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Amanda has my attention

The story of a teenager lost in a world of sex and drugs who one day looks in the mirror and hates what she sees. How does a 15-year-old get there?

Innocence and youth are supposed to slowly fade away and be replaced with maturity and knowledge and growth. It's such an amazing thing to watch, that transition. A boy. A girl. A man. A woman.
 Innocence. Is there a more endearing word in the English language? Any parent will tell you just how beautiful innocence is. They see it in the eyes of their children and it brings them right back to their own experiences of growing up, of learning, of innocence.

But what happens when innocence is stripped away too soon, lost too early to the cruelty of something equal parts destructive and devastating. Amanda Adams sits across the table at an Ann Arbor eatery where she's worked now for five years. There is nothing on the table. No food or

bottled water. Just her hands, reaching out to help explain how she got here.

She is a beautiful, young woman. Only 24 years old. But the innocence is gone from her eyes. It's been gone for awhile and it didn't fade away like it's supposed to. It was ripped away by her own self-destruction, bad choices and harmful influences. She's even changed her name, but not to hide the scars of her past, but to protect those she still cares about.



Her story is only surprising to those who think that it can't happen here. Not in Chelsea. Not in Saline. Not in Ann Arbor. No way. This is a story we hear about in other communities. Not here.

Sorry, yes here. Right here in fact. A Chelsea girl born and raised who graduated from Chelsea High School in 2003. She has worked at Barry Bagels in Ann Arbor for five years now. She was a drug addict. An alcoholic. Loved nothing more than to have sex and get high. A girl headed down a path to prison, or worse. A girl, yes a girl, who took that first step on this downward spiral at the age of 15. Yes, 15!

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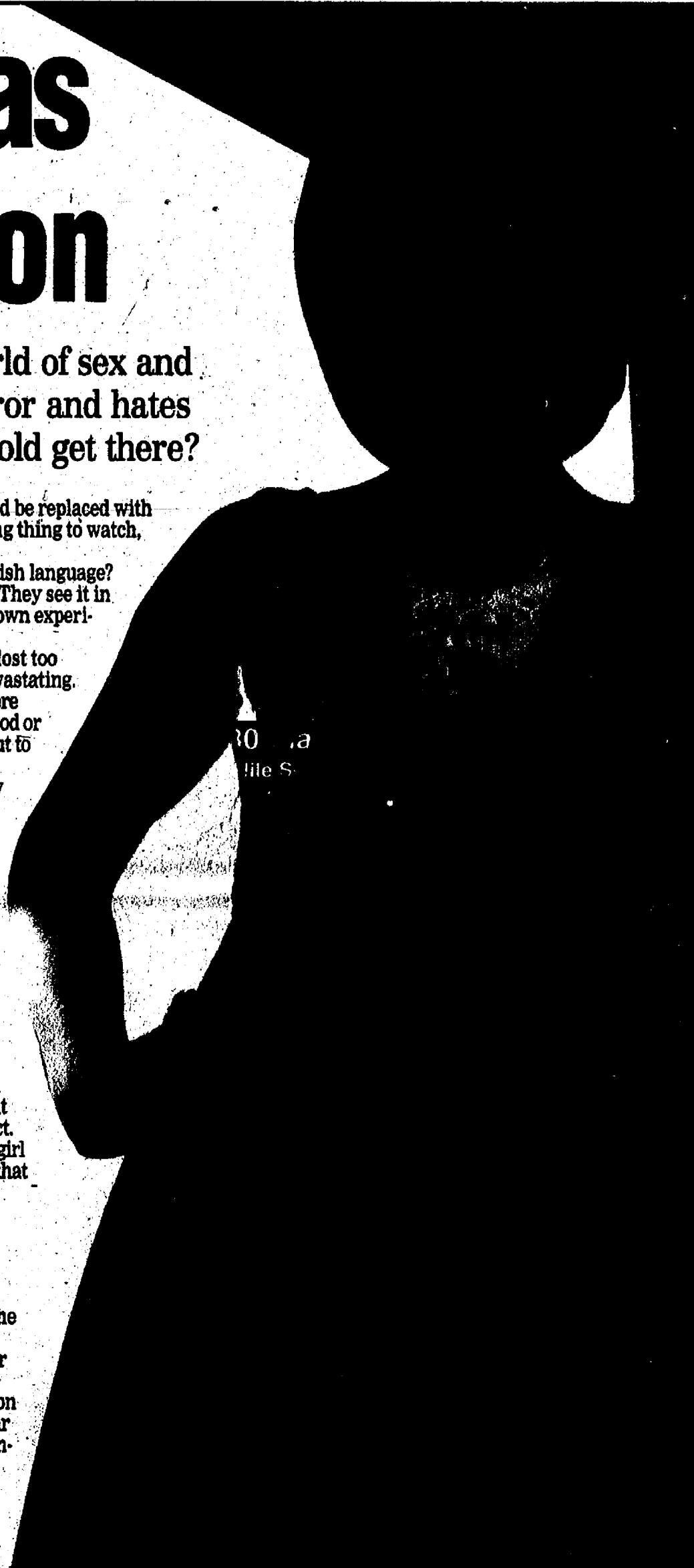
Personalizing

So many questions. Where does a 15-year-old begin to fall off the tracks is as good a place to start as any? As I write this, my own 14-year-old daughter is in the other room doing her homework for school, which is still a few weeks away from starting.

Where is your teenage daughter or son? Where is your grandson or granddaughter? Where is your niece or nephew? Where is your brother or sister? Where are you right now? And why am I personalizing this story? Because it needs to be personalized.

You see that line between doing homework and doing coke is thinner than anyone one of us would like to admit.

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Chelsea High School Musical Theatre to undergo change this fall

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

If you think you know what to expect out of a high school musical, think again.



Fazio

Kim Potocki, CHS Theatre Guild advisor, is announcing changes this fall that she hopes will constitute a "fresh slate" to begin a new era in high school theatre.

Potocki defines the difference between Theatre Guild and the fall musical.

Theatre Guild is an extra-curricular club that is open to all high school students. It is responsible for producing, organizing and doing other behind-the-scenes work for the musical. She says the new goal is to develop a parent advisory group to be part of the Theatre Guild.

The fall musical refers to the show itself, including those events that lead up to it, such

as auditions and rehearsals. Involved students perform all tasks related to the show.

"There's a spot for everyone in theatre," Potocki said. Students may love theatre, but have no desire to be on stage. Instead, they may find their niche in set building, costumes, or props, for example.

Potocki is pleased to introduce this fall's new musical and Artistic Director Gabriele Fazio, who is already familiar with the district through her student-teaching position with vocal teacher Steven Hinz in the spring of 2009.

Fazio graduated from the University of Michigan in May with a degree in voice performance and music education. She came to Michigan from her home near Newark, NJ, and finds Chelsea to be an outstanding community.

"Chelsea is so welcoming, and it has so many opportunities and resources and amazing programs for a city of this size," she said.

Fazio chose Chelsea for her student teaching because she likes Hinz's work and his approach to music education. During her time here in the spring, she discovered one

Come One, Come All

What: Important informational meeting
Why: Discussion of fall musical "Cinderella" (show dates Nov. 12-14)
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of Chelsea School District's particular strengths to be the "...emphasis on relationships."

Fazio has had experience in theatre since childhood as a dancer and musician, and since middle school as an actress. She currently lives in the Ann Arbor area, gives private voice lessons, and will be substitute teaching beginning in September.

Her goals as artistic and musical director for this fall include "...helping students to find their strengths, creating a safe zone for them to come out of their shells and take risks, and to show them that theatre involvement helps to create a sense of community."

Chuck Griffin will be return-

ing for his second year as Chelsea High School's auditorium director. He will provide the technical direction for the fall musical, along with the many other responsibilities of managing an auditorium of Chelsea's size and caliber.

Griffin started in theatre in 1974, and has since been involved in nearly 120 shows in various capacities. "Last year, starting so late, my biggest concern was what key fits what door; but now that I've learned the ropes around here, I feel a lot more prepared," he said. "We're moving past

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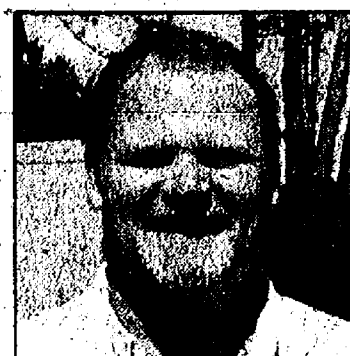
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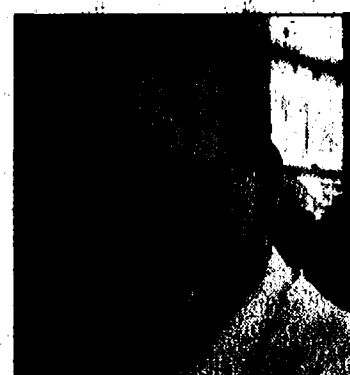
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What is the most important thing for Chelsea to get through the current economic times?



"The viability of the Chrysler Proving Grounds must be maintained. The employees and their families are a major factor that keeps this community alive economically."
Scott Brookhuizen
Chelsea

"We must continue to seek out more ways to grow as a community. Each person must reach out to the community at large, and likewise, the community must give back to each person for the entire area to prosper in self sufficiency."
Kevin Costello
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"I don't think that Chelsea's economy is as damaged as elsewhere in Michigan because of its bedroom community status. The University and Health Care professions lend a certain stability to this community. Diversification of the business community is the key to long-term stability."
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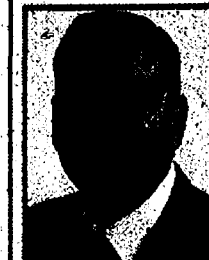
"I am the most eternally optimistic person. My optimistic nature is what gets me through hard times."
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Tips for managing diabetes at school

Back to school can be stressful for everyone, but for children living with diabetes, preparing to go back to school is much more complicated.

It often involves parents, teachers, administration, school nurses, cafeteria staff and coaches teaming up to ensure the child remains healthy, according to diabeticcareservices.com.

Proper diabetes management requires a large time commitment and significant understanding of the disease from diabetic children and from the people they spend time with every day.

Marc Wolf, founder and CEO of Diabetic Care Services, offers some tips for parents to help their children return to school when diabetes is a factor.

• Schedule a meeting before school begins with your child's

teacher, administrator, school nurse and cafeteria staff to discuss his or her personal diabetes management plan.

• Bring written copies of the plan to leave with each person who may be responsible for your child. It should include information on your child's medication, including when it should be taken, proper dosage, proper technique for administering the medication, who should administer medication (your child, the school nurse, or another designated staff member) and the reasons why your child takes it. It should also include who to contact and what actions to take in case of emergency, how to recognize warning signs of high and low blood sugar and a nutrition plan for both regular meals and snacks.

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Back to School
New year means new issues

Parents in most places might assume that in August, a building principal is focused entirely on getting facility and staff ready for the simple day-to-day rigors of another school year.

While the day-to-day is important, schools in Washtenaw County are taking a much longer view of kids' trajectory through not just education, but life.

Dexter High School's principal, Kit Moran, had two equally important appointments to keep the morning of Aug. 19 — a staff meeting and a sit down with student Jordan Keen, who because of illness, has fallen behind in her credits to graduate high school.

"I've been meeting with staff every morning at 9 o'clock," Moran explains to Keen, as they walk into his office and sit down on opposite sides of his desk.

"The 9 o'clock should have been a 10 o'clock and they kept going," he says to Keen with a laugh, as she shifts in her chair.

Even though he just went into overtime in a meeting full of passionate educators with different views of how to help students succeed, he makes time for the single student before him.

"I have nine work days left and more than nine assignments," Keen says, leaning forward a little over the desk taking in paperwork — an already charted course toward her goals and the time resources to do it.

"If I get all six credits done (before Sept. 4), then I'm out of here in November. But if I don't, then I'm sitting here through March," Keen says, biting her lip a bit.

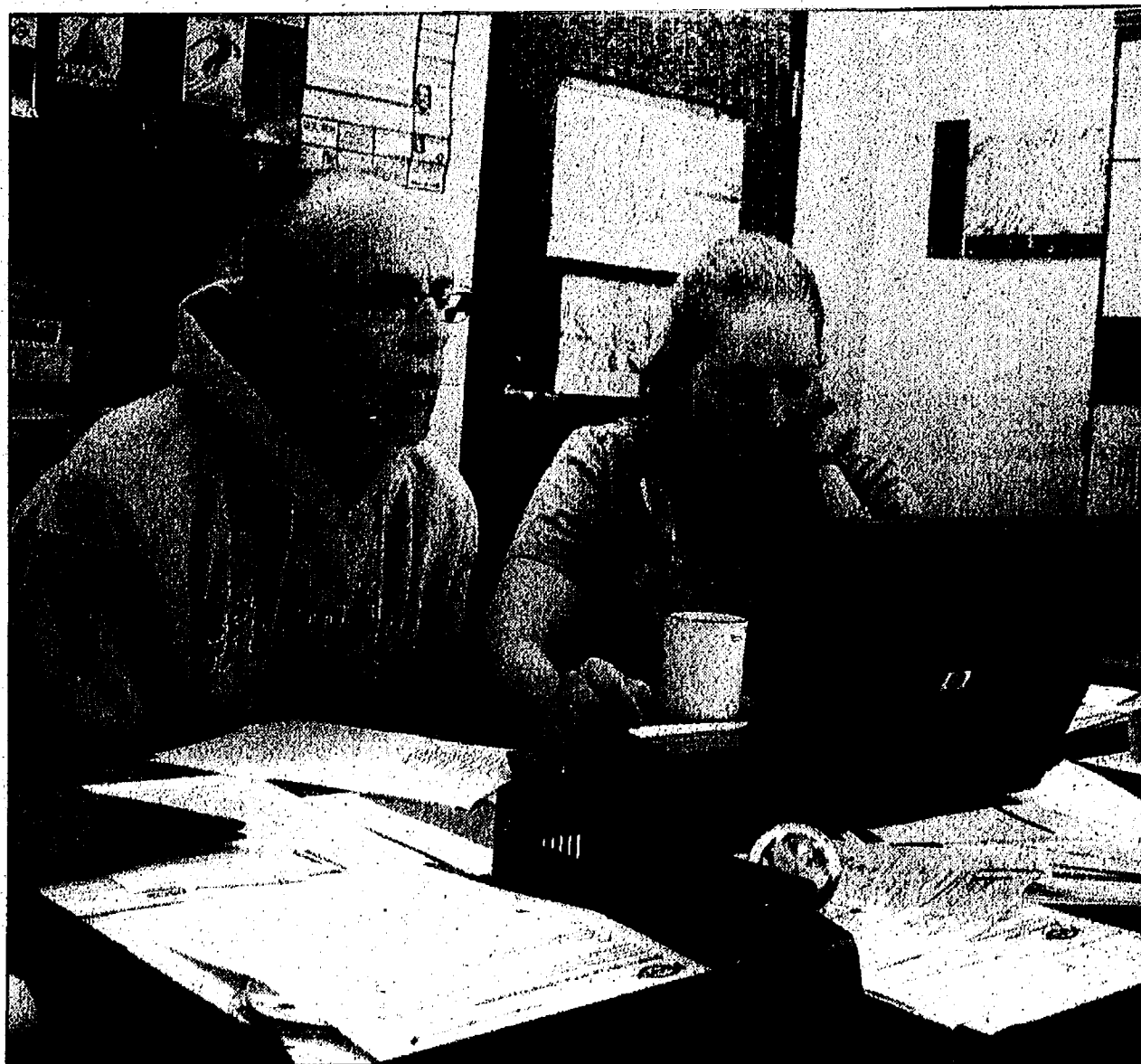
After 45 minutes to an hour, negotiations are over and the two shake hands — Keen determined to reach her goal and Moran determined to see her there.

"Every kid counts in this," he says after she leaves his office.

As Moran begins to explain he takes another call about an appointment the next day.

A pile of books with the titles "High Schools on a Human Scale" and "Rethinking High School" are further proof of how much work goes into being a principal at his level, as well as a squat desk monument to what's being done at Dexter High School and many other schools in the district and throughout the country to varying degrees.

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Jordan Keen is one of the students at Dexter High School that Principal Kit Moran is trying to help graduate. Keen is behind because of an illness that put her in a wheelchair and greatly reduced her physical stamina for a time.

Stories by Daniel Lai, Sean Dalton, Lisa Allmendinger and Austen Smith

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, are to thank for the books.

Moran hangs up the phone and sits back down.

"There's been a giant national conversation about homework," he says, holding one of the books aloft.

He agrees with what he's read: Students get too much homework. It's one of the pillars of a re-imagining of Dexter High School that's under discussion for the upcoming school year.

"Where trimesters was a giant project, this makes trimesters look like kindergarten," Moran says.

Is it like adopting an entirely different philosophy?

"Almost."

What Moran has been doing is starting big and getting small, so to speak, by "looking at education under a microscope."

Nothing is off the table for discussion. Merit pay is a substantial hot potato that Moran

acknowledges could only be on the table under a Democratic regime.

It's certainly the hottest issue at the moment but not the only one. Each issue, each teacher and each student — like Keen — is a concern over the summer for a principal who wants to see every kid, particularly in his district, soar.

"They say we're losing generations of kids in the inner city," Moran says. But he points to Ypsilanti Township's Willow Run as an example of a district that has struggled with graduation success over the years.

"Willow Run has a 47 percent graduation rate. ... this is our cohort data, an apples to apples comparison of kids as freshmen who should have graduated in 2008," Moran says.

The next step up is Ypsilanti at 73 percent, but still "something's wrong," according to Moran.

One of the goals is to eventually have every student in

Dexter High School ready to meet the minimum requirements for preparedness to pass the ACT tests by the end of sophomore year.

Moran places his hand on a chart that breaks the different areas of English, math and science into columns of blocks stacked atop each other. The ones at the top contain bullet points for the more basic parts of each subject area and get more complex further down the column.

"We want to take the kids deeper," Moran says, drawing his hand down each column of the chart past the minimum requirements for college preparedness.

"What we're talking about is making a commitment to get our kids past the peak," he said.

Right now, there's talk about having the ninth-graders on a team of 100 kids and four or five teachers who stay with them until 10th grade, in an effort to get to know each student "front-

PLEASE SEE ISSUES/10-A

Staff prepare for new school year

Throughout Washtenaw County, school districts are preparing for the start of another school year.

Along with teachers who are developing lesson plans and, in some cases preparing for a new role or subject, faculty members are checking — and double-checking — school buildings as the first day draws nearer.

In Ann Arbor, multiple construction projects have Superintendent Todd Roberts conducting last-minute due diligence to ensure all construction is wrapped up before their start day of less than two weeks away.

"We're getting all the buildings ready for the teachers and administration to come back (on Sept. 2)," he said, while students will return Sept. 8.

Roberts said the district is doing "a little hiring" and getting information together regarding the enhancement millage that will be on the November ballot.

While Roberts tends to the districtwide picture, it is left up to the many principals throughout the Ann Arbor Public Schools to oversee all the little details that make up a new school year.

At Haisley Elementary on Duncan Street, Mary Anne Jaeger, principal, said she's been completing multiple walk-throughs of the building and "most classrooms are completely cleaned and the furniture has been moved back in."

New cabinets are being installed in the kindergarten rooms in the school that was originally built in 1954.

"The new cabinets allow our teachers to lock up personal and more expensive items and offer a more welcoming appearance for our students and families," she said.

Jaeger, as she looks around her office, says a few weeks before school begins, she realizes how much still needs to be organized and sorted through prior to the students' arrival. There are bins of U.S. mail to sort, and much of the student learning material has been delivered during the time the school secretary, JoAnn Taylor, has been working at the Summer Learning Institute at Forsythe.

Fans are still running in the office areas as the custodians attempt to get the freshly cleaned carpet dry as soon as possible. She said her main focus has been getting new

PLEASE SEE STAFF/11-A

Local parents look for good deals

By Krystle Dunham
Heritage Newspapers

Donna Richard finds herself checking sales more often and hitting the clearance areas in local retail stores.

Richard, of Lodi Township, like many parents facing the upcoming school year, is on a tight budget.

"We just have to be a little bit more conscious of what we are spending," Richard said. "I tend to be more thrifty than I was before."

Like many parents, her kids have unique needs and wants specific to their age, grade level and interests.

"The kids wear their clothes out faster now, since they are more active," she said of her kids, Benjamin and Christina, who will be entering the seventh and third grades respectively at Woodland Meadows Elementary School in Saline.

Richard said she waits to buy pants for either child because

they are continuously growing. For the first month of school, she said her children usually have the clothes they need.

She regularly shops at Meijer or Target for clothes and often visits the Web site www.couponmom.com for coupons and deals at local retail stores. She also is looking forward to the new Wal-Mart at 7000 East Michigan Ave. near Saline to open up so she can check out the deals at that store.

This year, Richard started her back-to-school shopping at the Ann Arbor Meijer store, 3145 Ann Arbor-Saline Road.

She has started to shop for snacks and drinks in bulk for her kids' lunches. Fruit snacks, Rice Krispies treats and Capri Sun drink pouches are a few items she has purchased.

Purchasing school supplies, on the other hand, is an ongoing process for the local mom. Richard said she typically starts to buy school supplies a month before school starts.

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Benjamin Richard, 7, a third-grader at Woodland Meadows Elementary School in Saline, asks his mom, Donna, if he can get a lunchbox he found.



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Boonstra: What's important right now is fixing Michigan

The Washtenaw County Republican Party will host its annual Summer Picnic from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the "country estate" of Ken and Ellie Unterbrink, 770 South Freer Road in Chelsea.

Already scheduled to appear are gubernatorial candidate Rick Snyder, Secretary of State candidate Anne Norlander, state Attorney General candidate Mike Bishop and 7th Congressional candidates Tim Walberg and Marvin Carlson.

Anyone interested in attending should RSVP at www.wash-gop.com/Picnic.

Mark Boonstra, chairman of the Washtenaw County Republican Committee, recently met with Heritage Newspapers Deputy Managing Editor Terry Jacoby for a Question and Answer. Topics included the job President Obama is doing, health care and the latest on Michigan and where he sees the state headed.

Q: When we talked back in December, you suggested that candidate Obama had run on some Republican themes, and you said, "Only time will tell whether President Obama will live up to his tax-cutting promises, or whether that was just an election-year ploy." What do you think now?

A: Unfortunately, it is now apparent to everyone that President Obama is governing very differently than he suggested during the election campaign. We're still a center-right country. So candidate Obama, to some degree, campaigned on conservative-sounding policies, which most people in this country still favor, in order to get elected.

He said, for example, that taxes would not be raised on anyone making less than \$250,000. But there's no way that he can pay for all of his new government programs without taxing everyone to death. He's already raised some taxes. Now he's working on passing cap-and-trade (or cap-and-tax, as some call it), which will amount to an additional tax on every one of us who drives a car or lights their home with electricity.

What's worse, these are regressive taxes. They hit hardest on the poor, the very people that the Democrats claim to stand for. And now they want to take over health care in this country? Can you even imagine what kind of tax increases they would have to impose in order to accomplish that?

Q: Speaking of health care, what do you think of the current health care debate?

A: Well, first of all, the opposition to Obamacare is as grassroots a movement as I have seen. I think the Democrats are making a huge mistake in attacking these fine Americans — many of them senior citizens — as "mobsters" and as "un-American."

The people have a right to be heard, and everyone in government should be listening. Elected officials are supposed to serve the people. We still live in a democracy, founded on principles of

freedom, limited government and the free enterprise system. The problem with the liberals in this country is that they think they know what's best for everyone, whether they like it or not. I would suggest that they wake up and start listening to folks, or they might be sorry.

Second, I think it's important to remember — regardless of what the Democrats are saying — that we still have the best healthcare system in the world. People from around the world still come here when they need top-quality care. Is the system perfect? No, of course not. No system is. But even with its faults, ours is still the best system around. So, what we should be doing is fixing the problems that we can all agree upon, like making sure that health insurance is portable if you change jobs, making sure that people aren't denied coverage if they have a pre-existing condition. Addressing the issue of long-term care.

Q&A

And then we should have an open and honest discussion and debate about broader reforms. Do we really want the government to run health care? Won't that raise costs, rather than lower them? Won't that result in an even greater shortage of doctors? Won't it result in rationed health care? Already, Medicare and Medicaid are bankrupt and about to explode. If the government can't run those programs, why should we think that the government could run the entire health care system?

Aren't there better ideas that we should consider, like making insurance companies compete with each other for your business across state lines, just like they have to do for automobile or homeowners insurance? Right now, the government won't even allow them to do that. Shouldn't we incentivize everyone to lower the costs of health care? If we were to have tort reform, wouldn't doctors perform fewer unnecessary tests, so that they don't have to protect themselves from the trial lawyers? Shouldn't payments to doctors be based on performance, rather than services? If we allowed small businesses and other organizations to band together, wouldn't that reduce risk and lower health insurance costs? Shouldn't we require everyone to pay some portion of their own health care costs, so that they'll really think about when and how often they need to see the doctor? And shouldn't we require some degree of personal responsibility on the part of everyone, so that they exercise preventive care?

Wouldn't it be better to allow everyone to choose their own health plan, rather than having the government or their employer do that? And where people need help in paying for health care or health insurance, wouldn't it be better to give them a tax benefit to pay for the plan of their

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TIPS

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- Review the personal diabetes management plan with your child.

- If he or she is old enough, your child will be able to manage most testing and medication independently but should also know to whom he or she can turn when help is needed.

- For younger children, explain that another person will be taking over the tasks their moms or dads might usually perform while at school.

- Seek feedback from your child daily to ensure he or she feels comfortable with the situation and to assess how he or she feels throughout the day.

- Pack healthy snacks for your child to battle sudden low blood sugar, and ensure school staff will allow your child to access these snacks when needed.

- Ask the school nurse to store extra testing supplies and medications as back up.

- Teach your child not to share snacks or trade food items with other students while at lunch.

- Establish a routine for your child right away so he or she develops habits for eating, testing and taking medication at the same time each day — whether in school, at practice or at home after school. Most importantly, ensure your child goes to bed on time with no distractions to prevent him or her from falling asleep.

- Relax. It is normal for parents to feel stressed when children head back to school, but it is important to remain as calm as possible so that your child also feels relaxed.

- Encourage your child to be an active participant in physical education class and even to join an athletic team. Be sure to meet with coaches in advance to discuss your child's diabetes management plan.

- Ask your child's teacher to invite a diabetes educator to speak with the class. The local diabetes association can provide resources for locating an educator, who can explain the basics of diabetes to your child's classmates (i.e. that it is not contagious) and answer any questions they might have. Your child will feel more comfortable managing

diabetes while at school if he or she isn't greeted with questions.

- Make sure your child wears a diabetic ID bracelet or necklace at all times. Bracelets are inexpensive and can be purchased online at www.diabeticcareservices.com.

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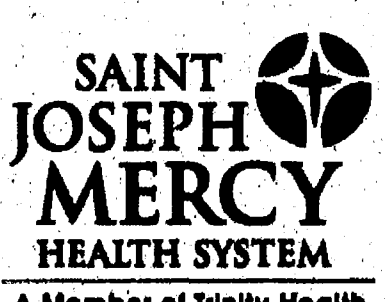
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Question: Which is your favorite way to celebrate Labor Day?

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WEB VIEWS

This week's question

Which is your favorite way to celebrate Labor Day?

- A. Walk the Mackinac Bridge C. Go on a mini vacation
B. Spend time with family D. A picnic in the park

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Measures needed to prevent gasoline tanker fires

Can we do any more to prevent gasoline tanker fires on our roads and freeways similar to the spectacular one July 15?

According to reports, a northbound Honda Civic went out of control, striking the tanker rig as it came out of the S-turn on the freeway. The tanker tractor and trailer separated, overturned and caught fire. Other trucks and motorists saw the developing wreck and drove defensively, quickly clearing space for others to take evasive action.

There were minor injuries to drivers of both the car and the tanker. But it could have been far worse.

As a result of the devastation—a collapsed overpass at Nine Mile, rerouting of traffic around the damaged bridge and pavement for an indefinite time and the potential for many horrific deaths—the accident will be studied and studied again.

By our count, it's the fourth on or near the freeway in recent years.

In 1992, a driver was killed when his rig overturned and burned on a ramp connecting I-75 and I-96 in Detroit. Another, on an I-75 to I-94 ramp in 2003, also in Detroit, killed the driver and closed the ramp for many months.

Early last year, a fire following an accident involving a propane truck killed the driver and closed a portion of the freeway down river.

In the 1970s, several tanker fires, including memorable ones in Oak Park and on the Madison Heights-Warren boundary led to design of new hitch between tractor and trailer and a ban on the double-trailer rigs.

Off hand, one suggestion is to have greater enforcement of speeding in the S-turn. The limit through the turn is 50 mph. Perhaps it should be lower than 70 on approaches from both north and south. Possibly it's a reasonable place for speed cameras.

Also, as we noted, accidents in the 1970s led to some redesign of the tanker trucks. Perhaps it's time for the redesign of a trailer with a substantially lower center of gravity. It's possible that either or neither may be workable or affordable.

But all fires that threaten buildings, bridges, vehicles and people become cautionary tales. So, these two suggestions and others that people and experts might come up with are certainly worth investigating.

The Michigan Department of Transportation deserves credit for its quick reopening of the interstate. Cleanup crews began their work about noon July 16, approximately 16 hours after the crash occurred, and after Hazel Park Fire Department and the Michigan State Police completed their on site work.

The traffic on the interstate was moving again after just five days. However, taxpayer cost to reopen I-75 totaled \$168,000 and to replace the overpass, cost estimates are in the millions.

While the quick work of MDOT is commendable, it would be nice if there were new precautions in the future that would not only save lives but prevent this kind of expense to the state. It's not good any time, but it's particularly burdensome during this horrible economy.

Let's make Michigan the brain bank of the world

The Lansing-based Early Childhood Investment Corp. reports a third of the state's children arrive at kindergarten unprepared for learning. These findings are based on 675 state kindergarten teachers who completed an online survey about how well students are prepared for learning.

State leaders know how to fix this problem. The question is will they?

Investing in high-quality preschool is one of the best investments we can make as a state and nation, so says a Nobel Prize-winning economist.

James Heckman, no bleeding heart educator or child advocate, but a 2000 Nobel Laureate in economics, predicts a grim picture for the United States, unless we begin investing in our youngest children.

In his research paper, "The Productivity Argument for Investing in Young Children," he argues: "Over 20 percent of U.S. workers are functionally illiterate and enumerate, a much higher percentage than leading European countries."

"On productivity grounds," the paper continues, "it makes sound business sense to invest in young children, especially from disadvantaged environments."

Heckman's research demonstrates that children who participate in high-quality preschool programs "experience increased achievement test scores and high school graduation and decreased grade retention, time in special education, or experience with crime and delinquency."

Further, medical brain research has been clear for a number of years that nearly 85 percent of the human brain's capacity is developed in the first five years of life. Seems to me, we should be listening to brain

OTHER VOICES



TOM WATKINS

researchers and Nobel Prize-winning economist that tell us to invest in our kids.

As state superintendent of schools, I proposed in November 2002 the following:

Every 4-year-old in Michigan is offered a high-quality pre-kindergarten learning opportunity by the 2006 school year. This voluntary early childhood development and educational program will be established according to nationally recognized, high-quality standards, and provided at no additional charge to all Michigan 4-year-olds without reducing funding for existing education, health and child

development programs. However, due to other priorities, and the economic whirlpool the state has been facing, resources for early childhood have been anemic, and in many cases disappeared.

The Feds Are In Town

The Obama Administration proposed budget has set aside \$20 billion as a down payment for states to invest in our youngest children. Michigan must be at the head of the line for these resources.

The feds were in town recently, no, not the FBI, but Arthur Rolnick, senior vice president and director of Research of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. Rolnick has also produced research that clearly shows the economic and societal return on investment in providing high-quality early childhood education.

"Investing in high-quality education for 3- and 4-year-olds yields a higher return than any other public investment," Rolnick said.

Rolnick helped create an Early Childhood Scholarship Program in Minneapolis and is hoping to bring the successful initiative to

Michigan. The Early Childhood Scholarship Program consists of three basic elements: parental mentoring, scholarships for low-income families to pay for high-quality early childhood education for 3- and 4-year-olds, and a quality-rating system to provide parents with information on quality early childhood programs.

Rolnick and his colleagues have helped mobilize the Michigan business community, United Way, Wayne State University, key legislators, Visiting Nursing Association, Beaumont Hospital, the Governors Office and Michigan foundation leaders to form the nucleus of a leadership team to tap federal and other resources for our youngest citizens.

Make Michigan the Brain Bank of The World

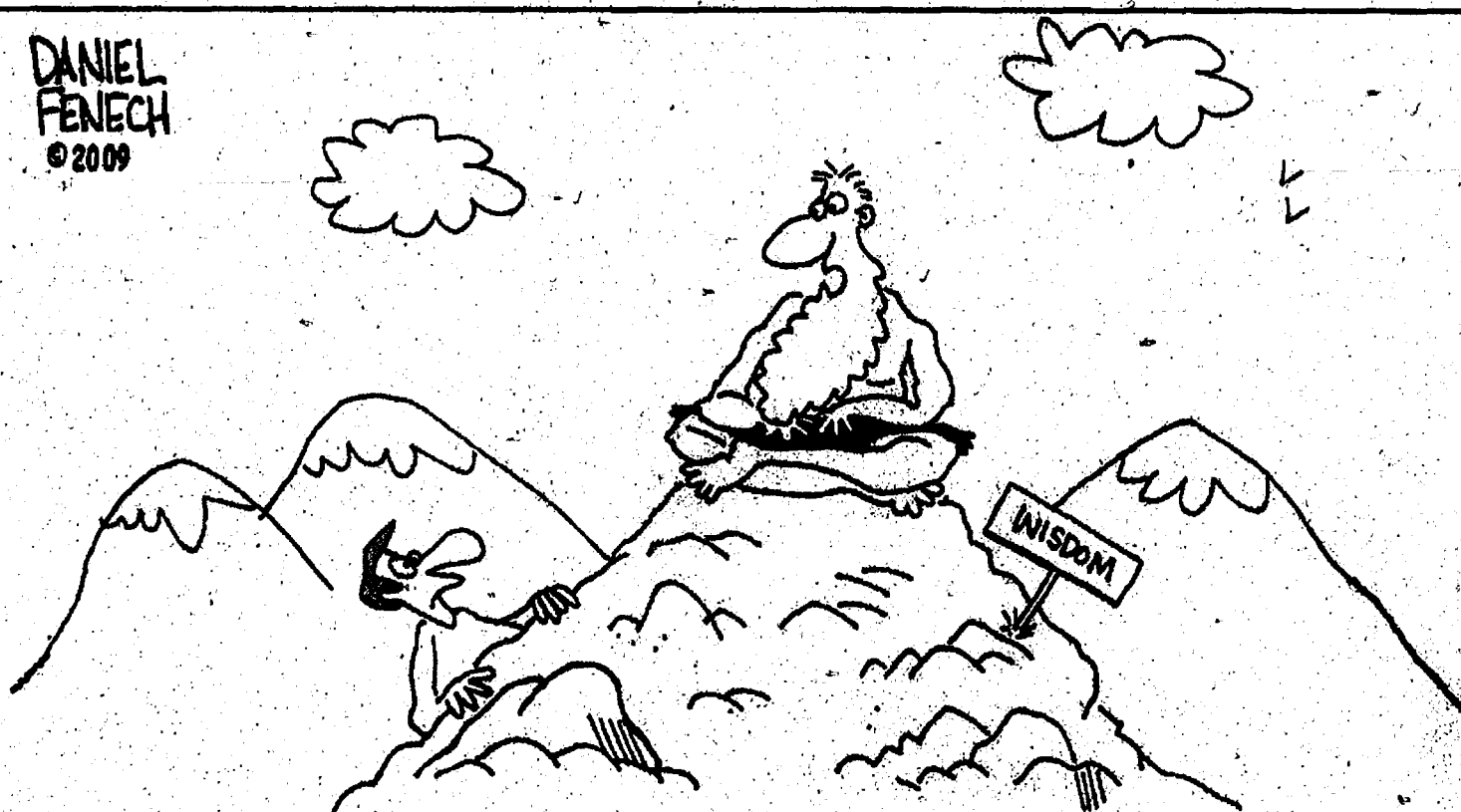
If Michigan is going to compete in the hyper-competitive, disruptive, transformational, global economy, we must invest in our human talent from the cradle to the grave. A child and society, without a solid educational foundation on which to build is the equivalent of building a deck of cards on a pile of sand. A lack of public investment in our human capital is not a winning strategy for the 21st century talent-driven knowledge economy.

