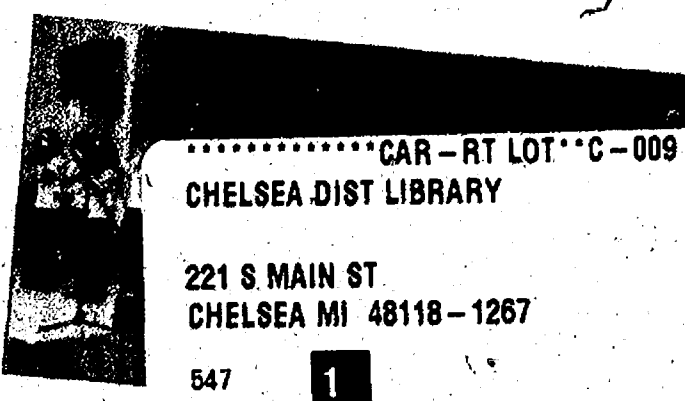
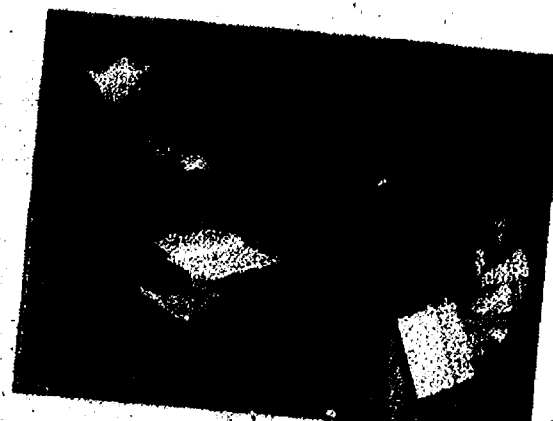




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County officials approve balanced budget

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

Washtenaw County commissioners approved a balanced budget for 2010-11 last week after reaching consensus on proposed amendments and coming to concession agreements with their employees' union representation. Revenue and expense projections for 2010 are even at \$99,192,709 and in 2011 at \$98,493,155. Those numbers were hashed out at the Nov. 18 Ways & Means Committee meeting and officially sent up for a final vote on Dec. 2. The bulk of balancing came on the backs of both union and non-union

employees, whose costs comprise more than 60 percent of the budget.

The county has nearly 1,350 employees, many of whom are part of one of 17 unions.

The approved budget assumed the cancellation of yearly 3 percent raises over the next couple of years for the bulk of union employees, including nurses and public defenders. They will also take eight furlough days. Some union employees will have to adjust to additional healthcare cost burdens as well.

Close to \$6 million in cost savings was realized through amendments to union contracts and adjustments to

non-union employee compensation, according to District 1 Commissioner Mark Ouimet.

"Our union partners were very helpful in giving us some (of the) concessions we were looking for," Ouimet said, who added that an additional \$7 million in costs were cut from programs in 2010 alone.

Overall, the deficit that County Administrator Bob Guenzel projected stood at \$30 million and was originally measured in raw job eliminations at presentations earlier this year. After concessions, the county only ended up eliminating 26 positions from the budget—most of which were the result of

retiree positions being left unfilled.

"I regret that we have to lose some people, but I think we've got a budget that is going to work," Guenzel said.

Most of the potential job cuts were targeted at the county's Community Support and Treatment Services department: nearly 80 jobs in all were awaiting the ax in the position modifications portion of the budget.

Guenzel attributed the bulk of the budget balancing and job saving to the elimination of the union employees' raises.

The budget resolution didn't just change the math, but also how budgeting will be done in the future—the

county administrator will now prepare long-term projections of at least two budget cycles.

The administrator will also have to provide a quarterly staff update report to the commission, as well as provide human resources documents to the commission for review.

The board will also be looking more closely at county contracts, as a new rule in the budget stipulates that the administrator reports contracts below \$25,000 on a quarterly basis.

CSTS—not off the hook yet—must also submit to a semi-annual review of

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Hometown fun: Chelsea on parade

City chooses contractor for new police station

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspaper

Phoenix Contracting and Architects Design Group will build the new \$2.5 million Chelsea Police Department building project.

The Chelsea City Council Tuesday night unanimously selected the firm on the recommendation of City Manager John Hanifan and CPD Police Chief Ed Toth.

Phoenix and ADG were one of 11 original architect/contractor pairings that qualified to submit proposals, of which only 10 firms did. The council saw presentations from three of those applicants last week, which provided the basis for the city's choice.

