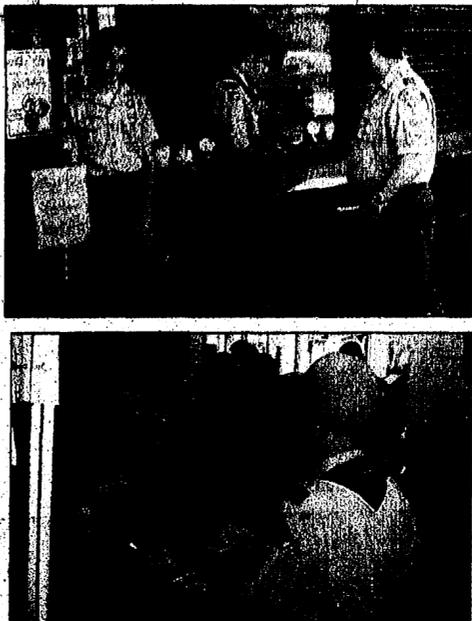
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Boy Scouts take action

On Saturday, Aug. 1, Chelsea Boy Scout troops 426, 476 and 413 held a food drive at Polly's Country Market for the local food pantry, Faith in Action. The scouts each worked a two hour shift, where they handed out flyers listing the needs of the pantry for one hour and then worked another hour collecting the food donations. This kind of food drive targets the immediate needs of the food pantry and will now occur every three months staffed by a different Scouting group: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venture Crew. The scouts would like to thank the community for all the support with food donations, positive feedback and smiling faces. They also would like to thank Polly's Country Market and CVS Pharmacy.



Deadline tomorrow for 'citizen' nominations

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for both "The Chelsea Citizen of the Year" and "The Lifetime Achievement Award" through tomorrow. Candidates must either live, work or participate in Chelsea or one of the surrounding townships.

"The Citizen of the Year award is one of the most important awards our community can bestow on our residents," said Bob Pierce, executive director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. "It seems like we all have busy schedules. We are immersed in the everyday demands on our time and resources. I would encourage all of us to take a step back from the day-to-day activities and spend a few moments looking at our community."

"Ask the question, 'Who do I know who has done something that has helped me personally or contributed to the positive wellbeing of our

community?' If you take the time to do this, you will easily generate a list of worthy individuals that should be considered for these awards."

Pierce says Chelsea is blessed with a wealth of residents who are committed and dedicated to serving this community.

"In many cases, these individuals go about performing their tasks without any fanfare," he said. "Often, they do this by choice, but frequently it is because they are doing this out of a sense of commitment or desire to help all of us. It is not only appropriate to honor these individuals, but it is the right thing to do to. The deadline nominations is tomorrow."

The Chamber and the Chelsea Standard co-sponsor the event.

"Nominees should come from all walks of life not limited to the business community," Pierce said. "We have been successful in reaching that goal. We have had private citizens,

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Follow-up

Livery's last chance only one week away

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

Last Thursday citizens for the Chelsea Livery building stated their case to the Downtown Development Authority and were told to bring forth a proposal with serious backing behind it.

Residents Larry Bean, Kathy Clark and Tom Diab spoke to the DDA during public comment, which turned into an open discussion that closed out the Thursday morning meeting.

"They seem to be still moving towards demolition unless the historical society can come up with a buyer," Bean said Tuesday night. "But if it's up to the DDA they said that they've voted and if they're going to do anything with it they're going to demolish it."

DDA President Michael Jackson could not be reached for comment as of press time.

Authority officials repeated that they do not have the money to deal with the Livery in the fashion that the citizens in favor of keeping it intact as a historical asset would like.

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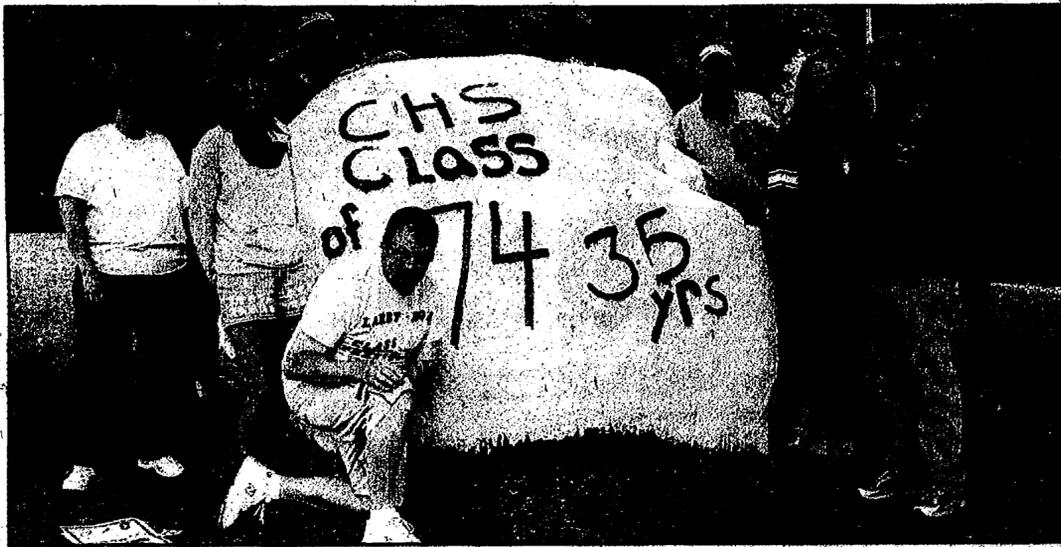
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Class of 1974



The Chelsea High School Class of 1974 held their 35th reunion on July 18 at the Chelsea Comfort Inn & Conference Center. Approximately 40 class members and their guests attended the event, with the total of about 54 people. Class President Larry Doll welcomed the group who then enjoyed a barbecue buffet presented by the Comfort Inn staff. Following dinner, Doll spoke about the various displays of memorabilia on hand as well as a large paper mural for drawing pictures and writing messages. Lynne Roskowsk-Farley presented a memorial to the 12 classmates that have died since graduation. On Sunday afternoon, a group of 12 class members met at Pierce Park for the time-honored tradition of "painting the rock." The Class Reunion planning committee consisted of Larry Doll, Lynne Roskowsk-Farley, Loretta Roskowsk, Brian Arnett, Bob Weil, Richard Clark, Roben Coury, John Beeman, Debra Cicchella and Kathy Powers. Several other classmates helped as well by furnishing current contact information for others in the class.

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Sisters sell bits and bobs to help charity

Sisters Rosie, 8, and Ellie, 6, Beale of Chelsea demonstrated both entrepreneurial flair and an early inclination towards philanthropy last weekend when they held a craft sale in order to raise money for their forthcoming trip back to England, and to benefit the Chelsea Center for the Arts. Rosie came up with the idea after reading an American Girl book about putting on a craft sale, and called their booth 'Bits and Bobs,' as most of the things on sale were made out of old bits they found laying round the house.

"We spent two whole weeks making things, and it was cool because we got to work and have fun at the same time," Rosie said.

Among the many homemade items were the 'button bugs,' made from their mom's collection of old buttons, with pipe cleaners and googly eyes added.

Ellie most enjoyed making the recycled crayons. "It was exciting when our first cus-

tomer came," she said. Friends and neighbors came by and purchased from the girls, and, after totaling everything up, Rosie and Ellie were pleased to present Aubrey Martinson of the CCA with an envelope containing \$7.55 - 10 percent of their total earnings.

Mom, Sue Beale, a volunteer and Board Member at the CCA, was proud of her daughters' hard work and fund-raising initiative.

"Clearly the girls see me volunteering and supporting the CCA, and it's lovely to see how this has rubbed off on them," she said.

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Far right: Mike Thayer, director of food services at Silver Maples, preps the kale harvested from the Silver Maples Victory Garden.

Below right: Residents and staff are looking forward to a Caprese salad made from tomatoes, basil, and fresh mozzarella created by the Silver Maples dining services. Left to right: Ashley Golka, Ford Haskins, Jessica Boehmer, and Mike Thayer.



DNR: Swans killed by vehicle, not firearm

Don't jump to conclusions before the evidence is all gathered, right? But sometimes emotions get in the way. And that's how area residents felt when they heard that three swans were shot Aug. 1 at the corner of Scio-Church and Parker roads in Lodi Township. Two trumpeter swans were discovered dead just off the road and concerned citizens contacted the Department of Natural Resources.

The two swans were last seen on a pond on private property where the swans had lived for the last few years, at about 9 p.m. July 31. They were discovered around 4:30 a.m. dead in the pond, according to Mary Detloff, public information officer for the DNR, which also is handling the investigation.

But despite earlier reports that suggested the swans had been shot, DNR officials confirmed Aug. 6 that the swans had been hit by a vehicle. DNR wildlife veterinarians at the Wildlife Disease Laboratory in Lansing reported that blunt trauma, not gunshot wounds, was the cause of death in the case.

"Our initial suspicion that a firearm may have been involved was solely based on the officer's visual inspection of the bird carcasses at the scene," said Detloff. "The sole reason we sent the birds to the lab to be necropsied was to pinpoint the cause. The birds were all X-rayed there, and no pellets or bullet fragments were found in any of them. They all sustained broken bones and internal injuries consist with blunt trauma."

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But the WISD enhancement millage will benefit all 10 local school districts. Revenue from it will be used for district operations, including student programs and operational expenses.

It will be a local decision on where the money is spent because Van Bogelen says each local school district knows best where the money is needed the most.

"This request is about maintaining the quality of our local schools, preparing our children for 21st century jobs and attracting jobs to the community," Van Bogelen said. "So, if you have children in school or live or work in the community, this millage will be important to you. The money — 100 percent of it — will go to our local public schools. And it will be used to keep our schools strong so that our communities can attract good jobs because businesses want to locate where there is a highly qualified workforce. And good jobs in our communities mean employment opportunities for our children."

Van Bogelen says there are no plans for another tax increase at this time.

"We can't predict what Michigan's economy will be like

in five years," he said. "But we've carefully studied the current situation. And we do know this request for 2 mills for five years is what our schools need now to help meet the needs of our children and our communities."

Each county is different in the way an intermediate school district is funded and how each one operates, making comparisons difficult. Another variable is the size of the ISD. Washtenaw, for example, is small compared with Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties.

Oakland has 28 local school districts (about 230,000 students), Macomb serves 21 public schools (150,000 students) and Wayne serves 34 school districts (312,000 students). They are the three largest ISDs in the state in student membership.

Washtenaw serves 10 public school districts (45,000 students). Oakland County taxpayers paid a combined millage rate of 3.3690 for 2007-08. Oakland schools' operating budget is divided into three funds: General Fund (0.2003 millage levy), Special Education Fund (2.5456 millage levy) and Vocational Education Fund (0.6231 millage levy).

Macomb Intermediate School District for the fiscal year 2008-2009 includes a General Fund tax rate of 0.2023 mills and a Special Education Fund tax rate of 2.7407 mills.

Funding for the Intermediate School District for Wayne County operations comes primarily from state aid and \$4,789,900 from 1/10 of a tax mill levied in Wayne County. The 2008-09 budget for day-to-day operations is approximately \$20 million. Wayne RESA also receives almost \$120 million from a 3.5-mill special education property tax levy. This along with \$68 million in federal grants is distributed to local districts to educate children with disabilities.

To view the most current collaborative/shared/consolidated services list, visit www.wash.k12.mi.us and click on the enhancement millage button.

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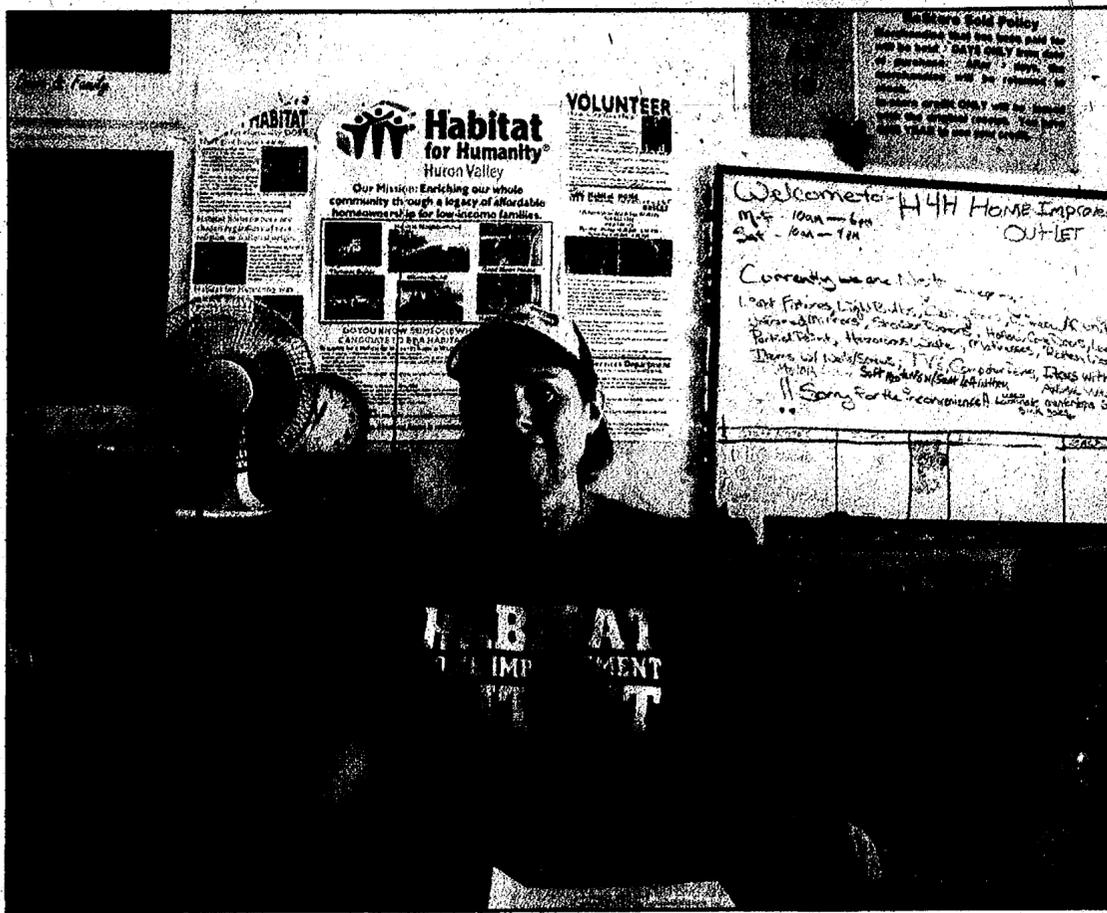
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Jackie Hermann is the director of the home improvement outlet at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 170 Aprill Drive in Ann Arbor.

Author needs a good editor

By Lisa Allmendinger
A2 Journal

I've written hundreds of thousands words in my lifetime as a reporter. They've appeared in magazines and newspapers, and some of them have been good enough to win awards.

Many of my stories have been improved at the hands of thoughtful editors and others have been ruined by the work of not-so-thoughtful ones.

This leads me to author Harry Dolan's new book titled "Bad Things Happen." I just finished reading the transplanted Ann Arbor author's debut.

On July 28, I went to his book reading, briefly interviewed him and took his picture.

Following his reading, I was intrigued enough to buy the book. I wanted to find out why the main character referred to himself as "the man who calls himself David Loogan."

When he read portions of the book, I liked his style and his descriptions.

I wanted to identify with his main character — to get inside his head and find out why he would help Tom Kristoll, a man he hardly knew, bury a body in Marshall Park.

I wanted to understand why he had considered Kristoll a friend, yet had an affair with the man's wife.

I wanted to like this book — really, I did.

And I guess, in a way, I liked it enough to read all 338 pages.

I tried to love or hate the characters — yet, all I could muster was ho-hum.

Ironically, the book needed some of its characters edited out, but not in body bags, while the main characters needed to be fleshed out.

There was a great story hidden in a book that could have used a better editor.

"Bad Things Happen" had great tempo and all the makings of a really good story, but its myriad of characters threw it off track, and many of them served only to confuse the reader while adding nothing worthwhile to the story.

I wanted to believe the rational behind all the murders, but I didn't.

I think I kept reading because Dolan chose Ann Arbor as the book's backdrop.

And, perhaps, the author's friends were so excited that he had finally been published.

But when I flipped the last page, I was let down. I didn't care if Elizabeth Walshkey, the Ann Arbor Police detective, lived or died.

There just wasn't enough about any of the main characters to make me root for them.

Yes, lots of bad things did happen during the book, which is enough to keep a mystery reader reading, but it fell slightly short of what I'd hoped to discover at the end.

There is a sequel planned and I'll certainly give this first-time author a second chance.

I want him to succeed because he's a good writer. He just needs a good editor to rein him in to make good things happen.

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LISA ALLMENDINGER

Trash to treasure

Habitat Restore offers alternatives to fixer-uppers

By Lisa Allmendinger
A2 Journal

Jackie Hermann first stepped into a Habitat for Humanity ReStore while living in Kansas City. "I used to shop at them all the time," she says.

Three years ago, she was hired to run the Ann Arbor Habitat Restore, which offers new and gently used surplus building materials.

Jose Paz of Ann Arbor is a frequent customer at the store, located at 170 Aprill Drive in Ann Arbor. "Jackie's the best sales person," he says. "She's honest and she knows everything about what's here."

Paz says Hermann will tell customers whether an item runs well.

"If she doesn't know, she'll tell you that, too," he says.

Paz enjoys shopping at the ReStore because the inventory changes every day.

Hermann says the store gets donations from individuals, contractors and businesses, and they get a tax deduction, as well.

"If you don't find what you're looking for today, come back tomorrow," Hermann says, adding that the store's location, which is close to chain home improvement stores, offers people an opportunity to price shop.

"We're more like a Lowe's or a Home Depot, rather than a Target,"

Fast facts

Habitat for Humanity ReStore Surplus building materials at 50 to 75 percent below retail prices.

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she says, adding that the Habitat's Restore does not compete with other reuse and recycling stores because of the type of materials they have in their inventory.

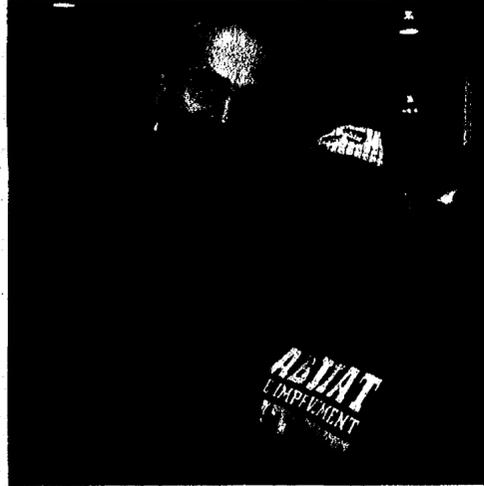
However, about 1,400 tons of material has been diverted from the land fill since the store opened, says Theresa Finney Dumais, development director for Habitat.

Following Habitat's mission of "enriching our whole community through a legacy of affordable homeownership," the 15,000-square-foot ReStore offers affordable building materials.

Hermann said 88 cents of every dollar spent at the ReStore goes into Habitat homes.

From paint to stoves, electrical to windows and doors, the ReStore offers materials at 50 to 75 percent below retail prices.

All sorts of materials are recycled and repurposed, Finney



Jose Paz, a frequent customer at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, visits with Jackie Hermann, director of home improvement outlet.

Dumais said.

"People will be redoing a kitchen and they'll call, and we will go and either take the cabinets out or, if they have already been taken out, we'll take them away and people get an immediate tax write-off," Finney Dumais said.

Volunteers help Hermann run the store, including future Habitat for Humanity homeowners.

Also included in the list of supplies are countertops, lighting fixtures, appliances, tools, and lawn

and garden equipment.

The ReStore offers "high-quality materials at reasonable prices to improve and rebuild existing homes," Hermann says.

Volunteers are always needed, she says, especially those who have heating and cooling experience.

Organizers, stockers, truck drivers and clerical officer workers are also needed.

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Hospital teaches healthy cooking to kids

By Lisa Allmendinger
A2 Journal

Kenneth Gaffield, 6, of Ann Arbor, thought making "trees" in a broccoli forest was the most fun part of a "Kids Cook 1" class held last week at St. Joseph's Women's Health Center in Ann Arbor.

He was among eight children who learned to cook healthy chicken nuggets, ABC vegetable soup, pyramid pizza, magic fruit parfait, granola and funny rolls Aug. 4.

"Everyone loves chicken nuggets," said Jocelyn Bidlack of Saline.

Starting with their funny rolls, which were made into pretzels, birds and hot dog shapes, the group of 6- to 8-year-olds learned the fun of healthy cooking before sitting down to eat their culinary creations.

The children's cooking class is among a number of classes offered at St. Joseph Mercy Health System that teach children and adults the ABC's of healthy and tasty dishes, said Jennie Hahn, a registered dietitian.

The program got help from the Ann Arbor Recreation and Education program, which included the classes in its catalog.

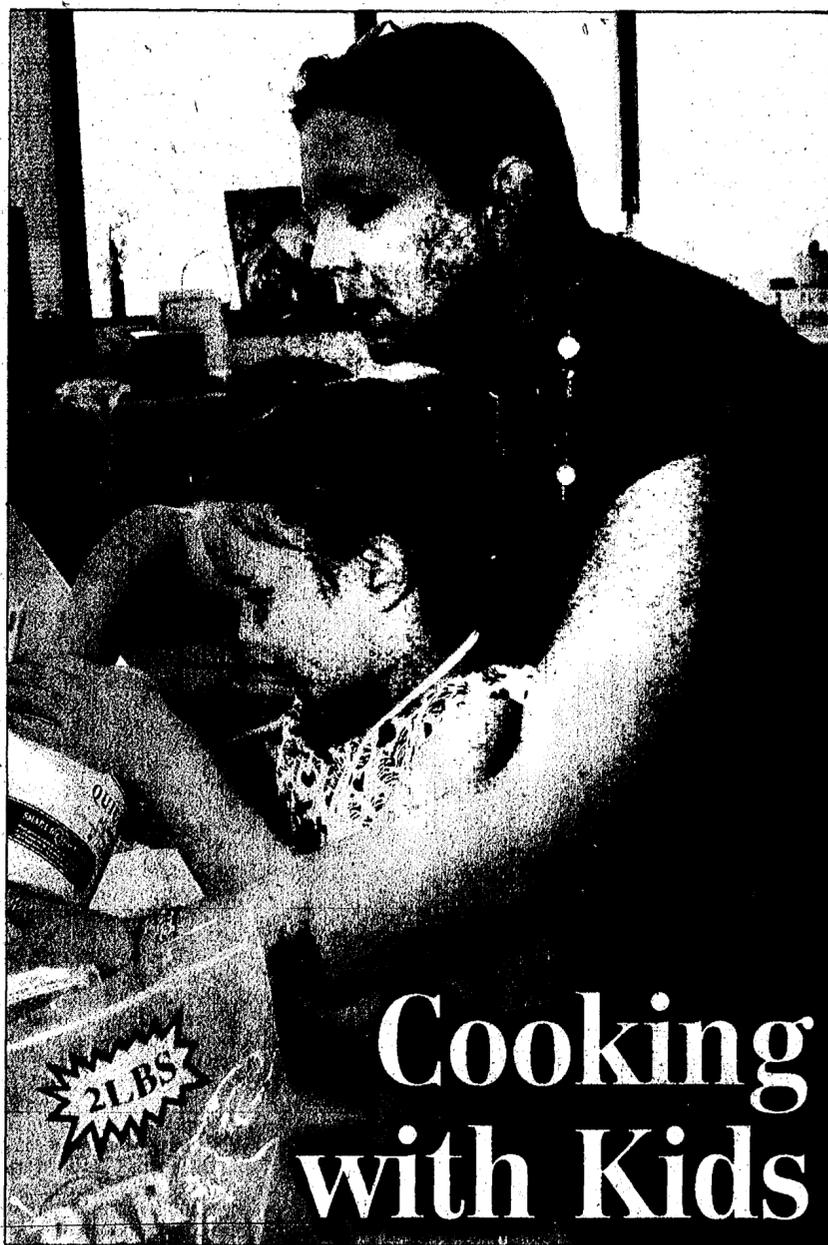
"St. Joseph Mercy Health System recently partnered with Ann Arbor Recreation and Education to cross-promote class offerings and the results have been tremendous," said Susan Kheder, director of women's and children's services at the hospital. "We value this partnership because we are able to spread the word about our fun and healthy cooking classes through the community."

Kenneth's mom, Carrie Gaffield, said she has made cookies with him before, but this was the first full-course meal that they had made together.

Ellie Sophia Lage, 5, of Ann Arbor and her mom, Suzanne Mrozinski, enjoyed making ABC vegetable soup together.

Ellie Sophia said she couldn't pick a favorite station.

"I liked all of them," she said. Her mom said making trees out of things like broccoli "makes them fun instead of being a vegetable."



Cooking with Kids

Photos by Lisa Allmendinger

Lilliana Posocco of Cambridge, Ontario, Canada and her aunt, Dana Morgan of Ypsilanti, make granola during "Kids Cook 1" at St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

The class also drew Lilliana Posocco of Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, who was visiting Dana Morgan of Ypsilanti, her aunt.

They had fun making NutriCare deluxe granola made of rolled oats, almonds, sunflower seeds, dates, raisins, honey and brown sugar.

"We want to get children in the kitchen, and they're more likely to cook at home," Hahn said. Hahn said today's society is so fast-food oriented that these types of classes are a way to get the younger generation to enjoy healthy cooking.

Plus, members of the group took the recipes home so they

could try them in their own kitchens.

Hickey 4, of Farmington made pyramid pizza out of chopped veggies, pineapple and cooked ham or ground sirloin on a muffin.

In addition, Hahn demonstrated how to properly use a sharp knife and the children cut up their own tidbits.

The health system has an adult fall harvest gluten-free cooking class slated from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 25.