Our goal must be to make Michigan the talent bank of the world. Investing in our youngest children will get us closer to this goal and will have a positive pay off for our collective future.

Don't take my word for it—ask a brain researcher or a Nobel Prize winning economist.

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"NEXT TIME, JUST TEXT ME..."

Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

It's time for Dillon to retire from office

I was disappointed to read your Aug. 13 editorial on House Speaker Andy Dillon's seemingly innocuous health plan pool.

We have just watched years of the disheartening spectacle of the United Auto Workers giving back agreed health benefits to "save" General Motors. Each step back for organized labor diminishes mainstream standards of the quality of life expected for all Americans. And wouldn't you most of all want

the people in contact with your kids to be at their healthiest?

Dillon's murky "pool" project is intended to fight the effective, high-quality plan that the Michigan Education Association has put together with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Dillon hopes to

curry votes with the anti-public school forces—the home-schoolers and radical Christians—who when he runs for governor next year. Instead, it's clearly time for Mr. Dillon to leave government, and retire to private life.

Mike Mosher
Bay City

New representatives: Agents of change or change nothing?

If ever there was a time for the freshmen class in the Michigan House to assert its influence, the time was just recently.

Recall that the group of 44 newbies, 26 Democrats and 18 Republicans, arrived in town ready to change the world. God love 'em.

They signed a bi-partisan pledge to cooperate with each other, even when they disagreed. They would be agents of change—or so we thought.

But to date during these dog days of summer with all due respect, the freshmen caucus looks like a puppy with its tail between its legs.

They went bowling to foster more camaraderie, but that's about it. And it's not like there is a lack of issues to tackle.

Imagine the impact if the gang of 44 signed a pledge to give back part of their paycheck en masse. It could goad the old-timers to do the same or face the wrath of God back home.

Imagine the impact if the 44 took a stance against the behavior of the governor, the senate GOP leader and the Democratic speaker of the House.

Madam governor: Show us your plan to balance the budget; the plan you made public seven months ago has changed dramatically. Even you, yourself, said the new plan was "more robust."

OTHER VOICES



TIM SKUBICK

But why won't you let us see it?

That's leadership.

Senator Bishop: It's time to stop negotiating out of both sides of your mouth. For public consumption you demand that the budget be balanced with cuts and no new taxes, yet quietly behind the scenes,

you've given the green light to your minions to negotiate a possible revenue-raising deal with the governor. Which is it? For once, stand up and be counted.

Speaker Dillon: Shame on you for proposing a dramatic plan to reinvent the public employee health system, but failing to include anybody else, including us, in the formulation. And while we are at it, the freshmen class thinks it is unconscionable that your party has shut out Republicans from debating issues on the House floor. Can you say "fairness?"

OK, maybe calling out the governor and top legislative leaders is too risky, even for a group that indicated it was willing to take risks for the betterment of the system.

But, surely, the 44 could agree that the summer "work" schedule has been a joke, irresponsible and an embarrassment. The House has met one time since the first of July. That's a six-week summer

snooze.

Yeah, yeah, we know, everyone has been working back in the district. But, come on, if these new lawmakers have any desire to shake things up, it's time to forcibly speak out, but they appear to lack the nerve.

In fact one of the freshmen leaders says they are looking for a "softer" issue to tackle first.

There is one ray of hope.

The bulk of the new Democrats demanded and got a closed-door meeting with two of the senior Democratic leaders, where they complained about the lackadaisical summer work schedule and griped about being left out of the loop on the budget.

They should receive points for that. But the speaker did

not attend, so major points are also deducted.

Ironically, these 44 freshmen were elected in large part because they were not part of the system. When they went campaigning door to door, citizens wanted to know, "Are you the incumbent?"

But more and more, minus any effort to assert their strength, the freshmen look like incumbents falling into the age-old Lansing malaise of going along to get along.

Shame on them, too. As the comic strip character Pogo lamented: "We have looked at the enemy and he is us."

Tim Skubick is the host of the TV show "Off the Record" and contributes to a blog regularly at www.heritage.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

America needs a new health care plan

To the Editor: We need a truly American plan for reforming health insurance. Such a plan would do the following:

■ **Reduce Costs** — Rising health care costs are crushing the budgets of governments, businesses, individuals and families and they must be brought under control;

■ **Guarantee Choice** — Every American must have the freedom to choose their plan and doctor - including the choice of a public insurance option (like Medicare or the plan that federal employees have);

■ **Ensure Quality Care for All** — All Americans must have quality and affordable health care. People right here in our community and all over the country have signed on to these principles. They are the ones our President says he will use to evaluate whatever plans Congress comes up with. You say you didn't vote for Barack Obama. Well, if you support these principles, consider it your civic duty to work for them anyway.

I believe that we Americans, at our best, care about people, take responsibility for ourselves and others, and strive to make ourselves and the world a better place. Working for health insurance reform is consistent with who we are because we believe in freedom and fairness for everyone, not just the powerful. We need to make sure that health insurance reform helps our government fulfill one of its important moral missions — protecting us, its citizens. Right now we have a health care emergency and need to be protected from the excesses of profit-based insurance plans that ration care through the decisions of their profit-serving bureaucrats. If we only have profit-based insurance plans to choose from, we'll continue to have overhead costs in the 20-30 percent range — the costs of administrative paperwork and decision-making focused on denying care and enhancing profits. For comparison, overhead for Medicare which is publicly administered runs about 4 percent. And you can bet the public servants working to manage Medicare are earning a whole lot less than the billions in compensation that some private insurance executives are raking in.

One way to look at it is that profit-based insurance companies are taxing us through a chunk of the premiums we and our employers pay (premiums average close to \$13,000/year for a family of four) - if we are lucky enough to have health insurance. When 20 to 30 percent of premium payments go to denying care and profiting from it, that constitutes a tax on those of us who have health insurance. This private tax decreases the availability of quality health care for us who are taxed and only benefits insurance company managers and investors.

We can't "vote out of office" the insurance companies who

have taxed us in this way. A truly American plan would offer us an alternative to this private "taxation without representation."

We deserve a health insurance option that serves the public interest rather than private profits.

Please let your senators and representatives know you want a truly American plan for health insurance reform NOW. Ask them to ignore the lobbyists who represent profit-based health insurance and listen to you.

Bernadette Malinoski
Lima Township

Your health care always in your control

To the Editor: After wading through Terry Jacoby's somewhat smarmy and coy boilerplate, right-wing diatribe about Mark Shauer not listening to the opinions of people in his district, I got to the place where he compared turning control of people's health care over to the federal government with turning a postcard over to the federal government and hoping it reaches Aunt Suzie in Wichita.

At that point, he shot his credibility with me and I discounted everything he was saying. The Post Office has "not" been part of the federal government since the Nixon years. It has been an independent, for-profit entity since then. It is not quite the same thing as a shareholder corporation, but the federal government does not control it directly. I'm in my late

40's and I've known that since I was a kid.

The other thing that struck me was what has struck me about this whole debate swirling around turning control of your health care over to the federal government. The fact is, your health care is "always" in "your" direct control based on the choices you make "every" day about what foods you stick in your mouth, whether or not you smoke, how much alcohol you drink, how much exercise you get, how much you sleep and whether or not you spend your afternoons or evenings on the couch in front of the TV scarfing potato chips or other high sugar, salt or fatty foods.

For all the other letters to the editor from people around here who are always talking about LIBERTY or personal responsibility, it is amazing to me that I never see anybody talking about that. Your health is always your personal responsibility first and foremost.

The debate, to me, has always swirled around rationing very expensive and heroic measures to keep people going when they've ruined their health already by bad habits throughout life. His tear-jerking anecdote hypothetical about the "10 year old boy having trouble breathing and would you want to turn control of that situation to the federal government?" is certainly stirring, but the reality is that an insurance company probably would have required that you clear care with the child's doctor first or they may refuse to

cover it.

That boy's parents probably would have been frantically trying to reach the boy's pediatrician on a weekend night and worrying about the doctor calling them back. A government run health clinic under a single payer system would have probably just treated the case, no questions asked.

I've also known cases where insurance companies have refused to cover treatments that have really helped. In those cases, people had to pay out of pocket. People have also had insurance coverage canceled because they used it too much. Doctors also have to hire extra people just to deal with the insurance company too, which drives up cost. As for the inefficiency of the government, my understanding is that 30 cents of every healthcare dollar in the private, insurance based system is spent on administration vs. 3 cents of every dollar for Medicare. Who is the more inefficient here? Do the math.

Michael Carbary
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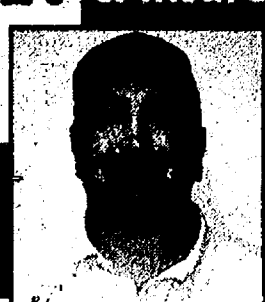
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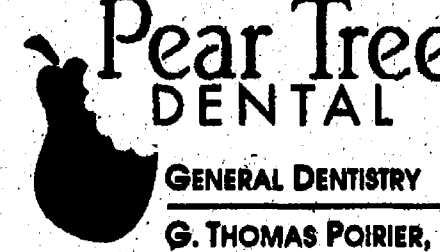
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Chelsea Post Master Ted Duve stands behind the front counter space at the new post office in a portion of the old Polly's building in the Village Plaza Shopping Center.

Return to sender

Chelsea post office move delayed until September

By Lisa Allmendinger
Heritage Newspapers

The Chelsea Post Office's planned move on Monday, Aug. 30 to its new space in a portion of the Old Polly's grocery store has been delayed until an undetermined date in September.

Postal officials said last minute final touches to the space would mean it would not be ready for carriers to sort and deliver mail from the new location as scheduled.

The move to the new space at 1101 S. Main was expected to be on Sunday with service starting on Monday. Postal officials said enough time will be given in advance of the new opening date so customers know where to go for service.

When customers do finally arrive at the new Chelsea Post Office in a 6,000 square-foot portion of the former Polly's grocery store on Aug. 31, they'll find a well organized and airy front counter area.

With rice-white walls and blue-and-gray trim, the new post office will offer 24-hour access to the about 500 postal boxes, and lots of parking spaces in the front.

It's new location at the corner of Old US 12 and M-52 will be trumpeted with a sign on the top spot on the Village Plaza sign - replacing the current Noggins sign - and one on the front of the leased building.

They will enter the new building not from the side as was the case when it was a grocery store, but from a front door that faces Main Street.

The mural, which used to hang above the post master's office, will be on a side wall when it's installed.

For postal employees, parking will be on the side, next to the building and they'll be able to push their carts through specially equipped "impact doors," said Woody Grover of DOSCA of Kalamazoo, who was on the job last week finishing off the last of the improvements.

Grover said the company has been building out new postal spaces for the last few years and had been at the Chelsea site for the last six months.

"Dock space and parking are the two major improvements from the downtown post office," said Ted Duve, Chelsea's post master.

The postal service occupied the downtown building since 1936.

In addition to enough floor and work space and additional parking, the postal service needed room for semi trucks delivering mail to be able to maneuver in and out.

This weekend, postal employees will deliver mail for the last time out of the old building Saturday.

An island has been installed in the parking lot with a drop box so people can drive up to mail letters, and there are two handicapped spaces.

Grover said the new space has some green elements as well. New insulation was placed along the block walls and above the ceiling tiles.

Chelsea's Post office handles about 101,000 letters and about 800 packages a day.

Postal employees have been tripping over each other in their current cramped 3,000-square-foot building for years.

"It's a better location all around," Duve said.

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Chelsea schools

Renovation plans on target

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

As the final few official weeks of summer speed by, school officials are hard at work preparing for the students' return in September.

Andrew Ingall, executive director of instruction, updated the Chelsea School District Board of Education on Monday regarding the forthcoming year's district goals. Plans include supporting this year's first graders to build on the benefits gained from full-time kindergarten and implementing the new math and science programs in grades K-8.

Because writing is a known weakness in Michigan schools, writing will be emphasized at all grade levels. Ingall said that the district will examine the language arts program this year in preparation for next year's review cycle. He believes that "...changes in how we communicate, such as texting and emailing, are having an impact on students' writing."

Ingall spoke at length regarding the goal of promoting a positive and safe school climate. The high school will replace SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) with SLS (Students Leading Students). The idea behind the

change is to encourage positive activities instead of focusing on what not to do.

Plans for dealing with H1N1 flu are also underway as school officials communicate regularly with the Washtenaw County Health Department. Efforts will be made to keep families in the district informed to protect individuals and limit the spread of the virus.

Superintendent David Killips added that the situation with the flu can change rapidly, but that the main message at this point is to encourage good personal hygiene and to stay home when sick.

Board members toured South Meadows School, inspecting the new carpeting and paint that have given the building a fresh face. Ron Livengood updated the board regarding the intended addition to the school with a slide show depicting the future project. Livengood said that details concerning cost and construction timeline may be available in the next few weeks.

Killips reported that the final number of students enrolled at this time is unavailable because the last few weeks are typically active with students both registering and withdrawing. As of press time, there

were 172 kindergarten students, with an average of 24.6 students per class.

Administration now has the difficult decision of whether or not to open another classroom to lower the average class size.

Administrators throughout the district agreed to personally fund 50 percent of their health insurance deductible, which lowers the district's health insurance costs.

Regarding the enhancement millage that will be on the ballot in November, Killips stressed that even though the Washtenaw Intermediate School District is running the millage, funds received are used for the local school district. "This will be a crucial vote for all of the school districts in the county," he said.

Board member Jeff Crowder commended the Chelsea House Orchestra and director Jed Fritzmeier for their performance last week at the Indiana State Fair. "They represented us well," he said. "I was proud to be from Chelsea that day."

Rob Turner commended the custodial staff for the tremendous amount of work they have done this summer, especially at Beach and South.

The first day of school for students will be Tuesday, Sept. 8.

District sells Series I of school bonds

The Board of Education of the Chelsea School District announced Tuesday the successful sale of Series I of the recently approved \$18,720,000 bond issue. Chelsea's voters approved the bond issue on May 5, 2009.

The Series I bonds total \$5,900,000 of the approved amount and will be paid in full by May 1, 2015. The District took advantage of a market hungry for tax-exempt securities, issuing bonds at a very attractive interest rate.

Following passage of the American Recovery and Restoration Act, many issuers have taken advantage of federally sponsored, taxable bond

programs. As a result, tax-exempt issuance has been light leaving higher demand for those securities and the District capitalized on that opportunity.

As part of the financing process, Standard & Poor's reviewed the school district's outstanding credit rating and assigned their "A+ Stable" rating, a significant upgrade from the district's previous "A-" rating.

This rating acknowledges the district's solid financial performance, strong reserve levels and access to the Ann Arbor economic and employment market.

The district's financing, conducted by the investment banking division of Fifth Third Securities, Inc., was sold at a true interest cost of 2.70 percent. Craig Kahler, vice president of Fifth Third Securities, Inc. and the lead investment banker on the financing, stated, "The Chelsea School District bonds were very well received in the capital markets. The School District was able to minimize borrowing costs given the timing of this issue and the strong credit rating of the School District. The board and administration are to be commended for the effort committed to bringing this successful transaction to the market and starting the bond program on a strong, positive note. They have once again demonstrated they are responsibly managing the assets of the community and all those who pay taxes in support of the schools."

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They now want to bankrupt the nation with socialized medicine and socialist energy taxes

This will greatly increase your income taxes, property taxes, utility bills and you will be denied medical care

By U.S. Citizens Association

Are you fed up with out-of-control government spending and taxation?

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Both parties, Republicans and Democrats, have been guilty of taking our country in a direction to which most U.S. citizens do not want it to go. They have taken it in the direction of socialism.

However, President Barack Obama and the Democrats have recently engaged in a push for socialism at a rate that has never occurred in the history of the United States. Barack Obama's and the Democrat's agenda is on the verge of changing the United States from a capitalist country to a socialist country. It is capitalism that has made the United States the most prosperous and most powerful nation in the history of the world. Capitalism means free enterprise and freedom for citizens. Socialism means government controls everything and no freedom for anyone else.

Barack Obama and the Democrats now want to change the country to a socialist country more like Cuba and North Korea. Socialism has never worked in history for any nation that has ever tried it to produce prosperity for its citizens. Socialism only produces prosperity for the socialist government rulers.

In capitalist countries, only 10% of the people temporarily live in poverty. In socialist countries, 99% of the people live in poverty permanently. The 1% socialist rulers permanently live a life of prosperity and ultra-luxury.

Barack Obama and the Democrats know this. Why do they want to impose socialism on our country when they know that history shows it does not work for the citizens? Because socialism provides much more power to the government rulers than capitalism. It prolongs their power and, in many cases, makes their power permanent. Their reasons are totally selfish. They don't care about you; they care about themselves.

Barack Obama's and the Democrat's agenda for bailouts, nationalizing private corporations, their socialized medicine and socialist energy taxes, formerly called Carbon Cap-and-Trade and now called "The Climate Bill", will produce the following for you very shortly: you will soon see great increases in your income taxes, property taxes, utility bills, and gasoline prices. You will be denied medical care. Your Social Security checks will be greatly reduced.

Barack Obama and the Democrats, using their accomplices in the left wing of the news media, have been publishing a great deal of lies to the public. This deep recession was not caused by the Bush tax cuts, Republican lax regulation or Wall Street greed. The following is the truth concerning these and other big lies.

• The current financial crisis was caused by the sub-prime

These are the leading culprits who actually caused the subprime mortgage collapse which then caused the current worldwide deep recession



1. Jimmy Carter



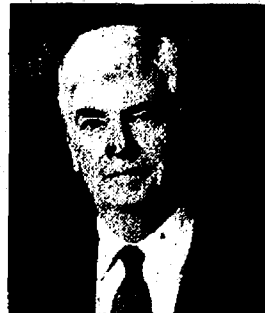
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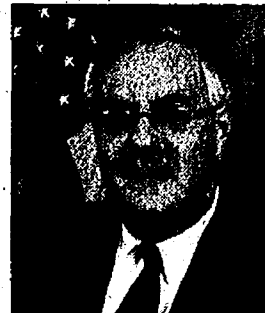
3. Janet Reno



4. Franklin Raines



5. Chris Dodd



6. Barney Frank



7. Barack Obama

1. Jimmy Carter pushed for and signed into law the Community Reinvestment Act which forced banks to lower their standards so that previously unqualified people could get a mortgage.

2. Bill Clinton then doubled down on the Community Reinvestment Act and greatly lowered mortgage standards to allow a lot more unqualified borrowers to get loans.

3. Bill Clinton's Attorney General, Janet Reno, then intimidated banks with threats of legal action if they did not give loans to unqualified borrowers who would not have the income to pay the loans back.

4. A member of the Clinton administration, Franklin Raines

was then put in charge of Fannie Mae by Bill Clinton. Fannie Mae bought up a majority of the bad loans made by banks to unqualified borrowers. Raines then falsified Fannie Mae financial reports so he could collect bonuses which totaled over \$80 million for 5 years.

5. Senator Chris Dodd, head of the Senatorial Financial Committee, suppressed efforts by President George W. Bush and congressional Republicans to rein in the corruption at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. He got a very favorable loan by a bank associated with Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. He got large political campaign contributions from Fannie Mae and

Freddie Mac.

6. Barney Frank, head of the House of Representatives Banking Committee, also suppressed efforts by President George W. Bush and Congressional Republicans to investigate corruption at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

7. Barack Obama, while he was an attorney, filed lawsuits against banks on behalf of ACORN in order to force banks to give loans to people who could not afford to pay them back. Obama, while he was a U.S. Senator, also suppressed efforts by President George W. Bush and Republican Congressmen to investigate and rein in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

It was socialism, not capitalism that caused the bad economy

It is also being falsely publicized by Barack Obama and the Democrats that the subprime mortgage collapse that caused the bad economy was caused by the failure of capitalism.

The subprime mortgage collapse was caused by the failure of socialism, not capitalism. Forcing banks to give loans to people who cannot afford to pay them back is socialism, not capitalism. Everyone wants to help the poor, but socialism does not work to accomplish that.

Barack Obama and the Democrats have not yet imposed full blown socialism, but they are coming close.

Socialism makes 99% of the citizens poor while the 1% socialist government rulers are rich and live in luxury. Yes, socialism works for

the rulers, but not for the citizens. Obama and the Democrats know this, but they don't care about the citizens, they care about themselves, gaining permanent power and a life of luxury.

If socialism worked, the USSR would be the most prosperous nation on earth. The USSR no longer exists. If socialism worked, Cuba and North Korea would be the most prosperous nations on earth. But the average Cuban worker makes \$30 a month (compared to \$4,000 a month for the average U.S. worker), and the average North Korean is starving. Meanwhile, Fidel Castro and Kim Jong-il live a life of luxury.

Because of Barack Obama's and the Democrat's socialist policies, millions of Americans have lost their jobs or have taken large pay cuts. Thousands of companies

have gone out of business or are going through bankruptcy. Millions of Americans have lost most of their retirement savings and most of their wealth due to investment losses.

Meanwhile, Barack and Michelle Obama's wealth has skyrocketed and they live a life of luxury.

The Obamas throw lavish parties on a regular basis at the White House for their socialist friends. These parties include flying in Kobe beef from Japan which costs over \$100 per pound. Michelle Obama wears designer clothes to these parties which cost thousands of dollars. These exorbitant parties cost taxpayers millions of dollars.

Yes, socialism is great – for the socialist government rulers, not for you.

mortgage collapse. The subprime mortgage collapse was caused by Democrats, not Republicans. Jimmy Carter signed the Community Reinvestment Act into law which was passed by the Democratic Congress in the late 1970s. The Community Reinvestment Act claimed to provide home mortgages to people who did not qualify for mortgages. Bill Clinton and his Attorney General, Janet Reno, doubled down on the Community Reinvestment Act and Janet Reno threatened banks with legal action if they did not give mortgages to people who could not afford them. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac then bought up the majority of these bad loans and cooked the books so their Democrat-appointed executives could get millions of dollars in bonuses. The Democrats over the past 8 years, led by Barney Frank and Chris Dodd, blocked efforts by Republicans to rein in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

During the past 8 years, the Democratic party political action group ACORN pressured banks to give mortgages to people who could not afford them and filed lawsuits against banks. Barack Obama was one of the attorneys that filed lawsuits against banks. Barack Obama, while he was a U.S. Senator, also opposed reining in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Therefore, it is a lie that Barack Obama and the Democrats inherited this bad economy from George Bush and the Republicans. Barack Obama and the Democrats caused the bad economy and have made it much worse.

• President Obama and the Democrats want to have government compete with private healthcare providers. This is a scam to impose socialized medicine. The government can tax, print money and make laws. They will eliminate private healthcare, which will leave only government healthcare, which is socialized medicine.

Socialized medicine does not

provide free healthcare for everyone. Socialized medicine is not free. Socialized medicine, in fact, costs more for all citizens of a socialized medicine nation than it would if healthcare were in the free market. This is because of the usual government inefficiencies and corruption.

Also, a vast number of people do not get healthcare in socialized medicine. Anytime something is free, it creates a huge demand, which outstrips the resources to produce the product. Therefore, with socialized medicine, healthcare is rationed. Rationing means long waits to get healthcare and denial of healthcare to many people.

Senior citizens especially will be denied healthcare, including those on Medicare.

The United Kingdom and Canada, both of which have socialized medicine, are overwhelmed with cases of people dying waiting for treatment.

Many people who are citizens of countries with socialized medicine come to the U.S. for healthcare.

• Carbon Cap and Trade, now called "The Climate Bill", has passed the U.S. House and is headed for the Senate. It is a major fraud designed to rob money from U.S. companies and citizens and give it to our government, foreign governments and to the private perpetrators of this fraud, including Al Gore. Man-made global warming is a scam.

The earth has been warming and cooling since its birth billions of years ago and since the beginning of recorded time. It is mostly caused by sun spot activity. It is not caused by man-made carbon dioxide emissions into the atmosphere.

Carbon dioxide is not a pollutant. Carbon dioxide is critical for sustaining all life on earth because plants use carbon dioxide to produce oxygen. Also, over 90% of so-called greenhouse gases are not carbon dioxide, they

are water vapor.

If Carbon Cap-and-Trade passes, energy bills will increase by at least 25% to 40% and probably a lot more. Many businesses will go bankrupt and millions of jobs will be lost. Public school and local government operating costs will skyrocket, forcing great increases in property taxes.

• The so-called Worker Freedom of Choice Act, which used to be called Card Check, is another major scam. This is Democratic Party payback to unions because unions devote a major portion of union dues to the Democratic Party. Although unions may have served some useful purpose at the beginning of the industrial revolution, they have long ago become a destructive force on businesses and the nation in general. You only have to look to the U.S. auto makers to verify this.

If Card Check is passed, it will put many small businesses into bankruptcy, put them out of business and dramatically raise the cost of goods and services for all U.S. citizens. The only people benefiting will be the union bosses and the Democratic Party. Their coffers will overflow with the new union dues money.

• It is a lie that taxing the top 5% of income earners is taxing the "rich." The super rich have their money in trusts, which are not taxable, and in income from securities that are tax free. The top 5% of income earners in the U.S. are mostly small businesses. Small businesses create 90% of the new jobs in the nation.

Most of these small businesses are Sub-Chapter S Corporations. This means that all of the income of their company falls through to them personally. But, they only get a small part of this income. The small businesses only average a 5% profit on sales before taxes. Because of federal and state income taxes, which together average around 45%, that 5% now becomes only 3% in the way of spendable money. Of that

3%, at least 1/3 has to be kept in the company as equity to get credit to do such things as purchasing inventory and for capital improvements. The small business owner must take some of this remaining profit to live. The small amount of profit that is left goes for expansion, which includes hiring new people. A 5% tax increase, which would take 50% of a businesses profits, would wipe that out.

• Senior citizens on Social Security who want tax increases because they think that will protect their Social Security are wrong. There is no "saved up" fund in Social Security to pay out benefits. The benefits come directly from the paychecks of those people presently working. It's coming to the point where there's going to be two workers supporting one Social Security recipient. If you start to drastically reduce the number of workers due to overtaxing small businesses, Social Security will become bankrupt much faster than is being predicted.

• Obama and the Congressional Democrats have embarked on a massive spending campaign agenda with bailouts and excessive budgets for the purposes of political paybacks and to implement socialist programs that are unconstitutional. Their spending far exceeds the spending of all previous presidents and Congresses in total since the birth of

the nation.

The Congressional Budget Office reports that this massive excess spending will result in a deficit of over \$9 trillion. The interest alone on this deficit will be nearly \$1 trillion a year. The deficit will cost every U.S. citizen over \$28,000.

The deficit will create great hardship on all citizens of the U.S. It will soon push inflation to double-digit numbers, which will be higher than the Jimmy Carter years. It will cause massive tax increases for all taxpayers. It will cause substantial increases in property taxes because public schools and local governments will experience dramatic expense increases due to inflation and carbon Cap-and-Trade. Carbon Cap-and-Trade alone will increase public school and local governments electricity bills, heating and cooling bills and fuel bills for safety vehicles and school buses by 25% to 40%.

You can now do something to counter this effort to change the United States from capitalism to socialism. You can join the U.S. Citizens Association. Your contributions will go to educating the public with truthful information such as that presented above. You will also get information that will make you an Empowered Citizen. See the sign up form on this page.

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ISSUES

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ward and backward."

By the end of 10th grade, each student would have the pillars built up to the minimum requirements for college success. From there, each student would begin to choose a customized path through a more open field of subject matter and build those columns up further as they see fit—the only uniformity should be the constant fact that those pillars get higher for each student.

"What we want to do is make school more relevant and more applicable, and what we're saying is why can't we graduate kids 100 percent."

Moran says he doesn't know what his cohorts elsewhere in the county are doing exactly, but he says that everyone is "having the same conversations."

"We're all good, but people say 'Don't fix it, it's not broken.' ... I say we can all do better. That's what we've been working toward this summer and what we'll be doing in the final days of it."

Internet Safety

Aside from education, there are other concerns for parents as their kids head back for another school year.

Cyber bullying has been a growing concern for parents and school districts with the explosion of social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook. In 2007, the state's Attorney General's office created the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative as an educational

resource for parents to combat cyber bullying and Internet predators.

Cyber bullying can be defined as any and all verbal harassment that occurs on the Internet, according to a press release from the Attorney General's Office. This includes but is not limited to a nasty instant message, a Web site posting that mocks others, using someone else's computer and impersonating them online, or forwarding private messages, video or pictures to others.

"Cyber bullying, although it may not seem as such, is a serious problem online. It can be used to intimidate, threaten, or scare people into paying a cyber bully money," said Attorney General Mike Cox in the release.

At Van Buren Public Schools, officials have taken to steps to combat cyber bullying by signing up for the Cyber Safety Initiative and hosting a series of assemblies and discussions with students up through eighth grade.

"They were really informative assemblies, and it's an excellent program," said Van Buren Communications Director Paul Henning.

For kindergarten through fifth grades, the students were shown a cartoon that provided education and tips on proper Internet usage, but Henning said the assemblies for grades sixth through eighth contained much more "adult" material pertaining to cyber bullying and Internet predators.

"When they get to the middle school students, the material gets a little more scary in order to get their point across," Henning said.

"It really impacted the kids."

The brief video follows a boy who meets a "girl" online who turns out to be a predator.

Henning said they have had incidents of cyber bullying at the schools, but nothing as serious as the 2006 case of a Missouri mother who was involved in cyber bullying that led to a 13-year-old neighbor girl's suicide.

Henning said because of cases like the one in Missouri, they brought in a speaker who specializes in cyber bullying to speak at last year's annual Parent Involvement Expo.

"Events happen online, and sometimes they spill over into the classroom," Henning said. "Now with the MySpace and the chat rooms, there are more opportunities for these predators and bullies to get a hold of these kids. And it's a lot easier to hide behind a facade electronically."

At Clague Middle School in Ann Arbor, Principal Cynthia Leaman said they would start a new program in collaboration with the Washtenaw Medical Society Alliance and Ann Arbor Police titled "Parent University."

The monthly seminars will focus on topics ranging from cyber bullying to autism. The program is set to kick off Oct. 14.

Leaman said the sessions center on parenting strategies and coincide with similar seminars for the middle school students.

"We have been booking the speakers and planning the seminars," she said. "A program like this takes a lot of effort before school begins if we hope for success."

DEALS

FROM PAGE 4-A

The Richard kids begin school on Sept. 8.

"You really can't finish up until you get that list (for school supplies) from the teacher," she said.

So until the start of school draws closer, Richard decided to allow Benjamin and Christina to choose a few items such as a new shirt for the first day along with a lunchbox and a backpack.

"I like that one because it has a zipper at the bottom," said Christina, as she looked at a pink "Girls Rock" lunch bag.

Benjamin liked the laptop computer-type backpacks because they offer several

pockets.

"These backpacks are really awesome. You can put a bunch of stuff in them," Benjamin said. "I won't lose my schoolwork, either."

As the family wrapped up their shopping trip, Richard scanned the price tags on the lunch bags her kids picked out. The lunch boxes were \$5.99 each.

"Sold, that's excellent," Richard said. "These are really good prices."

Of course, not every item can be driven by cost, as evidenced by the black skater's T-shirt and matching lunchbox that Benjamin chose as a perk, and the pink lunch bag and white long-sleeve shirt with pink butterflies for Christina.

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STAFF

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teachers settled into the building.

"We have been working on securing all the appropriate curriculum materials and other resources they will need for their positions," she said.

During this time, grade-level teachers have also received important professional development critical to their instruction.

At Angell Elementary, Gary Court is heading into his inaugural year as principal. He said he is currently busy hiring teachers and recently had a work day scheduled to spruce up the grounds.

"I'm making sure that the building is ready for school to start" for both teachers and students, he said.

There also will be a North Campus registration for new students to the school that's in close proximity to the University of Michigan's North Campus area.

"We pick up half our students from North Campus," he said. "We want parents to know that they and their children are welcome in our school."

Michael Madison, principal of Dicken Elementary, said he's readying the buildings to welcome "new enrollments into the area to make them feel welcome at Dicken."

"I'm finishing off assembling curriculum materials and last-minute teaching materials for the teachers," he said, as well as finalizing classes and teacher assignments.

In addition, Madison said he's planning opening-day activities that include introductions of new staff, readying a letter for parents to welcome them to the new school year and making sure the welcome letter goes out in time, he said.

AAPS tending to hitchkey programs

Sara Aeschbach, director of Community Education and Recreation for the Ann Arbor Public Schools, said preparations for before and after

school care are under way for the district as well.

"All of our elementary schools feature before- and after-school child care, and Rec and Ed operates most of the programs," she said. "We are busy making sure we have staffing at each school sufficient to maintain our ratio of one staff for about 10 students."

She said the department is "putting the finishing touches on the planning for development for the childcare staff before school starts, making sure that the childcare space is ready to go, which sometimes involves moving from one classroom to another, ordering supplies and equipment and confirming childcare schedules with parents."

At this time of year, there is a steady stream of parents coming to the office at 1530 Eisenhower Place in the Eisenhower Commerce Center to get their children enrolled.

Maintenance employees readying bus fleet

An often-overlooked aspect of back-to-school preparedness is bus safety and maintenance.

Jeff Knasiak, transportation director for Manchester Community Schools, said maintenance on the district's 20-bus fleet has been ongoing all summer in preparation for the upcoming school year.

"We start working on the buses the day after school gets out," he said. "And we usually go right up to the first day of school in the fall."

Knasiak said among other repairs, each of the buses undergoes a 198-point inspection from a certified mechanic.

"It's the same inspection that the Michigan State Police conduct every year," he said. "It's very thorough."

Repairs on the steering system, exhaust, and body and corrosion repair are also completed over the course of the summer.

"We have a lead mechanic who we hire in the summer to do most of the large repairs," Knasiak said.

A lot of the work is part of the district's cost savings initiative to prevent the department from having to force a bus into retirement before its time.

"We want to keep up on the little things so that we can continue to get the longevity out of our buses," he said.

Knasiak said the summer is also the best time for the district to conduct warranty repairs or address recall issues on various parts.

"It's difficult to take a bus out of service during the school year when there is

so much going on," he said. "By fixing things now, we are well prepared to address any issues with our buses on the roads in the fall."

In addition to its own fleet, Knasiak said the district also inspected two of Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard's buses as part of its contract to take care of and manage Gabriel Richard's bus fleet.

"It's a lot of work," he said. "You can't let the small things build up because then those problems become evident pretty quick, especially in the winters up here."

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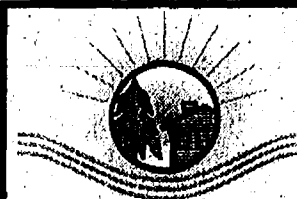
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Deputies crack down on drunken driving

By Tom Perkins
Special Writer

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, along with 55 other county departments statewide and a long list of local police forces, are teaming up to crack down on drunken driving as the summer winds down.

"Last year, more people died in impaired driving crashes in August than in any other month," Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton said. "The timing of the crackdown also coincides with Michigan's heavy summer travel season, when more people are on the road."

Last Labor Day saw four alcohol-related deaths on Michigan roadways, and August had the highest of any month with 41, according to the Michigan Office of Highway Safety and Planning.

In Washtenaw County, the effort is orchestrated with the University of

Michigan Public Safety Department, Pittsfield Public Safety Department, Milan Police, Saline Police and Chelsea Police departments.

Media Coordinator Derrick Jackson said the crackdown involves more patrols on the roads.

"There will be more patrols and deputies will really focus the driving, paying attention to the drivers and traffic stops," he said.

Jackson added that aside from getting a dangerous driver off the street immediately, increased drunken driving traffic stops means less trouble down the road.

"Once we get somebody stopped, identified and into the system, then they are less likely to do it in the future," he said.