"We feel that (Phoenix/ADG's) proposal is the best overall, taking into account the design as presented, the strength and experience of the project team," said Hanifan, who added that the bid was within the proposed \$2.5-million budget.

Council member Rod Anderson raised concerns because Phoenix/ADG was not the lowest bidder. "This is not the low-cost bid," Anderson said during the meeting.

Hanifan responded that of the 10 bids submitted, Phoenix/ADG was the fourth lowest in terms of cost.

"Generally, if you're not

"I really think we selected the team that will give us a great project."

JOHN HANIFAN
Chelsea City Manager

accepting the low cost bid you need a strong justification," Anderson responded. "In view of that is there any quantitative scoring?"

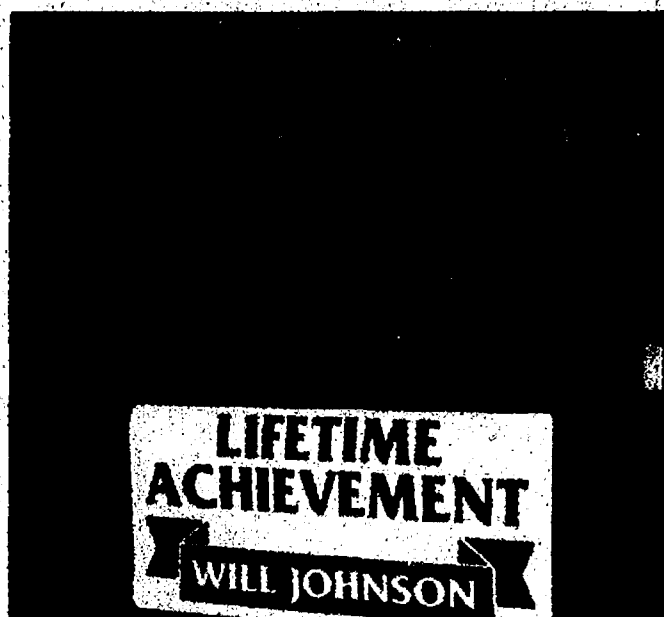
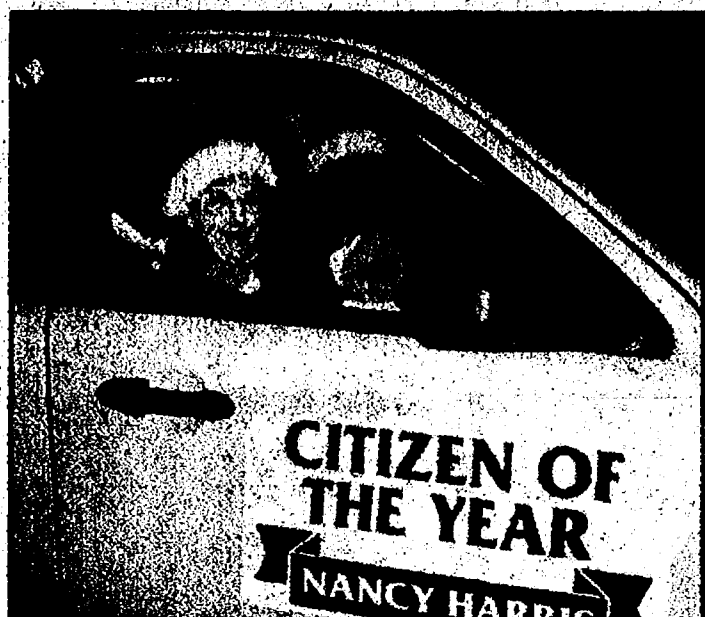
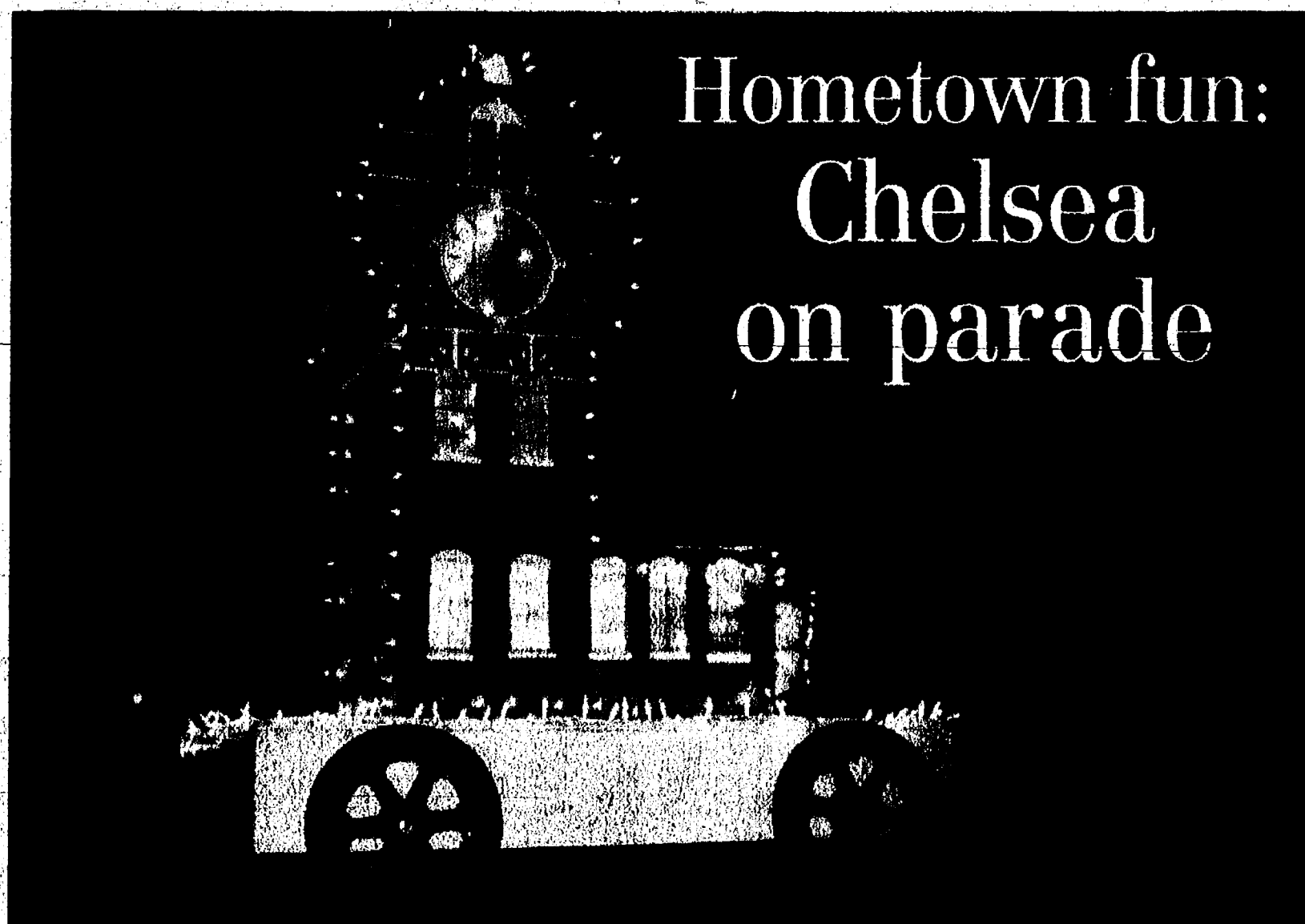
Hanifan informed him that the city had not in fact ranked the applicants in that manner, because they were chosen based on other criteria.