In addition, a salsa-making and canning class will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Aug. 22.

The fee for both classes is \$35 and registration can be completed online at www.aareced.com.

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JENNIE HAHN
Registered dietitian

Kaitlin Barrett-Huff, 7, of Ann Arbor and her mom, Beth Barrett, help to make a magic fruit parfait of low-fat vanilla yogurt, a variety of fruit and low-fat granola. Heather Cooper of Ann Arbor and her goddaughter, Allie



Kaitlin Barrett-Huff, 7, of Ann Arbor and her mom, Beth Barrett, make a magic fruit parfait during a cooking class for children at St. Joseph Mercy Health System.



Heather Cooper of Ann Arbor and her goddaughter, Allie Hickey, 4, of Farmington, make pizza during children's cooking class at St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

Auditions to be held Aug. 25-26

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre will hold auditions for its Studio Series production of Gen LeRoy's poignant comedy/drama "Not Waving..." directed by Cassie Mann.

Auditions take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Aug. 25 and 26. Callbacks, if needed, take place Aug. 27. Actors need attend only one of two regular auditions, but should be available for callbacks. All auditions take place at the Ann Arbor Civic Theatre Rehearsal Studio, 322 W. Ann St.

"In Not Waving..." a free-spirited young woman and her uptight mother rekindle their relationship in a rollercoaster journey of love, laughter and transformation.

It has roles for three to four women and one to two men ages 20 to 65. Auditions consist of cold readings from the script and movement. No pre-registration is required. Production dates are Oct 9 through 17.

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This week's question

Which is your favorite sporting event to attend?

- A. High school football C. Any hockey game anywhere
B. U of M football D. Tigers, Lions or Pistons.

Overpaid CEOs have hollowed out the middle class in America

By Chuck Collins and Sam Pizzigati
Guest Writers

Last February, amid public anger over millions of dollars in bonuses at bailed-out insurance giant AIG, our top national political leaders rushed to express their outrage — and even took some steps to place a lid on over-the-top executive pay.

That lid has now come off. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, with his just-released rules and proposals on executive pay, has essentially turned the specific executive pay limits that President Obama announced and Congress legislated this past winter into mushy prescriptions that pose no real threat to the windfalls to which CEOs have become so thoroughly accustomed.

Remember that \$500,000 "cap" on executive compensation that the White House announced back in February? That maximum has now become a minimum. Under the new Treasury rules, a federal pay czar will "automatically approve" any paycheck from a troubled enterprise like AIG that doesn't top half a million — and even will allow with that paycheck "additional compensation paid in the form of long-term restricted stock."

None of this backpedaling on executive pay reform should surprise us. Since the early 1980s, the years when pay for power suits first started pirouetting up, up and away, the pattern has become depressingly familiar.

A CEO walks off with a windfall. A Wall Street highflier hits an unimaginably massive jackpot. Editorial writers tut-tut. News magazines run cover stories about corporate greed. Lawmakers hold hearings and earnestly insist on "pay for performance."

And nothing changes. The outrages just keep getting more outrageous. Two decades ago, a commentator labeled Warner Communications CEO Steve Ross the "prince of pay." Ross was averaging, in the 1980s, all of \$16 million a year.

In 1993, Walt Disney CEO Michael Eisner took home \$203 million. An outraged Business Week called that sum the most any CEO "has made in a single year — or probably in an entire career in the history of American business."

Four years later, Eisner took home even more. He cashed out a stash of stock options and cleared \$565 million, the "biggest payday for an executive in history." The Washington Post exclaimed,

"These days, that \$565 million payday almost seems ordinary. In 2007, the financial world's top 50 hedge fund managers averaged \$81 million each. We need to end, and soon, this endless escalation of what our power suits get to stuff in their pockets. We simply can't afford to continue down the economic road we've been traveling."

Outrageously huge rewards, the economic meltdown of the past year has made perfectly plain, have no redeeming social value. They serve only to create incentives for outrageous behavior. We need to start discouraging that behavior — and we can.

The best place to start is the federal tax code. Right now, our tax code actually encourages excessive pay. The more companies shell out in executive bonuses and stock awards, for instance, the more they can deduct off their taxes.

Consider, for instance, Lockheed Martin, a company that feeds almost exclusively off government contracts. Lockheed recently announced that its CEO took home \$26.5 million in 2008. Under current law, almost all of that \$26.5 million qualifies as a tax

deduction for the company.

One member of Congress, Rep. Barbara Lee from California, is moving to end taxpayer subsidies for excessive executive pay. Lee has introduced legislation, the Income Equity Act, which denies corporations tax deductions on any executive compensation that runs over \$500,000 or 25 times the pay of a company's lowest-wage worker.

Enacting this legislation, said Lee, "would discourage skyrocketing pay at the top and encourage companies to raise the pay of workers at the bottom." That pay at the bottom desperately needs raising. Average Americans today, after adjusting for inflation, are making less in weekly wages than they made back in the 1970s.

And that's no accident. For three decades now, America's corporate aristocrats have "performed" — and pocketed personal fortunes — by attacking the well-being of average Americans.

Over those years, they've downsized workers and outsourced jobs. They've gutted pensions and benefits. They've hollowed out our middle class.

We need to start heading in a different direction. And quickly.

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Plants add breath of fresh air

Some images slip quietly into your subconscious as you work in your world, flip through a magazine, or watch a TV show. Then, one day, you walk into your living room and decide you need a little change.

I walked into the house one day last week and was startled to realize that there were no live plants anywhere to be seen. Not one. I'm not sure how that happened, except that when I moved in I started work at Eastern Michigan University almost immediately. Bringing in plants somehow fell off the radar. It was a lecture I saw online that put the idea back.

A researcher, Kamal Meattle, from India suggested that with only three different plants we can grow our own fresh air and

make our houses healthier. With his advice and a few empty corners to fill, I had my marching orders.

According to Meattle, the three essential plants for any enclosed space were the areca palm, mother-in-law's tongue and the money plant. A trip to our local grocery stores netted me one decent-looking palm and one mother-in-law's tongue.

According to Meattle's research, the palm works best in living areas. The others convert carbon dioxide into oxygen at night, so it was recommend-

NEW IN TOWN



MICHAEL McVEY

ed to put those in the bedroom.

The first thing I noticed was the palm fit beautifully. It was like having an old friend visiting. Its happy little shoots and fronds spread out in a gesture like a wave. It was reaching out for a hug. I snapped a photo and sent it to my daughter, on a summer visit to her mother in Iowa, and suggested she

name our new house guest. Her response took only a few seconds, "Mister Tree." Too funny. I pity the fool who doesn't water Mister Tree regularly. Just having the large plant in

my house was a soothing thing. With the window open, it gently shimmered in the breeze. This winter, when the branches outside are bare and the snow covers the ground, I am looking forward to the green.

Meattle also suggests that bedrooms have as many as six to eight waist-high mother-in-law's tongue plants.

I think having a house full of self-diagnosed brown thumbs made me hesitate. The joy of having plants inside my house is reminding me that information about keeping them alive is only a few clicks away — and well worth the time.

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OUR TAKE: Editorial

Keep an open mind about Dillon's plan

House Speaker Andy Dillon is proposing that all of the state's public employees be placed under one health plan — from the governor to public school bus drivers. The Democrat says it will save the state nearly \$1 billion and save school districts and local governments money, too. The idea is intriguing, although there are many details to work out.

Dillon envisions the state offering the same variety of health insurance options to local governments and school districts, but leaving them the option of participating. He says if someone has lower costs, they don't have to participate, which sounds more than reasonable.

Generally, Dillon's proposal would consolidate the planning, delivery and administration of health care benefits, including negotiations and purchasing under the Office of State Employer.

Among other things, he wants to see standardized coverage to allow public employees and retirees to choose from the same set of healthcare plans. Also, the proposal would ensure all healthcare plans follow best medical practices, meaning they would be geared to increasing patient safety and preventing unnecessary treatment.

Dillon estimates there are 400,000 municipal and school employees in the state who could get lower insurance costs. He also said the program could be expanded to businesses and individuals, once it's in place for public employees.

There is no legislation drafted yet and Dillon admits his plan may involve several private health care carriers providing the standardized coverage.

The plan is complicated and there most certainly are many kinks to be worked out.

But the problem is equally complicated and definitely part of the reason why government units, from local up to the state level, are struggling, if not drowning in a financial quagmire.

If a new healthcare program can be worked out for public employees that also might attract some private sector businesses, then for God's sake, we need to at least explore the option.

Dillon, in a meeting with The Oakland Press, sounded dedicated and sincere in his desire to help fix the ballooning healthcare cost problem.

We feel he deserves our support in trying to work out the details of this plan and make it a viable, cost-savings one for the state.

You can always be cynical and distrustful of government. That's OK if it makes you a little more cautious and drives you to find out more information about an issue.

But if it blinds you to a potential cost-savings program that could work, then the cynicism is counterproductive and just plain wrong.

Whether you like government or not, it will, to some degree, be a part of your life. Sometimes, believe it or not, government intervention can be helpful.

We need to keep an open mind about Dillon's plan and urge Democrats and Republicans to work together on this problem, putting the usual petty politics aside. That seems to be a terribly tough task sometimes for our folks in Lansing but we believe it is possible.

The potential good from a successful program would not only be desirable to the entire state but it is critically needed in these dire economic times.

Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

Congress did the right thing

On June 26, the House of Representatives made history by passing a comprehensive clean energy policy that will create jobs and help end our dependence on oil. The stakes are high. America's place in the world, the health of our planet and millions of new clean energy jobs hang in the balance.

With the help of Congressman Mark Schauer, the House of Representatives took a step in the right direction. Thank you, Representative Schauer for putting America on the path of clean energy and millions of new jobs.

Lisa Wozniak
Executive Director
Michigan League of Conservation Voters

— the A2 Journal — some serious responsibility to your public seems in order.

What were you thinking? I bet you will get a lot of mail on this one.

Rick and Rachael Laine
Ann Arbor

Expansion of airport would be unsafe

As resident of Stonebridge Estates and Pittsfield Township since 1993, I am intimately familiar with the goings and comings of airplanes into the Ann Arbor Airport. My house is directly under the flight path of nearly all departures from the airport, and if the runway were to be extended even a few more yards, I fear my house would no longer be safe to live in.

As things are now, there are already some planes that are large enough to cause my windows to vibrate, to rattle things on shelves attached to my walls, and to awaken me from my sleep if the timing is right. If the planes were either larger, which expanding the runway length would make possible, or took off later and, therefore, even closer to my house, I fear I would no longer feel safe living here.

With Willow Run Airport only a 15- to 20-minute drive away and already equipped to handle larger and/or heavier planes, this expansion seems unnecessary. If safety is the reason for expansion, explain

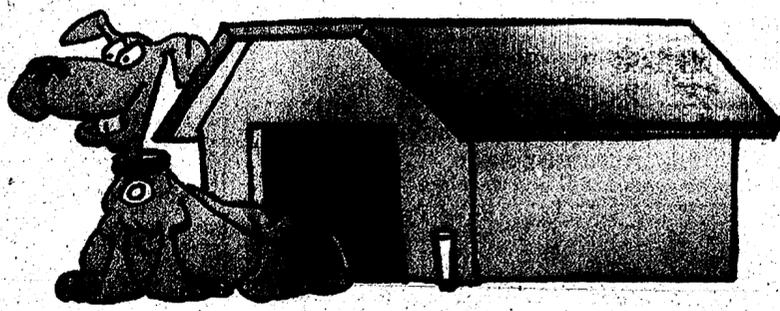
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Publishing photo was irresponsible

I never have written to a newspaper ever before. But I and my wife are very avid bicycle riders. We were completely surprised and quite disappointed by the image of two young "high schoolers" with the title "Bike Track Thrills Riders" underneath because the riders had no helmets on.

You are basically promoting the idea that it is not only OK to ride bicycles without helmets, but also do X Game like stunts without helmets. Certainly in the X Games the riders wear helmets.

Even if this is a new thing



DANIEL FENECH

"JUST ONCE I'D LIKE TO BE RELEASED ON MY OWN RECOGNIZANCE..."

Remembering Matthew

Family coping with boy's loss

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

The closeness and love we feel toward someone is more often than not directly proportional to how much we miss them after they've passed on.

Matthew Ulrich also has proven that the depth and breadth of who a person is can give those left behind a powerful means to deal with the grief associated with mourning the death of a loved one.

Matthew died in a tragic accident in London Township March 29, just a week before his 13th birthday. He was riding his

Kawasaki dirt bike on a private motocross track along Plank Road in Milan when he lost control and fell. Another rider landed on top of him before he could get back up and off the track.

His mother, Holly, a Saline resident and teacher in Dexter, very quickly began a journey into the interests and passions that were close to her son's heart — one article of clothing at a time.

"I'm going to be making five (quilts) total," she said last Thursday with resolve in her voice.

She already has created one quilt from her son's clothing and various other items that he had worn and used during his young life.

The first quilt went to his sister, Hannah, last Saturday as a going-to-college gift. His other sister, Meghan, as well as father Jeff and grandfather James Fitch will each get their own patchwork of cloth memories. Holly will be making one for herself, too.

"The clothes that he wore mean something different to each of us," she said.

Matthew and his father loved riding dirt bikes, so that quilt will have patches from dirt biking apparel. He and his grandfather, a

Belleville resident, loved the Belleville Tigers, so football jersey patches will be part of James' and Matthew's quilt. Jeans were a wardrobe staple, so every quilt will have blue jean patches. Each also will have a piece of a polo shirt he wore to Washtenaw-Christian Academy in Saline. Matthew also wore that shirt in a photo displayed during his memorial service.

Holly says the process has greatly helped her in a number of ways, not the least of which has been the acceptance of her son's passing.

"It was hard when we were going through the stuff in the room. We didn't want to move

"The girls and I went in and cleaned out all of the clothes in his room," Holly said, sharing that she was loathe to move more than was absolutely necessary for the task, since she wanted to leave some things where they lay for now.

So soon after his death, Matthew's absence seemed unreal.

"When I was cutting up his clothes, I would say to myself that I shouldn't cut these because he may need them someday, and then reality hit me — he's not ever going to need these, no matter what we do."

Gradually the repetition of the task before her — cutting shirts and pants and pajamas and towels and blankets — reinforced the reality that her son was in a better place now.

At first, the emotions were so strong that for a time she became a slave to the task, as it became her singular purpose.

"When I worked on piecing the first quilt together, I worked non-stop one day for more than five hours straight, and then after that I worked in smaller periods because it was just too much emotionally."

With time more and more creativity and positive energy went into the planning and design of the quilts. Each one features a stitch-print photo of Matt. The first completed quilt that Hannah received has a picture of Matt and his sisters riding an inter tube for the first time. The photo is outlined with fabric from the swimsuit he wore that day.

"It was such a big deal because he was scared to do it at first," Holly said. "But they took the plunge and went tubing together."

Two more quilts are already pieced together and the others are laid out and ready for that important step.

Holly says she didn't plan on the positive feelings that

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HOLLY ULRICH

anything in his bedroom that reminded us of him," she said. "That's why it took me from May until July to begin the process."

Right for everyone

The idea seemed obvious to her, having made T-shirt quilts for friends and family. She knew what a quilt meant.

"I said what a good way to remember him and make use of the stuff," she said. Holly didn't want to throw or give away her son's things, but she had decided that she didn't want to treat her son's room and possessions entirely like a time capsule. That's probably not what Matthew, an active and positive kid, with an eye toward tomorrow, would have wished.

Shortly after the Fourth of July, the process of going through Matthew's things and categorizing each item, based on the meaning it derived from his personal relationship with each family member, began in earnest.



Matthew Ulrich's family has made quilts from his clothing to remember him by and hold him close.

came with giving the quilts to her daughter, saying that she took the process one step at a time.

"You could tell she thought it was really cool ... when you open up the quilt and see the pants he wore to school."

The son who was always known as "a helper" by mom and others was helping yet again in a different way.

"I'm just trying to do what he would have wanted me to do," Holly said.

We're never alone

James Fitch has a lot of things he will remember his grandson for — not the least of which is that he turned out to be a grandson.

"I raised three daughters and then I had five granddaughters before Matthew," James said with pride in his voice when speaking his grandson's name.

James wanted to bring his grandson everywhere with him, so he registered the plate "matt96" on his Ford pickup truck and had "grandpa" air-brushed on one side of his Jet Ski and "Matthew" painted on the other.

James couldn't get through talking about what Matthew meant to him without breaking down a few times from the grief.

"I called him my first mate," he said.

Matthew loved the water and really loved the Jet Ski, as he did all things that "had power" and inner workings to

tinker with. "Years ago, he never wanted to ride on it with me, but then it got to the point where he would ride behind me and then we got to the point where he wanted to learn to run it, and I would always ride behind him," James said.

Soon Matthew was riding on his own within 300 yards in front of their cottage up north. James fondly recalled sitting in a rowboat watching his grandson enjoying himself on the water.

Two years ago, James had taken Matthew, Meghan and Hannah to a Michigan Safe Boating course because he wanted his grandchildren to be able to operate the equipment legally when they were old enough.

"We went on a Saturday and took the course, so each one of them had their certificate," James said. "(Hannah) was old enough that she could run it by herself. He was really looking forward to next year."

If not for the accident, Matthew would be up north riding around on the water right now, James pointed out.

Matthew had been changing the oil and filling up the gas because he liked to fix things.

"He was learning the responsibility and how to operate it, and he was really looking forward to next summer because he'd be 14 and could run the Jet Ski himself according to the law," James said.

Since the age limit will increase from 14 to 16 in Michigan in 2011, it was important for Matthew to be independent on the water for a time, his grandfather said.

"Ultimately, the reason I put his name on it was because every spring before we went up north, he would come over and take out the spark plugs and put in new ones and attach the wires. He would help me get it ready and we would start it in the driveway," James said.

"It's his little craft to run and he was so proud of it."

Matthew helped on his grandfather's boat, too. So, not only is the Jet Ski Matthew's craft, but perhaps the water is Matthew and James' special place.

There are dozens of memories that spill out of James when you talk to him about his grandson, and he intends to hold onto them and keep them close for the rest of his life wherever road or water may take him.

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DIETERLE, WALDO; of Lodi Twp., MI; living a long life of 91 years as a follower of Christ, Waldo departed this earthly life for his heavenly home on Wednesday, August 5, 2009. He was born to Herman and Lillian (Luckhardt) Dieterle in Lodi Township in September, 1917. He was the fifth of six children. Waldo worked for American Broach in Ann Arbor and retired in 1979. His other job of raising Corriedale sheep brought great joy to him, and local spinners sought out his prize-winning wool for their hobbies. Waldo is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mildred (Hill) Dieterle; daughters, Joyce (Dale) Nimke and Lois (Larry) Jedele; grandchildren, Brenda Nimke and spouse, David Wells, Melissa (Kent) Losee, Philip Jedele and Christiana (J. Thomas) White; great grandchildren, Christine Ann Losee and Tyler Thomas White, and an expected third great grandchild in January 2010 to Brenda and David; step-great grandchildren, Amanda White (Parker and Chloe), Brandon and Danielle White; his sister, Marie Haab; and by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Rudolph, Alfred and Edwin Dieterle, and his sister, Hilda Raus. Visitation took place from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, August 9, 2009, at the Nie Family Funeral Home, Liberty Road Chapel, 3767 W. Liberty Rd., Ann Arbor, and at the church from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 10, 2009, from Grace Bible Church, 1300 Maple Road, Ann Arbor, with the Rev. Douglas Strader presiding. Interment followed the service at Bethlehem Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Saline Evangelical Home, 440 Russell, Saline, MI 48176 or St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Saline, Office of Development, P.O. Box 995, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. Please visit www.niefuneralhomes.com to sign his guestbook or leave a memory. The family wishes to thank all of Waldo's caregivers at the Saline Evangelical Home Rehab unit for all of their tender loving care during his final days.

KRAMER, CHARLIE; a Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, August 18, 7 p.m. at the Dexter American Legion Hall.

ROGERS, RONALD E.; formerly of Saline, MI; age 65; passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 30, 2009, with family by his side. Ron was born in Saline, MI, July 31, 1943, and also graduated from Saline, Class of 1961. After graduation he served in the Army Reserves while continuing to help on the family dairy farm. He started and ran an excavating business in the Saline area for many years until an interest in raising cattle eventually drew him to move to Nebraska in 1985. There he ran a successful ranching business, was a lifetime member of the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America, and for a time served on the Nebraska Cattlemen's Association. Survivors include two sons, Steven (Carol) Rogers of Grand Ledge, MI, and Scott (Carlene) Rogers of Clinton, MI; grandchildren, Zachary (Rachel) Rogers of Estero, FL, Candice (Joe) Ferris of Grand Ledge, MI, Ryan and Blake Rogers of Clinton, MI; and great grandchild, Austin Ferris; Ron is also survived by Judy Walton, Kori Anderson and Elocin Moran; as well as siblings, Elaine (Robert) Ewald, Kendall (Nancy) Rogers and William (Cora) Rogers; and many nieces and nephews. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Duane and Marjorie Rogers. All family and friends are welcome to attend a Graveside Service Saturday, August 29, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline, MI, with Pastor William F. Natsis officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association. Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. For more information, please visit our website at www.rbfnhsaline.com

JAMES, DORIS ANNE (MILLER); of Chelsea, MI; age 88; died Friday, August 7, 2009, at the Chelsea Retirement Community Township Village. She was born December 28, 1920, in Macon, GA, the daughter of Boyce and Elizabeth (Johnstone) Miller, Sr. Doris had lived in the area for the past three years, coming from Macon, GA. She truly loved knitting, sewing, crafts and oil painting. Surviving are her daughters, Madelyn (Mike) Pearce of Arizona and Dee (Bill) Burkel of Chelsea; 9 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren; as well as two sisters, Eugenia Hansen and Anne Avirett, both of Macon, GA. She was preceded in death by her husbands, DeAlbert Hoke, Jr. and Thomas James, two brothers, Terrell and Boyce Miller, Jr., and two sisters, Elizabeth Lancaster and Cecilia Coleman. A Memorial Service will be on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. at the Meadows of Silver Maples on the second floor with Rev. Kathy Schell officiating. A private burial will take place at Andersonville Cemetery in Georgia. Expressions of sympathy can be made to the hospice of your choice. Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.



FINFROCK, ESTELLE EVELYN; of Marshall, formerly of Manchester, MI; age 88; went to be with her Lord on August 5, 2009. She was born on February 25, 1921, in Posen, MI, the daughter of Joseph and Antonette Ratkowiak. On January 9, 1940, she married Kenneth Finfrock, Jr. in Lucas Co., OH. They were married for 59 years until his passing in 1999. They lived 45 years on Pleasant Lake Road in Manchester. Estelle worked for the American Air Craft plant during W.W.II in Dayton, OH, and Ford Motor Company in Manchester in the 1950s. She ended her working career for Kmart in Ann Arbor. She was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Women's Auxiliary. Estelle loved life and family was everything to her. Her hobbies were painting, bowling, crafts, planting flowers and gardening. She loved to go to Manchester Speedway and watch her son race and go to the 4H fairs and watch her daughters show their horses. Estelle also was a great horseshoe pitcher and was a member of Michigan Wolverine Horseshoe Pitching Association. She won many trophies for her pitching. Estelle is the loving mother of five children, Daniel Finfrock of Sault Ste. Marie, Sandra (Stan) Dauber of Battle Creek, Fayette Haft of South Lyon, Deborah Powers of Westland and Barbara Kwiatkowski of Whitmore Lake; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren; she also leaves behind one sister, Wanda of Palm Coast, FL; and several nieces and nephews. Estelle was preceded in death by her parents; husband; five brothers; three sisters; one infant son, Joseph; one grandson; and one great grandson, Danny. Cremation has taken place and a Graveside Service will be held Saturday, August 22, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Norvell Township Cemetery, 7990 Mill Road, Brooklyn, MI 49230. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Finfrock family. Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.

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GREENWOOD, JOSEPH W.; age 75; of Duluth, GA; died August 10, 2009. Joe was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be greatly missed. He was born in Bedford, KY and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harold Greenwood. Joe graduated from Chelsea High School in 1953, served his country in the U.S. Army for two years and was president of the local carpenter's union in Ann Arbor, MI. He has lived in Duluth, GA since 1982 and worked for Charles Dean from Triple Creek for 18 years, retiring in 2002. In retirement, Joe enjoyed building bird houses and remodeling his home. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Alan and Jimmy Greenwood. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Susie Greenwood of Duluth; sons, Craig Greenwood of North Carolina, Joseph Greenwood of Jefferson, GA, Pat Greenwood of Michigan and Casey Greenwood of Jefferson, GA; step-son, Thomas Johnston of Michigan; honorary daughter, Dawn Scudder and honorary son, David Gilliland; 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; sisters, Barbara Parker of Ohio and Veretta Whitaker of Michigan. A Celebration of Life for Joe will be held Saturday, August 15, 2009 at 1 p.m. at the family residence. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Peachtree Christian Hospice, 3430 Duluth Park Lane, Duluth, GA 30096 or to Gwinnett Hospital System Foundation, P.O. Box 1184, Lawrenceville, GA 30046-1184 in memory of Joseph W. Greenwood. Bill Head Funeral Homes and Crematory, Duluth Chapel 770-476-2535.



DROLETT, GAIL L.; of Dexter Township; age 64; passed away Saturday, August 8, 2009, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born April 18, 1945, in Detroit, MI, the daughter of the late Lee and Barbara (Sanford) Vogelsang. Gail had lived at Portage Lake for the past 32 years. She loved to cook, camp, decorate and keep her house impeccably clean, but her children and grandchildren were her entire life. On March 7, 1969, she married James L. Drolett in Ann Arbor and they had 40 wonderful years together. Surviving are her husband, James and their two children, Kimberly (Robert) Gagliano of Chesterfield Twp. and Tyler Drolett of Dexter; grandchildren, Cole, Ross, Layne, Elle and Hadley Gagliano; sister, Nancy McCrory of Fenton; and niece, Sheri McCrory. Funeral Services were Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, 901 North Main Street, Chelsea, with Rev. Joy Barrett officiating. Expression of sympathy can be made to Arbor Hospice, 2388 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. The family received friends at the funeral home Tuesday, August 11, 2009, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, 10 a.m. until the time of service.