The end of summer crackdown runs through Labor Day weekend.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Sgt. Lisa King said there is no solid answer for

why drunken driving fatalities are so high in August, but it is generally suspected among law enforcement agencies that people are attempting to squeeze their last bit of partying out of the summer.

"I think everyone is trying to get their last fun in for the summertime, and sometimes people aren't thinking safety as much as fun," she said.

In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for drunken driving with a 0.08 percent blood-alcohol content or higher. A drunken-driving conviction carries with it an assortment of penalties, including court costs and fines, increased car insurance rates, legal fees and \$2,000 in driver responsibilities fees.

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Psychic coming to Hill Auditorium

Psychic Sylvia Browne, who is lecturing in the United States and Canada as part of her farewell tour, brings her live show to Ann Arbor 7 p.m. Sept. 15 at Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University Ave., in Ann Arbor.

Browne celebrates a 36-

year career that has earned her the titles of renowned psychic, prolific best-selling author, TV personality, president of the Sylvia Browne Corp. and founder of her own church, Novus Spiritus. Tickets for "Sylvia Browne - Live in Ann Arbor" are \$40 to \$60 for general seat-

ing. Tickets are available at the Michigan Union Ticket Office at 763-8587 or through Ticketmaster.

Browne dispenses advice on all things paranormal in a direct, open, no-holds-barred way that can be as startling as it is informative, according to a news release promot-

ing her visit. She has worked with police and the families of victims to solve crimes; counseled hundreds of celebrities; and she's given spontaneous readings to audience members on popular TV programs such as the Montel Williams Show.

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choice, rather than forcing them to be part of a one-size-fits-all government plan? These are some of the questions we should be discussing.

The fact is that we don't need a government takeover of health care. The American people don't want that. But some people can't seem to help themselves. They're always for bigger and bigger government, even though government proves every time that it's not up to the job. What's driving this today is that the Democrats think they have the political power to impose this on the people. I can only say that they had better be careful. If they continue to overreach — as they seem intent on doing — they may pay a huge political price in future elections.

Q: What do you make of President Obama's falling poll numbers?

A: Well, I'm not a big believer in polls, but I do think they tell us something. The poll on Election Day told us that people were looking for change. But the polls today tell us that what we're seeing out of Washington is not the change that people thought they were voting for.

The American people are smart. They can't be fooled forever. And now they're speaking out. They don't want more government; they want less. They're concerned for their kids and grandkids, and they don't want us mortgaging their futures. They want the government to live within its means, just as they have to do. They believe that they're already taxed too much. They believe that government should get out of their lives, not run their lives. They don't want a government "commission"

The fact is that we don't need a government takeover of health care.

telling them what medical care they can get. They don't want the government (and the unions) taking over businesses in this country. And they know that it's their own small businesses that create most of the jobs in this country, and they want the government to let them do that, and to stop over-burdening and over-regulating them.

But what they're seeing right now is more government, not less. More spending. More debt. More taxes. More regulation. More bureaucracy. More government intrusiveness. More government control over their lives. The people don't want any of that. And now we're seeing it in the poll numbers.

The truly frightening thing is the rapidity with which the administration and the Congress are trying to rush everything through.

They want to fundamentally remake who we are as a society — in every way imaginable — and they want to do it in the dark of night, while they have the chance. The people are saying, "No, take a breath. Read the bill. We don't want this."

Q: I understand that the CEO of Whole Foods came out recently with some suggestions for healthcare reform but that he didn't support the government plan. And now there's an organized effort from the left to boycott Whole Foods because of that. What's your reaction to that?

A: I think that everyone should shop at Whole Foods. I don't think the First Amendment has been repealed yet. It's really frightening to think that you can't express your views without people trying to destroy you if you disagree with them.

Q: What about the situation here in Michigan? Why haven't people held politicians such as Pam Byrnes and Liz Brater accountable for the mess Michigan finds itself in? People wanted change, but not when it came to some in Lansing.

A: Very good question. The truth is that the Michigan economy was a mess before the national economy ever turned sour. We need to change that. Obviously, those who have controlled Lansing during that time bear some responsibility for what has happened to Michigan on their watch.

But, at the end of the day, what really matters is that we fix Michigan. I'm really encouraged by the strong field of Republican candidates for governor — Rick Snyder, Mike Bouchard, Mike Cox, Pete Hoekstra and others. And I think that we'll be putting forth a strong nominee next year with new ideas, new solutions, and a new approach, and that we can get to work to fix Michigan.

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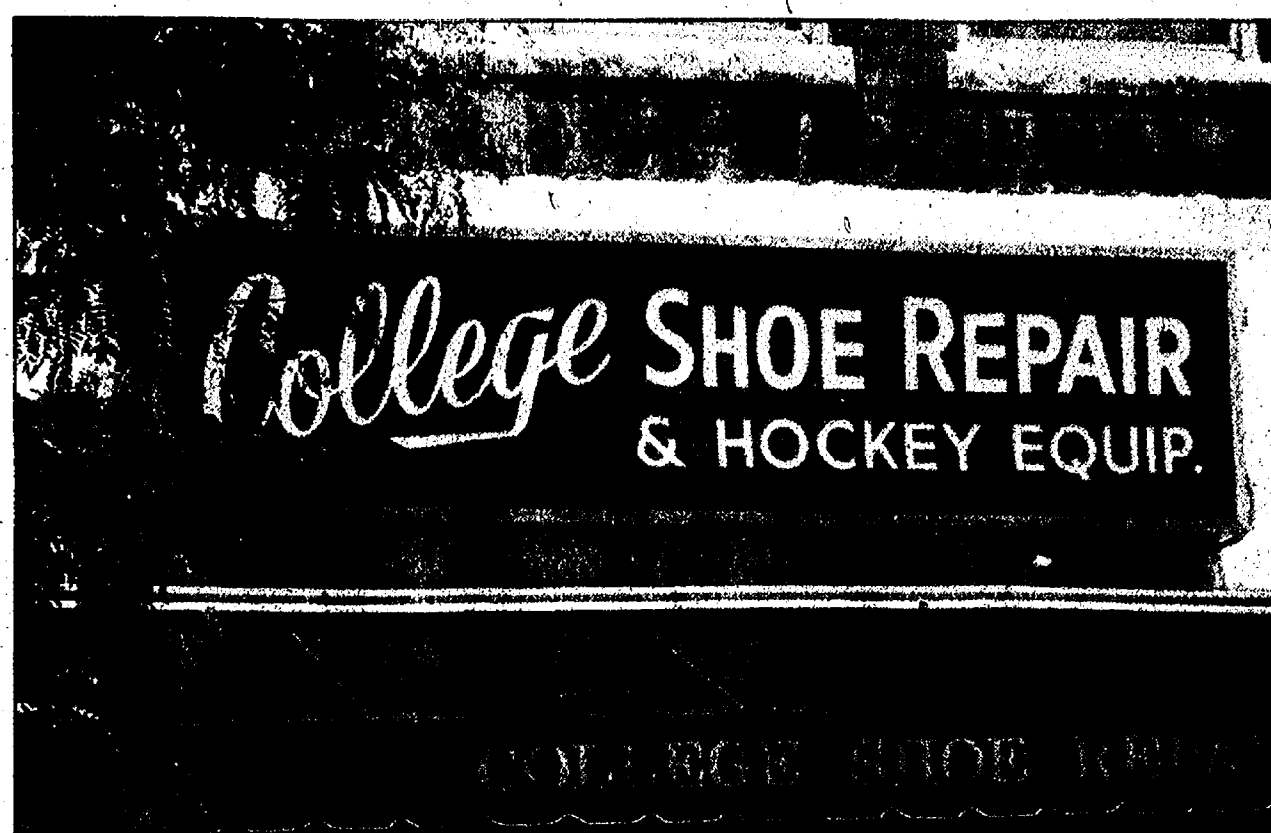
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College Shoe Repair and Hockey Equipment in Ann Arbor provides repairs on shoes, purses, suitcases and golf bags.

Friendly Face

College Shoe Repair & Hockey Equipment a longtime city friend

By Jana Miller
Heritage Newspapers

What was born into the family, stayed in the family for College Shoe Repair and Hockey Equipment.

And such has been the case for more than 75 years.

The University of Michigan campus-based store was first opened in 1933 as a shoe repair shop and has since grown to be a staple on the Ann Arbor business scene. The small store continues to do repairs on shoes, purses, suitcases and golf bags.

"We'll take anything we can get onto our machines," said co-owner Dorothy Brown, a 78-year-old Ann Arbor resident. She and her husband, William, also known as Bill, 81, co-own the store.

They are the third generation to do so, and through grandparents and parents, Bill Brown has one of the few remaining tried-and-true family businesses in Ann Arbor.

Dorothy does the bookwork, while Bill and some of her children, including Pat and Dale Anne, work in the store. There isn't an employee in the place who isn't blood related.

The Browns operate the store the same as always. Although the name emphasizes shoe repair, at first glance it appears primarily to be a hockey equipment shop.

Hockey sticks, jerseys, hockey pucks, hockey skates,

pads and helmets line the racks and are offered for sale, as well as other items for hockey equipment needs. The store also offers lacrosse sticks, gloves, balls and rollerblades.

"We were the first ones in Ann Arbor to sell rollerblades back in 1985," Dorothy said.

Back in the day, the Browns weren't only a staple, they were

"Lots of our customers are repeat customers that we know really well. But we are also busy when the students are here, and we get their business."

a front runner in gear.

And in many ways, they still are a front runner considering their work relationship with

the University of Michigan men's hockey team. Several Michigan Wolverine players use College Shoe for equipment repair and purchases, just as players have done for years.

"We do some repairs for them on their skates and

goalie pads and things," Brown said. "We've been doing that for some time."

So long, in fact, that College Shoe Repair was in business while current head coach Red

Berenson was a player at U of M. He captained the team in 1970, right around the time the next Brown generation was taking on the ropes.

But this family business tale is about more than the family of ownership. It's also about the families that have continued to show support through the generations by giving College Shoe business. Without them, who knows if the East Williams Street storefront would have lasted this long.

"Lots of our customers are repeat customers that we know really well," Brown said. "But we are also really busy when the students are here, and we get their business."

That relationship with families and customers is evident by the collage of pictures that line bare spots inside the store. Local Little League team photos, grandchildren, parents,

grandparents and Ann Arbor travel hockey teams all have their place at College Shoe.

So when your old soles get worn down on a favorite pair of dress shoes, or a leather strap breaks on a special leather purse, or you need your hockey skates sharpened for a game, you have an option in the Browns at College Shoe Repair. Plus, in a hockey town such as this one, one can never have too many hockey sticks for sale.

College Shoe Repair is located at 607 E. William St. in Ann Arbor, just off of North State Street. Parking is available nearby in the Maynard Street parking structure.

For more information about College Shoe Repair, call the store at 862-0400.

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Pat Brown runs College Shoe Repair and Hockey Equipment in Ann Arbor. The family-owned business has been around for 75 years.

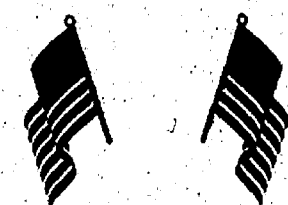
Death Notices

CASE, CAS ANDER; Grass Lake, MI; age 77; died Sunday, August 23, 2009 at Bellefontaine, Ohio. He was born April 25, 1932 in Pikeville, KY, the son of Maynard and Gracie (Bartley) Case. Cas was a resident of Waterloo Township. He was a Boy Scout and Webelos leader and was active in the Waterloo United Methodist Church. Cas worked for 37 years at Johnson Controls in Whitmore Lake. After his retirement, he worked at Pamida. Cas loved his garden and liked ice-fishing when he was younger. He was a great father and grandfather. On June 11, 1955, he married Shirley J. LeVan in Waterloo, MI and she survives. Other survivors include a son, Paul (Sheila) Case of Conroe, TX; a daughter, Nancy (Thomas Graber) Zander of Pinckney; a brother, Phinix (Billie) Case of KY; two sisters, Maudie Branham of Chelsea, and Ella Branham of Chelsea; six grandchildren, Scott (Amber) Case, Craig Case, Nicole (Kevin) Cox, Tanya Watts, Nathan (Aubrey) Zander, and Colleen Zander; three great grandchildren, Ryley Case, Davin Noble, and Jackson Zander; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; six sisters; a son, Eric Case; and a daughter Betty Watts-Milutin. Funeral Services will be held Friday, August 28, 10 a.m. at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with Rev. George Dack officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Waterloo. The family will receive friends Thursday, August 27, 2009 from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Waterloo Village United Methodist Church.



DEYOE - KNOTT, BARBARA J.; Chelsea, MI; age 85; died Saturday, August 22, 2009 at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born May 5, 1924 in Grant, Michigan, the daughter of Hazen G. and Alberta E. (Smith) Walker. Barb was a member of the Chelsea Congregational Church, and she taught church school for 38 years. On June 15, 1962, she married Garland DeYoe in Chelsea, and he preceded her in death on Apr. 24, 1999. On October 1, 2004, she married Hubert Knott, and he survives. Other survivors include two sons, Garland (Patricia) DeYoe, Jr. of Chelsea, Gail (Linda) Shears of Chelsea; two daughters, Sandra Shears of Chelsea, Roxanne (Kenneth) Blaess of Saline; two sisters, Noma (Navid) Razzoog, Phyllis (Bill) Walker; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, her parents, a sister, Lois Peets, three brothers, Lee, George and Jack Walker, and a grandson, Ryan Shears. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, August 26, at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with Rev. Beth Foster officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea. The family will receive friends Tuesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

MOFFAT, LIDA MARGARET; passed away August 21, 2009, in Commerce Twp. She was born on June 23, 1930, to Clarence and Christine Maudrie in Wisconsin. She had been a long-time resident of Dexter and Portage Lake, MI. She married Robert Louis on August 31, 1956; he preceded her in death. She is survived by her children, Sharon Trombley, Dale Moffat, Tom Moffat, Chris Moffat and the late Robert Moffat, Jr.; grandchildren, Nicholas Toth, Nicole Moffat and Steven Daugherty; siblings, Joyce, Phyllis, Marcella, Mary Ann, Loretta, Hubert and preceded by Earl, Jacqueline, Richard, Larry, Donna and Clarence. Burial has taken place at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Dexter. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements handled by Hosmer Muehlig Funeral Chapel.



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Students weigh pros, cons of concealed handgun legislation

Richardville bill sparks controversy amid recent college campus violence

By Daniel Lai
Heritage Newspapers

As students across the state prepare to return to schools and colleges, a new bill proposed by state Sen. Randy Richardville, R-Dist. 17, is being met with mixed emotions.

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The bill would remove college campuses from the list of places where Michigan law does not allow permit holders to carry guns.

"Crimes occur on college campuses just like any other place," Richardville said in a press release. "Students, faculty and visitors, who have permits and have undergone the proper training and background checks, should have the right to carry a concealed weapon for their protection while on campus."

The legislation comes on the heels of the April slaying of student Asia McGowan on the campus of Henry

Ford Community College in Dearborn.

"Unfortunately, our nation has seen an increase in horrific shootings on college campuses in the last few years," Richardville said. "Those who receive the training and have been authorized to carry concealed weapons should be allowed to protect themselves against this type of violence."

However, some students and teachers said they are leery the legislation would serve its intended purpose.

"I do not support the idea of just anyone with a (concealed carry) license to carry while on school campus. I would support the idea of police officers, police reserve officers and police auxiliary officers to be allowed to carry on campus," Jason Block, a student at Central Michigan University said.

Bonnie Lai, a student at Madonna University in Livonia said she would feel less safe on campus where students were allowed to bring concealed handguns.

"Though we are talking about college students and

faculty instead children, given a circumstance where illogical thinking comes into play (for example when somebody decides to use a gun), minds do not always follow a path of logic. It is very possible that in that circumstance, a college student or faculty member may follow an illogical thought process, especially if the adrenaline is extremely high," she said.

"College students nor faculty are trained professionals in dealing with those situations, and may make matters worse if such situations arise."

Andrew Dubyckij, a student at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus agrees.

"I'm glad at UMD we, so far, have not had too many issues," he said. "Often instead of walking away or solving a situation with words, some students

chose the wrong path and thus I would worry if people would be allowed to bring concealed weapons on campus."

Randall Knight, a music professor at HFCC, said he feels the legislation poses too many questions and does not address the issue of gun violence on college and high school campuses.

"This (legislation) is so far from reality it isn't even funny. It is all based on fantasy. In no society where more weapons are introduced

has the populace been safer. In fact, it is exactly the opposite. Sen. Richardville wants to turn our college campuses into war zones."

"I think rather than trying to protect us from shootings on campus, someone needs to protect us from legislators who submit extremely dangerous bills based on personal feelings about something rather than on facts and historical pre-

cedent."

"Schools are places where disagreements are fought through research, logic and discussion. Giving someone a gun changes their personality and changes the dynamics of any situation. Introducing a culture of guns into a school environment is exactly the opposite of what we should be doing," Knight said.

HFCC student Joe Glese said he would support the legislation.

"Personally I don't think it would be that big of a deal," he said. "Not being allowed to carry a gun on campus didn't stop Columbine. I think it might make someone think twice about using a firearm on a fellow student or professor if everyone around them was packing heat too."

"There are plenty of public places around the country where any licensed individual is allowed to carry a weapon, why not on campus?"

According to Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, 24 states prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons on campus by those with a valid permit,

while 15 states allow colleges and universities to decide.

The state of Utah has allowed licensed individuals to conceal handguns on college campuses since 2006. Colorado State University has permitted it since 2003 and Blue Ridge Community College in Virginia since 1995.

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AMANDA

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Amanda Adams is a real person. A lovely person. One who may or may not have been neglected or forgotten or ignored by family, friends, teachers, neighbors, clergy, etc. While she's not ready to lay the blame of her destruction on others, I'm not so forgiving. And it may be easy to look the other way because Amanda was strong enough to turn things around and overcome such powerful demons.

She says during our conversation at one point that she was glad it was her that went through these things and not someone else. But many others have gone through this and not come out the other end with such a positive result. Some end up hurting more than themselves. Others come out the other end behind bars. While others never come out the other end at all.

And Amanda knows that's where she was headed. What began at 15 and peaked at 19 was never dealt with by anyone in her life. Four years of going the wrong way on a one-way street and not one person stepped on the brake to help.

So, I ask again, where is your teenage daughter or son? What road are they on at the moment? It's never a wrong time to ask. At 15, Amanda wishes her parents or her grandparents or her teachers or anyone would have asked.

"I always had a good relationship with my mom," Amanda says. "She never really knew the extent of how much I was using. I felt comfortable with her even though I was hiding a lot from her. It was loving and nurturing. I love my mom."

"But my parents were not tough enough with me. No question about that."

Anytime Amanda talks about her mom, she smiles. She knows that having her daughter out there spilling her guts isn't easy on her. She says her mom was "concerned" when she told her she was writing a book.

"My mom knows I love her and she knows I don't blame her," Amanda says.

The beginning

"I was 15 years old when I started making bad choices," Amanda says. "I was in high school, but I really believe the trouble for me began earlier."

"Junior high was OK. I wasn't using at that point, but I wasn't me, either. I wanted to be with the

popular crowd so I changed the clothes I wore and changed my hair style and started changing my body. I convinced myself I was chubby so I started to lose weight. I wasn't using, but I wasn't real."

The first time she tried something wasn't drugs or alcohol. It was sex. At 15!

"That was the first thing I tried," she says. "My parents were even home when I was having sex. They didn't know about it, but they weren't paying all that close attention, either."

The first time Amanda smoked marijuana also was when she was 15. At 15!

"I remember that I was smoking before I could drive," she says. "I don't remember where it came from, but I remember there were three of us, two of my classmates, and we were smoking at the fire pit on our property."

The first time she tried marijuana didn't exactly cause the heavens to open up or some great secret to be revealed.

"I remember being totally out of it," she said. "I stood up and remember trying to walk around someone's car, and I remember feeling like I didn't know what I was doing. That frightened me because I didn't even realize I had gotten up in the first place. Obviously, it didn't scare me enough."

Shortly after trying marijuana, Amanda began drinking, taking another step toward the oncoming train.

"About six months after I started using marijuana I started drinking," she said. "It was usually only on the weekends though."

Amanda stops herself, realizing that at 15, even drinking on the weekends isn't really appropriate. She started drinking Mike's Hard Lemonade or "whatever else I could find around the house."

"We were having a party and I remember my parents took some Mike's Lemonade camping a few weeks earlier so I knew if I went into the camper I could find some," she said. "My mom didn't drink when I was that age and my dad only drank Crown Royal and I wasn't going to touch that stuff. So there wasn't a lot of alcohol around our house."

So Amanda and her friends would have to get their beverage of choice from somewhere else. That wasn't a difficult assignment.

"You would be surprised how readily available alcohol is to high school kids around here," she said. "Most people have an older brother or an older sister. My older sister

never once got us anything, but it wasn't hard to find someone else who would."

The road to cocaine

Around the time Amanda was 17, the "weekend" marijuana smoking and drinking wasn't enough.

"I started smoking marijuana every day," she says. "It was almost a ritual. Before school and after school. But never during school. I guess I was afraid of getting caught."

"But I was drinking every weekend at that point too and in abundant amounts to the point of just getting trash drunk."

And it wasn't a "giggle, giggle" buzz from Mike's Lemonade anymore. It was totally drunk to the point of not being able to stand up and walk. Yeah, that kind of drunk.

After about a year of that, Amanda wanted even more. The marijuana and drinking now wasn't enough to satisfy her cravings. So it was onward and upward - make that onward and downward.

"When I was 18 I started using oxycontin, which was all over the place in Chelsea," she says. "It ran rampant in Chelsea and was everywhere. It took this area over."

In fact, at around a dollar a milligram, oxycontin was all over the place from the coal mines of Kentucky to the cornfields of Indiana. Known on the street as oxycontin, the real name of the drug is OxyContin, a slow-release narcotic prescribed for pain caused by cancer, severe arthritis, sickle cell disease and nerve damage. The active ingredient in the drug is a morphine derivative, the same also found in Percodan.

But when bought on the street, oxycontin is crushed and snorted to deliver a powerful and fast high that many users say is better than heroin.

"It's synthetic heroin," Amanda says. "I remember the first time I tried it was in a Meijer parking lot. I'm not sure why or where I was going, but I remember trying it there. It made me really sick. I went to work high on it a few times and each time I threw up."

And where does one obtain oxycontin in Chelsea or Saline or Dexter or Ann Arbor?

"It's usually prescribed to older people for pain," Amanda says. "I know a lot of people I got it from would steal it from their grandparents who didn't know this was happening."

Amanda said she started using

it around 2003, the year she graduated from Chelsea High School. She believes it's still very much around. "I'm not in that loop anymore so I can't say for sure," she says. "But if I had to guess..."

The natural next step for someone on this path was removing the synthetic part of the drug.

"Heroin is pretty much the same thing as oxycontin, but it's even cheaper," Amanda said. "And if the real stuff is cheaper, you might as well be using the real stuff. So heroin became very popular around that time, too."

But Amanda proudly says she never went down that road. She saw it, just never used it.

"No, I never took real heroine," she says. "I will be proud of that until the day I die. I just didn't want to do it. And I only used oxycontin about six times. So it wasn't like I was hooked on it."

But what she ended up getting hooked on was just as bad - if not worse.

"One night I came home from work and my friends asked me if I wanted to try coke," she said. "They had plenty of it, so I said, why not?"

And where does one obtain cocaine in Chelsea or Saline or Dexter or Ann Arbor?

Amanda doesn't want to even hint at where she and her friends got the drugs from in an effort to help protect a family she still cares about. And the person within that family who she says actually acquired the drugs is no longer a part of their life.

Amanda was 19 years old when she first started using cocaine and her addiction lasted around six months. How often she did it during the week would vary, she said.

"Beginning in 2004, drugs consumed and controlled my life," she said. "I only worked so I would have money to use. The only thing that got me through the day was knowing I had drugs waiting for me - that is if I wasn't already high at work."

The low point

The "extreme" low point for Amanda came when she was visiting her roommate's grandmother.

"Her husband had just passed away and I felt horrible for this woman," Amanda says. "All she wanted was some company. Someone to talk to. And we gave her the opposite of what she wanted. We would go upstairs every few minutes and snort a line, come back down and talk a million miles an hour to her. Go back upstairs

and snort another line.

"All that mattered to us was using. We weren't just hurting ourselves, we were hurting her in the process. That's the night I looked in the mirror and saw myself looking back at me, all messed up and with Q-tips sticking out of my nose that we used to get the last bit of cocaine up our nose. That's when I saw what I was doing to myself and the bleak situation I was in."

That's when she asked her friend what she saw when she looked in her eyes.

"Because I didn't know who I was looking at," Amanda says. "All I saw was the bad stuff. I couldn't see any good in me. I remember feeling so empty inside."

Amanda says now that she realizes she was looking at herself at her low point. She realized at that moment that she was not the person she wanted to be and the person looking back at her needed to change. She simply didn't like that person.

At around 4 a.m. she picked up the phone and called two people that were close to her that she believed could help. Neither one answered the phone. The third call was to her mom.

"She didn't answer either," Amanda says. "But later that day she found out that I had called one of my friends around the same time so she knew something was wrong. She called me right away and asked me what was wrong and really pressed me. That's when I broke down and stopped lying. I bared everything to her."

"All I remember was the sound of love in her voice. My mom was gentle and caring and understanding."

Amanda smiles. And she never did cocaine again. That was August 2004.

The recovery

"If someone else could tell me how they recovered and how they were able to overcome such tough times, I might be able to see myself in their stories," Amanda said.

That's when she started reading self-help books.

"It worked," she says. "The first book I picked up I didn't even realize how religious it was at first. But then I realized that all of the love in the world generates from one single place, from God himself. And that he loves me. And when I finally accepted this and accepted myself and who I was, I could start working on the issues."

Amanda basically fell in love. She fell in love with God. And fell

in love with herself. It was a powerful awakening, one that has kept her on the right road ever since.

"I've kept my eyes on something greater," she says. "I know that if I go back to my old self, everything I believe in now will go out the window. What He has called me to do has made me happier than anything else I ever wanted to do. He knows what I truly want."

At the age of 24, Amanda, who has changed her name since high school, has just released her self-published book "A New Beginning: Discover who you were created to be." She may have lost that innocence she had when she was 14, but she found something else in the process: happiness and discovery.

"I couldn't imagine myself happier than I am right now," she says. "Sure there are more things that I eventually want, such as a husband and family and career. But considering my age and what I've been through, I'm very happy to be where I am in my life. I can't find many things in my life right now to complain about."

As hard as it is to believe, she doesn't even complain about the steps she took to get to this spot in her life.

"Of all the things that I could regret in my life, I don't regret using," she says. "I'm thankful for those experiences because it helped get me to where I am. I know what I want to do now with my life, and I might not have I don't lived that life."

"I don't know how to get where I want to go, but I know where I want to go. And I know where I don't want to go. I know my limits and I wouldn't know any of this without those experiences. I'm also glad it was me who went through this and not someone else."

She certainly doesn't recommend this road as a means to find out where a young person wants to go in life. The tragedy in all this, and yes there is tragedy, is that anyone has to go through this at all. Young kids need guidance. They need to be told by parents and teachers and aunts and uncles and neighbors and friends that to be yourself is what's most important. And everyone needs to pay attention to the warning signs. The fact that a teenager can go through life for four years on drugs and have no one notice is beyond tragedy. It's unacceptable.

Amanda wants to share her story because she too realizes that it's unacceptable. And most importantly, it simply doesn't have to be this way.

Does Amanda have your attention? She should!

Book details Adams' troubles and her 'new beginning'

By Terry Jacoby
The A2 Journal

Amanda Adams' book "A New Beginning: Discover who you were created to be" begins with the definition of childhood. It ends with a biblical passage: "Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

In between is Adams' journey of how she went from childhood to "forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead."

Adams, 24, of Chelsea wanted to tell her story, one of a life swirling out of control on a vicious cycle of drugs, sex and destructive relationships. It started with trying to fit into slimmer jeans and the peer pressure of junior high school, and eventually escalated into using marijuana, oxycontin and cocaine. This path of "sabotage" cost her not only friends, jobs and opportunities, but

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robbed her of discovering her true self and full potential.

In the book, Adams takes readers on that destructive path, giving reasons certain choices were made, but never excuses. The book is filled with religious passages, ones that speak to her and others that helped her turn the corner toward the loving person she has become.

Adams doesn't point the finger of blame at anyone, except herself for the bad decisions that marked her mid-to-late teenage years. She talks about the strong relationships she now has with friends, family and of course with God.

"By the time my eyes were opened, I was in my early 20s," she says in the book. "I hated everything I had allowed myself to become - just to fit in. It was during this time that I found my

way back to the Lord. My relationship with Jesus Christ has drastically altered my path, renewing my passion for writing, poetry, and life!"

Adams plans on writing more books in an effort to reach out to young people to help avoid the pitfalls she so easily fell into. She also has begun contacting groups and organizations, offering her services as a guest speaker to youngsters as a way to help them find the right path and stay on it.

Adams is brutally honest in her book. It certainly will stir emotions, especially in parents, teachers and community leaders. But it's also a good book for teenagers to read because the pressures to fit in and be popular are still very much prevalent today.

"Changing was not difficult because my mind and heart were in the right place," she says. "I was willing to change and God did it for me. I really had to do nothing but listen."

Says Pastor Fred Slagle of Victory Baptist Church in Manchester: "Life is all about choices

and Amanda has made some good ones with that which has come into her life...you can too."

A good choice would be to read this book



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Worker rescued from 30-foot deep hole at wastewater plant

By Lisa Allmendinger
Heritage Newspapers

A 40-year-old contract worker fell about 30 feet into a hole next to a cement wall at Chelsea's Wastewater Treatment plant Monday morning.

About 12 Chelsea Area Fire Authority technical rescue trained firefighters were on the scene and used an elaborate pulley system to lift the conscious worker from a hole about 30 feet deep said CAFA Chief Jim Payeur.

"We used a tripod system and sent three guys down, put him on a backboard, and pulled him up in a basket," Payeur said.

He said the man was conscious and landed on his feet during the fall.

The call came in at 8:57 a.m. Monday at the site of a two-year, \$10 million wastewater treatment plant expansion project on McKinley Road in Chelsea.

Work continued after the accident said Brad Roberts, superintendent of public works.

HVA took him to U of M Hospital with what Payeur called "serious injuries."

Apparently, the employee was working on a wall with a saw-sall, Payeur said, when he fell "below grade about 30 feet."

CAFA used a rope rescue sys-



tem to lift him from the hole.

Police Chief Ed Toth said Chelsea Police were on the scene and contacted the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration to determine if all safety regulations were followed on the site.

A phone call to Irish Construction of Howell, the general contractor on the job, was not returned by press time.

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

HVA Medic Jamie Klink (left to right) and Medic Greg Hartig along with firefighter Mike Milliken, Captain Sam Norton and firefighter Jeff Grau tend to a man who fell 30 feet last week.

Chelsea Schools SRSLY celebrates volunteers

Between August 2008 and August 2009, 237 people have volunteered for the SRSLY Coalition, for a total of more than 2,000 hours donated. In order to thank these individuals, and celebrate the coalition's accomplishments, SRSLY is holding its first Volunteer Appreciation Party.

The party will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 3 at Timber Town Park on Sibley Road.

Anyone who volunteered for SRSLY this year, along with their families, are invited to attend. An awards ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m.

"Community support is vital to the success of our coalition," said SRSLY Director Reiley Lewis.

"We could not be where we are today without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers."

SRSLY volunteers include youth and adults from all parts of the community, including parents, grandparents, the schools, hospital, library, law enforcement, business, religious organizations, the arts and music, and civic groups.

In order to make the coalition accessible and open, the SRSLY leadership created a meeting and event structure that would allow youth and adults to work together on projects, according to their interests and availability.

As a result, many families volunteer as a group. "One of the things I appreciate about SRSLY is that I can volunteer my time when I am available," said parent volunteer Sara Wild. "When my son expressed an interest to become involved, it was just an

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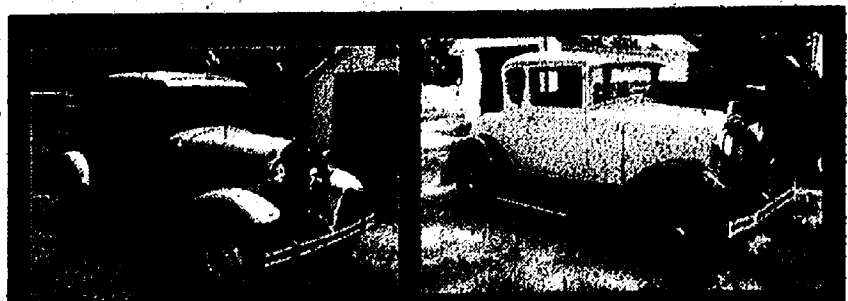
REILEY LEWIS
SRSLY director

added benefit."

Wild's son Devin is a member of the SRSLY Youth Steering Committee. One of the goals of the SRSLY Coalition is to increase

opportunities for youth to be involved with their community and their families in positive ways. This type of involvement reduces the likelihood that youth will engage in destructive behavior, such as drug and alcohol use.

"Being able to watch my son contribute to the community in positive ways has been very rewarding. SRSLY has given him the opportunity to express his ideas, and provided resources to make his ideas a reality," explained Wild. "In the past year my involvement with SRSLY has been very gratifying."



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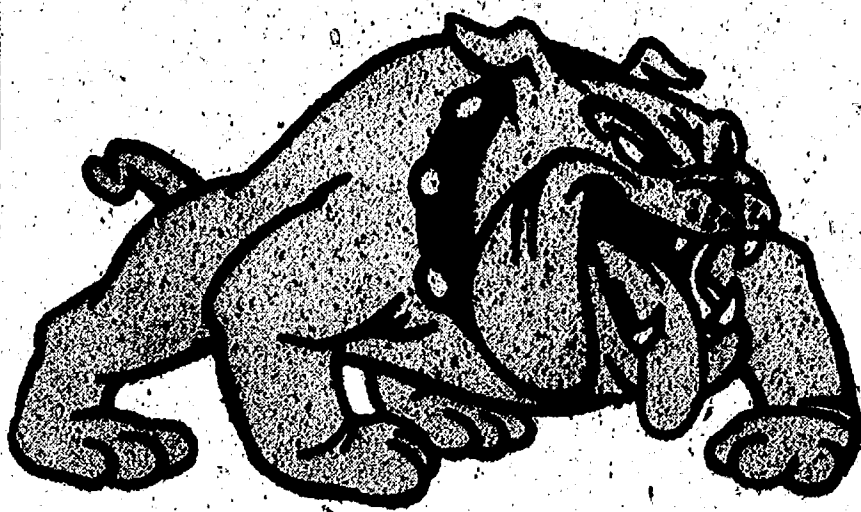
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Chelsea School District 2009-2010



SCHOOL START/DISMISSAL TIMES 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL	START	END
North Creek.....	8:05 AM.....	2:58 PM
Pierce Lake	8:00 AM.....	2:53 PM
South School.....	8:00 AM.....	2:53 PM
Beach Middle.....	8:10 AM.....	3:03 PM
Chelsea High.....	8:05 AM.....	2:58 PM

Chelsea School District Transportation Department Local Chelsea Bus Routes Summary 2009-2010

(Specific route information can be obtained on the Chelsea School District website, www.chelsea.k12.mi.us)
Information that is bold designates a change - be sure to check website for time changes.