"Based on the strength, I think the reasons are self-evident," Hanifan said. "They have a tremendous amount of experience together. They do have station building experience of the same size."

He also said that the floor plan was the strongest out of all of the proposals from Toth's perspective.

Anderson probed further, asking if the fact that the low bid was stuck built rather than steel framed played a role, to which Hanifan responded affirmatively.

"Any of the 10 would produce a good project, but I really think we selected the team that will give us a great project," Hanifan said.



Nancy Harris (far left) and Will Johnson (left) were among those honored in this year's Hometown Holiday's parade.

Daniels goes unplugged at Purple Rose

The Purple Rose Theatre Co. presents Jeff Daniels' one-man show "Onstage & Unplugged" for a limited nine-show engagement from Saturday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Jan. 3.

All performances are at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. Daniels (executive director and PRTC founder) returns to the PRTC stage in a solo performance with blues guitar and an arsenal of songs that are alternately humorous and poignant. This year's lineup will feature new selections and crowd favorites from Daniels' critically acclaimed CDs.

The original Onstage & Unplugged was a huge success in 2001, with all three performances selling out in one day. Audiences laughed as Daniels told the stories behind each song and delivered

In concert

them with his unique, wry humor. The ongoing popularity of the event led Daniels to book a national tour which began in 2006 and is still going strong.

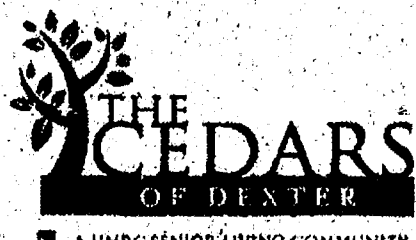
Sales from Daniels' albums benefit The Purple Rose Theatre Co. and are available for sale at the PRTC Box Office or at www.jeffdaniels.com; information about Daniels' national tour schedule is also available at www.jeffdaniels.com.

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

Ticket reservations can be made by calling the PRTC Box Office at 734-433-7673; Box Office hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets and more information are also available at www.purplerosetheatre.org.

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Kiwanis officers named



The Kiwanis Club of Chelsea held their annual installation of officers at the Arctic Breakaway Restaurant in October. Pictured left to right are Gene Miller (Board Member), Ray Kemner (Secretary), Linda Lawther (Division 10 Lt Governor), Lucy Steber (President), Bob Milbrodt (Treasurer), Tom Ritter (Board Member) and Jack Kehoe (Board Member). Not pictured are President Elect Dave Schallie and Board Members Doug Mackinder, Neil Homing and Marcus Kaemmerling. The Kiwanis Club of Chelsea started in 1924 and meet at the Chelsea Community Hospital's Main Dining Room on Monday evenings at 6:15 p.m.

BRIEFS

Benefit rummage sale

Friends and family of Robert Wood are hosting a benefit rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Dec. 11; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Chelsea Lanes.

Wood, 25, was born and raised in Chelsea. He was originally diagnosed in July 2007 with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. He was given a 95 percent chance of cure, and after chemo was cancer free. On his three-month checkup his cancer had returned, and he went through more chemo, a stem-cell transplant and radiation.

Again, he was given the all clear, and again on his three-month checkup his cancer had returned in his upper left lung. He has gone through more radiation therapy and the tumor has shrunk, but is still present. He is currently on full medical leave from work because of physical and mental strains on his health.

Since this is the third time, he has been given a 10-20 percent survival rate over five years.

For more information, e-mail Brenda at cafawife615@hotmail.com.

Toys for Tots

Palmer Auto Service, located at 222 S. Main St. in Chelsea, is a local drop-off point for Toys for Tots & Teens for Faith in Action. They also will be accepting donations through Dec 16. These items will be dis-

tributed by Faith in Action in the Chelsea area. Every person who drops off a donation will be entered into a drawing for a number of prizes, including a free oil change and gift certificate to Thompson's Pizza.

Palmer Auto Service is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Chamber banquet

The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with The Chelsea Standard, will host its annual Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Chelsea Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center.

Tickets available at the offices of the City of Chelsea and Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. Reservations must be made no later than Dec 10. Make checks payable to the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, 310 N. Main St., Suite 120, Chelsea, MI 48118.

For more information on tickets, call 1-734-475-1145.

Nancy Harris, founder of Hearts Community Service, is the recipient of the 2009 Citizen of the Year Award.

This year, the Citizen of the Year committee also is honoring two longtime community contributors, Will Johnson and Bill Chandler. Johnson was presi-

dent of Chelsea Community Hospital for 23 years and provided a vision and innovative leadership that few could replicate. Chandler is one of Chelsea's citizens who has quietly provided mentoring and support to the community for many years.