JACOBSON, MARY I.; Clinton, MI. Beloved mother, wife, aunt and friend. Mary died peacefully at home on July 29, 2009 with her family at her side. Born February 9, 1931, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Mary was the daughter of Leonard "Red" and Erma (Helber) Kirwan, both of Ann Arbor. Mary married John (Jack) Jacobson December 24, 1949 in Plymouth, Michigan and they raised their family in Milan. They moved to Macon Township in 1973. She is survived by Jack, her husband of 60 years; her daughter, Kathryn and husband, Howard Anderson of Kent, WA; her daughter, Gail Jacobson of Saline; her son, John and his wife, Sylvia Jacobson of Tecumseh, MI; her son, Tom and his wife, Kim Jacobson of Saline, MI; 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She is also survived by 1 sister, Kathleen Bolton; sister-in-law, Dianne Kirwan, several nephews; 1 niece; and her special friend, Margaretha Stoddard. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, James L. Kirwan. Mary was very active in life and generous of her time having volunteered for many years for St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Saline, MI and Tucson, AZ. She was an avid golfer, enjoyed her family and traveling. Mary retired from the University of Academic Planning and Analysis after more than twenty years. A Private Service has been held with her close family. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Mary's name to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice, 3075 Clark Rd., Suite 200, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Arrangements by the J. Gilbert Purse Funeral Home, Tecumseh, MI.

REDPATH, JOHN "JACK" PHILLIP; age 83; of Chelsea; went peacefully to be with his Lord on Sunday, August 9, 2009, after a sudden health complication. He was preceded in death by his oldest son, Michael John Redpath, and by his brother, Robert Redpath. Jack leaves behind and will be deeply missed by his wife, Therese "Tess" (Zammitt) Redpath; they were married for 60 years; he was a wonderful and loving father to Nancy and John Santrock (of Jackson), Jerry and Judy Redpath (Keswick, VA), Lynne Durston (Indian River, MI), Karen Kalmbach (Vernon, CT) Mary and Phil Dascola (Chelsea, MI), Carolyn Sykes (Ypsilanti, MI), Paul and Therese Redpath (Brighton, MI), Julie and Michael Pettys (Cave Creek, AZ); Jack (aka Bop-pa) was a loving, dedicated and downright goofy grandpa to John Jacob (Brooke) Redpath, David (Lynne) Durston, Mary Lynne Durston, Justin Redpath-Dascola, Thomas and Phillip Redpath, Lara and Josh Traczynski, Andrew and Brian Kalmbach, Gabriella, Elisabeth, Anthony, Kristina and Michael Redpath; one very special great granddaughter, Chloe Redpath; sisters, Marlene (Gerald) McLean, Lucille Brodie (Thomas Katona, deceased) and Susan (Ed) Bown; and many loving brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; nieces, nephews and cousins. Jack proudly served his country during World War II, was an avid gardener and made the best cookies in Chelsea. Tess and the family would like to thank all of the doctors, nurses and other staff at Chelsea Community Hospital for years of wonderful care they provided to Jack. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, 11 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church (14200 E. Old US-12, Chelsea, MI 48118) with Rev. Dr. William J. Turner, celebrant, and Rev. Joseph Lang co-officiating. Jack's family greeted friends and relatives at Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. (Rosary at 7:30 p.m.). Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. If one wishes, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or the St. Louis Center.

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Pets N Things responds to economy, customers

Local business surviving the downturn

By April Scarlett
Special Writer

A large, fluffy-feathered Moluccan cockatoo named Sidney shrieks a series of cackles, screeches and grating noises to her fellow parrots and other birds and then pauses for a moment to say "hello" in perfect English to an employee walking past her cage.

It's an enormous cage worthy of its inhabitant, among the largest of the white cockatoos, a species originating from eastern Indonesia. Sidney, however, is captive, born and bred. Her feathers are white with a pink hue that seems to glow from underneath. These beautiful, intelligent and occasionally boisterous creatures are so compelling to look at and listen to, one visit is all it takes to keep you coming back time and time again to Pets N Things in Saline.

Pets N Things owner John Lebert, along with his wife, Bethany, faced a tough decision this year, debating on whether to change the format of their store to carrying only pet supplies, without the animals. Like other small-business owners in Michigan, the Leberts were forced to rethink their business model to keep thriving in a miserable economic climate.

Despite a bump in the right direction from 9.5 percent to 9.4 percent for the national unemployment rate reported last Friday, the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics still reports Michigan at a whopping 15.2 percent, resulting in a drop in consumer spending for anything beyond necessity.

While many feel feeding and caring for their pets is a necessity, pets themselves are not. Luxury- and entertainment-based businesses are scurrying to be creative and find ways to keep businesses up and running. They look at pricing changes, rebates, customer incentives, and events and activities to draw people in. And some, like Lebert, consider a complete restructuring of inventory to lower overhead costs.

Lebert has always loved animals. After six years of working in a pet shop, it made sense that he should buy one. He purchased Pets N Things 15 years ago and still looks forward to going to work.

"I really enjoy dealing with animals and the public — all parts of the business," Lebert says.

This is a guy who knows his business. At home, Lebert and his family breed a variety of parrots and reptiles. He has two daughters, Evelyn and Isobel, and together the family raises the animals until they are ready to be put up for sale.

"All of our mammals and parrots — and most of our reptiles — are captive born," Lebert said, "never a wild caught animal unless it is a rescue. These are our babies."

Lebert says seeing the animals placed in good homes is rewarding. In fact, in a retail world seemingly inundated by shopping via the Web, being able to see potential pet owners face to face is the reason Lebert will not take Pets N Things to the Internet.

"I like to be directly involved with the customers, to be able to educate them directly," Lebert said.

Internet sales also would mean the transport of animals by freight, whether ground or air, and Lebert is not comfortable sending his animals off to a destination unsure of the environment awaiting



Photo by April Scarlett

Pets N Things owner John Lebert holds Sidney, a Moluccan cockatoo. He says seeing the animals placed in good homes is rewarding.

them. Pets N Things is completely locally supported.

With animals such a huge part of the business, again, the decision on whether to keep them in the store was a real dilemma for the Leberts when it came down to looking for ways to cut back.

"Overhead for animals is about \$1,000 a week," Lebert said, "when you factor in electricity for fish filters and heat lamps for the reptiles, food, care and personnel. It takes one person the entire hours of operation from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. just for feeding." Preliminarily, the decision was made to

make the cut. Lebert decided to go the route of his other store, The Pet Emporium, part of the large Animal Kingdom complex a few miles up the road, and focus his inventory strictly on animal food and supplies. His customers, however, would not allow it.

"Our customers came in every day upset," Lebert said.

There was such a consistent outcry of protest to the change, he was forced to consider other options if he wanted to keep his customers happy.

"I guess the biggest surprise was that we had that kind of impact for so many

people," he said.

One such person is young Danielle Fillmore, a student attending Heritage School this fall. She came in looking for a dozen live crickets to feed to Randall, her pet gecko.

"What size?" Lebert asks.

"Small," says Fillmore.

Really? Who knew crickets came in three different sizes? They do. Small, medium and large, depending on the size of the reptile that eats them.

To his customer's delight, Lebert made a final decision to downsize the animal inventory in the store instead of doing without them entirely. The wall of fish tanks is completely gone except for a little tank of simple goldfish. The tanks were the biggest expense and make a sizeable difference in overhead.

For the rest of the animals, there is still a large variety of mammals, reptiles and birds. Lebert and his staff are happy to take them out for customers to see or pet.

One such cuddly favorite is a chinchilla, a native species to South America. Their very soft fur and cute, mouse-like ears make them a popular pet, not unlike rabbits or guinea pigs. The chinchilla is gaining popularity because it is dander-free, which is a good option for allergy sufferers, and its fur is so dense it makes a terrible host for pests like fleas.

Every so often, kittens can be found at Pets N Things, but Lebert assures these are rescued animals only. Kittens without homes are taken in, treated and medicated, if needed, at Animal Kingdom Veterinary Hospital and then sold for a price solely to cover costs.

"There is no profit, no incentive," Lebert says, in his rescue kitten program.

As for puppies, "Good breeders will rarely sell indirectly," Lebert said.

Since Lebert isn't a dog breeder himself, if a customer is not going to use a breeder, he recommends, "a non-profit is a better option" for customers wishing to find a dog for a pet.

The recession in general isn't the only culprit hitting the pet industry. According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture, financial constraints have made it necessary to cut the only program used to regulate the sale of mammals and other livestock and rodents. As of Aug. 1, Michigan Legislative Act number 287 is no longer in effect. This law, established in 1969, also called the Pet Shop Program, was enacted to regulate pet shops, animal control shelters and animal protection shelters to establish uniform procedures and minimum requirements for adoption of dogs, cats and ferrets, and to prescribe penalties and civil fines and to provide remedies. With cuts like these, Saline residents and other Pets N Things customers can breathe a sigh of relief knowing someone like John Lebert is at the helm of his shop, enforcing his own high standards.

Pets N Things is here to stay, with animals. Lebert hopes to eventually expand to a larger space and offer more in varieties of food and supplies for dogs and cats. Until then, he will continue to provide a meeting place for local animal lovers, whether to purchase a new pet, maintain care for an existing one or learn from the expertise of Lebert and his staff in regards to all things furry and feathery, smooth and swimming.

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Mutual funds, IRAs can diversify savings portfolio

If you're somewhat familiar with investing, you probably have heard that owning mutual funds is a good way to help diversify your portfolio. Is this true? And, if so, how should you go about selecting the right mutual funds?

To begin with, let's quickly review the importance of diversification. By owning a variety of investments — such as stocks, bonds and government securities — you can help reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. And while diversification by itself cannot guarantee profits nor protect

against a loss, a diversified portfolio can help you reduce the impact of market downturns that may hit one asset class particularly hard.

Because an individual mutual fund invests in many different securities, it automatically brings a certain degree of diversification to your portfolio. And yet, you can't just purchase any combination of mutual funds and expect good results. Consider this: There are more than 8,000 mutual funds in the financial marketplace, according to the Investment Company Institute,

the trade group for the mutual fund industry.

About 60 percent of these funds are stock funds, with the rest being "hybrid" or "balanced" funds (which invest in a mix of stocks and bonds), taxable bond funds, municipal bond funds, and money market funds. With such a large number of funds available, and with a finite amount of stocks, bonds and other securities in which these funds can invest, it's easy to see that there is going to be considerable duplication among many of these mutual funds — and duplica-

tion is the opposite of diversification.

Consequently, when you invest in mutual funds, you can't just adopt a philosophy that can be boiled down to "the more, the merrier."

Furthermore, it isn't just a matter of one "large-cap growth" fund looking like another. You might find that the large-cap fund (a fund that invests in stocks of large companies) is also quite similar to a "technology" fund.

So, what's the solution to avoiding "overlapping" funds? There's no magic formula —

you have to do your homework. Before purchasing a new fund, look closely at its holdings, which will be posted on the fund's prospectus. (Also, while you're looking at the prospectus, make sure you understand the fund's investment objective, risk, charges and expenses.) Then compare these holdings to the ones listed on your existing mutual funds — if you see too many redundancies, you may want to take a pass on this particular fund.

Ultimately, your first step in diversifying a mutual fund portfolio is to identify your

individual risk tolerance and investment objectives. Are you a conservative, moderate or aggressive investor? Do you need growth, income or a combination of both? Once you've answered these questions, you can then begin selecting the right mix of mutual funds to help you achieve your financial goals.

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Journal Register Co. emerges from bankruptcy

Journal Register Company announced Friday that its pre-negotiated plan of reorganization has become effective and the company has successfully emerged from Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in less than six months from commencing the case.

The company has also closed on its exit financing consisting of a \$150 million Tranche A Term Loan Agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, a \$75 million Tranche B Term Loan Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and a revolving credit facility with Wachovia Bank, National Association.

"Over the last six months, everyone at the company has stayed focused on successfully reorganizing the business in order to create a strong financial base on which to build a new dynamic company that is well equipped to compete in today's challenging economic environment. We would like to thank our employees, lenders and advisers for their hard work and many sacrifices to bring the reorganization to a successful conclusion.

"We would also like to thank our loyal advertisers, suppliers and subscribers for their ongoing support during this difficult process. In the future, we look forward to delivering the high quality, hyper-local content that is the hallmark of Journal Register Company through our traditional print media products and the vast new media opportunities available to the Company," said Robert P. Conway, the company's interim chief executive officer.

By agreement with the company's secured lenders, the allowed claims of the company's pre-petition continuing trade creditors will be paid in full in cash. In accordance with the plan, the other unsecured creditors will be entitled to a pro rata share of a fixed dollar settlement fund based on the amount of their allowed claims.

The company is now privately held by the company's pre-petition secured lenders who have been issued the new common stock of the Company. The common stock of the company that was issued pre-petition was canceled with no distribution to

the holders.

The company has appointed a new four-member board of directors.

Joining the board as chairman is Joseph A. Ripp, the former chief financial officer for Time Warner Inc. and vice chairman of America Online Inc.; Michael Diament, a former portfolio manager for Q Investments; Peter H. Glusker, the head of business development and international operations for Gilt Groupe Inc.; and John Paton, the chairman and chief executive officer of impreMedia, LLC.

"We are pleased to welcome these accomplished individuals to the board and we anticipate that their diverse new media and traditional media backgrounds will be a tremendous asset to the company," said Conway.

The company filed its voluntary Chapter 11 petitions in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York Feb. 21, 2009.

Additional information about the company's restructuring is available at the company's Web site at www.journalregister.com. For access to court documents and other general information, visit <http://chapter11.epiqsystems.com/journalregister>.

About Journal Register Co.

Journal Register Company owns 19 daily newspapers, more than 152 non-daily publications and operates over 128 individual Web sites that are affiliated with the company's daily newspapers, non-daily publications and its network of employment Web sites.

These Web sites can

be accessed at www.JournalRegister.com.

All of the company's operations are strategically clustered in five geographic areas: Greater Philadelphia;

Michigan; Connecticut; Greater Cleveland; and the Upstate New York region. The company also owns JobsInTheUS, a network of 20 employment Web sites.



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Vegan Chili Cook-Off to aid SASHA Farm

SASHA Farm Animal Sanctuary, the Midwest's largest sanctuary for farm animals, will host a Vegan Chili Cook-Off 2 p.m. Sept. 12.

The competition is open to the public, and contestants may register either individually or as teams. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. All the chili recipes entered must be vegan, meaning they will contain no animal products of any kind, including meat, dairy products or honey.

SASHA Farm believes that the event will be the first event of its kind in the area, and hopes to make it an

annual tradition, according to a news release.

This year, the farm will have a few local celebrity judges on hand, including Michigan-Radio and WGTE's Jack Lessenberry.

In addition to the chili cook-off, there will be tours of the sanctuary, which was established in 2001 and is home to more than 200 farmed and domestic animals, and other entertainment. The day will end with a bonfire at dusk.

For more information, visit www.sashafarm.org or call chilli@sashafarm.org, or call 428-9617.

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OTHER VOICES

On the road to single-payer healthcare plan

By Dan Danner
Guest Writer

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and others in Congress have been talking a lot about how a government-run public option will lead to lower costs and more choices for health insurance. Nothing could be further from the truth. Instead, the reality is that a "public option" would restrict "choice" to a single plan — the government-run plan.

But what it's really intended to do, according to prominent leaders like U.S. Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, is to put us on the road to single-payer, government-run health care.

On a YouTube video that's making the rounds, he said, "If we get a good public option, it could lead to single-payer (health care) and I think that's the best way to reach single payer."

Sure enough, the House bill has elements that are deliberately designed to drive small-business owners out of the private market and into the public option. For example, the bill includes a provision that would require employers above a certain revenue threshold to offer a health insurance plan, whether they can afford to or not.

If they don't, they're forced to pay a tax of up to 8 percent of their total payroll. No matter how profitable or unprofitable a business might be, the owners are forced to pay this tax if they do not provide "qualified" health insurance to their employees.

The bill also establishes a confusing test that

hits employers who already offer health insurance.

Small businesses must offer that qualified plan (determined by a government-appointed board), provide both individual and family coverage, and meet minimum contribution levels, which could be more than they are already paying, let alone can afford.

If employees decline coverage and decide to go to the government-run option, the employer must also pay the payroll tax. All of these added expenses and new rules are likely to lead small-business owners to throw up their hands and say it's cheaper to drop their plan and pay the tax.

As you can imagine, these ideas scare and outrage many small business owners, and rightly so. One owner told us, "How do I add expenses to my company when I've already lost \$100,000 this year and am just desperately trying to survive? We lost one-third of our employees and the remaining ones are working reduced hours."

Another member wrote, "Mandates are ineffective (and) this bill deprives me of my rights to determine how to use my resources. It harms small business and their employees — the very groups it is supposed to help."

The House bill simply will not work for small businesses. Small business owners, their employees and families are in dire need of health insurance reforms that will lower costs, increase competition and result in more choices for private

health insurance. That's why thousands of small-business owners across the country are contacting their legislators while they are back home in August. Their message is if the president and Congress insist on going down the House's road, they will actually make things worse for small business.

Anyone who values the contributions small businesses make to their communities and to the country should tell their representatives the same thing.

Dan Danner is president and CEO of the National Federation of Independent Business in Washington, D.C.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE C-4

to me how taking off closer to houses, even with the same size planes that use the airport now, would be safer for anyone.

Corinne Nair
Ann Arbor

Politicians should listen to constituents

My 89-year-old father, a World War II veteran, survived eight months in a Nazi prison camp and a 700-mile death march across Germany. He came home not too healthy, but victorious and raised a large family.

My father is outraged that Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has chosen to label his son and his son's neighbors as Nazi's. He is outraged that the Obama administration has

asked U.S. citizens to snitch on each other, like the Hitler youth. I am calling on U.S. Congressmen John Dingell and Congressman Mark Schauer to condemn these comments by our leaders in Washington and demand an apology to the American people.

I am one of those concerned citizens who is choosing to raise a voice in dissent because Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said that it's patriotic to do just that.

I am very concerned about the Obama/Democrat health-care plan that seeks to ruin the best medical care in the world. I am concerned about a very foolish carbon tax plan that will heavily punish business and job seekers alike in the name of dubious climate change.

I believe that it is the job of members of Congress to listen to their constituents at home, and not for the folks at home to

listen to what Washington tells them to do. It is called representation for a reason.

Recently, the White House had asked supporters "to punch back twice as hard." Sadly, that has now happened as a St. Louis black conservative activist was beaten by union thugs at a town hall meeting. The "community organizer in chief" should not have a hissy-fit when communities begin to organize.

I tried to attend the town hall meeting that Congressman Dingell held recently, but was turned away because the hall was filled. I commend John Dingell's courage to face his constituents. Unfortunately, Mark Schauer wants to hide behind a "telephone town hall."

Those politicians who choose to ignore the pleas of their constituents do so at their own peril.

Jim Jablonski
Saline

WHO'S WATCHING THE CHILDREN?

The Orange County Register thought its readers might like to know about the criminal histories of workers in the state's day-care facilities. After all, the paper's readers were placing their own trust and their children's well-being in the hands of those workers.

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

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

If you lived in Orange County, or any other county with day care, wouldn't you like to know whether the adults your children come in contact with have committed crimes?

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Trunk-A-Palooza offers array of fun finds

Event features local vendors in Kerrytown

By Lisa Allmendinger
Heritage Newspapers

Kevin Peshick of Ann Arbor brought his surplus paper and book inventory to Trunk-a-Palooza at the Ann Arbor Farmers' Market Aug. 6.

In its fourth year, the "trunkers" at the fundraiser for the Kerrytown Association sell things that range in price from 5 cents and up from the trunks of their vehicles, as well as from card tables.

A combination garage sale, flea market and yard sale rolled into one, the vendors gather from 5 to 8 p.m. weekly on Thursday nights through Sept. 10.

Peshick said he brought paper items, old casino chips and other surplus inventory to Trunk-a-Palooza to move them out of his space in Chelsea.

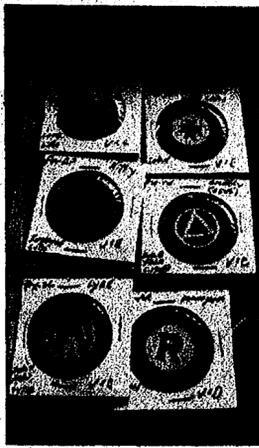
The vendors said they priced their items extremely reasonably and, for most of them, business was good.

Nan Montague of Belleville said she brought all kinds of collectibles to downsize the amount of antiques she owns.

She said she enjoys the low-key atmosphere and the people she meets at Trunk-a-Palooza. Plus, she sets up near longtime friends Janice Webster and Malinda McCain of Chelsea.

The three used to have a booth of antiques together, but have scaled back.

"We decided to do this



"We decided to do this because we have too much stuff in the house and we can't enjoy the things we have. We bring a bunch of stuff, priced to go and it works."

JANICE WEBSTER

because we have too much stuff in the house and we can't enjoy the things we have," Webster said. "We bring a bunch of stuff, priced to go and it works." McCain said they try to bring old and new stuff each time. "People get so excited to find things," Webster said, adding that vendors bring an eclectic

array each week.

They pay \$20 to set up the first time and \$10 after that, Webster said.

"The price is reasonable and we're here to have fun," she said.

Nash Bash is Aug. 20 at the Trunk-a-Palooza and features the sounds of Nashville, as well as a special barbecue meal.

Lisa Allmendinger can be reached at lallmendinger@heritage.com or at 877-995-NEWS (6397).



Nan Montague of Belleville sells collectibles at Trunk-a-Palooza at the Ann Arbor Farmers' Market Aug. 6.

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Act of theft during times of greatest need, faith

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

Last Sunday the congregation at Chelsea Church of the Nazarene was asked to pray for a simple thing: the return of a John Deere tractor stolen earlier in the week.

Sometime between 9 p.m. Thursday and noon the following day church grounds staff arrived to find the church garage door ajar and the expensive X-320 model tractor missing from its place.

"We noticed the door on our garage was kicked in and when we went inside the tractor had been taken," said Groundskeeper Dale Lehr.

The tractor was a donation from the congregation. The grounds staff and most other "staff" who keep Church of the Nazarene well kept and running are often volunteers.

"The theft is irritating," said Pastor Jeff Crowder. "It was a big tractor. It was expensive. Someone donated it to us new."

Crowder was both frustrated and hopeful Monday. So far the church has been at its location on Jackson Road for four years. In that time the church has been untouched by thieves or vandals for the first couple of years, but last week's incident brings the score to two thefts and a case of vandalism.

Being located so close to I-94 has always been a concern for church staff, but the location was convenient for visitors and those



Chelsea Church of the Nazarene would like its tractor back.

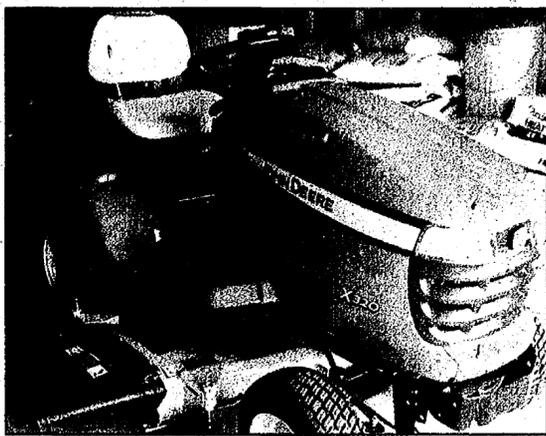
attending church events like the Vacation Bible School that was taken place last week, coinciding with the theft. The last time the garage was seen undisturbed was after closing for the event.

"Although this is the first time we've had this large of a piece of equipment stolen, we had had smaller equipment stolen - a weed whip and an old rototiller," Crowder said.

He hopes someone in the community will step forward with a tip or that those responsible will do the right thing.

Crowder has another hope: "We just hope that no one from our community did this ... my family has lived here for 14 years and we have kids in the schools, and we participate in the Chamber of Commerce, so we have a pretty deep love for the community."

During the last theft the church didn't have to pay a deductible because they just went without, but this time they will pay a \$500 deductible to replace the more



than \$4,000 piece of equipment.

It was purchased earlier this year and was only a few months old.

"Every dollar we put towards things like a deductible takes away from money we would give toward Faith in Action or toward helping people in various ways," Crowder said.

The church handed out a sum of money to a needy family during the Sunday service.

Crowder is keeping his fingers crossed for a "Christ-like" response, since the church is in the same financial boat as everyone else in the country - counting every penny and trying to be stewards of what they've got.

STREET TALK

Do you think the Detroit Tigers can stay in first place and make the playoffs?



"Heck, Yes! Well, truth be told, I sure hope they can. Go Tigers!"
Tom Brennan
Chelsea

"I think they will make the playoffs, but will have a hard time staying in first place all summer. They don't always bring their A game when they have to."
Bobby Beneteau
Chelsea



"We certainly hope so. We are Tiger fans and we like Manager Jim Leyland. He's a pretty smart guy."
Dwight and Susan Crow
Chelsea

"They have a lot of talent. Their pitching is coming along and it's their time again. They will make some noise in the playoffs."
Tim and Mathew Johnson
Chelsea



By Crystal and Don Hayduk

LIVERY

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Bean says Clark and Diab are pursuing leads for funding, but would not reveal exactly who they thought had the money and the will to back a "Citizens for the Chelsea Livery" effort.

Part of the discussion was an argument about the DDA's stated mission and whether or not the course of action they were pursuing with the Livery agreed with it.