AM Transfer	PM Transfer	Route Description - Roads	Animal	Bus Route #
CHS/B	CHS	Clark Lake, Oakdale, Lingane, Bush, dirt & paved Sibley west of Werkner, Little Werkner, Ivey, Conway, Sibley, Garvey (east of Pierce), W Old US 12 (south side east of Pierce), Chisholm Trail, Kernwood, Gene	green alligator	10
P/S -	N	Luick, E. Old US 12 (right side pick ups only), S. Dancer, Liberty, Guenther, Scio Church (east of Guenther), Jerusalem (between S. Dancer and Steinbach), Jackson (right side pick ups only), Upland Hills, Fox Hills, Harper, Avila	green duck	24
CHS/N	N	N. Territorial (east both sides) (right side pick ups only), Inverness Woods, Reilly, Madden, Noah's Landing, Eisenbeiser	brown deer	25
S/N	N	Old Manchester, Brown, S. M 52 (west side before Jerusalem), Waltrous, Sager, Waldo, Peckins, Waters (between M-52 and Fletcher), Loeffler, S. M 52 (east side between Scio Church and expressway) Middle, Wilkinson (near Middle), Grant (AM only), Chandler	gray kangaroo	26
N/P	N	Werkner (between M52 & Waterloo Rd + 7929), Island Lake (paved & dirt east of Werkner), Cottonwood, Forest Ct, Wagon Wheel Ct, N. Hayrake Hollow (5 digit addresses), Joslin Lake, N. Territorial (west), Rex, Plourde	green turtle	27
S/CHS	CHS	Sylvan (between Old US 12 and Grass Lake Rd), Grass Lake Rd, Sharon Hollow, Rank, Liebeck, W. Old US 12 (20092 only), Arthur, Lane	green frog	28
S/B	P/B/P	W. Old US 12 (north side - right side pick ups only), Fieldstone, Queen Oaks, Sylvan Estates, Hayes, Heim, Lehman, Grass Lake Rd (east of Sylvan), M-52, Sylvan (south of Grass Lake Rd), PM transfer to Pierce	purple butterfly	30
P/B	P/B/S	Fahrner, Kilmer, Hoppe, Garvey (between Hoppe and Kalmbach), Kalmbach, Notten, Loveland, Mushbach (south of Cavanaugh Lake Rd), Rieman, PM transfer to South (K, 1st, and 2nd graders)	orange cat	31
Pierce/HIS/ Saline Consortium	P/B/CHS	S. Freer, Jerusalem (west of S. Fletcher), Scio Church, Wheeler, S. Fletcher (between Scio Church and Jerusalem), Sager, Klinger, Haist, Saline Consortium, PM transfer to CHS	green dinosaur	32
S/P	P/B/S	Garvey (west of Pierce), Kalmbach, Winters, Cavanaugh Lake area, Mushbach (north of Cavanaugh Lake Rd), Ridge, Lowery, McClure, Glazier, Cavanaugh Lake Rd (south side between Kalmbach & Pierce), Pierce (west side south of Cavanaugh Lake Rd), PM transfer to South (3rd through 6th graders)	purple snail	34
CHS/WSEC	WSEC	N. M52 (east side Werkner to district line), N. M52 (west side Boyce to district line), Boyce (east of -52), Farnsworth, Roepke, Bowditch, Ellsworth Lake	pink bunny	41
CHS/S	S	Island Lake (east of Cottonwood), all of Riker, Hayrake Hollow (4 digit addresses west of Riker), Red Barn Circle, Fairway, N. Lima Center, Trinkle	orange camel	42
B/N	N	Stofer, Stofer Ct., Hadley, Watt, Wild Goose Lake, North Lake Rd, North Lake Orchard, Inverness Country Club	blue whale	43
P/N	N	Dexter-Chelsea, Heritage Point Subdivision (stop @ Savannah & Vicksburg), N. Dancer, Trinkle, N. Lima Center (south of Trinkle), N. Fletcher, N. Freer (between Trinkle and Old US 12), Chelsea Fairways Subdivision	blue dolphin	45
B/P	P/B/N	McKinley, Pheasant Ridge, McKinley Heights, Waterloo (between Island Lake and Werkner), Werkner (east side north of Waterloo, all west side - right hand pick ups only), Lindley, PM transfer to North	gray wolf	46
CHS/P	P	Pierce (east side between Old US 12 and Cavanaugh Lake Rd), Cavanaugh Lake Rd (north side between Pierce and Harvey, south side between Harvey and Clear Lake), Cedar Lake, Harvey, Clear Lake, Seymour, Trist	brown dog	47
N/B	CHS	Waterloo Rd, Washington St (Waterloo Village), Gorton, Water, Guinan	orange giraffe	54
B/CHS	CHS	Cavanaugh Lake Rd (before Pierce), Pierce (east side between Cavanaugh Lake Rd and Bush), Clear Lake (between Seymour and Waterloo + 7900), Waterloo-Munith Lake, Dawson Lane, Riethmiller, Harr, Beeman, Cassidy, W. Middle (north side), Grant (PM only)	brown cow	55
N/S	S	Noah Rd, Rainbow, Hanked, Plainwell, Edgewater, Noah Ct, Glennbrook, Mester	gray elephant	56
N/CHS	S	Roe, Osius, Beeman, Leeke, Coopersfield, Boyce (west of M-52), N. M 52 (west side north of town to Boyce), Westbourne	brown eagle	57
B/S	S	S. Lima Center, Jerusalem (between Scio Church and Guenther), S. Fletcher (south of Scio Church), Waters (east of Fletcher Rd), Schmitz, Ellsworth, Rentz, Guenther, Belser Estates, Chelsea Ridge	black bear	58
		CCD & CCA (PM - Tuesdays & Thursdays only)	black penguin	16

CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Welcome to the 2009-2010 School Year

There are changes in many bus routes and times for 2009-2010. Specific bus route information and forms can be obtained on the Chelsea School District website, <http://www.chelsea.k12.mi.us>.

A parent or designated adult (or 6th grade or older sibling or babysitter) must meet all kindergartners and first graders at the bus stop.

All students will be picked up at their home stop and delivered back to their home stop unless a parent or guardian indicates need for a second permitted riding location. Parents are reminded that due to safety requirements for stops, not all youngsters are picked up at their driveway.

Any student requiring transportation to or from an alternate transportation site must complete the alternate transportation form prior to the student riding to or from the requested location. Approval from both the sending parent/guardian as well as the receiving adult must be on file in the Transportation Office. Forms can be returned directly to the bus garage between 6:00am and 4:00pm, by e-mail, or fax, before we can honor your request.

Students going home with a friend must have prior approval from both the sending parent and the friend's parent. Written permission must be provided by both parents or both parents must contact the Transportation office prior to 2:00pm.

Remember only buses are allowed in the bus area around Chelsea High School, Beach Middle School, Pierce Lake Elementary, and North Creek Elementary during drop-off and pick-up times. Again this year, buses will be dropping off at all schools in the AM and doing direct transfers to the other school buildings. Students may board a bus at any school at 7:35am to go to another building. All buses will proceed to their next scheduled school building at 7:45am.

PM transfers will continue to take place at Beach Middle School. Homebound buses are scheduled to leave Beach at 3:20pm. Students can ride a bus to another school for parent pick-up with buses dropping off at each school building after 3:20pm. Please note that afternoon home buses tend to run later the first couple weeks of school as students learn which buses to board for home. Please be patient during this learning period and please be on time to meet the bus so as not to delay the other students. To assist your child with their transfer, be sure they know their home address and bus number. All new students should have their address, parent contact information, and bus information available on their back packs or in their planners.

Questions may be directed to our office at 433-2274.

We wish each and every one of our Chelsea students a good 2009-2010 school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chris Frayer & Mrs. Gina Paulsen
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Livery gets 60 days, zoo project goes forward

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

The Livery building will definitely remain standing - at least for another 60 days.

Past that it's up to the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority and members of the Great Lakes Zoological Society to hash out an agreement on what to do with the structure.

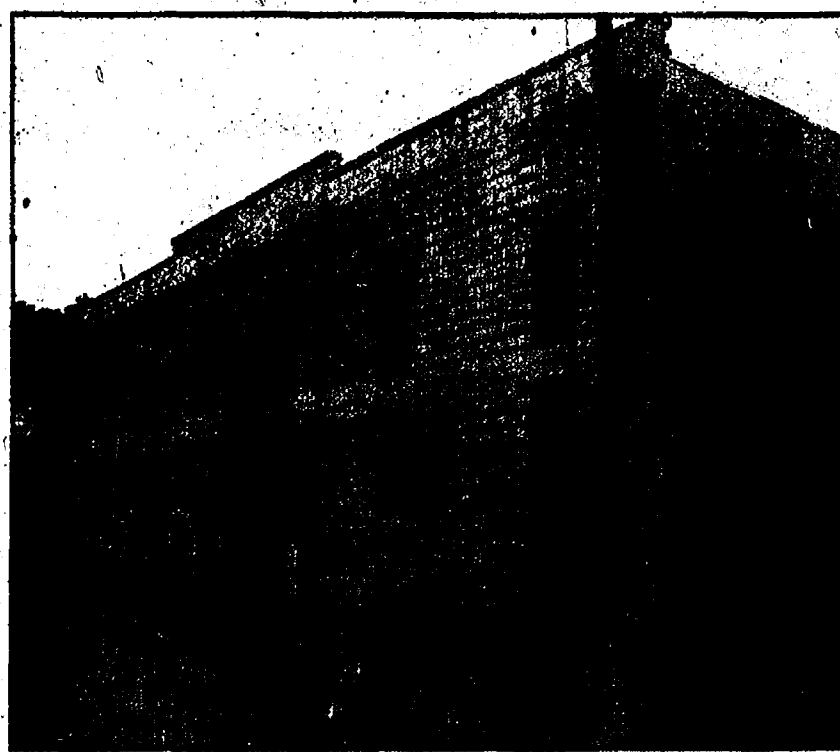
Members of GLZS are enthused about the idea of turning the 1,800 square foot Livery building into a place for public education, conservation, animal rescue and other grant-funded operations that would make the zoo an active part of the Chelsea downtown.

"I was quite pleased that they voted to delay the demolition of the building so that I could come back with a proposal that includes financing and drawings," said GLZS Mark Creswell. "I modified the original proposal and am just offering to buy the building from the DDA and then donating the building to the Great Lakes Zoological Society."

GLZS is a nonprofit organization with its own board comprised of Creswell and his wife, along with Stephen Olsen and curator John Lebert.

Creswell has offered \$100,000 to the DDA for the structure.

"I need to wrap up financing at the bank, get a site plan in order and get an understanding that we're working on getting



appropriate zoning for the site," Creswell said. "I certainly appreciate the DDA taking time to listen to my proposal, because it came in at the last minute of the plan to demolish the Livery building."

Creswell says that it's important to consider that the building itself is what is a draw for GLZS, which is why staying the demolition was so important.

Creswell says GLZS needs the entire 18,000 square feet for the project and accompanying prospective plans such as housing the Chelsea Area Historical Society.

Initially the zoo would require 8,000 square feet but would be built out as grants and other funds are secured.

DDA President Mike Jackson said he was impressed with the presentation that Creswell made last week.

"He made a very good presentation and had some money at the table," Jackson said.

"There were a number of questions by DDA board members and he said he would bring us back some more information later."

Jackson said that the GLZS proposal would not be fast-tracked through a single-bid process, but would more than likely be included in an open bid process to give others a chance to come forward with their own proposals.

The DDA has \$500,000 invested in the property and

would take a loss on the GLZS proposal, although part of the zoo plan includes job creation. The zoo would require the hire of a zoo curator, a business development director, zoo keepers and office staff, in addition to internships and volunteer opportunities that both men agree would be good for the Chelsea community.

"We're going to have to have some general conversations about how much of a loss we're willing to take and most likely if we do that process we would put it out for public," Jackson explained. "We can't just offer it to one person. It doesn't make sense for us to take a sole bid on one property."

Creswell says he feels like the situation is headed towards a "win-win" situation for everyone involved, even if not everyone will be happy.

"The DDA has a tough job because you can't satisfy everybody in the community with every decision you make," he said. "What GLZS is proposing to do is satisfy those who want to restore the Livery and those who don't want to spend taxpayer dollars revitalizing that corner."

"This proposal eliminates the need for the DDA to spend an additional \$1.1 to 1.5 million on the construction project, because the GLZS will be financing the renovation and restoration of those buildings and I'll be backing up any loans that the GLZS needs to get."

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After school gets going, don't forget the Library's After-school Mondays. A different program is offered every Monday at 3:30 p.m. or 4 p.m., including Legos at McKune, the 6-11 Club, the Guys Read Book Club, the Parent/Child Book Club and the I Need to Read program.

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THEATRE

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barriers now," referring to last year's difficulties with unexpected staff changes that meant an untimely delay in starting production of the fall musical. "This year will be so much better! So much was last-minute last year."

Griffin hopes to draw students into the theatre to show them how much goes into a production besides the acting. "Everyone can do something, even if they don't have much time. There's a place to participate," he said.

"This isn't just an after-school

fun thing, either," he continued. "There are careers out there. A good scenic designer can make a living from doing two or three shows a year."

Griffin hopes to put on a show that is lively, entertaining, and familiar to the community. "We want people to leave humming the tunes."

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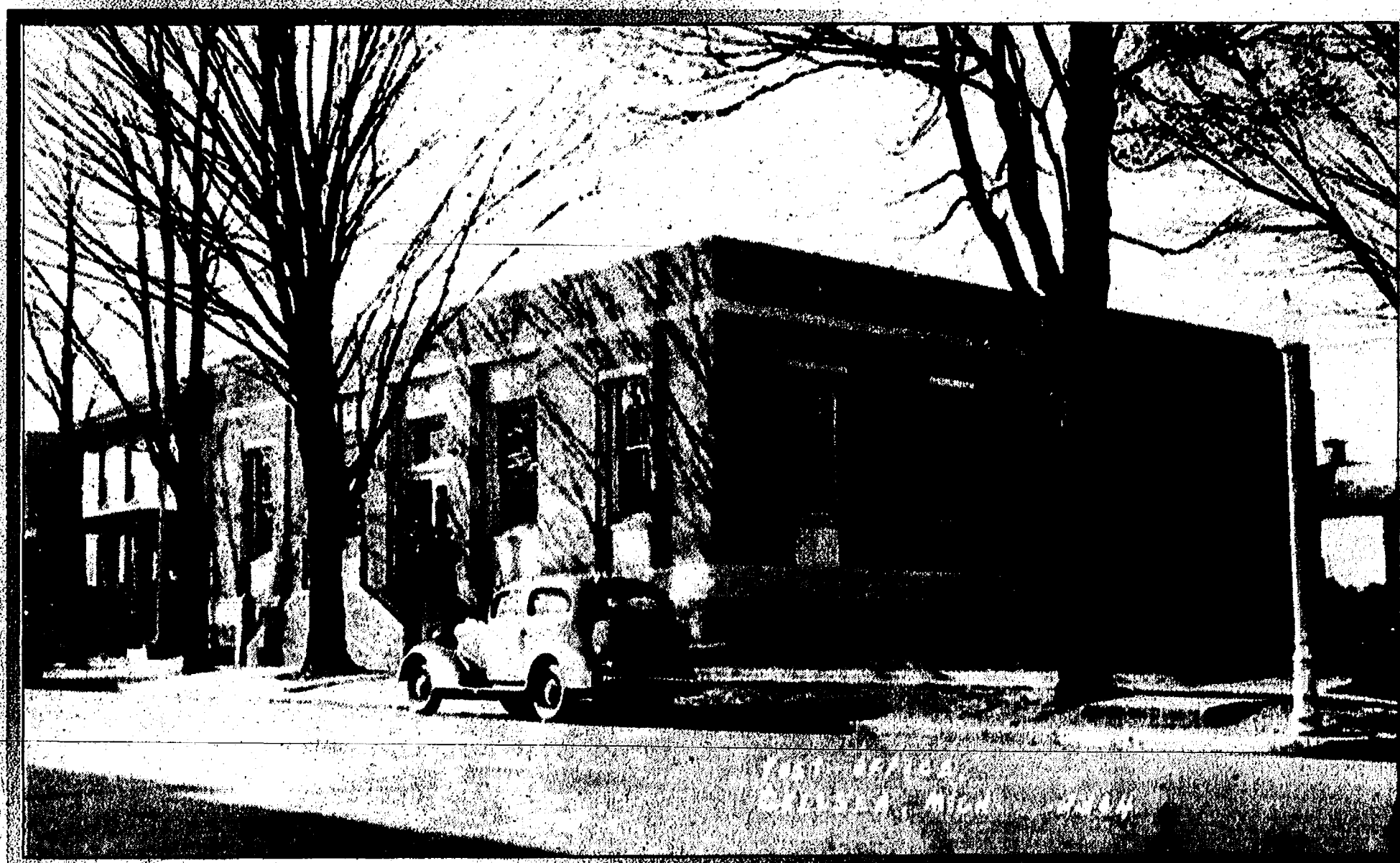
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A long history of delivering the goods



This 1930's view shows the house south of the post office which was later razed and the Sylvan Theatre built.

the custom in the towns through- out America in the late 19th and early 20th cen- turies. It was common for the post office located in a town to be the home of the appointed postmaster. With most mail arriv- ing by train, the location of that office was generally close to the railroad station.

People picked up their mail at the post office, as there were not enough postal revenues to support door-to-door delivery.

Chelsea's first postmaster was pioneer Elisha Congdon. He built his first general store on the southeast side of North Main Street, close to the Michigan Central Railroad tracks. The store was later moved a few houses east on what is now Jackson Street, and the site now contains the Longworth Plating buildings.

Through the next 100 years, the post office moved to various stores on Main Street. By 1935, additional modes of mail transport were established. Along with the result- ing increased mail circulation, the Village of Chelsea had won approval for door-to-door delivery which was later implemented early in the subsequent decade. In 1936 Mrs. E. Nottan's hospital, operating in a large white Victorian home at the corner of South Main and South streets, was razed to make way for Chelsea's first free-stand- ing post office. Nottan's private hospital business was moved to a house at 138 E. Middle Street. The post office was completed in the summer of 1937 as one of about 40,000 such United States post offices built across America under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's PWA stimulus projects. Mr. Witherall was the postmaster at the time, and Spence Brothers of Grand Rapids were the builders.

"Starved Classicism is the type of architecture chosen represent- ing an underfed classical style derivative of the earlier French 'Beaux Arts' style. In various post offices built during the Great Depression era, this was the predominate style. Chelsea Post Office is a one-story brick struc- ture. The front facade is decorated with embossed limestone cas- ings in three large lintels above the main door and two windows. The three bas relief decorations represent mail delivery by train, plane and ship. The original gran- ite steps leading to an aluminum

entrance door flanked by two aluminum lanterns, remain today with a handicap ramp attached to the south side.

The lobby is outfitted with the customer counter, two offices and two original standing desks. One office is occupied by the postmaster. Another former office once housed services such as Postal Savings Accounts and a Postal Bond Department run by Donald Dancer, a well-known local postal clerk. The lobby contains two walls of various sizes of brass rental boxes. Fine ceramic floor tiles are used on the floor and wainscoting. In 1937, a large skylight illuminated the interior working space. In the early 1960s an \$11,000 renovation resulted in covering the skylight, adding new roofing and modifying the loading dock. The postmaster once used a "look out" over the mail workers area from a hidden catwalk.

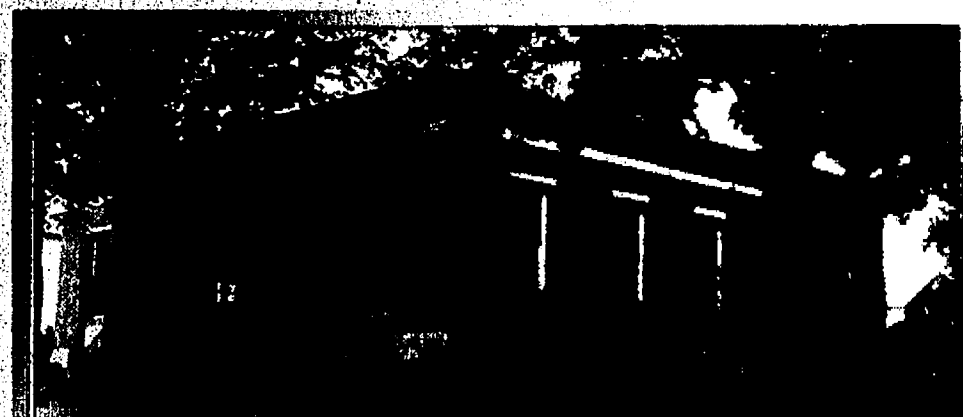
A mural was added in 1938 to adorn the north wall. It was part of the government's New Deal project to employ artists to create thousands of paintings in public buildings. Detroit artist George H. Fisher painted an idealized farm family of three, naming his creation "The Way of Life." The canvas painting is currently being



The Chelsea Post Office today.

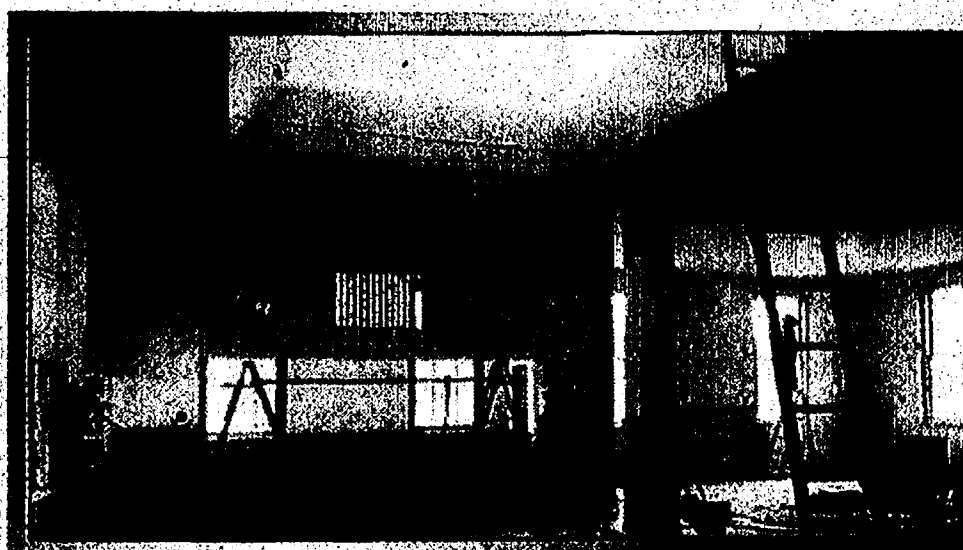
restored in Chicago and will be relocated in the new Chelsea Post Office building when it is moved to the corner of Old US-12 and M 52, in the former Polly's supermarket building.

The vacated historic building will undergo renovations and soon house its second era of use when the New Chelsea Market moves from its current location at the corner of Park and Main streets.



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Livery gets 60 days, zoo project goes forward

By Sean Dalton
Staff Writer

The Livery building will definitely remain standing - at least for another 60 days.

Past that it's up to the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority and members of the Great Lakes Zoological Society to hash out an agreement on what to do with the structure.

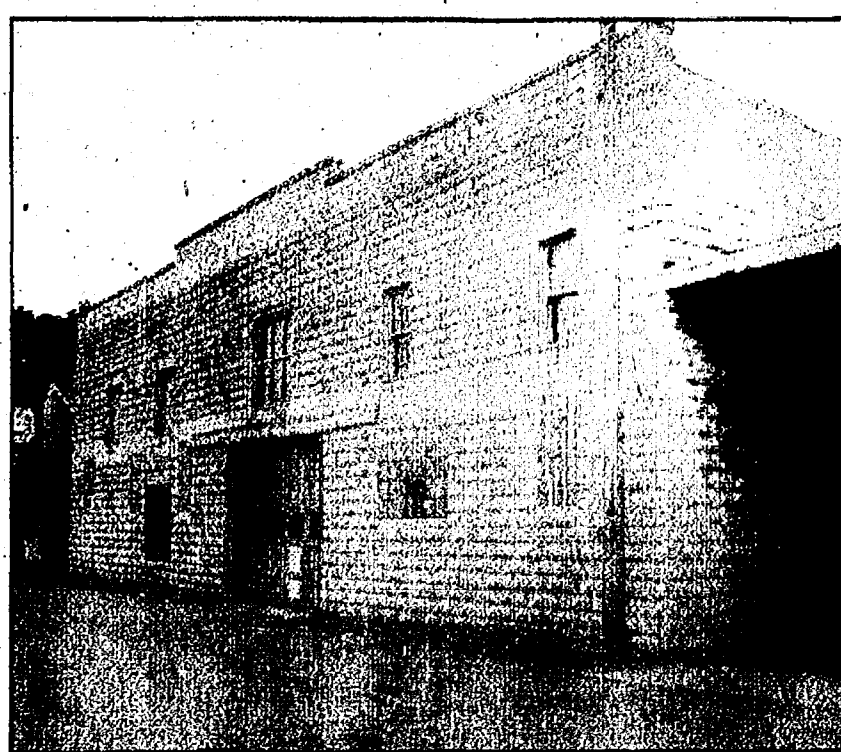
Members of GLZS are enthused about the idea of turning the 1,800 square foot Livery building into a place for public education, conservation, animal rescue and other grant-funded operations that would make the zoo an active part of the Chelsea downtown.

"I was quite pleased that they voted to delay the demolition of the building so that I could come back with a proposal that includes financing and drawings," said GLZS Mark Creswell. "I modified the original proposal and am just offering to buy the building from the DDA and then donating the building to the Great Lakes Zoological Society."

GLZS is a nonprofit organization with its own board comprised of Creswell and his wife, along with Stephen Olsen and curator John Lebert.

Creswell has offered \$100,000 to the DDA for the structure.

"I need to wrap up financing at the bank, get a site plan in order and get an understanding that we're working on getting



appropriate zoning for the site," Creswell said. "I certainly appreciate the DDA taking time to listen to my proposal, because it came in at the last minute of the plan to demolish the Livery building."

Creswell says that it's important to consider that the building itself is what is a draw for GLZS, which is why staying the demolition was so important.

Creswell says GLZS needs the entire 18,000 square feet for the project and accompanying prospective plans such as housing the Chelsea Area Historical Society.

Initially the zoo would require 8,000 square feet but would be built out as grants and other funds are secured.

DDA President Mike Jackson said he was impressed with the presentation that Creswell made last week.

"He made a very good presentation and had some money at the table," Jackson said.

"There were a number of questions by DDA board members and he said he would bring us back some more information later."

Jackson said that the GLZS proposal would not be fast-tracked through a single-bid process, but would more than likely be included in an open bid process to give others a chance to come forward with their own proposals.

The DDA has \$500,000 invested in the property and

would take a loss on the GLZS proposal, although part of the zoo plan includes job creation. The zoo would require the hire of a zoo curator, a business development director, zoo keepers and office staff, in addition to internships and volunteer opportunities that both men agree would be good for the Chelsea community.

"We're going to have to have some general conversations about how much of a loss we're willing to take and most likely if we do that process we would put it out for public," Jackson explained. "We can't just offer it to one person. It doesn't make sense for us to take a sole bid on one property."

Creswell says he feels like the situation is headed towards a "win-win" situation for everyone involved, even if not everyone will be happy.

"The DDA has a tough job because you can't satisfy everybody in the community with every decision you make," he said. "What GLZS is proposing to do is satisfy those who want to restore the Livery and those who don't want to spend taxpayer dollars revitalizing that corner."

"This proposal eliminates the need for the DDA to spend an additional \$1.1 to 1.5 million on the construction project, because the GLZS will be financing the renovation and restoration of those buildings and I'll be backing up any loans that the GLZS needs to get."

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Join Emily Nease, registered dietitian and mother of two, as she presents ways families can eat healthy foods without straining your household budget. She will show you how to pack healthy school lunches for children and will also present ways to teach your children to make healthy choices in the school lunch line.

Registration is required for this program and childcare will be provided. To sign up, call 475-8732 (ext. 505).

After school gets going, don't forget the Library's After-school Mondays. A different program is offered every Monday at 3:30 p.m. or 4 p.m., including Legos at McKune, the 6-11 Club, the Guys Read Book Club, the Parent/Child Book Club and the I Need to Read program.

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THEATRE

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barriers now," referring to last year's difficulties with unexpected staff changes that meant an untimely delay in starting production of the fall musical. "This year will be so much better! So much was last-minute last year."

Griffin hopes to draw students into the theatre to show them how much goes into a production besides the acting. "Everyone can do something, even if they don't have much time. There's a place to participate," he said.

"This isn't just an after-school

fun thing, either," he continued. "There are careers out there. A good scenic designer can make a living from doing two or three shows a year."

Griffin hopes to put on a show that is lively, entertaining, and familiar to the community. "We want people to leave humming the tunes."

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The Chelsea Post Office

A long history of delivering the goods

by Clark

As was the custom in small towns throughout America in the 19th and early 20th centuries, it was common to have the post office located in a current business of the appointed postmaster. With most mail arriving by train, the location of that business was generally close to the railroad depot station.

Patrons picked up their mail at the post office, as there were not enough postal revenues to support door-to-door delivery.

Chelsea's first postmaster was Chelsea pioneer Elisha Congdon. He built his first general store on the southeast side of North Main Street, close to the Michigan Central Railroad tracks. The store was later moved a few houses east on what is now Jackson Street, and the site now contains the Longworth Plating buildings.

Through the next 100 years, the post office moved to various stores on Main Street. By 1935, additional modes of mail transport were established. Along with the resulting increased mail circulation, the Village of Chelsea had won approval for door-to-door delivery which was later implemented early in the subsequent decade. In 1936 Mrs. E. Notten's hospital, operating in a large white Victorian home at the corner of South Main and South streets, was razed to make way for Chelsea's first free-standing post office. Notten's private hospital business was moved to a house at 138 E. Middle Street. The post office was completed in the summer of 1937 as one of about 40,000 such United States post offices built across America under President Franklin D. Roosevelt's PWA stimulus projects. Mr. Witherall was the postmaster at the time, and Spence Brothers of Grand Rapids were the builders.

"Starved Classicism is the type of architecture chosen representing an underfed classical style derivative of the earlier French 'Beaux Arts' style. In various post offices built during the Great Depression era, this was the predominate style. Chelsea Post Office is a one-story brick structure. The front façade is decorated with embossed limestone casings in three large lintels above the main door and two windows. The three bas relief decorations represent mail delivery by train, plane and ship. The original granite steps leading to an aluminum



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entrance door flanked by two aluminum lanterns, remain today with a handicap ramp attached to the south side.

The lobby is outfitted with the customer counter, two offices and two original standing desks. One office is occupied by the postmaster. Another former office once housed services such as Postal Savings Accounts and a Postal Bond Department run by Donald Dancer, a well-known local postal clerk. The lobby contains two walls of various sizes of brass rental boxes. Fine ceramic floor tiles are used on the floor and wainscoting. In 1937, a large skylight illuminated the interior working space. In the early 1960s an \$11,000 renovation resulted in covering the skylight, adding new roofing and modifying the loading dock. The postmaster once used a "look out" over the mail workers area from a hidden catwalk.

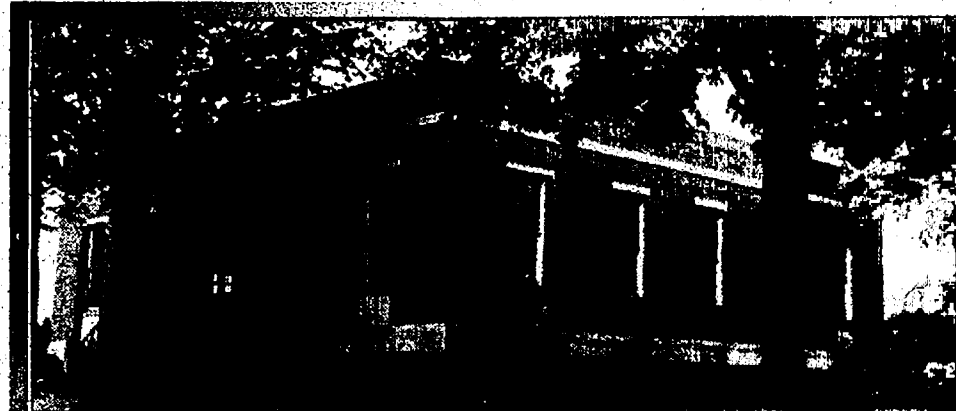
A mural was added in 1938 to adorn the north wall. It was part of the government's New Deal project to employ artists to create thousands of paintings in public buildings. Detroit artist George H. Fisher painted an idealized farm family of three, naming his creation "The Way of Life." The canvas painting is currently being



The Chelsea Post Office today.

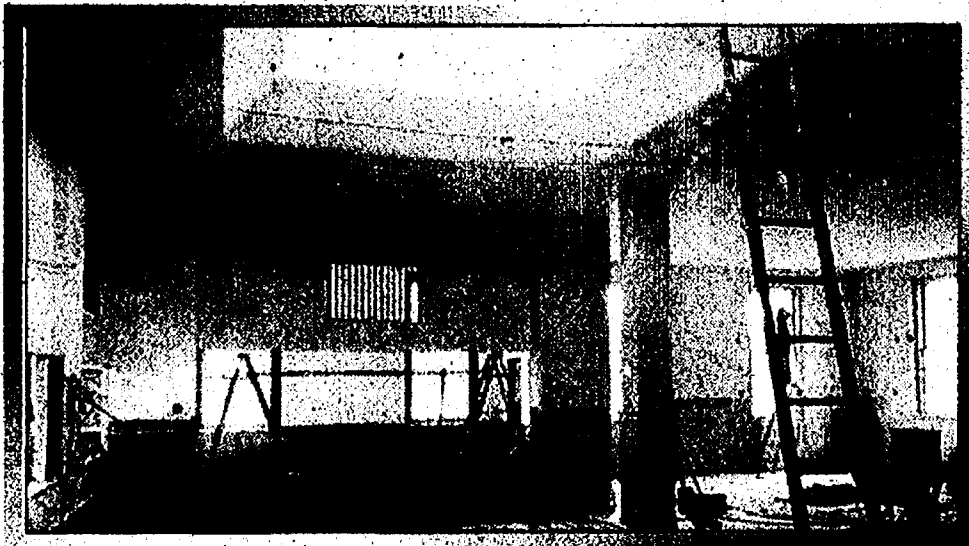
restored in Chicago and will be relocated in the new Chelsea Post Office building when it is moved to the corner of Old US-12 and M 52, in the former Polly's supermarket building.

The vacated historic building will undergo renovations and soon house its second era of use when the New Chelsea Market moves from its current location at the corner of Park and Main streets.



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Sponge guitarist says touring has its share of ups and downs

By Sotirios Adamopoulos
Special Writer

A veteran of traveling the country to play gigs, Sponge guitarist Andy Patalan can tell you that touring has its ups and downs.

"So we're driving on our way to do a show in Long Island and the brakes just went out," he said. "We were all, 'This can't be happening.'"

Once the band repaired their tour van, they got back on the road and made it just in time to get on stage. Patalan claimed that snafus like these are the reason why he — and his bandmates — don't have any pre-concert rituals.

"When you're on the road, you can get derailed," he said. "Sometimes you have no time at all before a show. You get there just in time to get up on stage."

But Patalan said these stressful situations are worth it when he feels the love coming from screaming fans.

"It's fun when people are entertained," he said. "They could be singing along, dancing, moshing, whatever."

Patalan's interest in music began long before he started shredding in front of live audiences. A native of Saline, he started playing guitar at the age of 15. When making an observation of his old stomping grounds, he said that the city has changed over the past decade.

"Saline has grown a lot," he said. "I could probably tell you everyone that I went to high school with."

Growing up, Patalan admired various musicians. He liked Elton John's melodic style as well as the harder sound of a few hometown heroes.

"I loved (Ted) Nugent," he said. "I liked his raw rock attitude."

Having such a passion for music, Patalan said it feels fantastic to have shared the stage with bands like Soundgarden and Alice in Chains. But he isn't star struck. After spending years in the music business, Patalan said that he's used to meeting famous musicians and that a different breed of celebrity amazes him.

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Sponge has released four albums since Saline native Andy Patalan joined. They plan to put out an EP at the end of August. More on Sponge can be found at www.myspace.com/sponge.

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River Gallery

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Chelsea Community Fair

Runs through Saturday. Chelsea Fairgrounds, Old US-12 and Old Manchester Road. Visit www.chelseafair.org.

Chelsea Farmers' Market

Park Street in Chelsea, 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays, through Oct. 30.

Purple Rose Theatre

Purple Rose Theatre Company presents "Wake," a comedy by Carey Crim, through Saturday, 137 Park St., Chelsea. Call 433-7782 or visit www.purplerosetheatre.org.

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Sept. 17 through Dec. 19. Purple Rose Theatre. The final installment of Yoofer trilogy by Jeff Daniels. Call 433-7673 or visit www.purplerosetheatre.org.