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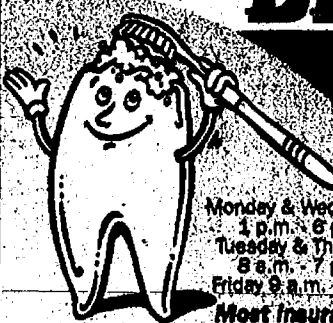
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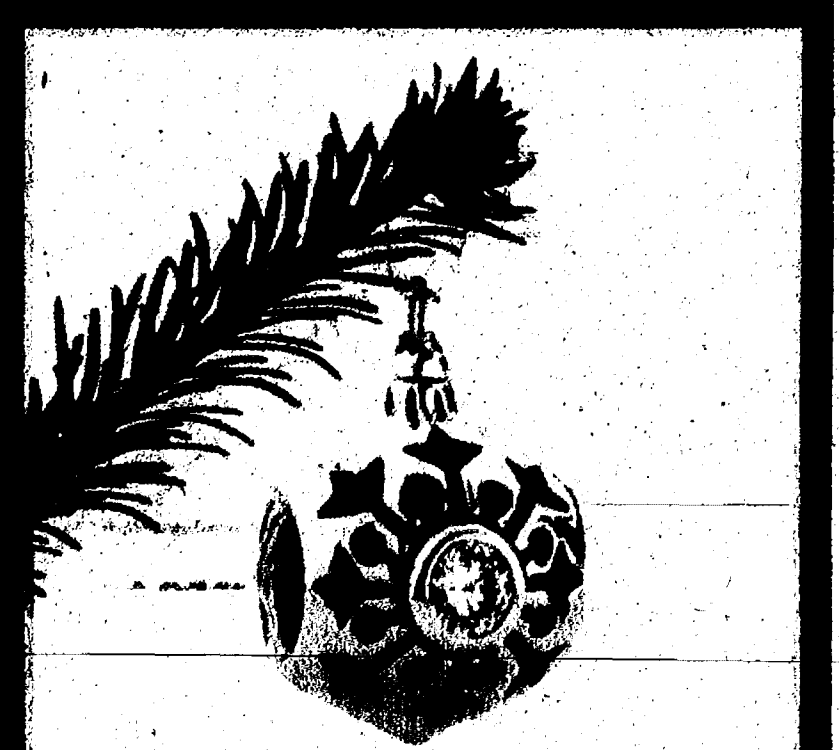
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U.S.S. Washtenaw artifacts have found new home

By Lisa Allmendinger
Heritage Newspapers

Artifacts from the U.S.S. Washtenaw County Landing Ship Tank (LST) 1166, the only Navy warship named for a Michigan county, have found a permanent home.

Last week, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to place a new display case in the lobby of the Clerk-Treasurer building.

The ship is also the most decorated warship of the Vietnam War.

"The artifacts remain a part of Washtenaw County history and are registered Navy Department artifacts," Tom Osmond, who was a crew member on the ship, said previously. In addition, the crew was

the last of the U.S. military to serve in the Vietnam War when they performed a peace mission to remove naval mines from Haiphong Harbor.

"The U.S.S. Washtenaw County Historic District will be placed on public display in the center of the lobby of the county building located at 200 North Main St.," the resolution reads.

Elmer White, one of the members of Project Harbor, a group that is fund-raising the memorial, said in an e-mail he wanted to thank all the commissioners for "supporting this important historical memorial."

Project Harbor members are veterans from all the Armed Forces, who are raising \$7,500 by the end of the year for the memorial.

The Washtenaw County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 310 in partnership with the USS Washtenaw County LST 1166 Veterans Association have combined in the effort.

The ship's bell, ribbons, a scale model, the builder's plaque and a framed photo of the decommissioned ship are included in the artifacts.

A model of the ship was built by Bill Prince of Ann Arbor, a Navy League member.

The artifacts from the ship were established as an actual historical district of Washtenaw County in 1978, Gary Lillie, another group member, said previously.

Among the ship's honors are: a combat action ribbon, two presidential unit citations, two Navy unit commendations, four meritorious unit commendations, two National Defense medals and three Armed Forces Expeditionary medals.

White called out the strong support from County Commissioner Conan Smith, a Historic District Commission liaison to the board.

"When this project was brought forward last summer, Conan was the first person to step up and say, 'I will pledge \$100 to Project Harbor,'" White wrote in an e-mail.

An April or May dedication of the memorial is planned.

For more information, go to www.lst1166.com or www.history.navy.mil/danfs.w3/washtenawcounty.htm.

Lisa Allmendinger can be reached at 877-995-NEWS.

Rotary special guest



Last month's Rotary Club meeting featured guest speaker Rick Taylor, who gave his classification speech. It was great for the rest of the club to learn so much about Rick's background, experiences, family, hobbies, and career, including his "outdoor" writing for the Chelsea Standard.

Shop local

Susan Jacobs, CPA, and Trinh Pifer of the Garden Mill encourage shoppers to "Shop Local." Dave LaFave put together a window displaying samples of some of the items available in Chelsea. Shoppers can buy anything from furniture, appliances to household and gift items. This holiday season "spread some Chelsea cheer!"