The citizen's group argued that section B of the DDA's mission statement was an argument for halting the demolition at the very least: "To continue to enhance the historic character of the downtown through restoration and renovation, while allowing the opportunities for healthy growth that complements the existing retail mix."

DDA officials argued that their other goals were being served by the demolition.

Diab begged to differ: They have the charge of preserv-

ing and renovating historic buildings in the district."

He claimed to have had a discussion with a DDA member indicating that there was confusion with at least that member that the DDA was a nonprofit organization.

Diab called the Michigan Attorney General's Office, Charitable Division to verify that as a matter of course.

Even without the call, a Downtown Development Authority is funded by tax capture and pays for projects through bonds.

According to Michigan Public

Act 197 of 1975. DDA's were created to "correct and prevent deterioration in business districts," but also to "encourage historic preservation."

Diab went a step further and said the city could intervene and save the Livery.

"When some citizens went to the city council meeting they were told by the city that the city has no say over the DDA," Diab said. "According to the Attorney General's office, the DDA is governed by the city."

City Manager John Hanifan

characterized the DDA as following the rules and doing so with ample opportunity for public input, which has intensified to current levels only in the last several weeks.

He said there were visioning sessions that "were very well attended and public input was available ... any citizen living in or outside of the area could have provided comment at any of those sessions."

Hanifan said he respected what the citizens were trying to do in

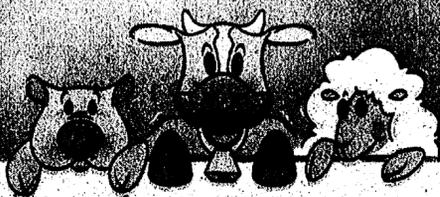
regard to the Livery building, but added that the DDA's role was clear and that they were following it.

"Our DDA has done an outstanding job and their mission is very clear," Hanifan said. "They work within very, very clear and concise guidelines and I'm surprised that there's any question about that."

Bean said those interested in getting involved should contact the Chelsea Area Historical Society at 734-475-9330 or 734-475-7047.

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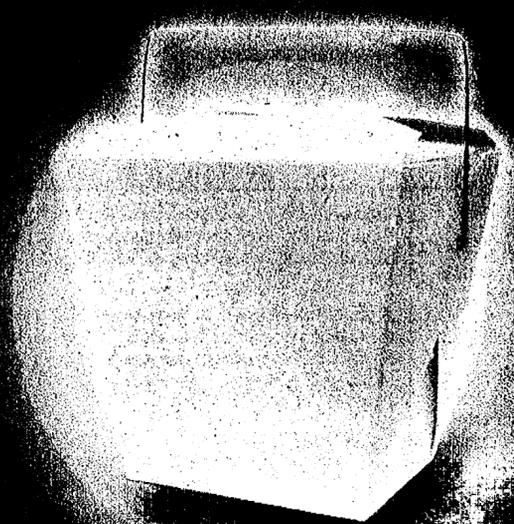
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Tiger cubs



U10 Chelsea baseball team met Tigers pitcher Jeremy Bolderman at Comerica Park on Aug. 5. As part of a fund-raiser through Chelsea Recreation, the U10 team sold the most tickets and was allowed to watch batting practice. Those attending the Tigers game included coaches Craig Engler, Matt Pedlow, Kevin Christian and Any Ingali; Ben Kaemming (back row), Ben Ingali, Isaac Smedshammer, Nathaniel Bero, Carter Engler, Ryan Mitchell, Connor Christian; Blake Engler (front row), Kyle Mitchell, Nicholas Christian, Foster Thornburn, Parker Doan, Jacob Smedshammer and Jack Pedlow.

Chelsea Area Briefs

Street construction
Several residential street construction projects will take place this month throughout the city of Chelsea. Residents are reminded that weather plays a big part in the construction schedules which are proposed to be completed before the start of school. The performance of this work will result in temporary closure to traffic.

Beginning the week of Aug. 10
Van Vuren Street: Full depth pavement replacement, partial curb replacement and select driveway approach replacements, minor storm and sanitary sewer repair. Traffic control signs to be delivered and minor prep work to begin.

Jackson Street: From the Chelsea Depot to East Street. Full-depth pavement replacement, sub-base upgrade and parking lot striping. Traffic control signs to be delivered and minor prep work to begin this week.

Beginning the week of Aug. 20
Orchard Street: Replacement of top one inch of pavement, minor curb work at M-52.

Washington Street: East Street to Madison. Replacement of top one inch of pavement, minor curb work and sidewalk upgrades at Madison Street.

Nature exhibit
The 2009 Chelsea Community Fair marks the second year for the popular "Nature's Creation of Life" exhibit. Returning are baby farm animals, hatching chicks and the promise of the live birth of one or more dairy calves.

In addition will be a wooden milking cow, the model of a dairy farm operation, and exhibits designed for young hands.

Visitors may also witness spaying of dogs and cats in the Michigan Association of Veterinarian's Surgical Suite and live sheep shearing. All activities are free with admission and will take place in the Red Barn visible from West Old U S 12.

Superintendent Cheryl Quinn and the Chelsea Community Fair Board are delighted to present this glimpse of Michigan agriculture. The exhibit will only be successful with the help of dozens of adult community volunteers. The Fair Board is looking to fill two hour shifts beginning at noon each day of the fair.

If you are willing to assist, contact Lynette Powell at llt1025@aol.com or Kay Heller at kaydheller@yahoo.com. A volunteer training is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 19 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Red Barn at the Fairgrounds.

Support our vets
On Saturday the Dexter American Legion will be hosting the Veteran's fund-raiser "Vets Rock!" This fund-raiser raises money for the families of injured veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars to help them afford the cost of accommodations while visiting their son or daughter in the hospital.

This event was started last year in honor of injured veteran Mike Montagne of Chelsea. The evening begins at 7 p.m. and will feature live music at the Dexter American Legion outdoor pavilion. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Gourmet Chocolate Cafe in Chelsea or at the event.

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CITIZEN

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community and business leaders win this award in the past. I am confident we will see the same array of nominees again this year."

For Citizen of the Year nominations, include the person's name, phone number, address, who is recommend-

ing them and their contact number. In a separate letter, list the qualifications of the candidate who is being considered for his or her contributions to any and/or all facets of the community over the last year or more.

Include volunteer work, church activities, organizations (civic/fraternal/social, with offices held, length of service etc.), special events the candidate has organized

and/or participated in, and any other items of significance.

To nominate a person for the "Lifetime Achievement Award," include the person's name, phone number; address, who is recommending them and their contact number. In a separate letter, list the qualifications of the candidate who is being considered for his or her lifetime achievements and/or con-

tributions to the community over their lifetime. Include volunteer work, leadership positions and active roles in the community during his or her life.

For more information, contact the Chelsea Chamber at 734-475-1145 or download one at www.chelseamichamber.org. Mail recommendations to the Chelsea Chamber at 310 N. Main Street, Suite. 120, Chelsea, MI 48118.

BUDGET

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exactly what all of the cuts mean, as evidenced by talking to Juvenile Detention Program Director Lisa Greco, who faces the possibility of total elimination of her 24 full-time staff. The move would mean \$919,464 in savings for the county.

Although the program would be cut the county is still obligated to provide the service, according to Greco.

"If we were to close juvenile detention the county is still responsible for detaining juveniles that the court orders to be detained," she said. "What would happen is we would board kids out to other county detention facilities outside of Washtenaw, so it would certainly make for a more cumbersome process in trying to meet that need in the juvenile justice system."

Greco's staff boards juveniles from other counties. In 2008 Washtenaw had 543 admissions including juveniles from immigration and customs enforcement.

Washtenaw County children accounted for 440 of the kids detained at the center, where a mix of recreation, group and individual counseling and school programs are providing in a "last chance" effort to turn lives around before they end up in the grownup criminal justice system.

The value of the program to society aside, there are still questions that Greco says the county needs to consider, such as the fact that it would still cost \$1 million a year to board kids out instead of housing them in the county.

The nearest facility that could house Washtenaw juveniles is a 90-mile round trip away.

"Even if it ends up saving the county some money there's still a pretty significant cost providing the service," Greco said. "And then the complica-

tions that are being considered are service to families and their ability to visit kids, the courts ability to manage those cases in the way that they want to."

The parents wouldn't be the only ones with a long drive ahead. Greco raised the question of how the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office would handle transporting juveniles.

"Will we be pulling law enforcement officers out of their jurisdiction at 2 o'clock in the morning," she asked. "There's some impact on law enforcement to consider."

Other cuts that will be discussed this month include a \$1.7 million cut to human services funding.

Smaller items include \$205,588 in professional development funding reductions and \$1.9 million in cuts to retiree health care affected more than 700 county retirees, according to Guenzel.

Another \$460,000 could be saved by eliminating

Eastern County Economic Development, the Supportive Housing Initiative and the Housing Contingency Fund.

Cindy Strader, a 4-H club leader, was one of more than 100 people who attended the meeting to ask questions or plead their case for a department of non-profit that could be hurt by the cuts.

"The county extension is far more than 4-H but that's the part that serves my family the most," she said of the county's proposed elimination of the Michigan State University Extension office support funding. The county is considering pulling \$424,220 in support from the operation, of which 4-H is a part.

Strader's particular club has 30 kids, most of whom are suburban and would not otherwise have a chance to experience a horse if not for borrowing or leasing one through the club. It's also a chance for Washtenaw kids to gain leadership experience.

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID.

Bid Package No. 04 Athletic Field Topdressing and Repair. Work includes restoration of athletic fields at Dexter High School, Creekside Intermediate School and Mill Creek Middle School.

A pre-bid meeting will be held August 12, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the Granger Construction Company site office located at 8100 Shield Rd., Dexter. Bid documents are available via ftp at <https://docs.grangerconstruction.com>. User ID: Dexter_Bidder, Password: Bid10101.

Bid proposals must be received prior to 1:30 p.m. on August 20, 2009 according to Project Manual Section 00 2113: Instructions to Bidders.

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Lima land dispute heads to state

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

Following two defeats in the Michigan Court of Appeals after losing in the Washtenaw County Circuit Court, Lima Township intends to go to the Michigan Supreme Court over a dispute with the Beach family.

The question is whether or not rights-of-way still exist in the never-was Harford village, where Lima Center now exists.

Attorney Victor Lillich of Reading, Eiter & Lillich filed the application for leave to appeal in the Supreme Court last month.

Lima, the defendant in the case after Florence "Twinkie" Beach along four other Lima residents filed suit in the 22nd Circuit Court on July 25, 2005, continues to argue that the Beach family failed to revise the plat.

The basis of their argument is that one cannot acquire land dedicated in a plat by

adverse possession, or in this case the fence that the Beach family had built on the Dwight E. Beach Farm on the disputed land.

Beach says the township had a company remove the fence, and that after filing a complaint the township had a company put the fence back up. Placing a fence on what is allegedly someone else's property would constitute adverse possession and affect ownership rights if uncontested.

Since Beach considers the land part of her father's farmland she filed suit in order to protect the integrity of her ownership rights to the land, which are in question for Lima due to the Harford plat and have been recognized by the courts that the case has been through thus far.

"This finding by the Court of Appeals tainted its view of the character and nature of rights held by Lima Township as a lot owner in the Plat, leading to a decision that is

not supported by any competent case authority," Lillich wrote in the filing in regard to the court's reasoning that the 1835 Harford plat recording "constitutes a private dedication."

Lima wants the dedication recognized as public, which Lillich argues gives Lima claim to the disputed land - a 66-foot right-of-way is designated for North Street, which extends from Lima Center Road east, parallel to Jackson Road, and runs along the northern property line of the township hall and several residences on Jackson Road.

Rights-of-way are also designated in the plat for West Street, Cross Street and East Street, which each run south from North Street, across Jackson Road, and end at South Street.

It could not be determined as of press time if the state Supreme Court had reviewed the application.

Now on display



The Chelsea Area Historical Society is proud to present a new historical display by Joe Merkel. The display features historical artifacts excavated from Chelsea by the Michigan Historical Artifact Recovery Team (MHART) founded by Joe Merkel. Joe has performed over 1400 historical digs in his career and is an expert on early Chelsea archaeology (1830-1870). The items are rare and precious to Chelsea's history. To find out more about MHART go to their website at www.diginthepast.com. The Chelsea Historical Museum is located inside the Gourmet Chocolate Cafe at 312 N. Main St. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

Big Boy on Zeeb Road in Scio Twp. shut down

Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies were enforcing an eviction notice at the Big Boy restaurant on Zeeb Road Monday. Passers-by could see trucks being loaded with kitchen equipment, furniture and other furnishings.

The following day the interior of the restaurant

was completely bare and an unidentified man was turning away customers at the door.

"We're closed for renovations," he said. When pressed for comment on the court proceedings he said, "No comment."

Berry Brothers LLC is being sued by Big Boy Franchise Management for

the termination of their franchise agreement in circuit court. There are also several motions in a suit between the brothers' company and landlords in the district courts.

A hearing is set for Aug. 19 in Washtenaw County's District Court 14A for a motion by defendant Nabil

Berry to set aside a more than \$69,000 judgment that the landlords received on July 24.

Berry Brothers LLC has already had to close down the other Big Boy franchise they owned at 3030 Lohr Road, after Berry failed to appear in court for a July hearing, according to court records.

Chelsea Area Briefs

Hospital scholarships

Chelsea Community Hospital Director of Volunteer Services Ron Yonkoski and Auxiliary President Nancy Harvey announced the awarding of five \$1,000 scholarships to area students hopeful of entering the medical field as a career.

The successful aspirants are: Hannah M. Gregerson of Manchester for the University of Michigan Nursing School.

Jayma L. Hollenbeck of Dexter for Western Michigan University.
Lauren M. Hone of Manchester for Washtenaw County Community College.
Gretchen L. Jedele of Manchester for Washtenaw County Community College.
Michael R. Kohls of Grass Lake for University of Phoenix Corporate Processing.

These successful recipients were chosen by the Auxiliary's Scholarship Committee chaired by the Auxiliary's past president Fred Wild, and the awards were presented last June.

The Auxiliary wishes all these students every success in their years of preparation toward successful careers.

Chelsea Community Hospital is a non-profit hospital established in 1970. CCH recently merged with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System.

'Showbiz'

"Everything's Coming Up Broadway!" is the theme for this year's "Showbiz" fund-raiser for the Chelsea Senior Center. "Showbiz" is an annual dinner show held at the Chelsea Comfort Inn, 1645 Commerce Park Drive, tomorrow and Saturday.

The show begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails, dinner at 6:30 and show time at 7:30.

You'll be tapping your toes to classic Broadway hits from the 1930's through the 1960's. The night's repertoire will include popular show tunes such as, "Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair" ("South Pacific," 49), "Singing in the Rain" ("Singing in the Rain," 52), "I Could Have Danced All Night" ("My Fair Lady," 66) and more.

The show is being produced and directed by the talented Heather Dove GreenLeaf and Jennifer Peek. Some of the performers include Norman Weber, Nancy Daly, Eric Hohnke, Jennifer Peek and Heather Dove GreenLeaf.

Tickets are \$35 and are available at the Chelsea Pharmacy and the Chelsea Senior Center.

Only advance ticket sales. No tickets sold at the door.

For further information, call 734-475-9242.

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Katie Koval, CHS drum major, beginning today.

"Around Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche.

The show airs daily on Channel 18 at 7:30 a.m., noon, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

A new interview begins every Thursday evening and runs for a week. The guests all live or work in Chelsea, and everyone connected with the show is a volunteer.

Previous shows are available at McKune Memorial Library.

Letter to the Editor

Where is Mark Schauer to talk about health care?

To the Editor: Our elected representative Mark Schauer has announced that he is too busy to meet in person with the public during the congressional recess and I have to ask why?

Normally an elected official will jump at the chance to meet with voters and tell them what a great job they've been doing, but not our representative. Is he afraid of facing his employers, doesn't care what we think, or knows he is doing a bad job and wants to hide?

I'm guessing the latter so he doesn't have to explain his votes on creating a staggering increase in the national debt, cap and trade legislation that will cripple our nation and his views on pending healthcare legislation. Our three previous representatives never had

a problem meeting with the public nor did they appear to be afraid to answer the tough questions, so Rep. Schauer needs to start acting like a real "representative" and remember who is paying his salary.

If anyone else agrees, then they should call his local office (517-780-9075 or toll free 877-737-6407) and demand that he hold a series of in-person town hall meetings to get public input on the many important issues facing the voters of the 7th District. If he has enough time to go to expensive fund-raising dinners during the recess, then he has enough time to meet with "we the people."

Douglas Wright
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Motor mania

Chelsea Classic Cruisers put on another successful show

By Stan Reynolds
Guest Writer

Once again, it is my honor to write of the success of the Classic Car Show put on by the Chelsea Classic Cruisers car club on July 24 in connection with the annual Chelsea Summerfest event. This year, there were over 275 classic, street-rod and speciality vehicles on display, and we want to thank the owners for sharing their beautiful vehicles as well as thanks to the spectators who came to see them.

A huge thank you to the folks in the neighborhood for allowing us to tie up their streets for a few hours, and to Chief Ed Toth of the Chelsea Police Dept. for maintaining a one-man foot patrol making sure everything was running smoothly. Thanks also to Mayor Ann Feeney and her staff, the Police Dept., Fire Dept., Merchants Association, DDA, DPW and all other city agencies that helped.

And, a very special thanks to Allen & Don Cole, Cole Funeral Chapel, for the use of their parking lot, tables and electricity for our registration and raffle headquarters. We appreciate this.

Receiving awards this year were the following:

Mayor's Trophy to Jim Dehring for his

Who they are

The Chelsea Classic Cruisers is a social/car enthusiast club comprised currently of about 60 members from Jackson to Ann Arbor. The club meets monthly from April through September, hosts bi-monthly cruise nights at Wendy's in Chelsea June through September and produces the annual Chelsea Summerfest car show in July. In addition to monthly meetings and events, the group also travels to several car shows in the area and has a holiday dinner in early January. The group's president, Ron Branham, lives in Ann Arbor and grew up in Chelsea as did many of the members whose ages range from late 30's to early 80's.

"Just a bunch of nice folks who happen to appreciate fine motorcars," says Stan Reynolds, the group's secretary. The next show is Aug. 18 at Wendy's in Chelsea. Part of the proceeds from donations and raffle games at the car show are given to local charities.

1964 Chevrolet Corvair Spyder.
Police Chief Trophy to Bill Irwin for his 1952 Chevrolet Deluxe Sedan.

Fire Chief Trophy to Paul White for his 1928 Ford Model T Truck.

Merchants Ass'n Trophy to Molly Morgan for her 1966 Corvette.

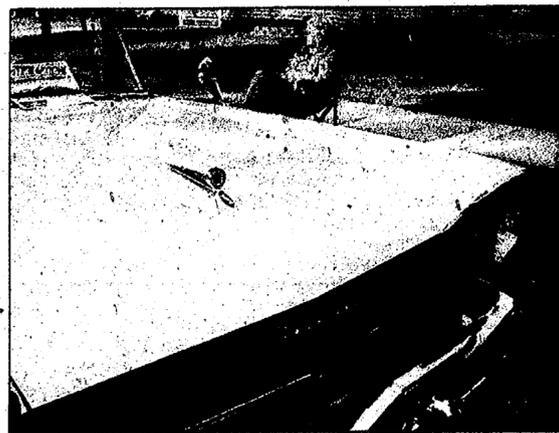
Cruisers Ladies Trophy to Melvin Dailey for his 1927 Chrysler Sedan.

Cruisers Mens Trophy to John Mitchell, Sr. For his 1956 Jaguar XK140 Roadster.

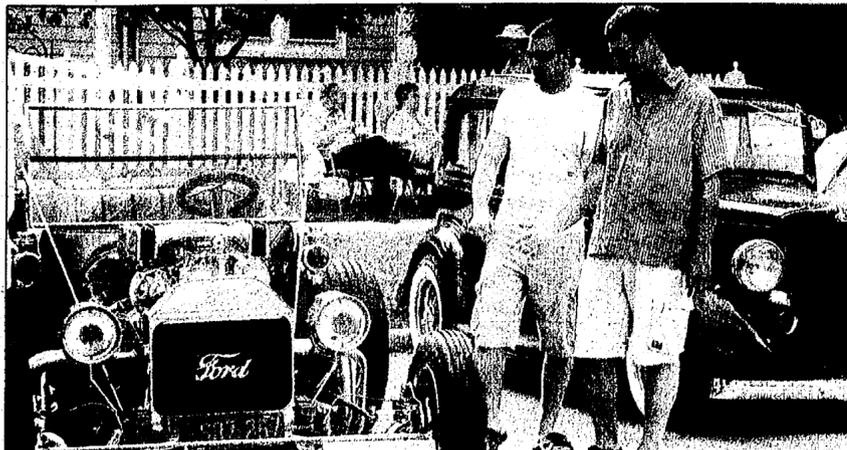
In addition to the above, the club also presented a very special memorial award in honor of one of our own. Earlier this year, we lost one of our most beloved members to a stroke, and in her honor we presented the Nancy (Nan) Woodruff "Aunt Zelda" award to a vehicle picked by her husband of 55 years and her great-granddaughter. This award was presented to Ed Goodman of Gregory for his 1969 Chevrolet Nova. Nan had a similar car, and I know she would approve Woody's selection.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to all who participated. If you have never seen this event, you should try to make it for next year. There are some truly beautiful vehicles on display and a lot of proud owners that would love to show them to you.

Stan Reynolds is the secretary of the Chelsea Classic Cruisers.

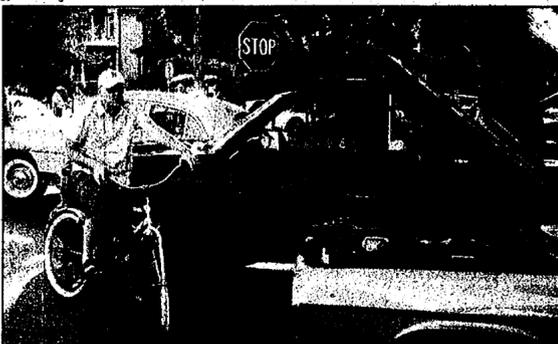


Liz Gonyer of Manchester over the hood of her 1957 Ford.



Photos by Burrill Strong

Two visitors to Summerfest check out a T-bucket hot rod.



Top: The owner of his red VW Bug in his 60's tie-dye shirt at Chelsea's Summerfest.
Bottom: Doug on his bicycle looks under the hood. The car in background (the gray Chevrolet of Bill Irwin) won Police Chief's award.

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Two Daze of fun: A look at this year's Dexter Daze

Husband and wife team help organize annual event

Full name: Brian and Mary Diskin
Age: 43 and 44 years old respectively

Native of: Milford and Redford Township, respectively

Current hometown: Dexter Township

Family: Katy Baller (daughter) and Joe Baller (son-in-law)

Education: Mary, Bachelor of Science in Business Management; Brian, Bachelor of Science in Education and Master of Arts in History

Occupation: Mary, administrative specialist at University of Michigan; Brian, teacher at Detroit Cass Technical High School

Hobbies: Bicycling, arts and crafts and reading.

When did you first get involved with Dexter Daze?

Sometime in 1997, as we were just new to the community. We were invited to help out with the Dexter Daze Parade. Our longtime family friend, Dick Kolander was the parade chairman, so we thought we'd give it a try. Not long after the parade, at the wrap-up meeting, Dick let us know that he'd be retiring from parade duty and we'd be inheriting the duties. We willingly coordinated the parade for the next nine years.

What have been your past duties with the event?

For the past dozen years, we've served as Dexter Daze committee members. Our primary responsibilities have been to coordinate the parade for nine years and now we book the entertainment acts.

What are your current duties?

Are they difficult, and if so, how do you manage them? Currently we book the entertainment. The tasks are not too difficult, and we manage this in our spare time. We listen to cd's and explore Internet sites from acts that



Mary and Brian Diskin of Dexter.

apply to play at Dexter Daze, and in some instances, we have booked acts that we've seen at other events. This is probably the most enjoyable part of being entertainment chair persons.

How does working together as a couple-team play out?

We really love working together. Our school and work schedules allow us to dedicate the time needed to carry out our responsibilities.

Why did you get involved and why have you stayed involved?

When we moved to Dexter, we vowed that we would actively seek out community involvement. We felt like we had a part to play in helping the community and we continue because volunteering is fun and rewarding.

Why is Dexter Daze important to the community?

This question answers itself. Just stroll along the sidewalks in Monument Park, stop by the steak dinner at the American Legion, visit the social tent, shop at the artisan booths and you will see. The faces of the crowd tell a great story. Dexter Daze has something for everyone. Each year, our appreciation grows. You can renew old friendships and forge new ones. You can listen to great music or watch a clown delight the children. These activities are priceless. They help define what life in a small town is all about.

What are some of the popular events that are back this year? The RFD Boys are always a crowd pleaser. They will be back on

stage on Saturday. We will have local favorite Big Pinky and as always, Colors the Clown.

What is new this year?

After a surprise cancellation of a regular act, we were fortunate to hire Matt Watroba to play this year. Matt Watroba is a Michigan folk musician who plays a host of shows in the area. He is also a popular radio disc jockey who hosts the "Folks like Us" show on WDET radio.

What is your favorite feature of Dexter Daze and why?

Mary likes grooving to the music and meeting with old and new friends and visiting the booths. Brian is partial to the parade; he likes walking along the sidewalks and watching as the parade delights the crowd.

On Tap

Rotary raffle

The annual Dexter Rotary Playhouse raffle has featured models of historic buildings in Dexter since 2000. Proceeds have gone to Dexter High School scholarships and other community projects.

Tickets are \$10 each or five tickets for \$40, and are sold by area merchants. The drawing will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday at the gazebo.

Kiwanis raffle

The Dexter Kiwanis raffle will take place at Dexter Monument Park on Saturday. Tickets are \$10 each or five for \$40.

The grand prize is \$1,000, the second prize is \$500, and the third prize is \$250. Proceeds benefit the Dexter Senior Center and community projects.