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400 Congdon St. Center Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through

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Pierce's Pastries Plus, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., Saturday mornings, 103 W. Middle St. Call 475-6081.

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SALINE

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Night sky observation party with University Low Brow Astronomers. Dusk to 11 p.m., Oct. 23 (alternate date: Oct. 30). St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 10001 W. Ellsworth Road, in Freedom Township. Call 355-1649 or visit www.StThomasFreedom.org.

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'Ghostbusters' game wears thin

'Ghostbusters the Game'

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And the busters of ghosts are back - in a sense.

The Ghostbusters is in a new video game of the same name. The game is set sometime after the events of the second film and you play a new recruit into the Ghostbusters.

The story is nothing special and nothing that wasn't expected when the game was announced. You play an unnamed recruit into the Ghostbusters, and being a unnamed recruit, you never get a bit of audible dialog. Throughout the game your character is poked fun at and the game brings back characters from the first two games.

The funniest and best of the characters is Stay-Puff Marshmallow Man from the first film. His cameo and boss fight may be the best part of the game simply for the nostalgic part. Killing a giant ghost infested marshmallow? Not many games boast something like that.

The entire game can be summed up in a few words. You run, you blast ghosts, you trap ghosts, rinse and repeat. After less than an hour, the game begins to wear thin on patience and even thinner on the attention span. The controls are simple as is the session.

The best part of the game is that all the four Ghostbusters voice themselves. Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Ernie Hudson and Harold Ramis add a bit of detail and entertainment value to the game. If not for the voices, the game would be nothing short of boring.

Some games warrant hours upon hours. Ghostbusters is not one of those games. The dumbed down gameplay woven with a cult classic combine to make a somewhat decent game. Ghostbusters the Game gets a B-

IN REVIEW Music, Film, Games



By LEE COPLEY

'Shaka Rock' by Jet

Some bands soared to fame on a single song that struck the right chord with listeners. Jet is one of those bands. Their song "Are You Gonna Be My Girl" was one of the most popular the year it was released. They coasted through several years on that popularity.

Jet took off for a more classic rock sound that has been mostly absent from the recent evolution of rock. Jet's third album, "Shaka Rock," recently came out to an industry mostly devoid of plain rock and roll. The songs off "Shaka Rock" have a truly Jet sound that no other band has.

"K.I.A. (Killed In Action)" has an overdone intro featuring audio from an old plane crash of sorts. Aside from that the song is quite good. "Black Hearts (On Fire)" has a great beat, but that is the only good part of the song. It seems like a song better suited for a demo tape and not a major album. "Goodbye Hollywood" has a sound that can only be described as "60's rock."

It seems like something out of post-Woodstock and not 2009. "Let Me Out" is the worst song on the album while the best song is "Start The Show." It sounds like rock and roll. Pure and simple.

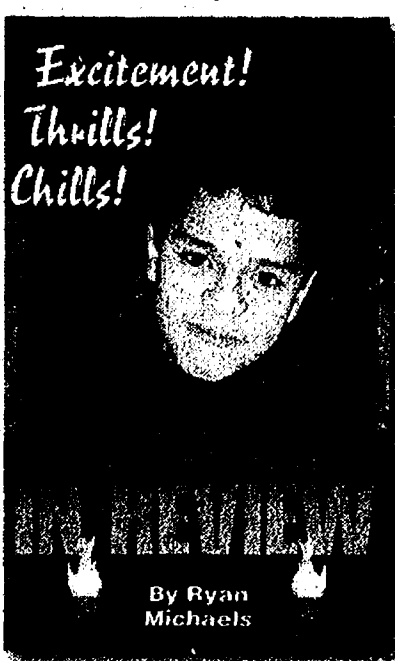
"Shaka Rock" is a unique and pleasant album. Not comparable to the great classic rock albums of yesteryear, but it is the only recent album with that sound. Jet is a band that should have been around a few decades ago but is making a name for themselves in this one. "Shaka Rock" gets a B+.

'Ponyo' a high art children's film

I am Ryan Michaels, a 12-year-old movie fanatic who loves writing reviews as much as watching movies. Below is my take on "Ponyo."

"Ponyo" is the latest animated creation from the Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki, whom I consider one of the best directors of our time, having done "My Neighbor Totoro" and recent Oscar-winner "Spirited Away." He captivates the audience not with one-liners or explosions, but with images, with his incredible hand-drawn animation.

"Ponyo" is a variation of "The Little Mermaid." A young fish named Ponyo rises from a Japanese shore, and is found by a 5-year-old boy, Sosuke. They develop a very close friendship. When she begins to transform into a human, however, her background as a princess comes to light and, although she doesn't know it, she wields a power that could bring an end to Earth. "Ponyo" represents a some-



what rare thing these days. It's a simple story that doesn't stoop to its younger audience. It's a heartfelt tale that doesn't feel forced. Simply put, Miyazaki emulates the best of old Disney, which makes one feel depressed considering the recent Disney trash "G-Force" stands at \$104 million in ticket sales and "Ponyo" has a mere

\$6 million.

One objection I have is that to make the film more marketable to young audiences, Disney re-dubbed the film into English, using young siblings of Miley Cyrus and the Jonas Brothers as voices. They obviously did it to sort of slide their foot in the door for eventual superstardom. I would prefer more gifted voice-actors to do the job. On the other hand, having Liam Neeson, Tina Fey, Cate Blanchett and Matt Damon as

voices is simply awesome.

I must make this open plea: Parents, if want to expose your kids to great film-making, "Ponyo" is as close to high art as children's films can possibly get.

I give it an "A."

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.

The Ark hosts fund-raiser

The Ark's 13th annual Fall Fundraiser, The TropARKana, will be on Saturday, Nov. 14 and feature former Mavericks' frontman Raul Malo.

General admission tickets for the performance only are \$50. A reserved seating/dinner package for \$125, \$250 or \$500 includes a reserved seat, pre-show dinner buffet starting at 5:30 p.m., and valet parking. A portion of each ticket purchased to the event is tax-deductible.

All proceeds from the evening will benefit The Ark, helping the venue continue to present the best folk and roots music to be heard anywhere in the world, more than 300 nights a year.

A dinner reception will be from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. Music starts at 8 p.m.

Followers of Raul Malo's eclectic career know all about his deep love of country, rock, jazz and Latin music. And his voice is unmatched by any singer today, described by The Wall Street Journal as "exquisite."

After close to 20 years of making music, Raul is having more fun than ever. And it shows. He was recently nominated for Artist Of The Year by the Americana Music Association.

The Ark Fall Fundraiser has become known as a fun event. This year's theme build upon the atmosphere of the famous Havana night club, Tropicana.

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Where is heaven?

I recall when I was a boy, hearing that one of the early Soviet cosmonauts mocked the Christian faith. He supposedly said something like, "I've orbited the earth many times and looked out into space, and I didn't see God anywhere."

It's a mistake, however, to think that if you would visit the correct location in outer space, perhaps beyond the farthest galaxy, you would come upon a physical realm called heaven, and be able to see God or other spiritual beings with your eyes.

It is true that, especially in the Old Testament, the word "heaven" usually refers to the sky. Sometimes it refers to all of space, including the stars and other heavenly bodies. Other times it

refers more to the realm where birds fly, you might say the earth's atmosphere.

In the New Testament, the word "heaven" refers more to a spiritual realm; and, though the term

"heaven" automatically makes New Testament people think in terms of looking upward, the word does not refer to a locality. It would probably be more in keeping with the words of the Bible to think of heaven simply as another realm of existence, or another dimension of being. It is not necessarily far away; in fact, quite the opposite.

An interesting Bible passage is when Jesus says, concerning the angels, that, even while they are protecting little children on earth, they are "in heaven" and "always see the face of My Father in heaven."

(Matthew 18:10). Being spirit beings, the angels are able to be in two realms at one time; they are not in two locations at one time, and they don't need to be, because heaven is not far away, but only in a different dimension.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, He went upwards, into the sky, until a cloud hid Him from

sight. It would be a mistake to think that Jesus kept on going and going, until He reached outer space. Rather, He was welcomed into this heavenly dimension. And even from that dimension, He promises, "Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). Where is heaven? In a way you could say, "Heaven is wherever God is, wherever Jesus is." And that is everywhere.

Anyone who believes in Jesus as their Savior will enjoy eternal life in heaven when they die. They will not have to be transported a long way; the Lord, through His angels, will simply pull their departed spirit into a different dimension. Unlike the angels, there is no evidence that these departed human spirits can have any further contact with the earth - until Jesus returns, that is. At that time His heavenly kingdom will merge with the physical realm,



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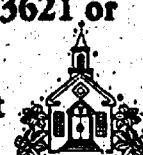
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SPONGE

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"I'm more wowed when I get to meet famous athletes or politicians," he said. In 1988 Patalan opened The Loft recording studio with his brother, Tim, who recently became Sponge's bassist. Groups like Cheap Trick, Taproot, and — of course — Sponge have all recorded at Patalan's Saline-

based studio.

In the early 1990s, Patalan did some engineering for Detroit-based hard rockers Loudhouse. After the band's breakup, three of its members regrouped and formed Sponge. After he and his brother produced Sponge's first two albums, Patalan picked up an axe and joined them in 1999.

Patalan said that he and fellow guitarist Kyle Neely alternate main and rhythm guitar duties depending on

the tempo of the track.

"Kyle plays faster, so when a song calls for that, he takes it," said Patalan. "We pretty much share it."

Sponge has released four albums since Patalan joined. They plan to put out an EP at the end of August.

For more information on Sponge, visit the Web site www.myspace.com/sponge. Those interested in checking out The Loft can do so at www.theloftrecording.com.

Community Foundation Challenge helps the arts

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

More than \$1 million went to matching donations last week after the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan and its 90 member organizations went live online with a massive fundraising effort open to donors across Michigan and the rest of the country.

The Community Foundation Challenge was designed to spur organizations such as the Arts Alliance and The Purple Rose Theatre into action on the Internet in an effort to raise money online last Tuesday.

The foundation put up a 50 percent match against online donations and ended up raising \$3.75 million just 11 hours from launching the part of its site that handles online donating via credit card or e-check.

"The response to the challenge proves how much our community values arts and culture," said foundation Executive Director Maud Lyon. "Regardless of whether they like music, theater, museums, history, science or nature, these donors have stepped up to support these nonprofits in these challenging times."

More than 10,000 potential

donors went online promptly at 10 a.m., creating technical challenges with the Web site. As a result of the frustration many donors experienced while completing their gift, the foundation added the \$250,000 in matching funds, at 6 p.m. Tuesday and they were quickly depleted by 9 p.m.

The 75 participating arts and cultural organizations mobilized supporters from around the region and across the country via social networking Web sites and blogs.

The match program was largely a push for operating funds, which are the hardest for organizations to garner from philanthropists.

"This is one of those ideas and it seemed to be particularly important that we do it now because the cultural organizations are very much in need of operating support," said foundation President Mariam Noland.

"We see this as each one of the participating organizations goes through a training on how to use the Web to really promote their program and build audiences and also use it to market this challenge."

Noland thinks that the knowledge and experience from promoting the program will have a long-term benefit to the organizations' fundraising ability to

expand their organizational outreach online. This will become more important as funding becomes scarcer.

"What's happening to our sector is that funding is disappearing from every funding source," Lyon said. "We measured back in 2007 when we had 60 members and we asked everybody where their revenues come from, and overall 20 percent of revenues came from corporate giving, which was much higher than it is in other regions."

Corporate sponsorships are a large part of the theatre's budget, with 35 of the budget coming from fundraising and 65 percent from ticket sales.

"We're going to be a little bit behind and a little under budget this year," Ribant said. "We've still got 10 more days left in our fiscal year so we're hoping that Tuesday was a big day for us."

Although the foundation's \$1.25 million match has been exhausted, donors are still encouraged to continue giving to participating organizations through the Community Foundation Web site, www.cfsem.org. To facilitate this, the Web site for the program will remain open until Aug. 31. However, contributions will not be matched.

Center to host groups

Hospice of Michigan will host a series of grief support meetings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays Sept. 9 through Oct. 7 at the Saline Senior Center, 7190 N. Maple Road, in Saline.

The series of weekly sessions will offer insights and coping skills for adults dealing with the loss of a loved one and the normalization of feelings and reactions, such as denial, fear, anger and depression. Practical handouts are provided with each session.

"Hospice of Michigan provides a needed and welcome service to families who have lost a loved one," said the Rev. Nancy Doty, Hospice of Michigan grief support services manager. "We offer a hopeful message of healing that is invaluable."

Registration is required as space is limited. These services are offered at no charge to any adult member of the community mourning the loss of a loved one. Call Doty at 769-5821 by Sept. 4.



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Sounds & Sights preview: Sept. 3

By Marsi Parker Darwin
Special Writer

The last Sounds & Sights of the season in downtown Chelsea ends with a bang next Thursday, as summer draws to a close. It's been an amazing lineup of entertainment each week, and the final evening is no exception.

Much-loved folkie Matt Watroba will be on hand, as will rockers Black Train, Five Miles More, The Tryouts and Chelsea's sweetheart, Charlotte Prenevost, singing standards.

But check out a few you may not have heard locally.

Al Jacquez is best known as the voice of Savage Grace, precursor to progressive heavy metal rock, playing bass and releasing two albums on Reprise Records. He was born in New York City, but grew up just outside of Detroit. His French-born parents and grandparents exposed him to many forms of classical music, opera and jazz. He discovered blues, soul and rock as a teenager. This eclectic beginning shows in Al's work today.

Jacquez spent two years on the West Coast with Savage Grace, and returned to the Detroit area to form the band Guardian Angel, then shifted gears and became Lightnin'. The self-titled album has since become a collector's item. After it's untimely demise (remember disco?), Jacquez began a musical partnership with guitarist Mark Tomorsky. Together, they toured Europe



Brian Delaney of the Royal Garden Trio will join Dave Boutette Sept. 3 during the final Sounds & Sights in Chelsea.

with their catalog of songs, and co-produced musical fund raising events for the US Olympic Committee. In the early 80's the pair moved back to Los Angeles where they continued to write and perform as Custom Eyes for several years.

Jacquez re-released the complete Savage Grace catalog in the early 90's, and teamed up with former SG guitarist Ron Koss and former Lightnin' bassist Mark Gougeon to write and record a third Savage Grace album, entitled "One Night In America".

Desiring a less hectic pace to raise a family, he relocated back to the Detroit area. You can hear his signature voice on

commercial for the big three automakers and on recordings by Savage Grace, Lightnin', Burning Circle, The Suspects, and The Miller Brothers Band. Jacquez is currently touring with Measured Chaos; a blues, soul and rock band that features two of his old musical partners, Mark Gougeon and Mark Tomorsky. The band has two CDs out and is writing new material for a third disc due next year.

The scent of wood smoke hangs around Dave Boutette throughout most of the year. He's often called "The Campfire Kid" by those who have listened to him around a crackling fire, as I've often been priv-

ileged to do. My friend Lauren Kingsley claims Boutette is one of the happiest guys she knows, and that happiness radiates in his songs. He shines in an intimate setting, so grab your family and sit on the sidewalk on this early fall evening in Chelsea, and be transported to the Michigan woods.

Songs of highway hijinks and wildcat oil drillers share the spotlight with old favorites, saloon songs, and silliness. Blending American roots and popular music including folk, blues, swing, and old time country, his songs, many of them original, are powerful personal testaments. He wrote his CD single, "Boomtown," with fast rising Grand Rapids songwriter Drew Nelson. American Music Guide says, "Boutette's a songwriter that relieves the Midwest of its tendency to spew forth an endless sea of singer/songwriter banality, replacing its tired clichés with protagonists that are as mischievous as they are heartfelt."

Brian Delaney of the Royal Garden Trio will be performing with Boutette on Sept. 3.

Ady Marks of Tecumseh says his band, 80MPH, stands for Ady's Musical Powerhouse, and his band named it for him. 80MPH is an all original classic rock band combining elements of blues, rhythm & blues, funk, reggae, 60's-70's rock, pop and jazz into a unique blend. The vocals and lyrics are the focal point of all of the songs.

Marks wrote all of the songs

over the past 10 years on his acoustic guitar and harmonica, and introduced the songs to the band. The band includes Ady's brother Damien Marks, Tom Mueller, Mike Powell and Gary Johnson on drums. After just four months of playing together they entered the Toledo Battle of the Bands and went to the semi-finals.

"We took a field trip to Chelsea on a Thursday in July and were very impressed

with the great atmosphere of Chelsea on a summer's eve," says Marks. "What Chelsea has going on with the Sounds & Sights is very special. This is the type of event that inspires me and my creative processes because it is this type of atmosphere that encourages musicians and performers in a totally open and welcoming setting. Thank you Chelsea for this wonderful ongoing event!"

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Maples Club provides adult-day service program

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Silver Maples of Chelsea launched the Maples Club - the area's first adult-day service program - on July 20, and already it's proving to be a big success.

With more and more baby-boomers feeling the crunch between raising families and caring for aging parents, this is a service whose time has come, said Jerry Wilczynski, president and CEO of Silver Maples. The benefits are two-fold.

"Not only can it help seniors stay connected, but it provides an opportunity for adult children who may be shouldering the primary care for their aging parents to have a break, perhaps to attend to personal business, or go to work," he said.

"We did not have a whole lot of market data telling us how much of a community need there is for this service, but we did have a lot of anecdotal input saying our community really needs this."

The Maples Club provides a variety of activities that are designed for members needing memory care, as well as those looking for more social and intellectual interactions.

Club members can come for a couple of hours or for the entire day, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission to the program is required. For those staying 5

hours or more, the first meal is included.

Members can utilize Silver Maples other services, including the spa and salon, the foot nurse, and additional meals.

Members may require assistance with activities of daily living such as eating, dressing, and medication management, but they generally do not require skilled nursing care. The goal is to assist older adults and those with chronic conditions to remain as independent as possible in their own homes, for as long as feasible.

An interesting referral source has been local home care companies that realize many of their clients lack opportunity for socialization, Wilczynski said.

Feedback has been excellent, said Shawn Personke, director of Activities & Public Relations.

"Folks who may have been feeling the pressure of trying to work, raise a family, and take care of a spouse or parent needed extra care are finding the Maples Club a real opportunity. We're hearing it gives them a break in the day. And they really like the care and activities that the Maples Club offers to their loved one."

The club, designed to integrate into the entire Silver Maples community, offers activities such as discussion groups, art classes, first person

travelogues and community service projects.

"We want to make sure each club member is getting what they want out of their experience here," Personke said. "Other times, a person may be here for socialization and camaraderie. Because we have a multi-faceted line-up of activities, we are better suited to meeting those needs, what-

ever they might be.

"I'm excited about the program and what it means to caregivers and their family members who need some help."

For more information, call 475-4111 or visit www.silver-maples.org.

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

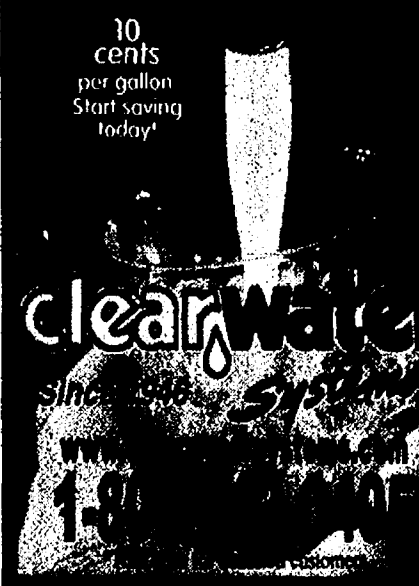


Kristin Hall, left, and her therapy dog, Leyland, visit Maples Club member Elsie Hochrein, center, and staff member Kara Utledge, right. The Maples Club opened in July and provides adult day services, including social, intellectual, and memory care activities, as well as help with medication management and daily living activities. Silver Maples is a non-profit retirement community which also provides independent and assisted living apartments and villas.

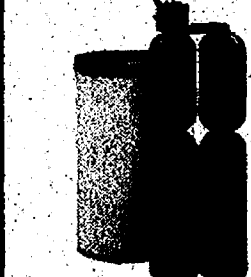


Ashley Piemans, left, is one of three Maples Club staff members who coordinate activities for club members, including Margaret Adams, right. Silver Maples opened the adult day service program in July.

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Silver Maples' concerts return

Silver Maples popular concert series returns at 7 p.m. Sept. 15 with the Picks and Sticks String Band.

Virtuosos on more than 10 instruments, from the hot fiddle of Michael Gleason to the vivacious banjo and guitar of Morgan Humecky, Picks & Sticks String Band has performed all over the country. The group has toured playing their brand of swing, folk, light pop, jazz, and ethnic tunes at Greenfield Village, the Detroit Festival of the Arts, and at Branson, Missouri's Artfolk. Their artistry paints musical pictures textured with images of down home, seasons of life, romance, family, and plenty of whimsy!

Join Silver Maples for the rollercoaster musical ride that is Picks & Sticks.

The fall lineup continues on Oct. 20 with Good Company, an a cappella jazz vocal group whose repertoire covers classical to jazz with an emphasis on contemporary vocal harmonies and blends, singing everything from Irving Berlin's "Blue Skies" to Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge over Troubled Water" to Louis Prima's "Sing, Sing, Sing."

November brings in the sumptuous smorgasbord of sophisticated vocal and instrumental sounds — an eclectic mix of old and new standards, swing, jazz, Texas swing, humorous story songs that is Five Guys Named Moe.



The Motor City Brass Quintet (above left), the Picks and Sticks String Band (bottom left) and Good Company (above) are part of the Silver Maples' lineup.

The series rounds out the year with the award winning Motor City Brass Quintet in December.

The group features some of Detroit's most creative and versatile brass musicians, including members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra.

With a repertoire ranging from Americana and Ragtime to Classical to

Modern, the Motor City Brass Quintet has played for George W. Bush and Bill Clinton, with rocker Bob Seger, with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, and for groups all over the Midwest.

The 7 p.m. concerts are presented by Silver Maples and the Chelsea Senior Center and held at Silver Maples of Chelsea, 100 Silver Maples Dr. Free tickets for seniors

are limited, required for initial seating, and available at Chelsea Senior Center.

A limited, at the door, second seating will be available on a first come first serve basis.

The Kaleidoscope Concert Series is funded, in part, by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and the Chelsea Community Foundation. For more information, call (734) 475-4111.

Group presents 'Princess Bride'

The Rainbow Players will hold a performance of "The Princess Bride" Thursday and Friday at Timber Town.

Rainbow Players was founded six years ago by Chelsea's Athena Eyster, now a University of Michigan student, and her younger siblings. The purpose of the players is to perform shows within a fun atmosphere and with a minimum time commitment, and to raise money to be donated to various charitable organizations.

"The Princess Bride" is their seventh show and is performed

by a cast of all ages, mostly local young people. The play follows the adventures of the enterprising Westley and the beautiful Buttercup. They encounter a scheming prince, an evil scientist, a fire swamp, kidnappers, giant rodents, sword fights, and true love. The play is appropriate for all ages.

Performances are at 5 p.m. today and tomorrow at Timber Town playground. Donations collected from the performances of "The Princess Bride" are going to SafeHouse Center, an organiza-



tion dedicated to ending domestic violence in Washtenaw County.

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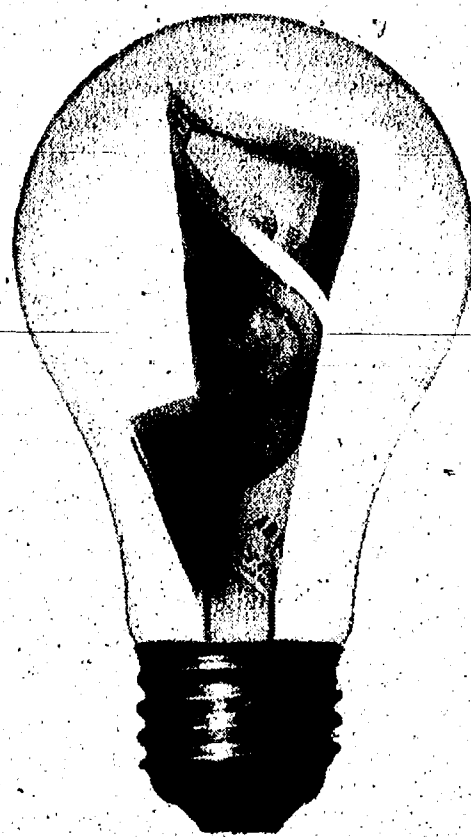
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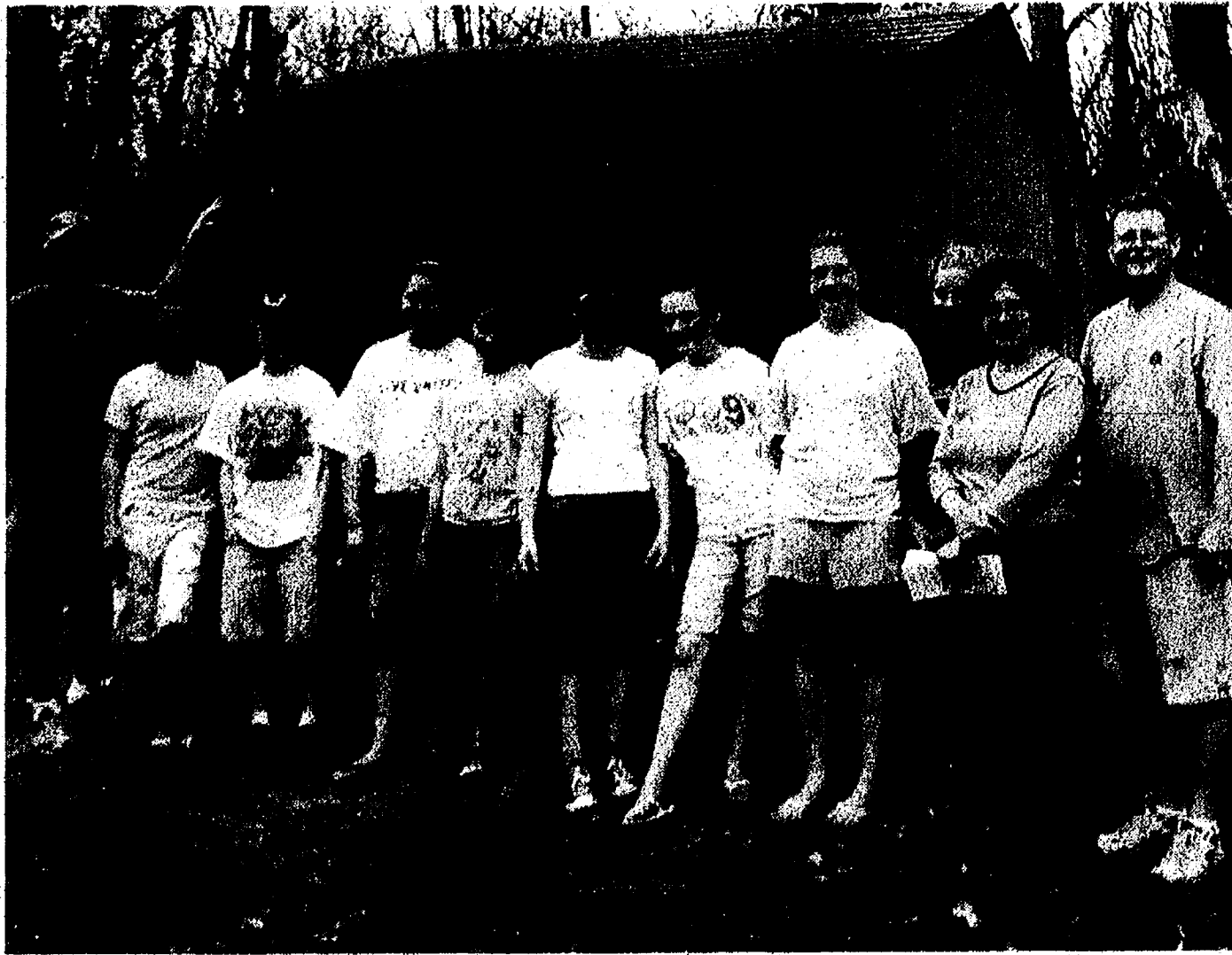
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This year's playhouse, a

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Dexter Rotary Club (www.rotarydexter.org) is dedicated to the community providing funds and volunteer services for education, youth, community and social programs.

For further information on the Rotary Club, e-mail Steve Feinman at steinman@mindspring.com.

Lyndon Township Planning Commission Notice

Lyndon Township has a vacancy on the Planning Commission and is seeking individuals from the general public, interested in serving their community. Please submit your letter of interest to Roxanne Petrie, Office Manager, Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118, no later than September 30, 2009, or FAX to 734-475-2251.

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Washtenaw County Legal Notice

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Construction of Rolling Hills Accessibility Enhancements. A Mandatory prebid site meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at the Park Headquarters, 7600 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti Township, (Adjacent to Project site work). Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Washtenaw County Finance/Purchasing Department located at 220 North Main Street, Room B-35, Lower Level, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. RFP 6482 Due: Friday, September 25, 2009 by 2:00 pm local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-8768 or logon to our website at <http://bids.washtenaw.org> and click on "open bids".

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, MICHIGAN, AND THE USERS OF THE VILLAGE'S WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan (the "Village"), intends to issue and sell revenue bonds pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Three Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,100,000), in one or more series for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring and constructing additions, extensions and improvements to the Village's water supply system, including construction and installation of a community well, construction of a well house, construction and installation of transmission mains, upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant and additional water main upgrades, together with all necessary interests in land, rights of way and all appurtenances and attachments therefor, to serve the users of the system.

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Carol Jones, Village Clerk
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Webster Township Board of Trustees Public Hearing August 18, 2009

Industrial Development District Members present: Supervisor: John Kingsley, Clerk: Mary Dee Heller, Treasurer: Carol Whitney, Trustees: John Westman, Gary Koch, Charles Estleman, and Richard Kleinschmidt, Engineer/Zoning Administrator: Bruce Pindia, Recording Secretary: Cynthia Zuccaro and ten citizens.

A Public Hearing was called to order at 7:55pm by Supervisor Kingsley, Industrial Development District

Kingsley: This is Mr. Lundy's request for the building that we commonly know as Dexter Research on Huron River Drive. What this Industrial Development District (IDD) does is, allow for an industrial tax abatement. If you don't have an IDD, you can't have an abatement. We've given Thompson Shore a couple tax abatements. We do not have the paper work yet on the tax abatement. Preliminarily we were told about 47 new jobs over the next few years. They are going to request a 12 year tax abatement, but we don't have the paper work here yet. This does not grant the tax abatement, it only facilitates it. At this time, I would like to open the discussion up to the public. Seeing none, any questions or comments from the board?

Kleinschmidt: Is this consistent with the Master Plan?

Kingsley: Yes.

Westman: At what point do we address the tax abatement issue?

Kingsley: Once the application has been properly submitted.

Kingsley: Is there any type of motion?

Motion Westman second Whitney that the board approve the IDD for Dexter Investment Associates, 7300 Huron River Dr. Roll call, all eyes motion carried.

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A SPECIAL LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:

1. Special Land Use Application & Permit of New Par, A Delaware Partnership dba Verizon Wireless, 24242 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, MI 48075, to erect a wireless cell phone tower on vacant property located on Boyce Rd. near M-52 in Lyndon Township. (Property ID# E-05-17-200-027)

Written comments may be sent to: Roxanne Petrie,

Office Manager, Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. The Lyndon Township Planning Commission will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Lyndon Township by writing or calling: Roxanne Petrie, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.

A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Linda Reilly, Clerk

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SCIO TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

MEETING TO BE HELD AT
SCIO TOWNSHIP
927 N ZEEB RD
ANN ARBOR MI 48103

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the Scio Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Township Hall, 927 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. During this meeting the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold public hearings on the following matters pursuant to the Scio Township Codified Zoning Ordinance of 2009, as amended:

A. Variance # 1525, Marvin & Drina Boluyt, by Northern Enclosures Inc., regarding property code # H-08-02-339-004, 3941 Prospect Court, requests a 4 foot side yard setback rather than the required 15 foot setback, pursuant to Section 36-75, of the Scio Township Codified Zoning Ordinance.

B. Variance # 1525, Lonnie Loy, by Melissa Loy, regarding property code # H-08-20-100-019, 8800 Jackson Road, requests a 28.4 % maximum lot coverage rather than the 25 % maximum lot coverage, pursuant to Section 36-75, of the Scio Township Codified Zoning Ordinance.

Persons or their duly appointed representative having interest in said applications shall there and then be heard at the above described meetings or adjournment thereof relative to any matters that should come before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Details concerning the aforementioned matters may be examined by interested persons and written comments will be received, at the Scio Township Offices at 827 N. Zeeb Road during office hours, weekdays, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate. Accommodations, including sign language interpreters, may be arranged by contacting the Scio Township's Clerk's Office at 734-663-2123 during the above hours, at least seven days in advance.

Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk
Scio Township

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Community Calendar

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 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.

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, will lead the workshop, which will be held 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.

Sept. 1: Senior Computing. First and third Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Library staff and volunteers are on hand to help learn about computers, Microsoft Office, the Internet and other technology issues.

Sept. 1: Babytime from 10:30-11:15 a.m. on Tuesdays for ages 0-24 months. Babytime is the place to introduce your baby to the world of books and reading. Bring a friend!

Sept. 2: Healthy Eating on a Budget. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Registration required. For adults. Join Emily Nease, registered dietitian and mother of two, as she presents ways families can eat healthy while on a budget.

Learn how to teach your children to make healthy choices in the school lunch line. Child care provided. This program is pre-

sented in partnership with the Chelsea Community Hospital.
Sept. 3: Teen Book Club for teens. Book quantities limited. First rule of Book Club: Read at your own risk! This fall features three dangerously good reads from a variety of genres. Special thanks to the Friends of the Chelsea District Library for providing free books and snacks.

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. 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.chelseaseniors.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.

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

Dexter

Artistic
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 St. Call (734) 426-7737. Lunches are complete - main dish listed.
Friday: 8 a.m. - Swimming, Wyle Pool; 10:30 a.m. Exercise, 11:30 a.m. Lunch - Veal Parmesan.

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

Saturday: 1 to 4 p.m. Drop-in Wii sports and snacks for ages 10 and up.

Monday: Registration begins for Fall Story Times.

Sept. 5: 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

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 1-800-477-3191 or 734-426-8211.

Sept. 12: Critter Family Paddle. 12:30 - 4 p.m. \$35/boat and program. Bug boxes and boats! Discover the small critters that live in the Huron River. What could be more fun? Meet at Dexter-Huron Metropark for you, your boat and a naturalist guide to be transported upstream to Hudson Mills Metropark. Select canoes, single kayaks and/or double kayaks, whichever boat best fit you and your family. For ages five and older. Call (734) 426-8211 to pre-register.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY OF CHELSEA ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing, as the statute in such case provides, for amendment of the Chelsea City Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 79). The requested change would revise the Zoning Map from RS-3 to C-5 in the area described as:

TAX CODE #:
06-06-12-402-006, 007, 024 and 028

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The aforesaid hearing will be held in the Board Room, Washington

U-M researchers target incurable pulmonary fibrosis

A diagnosis of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis is not much better than a death sentence: there is no treatment and the survival rate is less than three years.

But researchers at the University of Michigan have discovered that targeting of a novel gene utilizing genetic and pharmacologic strategies was successful in treating pulmonary fibrosis in mice and will be developed for future testing in humans.

The treatments attack an oxidant-generating enzyme, NOX4, that researchers discovered is involved in the fibrotic process — which involves scar-like tissue formation in an organ such as the lung. The researchers' findings will be published in the September issue of the journal Nature Medicine.

So those suffering from common cardiac or kidney diseases, which often involve fibrosis, also may benefit from treatments stemming from this research, Pennathur said.

Subramaniam Pennathur, M.D., assistant professor of internal medicine, said continued support from the National Institutes of Health will eventually allow researchers to take the

treatment to human studies. The University of Michigan also has filed for patent protection and is currently looking for a licensing partner to help bring the technology to market.

The discovery was made in the University of Michigan lab of Victor J. Thannickal, M.D. He was assisted by Louise Hecker, Ph.D., a post-doctoral research fellow.