Dexter Luminary just around the corner

As the Holiday Season approaches, once again it is time to begin plans for the annual Dexter Luminary display that occurs on Dec. 24 in the Village of Dexter. It is estimated that over 12,000 candles and bags are used to create the Christmas Eve sight. If you have never seen the Village of Dexter on Christmas Eve, you are in for a special treat.

The Dexter tradition began in 1985 when Doris Waggoner and Betty Steinaway packaged and distributed kits to Central, Ann Arbor, Broad, Baker and Fourth streets. Since that time the Christmas Eve Luminary has grown to encompass the entire Village, including the newer areas of Westridge, Huron Farms and Dexter Crossings. Six years ago, the Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce took on the project in order to keep the tradition going. Donations from Village residents and anyone else who would like to contribute are strongly encouraged to defray the cost of Luminary supplies and can be directed to the Dexter Chamber.

It takes many volunteers to keep this tradition going. On Saturday, Dec. 12 beginning at 9 a.m., there will be a workshop at the Colorbok facility on Baker Road to assemble the luminary kits. In particular, vehicles and drivers are needed to distribute the kits to Village residents. Contact the Chamber Office at 428-0687 with your name and phone number if you are able to volunteer for work for a couple of hours either on assembling or distribution.

Protestors oppose funding for Planned Parenthood

By Art Aisner
Special Writer

Several Washtenaw County residents came to last week's final regular Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners meeting of the year with a clear message about the \$99 million budget pending approval: They didn't want a cent of it going to Planned Parenthood.

More than a dozen men and women hailing from the eastern, central and western portions of the county addressed commissioners for more than an hour with their objections to a \$60,000 grant issued annually for pre-natal care services used by low-income expectant mothers.

Aside from a question about the annual Parks and Recreation Department budget, they were the only members of the public that vocalized opposition to the budget, despite cuts equivalent to 20 full-time positions to help fill a projected \$30 million deficit. The budget ultimately passed with unanimous approval.

One by one, local members of the national group called Citizens for a Pro-Life Society took the podium and urged commissioners to consider other local hospitals or organizations that provide pre-natal care instead of a group that reportedly terminates four times more pregnancies than the number of babies born in their care annually.

"I just don't want my tax

dollars going to Planned Parenthood or any organization that is making money from abortions," said Lisa Justiss, of Dexter.

Justiss was one of three people who picketed in front of the county administration building with graphic photos of aborted fetuses for about an hour prior to the meeting.

"They have to see the victims to understand the reality of the evil going on," said Sandra Weathers, of Ypsilanti, who shielded a color poster showing a bloodied fetus from the steady rain with a large umbrella.

While addressing the board about an hour later, Weathers said she saw parallels between the efforts to end slavery, the Holocaust and segregation with the current struggle to challenge the Supreme Court's ruling in Roe versus Wade.

Commissioner Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, said he failed to see the connection. He also noted that Planned Parenthood was the only organization that applied for grant funding.

"I don't see the connection really," Irwin said. "Their issue isn't really a tax issue; it's about what Planned Parenthood does and abortion. I respect them for doing what they're doing, but we have a process."

After further discussion, officials said a second organization also applied, but was not considered because they did not specifically focus on services for indigent and poor mothers.

Several commissioners said they'd have a hard time voting against a proposal to help expectant mothers who needed free or subsidized pre-natal care the most. Others said that Planned Parenthood offered the most efficient and best use of county dollars, which are becoming scarcer as the taxable property values continue to slide across the county.

However, several citizens argued that while the funds may be earmarked for pre-natal care, the county's grant will inevitably go toward supporting abortions in some aspect as the money will free up other funds used for Planned Parenthood's operating expenses. Those seem quite healthy, they noted. Citing IRS tax returns and other financial records, the citizen's group said Planned Parenthood of Michigan was sitting on reserves of nearly \$4 million, including \$200,000 added just last year.

Ann Arbor resident Nicole Adelman, vice president of education and outreach for Planned Parenthood of Southern Michigan, did not refute the specific numbers, but said commissioners heard a lot of misleading information from the protesters.

"Planned Parenthood is the only funded pre-natal program in the county that specifically caters to very low-income women," Adelman said. "We also provide services to women who are uninsured and help



Lisa Justiss of Dexter pickets outside the Washtenaw County Administration Building in Ann Arbor last week in protest of grant funding for Planned Parenthood.

them navigate the insurance system."

She also said that Planned Parenthood has 15 health centers in 22 counties across the state and that budgets are stretched thin.