Tickets will be sold until 5 p.m. Saturday. The drawing will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday at the gazebo.

For more information, call 426-7737 or visit the website at www.dexterrotary.com.

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In addition, this year the Dexter Senior Center will host Bingo at Dexter Daze.

Bingo will be held Aug. 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Aug. 15 from 3 to 9 p.m. The cost is 25 cents per card or five cards for \$1.

Doors will open one hour before the start of Bingo.

Parking at the Senior Center will be available only to those playing Bingo.

You must be 18 years old to play. All proceeds from Bingo will benefit the Dexter Senior Center. For more information, call 426-7737 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Gordon Hall tours

Gordon Hall, the Dexter Mansion, Judge Dexter's House, the House on the Hill, or whatever you call it, has been a part of the Dexter area history since the early 1840s. Samuel William Dexter had the home built between 1841 and 1843. The Gordon Hall tour guides will share the history with those who come to Dexter Daze.

The tours of Gordon Hall are from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The tour itself takes from 35 to 45 minutes and the buses will bring you back downtown whenever you are ready. There is no charge for the tour or the bus. This year they have added a beekeeper for those interested in learning about bees and a beehive. You need to be advised that to enjoy the tour completely, you will need to be able to go up and down three flights of stairs.

Swiss steak

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Alexis Kidd (novelty badges)
Amelia Hefflerin (jewelry)
Andrea Sims and Liz Soll (The Beading Nutritionist)
Antonette St Charles (American Doll clothing)
April Bates (women's clothing)
Barb Alderine and Sue Gillis (baby and toddler shoes)
Becky Buxton (wooden utensils)
Becky Detering and JoAnn Hudson (beaded jewelry and purses)

Cindy Finley (Tomboy Tools)
Cindy Morpew (LA Bags)
David Cappelli (woodcrafter shelves)
Dawn Klein (painted boxes and cabinets)
Donna Garner (Chelsea Village Candles & Gifts)
Faith Moore (face painting)
Frances and Norman Moss (silver jewelry)
Gil Durocher (sand artist)
Ginny Straits (blankets and sweatshirts)

Holly Greca and Jennifer Tolliver (Backwoods Beef Jerky & Bibbity Bobby Boutique)
Jan Cunningham (pewter figurines)
Jane Peterson (Happy Cookers)
Janice Taylor (hand painted ceramics)
Joe and Majid Musleh (Olive Wood items)
JoJo Manley and Chystal Leebetter (fired ceramic pieces)

Julie Copley (jewelry)
Julie Kitchen (hand crocheted items)
Katherine Sherlock (quilted items)
Kathy Taylor (Silpada Designs)
Keleigh Lee and Willow Ariene (Belly Beautiful Henna Tattoos)
Ken Crouse (caricatures)
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Daniels presents 'Onstage & Unplugged' at Purple Rose



Jeff Daniels

Jeff Daniels is coming home. This time, with a guitar in hand.

The Purple Rose Theatre Company will present Daniels' hugely popular one-man show "Onstage & Unplugged" for a limited five-show engagement Aug. 26 through 29. All performances will be held at The Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St., in Chelsea.

Daniels, executive director and the theater's founder, appears in his first summer "Onstage & Unplugged" event on the Purple Rose stage. "Onstage & Unplugged" has been popular with audiences during the winter holiday season since 2001. The ongoing popularity of the event led Daniels to begin booking performances nationally in 2006, and he continues to make appearance across the country.

A prolific songwriter, as well as playwright, Daniels performs solo with blues guitar and an arsenal of songs that are alternately humor-

ous and poignant. Sales of Daniels' critically acclaimed albums — many recorded during past PRTC performances — benefit The Purple Rose Theatre Company and are available for sale at the theater box office or at www.jeffdaniels.com.

The current theater production, the world premiere of "Wake" by Carey Crim, was originally scheduled to run through Aug. 29; however, the closing date for the production has been moved to Aug. 22 to allow for the special one-week summer engagement of "Onstage & Unplugged."

The production team for "Onstage & Unplugged" will include Dana Gamarra as stage manager and Gary Clarkowski as lighting designer and audio engineer.

Tickets for "Onstage & Unplugged" performance went on sale Monday. Advance reservations are recommended and can be made by calling the Purple Rose Theatre box office at 1-734-433-7873.

In Review



'Oklahoma' on stage

Encore Theatre presents unique take on a classic

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

To get a first-hand look at the corn fields of the Oklahoma Territory at the turn of the century, just hop on your horse and head on over to Dexter.

Dexter? Yes, Dexter's Encore Musical Theatre, where the classic play "Oklahoma!" is now being performed by a group of talented actors.

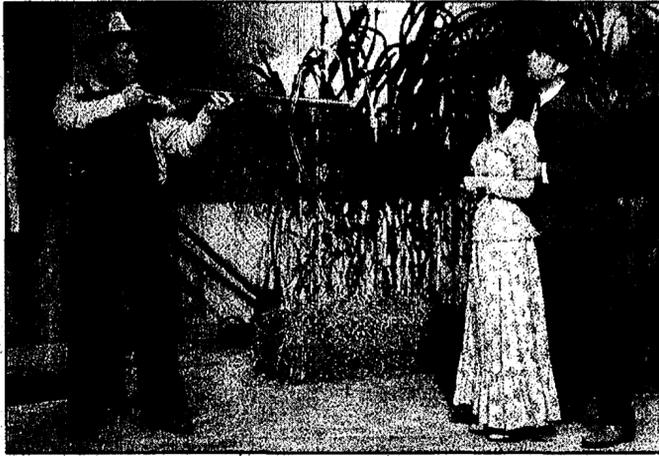
The simple set consists of a farmhouse that neatly transforms to a smokehouse, lazy Susan-style. A few cornstalks and wooden fencing round out the small stage, while several antique iron implements add to the realism.

The show opens with Aunt Eller (Becky Hess) churning butter as Curly (Rusty Mewha) sings "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'." Hess portrays Aunt Eller as a wise, no-nonsense farm woman, but she looks younger than one would expect given her life experience.

Mewha has a dreamy voice that he uses to charm Laurey (Liz Griffith) as well as the audience. His character exemplifies courage and commitment, enough to melt the hearts of women and win the respect of gentlemen.

In his fourth Encore production, Steve DeBruyne excels again as the hilarious Ali Hakim.

Both Laurey and Ado Annie (Sarah Litzinger) are outstanding in their roles as female leads.



At a glance: 'Oklahoma!'

Where: The Encore Musical Theatre Co., 3126 Broad St., Dexter.

Remaining performances: Thursday at 3 and 7 p.m.; Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 21 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 22 at 3 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 23 at 3 p.m.

Tickets: Available at 1-734-258-8200 or adults \$28, groups of 10 or more \$22, seniors 55 and older and youth under 17 are \$25.

Cast: Liz Griffith (Laurey); Rusty Mewha (Curly); Sarah Litzinger (Ado Annie); Steve DeBruyne (Ali Hakim); Sebastian Gerstner (Will); Becky Hess (Aunt Eller); Gavriel Savit (Jud); Scott Longpre (Ike); Evan Williams (Fred); Eric Betts (Slim); Rachanee Kitchell (Gertie Cummings); Matiana Zahn (Ellen); Cara Manor (Sylvie); Annemarie Friedo (Armina); Diana Obadovich (Aggie); John Hess (Andrew); Time Meixner (Cord); Nick Beatty (Young Boy); and Breanna Pierce (Young Girl).

Directed by: Barbara Cullen, Dan Cooney and Jon Huffman.

Produced by: John Sartor and Anne Koch.

Musical direction by: Randolph Blouse.

Set design by: Sally Converse-Doucetis; costume design by Colleen Meyer; technical direction by Ron Bruce; lighting and sound design by Dan Fowler; and stage management by Kelly Vieux.

They draw the audience into their conflicts over which man to choose — Laurey between handsome cowboy Curly and lonely hired hand Jud (Gavriel Savit); Ado Annie between Persian peddler Ali Hakim and math-impaired Will Parker (Sebastian Gerstner).

Ado Annie is the center of many of the most humorous scenes in the show, especially her

solo "I Can't Say No" and "All Er Nothin'."

"Pore Jud is Daid" elicits mixed emotions — amusement at Curly's tactlessness in suggesting a method of suicide to rival Jud, and pity for the tortured soul who has felt misunderstood his whole life. Savit surprises the audience with his powerful bass tones.

The audience is delighted with

Fast fact

"Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway in 1943; the first musical written by the Rodgers and Hammerstein team. The show was a hit at the box office, and the writers received a special Pulitzer Prize for their work in 1944.

the men's dancing in "Kansas City" and "The Farmer and the Cowman." "Dream-Sequence" is the impressive and intense female dance number. The crowd is thrilled with the full company "Oklahoma," the song that Rodgers and Hammerstein added just before the original opening and ultimately gave the show its name. The dancers show off their fancy footwork to the delight of the crowd.

"Oklahoma!" expresses reminders about what's important in life, makes statements about fidelity and attempts to answer the question about what to do when bad things happen.

Director/Choreographer Barbara Cullen says: "This is not your typical 'Oklahoma!' There are no frills and no pretty pastels. We hope to present a more realistic view of what it must have been like to survive in the Oklahoma Territory of 1906.

"Times were tough, not unlike today. Today, families and communities still struggle to hang on, just as they did then. In researching this production, I was amazed to discover how much 2009 parallels 1906. Prejudice and fear are still powerful forces, as they were then, but above all, love still prevails. This piece reminds us that community is essential to our human survival."

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'G.I. Joe' is funny but not in a good way

I am Ryan Michaels, a 12-year-old movie fanatic who loves writing reviews as much as watching movies. Below is my take on "G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra."

Before my lifetime, films were either based on novels or were original stories by screenwriters. Now it seems all films are based on toys or video games, or are sequels or remakes of a Japanese horror movie.

"G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra" is much, much better than a certain other summer blockbuster based on a toy. (I refuse to utter the words "Transformers 2" outside of parentheses.) "G.I. Joe" doesn't take itself seriously, but that's no excuse for terrible dialogue, plotting and some of the worst visual effects in a major summer film since the 1970s.

On the other hand, to its credit, it does have one or two action sequences that are pretty mind-blowing.

In the film, two soldiers named Duke and Ripcord (go ahead, chuckle) are recruited to a special team called G.I. Joe, which apparently is the backup plan in case the United States is severely threatened.

They are tasked to retrieve chemical warheads capable of demolishing several cities. The film attempts to feed us emotion when one of the people trying to take over the world is — shock — Duke's ex-girlfriend. But she only went evil because she thought her brother was killed. He's alive, however, and is really a bad guy. Let the corny emotional speeches ensue.

Now, I'll try to be fair. The Paris chase sequence, which is a bit long at 30-some-odd minutes, is quite memorable. It throws exploding cars and buses at our protagonists, who, annoyingly, still wisecrack even when the Eiffel Tower is toppled by a chemical missile. (Don't ask, please.)

The film is weighed down



Excitement! Thrills! Chills!
By Ryan Michaels

by constant flashbacks, which include a random assortment of East Africa combat scenes and two adolescent karate students attempting to murder each other. (Once again, don't ask. Pretty, please.) And the visual effects (gritty voice here). In my opinion, the special effects looked more like a PIXAR movie than a live action flick.

This film is rife with awful dialogue. "Go get him, Ripcord!" "Nice move, Snake Eyes!" I received several disapproving looks in the theater during this film, given that I simply couldn't stop laughing.

Even when the characters are not talking, there's some awful visual effect or failed melodramatic film that warrants laughter.

Simply put: this might be the funniest film of the summer. And it doesn't even realize it.

I give it a "D" rating. Film critic Ryan Michaels, a student at Emerson School in Ann Arbor and winner of a Journalism award in the 2008 Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest for his reviews, can be reached through mrogers@heritage.com. Read all of his movie reviews online at www.ryanthemovie-critic.com.

Back to school

Getting the most out of college visits

Family vacations for most people typically include a trip to the beach, a day at a theme park, or an overnight stay at a campground. But if your plans for a vacation this year include inspecting dorm rooms, eating cafeteria food and listening to young enthusiastic tour guides, then you are probably the parent of a high school senior. And, you are not alone.

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, estimates are there will be approximately 115,062 seniors graduating from Michigan public and private high schools in the summer of 2010. Of this number, roughly 47.5 percent (or 54,626) will attend college next fall, and those future freshmen are beginning to make their college plans now.

One of the items high on the to-do list is the college campus tour.

Tours offer a quick way for students to decide whether a school is right for them and whether they will even consider applying to it," said Catherine Healy, president of Michigan College Tour. "Next to cost, a campus visit can have the biggest influence in choosing a college."

A college education is an important and expensive purchase, so with only an hour or two to form an opinion about a school, make the best use of a campus visit and develop a personal college tour plan before you go.

Before the Tour: Do your homework. Make a list of colleges and universities that appeal to you and your child and determine whether the schools meet your criteria of academic offerings, location, extra-curricular activities, and financial affordability.

Visit each school without leaving home by taking an online virtual tour, which many college Web sites now offer. The more you know about a college ahead of time, the less time you will waste visiting schools that don't meet your needs.

Register in advance. Check the schedules for campus tours and informational sessions since most schools require advance registration. Some colleges limit the number of visits on a certain day and their available space fills up quickly. A good resource for this information

is the Michigan College Tour Campus Visit Calendar found at www.michigancollegetour.com, which posts a calendar of scheduled campus visits and open houses for all Michigan colleges and universities.

Map out your itinerary and make hotel reservations.

Plan short trips and focus on schools in a single geographic area. Don't attempt to visit more than two schools a day; otherwise, it all becomes a blur. Many campuses are big and sprawling, so it is a good idea to print out a campus map before your arrival. Local hotels will often offer discounts for college visitors, so be sure to ask for any specials that may be available.

Give your child the responsibility of handling the tasks of researching schools, scheduling visits and planning the itinerary.

This is their first step into adulthood and should be allowed to take the lead in the planning.

While on the Tour: Engage the tour guide.

Most college visits are led by a tour guide who is typically a student at the college. Be prepared to ask about his or her personal experiences such as: Why did you choose this college? Why did you stay after freshman year? What do you like best about your classes? Are faculty members accessible and supportive? What do you do during the weekends? What are your plans for after graduation?

Take a step back. It's important to let your son or daughter ask the questions and direct the conversation.

You can always call the admissions counselor at a later time to ask your specific questions.

Be attentive and polite. This applies to both parent and child.

Talking on your cell phone, texting friends or talking loudly when others are trying to listen to the presentation is rude and you might miss some useful information. Put the cell phone and Blackberry away and give your tour guide the attention and courtesy they deserve.

After the Tour: Take time to digest. Don't ask "What did you think?" On your way out of the campus parking lot, give your child some time to process the things they observed and don't be discouraged by his or her initial lack of enthusiasm. For most teenagers, a visit to their small high school environment, used to a large college campus can be an overwhelming experience.

Have your child bring a notebook so they can jot down their impressions after each visit.

Encourage them to take pictures, too. Later, have a nice meal at a quiet place and allow your child to share their opinions before offering your own judgment of the school.

Have fun. Take time to relax by the hotel pool, see the local tourist spots and just enjoy the time spent with your son or daughter. Being in such close proximity with your teen for so many hours can be a real test of nerves or it can be a unique opportunity. Have your child remove his or her ear buds, turn off the cell phone, even let your child drive, and use the time in the car to talk and bond.

Follow up and stay organized. Prompt follow up with a college or university is important to making a good impression. Be sure to write down the names of all the people you met and send them a thank-you note or personal e-mail. Purchase a file box to store all of the college information accumulated during your trip and to collect all of the admissions correspondence that will soon follow.

With the official start of the 2010 college application season quickly approaching (Sept. 1 for many schools), today is the right time to schedule your campus tours. And if you visit now before most high school classes begin again after Labor Day, your child will have a head start in the fall when they are trying madly to complete their college applications, do homework, and participate in their many high school senior activities.

This information was provided by Michigancollegetour.com.

Before my lifetime, films were either based on novels or were original stories by screenwriters. Now it seems all films are based on toys or video games, or are sequels or remakes of a Japanese horror movie.

Local program nets grant

The Memory Support Center at Evangelical Homes-Saline has received a grant from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. This grant will make available funds to provide adult day services to individuals with low income.

The \$23,066 grant comes from the Anna Botsford Bach Fund for Seniors, which was founded in 2009 to provide support to the elderly and their caregivers in Washtenaw County.

"We're thrilled for this support from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, specifically the Anna Botsford Bach Fund," said Becky Pazkowski, vice president of development and community relations at Brecon Village. "With this grant, we will be able to extend the services provided by the Adult Day Care program at the Memory Support Center to five individuals who would be otherwise unable to pay for these services on their own."

The Adult Day Care program is designed to give individualized atten-

tion to people with mid-to-late-stage dementia. In addition to providing social, spiritual and recreational care for participants, the program will create a network of support to provide much-needed assistance and education to caregivers and families.

The services of the Adult Day Care program will be available to everyone, including individuals with low income.

"This money will allow us to provide adult day services to anyone in the community regardless of their ability to pay," Pazkowski said. "Memory loss has no boundaries. It has the potential to affect anyone regardless of their socio-economic status. If you have memory loss you still need support, regardless of your ability to pay."

The Memory Support Center, located on the campus of Brecon Village in Saline, is under construction and is set to open this summer. The Adult Day Care Center will be open six days a week, Monday through Saturday.

Jackie Flynn appearing at AA Comedy Showcase

Jackie Flynn has emerged as one of the funniest and most talked about comedians to come out of Boston, joining the ranks of Steven Wright, Denis Leary, Lenny Clarke and Jay Leno. He has quickly parlayed his success as a stand-up to firmly establish himself in the film and television arena.

Flynn will appear at the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase 8 p.m. Aug. 20 and 8, and 10:30 p.m. Aug. 21 and 22. For tickets or show information, call the Comedy Showcase box office at 996-9080.

Early in his career, Flynn was discovered on stage in Boston by the Farrelly brothers, who have since cast him in back to back roles in "King Pin," "There's Something About Mary," "Me, Myself And Irene," "Shallow Hal" and "Stuck On You," where he played opposite pop-diva Cher.

Most recently he was in "The Heartbreak Kid" with Ben Stiller and Jerry Stiller, "The Game Plan" with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, and in 2009 "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" with Kevin James.

Fans of the hit show "The King of Queens" will recognize Flynn from his many appearances on that show, as well as his role along side the likes of Burt Reynolds, NFL coach Jimmy Johnson and Jerome Bettis as one of the "Men Of The Square Table" in the popular Miller Lite "Man Law" commercials.



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So now we ask, who has sinned?

From time to time you hear of a "religious" person who claims that some specific illness or problem is a direct result of a particular sin. I personally knew of a young man whose parents forbade him to marry a good Christian girl because she had a slight birth deformity, even though it had been corrected previously by surgery.

That's shocking, especially in the light of what the Bible tells us. The entire book of Job addresses the question of suffering, and leads to the strong conclusion that the suffering a person endures in this life is not necessarily the result of a sinful lifestyle.

The definitive statement on this subject comes from Jesus. When He and His disciples came upon a man who was blind from birth, His dis-

ciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind"? And Jesus replied, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life" (John 9:1-3). Then Jesus went on to cure the man of his blindness.

The same is often true to this day: God allows suffering so that His work might be displayed in a person's life. Sometimes this might happen by means of a miraculous cure. More often God's work is displayed when a believer in Jesus Christ patiently and cheerfully endures some problem or illness, without complaining or blaming God. In this way the believer is given an opportunity to testify to his or her faith, so that others are led to consider the power and love of God.

Of course, there are times when we do bring problems and suffering on ourselves by our own sinful actions. For example, when sexual sin leads to a sexually transmitted disease, or other problems, you'd have to say that that disease is the consequence of a specific sin. But when an innocent spouse or baby contracts such a disease, it's obviously not a result of a sin they committed.

Often God allows difficulties and suffering to come into our lives, not only so that His power might be displayed and He might be glorified; but troubles often drive a person to turn to the Lord, and often help a person to be a stronger and more thankful Christian. God's ultimate purpose is to bring a person to know His Son Jesus Christ, and to keep the person in that faith



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until death. If sufferings help to achieve that goal, God is willing to use such means.

The Lord has a life without suffering prepared eternally for anyone who trusts in His Son Jesus. Mark Porinsky is the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, 9575 North Territorial Road in Dexter. The Web site is www.faithdexter.org.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weddings



Amanda Blaire Pawloski and Lionel Christopher Bontemps, both of Dexter, were married on Aug. 8, 2009 at the Portage Yacht Club in Pinckney.

Pawloski is the daughter of Stephen and Kimberly Pawloski of Holland. She is a graduate of West Ottawa High School in Holland and Michigan State University. She is employed as an RN in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Bontemps is the son of Philippe Bontemps and Diane Bontemps of Ann Arbor. He is a graduate of Huron High School in Ann Arbor and Lansing Community College.

He is an accounting specialist for Detroit Edison Credit Union.



Sera Marie Hawkins of Indiana and Joseph Donald Kluck II, a 1996 graduate of Dexter High School, are planning a Sept. 6, 2009 wedding at Tippecanoe Country Club in Leesburg, IN.

Hawkins is the daughter of Gene and Rebecca Hawkins of Warsaw, IN. Her maid of honor will be her sister, Lia Hawkins. Bridesmaids will be Julie Kluck of Whitmore Lake, Stephanie Cowan of Warsaw, and Abbie Wilson of Warsaw.

Kluck is the son of David and Theresita Kluck of Whitmore Lake. The best man will be Steve Gracheck, a friend of the groom. The groomsmen will be Chris Marr of Houghton, Adam Hawkins of Warsaw, and Tim Gradzinski of Pinckney.

The flower girl will be Brianna Hefner of Charleston, SC and the ring bearer will be Brandon Gradzinski of Pinckney.

Hawkins graduated from Ball State University with a degree in elementary education. She is currently a first-grade teacher at Memorial Elementary in Valparaiso, IN.

Kluck has an electrical engineering technology and business administration degree from Michigan Tech University and is a production control supervisor at Sony DADC in Terre Haute, IN.



Engagements

Brittney Kristin Williams of Chelsea and Greg Matthew Morel of Birch Run recently announced their engagement. The couple is planning an Oct. 17, 2009 wedding in Ann Arbor.

Williams, a graduate of Chelsea High School, is the daughter of Kristopher and Melissa Williams of Chelsea.

Morel is the son of Rick and Sue Morel and is a graduate of Birch Run High School. Both Williams and Morel are employed at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

Happy 50th!



The family of Ralph and Ruth Fletcher wanted to wish the couple a happy 50th wedding anniversary. They celebrated the special event on July 25 - with love, from your children and grandchildren.

Ralph & Ruth Fletcher of Chelsea were married July 25, 1959 in Gregory and have lived in the area for 65 years. Their children are Annette Schanz of Chelsea, Ralph Perry Fletcher of Chelsea, Daphne Widder of Grass Lake and Melinda Rosentreter of Chelsea.

The couple also has seven grandchildren. Ruth (Murphy) was born in Howell; Ralph was born in Ivyton, Ky.



Alice Gauvin and Pieter Boshoven recently announced their engagement.

The couple is planning a Nov. 28, 2009 wedding at St. Thomas

the Apostle Catholic Church in Ann Arbor.

Gauvin is the daughter of Rod and Paula Gauvin of Chelsea. She is a 2004 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Michigan with a degree in biology.

Boshoven is the son of John and Margy Boshoven of Chelsea. He is a 2004 graduate of Chelsea High School and a 2008 graduate of the University of Michigan College of Engineering with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Alice and Pieter are moving to Madison, Wisc., where she will attend medical school at the University of Wisconsin.

Births



Mike and Terri Eckhout of Chelsea announce the birth of their daughter Grace Lynn Eckhout. She was born on July 6, 2009 at St. Joseph Mercy in Ann Arbor and weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grace Lynn has a 3-year-old brother, Logan John Eckhout.

The grandparents are Leonard and Kathy Leonard of Dexter and Jim and Darlene Whichard Cabot of Arkansas. Living great-grandparents are Linda Deubner of South Carolina and Don Eckhout of Michigan.



Phil and Melinda Britton announce the birth of their daughter Zemirah Meadow Britton, who was born at 5:18 a.m. on July 31, 2009 at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette. Zemirah weighed 9 pounds, 13.9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her grandparents are Paul Newhouse of Chelsea, Linda Allen of Chelsea, Sherrje and Kort Gentry of Paradise and Larry and Janis Britton of Fennville.

Living great-grandparents are Arthur and Freida Allen of Stockbridge, Jim and Rose Chapman of Nottawa and Lois Britton of Fennville.

Call for artists

Are you an artist or craftsman? Silver Maples of Chelsea will host the second annual Harvest Market on Oct. 10. The Harvest Art Market is a unique mix of artisans representing a variety of media, including jewelry, mixed media, ceramic, metal, photography, folk art, wood, paper, painting, glass, textile and more.

All arts and crafts must be original and handcrafted by the artist. No manufactured items are allowed unless they are artist-designed and pre-approved by the Silver Maples Art Committee.

Booth fees are \$50. Applications, available online at the Silver Maples Web site, must be postmarked or received electronically by Aug. 21. Each category will be limited to two-three artists in order to achieve a good market mix of art.

For more information, contact Shawn Personke at (734) 475-4111 or visit the Silver Maples Web site at www.silvermaples.org.

Chelsea

Purple Rose

The Purple Rose Theatre Company presents the world premiere comedy "Wake" by Carey Crim this summer. The production will enjoy an 11-week engagement through Saturday, Aug. 29. Regular performances for the duration of the engagement are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. All performances are held at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park Street, Chelsea.

Open House

Church Open House and hands on history day in celebration of Freedom Township's 175th Anniversary from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept 17. Make cemetery rubbings, tour the building, see the artifacts of St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 10001 W. Ellsworth Road. Call 355-1649.