Thannickal said the study points to a very viable treatment strategy for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, and researchers saw success both in mouse models of lung fibrosis and in fibrocytic cells isolated from lungs of patients with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis.

The lung disease often affects older people, Thannickal said, and its cause is generally unknown. It is possible that cumulative injuries like exposure to environmental toxins and

pollutants in genetically susceptible individuals could contribute to causing fibrosis.

There is a gradual scarring of the lung, thickening and contracting the organ until it loses its ability to exchange oxygen with blood, Hecker said. Patients experience extreme fatigue, rapid weight loss, chronic cough and shortness of breath.

There are five million people worldwide that are affected by this disease, according to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. In the United States, there are more than 100,000 patients with Pulmonary Fibrosis.

When U-M researchers induced the fibrotic process in the mice, they discovered that the NOX4 enzyme was elevated. By knocking down that enzyme at the genetic level or inhibiting its activity, the fibrosis was stopped, Hecker said.

Dexter Township 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd. Dexter, MI 48130 (734) 426-3767

Summary of Action of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting August 18, 2009

Called to order at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Supervisor Kelly, Treasurer Kooyers, Clerk Rider, Trustees Brubaker, Knight, Lesser, and Maciejewski. Also present, Patrick Sloan, Director of Planning & Zoning.

Absent: None

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, and current bills (General Fund - \$62,050.92; Fire Fund - \$5,734.89; Police Fund \$38,862.25 and gross payroll \$21,565.15).

The Board also voted for conditional approval of a fireworks permit for a display at Portage Lake to be held on September 5th with a rain date of September 6th; approval for several township officials to attend the Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) Citizen Planner Training, and an amendment to the General Fund Budget to cover Planning Commission Training; and appointed Kathryn Bowring as an alternate to the Huron River Watershed Council.

The board discussed, but did not take action on: the Copper Meadows Drainage District Investigation (the consensus of the Board was to proceed with a "Chapter Three" report); the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) proposed service level adjustments; the proposal from Lima Township to withdraw from the Dexter Area Fire Authority.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Harley B. Rider, Clerk, Dexter Township

Summary approved by Pat Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township

This Summary of the August 18, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees was prepared by Harley B. Rider, Clerk, Dexter Township, and approved by Pat Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township, in accordance with the provisions of MCL 41.724(3). A draft of the full minutes of the August 18, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Township Board is available for examination at the Township Hall during regular business hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, except holidays). The full minutes of the August 18, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees will be presented at the September 15, 2009, Regular meeting for review and approval by the Board. Following approval the full minutes will be posted on the Township's web site www.twp-dexter.org.

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Webster Township Board of Trustees Public Hearing August 18, 2009

Storybook Lane Special Assessment District

Members present: Supervisor: John Kingsley, Clerk: Mary Dee Heller, Treasurer: Carol Whitney, Trustees: John Westman, Gary Koch, Charles Estleman, and Richard Kleinschmidt. Engineer/Zoning Administrator: Bruce Pindzia, Recording Secretary: Cynthia Zuccaro and ten citizens.

A Public Hearing was called to order at 7:40pm by Supervisor Kingsley, Storybook Lane Special Assessment District.

Pindzia: Storybook Lane is a private road that is being proposed by a local developer named Manual Xuereb. Mr. Xuereb lives at the end of Pellett Drive. The private road being proposed is a gravel road 22 feet in width and 850 feet in length. It will serve 7 lots. The purpose of this Public Hearing is not to discuss the construction plans, but to establish a "Special Assessment District" such a district would be limited to the seven lots serviced by the subject road. The Special Assessment District (SAD) will not go beyond those seven lots. Those in the audience that received notice about this public hearing got those notices not because we would assess you, but because of state law. If you live within 300 feet of the proposed SAD, state law says you must be notified.

Kingsley: Basically this provides the first step in providing a mechanism to maintain this road after the developer is gone. The reason this is being done now, before the road is done, is because there is one owner of the property now and it is very easy to understand then who is responsible. Once they start dividing it, it then becomes an issue if one neighbor feels they have less frontage than another, for example. This eliminates that problem. No one on Merrill road will then have any financial responsibility for this. At this point in time, only the developer is included but once it is built out seven others, will have responsibility.

Public Comment:
Nancy Xuereb, current owner, stated that she does not see the need for the SAD. It's decided that residence have to form an association for road maintenance. It says right in the deed that the homeowners will pay this. I don't think it is necessary for the homeowners to have to pay the township for this. It's written in there that there will be a lien on their property if they don't pay.

Kingsley: This has the townships' authority in addition to some deed restriction so they don't have to sue. Any other comments from the public? (none) Seeing none, I will open it up to comments from the board.

Westman: Who initiated this? Did Mr. Xuereb initiate it?

Kingsley: Basically the township board, when we approved the

site plan.

Kingsley reads the resolution: Storybook Lane Special Assessment Resolution 1

*see attached

Estleman: Who will be maintaining this road?

Kingsley: The homeowners association. If there's a case where the road deteriorates and the association realized they have a major repair to do and one homeowner doesn't agree, and it's in a deed restriction, they have to go to court. With a SAD the township contracts to have it done and its part of their tax bill.

Kleinschmidt: Is the township deciding whether the road is in good condition or not?

Kingsley: There will be a second public hearing.

Kleinschmidt: So before anything is done there has to be a second public hearing?

Kingsley: Yes, there always has to be a second public hearing before anything is done. This just establishes who is going to be a part of it.

Kleinschmidt: So a second public hearing is how much, who pays, and whether or not it goes through?

Kingsley: Yes.

Estleman: This work would all need to be bid out, wouldn't it?

Kingsley: Yes. If the township's involved it would get bid out. A homeowners association without the SAD doesn't have to be bid out.

Westman: Do we recover cost of these through the development agreement?

Kingsley: We have to as a township pay for it for this step of it, basically, before the next public hearing.

Westman: Who prepared the resolution?

Kingsley: Bruce Pindzia

Westman: Is there anything in the resolution that should be reviewed by our attorney?

Kingsley: This was actually written from an original draft by our attorney.

Pindzia: The original was draft was done for Black Pine Rd., the development off of Walsh Rd. You elected not to pursue a SAD on that particular project.

Koch: The Township may have to pay if an owner decides not to pay.

Kingsley: That's true but it will be in the next tax bill. Our liability is very limited.

Motion Kingsley second Estleman to accept Storybook Lane Special Assessment Resolution 1.

Roll call: 2 ayes: Koch & Kleinschmidt, 5 ayes: Estleman, Kingsley, Heller, Whitney & Westman. Motion carried.

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NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by CHRIS & PAULA RODE of 225 W. MIDDLE ST., CHELSEA, MI 48118, for a variance from the requirements of Section 3.10 B of Ordinance No. 79 (Zoning Ordinance), to ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GARAGE 13' 6" IN HEIGHT. CURRENT HEIGHT REGULATION IS 12'.

The property is described as follows:

TAX CODE: # 06-06-12-430-017
225 W. MIDDLE,
CHELSEA, MICHIGAN

Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request: a Notice of Hearing shall be given and will be served personally or by mail at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property and occupants of property located within three hundred (300) feet of such premises in question.

You are hereto notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on September 16, 2009, at 3:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea City Offices, located in the Chelsea City Hall, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider comments or objections to said request.

The petition is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

DONALD T. OSBORNE,
CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A REZONING PUBLIC HEARING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP HALL 17751 N. TERRITORIAL ROAD CHELSEA, MI 48118

AGENDA:
1. Request for a Zoning Change or Amendment from applicants John Barnhart, Walter Flagg, Michael Chupa, and Gail Young, 23855 Audrey, Warren MI 48091, to rezone property from R-R Rural Residential District to L-R Lake Residential District for the purpose of creating lake-side single family building sites on 23.45 acres located on the west shore of Joslin Lake, east of Roepke Rd. (Property ID E-05-04-100-001)

Written comments may be sent to: Roxanne Petrie, Office Manager, Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. The Lyndon Township Planning Commission will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Lyndon Township by writing or calling: Roxanne Petrie, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 or phone 734-475-2401.

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LYNDON TOWNSHIP
Linda Kelly, Clerk

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING AUGUST 18, 2009

The Webster Township Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Kingsley on August 18, 2009 at the Township Hall, 5685 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, and Treasurer Whitney, Trustees: Koch, Westman, Estleman & Kleinschmidt, and Township Engineer/Zoning Administrator: Pindzia, Recording Secretary Zuccaro and ten citizens.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Approve Minutes
Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on July 21, 2009 with one correction under A. Old Business (second Estleman). All ayes, and carried.

Supervisor Remarks

Approve Agenda
Motion Westman second Koch to approve Agenda. All ayes and carried.

Public Hearing Storybook Lane Special Assessment District
* See attached

Public Hearing IDD
* See attached

Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Call to Public

Reports

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

B. Planning Commission:
Report received.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee:
No report received.

D. Zoning Inspectors Report:
Report received. "Three new permits issued and seven zoning inspections.

E. Sheriff's Report:
Report received.

F. Zoning Board of Appeals:
No report received.

G. PDR Committee:
Report received.

H. Fire Department Report:
Report received.

Old Business:

A. Earth Art.
Motion Westman second Kleinschmidt to postpone providing time to identify conditions of approval with new zoning ordinance until the November 17, 2009 meeting. All ayes and carried abstain Koch.
B. Storybook Lane Special Assessment District

Motion Kingsley second Estleman to adopt Storybook Lane Special Assessment Resolution No. 1. Roll call vote. Estleman, Kingsley, Heller, Whitney, Westman yes Koch and Kleinschmidt no. Motion carried.

C. PDR Resolution:
Motion Westman second Heller to adopt the Webster Township Resolution No. 09-09 to approve the Purchase of Development Rights of the William and Cherrie Nixon property. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

New Business:

A. Ballot Proposals for November 3, 2009 Election

Proposal A: Webster Township Public Safety Millage
A renewal millage to provide funds for the police and fire protection in Webster Township. Motion Kleinschmidt second Westman to approve Proposal A. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

Proposal B: Farmland and Open Space Land Preservation Millage
A renewal millage to preserve farmland and open space through the township. Motion Heller second Estleman to approve Proposal B with the request from Westman of language correction and to strike: and provide new parks, recreational opportunities and trails. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

Proposal C: Webster Township Headlee Reduction Override Millage
Motion Heller second Estleman to approve Proposal C with correction of sum. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

B. Solid Waste Management Dues
Discussion took place, no action.

C. LIAA Small Scale Grant
Discussion took place, no action.

D. Webster Township Resolution 175 years Webster United Church of Christ
Motion Kleinschmidt second Westman to adopt the Webster Township Resolution in regards to Webster United Church of Christ 175 celebration. All ayes and carried.

Correspondence

Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Dee Heller,
Clerk Webster Township

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Leroy Fulcher
Date of birth: 5/18/1924

TO ALL CREDITORS:
Leroy Fulcher, Trustee of the Revocable Trust Agreement of Leroy Fulcher, who lived at 741 Provincial Drive, Chelsea, MI 48118, died April 28, 2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to LINDA TIRB, named successor trustee, within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Judy C. Coleman
Bar no. 4310
601 Woodland Dr.
Saline, MI 48176
734-429-4272

Linda Tirb
5191 Shepper Road
Stockbridge, MI 49285
517-851-8401

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Timothy Self, RV115 Mark F. Dixon, RV200 Joe Perry, 8205 Paul Koenig, 8214 Paul Sexton, 8223 Paul Sexton, 1921 Roberto Eves, 5341 Andrew Majko, K1138 Tonya Wiley.

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OWNER: PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP, 6201 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN 48108

LOCATION/NAME: Pittsfield Township, Michigan

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 Vine Ct., Fri.-Sat. 8/28-29 9-5. Toys, kid's clothes, household goods, misc.

ALLEN PARK: 14846
 LeBlanc, Thur.-Sat. 9-5. Furniture, TVs, housewares, clothing, small kitchen appliances, etc.

ALLEN PARK: 14805
 University, Aug. 28-29: 9-5pm. 6 Family Sale. Collectibles, household, hunting/fishing & holiday decorations.

ALLEN PARK: 15637
 & 15650 Warwick, Aug. 28: 9-5. Aug. 29: 9-4. Furniture, jewelry, clothing, lg. size women's apparel, toilet & vanity.

ALLEN PARK: 15776
 Angelique, Aug. 27-28: 9-5pm. Huge Garage Sale. Many misc. items!

ALLEN PARK: 15841
 Promenade, Aug. 28-29: 9-4pm. Misc. household items & clothing, furniture.

ALLEN PARK: 15839
 3 family/10089 Kolb (Allen & Midway) Fri.-Sat. 9-5. Clothes kids & adults, misc.

ALLEN PARK: 6569
 Parkside Blvd., Aug. 27: Noon-6pm. Aug. 28: 10-6pm. HUGE 5 Family Sale.

ALLEN PARK: 6546
 Shenandoah: 8/27 & 8/28 from 8-4pm. 8/29 from 8-2pm. PRICED TO SELL!

ALLEN PARK: 8033
 Buckingham, Aug. 29-30: 9-3. Lots of kids clothes & toys, New Beanie Babies.

ALLEN PARK: 8960
 Park Ave., Aug. 27-28: 9-5. Bike carrier, backpack, gym-bag, clothes, toys.

ANN ARBOR: 3455
 Brentwood Ct. Aug. 28-29 8-5. Boat, car, piano, furn., albums, bikes, clothing, toys, cameras, & books. Will take any reasonable offer, everything must go!

ANN ARBOR: Dryer,
 toys, women's & kids clothing, household items. Fri. & Sat. 7843 W. Liberty

ANN ARBOR Woods
 neighborhood Sale, Manchester Rd. & Area Streets, Sat. Aug. 29th., 8-2pm. 30 plus families.

BELLEVILLE: 17219
 Haggerty, Aug. 27-28: 8-5pm. 3 Family Sale. Baby items, upscale kids clothing (6mo.-8 yr.), toys, books, etc.

BROWNSTOWN: 18072
 Red Oak Lane (Oakwood Estates), Aug. 28-30 9-4. Moving Sale!

BROWNSTOWN: 20271
 Bourassa, 48183, Aug. 28-30 9-3. Moving Sale! 32 yr. accumulation!

BROWNSTOWN: 20622
 Roche Aug. 28-29 9-4. Yard Sale! NO EARLY BIRDS PLEASE!!

BROWNSTOWN: 21209
 Black Forest, 48134, Aug. 28-29 9-5. Furniture, TV, housewares, small kitchen appl. & more!

BROWNSTOWN: 22713
 Lindsey Dr. (Smith Creek Sub), Aug. 27-28: 9-4pm. Furniture, etc. of kids clothes & more.

BROWNSTOWN, 24343
 Charles Dr., Aug. 22 & 23, 10-2. Everything Must Go!

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RIVERVIEW: 18566 Ray, 8/26-27 9-4 ladies clothes, S & LX, bike, lamps, x-mas, lot of misc.
ROCKWOOD: Huge multi family garage sale, something for everyone, scrapbooking, Party Lite, toys, crafts, clothes, household, treadmill, books & movies, Rain or shine, 16034, Streicher, Aug. 27-28, 29, 9-5
ROMULUS: 19551 Middlebelt Rd., 8/27-29 9-3, hunting equip., mens clothes, tools, misc.
SALINE: 2575 Brasso Rd., 48176, Aug. 28-29 9-3. Name brand clothing, household, misc.
SALINE: 372 S. Harris St., Aug. 28-29 9-4. Furniture, clothing, TV, computer equip., misc.
Saline: 6156 Myers Meadow. Lots of girls stuff incl. Bookcases, furn. appl. electronics & more. Fri & Sat 8-3.
SOUTHGATE: 12884 & 12484 Leroy, Thru-Sat. 9-5 Household, kids stuff, collectibles, clothes, misc. items
SOUTHGATE: 13360 Pullman, Aug 29th, 9-4pm. Furniture, craft supplies & household goods.
SOUTHGATE: 13369 Netherwood, Aug 29-30, 9-5pm. Adult kids clothing, household items, etc.
SOUTHGATE: 13423 Walnut, 9a-4p. Aug 27, 28, 29. 2 Family Yard Sale. Tons of stereo equip, tools & misc.
SOUTHGATE: 13551 Cunningham Aug 27-28, 9-4. Computers, mowers, Avon, etc.
SOUTHGATE: 13664 Windemere, Aug. 29-30, 9-4pm. Clothes, home decor & misc. items.
Southgate: 13736 Leroy, 8/27-30 9-6 collection of Marie Osmond dolls, misc. items, new coats -
SOUTHGATE: 14165 Northline Rd., Aug. 28-29 9am-7 Jukebox & something for everybody.
SOUTHGATE: 14258 Balsam, 9-5, Aug. 28 & 29th **HUGE & FAMILY SALE!**
SOUTHGATE: 14529 Mulberry, Aug 28-29th, 9-7
SOUTHGATE: 14824 Pearl, 8/29 9-2, rain date 8/30, boys 3mo.-18mo. clothes \$50/1 per piece, toys, accessories
SOUTHGATE: 15082 Richmond, Aug 27-29, 9-5pm Household, Clothes & Misc.
SOUTHGATE: huge sale 13813 Pearl St., Thur. 8-4. Coke & sports memorabilia, misc., collectibles
SOUTHGATE: moving sale 13136 Sycamore, Thur.-Fri. 8-5. Furniture, toys, household items
TAYLOR: 12549 Weddel, Aug. 27-29, 8-5pm. Ceramic bisque, molds, craft items, clothes, electronics, furniture, etc 734-334-7025
TAYLOR: 25039 Chestnut, Aug 27-28, 29. Multi Family. Fashion purses, shoes, scrubs, new baby clothing-items, tools, must sacrifice. Gauges, indicators, micrometers. Make offer. Much more.

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TAYLOR: 7540 Harding Aug. 28-29 9-4. 3 family sale! Something for everyone!
TAYLOR: Beautiful Large Vintage Jewelry Collection Sale, Sat. Aug. 29, 10am-8pm, at Gibraltar Trade Center.
TAYLOR: Multi Family 25683 Greenlawn Ct. Aug 28-30th, 9-5. Furniture, home decor, arts & crafts, clothes & more.
TRENTON: 3024 Charles, Aug. 28-29, 9-4. TomTom, cell phone, clothes, light stand & more.
TRENTON: 3171 & 3151 Palmetto, Aug. 29, 9-4pm. Amour, curio cabinet, household & misc.
TRENTON: 3780 Brookshire, Aug. 27-30, 9-7. Clothes, tables, framed pics, art, wall paper, misc.
TRENTON: 4527 Crestant (off Fort St. betw. West & Van Horn), Aug. 22-23, 9-3. Household, etc.
WOODHAVEN: 22005 King Rd., Aug. 22-23, Noon-6pm. Many new items, priced to sell.
WOODHAVEN: 22245 Birch 48183, Aug. 28-29 9-5. 2 family sale! Comp desk & much more!
Woodhaven: 22293 Crestwood, Fri-Sat. 8/28-29 9-7 Household, toys, sports equip, lots of misc.
WOODHAVEN: 22553 Monterey. Moving Sale! 8/27 thru 8/29 From 9-7 Pool table, juke box, boating, tools, snow-plow, wood-chipper, furniture, Nascar decor. Vinyl record & more.
WOODHAVEN: 24277 Crescent Dr. 8/28 & 8/29 from 9-4pm. Furniture, children's toys/clothes & more.
Fast Cash Sell Classified
WYANDOTTE: 1116 16th St., Aug. 26, 27, 28, 10-8, 3 families, Party-Lite, Home interiors, plus size clothes, purses, lawn mowers, ladders.
WYANDOTTE: 1711 Elm St., Aug. 28-29, 10-4pm. Books, clothing, home decor & more.
WYANDOTTE: 1835 10th St., Aug. 27-29, 9-7, dinette set, captain's bed and much more.
WYANDOTTE: 2435 Cora, Aug. 28-29, 9-7 Entertainment Center, Avon, baby clothes & much much more!
WYANDOTTE: 314 Orange St., Aug. 27-28, 10-4. X-mas & home decor, Webkins, craft supp.
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WYANDOTTE: 489 Spruce Aug. 29-30 9-5. Cance Fund-raiser! Lots of miscellaneous items!
WYANDOTTE: 733 Emmons Blvd., 8/27-8/28 9-4 & 8/29, 9-2. misc. household, drapes, linens, old Avon. LOTS of stuff!
WYANDOTTE: 919 River Court (9th & Goddard) Aug 28, 27, 9a-4p. Books, movies, clothes & more.
YPSILANTI: 23rd annual Pine View estates garage sale, Sat. Aug 29 9-4. Textile Rd. St. Ellis & Stony Creek. 10+ homes.

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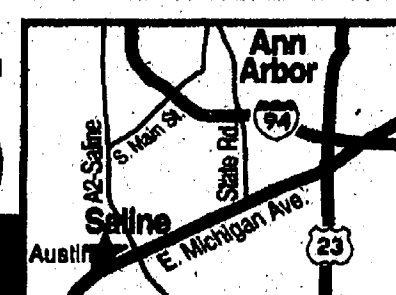
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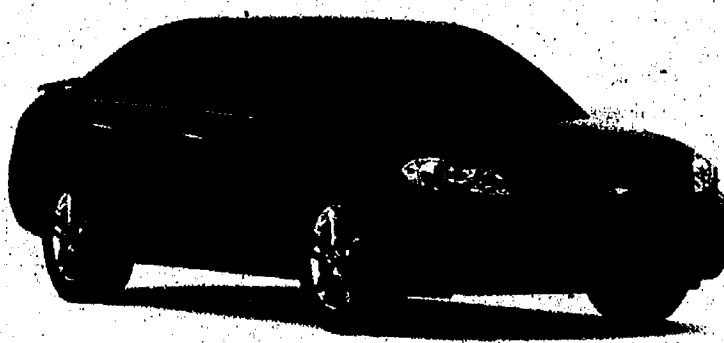
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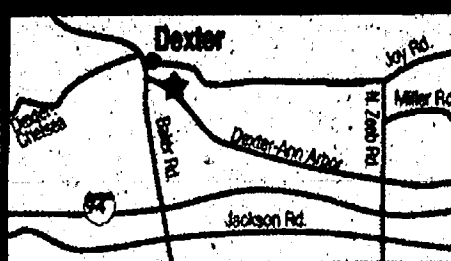
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GOLF

Chelsea begins new chapter

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea's girls' golf will begin a new chapter this season as longtime coach Andrea Bareis decided to step down this year to spend more time with her family. Bareis helped build the Bulldogs into a perennial state tournament contender and one of the best programs in the area.

Replacing Bareis this season will be Kelly Baker. A former All-State golfer at Port Huron Northern High School, Baker, in 2002, walked on the University of Michigan women's golf team. She ended up earning a scholarship and becoming a key member of the Wolverine team by the time she was a senior.

"It was an awesome experience and the things I learned while playing are priceless," she said.

While at U-M, Baker was a teammate of former Chelsea standout Julie Inwood.

As a player, Baker's accomplishments and talent are unquestioned. As a coach, she admittedly has no prior experience.

"I helped Andrea (Bareis) out two seasons ago in the winter, working with three girls at the old high school hitting balls," she said. "I have also helped out with many golf camps throughout my golfing career."

What Baker lacks in real time coaching experience, she more than makes up for in knowledge of the game and enthusiasm for her new job and for the Chelsea program.

"I see in each of my players the potential to be great golfers," she said. "It just requires effort on their part more than just during the golf season. I think that for the girls' golf program to be successful we need feeder programs that go throughout the summer, like a junior tour or something to that effect. The girls need to play golf throughout the summer, not just when the season begins. I want them to play and practice and understand that if they put in the effort they will reap the benefits of it."

Baker said this year's Chelsea squad has a great attitude.

"They are competitive people, so I believe anything is possible," she said. "I think if they see that it is within their reach they will make it happen. And so far, this is the case. I am really excited about the team and the potential they all have. The majority of the team are ninth- and 10th-graders which is exciting for the future. My philosophy when they are playing is one at a time. You cannot get ahead of yourself with golf or force something to happen. The more experience the girls have, the better off they will be."

Leading the Bulldogs this season will be captains Emily Shrobbree and Kelly Schmidt.

"They both worked hard on their games this summer and it has paid off," Baker said.

Another player expected to contribute this season is junior Danielle Coleman.

"All of the freshmen from last year have returned as sophomores and they have a lot of ability, so it is exciting," Baker said.

Freshmen looking to make an impact this year for Chelsea include Gabrielle Triveline and Judy Kim. Sophomore Taylor Hansen, a transfer from rival Dexter, will also bolster the Bulldogs' line-up this season.

"It is exciting because we have a lot of players that are right there and with some practicing and fine tuning, they all have the potential to be good," Baker said. "They are all young,

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Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong

Chelsea's Jeff Minzey runs for daylight during last week's scrimmage. The Bulldogs kick off the season against Ann Arbor Huron 5 p.m. Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

Chelsea opens against Huron

FOOTBALL

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea football kicks off its season 5 p.m. Saturday against Ann Arbor Huron in the Big Day Prep Showdown V at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

Last season, the Bulldogs defeated the River Rats 35-27 in the first game of the year.

Huron has a new coach in former Central Michigan University linebacker Corey Gildersleeve. Prior to arriving in Ann Arbor, Gildersleeve was the head coach at Dearborn Heights Ann Arbor.

"With their new coaching staff, Huron was able to get a lot more kids out for football," said Chelsea coach Brad Bush. "They're a very talented team."

On offense, Huron will look to All-State wide receiver Jeremy Jackson (6-foot-4, 200 pounds). Jackson has already verbally committed to the University of Michigan.

Under Gildersleeve, the River Rats will try and control the ball with the veer offense.

Huron quarterback John Helvie will have the duty of making quick decisions in the new offense, as the veer is often predicated on reading defensive moves, and making progressive decisions on the fly.

Gildersleeve said he was confident in his quarterback, citing Helvie as one of the team's top players.

Helvie will be joined in the backfield by Bradford King, a running back that can not only run past hungry linemen, but can even go right through a rogue safety now and then.

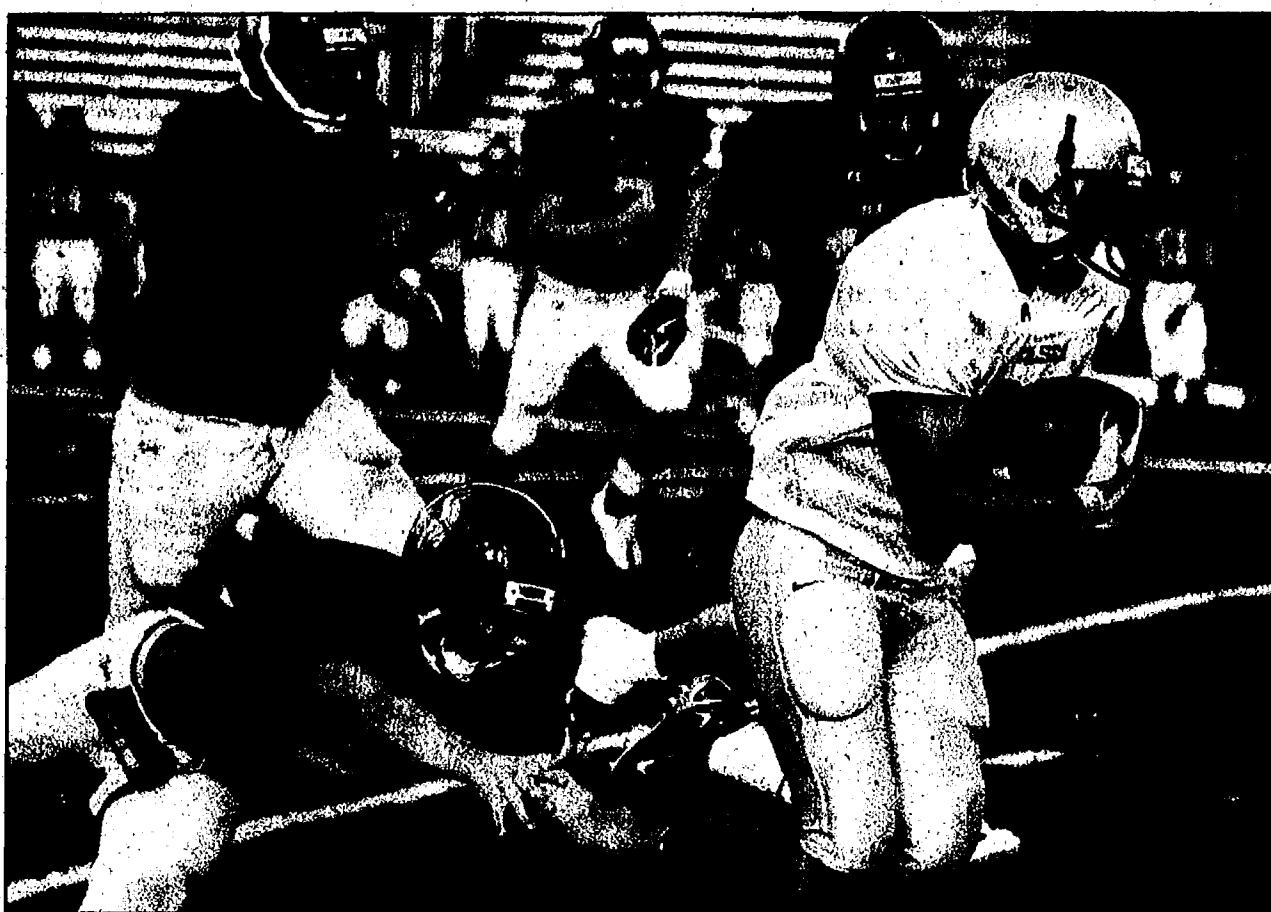


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Chelsea's Nick Hill will be a featured player this season for the Bulldogs. A senior, Hill recently verbally committed to play at Michigan State next year.

Game One

Who: Chelsea vs. AA Huron

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Last season: Chelsea 35, Huron 27

Leading the River Rats defensively, will be outside linebackers Andrew Gleichart and John Haarer.

Last season, Huron fell to the

Bulldogs and this time around, the new look River Rats are looking for redemption.

Gildersleeve said the team has been working on fundamentals and improving every day.

"We are building a new program for the long haul," he said. "We think we are ready to go."

Last season, Huron finished with a 4-5 overall record.

Chelsea ended the year 9-3 overall, losing in the Division 3 state regional final to Inkster 16-13.

Leading the Bulldogs this season will be running back

Nick Hill (5-7, 185). Hill has verbally committed to Michigan State.

On defense, Chelsea will have one of the area's best defensive backfields with Zak Giller, Cody Adams and Dakota Cooley all returning after starting last season.

Up front, three-year starter defensive end Colton Waterbury (6-3, 230) dominates in the trenches, while at linebacker Scott Devol (6-1, 175) and Cal Bauer (5-10, 220) look to make plenty of tackles.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Pappas returns to pace Bulldogs

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

With 14 straight winning seasons and having qualified for the state meet nine out of the past 10 years, Chelsea's boys' cross country team has had an impressive run of success lately.

Last year, the Bulldogs, defending Southeastern Conference White Division champions, finished fourth in the state at the Division 2 final at Michigan International

"The rest of the varsity will have to come from others who have never run in their life."

Eric Swager

Speedway

"We lost a solid group of senior contributors and that leaves us without a lot of depth," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager, entering his 15th year as Bulldog mentor.

Though Chelsea lost a lot of talent off of last year's club, it does have the luxury of welcoming back to this season's squad one of the state's top runners in August Pappas. A junior, Pappas finished seventh overall in the state last year as a sophomore. His top time of 15:49 a year ago is already the third fastest in Bulldog cross country history.

"He has been training great this summer, putting in roughly 70 miles per week," Swager said. "He hopes to be near the front of every meet this year."

Also returning to the fold this season for Chelsea is sophomore Bryce Bradley and senior Geoff Smith-Wooliams. Bradley's 16:10 state meet performance last season was a Bulldog freshman record and was the top freshman time out of all runners, in all divisions, at last season's final. Smith-Wooliams' state meet time of 17:02 last year was a personal best.

"We hope to get him down to that or under as soon as possible," Swager said of Smith-Wooliams.

Swager said rounding out the rest of his line-up would be runners with little or no experience.

"The rest of the varsity will have to come from others who have never run a varsity race in their life," he said. "Right now, Joe Hewitt (sophomore), Kevin Stockwell (junior) and Spencer Cone (senior) seem to be in the best condition. Sean Owley (junior) and Kyle Hughes (sophomore) will also hope to improve as the season goes along."

Swager said adding to Chelsea's talent pool this year would be one of the largest freshman classes in years.

"(Freshmen) Shane McGrath, Avery Osentoski, Charlie Miller, Austin Horn, Austin Gray and Sam Christie should all improve greatly as they gain strength and racing experience," he said.

Swager said this season's goals are to try and qualify for the state final.

"With this crew, it will be a huge challenge for the coaching staff to bring the bulk of the varsity along to where we need to be," he said. "By continuing to work hard, we do have a shot, however."

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CROSS COUNTRY

Dawgs return seven of top eight

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

After finishing fourth overall at the Division 2 state regional meet and second in the Southeastern Conference White Division last season, Chelsea's girls' cross country team is looking to regroup and improve upon last year's performance.

"We return seven of our top eight girls from last year's team," said Chelsea coach Pat Clarke, entering his 39th season as the dean of area coaches. "We are more mature and experienced this year. We will be better than last year, but how much better is the question."

Leading this year's squad will be senior captains and returning All-SEC runners Julie Beaumont and Courtney Maher. Other seniors in the mix this season include Jenna McGrath, Olivia Hagerman and Lauren Zigman.

Also being counted on for points this year include juniors Samantha Newbound and Corinne Carpenter. Newbound earned All-SEC recognition a year ago, while Carpenter is

one of the state's top sprinters.

Sophomores looking to make their mark this season include returning first team All-SEC performer Danielle Dahl, Jessi Battaglia, Megan Hall and Elaine Johnson.

"They're a very talented group of runners who are all competing very well at this time," Clarke said. "All are hard workers who have a great deal of potential."

Freshmen hoping to crack the line-up this year for Chelsea include Ella Fritzmeier, Kennedy Aldrich,

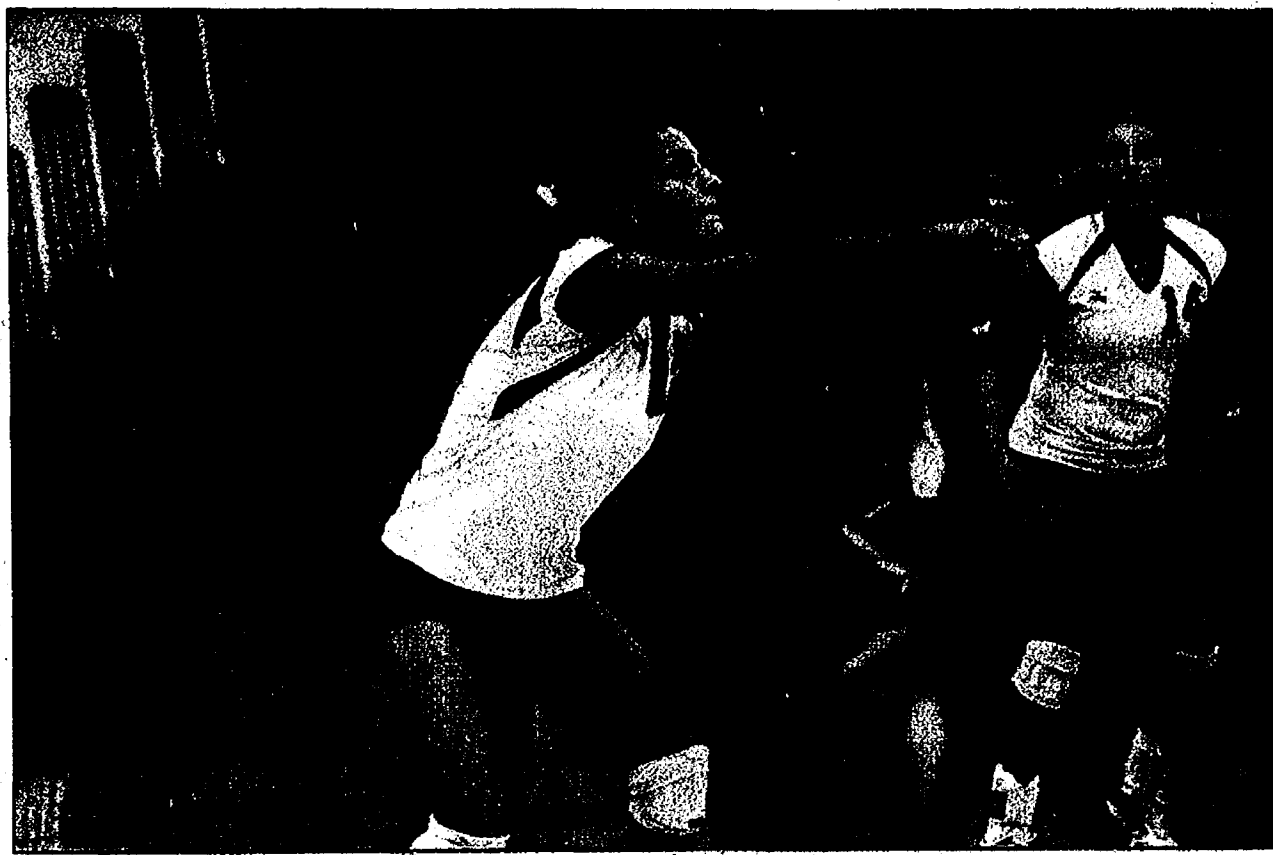
Gwen Hubbard and Hailey Schutte.

Clarke said Dexter, which finished 12th in the state last year, would be the favorite in the always rugged SEC White this season.

"They return seven of their top eight runners and they have an outstanding group of middle school runners coming up this year," he said.

Rounding out the SEC White contenders this season will be Ypsilanti Lincoln, Tecumseh,

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Chelsea's Brittany Schmelz returns to lead the Bulldogs in 2009 after earning All-State honorable mention accolades last season.

VOLLEYBALL

Chelsea serves for title

By Don Richter
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Chelsea volleyball experienced a banner year last season. The Bulldogs finished 43-12-2 overall, capturing a Southeastern Conference White Division title and a Class B district championship.

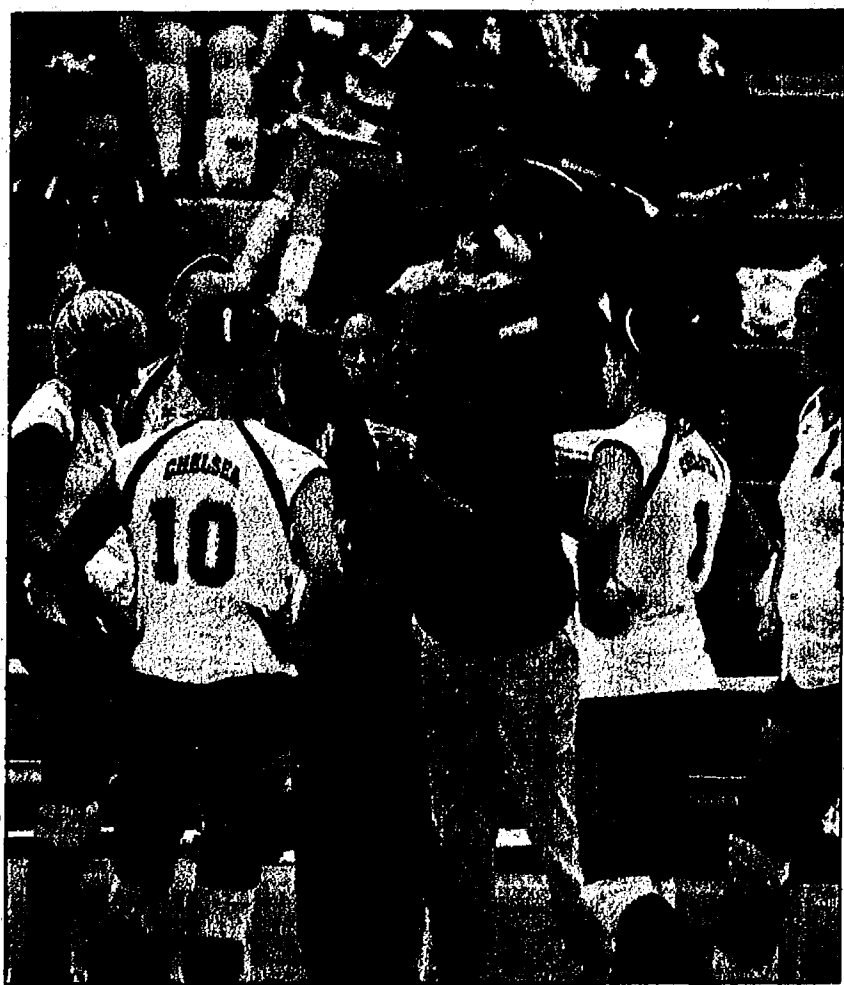
Last year, Chelsea was strong at the net and defensively the Bulldogs were difficult to score upon. The loss of All-Stater Carolyn Olsen (6-foot), Megan Dunn and Zoe Suffety will be tough for Chelsea to overcome. The talented trio was a big reason for the Bulldogs' success last season.

Though the graduation of Olsen, Dunn and Suffety has left a void in the Chelsea lineup, the Bulldogs traditionally have been more than able to reload over the years, instead of rebuilding. This season will be no exception as Chelsea returns a plethora of big-time players and performers.

Tops among the returnees for the Bulldogs this season will be Brittany Schmelz. Last year, Schmelz earned All-State honorable mention, All-Region and All-Southeastern Conference White Division recognition.

Chelsea this season will have four seniors, five juniors, three sophomores and one freshman rounding out its line-up.

"We have a young group who have been working to improve," said Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland, entering her 10th year on the Bulldog bench.



Laura Cleveland returns for her 10th season on the Bulldog bench in 2009.

"Returning juniors who we anticipate providing consistency throughout the season are Ellie Stoffer, Michelle Wellman and Nicole Schmelz at setter."

Cleveland said the strength of this season's team will be its ability to serve, while a weakness or an area of improvement would be working on its sideout efficiency and overall team defense.

Cleveland said this year's team has multiple goals heading into the 2009 season.

"We are always striving to win a tournament and compete for an SEC title and district title," she said. "We are young and my goal is to develop the team and keep pushing the team to improve throughout the season."

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DAWGS

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Adrian and league newcomer Ypsilanti. The Phoenix are no slouch, qualifying for the state meet two out of the last three years.

Looking forward, Clarke said the regional the Bulldogs will compete in this season is one of the state's toughest.

"This year we will go to yet another new regional at Hudson," he said. "We have gone to four different region-

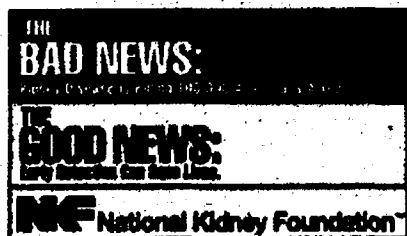
als in the past five years. This regional will include five of the top 20 teams in the state meet from last year, including four regional champion teams. Since only three teams qualify (for the state meet), the prospects for the state meet will be tough. We seem to have a knack for drawing the toughest regional, but we also seem to rise to the challenge. Hopefully, this will be one of those years."

Clarke said this year's team is working hard and coming together as a team.

"If they continue to improve and get mentally tougher they

should make their presence felt in any meet they run in," he said. "I really like this team's attitude. I'm excited by the possibilities this season promises. We must remain focused on our goals and keep the end of the season in mind. Improvement has to be foremost in our thoughts. We have more talent than we did last year. We must work on the team concept of running. After that, we'll try to avoid injuries and see how the season unfolds."

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so that is great."

Baker said the strength of this year's squad is its eagerness to improve.

"We are a really young team, but we have improved immensely in just a week," she said. "They also all have really good attitudes. Most are athletic girls, so it comes easier to them. So far, it has been a lot of fun."

An area of concern for Baker is Chelsea's overall lack of experience.

"The girls all have the potential to be great players, they honestly just need to practice more," she said. "The girls are all taking it upon themselves to practice and play after practice and on the weekends which is what needs to happen. I think they all realize what it takes and those that want it will put in the extra effort. Just like any other sport, that's what it takes."

Baker said the Bulldogs' goal this year is to have a strong showing at the state regional match.

"I think the girls have the ability," she said. "And we are hosting regionals, which plays to our advantage. I think if they continue to put in the effort they have thus far, anything can happen."

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FOOTBALL

Pioneer opens against state runner-up

By Mike Larson
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When the high school football schedules were released earlier this year, a lot of people around Ann Arbor were questioning Pioneer head coach Jeremy Gold's sanity.

Gold, who is starting his third year at the helm of Pioneer's football program, chose for his team to open its schedule against Inkster, last season's Division 3 state runner-up.

"A lot of folks in this community think I'm crazy to schedule Inkster first," Gold said. "But I think we are going to show a lot of people we are a pretty good team."

Pioneer will kick off its season against the Vikings Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

Gold said after watching his team scrimmage last week against Jackson Lumen

Christi, Northville and Lansing Everett, he thought his team made great strides.

"We got to see a lot of really great things out there. Some things we didn't even expect," he said. "We submitted a lot of positives and we found some depth. Our guys are ready to go right now, but we still have a hard week of practice ahead."

The coach said that scrimmaging is an awkward business, as it is mostly used for the sake of practice, but it's often hard to hamper the enthusiasm of the players.

"Look, we know as coaches that in a scrimmage, nothing really counts. The score board is off," he said. "But to the kids, that board was still counting. We can yell at the kids until we're blue in the face about how the scrimmage doesn't mean anything, but to those kids, it does mean something." Gold said he was happy with

his team's fervor, but said there were areas the squad needed to improve upon before taking on Inkster.

"It's been a great and productive preseason," he said. "But there are definitely things we are going to have to build on if we are going to be successful in the coming year."

With the Inkster game looming at the end of the week, Gold said it was paramount for the team to do well in Week 1.

"We are now totally focused on Inkster," he said. "This is game week now. For the first couple of weeks we were preparing ourselves. We were refreshing ourselves on the fundamentals and getting used to hitting again. Now we are preparing for Inkster. We are focusing on learning how to defend against them and how to take it to them."

"It would be great to get a win in Week 1. At this point,

it's all about team morale. It's a really exciting time. We just need to pay attention to detail and make good decisions."

Gold said that practices have been going very well, and that several players have started to emerge as the team looks to create its identity.

"It all starts up front for us," he said. "It starts with the O-Line."

Senior lineman Eshawn Farha along with senior center Chris Biggs will stand in and help to do the dirty work this year for the Pioneers. Gold said he expected big things from both players, as well as the offensive line as a unit.

"It's going to be really important for us to be strong up front," he said. "If we can open up holes, and give our offense time to work, we are going to be

successful."

As Saturday inches closer and closer, and that first game creeps nearer, Gold said he is starting to feel his players' excitement.

"It's a fun time of year if you like football," he said. "But we have to keep our heads down and work."

Gold said Inkster is every bit as good as it was last year, and if Pioneer is going to win, it would take an extreme effort.

"Inkster is explosive," he said. "They have a cannon in (quarterback) Devin Gardner, and we expect nothing less than a great effort from them. They have been to the state finals. We are trying to get where they are."

Gardner, who has already committed to the University of Michigan, is a force under

center. Last season, he drew comparisons to former Texas Longhorn quarterback Vince Young, using his large frame, quick lateral moves and blinding speed to spring past opponents. But this season, he brings a much better arm to the table.

The Pioneer defensive backs will have to be ready for him to try to air the ball out, but the linebackers must also be ready to move if he tries to run.

"We think our team is going to turn some heads this season," Gold said. "Inkster has a great team, but we are going to work hard and try to figure them out, and try to put our best team on the field come Saturday."

The game will kick off under the lights of Rynearson Stadium at 8 p.m. Saturday.

VOLLEYBALL

Huron spikers to aim high

By Mike Larson
Heritage Newspapers

They say records are made to be broken, but after last season's record-setting performance, the members of the Huron volleyball team will have their work cut out for them as they try to break the new record.

In 2008, the River Rats set a new mark for wins in a season with 28, and this year, the players are looking to be even better.

"We are hoping to take last year's successes and build on them," Huron head coach Toney Cummer said. "One of our main focuses will be on improving our standing in our tough conference and continuing to gain the respect of our opponents."

Respect for the River Rats should come pretty easily this

season, as the team returns nine players from last year's strong showing.

According to Cummer, Rachel Miller, Erica Skillman, Taylor Chick and Jordan Chick will be a few of the team's key returning starters.

Also being thrown into the mix this season are Collette Coleman-Fenton, Brionne Fonville and Sruthi

Naraharisetti. All three are returning letter winners from last year, but according to Cummer, he expects each to make a more definite impact this season, as he looks for them to assume more regular roles.

The team will be back in action on Saturday when it travels to Linden to play in a tournament.

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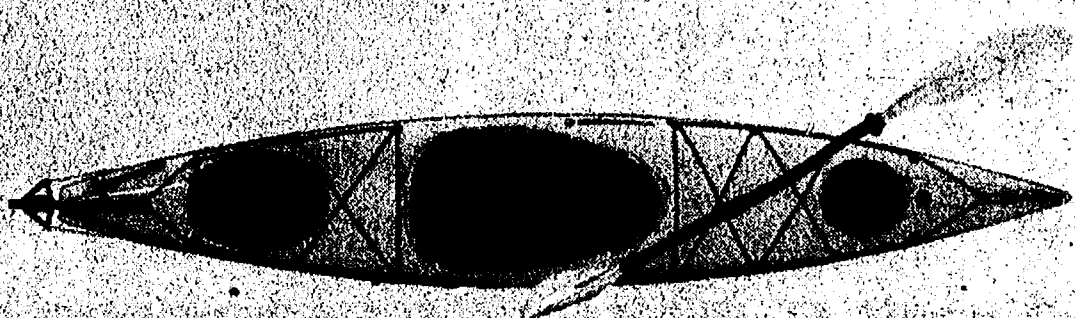
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CROSS COUNTRY

Goodridge leads Eastern Michigan to four straight titles

By Dave Merchant
Heritage Newspapers

John Goodridge is entering his eighth year as head coach of the Eastern Michigan University men's cross country team.

"We have won four (Mid-American Conference) titles in a row," Goodridge said. "We graduated our core group and we are going to start the season without a No. 1 man."

At 60 years of age, Goodridge has been doing what he loves for most of his life.

"I have been at this a long time," he said. "I have a real passion for coaching."

For him, coaching at Eastern just seemed to be a natural fit. Goodridge was teaching and coaching at Ann Arbor Greenhills when the job became available. The opening occurred because legendary EMU cross country coach Bob Parks had retired. Aside from coaching in college, Goodridge has also coached an Olympic development team.

"You have to do more than coach with them," Goodridge said. "You have to do a lot of fund-raising. I have a blue-collar background and it takes a

certain personality to do that.

"I am a coach. My wife has even told me that when they put me in the ground I will be coaching the pall-bearers."

That being said, Goodridge loves coaching the college students.

"When you coach the U.S. National team it is very challenging," he said. "It is different, (because) as a team it is more individualistic," he said.

"College is more of a team sport and there is more stability coaching college athletics."

The top teams this season in the MAC according to Goodridge are Miami of Ohio and Central Michigan. He still says his team is the one to knock off and they look to stay on top again this season.

Two runners he is looking at for good things this season are co-captains Curtis Vollmer of Grand Blanc and R.P. White of Hillsdale. The season will begin Sept. 11 at the University of Detroit Invitational at Cass Bently.

Prior to coaching the Eagles, Goodridge was at Wake Forest from 1984 through 1999. The Deamon Deacons finished first or second for 10 consecutive

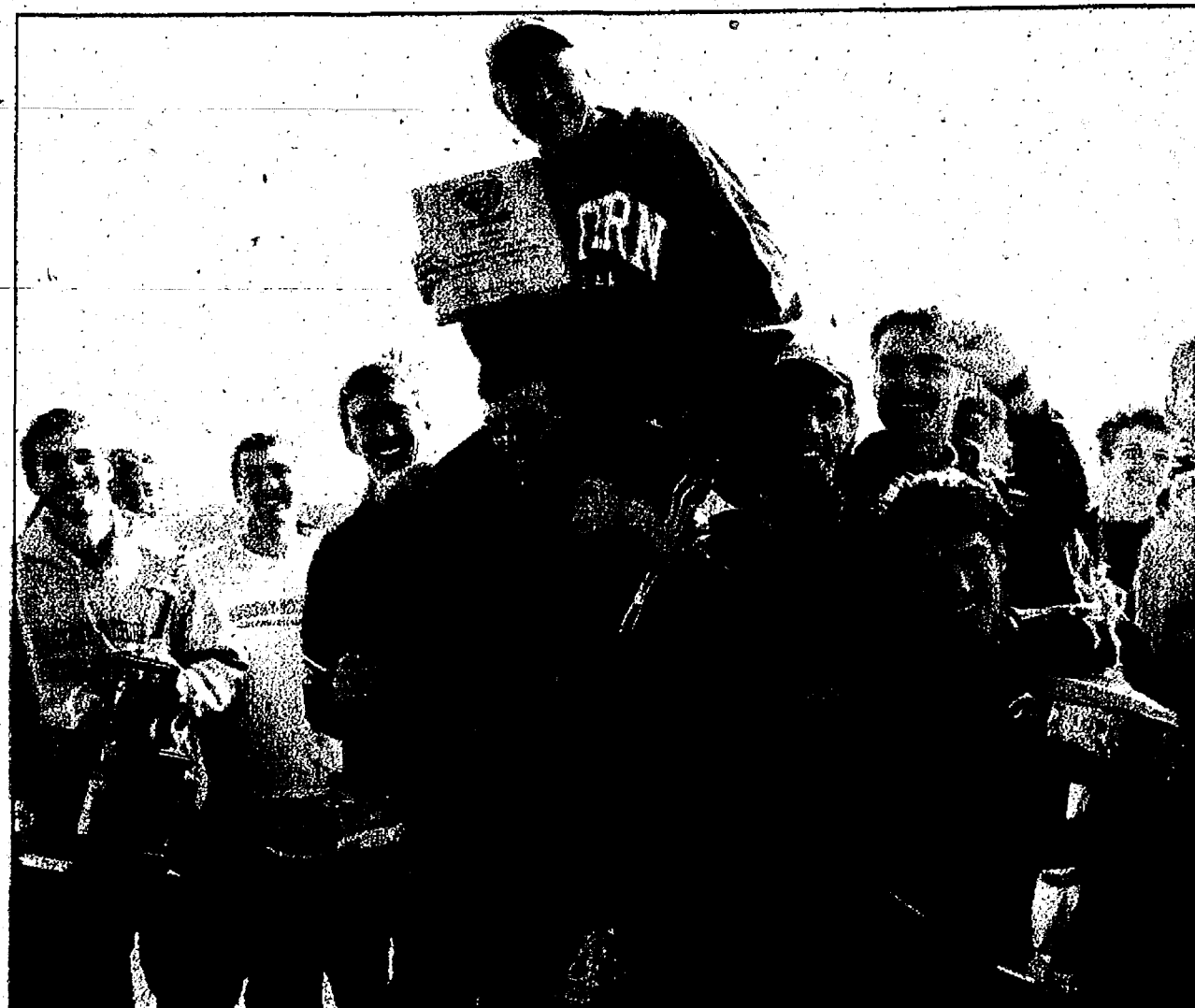
years. He had 19 individuals receive All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors (35 times) as well as coaching four All-Americans.

From 1979 through 1982 he coached the Michigan State University women's cross country team. He coached them to their first ever Big Ten cross country championship.

Goodridge's wife, Francie Kraker Goodridge was quite the athlete in her day. She is from Ann Arbor and she set a world record in the 600-yard indoor event and was the first University of Michigan woman to win a place on the U.S. Olympic team (Mexico City in 1968 and Munich in 1972).

She later coached women's track at the University of Michigan, Wake Forest University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She has been inducted into the University of Michigan Athletic Hall of Honor and the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

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Eastern Michigan University men's cross country coach John Goodridge takes a ride on the shoulders of his runners after winning one of his four straight Mid-American Conference titles.

Roberson takes it day by day with Lions team

By Dave Merchant
Heritage Newspapers

The Detroit Lions are always looking for talent and sometimes they don't have to look very hard to find it.

Former Eastern Michigan University football player Chris Roberson is hoping to earn a position on the Detroit Lions active roster for this season. This is Roberson's fourth season in the NFL and he hopes to latch on in Detroit.

The Farmington Hills native who played his high school ball for Farmington Hills Harrison has been working hard since camp began. He was signed by the Lions' practice squad last October and elevated to the active roster Dec. 16.

He spent his first few seasons with the Jacksonville Jaguars (2005-2008) where he was on the injured reserve list (2006-2007) and with the Miami Dolphins' practice squad briefly in 2008.

"There are a lot of things I can improve on," Roberson said after practice at the Allen Park facilities last week. "I am just trying to take it day by day."

He saw action in 2005 with

the Jaguars playing in six games and recording one tackle. Currently he is on the depth chart for his position (cornerback) as third on the team.

"I want to get back to how I played my rookie year in Jacksonville," he said. "I was injured the next two years after that."

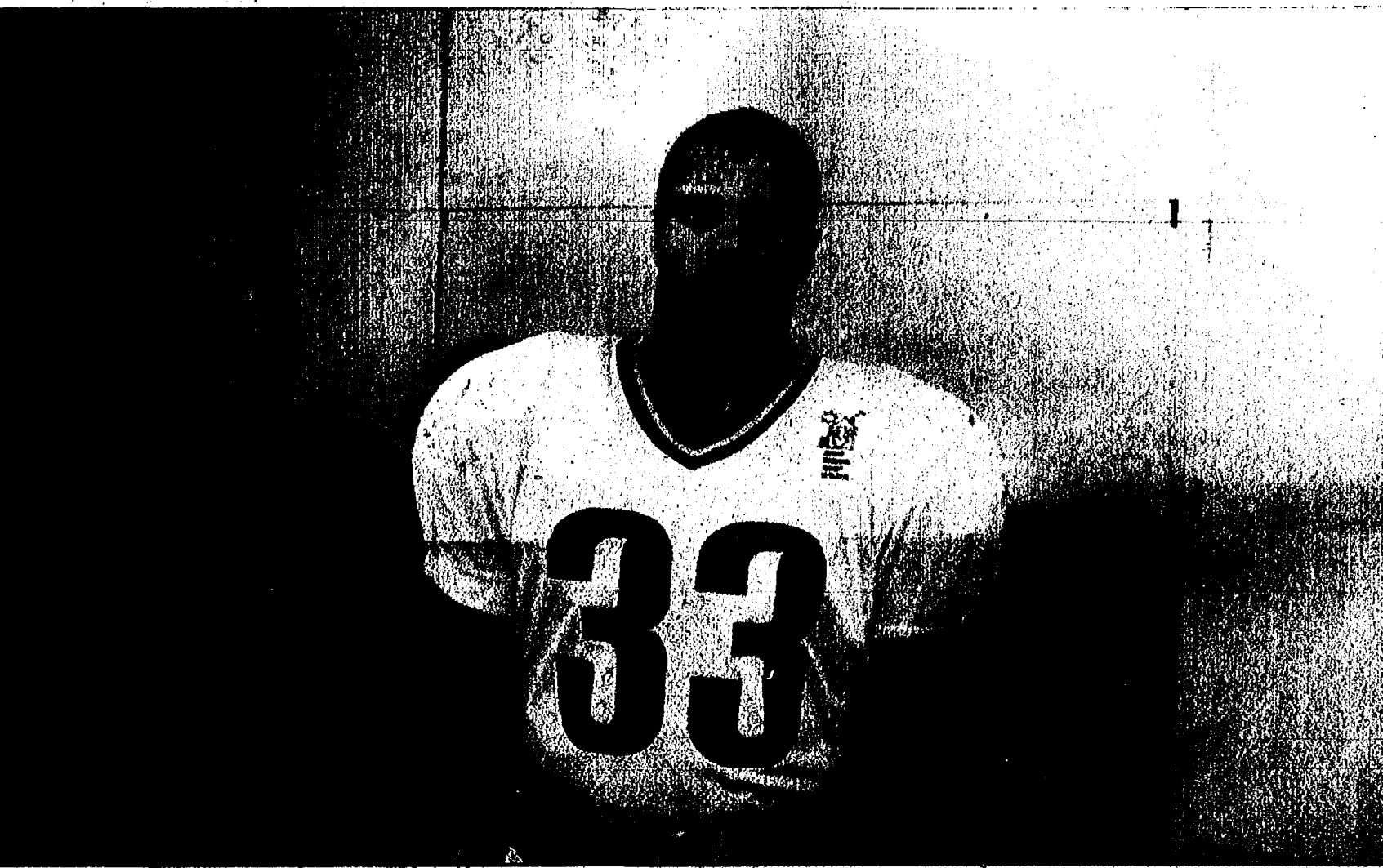
Professional football has been challenging for him since he left the Eagles at EMU.

"It has been an up and down battle since Eastern," he said. "I want to capitalize on the opportunity I have in Detroit and not being injured I hope I can get back in the league."

Roberson said that working out in Detroit and playing is nice because he can get the support of his family and friends since he grew up in this area.

"It is good to be home," he said. "I like having the support of my family and friends."

He said that he still tries to keep up with Eastern Michigan University football when he gets a chance, but admits sometimes with professional football it is hard to come out and see his college team.



Former Eastern Michigan University star Chris Roberson is attempting to make the Detroit Lions' roster this season.

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Statistics for the week ending Monday, August 24

Temperatures:

High/Low for the week: 84°/46°

Normal high/low: 80°/60°

Average temperature: 67.1°

Normal average temperature: 70.1°

Precipitation:

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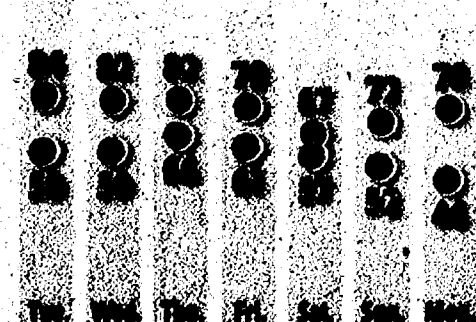
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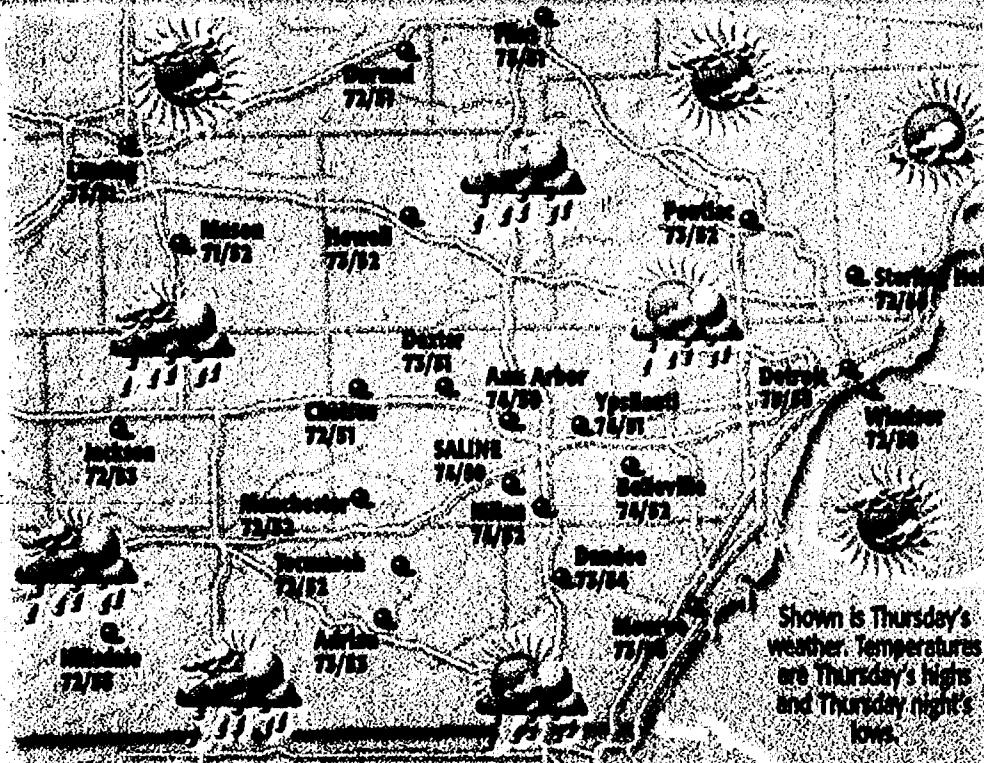
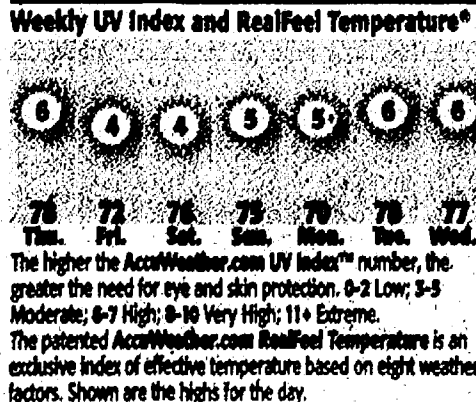
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SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
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Friday	6:56 a.m.	8:16 p.m.
Saturday	6:57 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Sunday	6:58 a.m.	8:12 p.m.
Monday	6:59 a.m.	8:11 p.m.
Tuesday	7:01 a.m.	8:09 p.m.
Wednesday	7:02 a.m.	8:07 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	3:17 p.m.	none
Friday	4:12 p.m.	12:06 a.m.
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	12:36 a.m.
Sunday	5:40 p.m.	1:52 a.m.
Monday	6:13 p.m.	2:52 a.m.
Tuesday	6:41 p.m.	3:54 a.m.
Wednesday	7:06 p.m.	4:57 a.m.

RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday	Flood stage	Current stage
Dearborn Heights	16 ft	12.06 ft
Huron River		5.27 ft
Ann Arbor		5.27 ft
Malletts Creek		5.27 ft
Ann Arbor		5.27 ft
Moni Creek		5.27 ft
Detroit		5.27 ft
River Raisin		5.27 ft
Marquette		5.27 ft

LAKE LEVELS	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	571.98 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	574.80 ft

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Adrian	73/53/f	73/56/c	76/53/c
Ann Arbor	74/50/f	70/53/c	73/53/c
Battle Creek	72/55/f	74/57/c	73/53/c
Bay City	73/49/pc	73/55/pc	74/50/c
Detroit	73/53/f	72/68/c	76/57/c
Flint	75/51/pc	73/56/pc	75/52/c
Grand Rapids	71/54/c	74/58/pc	72/51/c
Kalamazoo	74/54/f	74/59/c	74/53/c
Lansing	73/51/pc	73/53/pc	74/48/c
Livonia	72/54/pc	72/59/c	75/56/c

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Marquette	70/48/pc	71/53/pc	67/48/c
Midland	72/49/pc	74/55/pc	74/50/c
Muskegon	73/55/c	74/58/pc	74/52/c
Pontiac	73/52/pc	71/58/c	74/55/c
Port Huron	72/51/pc	73/53/c	74/53/c
Saginaw	73/49/pc	73/55/pc	74/50/c
Sault Ste. Marie	66/48/pc	68/53/pc	64/49/c
Sturgis	70/55/f	73/59/c	73/54/c
Troy	70/51/pc	73/53/pc	74/48/c
Warren	72/56/pc	71/60/c	76/59/c

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Athens	88/70/f	90/72/s	90/72/s
Berlin	80/61/pc	81/55/s	73/52/pc
Buenos Aires	79/58/pc	77/63/s	78/63/s
Cairo	94/74/s	94/73/s	96/73/s
Calgary	68/46/s	72/48/s	70/49/s
Hong Kong	91/81/pc	91/79/s	90/81/s
Jakarta	82/61/f	83/62/s	82/62/s
Johannesburg	69/44/pc	64/44/pc	70/46/pc
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Mexico City	79/55/f	74/52/c	70/54/f

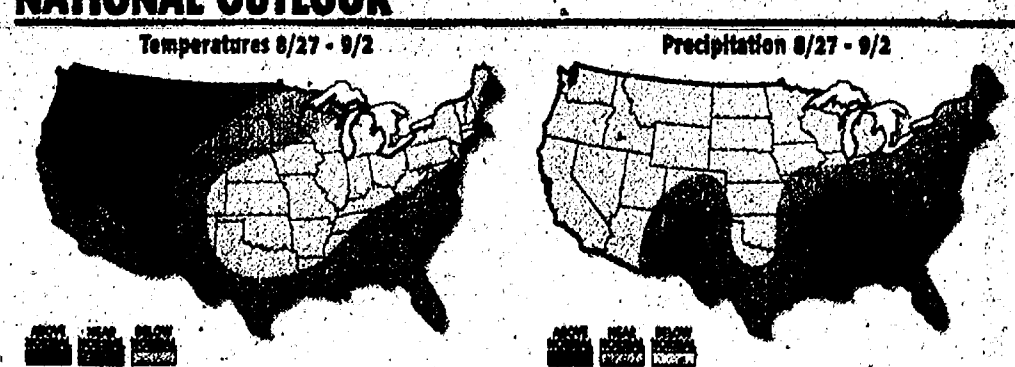
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Moscow	70/54/pc	76/57/c	77/57/s
Paris	80/63/pc	76/53/pc	73/53/pc
Rio de Janeiro	74/67/pc	76/66/s	75/67/s
Rome	88/50/s	88/50/s	90/57/pc
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Singapore	86/71/c	87/70/c	86/70/c
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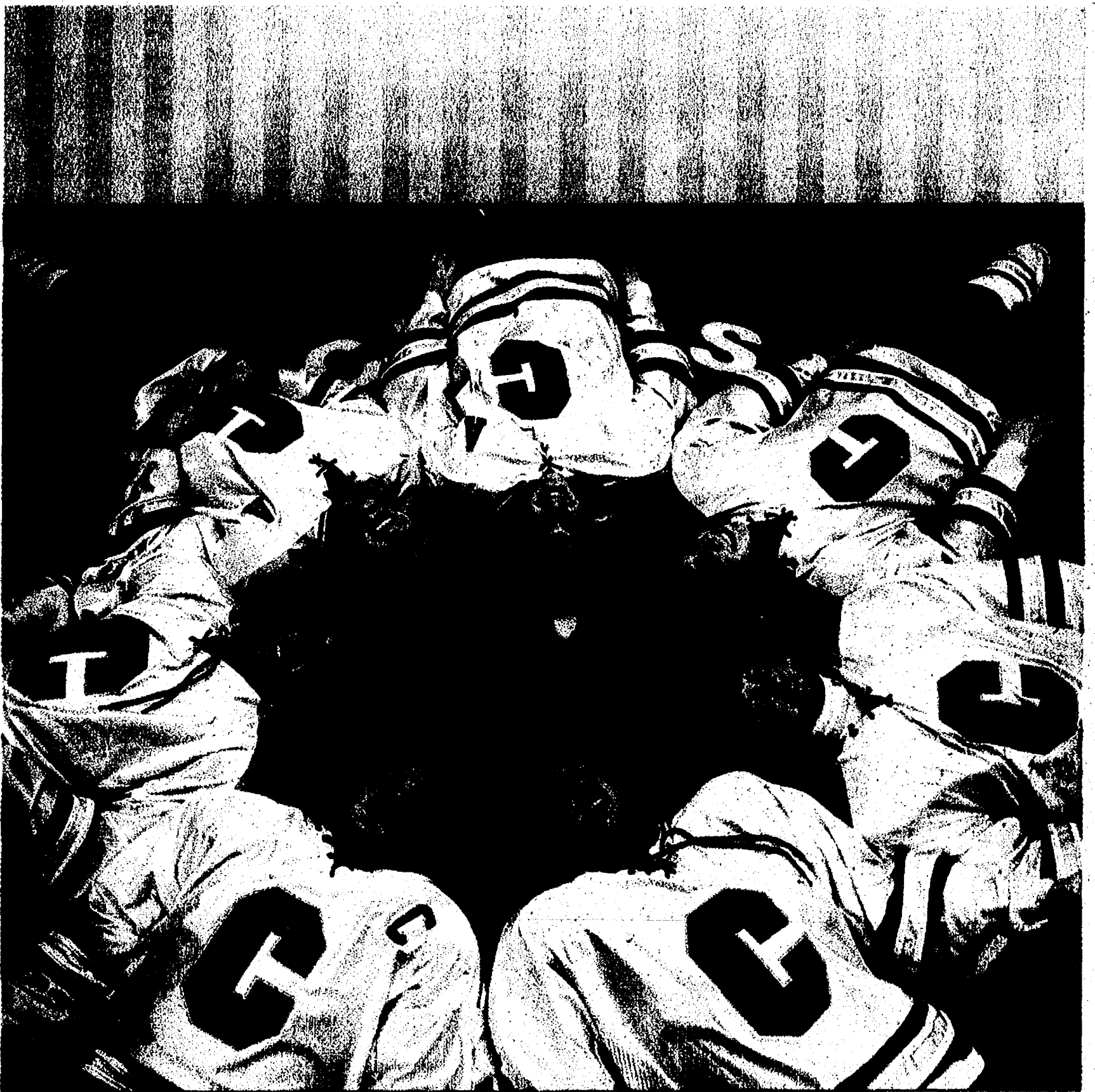
NATIONAL CITIES

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Boston	73/56/s	70/56/pc	67/62/pc
Chicago	72/55/pc	71/64/c	73/62/pc
Cincinnati	81/62/f	81/64/c	80/62/pc
Cleveland	79/59/pc	74/62/c	78/64/c
Dallas	92/72/f	92/71/pc	93/68/s
Denver	86/58/s	90/53/s	80/48/pc
Honolulu	89/76/s	89/75/s	89/76/s
Indianapolis	86/74/pc	88/74/pc	88/74/pc
Kansas City	78/58/f	83/62/s	79/57/pc
Las Vegas	105/78/s	103/81/s	104/79/pc
Los Angeles	95/64/s	95/64/s	89/64/pc

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Los Angeles	88/70/f	89/70/f	90/68/pc
Minneapolis	79/58/s	77/56/pc	73/51/pc
New Orleans	80/72/f	79/67/pc	80/67/pc
New York City	80/66/s	76/57/pc	76/57/pc
Orlando	82/76/f	80/76/pc	82/76/pc
Philadelphia	86/65/pc	80/65/c	80/68/f
Phoenix	106/84/s	106/84/s	106/84/s
Pittsburgh	77/58/pc	73/60/c	76/58/c
San Antonio	82/68/f	81/68/c	82/67/pc
San Francisco	80/59/pc	78/58/pc	75/57/s
Seattle	86/66/pc	78/64/pc	77/58/pc
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Chelsea Community Schools

A message from the superintendent

Welcome to another exciting year within the Chelsea School District! The 2009-10 school year is just around the corner. It will be a year that presents many opportunities and challenges for our students. Tuesday, September 8, will be the first day for students. The late start to this school year will alter some of the traditional vacation time. The school calendar is included on this page.