Debt free

The Chelsea 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. There will be special emphasis on what people should be doing financially to make it through these tough economic times.

Forest "Rick" Wilson, CPCU, AIA, AIA, AIS will be conducting the workshop. The workshop will be offered through the Chelsea adult education department on Monday, Sept. 28 from 6:15-9:30 p.m.

Call the adult education office at 433-2200 for more information.

Chelsea District Library
For more information, call 475-8732.

Today: Historic Buildings Interest Group; 5:30 p.m.; McKune

Saturday: Food Preservation; 10:30 a.m. in McKune. You don't have to give up eating locally to get great food year round. Enjoy the fruits of your summer labor by canning, freezing, and drying the foods you grow or pick. Kristen Uthus will discuss the pros and cons of each preservation method and which methods work best for different foods. She will also bring samples for tasting.

Tuesday: Senior Computing One to One; 10 a.m.; Babytime; 10:30 a.m. in KidSpot; Microsoft PowerPoint Mini at 6 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 20: Grow Your Business, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 21: Babytime Plus! 10:30 a.m. in KidSpot; READ to Library Dogs, 1 p.m. in KidSpot; Animanga Club at 2 p.m.

Aug. 24: Maria Mazziotti Gillan Poetry Workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Chelsea Senior Center
Located at 512 Washington Street. Call 475-9242 for program registration and 24 hour advance lunch reservation. Chelsea School District, through the Washtenaw County Senior Nutrition Program, serves a delicious lunch Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

CALENDAR

Entrée listed, lunch includes salad bar and dessert. Every day: coffee and snacks, friendly conversation, support, resources, walking. Drop in 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or visit www.chelseasentors.org

Tomorrow: Bingo 9 a.m.; Wii Fun 10 a.m.; Euchre 10 a.m.; Quilt Group 10 a.m.; Enhance Fitness 10:30 a.m.; Show Biz at Comfort Inn 6:30 a.m.

Saturday: Show Biz at Comfort Inn 6:30 a.m.

Monday: Bingo 9 a.m.; Hand & Foot 10 a.m.; Enhance Fitness 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Enhance Fitness 8:30 a.m.; Mah Jongg 9 a.m.; Free Blood Pressure check 10 a.m.; Crafts 10 a.m.; chicken parmesan lunch at noon; Euchre 6:30 p.m.; Clogging 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Ping Pong 9 a.m.; Pinochle 10 a.m.; Coin Club 10 a.m.; Enhance Fitness 10:30 a.m.; Birthday lunch with Pork Chops at noon followed by flower arranging presentation by Gigi of Gigi Flowers.

Thursday, Aug. 20: Enhance Fitness 8:30 a.m.; Newsletter Assembly 10 a.m.; Computer Club 10:00 a.m.; Sloppy Joe lunch at noon; Chelsea Area Bridge 12:15 p.m.

Chelsea Center for the Arts

Chelsea Center for the Arts is located at 400 Congdon Street in Chelsea. For more information, call 734-433-2787 or log onto www.chelseacenterforthearts.org. The following are a few of the summer camps offered by the CCA:

Painting Camp with Cathy Barry, Aug. 17 - 21, 10 a.m. to noon at the CCA. For 5th - 8th graders. Use watercolor, acrylic, ink or maybe watercolor pencils during this week-long camp. At the end of the week, there will be an artist's reception for family and friends. Cost: \$100 (or two for \$50).

Dexter

Artistica
Dexter's fine gift and art gallery features only Michigan artists and their unique work. It is located on the corner of Broad and Main streets in beautiful, historic downtown Dexter. It is owned and operated by local artists Jill Love, Lisa Wandres and Pam O'Hara. For more information, call (734) 426-1500.

Dexter Senior Center
7720 Ann Arbor Street. Call (734) 426-7737. Lunches are complete - main dish listed

Dexter District Library
The Dexter District Library is located at 3255 Alpine Street in Dexter. All Library programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call 734-426-4477.

Tonight: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Teen Movie & Popcorn Night on the lower level for ages 13 and up. "Jaws" will be showing for ages 10 and up.

Tomorrow: 11 a.m. Local storyteller La'Ron Williams guides children through the amazing land of imagination. All ages. Refreshments.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friends of the Dexter District Library Used Book Sale.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Dexter District Library, contact Sue Smith at sueandbernie@aol.com

Wednesday: 11 a.m. "Book Snackers" book discussion group for grades three through five. Read your favorite Flat Stanley book and talk about it. Registration.

7 p.m., Motawi Tile-Making Workshop for teens and adults. Registration.

Parks

Eddy Discovery Center:
Waterloo For more information, call the Eddy Discovery Center at 734-475-3170.

INCREDIBLE EDIBLES

WALK: 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13. Enjoy a walk with wild edibles expert Tom Jameson and learn what mother nature has to offer. Tom will share some of his recipes and his gourmet cooking after the hike. Cost: \$2/person or \$5/family plus State Motor Vehicle Permit. Limited to 35 people. Program length 90 minutes.

Hudson Mills Metropark
8801 N. Territorial Road, Dexter. For additional information or to register for programs, call 1-800-477-8191 or 734-426-8211.

Aug. 22: Bats Incredible. 8 p.m. Join us as we search for bats in the early nighttime sky! We will explore bat life, behavior, and conservation through a power point presentation then head outside. There is a fee of \$2 per person.

Call 1-734-426-8211 to pre-register.

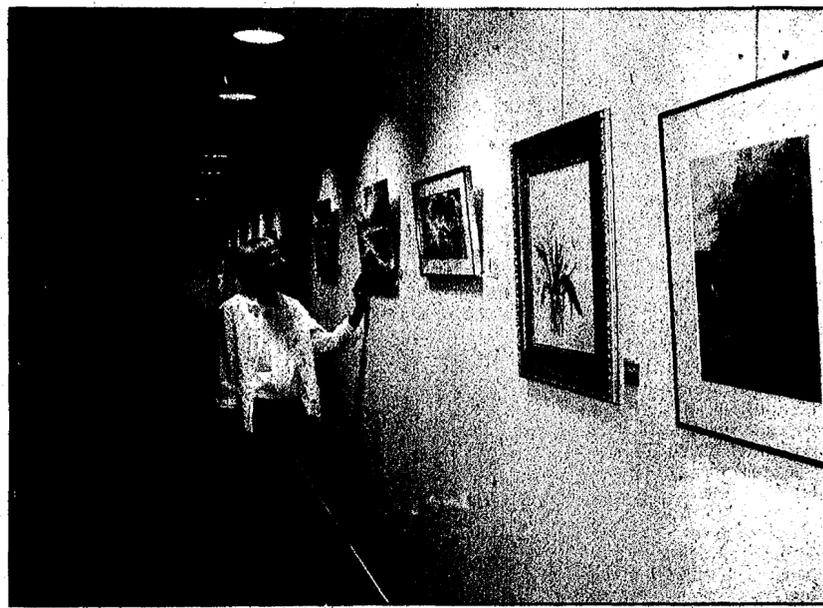
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Lois DeLeon adjusts a painting

Artist showcase

Maples Gallery hosts local artisans

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Chelsea is well known for its artists - and now there's a new art gallery in town, the Maples Gallery at Silver Maples of Chelsea.

"We've been celebrating all things art here at Silver Maples for the past couple of years," says Shawn Personke, director of activities and public relations.

This emphasis began with Art in the Afternoon programming, where artists share their history, inspirations, and artistry, Personke says.

"Sometimes they demonstrate and often they'll bring some of their work for attendees to purchase."

"The Chelsea Education Foundation has been supportive through a grant we received to help fund this series as well as art classes for our residents."

The Maples Gallery grew from being simply a place to hang Silver Maples and Chelsea artifacts, into a beautiful gallery space, she says.

"One idea led to another and before we knew it, we had a beautiful space to showcase art."

The gallery opened with the photography of Angie and Jim George's "Fotogypsies"; and also has hosted Jackson photographer and graphic designer

Willa Davis.

A fall exhibit will feature Pam Hoffer and her portraits. Also in the fall, Silver Maples will host the 2nd annual Harvest Art Market, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 10, featuring 20 artisans including textile artist, potters, watercolorists, and more.

The current exhibit features Rose Bradley, Sue Craig, and Tammy Burke.

"Having work displayed is very rewarding for me as an artist. It gives me a chance to share a little bit about myself and learn about the people who admire my paintings," Burke says.

"Sometimes, what attracts me to a subject may not be what attracts the viewer, and having comments always inspires me ..."

"The Chelsea Education Foundation has provided a wonderful space to do this." The long hallway makes a perfect showplace for hanging art, and transforms the whole space, Burke says.

"The residents and public have a very casual enjoyable way to view art," she says. "I would love to see the little alcoves used for three-dimensional type art, pottery, sculpture, opposite the paintings." Burke works primarily in

watercolor, and finds inspiration in water - the Great Lakes, the rivers, the sea.

"The seascapes I paint instill a sense of calmness in me and desire to capture their beauty," she says. "I paint worn structures, large birds, waterfowl and landscapes and strive for a calm beauty, never something that is trendy or done strictly to invite controversy."

Silver Maples has an Art Committee and each member has a keen interest in art, having some background or affiliation.

"They are a joy to work with" Personke says. "I love their perspectives about art, its meaning and value."

Art Committee member Lois de Leon, who has a bachelor's degree in art, spearheaded the gallery exhibits.

"Our gallery is unique - I can't off the top of my head think of any other senior residence that has dedicated art space," de Leon says.

"Our gallery is especially interesting because it's a really creative use of 'dead' space. It promotes and supports art, especially local artists, and provides a good connection to the community of Chelsea."

"Being point person for the Maples Gallery brings back good memories of being part of the curatorial staff at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Mostly it lets me indulge in my lifelong love of art."

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

Reporter ready for Dexter Daze

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

As I wrote last month, the absence of the artisans did not go unnoticed at this year's Chelsea Summerfest.

I will look forward to seeing some of them in Dexter this weekend, but despite their absence in Chelsea, I did not notice anyone who decided to leave their home or yard to venture down Main and elsewhere in the busy downtown district having a bad time; in fact, quite the opposite.

Personally this was my own first experience with one of Chelsea's community celebrations. It wasn't until this past November that I covered the Chelsea community, and until that time I was content with and busy covering the kind village folk who live a hop, skip and a jump east. Dexter and Apple Daze had me feeling quite content.

There is a sense of missed opportunity for my not having attended past Summerfests. While I could picture the void that artists and crafters once filled, I don't feel like there was any lack of things to see or do between Dewey and Orchard Street.

It was quite the opposite - in a solid four hours I had hardly experienced even half of what the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority, McKinley Inc., and other sponsors like Raymond James, Chelsea Milling, Edward Jones and Jiffy Mix had paid to put on.

I hope anyone who skipped out on Summerfest does an about face and attends the Chelsea Fair later this month for the chance to run into friends and neighbors. I also hope that Chelsea folks take the trip west. The crafters there should give everyone their fill of unique items, but don't forget that Dexter has its own group of great merchants, a wonderful parade and tons of music.

Even after just months on the job I've made a number of contacts and friends in the business community, schools and elsewhere and ran into just about all of them. Catching up with these folks was a treat. I look forward to doing it again this weekend.

I also enjoyed the moments alone eating a knockwurst from the Kiwanis Club food wagon or having a beer at the DDA's food and entertainment tent while Ann Arbor-based NoteWorthy Band belted out some exceptionally fine music - probably the best live musical performance I've seen at a small-town festival. RJ Spengler is playing in



Sean Dalton

Dexter, so we'll see how they stack up back-to-back like this.

Of course I had to purchase a raffle ticket from the Chelsea Senior Center. I don't remember off-hand what I could have won if my luck with gambling weren't legendarily horrible, but it's somewhat of a personal tradition of mine after taking my first shot at the \$10,000 that's up for grabs every year at Dexter Daze. Buying a raffle ticket at these events is highly encouraged, as the groups selling them are always doing so with supporting a worthy cause in mind.

There were still a few sweet rides parked around town here and there as reminders that a classic car show had taken place at some point. I'll have to make sure to be present for that next year. The baby blue Ford Fairlane I came across will have to tide me over until then. I wonder if Dexter will ever do something similar. Scio had their own in the spring.

After walking the booths, spending some time at the Rotary's rubber ducky race and listening to some political chatter at the Republican's tent scattered amidst many great conversations I feel I only scratched the surface. Thank goodness I came across the Jerky Store's stand so I had something to

"Buying a raffle ticket at these events is highly encouraged."

chew on, on my way back to my car - habanero jerky! That reminds me - remember to buy authentic beekeeper produced honey at Dexter.

The artisans are always welcomed back to Chelsea, I'm sure. But if they don't show up next year I think we'll all still find plenty to do and see at Chelsea's 2010 Summerfest. Mark my words. It'll be here before we know it. If you can't live without them remember - Dexter Daze.

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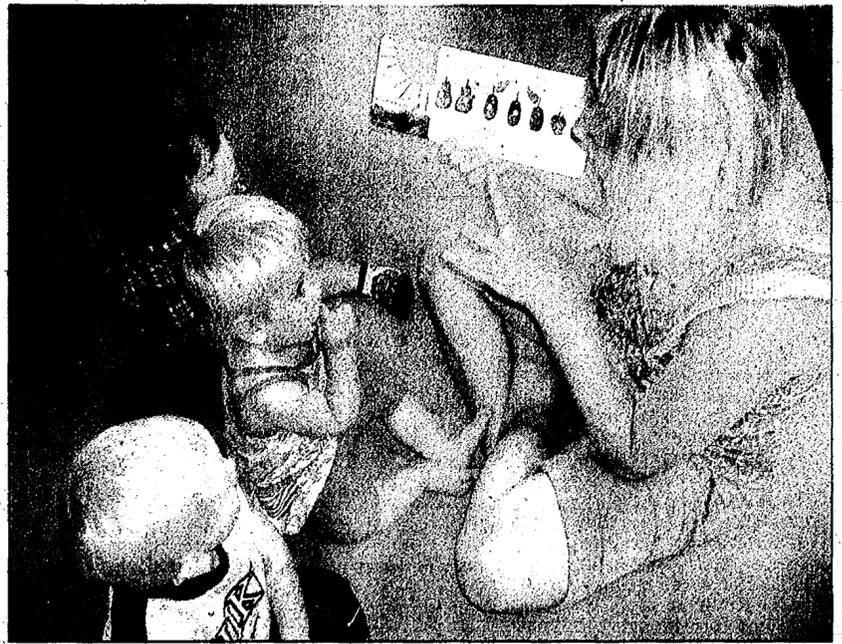
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Dexter	3510	Edison	160,000	150,000
Dexter	3506	Jennings	190,000	225,000
Dexter	9648	Huron River	194,900	194,900
Dexter	7182	Wilson	197,000	197,100
Dexter	8230	Cypress Way	200,000	189,140
Dexter	11627	Rebecca Lane	239,900	237,000
Dexter	11377	Castleton Court	244,900	240,000
Dexter	6872	Wellington	266,500	253,000
Dexter	8244	Bridgeway	299,900	255,000
Dexter	2625	Sandhill	299,900	280,000
Dexter	4266	Glen Eden Ct	315,000	295,000
Dexter	7400	Webster Station	380,000	360,000
Dexter	6721	N Meadows Way	389,900	372,000
Dexter	7109	Ridgeline	399,999	385,000
Dexter	9553	Charles Court	439,000	410,000
Dexter	8434	Webster Hills	449,000	444,000
Dexter	7642	Purple Martin Way	518,000	490,000
Dexter	6225	Webster Church Rd	539,900	505,000
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Chelsea	13693	W Quail Hollow	299,900	279,000
Chelsea	1550	Ridge Road	459,900	430,000
Chelsea	700	Cobblestone Way	59,900	61,500
Chelsea	1312	Jonathan Lane	119,900	115,000

Based on information from the Ann Arbor Area Board of REALTORS® Multiple Listing Service for the period June 1st, 2009 through June 30th, 2009.



Kidsland honored with 'Best of Dexter' award

By Terry Jacoby

Heritage Newspapers

Kidsland Montessori School of Dexter was selected for the 2009 Best of Dexter Award in the Montessori Child Development Center category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA).

The USCA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USCA identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local



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Chelsea average sales price slips; Dexter stable

According to recently published statistics by the Ann Arbor Area Board of REALTORS, Dexter home sales continue to remain steady in terms of average sale prices. Although the number of unit sales dropped from 27 in June 2008 to 16 this year, the average sale price per home was \$292,091 versus \$296,162 a year ago. The number of new listings coming onto the market also remained relatively stable: 49 units a year ago versus 52 this year although average list prices were down from \$410,388 to \$366,395.

No condo sales were reported in either June of this year or last year and the number of new condo units coming on the market remained the same at three. The average list price of these new listings showed a sharp increase, however: \$159,833 in June 2009 versus \$118,233 a year ago.

The number of reported home sales in Chelsea in June remained steady at 16 versus 18 a year ago. The average sales price for these homes showed a decline, however, from \$213,717 a year ago to \$187,925 this year.

New listings coming onto the market were down from 41 a year ago to 28 this year while the average listing price for these homes increased from \$252,700 a year ago to \$277,600 this year.

The number of condo sales remained the same with two in June 2009 versus June 2008 although the average sales price, based on this small number of sales, showed a decline from \$163,500 to \$88,250. The

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number of new condo listings increased from four a year ago to six, but the average list price of these units was down from \$168,225 to \$110,250.

According to the monthly AAABOR press release for the entire local region: "...sales figures for June...show some stable market activity, and a few bright spots. The number of units reported sold is slightly under last year, while modest increases in sale price are beginning to show up in Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Whitmore Lake and Saline."

Information based on information from the Ann Arbor Area Board of REALTORS Multiple Listing Service for the period June 1 through June 30.

Christine Fitzsimons has lived in the local area since 1997 and has three children in the Dexter schools. She can be contacted at the Chelsea office of Edward Surovell Realtors at (734) 475-3737 or directly at (734) 417-5803. Her Web site is: www.LittleGreenRealEstateMachine.com.

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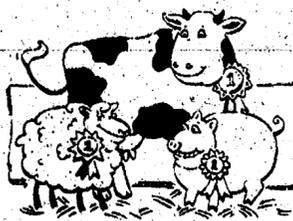
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Sounds & Sights Preview: Aug. 20

By Marsi Parker Darwin
Special Writer

Next week's Sounds & Sights looks like it will be exciting, with acts ranging from dingos to dorks.

The Dorkestra is a group from Ann Arbor who play jazz, swing and pop, or as they describe it, "dorks who play cool music."

They may have lunched alone in high school, but they can swing and salsa up a storm these days.

Band members include Tim Berla, Charles Dayringer, Gwynne Jennings, Alex Sergay, and Dave SmilingSun. They've combined their study of jazz, African, classical, Latin, renaissance and funk into a repertoire of standards and originals to make you want to dance along. They're a diverse group of musicians composed of a clarinetist switching up on percussionist, classically trained bassoonist who also does most of the singing, a guitarist and a bass player.

Their influences range from Buena Vista Social Club, Parliament Funkadelic, Fats Waller, Antonio Carlos Jobim, and Tumbao Bravo, to Doris Day, Nat King Cole, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, and Billie Holiday.

Manolete is a five-piece indie rock band out of Ann Arbor who is quickly becoming one of Michigan's most entertaining live acts. Utilizing their collective knowledge of pop rock, traditional Latin rhythm, and progressive ambiance, Manolete demonstrates a mastery of blended tenor harmonies combined with heavily articulated fretless bass lines and concise percussion work.

The group originated with Miguel Ojeda and his cousin



Ann Arbor's Dorkestra will play Sounds and Sights in Chelsea on Aug. 20.

Jon Zakoor on guitar and piano, but soon expanded to include Charles Hardin on second guitar, Jeffrey Davis on electric bass, and John McComb on drum-set and timbales.

Coming from a variety of musical disciplines, Manolete seeks to create a musical experience that "transcends genre and reaches to the depths of the heart."

Our friend from Ann Arbor, Dave Boutette, also will be singing his way into your hearts next week. No doubt wearing a goofy hat, Dave says, "It's gonna be a ball playing in Chelsea. We love

performing for folks out on the street. The vibe is pretty casual and we get to do some tunes that reflect that, kinda like a campfire but without the s'mores."

Chelsea's own fabulous Los Dingos del Norte returns Aug. 20 with their hopping mix of rockabilly from borderlands and other favorites. Los Dingos are Roy Schmidt on drums, Gary Munce on bass, Guerin Wilkinson on lead guitar, Paul Bairley on piano and organ and Hector González, also on guitar. All lend their voices to the act. Come out and howl along for a rocking good time.

Other bands appearing Aug. 20 are Storm Front, Never Abate, and 80 M.P.H.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Act 344 of the Public Acts of 1982 that a REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHTEENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS session held on August 5, 2009, will be available for public inspection and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at the Office of the County Clerk/Register, Suite 120, 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009 7:30 P.M.
LIMA TOWNSHIP HALL, 11452 JACKSON RD., CHELSEA, MI 48118

APPLICATION #09-003

Please take notice that the Lima Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the following "SMALL WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE" Proposed to be added to

Article 2 of the TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE.

APPLICATION FILED BY: LIMA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

A complete copy of this proposal is on file in the Lima Township Office.

Written comments may be sent to:

Elizabeth Sensoin, Chairman
Lima Township Planning Commission
P.O. Box 59
Chelsea, MI 48118

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing Monday, September 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on an application filed by Berry & Associates, Inc. located at 2434 Bishop Circle East, Dexter Michigan, for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.

Berry & Associates, Inc. is a research and production facility, which provides small to medium quantities of specialty chemicals to

researchers around the world. The project consists of a 2,870 square foot addition costing approximately \$450,000 with about \$100,000 in new personal property. The exemption would apply to approximately \$550,000.00 in Real and Personal property investment at their facility located in Dexter Michigan.

The application is on file and available for review at the Village Office, 8123 Main Street, 2nd Floor of the National City Bank Building, Dexter, Michigan, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Village Manager, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

Donna Dettling Village Manager

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AWARD

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community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2009 USCA Award Program focused on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the USCA and data provided by third parties.

"We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to all our families, community members and our staff for standing by us and supporting our goal in providing the best quality Montessori Child Development Services in our area," said Mehar Fatimah, who runs the center with her husband Tom. "Your dedication and ongoing support has made this award possible."

The Montessori education and child care Kidsland provides is based on the child development theories of Italian educator Maria Montessori (1870-1952).

"We use this method to deliver a child-centered program that focuses on the child's individual interest and developmental needs," said Michele Kerr, a preschool teacher. "As Montessori teachers, we recognize and respect that each child develops at their own rate and in their own way. We support individual learning by carefully preparing the daily environment to provide educational learning opportunities and offer exploration through hands on experiences with real objects."

The rooms are designed to create a logical sense of order and to promote independence, Kerr added. The classrooms include the following areas: Practical Life, Sensorial, Language Development, Science, Geography, Art, Food Preparation, Dance/ Movement, Dramatic Play and a Peace Corner for quiet reflection time. Kidsland Montessori School is located at 9477 North Territorial Road in Dexter. For more information, call 1-734-424-0113.

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Please place an ad in the Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader to run, August 13, 2009.

MEETING NOTICE
Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet
On Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Township Hall
6880 Dexter Pinckney Rd.
Dexter, MI 48130

Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. Written comments may be sent to Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI 48130, and must be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item:	1
Appeal Number:	09-ZBA-706
Property Tax ID:	04-18-100-015
Applicant Name(s):	Chris & Mary Seitz
Property Address:	7473 Noah's Landing

The purpose of this variance request is to allow an expansion of the deck on the south side of the home. This variance application request includes recognition of existing nonconformities (lot area, lot width, road side setback, and side yard setback on the north side) and approval of new variances (further encroachment into the water side setback area and side yard setback area on the south side). This deck was recently constructed without a Zoning Permit or variance.

Agenda Item:	2
Appeal Number:	09-ZBA-708
Property Tax ID:	04-13-100-021
Applicant Name(s):	John & Jane Kelly
Property Address:	9449 Huron River Drive

The purpose of this variance request is to permit variances in relation to a landscape nursery operation (John Kelly Landscaping), which was recently approved, with conditions, by the Dexter Township Planning Commission. This variance application request includes approval of new variances (waiving the topographic survey requirement, waiver of the clear vision zone requirement, allowing commercial vehicles to be stored outdoors, allowing a narrower driveway and driveway setback, allowing a narrower maneuvering lane, and waiving the requirement for a designated loading area).

Agenda Item:	3
Appeal Number:	09-ZBA-711
Property Tax ID:	04-15-100-302
Applicant Name(s):	Washtenaw County Health Organization
Property Address:	10865 N. Territorial Road

The purpose of this variance request is to allow the reconstruction of a porch and wheelchair ramp within the front yard setback area of the property.

Agenda Item:	4
Appeal Number:	09-ZBA-715
Property Tax ID:	04-02-401-019 & 04-02-403-002
Applicant Name(s):	Donald & Nancy Bleske
Property Address:	9586 Winston Drive

The purpose of this variance request is to allow the construction of 2nd story and changed roof profile on the existing single-family residence. The existing home and proposed addition are within the required front yard setbacks on the road side and water side. This variance application request also includes recognition of existing nonconformities (lot area and lot width).

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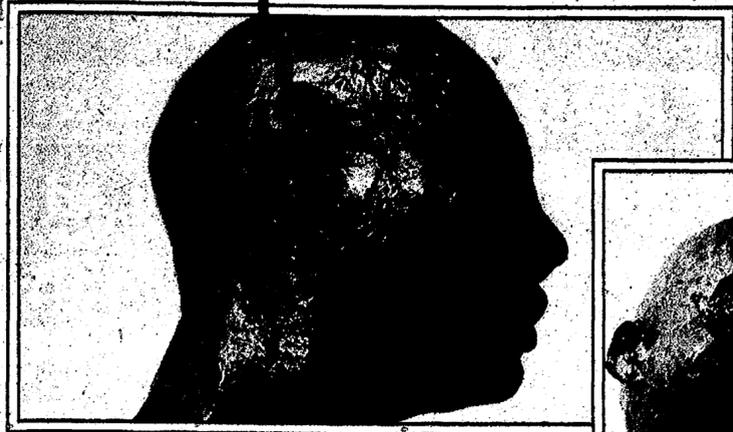
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Main Street, south side of
railroad tracks



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Louie Marinaro /
Ann Arbor
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and Main streets



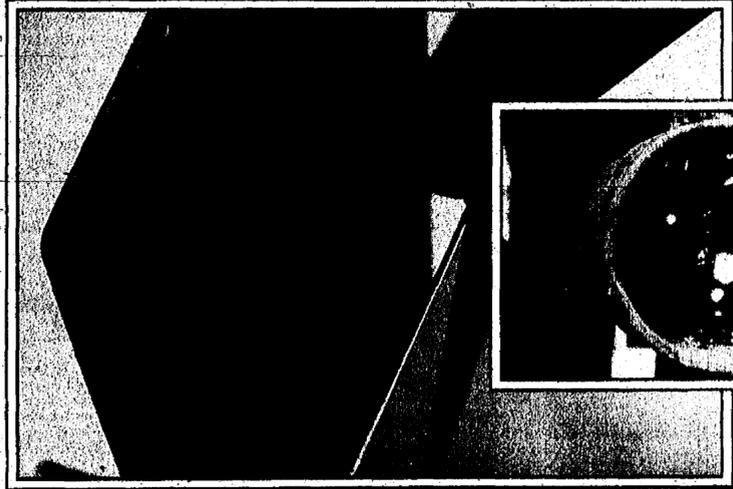
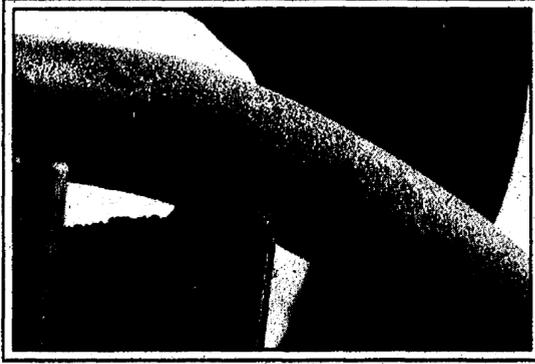
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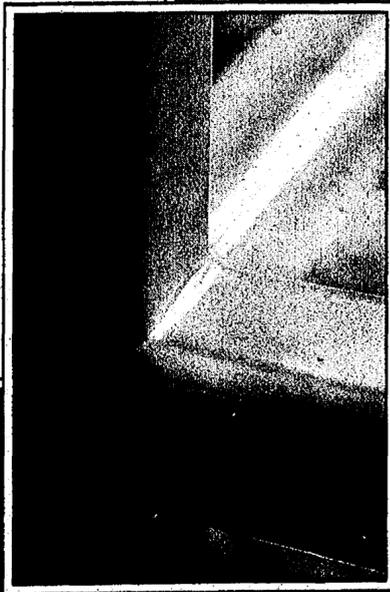
**Nicole's Garden
Spire**
Welded steel
Robert Sestok /
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"Sculpture Walk Chelsea" is an annual outdoor sculpture exhibition in the heart of downtown Chelsea. The community arts project is sponsored by the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority, in collaboration with the city of Chelsea, the Chelsea Center for the Arts, Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights, and River Gallery Fine Art. Ten sculptures have been juried into the exhibition and will be on display until May 2010, outside in high profile locations.

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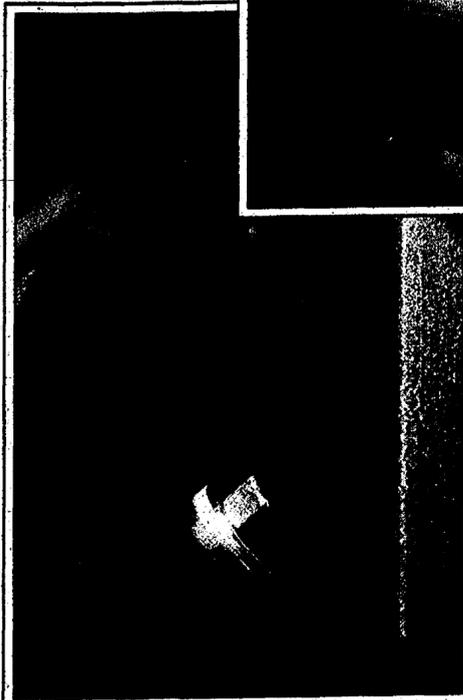
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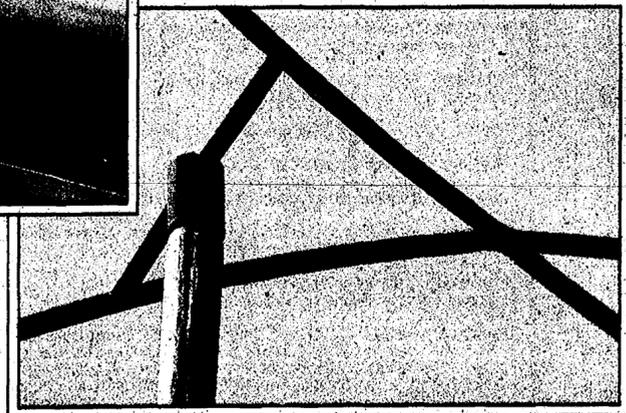
Blue Square Back
Welded steel
Gary Kulak /
Birmingham
Middle Street



Sentinel
Welded and fabricated steel
Ray Katz / Pontiac
corner of Congdon and Summit
streets (in front of Chelsea Center
for the Arts)



Soft Descent
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Jack Hillman / Ada
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ALLEN PARK 15419 Meyer Aug. 13-14 9-5. Misc. items, & large clothing for women & men.

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ALLEN PARK: 16051 Russell, Aug. 13-15; 9-5pm. Antiques, collectibles, tons of household items.

ALLEN PARK 7137 Larne Aug. 13-15 9-7 2 family sale! Electric Range, 2 high chairs & tools.

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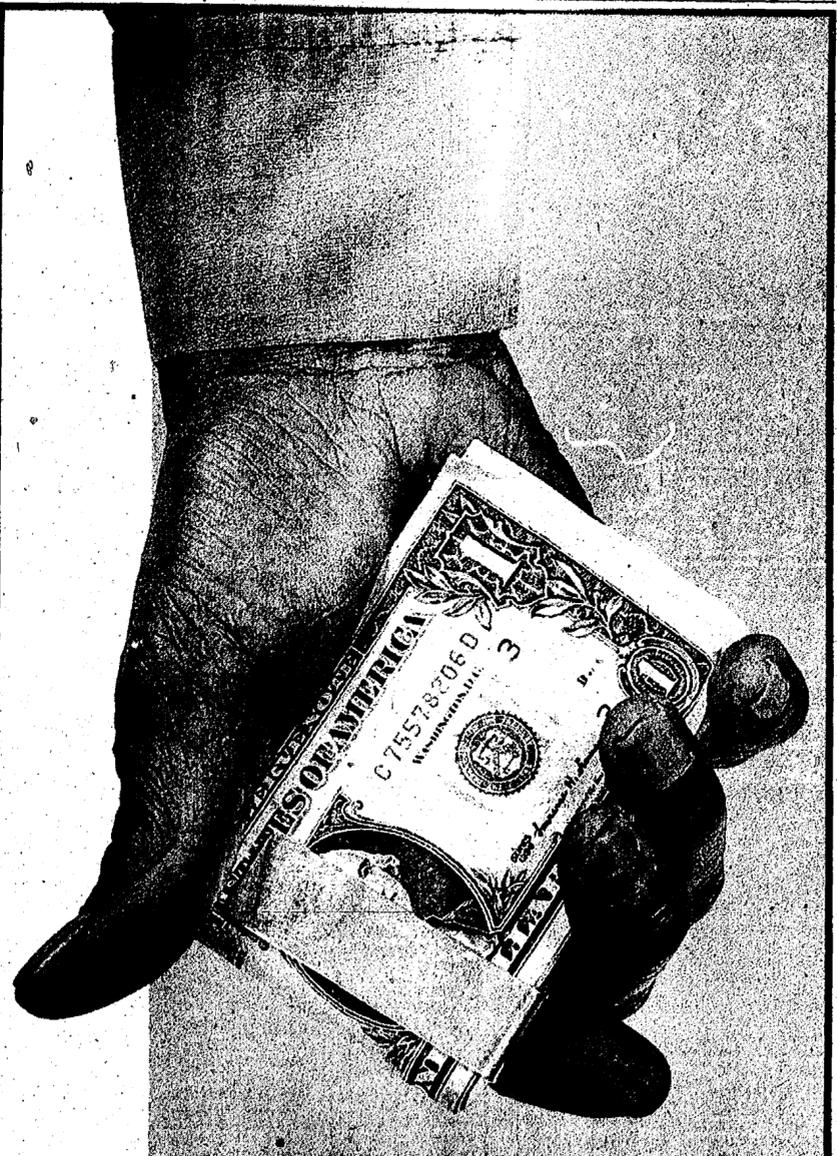
DEARBORN 3070 Academy 8/13-8/15 9-4pm. Household, furniture, X-stitch & much; much more!!

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DEARBORN - 3337 Vassar Aug. 14th 9-3 & 15th 9-4. Multi family sale! Furn., electronics, sewing, kitchen & baby items.

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Household, clothing, books & misc.</p> <p>SALINE NEIGHBORHOOD yard sale 551 & 552 Canterbury Dr. Aug. 14 & 15, 9am-4pm</p> <p>SOUTHGATE: 12778 Kerr, Aug. 14-16; 8-5pm. Freezer, tools, jewelry, crafts, & misc. items</p> <p>SOUTHGATE - 12789 Walnut St. Aug. 14-16, 10-2 Extra large safe! Home int., clothes, & more!</p> <p>SOUTHGATE - 13072 Cherry, Aug. 13 & 14, 9-5pm. Appl., home and baby goods, tons of baby clothes.</p> <p>SOUTHGATE: 13285 Wesley (Dix & Northline), Aug. 13-15 from 9-5pm. MOVING SALE.</p> <p>SOUTHGATE - 13304 Commonweal Ln. Aug. 13-16 8-4. Furn., electronics, lady & boys name brand clothes & housewares.</p> <p>SOUTHGATE - 13309 Peach Aug. 14-15 9-4. Huge 4 family! Household, furn., toys, clothes, misc.</p>	<p>Garage/Rummage Sales 2500</p> <p>SOUTHGATE - 13807 Helen, Aug. 13-14, 9-4pm. 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No junk. Lots of good stuff! Stop by take a look.</p> <p>TAYLOR - 22952 W. Keyes, Aug. 14-16, 9-5pm. All clothes a \$1 and under from plus size to infant.</p>	<p>Garage/Rummage Sales 2500</p> <p>TAYLOR - 25916 Brest, Aug. 14-16, 8-9pm. Large clothes up to 5X, computer components, tools, books, housewares, furn. Multi family yard sale and more.</p> <p>TAYLOR: 8875 Katherine, Aug. 13-16; 9-6. Garage/Moving Sale. Tools, baby, toys & gun.</p> <p>TAYLOR: 9265 Pine (at Wick), Aug. 16-17; 9-5pm. Furniture & misc. items. A little of Everything</p> <p>TAYLOR: Downsizing 50+ years. Linens, clothing, general household items, some antiques. Aug. 13-14, 10-3pm. 21329 Goddard corner of Baraga</p> <p>TRENTON: 1580 Yellowbrick Fri. & Sat. 9-4. Clothing, bookcases, teacher suppl., kid books, & glass encl. doors.</p> <p>TRENTON: 1852 Ardmore, Aug. 12-15; 9-5. Wicker set, crib, mattress, toys, toddler, womens, tools</p> <p>TRENTON - 1857 D Marian Drive (in Southwicks Square) Sat. Aug. 15 9-4. 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Furniture, plus & jr. clothing, household, electronics, etc</p> <p>WYANDOTTE, 2836 Fourth, 8/13-15, 9-4, kids jr. & plus clothes, toys, furn., household & designer purses.</p> <p>WYANDOTTE - 2841 21st St., Fri. - Sun., 9-5pm. Lots of tools and household items and clothes.</p> <p>WYANDOTTE - 3151 21st St., Aug. 13-16, 9-5pm. Estate Sale. Everything is for sale.</p> <p>WYANDOTTE 330 Cedar, Sat. & Sun. Aug. 15 & 16, 9-4p. Children's clothes, toys, furn. and collectibles & more.</p> <p>WYANDOTTE, 338 Highland, 8/14-15, 9-4, guns, tools, boys clothes (lg/xt), lego, board games, hot wheels, trading cards, action figures, game systems, & MORE!</p> <p>WYANDOTTE - 3918 18th St., Aug. 14-16, 9-5pm. 3 family, bed, kids clothes, toys & etc.</p> <p>WYANDOTTE Aug. 12-14, 9-1074 Poplar St. (off 12th St.), couch, frig., video games, children's clothes & more *</p> <p>WYANDOTTE: Flea Market Style. 1414 11th St., Aug. 14-15. 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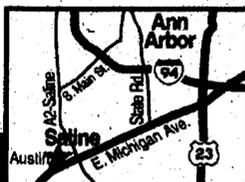
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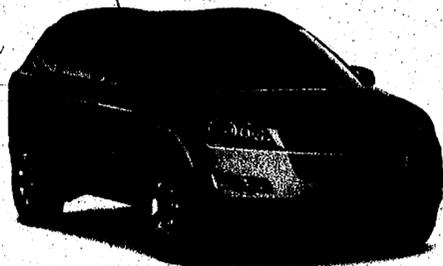


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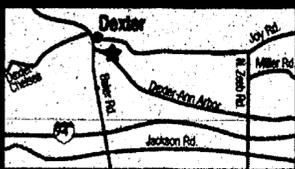
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Chalk Talk



Chelsea Standard / Dexter Leader Sports Editor Don Richter goes beyond the final scores.

Greetings from the Saline office

Hello and greetings from Saline. As most of you probably know by now, the Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader office is closed. Because of the hard, economic times we're all suffering through, the powers that be figured it was best to circle the wagons, per se, and consolidate everyone in the Heritage Newspapers-West chain under one roof.

That one roof happens to be in Celtic Festival town, err, Saline.

Besides the Chelsea/Dexter office, the Belleville/Ypsilanti and Manchester offices were also closed and their employees shifted over to the Saline location.

Needless to say, the Saline office is a busy, albeit crowded, hive of activity.

I'm now the overall sports editor for all the Heritage Newspapers-West papers. Please hold your applause.

What's that?

I know, it's crazy. I guess a blind squirrel eventually finds a nut sometime, or whatever the saying happens to be.

Even with all of the extra work, I'll still be trying my darndest to cover Chelsea and Dexter athletics. With consolidation, things will be a little different. Instead of my usual five to six pages of local sports, I will now have two or three pages devoted to local teams and the rest designed for regional stories, outdoor articles and wrap-ups of area teams.

With the consolidation came quite a few cuts throughout the Heritage Newspaper family. Because of losses in our production department, and because of forces beyond my control or anyone else's in the Western Region, design and pagination changes occurred.

That being said, I will still gather all of the information for all of the local teams, with an emphasis on varsity squads. If room provides, JV and freshman scores will go in the paper or onto our online site.

It will be a change, for sure. One good thing about the



Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Chelsea's Diana Uihlein earned a spot on the U.S. women's national deaf soccer team. The squad will represent the country at the 2009 Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan Sept. 5 through 15.

Uihlein makes USA squad

By Don Richter Sports Editor

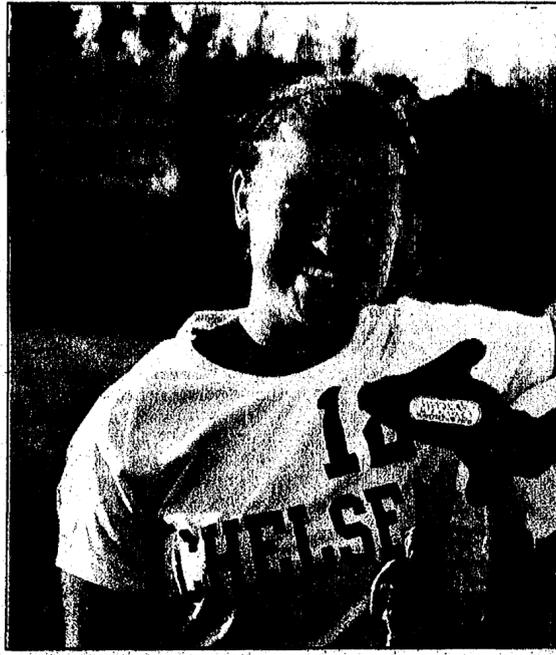
Chelsea's Diana Uihlein loves soccer. It doesn't matter the weather, as long as Uihlein, a junior-to-be at Chelsea High School, can lace up her cleats and put up her ponytail up, she's ready to play.

Like most young athletes her age, Uihlein is at the peak of her physical skills and talents. This upcoming season, she will be one of the standout players on the Bulldogs' girls' soccer team. A key cog on last year's Chelsea varsity team as a sophomore forward, Uihlein is one of the area's top all around performers.

While Uihlein's talent on the soccer field sets her apart from others her age, what makes her accomplishments even more impressive is that she is deaf.

Despite being deaf, Uihlein continues to excel in life and on the soccer field. Earlier this year, Uihlein was further recognized for her soccer skills when she tried out for and made the U.S. women's national deaf soccer team. The players range in age from 15- to 38-years-old.

Uihlein and the rest of her national teammates will be representing the country in the 2009 Deaflympics in Taipei, Taiwan Sept. 5 through 15.



The squad will be competing against teams from throughout the world. The U.S. women's deaf soccer team will be defending its 2005 gold medal. Uihlein is one of three high school players on the team.

"Most (players) are in either

team was only half the battle for Uihlein. Every other country competing in the Deaflympics pays the way for their athletes to participate. American athletes, however, have to come up with the money themselves.

"Without help, I cannot attend the games," Uihlein said. "A donation is completely tax-deductible and helps to make my dream come true."

Each athlete on the U.S. Deaflympic team must raise \$5,000 to compete. The money pays for travel costs, accommodations, training facilities, uniforms and other expenses.

While funding questions still loom for Uihlein, she hasn't let that obstacle get her down.

"Going to Taiwan will be really exciting," she said. "I get to spend three weeks playing great soccer, with really great soccer players and even more really great people. There will be over 2,000 deaf athletes from all over the world there, so that will be really cool. We all share the same experiences of being deaf in the hearing world and loving soccer."

Uihlein said she enjoys soccer for many reasons.

"I love how much skill it takes (to play) and different

college or have graduated from college," said Uihlein, who has played club soccer for Ann Arbor Arsenal, Chelsea Soccer Club and Ann Arbor United. "They are playing in universities all over the country."

Making the U.S. national

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Clubs raise funds for WWII vets

By Don Richter Sports Editor

The Athletic Booster Club of Dexter, along with clubs from Livonia Churchill, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Ann Arbor Huron, Ypsilanti Lincoln, Manchester, Milan, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Salem, Saline, Ann Arbor Skyline, South Lyon, Wayne Memorial and Whitmore Lake, plus Washtenaw Junior Football are joining forces to raise funds for area veterans.

The groups are coming together as part of a community service and mutual fund-raiser project to pay for 150 World War II veterans to travel to Washington, D.C. via a Pride and Honor Flight mission to visit the World War II Memorial.

Spearheading the project is ABCD.

The groups have established a goal of raising \$30,000 for the Pride and Honor Flight by selling \$10 raffle tickets for numerous prizes being donated by local merchants and friends.

The "Winner Choice" raffle drawing will be held at Ann Arbor Huron during halftime of the River Rats' football game against Saline Oct. 2. Being present at the game is not necessary to win.

Pride and Honor Flight's sole purpose is to provide WWII veterans the opportunity to visit the WWII Memorial in the nation's capital.

The youngest living WWII veteran is 80 and the oldest is over 100.

They are dying at a rate of 1,200 to 1,500 a day.

Pride and Honor wants to take as many veterans as possible to the Memorial before they pass away.

Pride and Honor Flight pays all of the expenses needed to complete the trip.

The organization arranges flights, charter buses and provides meals for the veterans.

Schools, school teams and clubs interested in raising funds for the Pride and Honor Flight, plus merchants and citizens interested in donating prizes to this worthwhile project are asked to contact James Piazza at 734-996-4408 or jcp513@comcast.net.

Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 429-7380 or at drichter@heritage.com.

Softball standings

Monday Night	W-L
Thompson's	9-2
Thompson's Too	7-4
McCalla Feeds	4-7
Chelsea Ridge	3-8

Results -
Thomp. Too 14, Ridge 8
Thomp. 17, McCalla 2

Wednesday Night	W-L
GMI	14-1
Tattoo	12-3
Cottage Inn	9-5
Chelsea Lanes	9-7
Motor City	8-6
Arctic Breakaway	8-5
Chel. Free Methodist	8-8
Klink's	8-8
Cleary's Pub	4-10
Mike's Deli	1-14
Chelsea Hospital	1-15

Results -
GMI 10, Klink's 7
Arctic 11, Mike's Deli 4
Motor City 18, Chel.

Free 11
Tattoo 31, Cottage Inn 6
Chel. Lanes 16, Hospital 6
Klink's 13, Cleary's 11

Run for Rolls prepares for race

By Don Richter Sports Editor

With two weeks remaining before the start of the third annual Run for the Rolls, excitement is building as runners and walkers from throughout the county prepare for the fun event through the downtown Chelsea streets Aug. 29.

Participants in the one-mile run/walk will hit the pavement just prior to the Chelsea Fair Parade. It's a chance for young and old to experience the thrill of opening or walking down wide open city streets lined with enthusiastic, supportive and cheering fans.

"Families and children of all ages are gearing up," said Cindy Triveline, event organizer and founder. "I received a lot of great e-mails from families out of our area that said they would be back. They spread the word about what a great time they had and how affordable it was last year. They were able to make a family day of it doing

the race, watching the parade and then going to the fair.

"So, all the elements that went into the original planning of Run for the Rolls have been met."

Triveline said registrations for this year's event are doing well.

"The number of new participants from out of town are growing," she said. "Early registration prices end Friday, but you can register up to race day."

Those interested can register online at www.active.com or print a registration form off of the event's Web site at www.runfortherolls.com.

On race day, registration will be next to Thompson's Pizzeria on Old U.S. 12 in Chelsea from 9 a.m. to noon. The local WAVE buses will transport registered participants to downtown Chelsea to be staggered near the Westside Gym basketball court area. The last bus leaves the registration zone at 12:15



Abigail Grenke and dad Brian Grenke reach the finish line during last year's Run for the Rolls. This year's event is Aug. 29.

p.m. The race starts at 12:30 p.m.

Run for the Rolls is getting bigger and better each year. The event is starting to make a name for itself nationwide. Run for the Rolls was fea-

tured in this month's issue of Runners World Magazine.

"This has brought a lot of attention to the race and has tripled the number of

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Numerous locals to play in MIAA

By Ed Patino
Heritage Newspapers

For most of the decade, the race for football supremacy in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association has been decided in the final games of the season.

That trend is expected to continue during the final campaign of the decade, as the league released its preseason football poll Aug. 6 during the MIAA Fall Sports Media Day at Hope College.

Defending league champion Trine University was named the preseason favorite to repeat, while Adrian College was picked second. Hope was ranked third and Alma was picked fourth. Rounding out the league rankings are Albion (fifth), Kalamazoo (sixth) and Olivet (seventh).

Both the MIAA football coaches and members of the media participated in the voting.

Trine went undefeated in league play last season and clinched the MIAA title with a 9-0 victory at Adrian in Week 9. The Thunder had the lowest combined score in the poll voting, along with seven first-place votes. Adrian garnered five first-place votes, most of which came from the coaches. Hope received two first-place votes and Alma had one.

"There are a lot of really good teams, players and coaches in this league," Adrian coach Jim Lyall said. "But you need to have more than talent, because that alone isn't enough."

Teams have reason not to take much stock in the early predictions. Since 1996, the preseason favorite has followed through only twice, both times sharing the crown (Albion in 1999 and Hope in 2007).

"All the kids work hard in this league, and the poll is usually wrong," Hope coach Dean Kreps said.

Just four years removed from a winless season, Trine went 10-1 during its championship run. Though they graduated several key players, the Thunder still have 40 returning lettermen and 18 of 23 returning starters. Junior quarterback Eric Watt is back, along with juniors Jeff Langley at running back. Senior Adam Kurtz, junior Paul Curtis and sophomore LeMar Qualls lead the receivers.

Trine must replace former MIAA Defensive Player of the Year Courtney Pearson and others, but has several returning to its stout defense. Jake Vance, the team's second-leading tackler, returns at linebacker, while Aaron Selking, Andrew Pickford and Ryan Rickaby are back to patrol the secondary.

"It's an honor to have the title of champion, and we hope to compete again at that level," Trine coach Matt Land said. "We lost a lot of players, but we'll work hard and see how it turns out."

Adrian is taking aim at Trine with 13 returning starters and 58 players who saw playing time during last year's 8-2 campaign. After splitting time at quarterback with two-time MIAA Offensive Player of the Year Troy Niblock, junior Mike McGee returns with the full-time starting job. Junior Myke Johnson and sophomore Jared Edwards led the running backs, while seniors Joseph Beehler and Nick Hemmingsen are weapons at receiver.

Adrian was ranked fourth (NCAA Division III) in total defense. Seniors Brad Smagala and Chris McGuire lead the linebackers, while Gino Panza anchors the defensive line and John Parvin leads the secondary.