As we prepare for another year we cannot do so without recapping some of our accomplishments from last year. We had an extremely productive year as we concluded our first year of full-time kindergarten with great results. Our middle school successfully implemented laptop computers for all students. Now all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are able to enhance their education through the use of technology. The high school just received their results for the Advanced Placement tests. CHS had a phenomenal passing rate of 95% on Advanced Placement tests. Almost 400 students took the exams as our students continue to pursue rigorous courses while earning college credit as well. The District's reading program, Supporting Teachers Supporting Readers, received state-wide recognition as a winner of the Michigan Association of School Boards' "Excellence in Education Award". All schools met the criteria set for

Adequate Yearly Progress and earned "A" grades for Ed YES, a yardstick to measure excellence in schools. And finally, the Chelsea Community supported a bond issue that will help provide technology, buses and capital improvements for years to come.

South Meadows Elementary and Beach Middle School both received "facelifts" over the summer. The interior of each building was painted and new flooring was installed. Generous donations from the Athletic Boosters and the Stadium Drive Committee were used to build a new concession stand at the stadium.

Chelsea, like all school districts across the state, faces difficult financial times. However, we continually strive to improve the education for all children. Through a dedicated staff, a committed Board of Education, caring parents and a supportive community the Chelsea School District will continue to strive to educate all students so they can pursue their dreams and become productive citizens.

We all look forward to an exciting and rewarding school year. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or even compliments.

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September 2 Teachers' First Day
 September 3 Half Day for Teachers
 September 7 No School - Labor Day
 September 8 Students' First Day
 October 22 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:45 - 8:00 PM
 - High School
 October 29 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:45-8:00 PM
 - Elementary and Middle School
 November 4 No School for Students; Parent/Teacher Conferences - (Normal Work Day per Bldg.)- All Schools
 November 24 End of 1st Trimester
 November 25-27 Thanksgiving Recess
 November 30 No School for Students; Half Day Professional Development and Half Records Day for Teachers
 Dec. 23-Jan. 1 Winter Break
 January 4 School Resumes

January 15 End of Semester Middle School
 January 18 No School - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 January 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:45 - 8:00 PM
 - All Schools
 February 2 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:45 - 8:00 PM
 - High School
 February 4 Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:45 - 8:00 PM
 - Elementary and Middle School
 February 12-15 No School - Great Americans' Weekend
 March 5 End of 2nd Trimester
 March 8 No School for Students - 1/2 day for Teachers
 - Records Day
 March 29 - April 2 Spring Break
 May 31 No School - Memorial Day
 June 11 Last Day of School - Half Day for Students,
 Full Day for Teachers - Records Day in PM

School Board Meeting Dates

September 14, 2009	February 22, 2010
September 28, 2009	March 8, 2010
October 12, 2009	March 22, 2010
October 26, 2009	April 12, 2010
November 9, 2009	April 26, 2010
November 23, 2009	May 10, 2010
December 14, 2009	May 24, 2010
January 11, 2010	June 14, 2010
January 25, 2010	June 28, 2010

All meetings are on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM.
 Works sessions have not been set, but are typically set in lieu of regular meetings

Building start and end times

	Start	End	Half-Day
North Creek	8:05 AM	2:58 PM	11:16 AM
Pierce Lake	8:00 AM	2:53 PM	11:11 AM
South Meadows	8:00 AM	2:53 PM	11:11 AM
Beach Middle	8:10 AM	3:03 PM	11:21 AM
High School	8:05 AM	2:58 PM	11:14 AM

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Pierce Lake Elementary

Grades: 3-4

275 North Freer Road

School Hours: 8 a.m. to 2:53 p.m.

Telephone: 433-2204

Principal: Lucy Stieber

Pierce Lake Elementary School is not expecting any major immediate changes for the 2009 fall semester.

The school's main focus remains to introduce a variety of teaching formats and styles to the third- and fourth-grade students so that everyone's individual learning preferences and needs are met.



Stieber

While at Pierce, students may be exposed to different classroom set-ups such as the traditional classroom, the multiage classroom, team teaching, and paired classrooms.

Team teaching involves two teachers and their respective classes that share one large classroom; and paired teaching involves two classes of students being educated in social



studies and science by a specialized teacher.

The Move Forward program continues to be one of excellence for students and their families at Pierce, teaching the benefits of a healthy lifestyle through good eating and exercise habits.

Family involvement is viewed as especially important for the success

of the students at Pierce Lake.

The PTO sets up special events for families, as well as coordinating fundraising for equipment and other necessities for the school.

Students enjoy the opportunity to participate in activities offered at lunchtime, such as Odyssey of the Mind, the chess club, and Shakespeare.

Chelsea schools talent show.



North Creek Elementary

Grades: K-2

699 McKinley Street

Hours: 8:05 a.m. to 2:58 p.m.

Telephone: 433-2203

Fax: 433-2213

Principal: Marcus Kaemming

North Creek Elementary School has undergone substantial renovations over the two years.

The addition of four classrooms, new carpet, and fresh paint are among the upgrades the building has received.

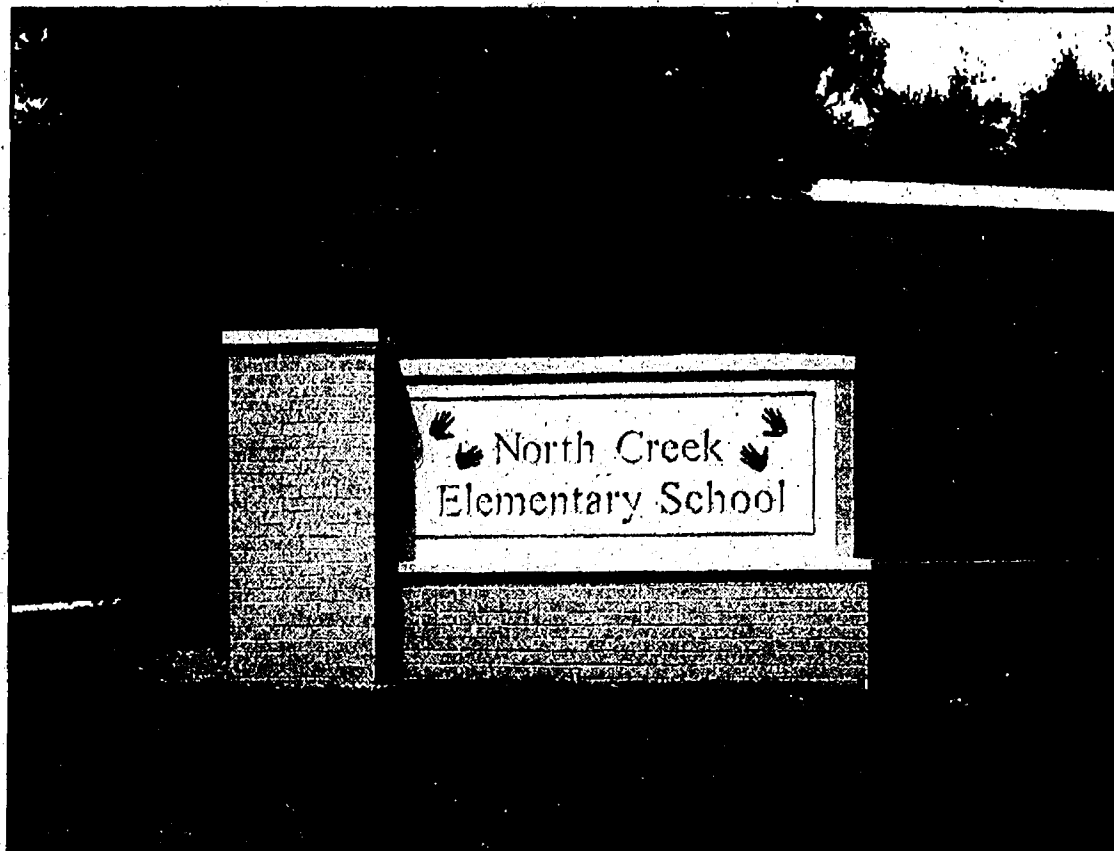


Kaemming

The added classrooms were necessary to support the number of pupils entering school with the new all-day/every-day kindergarten program.

The young students attending North Creek will continue to be educated in terms of "bucket filling," or treating others with respect and kindness.

Students are taught the impor-



tance of filling up another's bucket, of building them up positively; and are cautioned against the harmful effects of "bucket dip-

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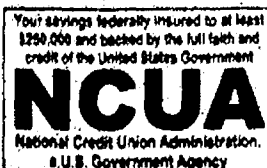
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South Meadows Elementary

Grades: 5-6
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MISSION STATEMENT: "Growing learners, one mind at a time."

South Meadows School was built in 1953, undergoing renovations in 1997, 2003 and 2005. South began as a kindergarten-through-fifth (K-5) building but now houses the fifth- and sixth-graders for the Chelsea School District.

The school offers an extensive curriculum that is aligned with the state benchmarks and standards in the core areas of science, social studies, math and language arts.

A full spectrum of educational support services is offered in order to meet individual student needs.

The school district has an excellent fine-arts curriculum that affords its pupils opportunities in band, orchestra, choir, and art, as well as a strong physical education program.

Sixth-graders also will benefit from a program that provides laptops to all pupils to complement the curriculum and maximize learning at any time.

The staff has been asked to share the success of this program at a variety of conferences, including the Governor's Education Summit. We are also a State Showcase Site for training for the One-to-One laptop program.

The staff enjoys bringing learning to life with such events as our annual Talent Show, sixth-grade camp and the end-of-year Field Day. These special activities allow for hands-on learning across the curriculum.

Leadership opportunities are available for students through various philanthropic projects throughout the year, as well as Student Leadership program led by the principal and another staff member.

Pupils may pursue interests in extracurricular activities such as Science Olympiad, Book Clubs, Chess Club and the Stock Market Club. The students also have the opportunity to compete in the annual Spelling Bee and Quiz Bowl.

The school has found its niche, allowing pupils at South to enjoy their



childhood without designing activities too young for them.

Children have received educational dividends from the restructuring of the elementary schools several years ago, but the biggest benefit has been that we can keep them young.

The change allows Chelsea pupils to spend one extra year in elementary school before moving up to middle school.

The new system has allowed fifth- and sixth-grade teachers to plan lessons together and target activities that really meet the needs of the middle learner.

It also has offered a greater opportunity for a wide range of teaching styles, instead of the limited options available when grades were divided between three buildings.

— Principal Lisa Nickel

South Meadows continues to increase students' learning through the use of laptops. The laptops have proven to be helpful and convenient learning tools for both students and teachers.

Staff was asked to present the sixth-grade laptop program at the Governor's Education Summit. South Meadows

Elementary was chosen to be an instruction site to educate teachers about how students could best utilize the laptops for better learning.

South continues to take pride in the strong emphasis on the core areas of study in its curriculum, including science, social studies, math, and language arts. As part of the science curriculum, fifth-grade students were able to observe surgeons at St. Joseph Hospital demonstrating healthy vs. unhealthy lungs.

The school also emphasizes the importance of art and music through the opportunity to take band, choir, or orchestra, as well as the importance of physical fitness through the Move Forward program.

Extracurricular activities and events as well as philanthropic projects continue to be prevalent at South Meadows, granting broad opportunities for hands-on learning and enjoyment.

Clubs include the Euchre Club, Science Olympiad, Destination Imagination, Brain Puzzler Club, Chess Club, and the Stock Market Club, which meet during the school day for better attendance and convenience for students.

Beach Middle School

Grades: 7-8

445 Mayer Drive

School Hours: 8:10 a.m. to 3:03 p.m.

Telephone: 433-2202

Fax: 433-2212

Principal: Patrick Little

One of the most dramatic changes in learning to hit Beach Middle School in several years occurred this October.

Each student received a laptop computer to use as a learning tool. This affected every aspect of learning for middle school students and teachers.

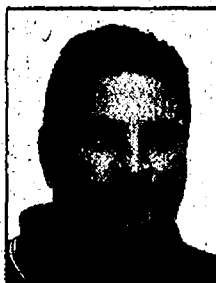
This change is based on the documented success of the sixth-grade laptop program.

Data was collected from students, parents and teachers about the effectiveness of the laptop program.

Overwhelmingly, the data showed

that students felt more empowered and more engaged in their learning with the laptops as primary learning tool.

Parents and teachers supported the students' input and thus, the opportunity to extend the program was approved by the Board of Education.



Little

Teachers and the Technology Department worked together to develop ways to use the laptops with innovation, without losing track of the essential skills that all students have always needed.

— **Principal Patrick Little**

Beach will continue to utilize the

academic teamwork program of learning, which focuses studies in the areas of English, math, science, and social studies.

The teamwork model is composed of groups of about 110 students and four teachers who work together to create better learning opportunities.

Students are also part of another network of teachers whose focus is in other areas of study such as health, foreign language, art, computers, and life management.

Project Wisdom, which will enter its third year in the 2009-10 school year, will continue to concentrate on promoting positive decision-making and character development.

The wide variety of electives offered at Beach continues to grow.



Chelsea Schools

Valuing Community Support

Parent and community members are vital to the success of students in the Chelsea School District.

At the building level, parents and community members are valued as classroom volunteers, office volunteers, PTO officers and board members, PTO event volunteers, parent support group participants, field trip chaperones, music booster, and athletic boosters.

In addition to building-level opportunities, the Chelsea School District has several District-wide committees on which parent and community members play a vital role.

These committees include the following:

- The District School Improvement Team: reviews District and building goals and works to coordinate professional development and other school improvement strategies across the District. This team reviews the District annual report and provides input on strategies for District goals.

- The District Curriculum Council: coordinates the review and alignment of District cur-

riculum with state and national standards.

- The Reproductive Health Advisory Committee: oversees District curriculum and instruction in the area of reproductive health.

- Task Forces: the District, to address specific needs, may establish task forces. When established, such committees have a defined focus and timeline for reporting.

"New members are needed each year for various committees," according to Andrew Ingall, Executive

Director of Instruction and Community Services for the Chelsea School District.

Ingall maintains a file of parents and community members interested in serving as volunteers for these District-level opportunities, with the goal of having volunteers identified to fill positions as openings develop.

Persons interested in learning more about these opportunities may contact Ingall at 433-2208, ext. 6084.

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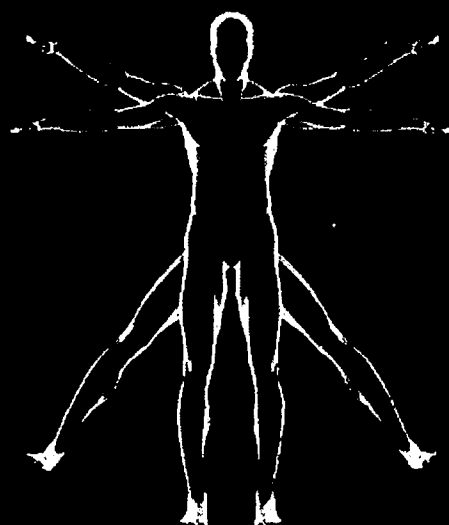
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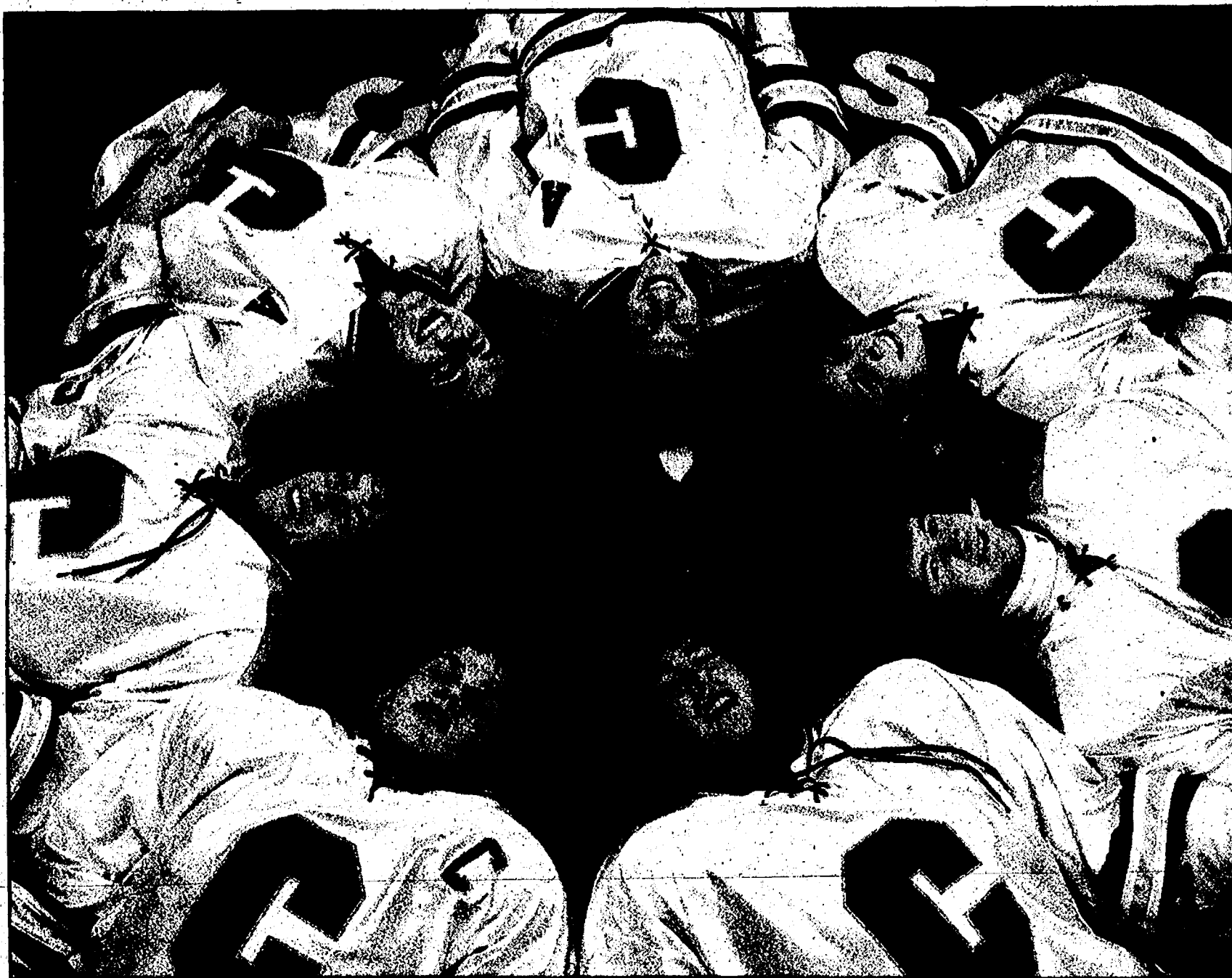
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 Principal: Julie Deppner

The staff at Chelsea High School looks forward to continuing success in the 2009-10 school year.

In the ongoing trimester scheduling format, students will have more elective options than ever. There are many new courses being offered.

There are also an increased number of art classes, music courses, science electives, drama and technology classes, Spanish courses, physical education classes and many other academic and elective options for students.

Deppner

Two of the areas the faculty will be focusing on are increasing student achievement and con-

necting students to the learning environment.

They will be using standardized test results to continue to improve and enhance curriculum and instruction. The freshman transition program, "Link Crew" will enable ninth-grade students make a positive connection with upperclassmen even before the first day of school!

The "Link Leaders" are junior and senior students who were chosen from over 100 applicants to serve as mentors to freshmen throughout the entire school year.

Several activities will take place during the year to continue positive relationships and support the ninth-grade students during their first year of high school.

Students continue to participate in the many extracurricular offerings including the outstanding athletic and music programs.

Chelsea High School continues to build a culture of excellence among the students and teaching faculty. The school has a reputation for quality programming for all students and looks forward to continuing this tradition.

— Principal Julie Deppner

Chelsea Schools

Enhancement Millage

On November 3, 2009 the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) will be asking for passage of a 2 mill "enhancement" millage.

Each of the ten WISD district Boards of Education unanimously asked the ISD to conduct this election, as is permitted by Proposal A.

If passed, 100 percent of the proceeds from this millage will be distributed, per pupil, to the ten local school districts in WISD.

Proceeds do not fund ISD programs. Proceeds can be used by the Chelsea School District, at its discretion, for operational purposes.

Passage of this issue would help to mitigate the effects of reductions in State aid and declining enrollment.

Chelsea and nine other local school districts would also benefit from passage of this ballot issue.

More information can be obtaining by calling the superintendent's office (433-2208) or visiting the district website at www.Chelsea.k12.mi.us.

The last day to register to vote in this election is Monday, October 5, 2009.

Please remember to vote.

Food service

The Chelsea School District lunch program offers popular lunch choices for our students every day.

We emphasize good nutrition and encourage all of our student guests to select choices from our fresh fruit and veggie bar daily.

We strive to provide local and regionally-grown fresh foods whenever possible and participate in a successful farm-to-school program in partnership with the Food System Economic Partnership.

School lunch menus and prices are listed on the school district web site.

The student's ID card doubles as a debit card, if parents choose to deposit money into their child's lunch account. The ability to make on-line deposits using Visa or MasterCard is offered as a convenience, as well.

Families in need are encouraged to complete a free or reduced price lunch application available on the District web site or in any school office.

Karen Carty, Food Service Director, welcomes comments and questions and can be reached at the Food Service office at 433-2246.



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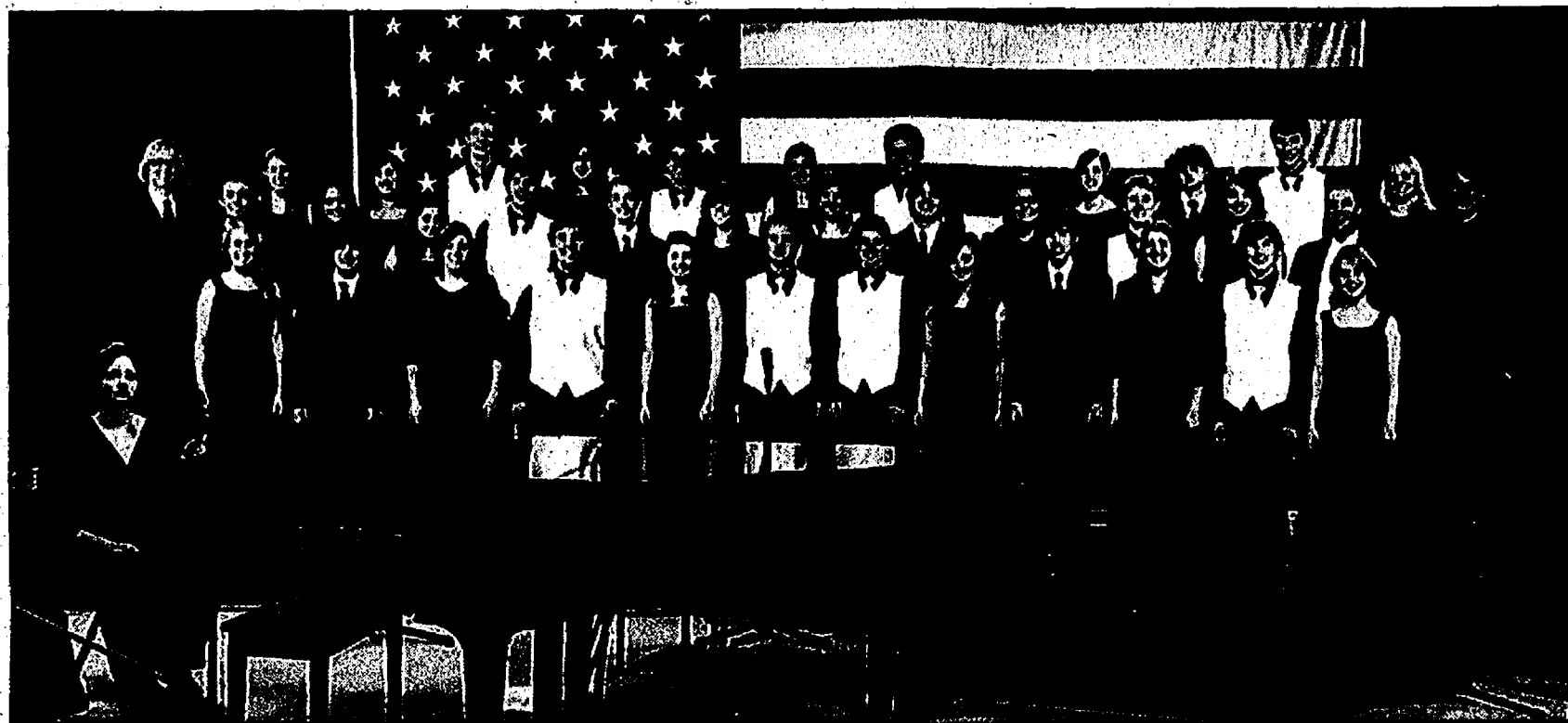


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Chelsea Music



The Chelsea School District is proud to have a music program that is known not only statewide but nationally.

Our instrumental and vocal programs have reputations for excellence in instruction and performance, and our faculty have been recognized for outstanding work in music education.

Our school bands, orchestras and choirs have all recently been invited to perform at the annual Michigan Music Conference, and our music faculty are involved in organizations and associations as executive board members at the district, state, and national levels.

The Chelsea Music Department is proud that our graduates find themselves prepared to continue music study at the college and university level.

Students go on to successful study as music majors, and many enjoy the opportunity to perform as members of college bands, orchestras, and choirs as non-majors.

Beyond the regular classroom curriculum the Chelsea Music Department offers co-curricular performance opportunities for students as well.

The Chelsea House Orchestra, the Company C Show Choir, Chelsea High School Jazz Ensemble, as well as similar ensembles at Beach Middle School, are examples of such opportunities, and many perform for community events in Chelsea.

The Chelsea School District is committed to providing the very best in music education for our students. The Chelsea community's support for music education is extraordinary, and appreciated greatly by both students and faculty.

The work of the Chelsea Music Boosters in the support of our school music programs is outstanding, and supplements our curricular offerings by provid-

ing opportunities for our students in many capacities — summer music study scholarships, guest artist funding, and activities as advocates for music in our schools, to mention just a few.

We invite all community members to keep informed regarding our music department calendar by visiting the Chelsea School District Web site, Chelsea.k12.mi.us, and to attend concerts and other student performances to view their work, and to support music in our schools.

Rick Catherman,
Chelsea High School
Director of Bands

Students in the Chelsea School District continue to shine musically through the many opportunities to learn, rehearse and perform vocally and instrumentally.

Music is introduced to students in elementary school through general music class, which establishes familiarity with both vocal and instrumental music. Once students enter fifth grade, they get the opportunity to choose a specific area of music and instrument to learn more in depth, such as choir, orchestra, or band.

Performances and concerts start in elementary school and continue throughout high school as a way to showcase the students' talents. Extracurricular music groups such as Fiddle Club and Jazz Band are offered once students reach middle school. The high school offers many opportunities for students to participate in musically through Jazz Band, Company C (show choir), Pep Band, the Chelsea House Orchestra, and Chelsea Theater Guild. Both students and the community can enjoy the wide range of musical talent the students present through these activities.

Chelsea Schools

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Each year, the Chelsea School District, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan, is required to give notice of the various rights accorded to parents or students pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Parents and eligible students have a right to be notified and informed. In accordance with FERPA, you are notified of the following:

Right to Inspect: You have the right to inspect and review substantially all of your education records maintained by or at the Chelsea School District. This right extends to the parent of a student under 18 years of age and to any student age 18 or older.

Right to Request Amendment: You have the right to seek to have corrected any parts of an education record which you believe to be inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of your rights. This right includes the right to a hearing to present evidence that the record should be changed, if a designated official of the Chelsea School District decides not to alter the education records according to your request. If no change is made to the education record after the hearing, you

have a right to place a written rebuttal in the record.

Right to Prevent Disclosure: You have the right to prevent disclosure of education records to third parties with certain limited exceptions. It is the intent of the Board of Education to limit the disclosure of information contained in your education records to those instances when prior written consent has been given to the disclosure as an item of directory information of which you have not refused to permit disclosure, or under the provisions of FERPA which allow disclosure without prior written consent.

Right to Complain: You have the right to file a complaint with the United States Department of Education concerning the alleged failure of the Chelsea School District to comply with FERPA. Your complaint should be directed to: Family Policy Compliance Office, US Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, 20202-4605.

Right to Obtain Policy: You have the right to obtain a copy of the policy adopted by the Board of Education in compliance with FERPA. A copy may be obtained in

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you do not want any or all of this information released, school officials may release personally-identifiable information, which it has designated as directory information. Upon such objection, this information will not be released without the prior consent of the parent or eligible student. You have two weeks from the receipt of this notice to advise the District, in writing, of any or all of those types of information about the student which you refuse to permit the District to designate as directory information. Your objections should be addressed to the Office of the Superintendent, Chelsea School District, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI 48118.

Pesticide Advisory: As a part of the Chelsea School District's pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. Notification request slips are sent or mailed home with each student at the beginning of each school year. If you do not receive a notification request form or need additional information, please contact Ron Livengood, Director of Operations, Chelsea School District, 14138 East Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118, (734) 433-2276, to request a notification form.

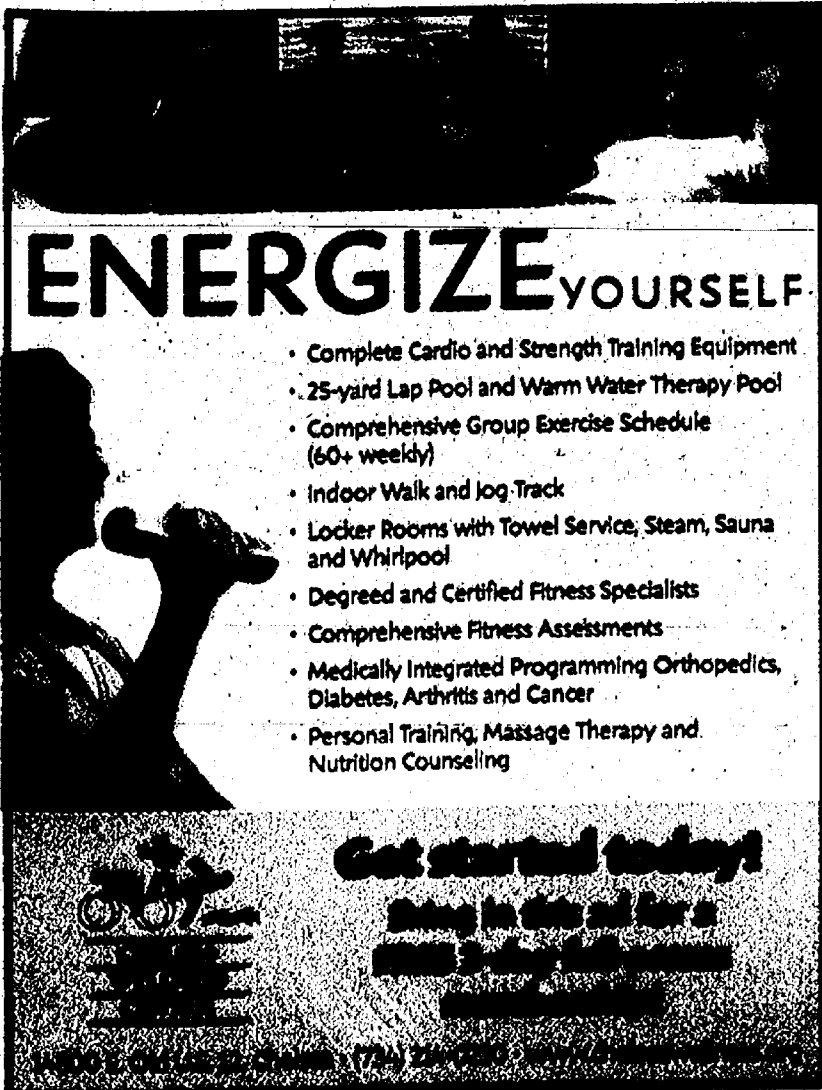
Asbestos Law: In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), the intent of this letter is to meet the annual notification requirements of the law. During the past twelve months, trained in-house maintenance staff of Chelsea School District has performed routine, small-scale

removals of thermal insulation to allow for the repair and replacement of heating system valve pipes and Vinyl Asbestos Tile (VAT) to allow for minor floor repairs. Nova Environmental of Ann Arbor, Michigan, serves as the Chelsea School District's consultant and inspections service on any large-scale projects.

Chelsea School District employee training is continuing on an annual basis. The in-house staff will perform periodic surveillance of all asbestos-containing material, as mandated by the AHERA Act. This inspection will occur every six months and allows the District to maintain and manage its asbestos program.

Assurance of Non-Discrimination: Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, volunteers, contractors, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the Chelsea School District are notified that the Chelsea School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, pregnancy, marital status, veteran status, height, or weight in admission, access, treatment, or employment for any of its programs, activities, or policies.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment: Parents will be given annual notice of adoption, substantive changes in, or continued use of policies regarding the following: (1) rights of parents to inspect third party surveys before they are distributed to students, and take measures to protect student privacy when surveys ask for certain sensitive information; (2) parental right to inspect any instructional materials; (3) administration of physical examinations or screening of students; (4) collection, disclosure or use of personal information from students for the use of marketing or selling that information; and (5) the parental right to inspect any instrument used to collect personal information before it is distributed to students.



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