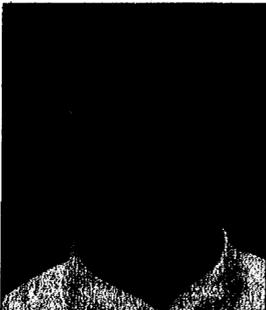
"We've done some great things over the last four years," Lyall said. "I feel this is one of our better recruiting classes, and we expect to be a good team."

Nick Ross (Manchester), Nicholas Hiser (Dexter) and Jackson Hanks (Ypsilanti Lincoln) are some of the local players looking to make an impact with Adrian this year.

Hope struggled to a 3-7 record last year, but the Flying Dutchmen expect to rebound in the 100th year of Hope football. Kreps must replace departed quarterback Jake Manning, but senior Neil Droppers and junior Chris Feys are the leading candidates for the job. Hope returns all three of its tailbacks in Josh Echinaw, Joe Rodriguez and Tim Elzinga, and Kyle Dietrich and Scott Snyder are back at



Manchester's Nick Ross will be a sophomore offensive tackle at Adrian College this fall.



Ken Jones



Nick Hiser

receiver. Chris Batterbee leads the linebackers and Kevin VanDokkumburg anchors the defensive backs.



Chelsea's Robbie Moffett will return to the secondary this season for Albion College.

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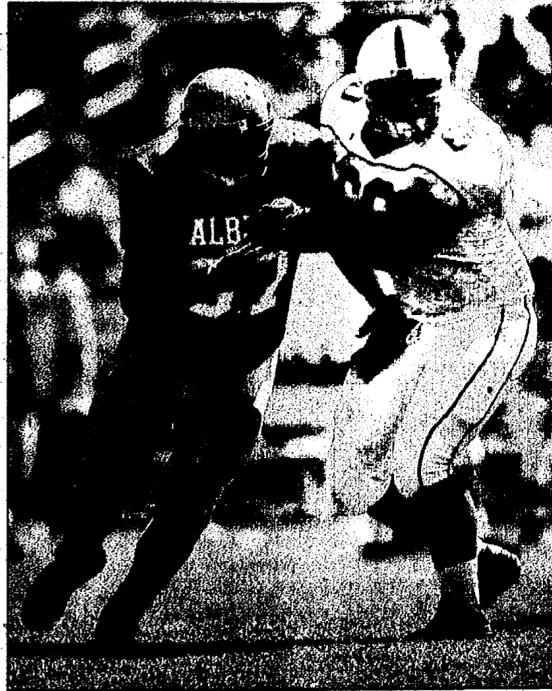
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HOPE
Mike LaCroix (Ann Arbor Huron)

KALAMAZOO
Ken Jones (Belleville)
Brian Flahie (Manchester)
Andrew Iraola (Saline)



Chelsea's Austin Rodgers returns to the Albion College line-up after earning All-MIAA honors last season as a nose tackle for the Britons.

"We've had a good offseason," Kreps said. "All three running backs bring something different, and I feel like we have a superior receiving core."

Freshman Mike LaCroix (Ann Arbor Huron) will compete for the kicking duties at Hope this fall.

Alma went 5-5 last year and tied for third in the MIAA last year. The Scots return three-year starter Mackenzie McGrady at quarterback and junior Andrew Schaar at receiver. A young defense will be led by senior defensive backs A.J. Schaar and Bart Blystone, along with linebackers Ruggie Ramereiz and Brent Willis. Incoming freshmen Michael Lenneman (Chelsea, receiver) and Hunter Briggs (Dexter, defensive line) will compete for playing time.

"We'll go as far as our quarterback takes us with our spread offense," Alma defensive coordinator John Lewis said. "Defensively we're getting better."

Albion is looking to get back to a championship level after two straight losing seasons, including a 4-6 mark last year. Coach Craig Rundle has 15 starters back, with seven on both sides of the ball and one



Erik Myyra



Joe Schmidt

on special teams. Both junior Tom Fusee and sophomore Alex Harris saw time at quarterback last year, but could be pushed by freshman Spencer Krauss (Clinton) this season. Center Cameron Reichow and nose tackle Austin Rodgers (Chelsea) will anchor the offensive and defensive lines, respectively. Sophomore Dave Wunderlich and junior Erik Myyra (Milan) lead the receivers.

Senior Jacob Lee and junior Robbie Moffett (Chelsea) will patrol the secondary. Lorenzo Reese (Belleville), Joe Schmidt (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard) and Jesse Stewart (Chelsea) will also compete for playing time with the Britons.

"We have young kids with good experience coming back," Rundle said. "This team has a lot of potential, and we feel we can be better than we've been. We have a good nucleus on the offensive and defensive lines."

Kalamazoo was 2-8 last year, but gave opponents fits with a spread offense that averaged 300.6 yards per game in the air. Senior quarterback Brandon Luczak and receiver Jimmy Semelsberger both return, along with senior running back Stephen Johnson. Juniors Ken Jones (Belleville) and Brian Flahie (Manchester) return to the Hornets' defense, while freshman Andrew Iraola (Saline) will compete for the kicking job.

"We made strides last year and were in every game," Kalamazoo coach Jamie Zorbo said. "The objective for this year is to finish every game and keep progressing. I think we can only improve defensively."

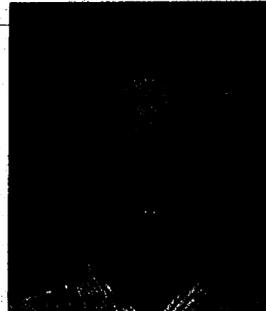
Olivet entered last year as the defending MIAA champion, but struggled to a 1-9 finish. Senior Pat Clagson returns as the Comets' main running back, while sophomores Nick McCleary and C.J. Gregory are expected to battle for the starting quarterback job. Senior linebacker Hakeem Yakubu and senior defensive back Alex Hill will lead the defense.

"We're going to be dominated by two-year players, and we're worried about growing and improving," Olivet coach Dominic Livedoti said. "We struggled last year, and we're looking to do the right things on and off the field to get back where we want to be."

Sophomore Zach Leszcynski (Chelsea) will challenge for a starting spot at tight end. Staff Writer Ed Patino can be reached at 428-8173 or epatino@heritage.com.



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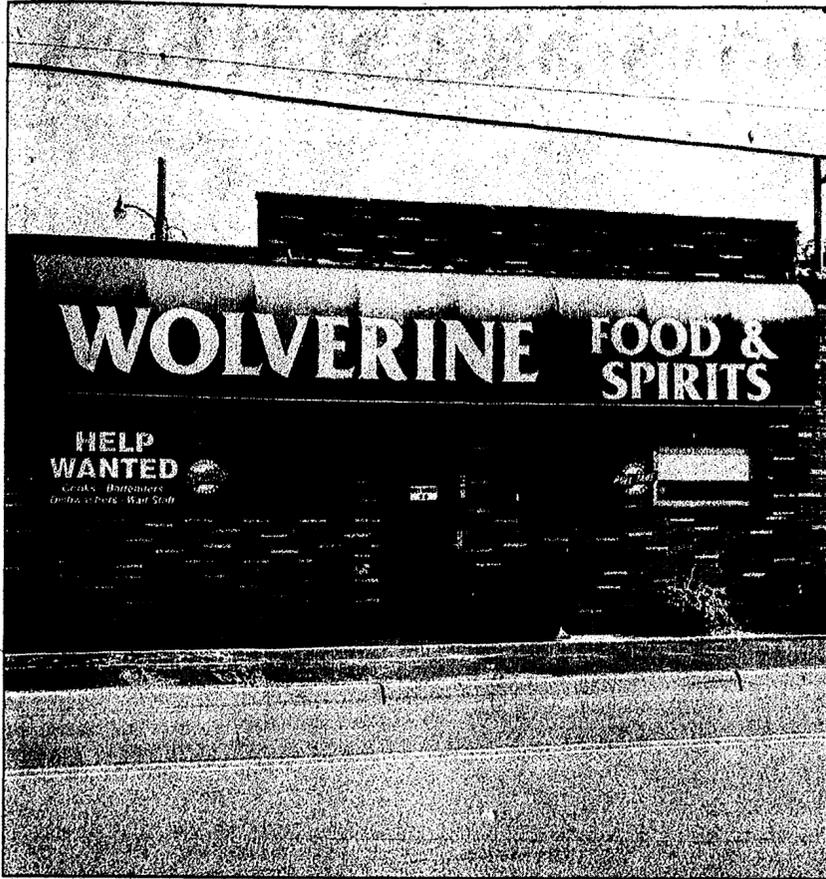
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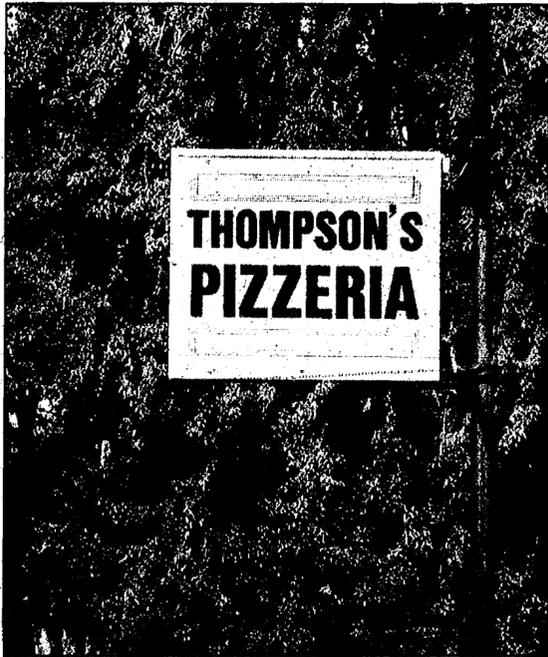
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move, however, is I'll be able to make it out to more events in person. In the past at the Chelsea office, I wore many hats. At one time or another, among other things, I was receptionist, answered phones, handled wedding and anniversary ads, took care of happy ads and birthday ads, scanned photos, manned the front desk for every customer that wandered in, organized and kept up-to-date our newspaper morgue, recycled the mounds of old newspapers, handled the mail and in my finest moment, rescued one, teeny-tiny and desperately cold kitten from certain frostbite one brutally cold January morning. Oh yeah, I also wrote sports stories.

Now, I am just a sports editor. Hopefully, I'll have more time and energy to make it out to more events. That's the best part of my job. I definitely missed that aspect in the past.

What I'm also going to miss, now that our Chelsea office is closed, is the central proximity to the Wolverine Restaurant and Thompson's Pizzeria. Located smack dab in between both establishments, a highlight of each day was walking outside and taking in the delicious smells of pizza, hoagies and French fries coming from each place. Though my waist belt is thankful for the move, my stomach isn't.

I'll also greatly miss my daily walks down to the Rich gas station for my Snickers and Mountain Dew fix. I was only three letters away from having my name in lights. I visited the place so often and spent so much money there over the years, I thought they were slowly, but surely, honoring me by printing my last name



Thompson's Pizzeria is place sports writer Don Richter will miss now that the Chelsea Standard office has moved to Saline.

on the sign. For all the nickels and dimes I put into the place, I deserve it, darn it.

For those still in town, say hello to Adam, Robbie and Tom for me, okay? There ain't a better bunch of gas station attendants anywhere. I'll miss you guys. And say hi to Deanna for me, too.

It's now a 50-mile round trip to and from work, instead of two miles. Anyona have a helicopter they want to sell for \$100 or so, pilot included?

I didn't think so. Oh well, what's a sports writer to do?

I will say, however, I have found a lovely place in Saline right around the corner from our office called the Drowsy Parrot. It has peanut butter

cookies to die for. And I can walk across the street for a \$5 hot and ready pizza anytime I want to. I guess I'll survive.

Anyhow, I hope you enjoy the new, added information in your weekly sports section. With consolidation, I'll have more resources at my disposal, which means a better, more complete sports section for you, the reader. With football practice starting this week and the fall sports season ready to begin in earnest, I'm chomping at the bit to get going.

Now, if only Rich's could send me a box of Snickers and Thompson's a 12-inch Italian sub and the Wolverine a...

Some things never change.

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USA

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kinds of skills at all positions," she said. "I love the feeling of making a great pass to an open teammate and watching the ball hit the back of the net."

But more than anything, Uihlein said she is proud to represent her country in the sport she loves to play.

"This national team is so special because it is the only place we can all play soccer without any struggle to communicate, and no one is feeling bad about it," she said. "No one expects any less from us because we are deaf. The coaching staff knows that first, we are soccer players, we just

happen to be deaf. The coaches are very demanding of a high level of skill, work and dedication. They are very positive, though. They always say, 'You can do it.'"

Uihlein said everyone on the U.S. team works hard to communicate.

"Some people just use (sign language), some people just speak and some people use both (sign language) and spoken English," she said.

"On this team, nobody cares or treats anyone any differently. We are all treated equally. Everyone is deaf, except the coaches. They have interpreters with them at all times. Everyone has an instant connection that is very special."

To help send Uihlein to

Taiwan so she may represent her country in the Deaflympics, those interested may send checks to the USA Deaf Soccer Association, c/o 2009 U.S. Summer Team, 3711 S. State Rt. 157, Glen Carbon, IL 62034. Make checks payable to USA Deaf Sports Federation (USADSF). In the check's memo line, use the following phrase - 2009 Deaflympics Women's Soccer.

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ROLLS

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hits to Run for the Rolls Web site," Triveline said. "It is exciting to pick up a RW (Runners World) magazine in another state and to know people are reading about you in Chelsea."

Triveline said the race is bringing attention to Chelsea in other ways, as well.

"I have been contacted by fitness centers in corporate headquarters to send information for their employees," she said. "But to be featured in the annual yearbook by the Governors Council for Physical Fitness Health and Sports of Michigan for its content is very exciting. It's exciting not only for Run for the Rolls, but

for the city of Chelsea. I never would have thought that such a small venue would land such a big punch."

Triveline said her main concern for this year's event is street closure issues along Main Street downtown during the race.

"We need volunteers to help make sure that no vehicles try to enter Main Street during the Run for the Rolls," she said. "Cars can not see people and especially children running down the street with all the spectators watching. This (street closure volunteers) is very important for their safety."

Triveline said Run for the Rolls will be handing out free volunteer shirts for everyone that helps at the event.

"No one else will have this shirt, only the volunteers,"

she said. "Some families and businesses have purchased a street sign in their name or business name to help close off the streets. They get to keep that along with their volunteer shirts."

Triveline said those watching the event could also help out at intersections.

"If you are a parade spectator next to a street entering onto Main Street, you could just patrol the street during the race until the parade begins," she said.

For street closure information contact gssisoim@gmail.com.

To contact Triveline, e-mail triveline@hotmail.com or www.runfortherolls.com.

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Big House Big Heart running event returns

Once again, the Big House Big Heart running/walking event will take place in Ann Arbor, and allow runners and walkers to raise funds for charity.

It is slated for Oct. 4 and will feature 10K, 5K and one-mile courses.

The races start and end at Michigan Stadium, and allow participants the unique chance to run

down the tunnel the U-M football players do to enter the field.

Last year over 10,000 runners and walkers participated, and helped raise \$300,000 for over 100 non-profit organizations.

For more information on the event, or to register to participate or volunteer, visit www.bighousebighheart.com.

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<p>Event Details: Saturday August 22, 2009 Registration Opens: 7:00 AM Shotgun Start: 8:00 AM</p> <p>Place: Reddeman Farms Golf Course 555 S. Dancer Road Chelsea, Michigan 48118 734-475-3020</p> <p>Price: 1 Person Eighteen Hole Scramble (team will be assigned) \$125 per golfer _____ 4 Person Team Eighteen Hole Scramble \$500 per team _____ Non-golfer (Banquet Only) \$ 25 per person _____</p> <p>Registration forms can be downloaded from http://www.dexterhockey.com. Questions: Contact Craig Brosch 734-730-2617 craig.brosch@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Each Registration includes 18 holes of golf, cart, goodie bag, breakfast (coffee and baked goods), and banquet with auction and raffles</p> <p>Raffle Items Include: • To Be Determined</p>
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St. Louis Center honors Sue Starkey

TAYLOR MADE ADVENTURES



RICK TAYLOR

The St. Louis Center's 22nd Memorial Golf Outing honored Sue Starkey last month. Sue bravely fought off pancreatic cancer for over five years until she sadly passed away on Christmas Eve in 2007.

Her life, however, was celebrated by family and friends last month at Pierce Lake Golf Club in Chelsea. One hundred and seventeen golfers participated in the event.

Todd Starkey summed up his mom's life.

"My mom lived her life through volunteerism," he said.

Sue must have been smiling down on her family that day because all four Starkey teams won first, second, third and fourth places in the tournament. And believe me, my team wasn't giving them any slack. We were trying to gun them down to win.

Our team had won the previous year and we were trying for



Columnist Rick Taylor tees off during last month's golf outing in honor of Sue Starkey.

a repeat. I couldn't have been happier; however, to lose to the Starkey family.

Sue was the former executive director for the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce. She was also on the board of directors with the St. Louis Center and the athletic boosters. The list goes on and on.

So, why would an outdoor columnist like me write about a golf outing, Sue Starkey and the St. Louis Center?

First and foremost, golf is an awesome outdoor sport. I only wish I took up golfing at an earlier age.

Secondly, it's people like Sue Starkey that make our communities special. That fact should be celebrated.

Finally, the St. Louis Center does the near impossible. It creates a healthy and nurturing residential living environment for people with developmental disabilities.

Steve Daut, finance director for the St. Louis Center, took the time to speak with me about their facility. Steve said there are about 60 full-time residents at the center, half of which are children, with the other half adults.

Daut also stated that some of the residents are wards of the state. My heart broke when I thought of someone without a family. It made me wonder where that person might go to if the St. Louis Center wasn't around.

Steve was honored to remind me that their center has been nationally accredited for the highest standards of care.

Steve also stated that the Center's funding comes from federal, state and county funds. It's not enough money, however, to keep the Center operating. For instance, social security pays approximately \$850 per month, per qualifying resident. However, actual



The winning team in last month's 22nd annual St. Louis Center Memorial Golf Outing included, Jon Lane (left), Todd Starkey, Quinn Starkey, Mark Barola and Greg Halst.

expenses per resident top \$4,000 per month.

Thankfully, the Center has been creative when it comes to making up the difference. The St. Louis Center raised approximately one million dollars last year through fund-raising events, grants and private donations.

Sadly, the State of Michigan

will be cutting their funds to the Center, which will create a serious financial shortfall.

The St. Louis Center really needs all of us to get involved. The Center has its annual golf outing in the summer and its annual banquet open to the public. It's my hope that you'll get out there and help out this wonderful organization that does so

much for our community.

On a different note, next week's column will be on Ducks Unlimited. Stay tuned, this should be a fun and interesting story.

Any story ideas or comments are welcomed. Feel free to contact Rick Taylor at (734) 223-5656 or e-mail at rtaylor@reinhartrealtors.com.

Outdoor activities bring people closer together

By Brian Miller
Guest Writer

Earlier this year I was sitting on the rocky shoreline waiting for the sun to peak over the horizon with one of my good friends. As we sat there, we briefly bantered about life's problems, but quickly passed those by for a few laughs.

We laughed about a lot of things, but mostly about how crazy we were. How crazy we were to wake up at 3:30 a.m. after only a few hours of sleep just to sit patiently in the darkness, waiting for the sun.

I view life differently. I view it in a way that only another outdoorsman or woman can understand. I'd rather deprive myself of sleep so I can share another sunrise with a friend. Life only gives us so many beautiful sunrises and I'm determined to see them all.

The outdoors have given me the chance to meet many great men and women. And today,

most of my closest friends are people I met because of the outdoors.

Growing up, my best friend and I would always sneak out of the house at night to fish for largemouth. You would think that if we went through all the trouble to sneak out of the house, we'd find some trouble to get into. But instead, we passed on trouble to cast a few jitterbugs. Twenty years later, we still reminisce about those days.

Even today I find myself meeting and building friendships across the Midwest. The outdoors has given back honest friendships, beautiful sunrises, and moments to share with my children.

What is it about the outdoors that brings me closer to others and builds friendships? I believe it is the chance to get out of the office and relax. On the water, we're all equal. I can fish next to the highest paid executive

or someone unemployed and it doesn't matter. Because on the water we live, laugh, and love what's being offered. And on occasion we met someone really special.

Several outdoorsmen and women have changed my life forever. From simply teaching me lessons to bringing me closer to God. And at the end of the day, I still get to take home a nice fish dinner.

The chance to slow down gives friends a chance to share their true feelings. There is no better time to really listen to your friends or children. While soaking worms on the deck with my kids, they chatter about the day. And on the river my friends tell me what's really important in their lives. And at the end of the day we feel better because the therapy of the outdoors calmed our being.

Chasing after the finicky river walleyes has created more bonds. As far back as I can

remember, my brother and I have been spending hundreds of hours chasing river walleye. And during those years, my father was never interested in joining. Now we're both old enough to value the time together. Even though my father isn't crazy about wading in the water or cold mornings, we fish together.

I've learned the time spent together is far more enjoyable than a stringer full of fish. I've caught enough walleye in my lifetime, now it's time to catch up on those important moments in life.

So the next time your father or a friend invites you to go fishing or hunting, take the opportunity. This is an invitation to become closer with that person. And just maybe you'll be touched enough that they change you for the better.

To learn more about the author visit him at www.strictlywhitetails.com.



Brian Miller (left), Connie Lechwide and Tim Smoyer enjoy spending time outdoors together.

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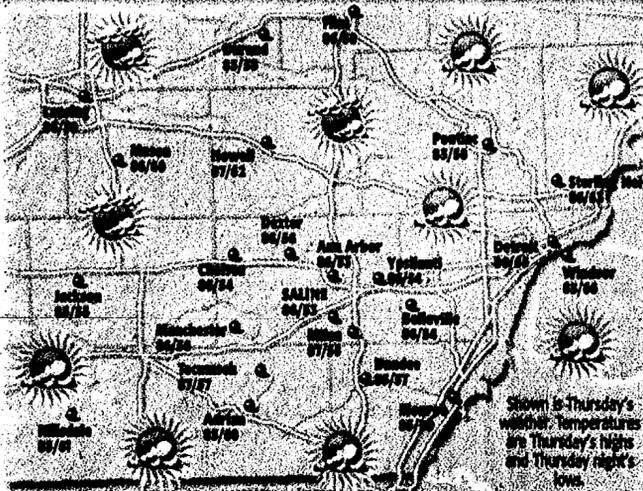
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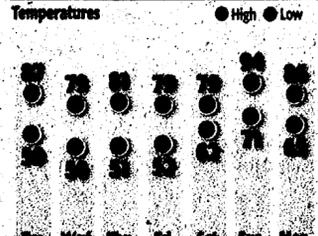
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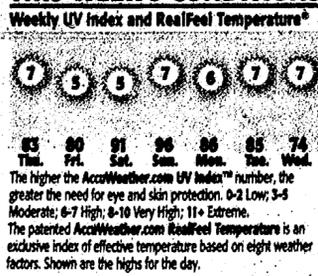
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 Total for the month: 1.37"
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 Normal for the year: 21.07"



PAST WEEK'S TEMPS



THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS



SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Thursday	6:41 a.m.	8:39 p.m.
Friday	6:42 a.m.	8:37 p.m.
Saturday	6:43 a.m.	8:36 p.m.
Sunday	6:44 a.m.	8:34 p.m.
Monday	6:45 a.m.	8:33 p.m.
Tuesday	6:46 a.m.	8:31 p.m.
Wednesday	6:47 a.m.	8:30 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	None	2:42 p.m.
Friday	12:01 a.m.	3:52 p.m.
Saturday	12:49 a.m.	4:59 p.m.
Sunday	1:49 a.m.	5:57 p.m.
Monday	3:00 a.m.	6:46 p.m.
Tuesday	4:19 a.m.	7:26 p.m.
Wednesday	5:40 a.m.	7:59 p.m.

RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday

River	Flood stage	Current stage
Beaure Creek	12.50 ft	2.50 ft
Dearborn Heights		
Huron River		
Ann Arbor		
Malletts Creek		
Ann Arbor		
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	6.16 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester		

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.71 ft	572.23 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	574.90 ft

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ann Arbor	83/60/s	87/63/s	88/62/s
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Beaure Creek	86/60/s	86/64/s	86/64/s
Bay City	86/61/s	85/61/s	85/62/s
Detroit	86/65/s	86/63/s	86/67/s
Flint	86/58/s	86/62/s	87/63/s
Grand Rapids	86/62/s	86/64/s	87/64/s
Kalamazoo	87/61/s	86/62/s	87/64/s
Lansing	86/59/s	86/60/s	87/63/s
Livonia	86/62/s	86/65/s	86/66/s

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Athens	86/72/s	90/73/s	88/72/s
Berlin	72/54/pc	75/55/c	79/59/pc
Buenos Aires	81/80/pc	84/80/s	84/80/s
Cairo	97/74/s	98/76/s	99/74/s
Calgary	89/44/s	87/44/s	84/44/s
Hong Kong	90/82/s	91/82/sh	91/80/pc
Jerusalem	84/61/s	83/64/s	83/63/s
Johnsburg	86/59/s	82/42/s	85/43/s
London	72/57/s	73/59/sh	71/59/pc
Mexico City	75/54/s	75/55/s	72/55/s

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Atlanta	87/70/s	85/72/s	86/71/s
Boston	73/64/pc	80/67/s	85/68/pc
Chicago	86/62/s	86/63/s	86/63/s
Cincinnati	86/63/s	90/67/s	90/68/s
Cleveland	86/61/s	83/62/s	84/62/s
Dallas	96/76/pc	96/76/pc	96/77/s
Denver	86/59/s	86/59/s	85/54/s
Honolulu	89/76/s	89/76/s	89/76/s
Houston	89/74/s	89/74/s	89/74/s
Kansas City	90/66/s	92/68/s	90/71/s
Las Vegas	106/81/s	102/79/pc	97/76/s
Los Angeles	84/64/pc	81/62/pc	78/62/pc

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