One other Planned Parenthood staff member and a citizen volunteer addressed the commissioners and urged them to approve the grant.

An attempt by a commissioner to withhold the grant funding during the county's previous two-year budget cycle never made it to a vote in committee.

The budget approved last week included concessions in wages, hours and retirement benefits by 13 of the 17 labor unions that represent more than 1,300 employees, officials said. Non-union employees in the circuit court and other county departments also accepted cuts.

Two teamsters unions representing employees from the district courts and the unions representing Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies and command officers would not renegotiate contract terms.

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Waterloo attempts to hold gravel pit compliant

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

Waterloo Township remains the middleman in the ongoing issues between Aggregate Industries (AI) and the residents who live near their operations.

Charlie Stockton of Harvey Road submitted a letter to the Waterloo Township Board in November regarding his complaints about Aggregate Industries' failure to comply with gravel extraction ordinance requirements. "This is not the first time I've made a complaint about this problem,"

Stockton said. "AI excavated for a year without correcting their violation."

Stockton referred specifically to the north boundary of his property, where an unlandscaped berm had been in place during mining operations in that direction. When mining was completed in that area, the berm was removed.

However, since AI began mining the 19 acre "Dault" plot adjacent to their Loveland Road pit this past summer, Stockton has had to contend with related operations.

Stockton described in his

letter, "Gravel excavated in the recently opened segment is being transported by a loader, into the original parcel. It is loaded into a hopper, and apparently carried by conveyor ... to the processing plant. All of this (except the processing plant) is visible from various spots on my property. Also visible is the gravel truck traffic, huge stock piles, and the Doan Concrete structure."

Stockton quoted various ordinances within his letter to support his request that the berm be replaced to screen operations visually and to

reduce noise and dust.

A week after Stockton's letter was submitted to the Waterloo Township Board, Trustee Bill Richardson stated that the township is working to resolve the complaint.

"The recently elected township board has been aggressively enforcing all of the ordinances of the township," he said. "Some are more difficult than others, but we treat all complaints the same and focus on solutions."

Richardson admitted that the board has met with Aggregate

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Chelsea News in Brief

CHS Madrigal Dinner

Chelsea High School Choirs, under the direction of Steven Hinz, present their 18th annual Madrigal Dinner tomorrow and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at Pierce Lake Elementary in Chelsea. Mark your calendars now and make reservations online at chelsea.k12.mi.us/madrigaldinner or by calling Barbara Obenchain 734-475-9211. The cost is \$25 per person.

Meet Chelsea author

Chelsea author Amanda Adams will be at Divine Java from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday to sign copies of her book "A New Beginning: Discover Who You Were Created to Be."

Divine Java is located at 1159 S. Main St. in Chelsea.

The book is an inspirational and spiritual memoir of Adams' struggles with addiction and how God, inspiration, hope, encouragement and a guiding hand helped turn her life around.

Divine Java is giving away a free cup of coffee with each purchase of the book.

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Tom Clemons, owner of Chelsea Village

Hardware, beginning today. "Around Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche. The show airs daily on Channel 18 at 7:30 a.m., noon, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

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

Previous shows are available to view at McKune Memorial Library.

Toys for Tots

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program will have sign-up forms available at Edward Jones, 1100 S. Main Street, Chelsea, for families who will have a need for toys during the Christmas Holiday.

The objectives of Toys for Tots is to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources — our children.

While Toys for Tots coordinators organize, coordinate and manage the campaign, the ultimate success depends on the support of the local community and the generosity of the people who donate toys. The mission of the U.S.

Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Chelsea/Dexter drop-off locations are:

- Edward Jones, 1100 S. Main Street, Chelsea.
- Chelsea Chevrolet Buick, 1500 S. Main Street, Chelsea.
- Wackenhut Gardens, 11511 Jackson Road, Dexter.
- Chelsea Village Hardware, 110 N. Main Street, Chelsea.

Faith in Action

Faith in Action is currently seeking donations of clean, gently used winter clothing and household supplies. Donations will be accepted at the Chelsea location during open hours Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

People who made need help with food or other emergencies of eviction or utility shut off are welcome to seek help during operating hours, or in Dexter on Mondays from noon to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m.

Food stamp applications, appointments for Chelsea Grace Clinic, WIC appointments are all available at Faith.

in Action. Sponsors are needed for Christmas sponsorship program. Interested groups or individuals can call Doug or Nancy at 475-3305 or 426-7002.

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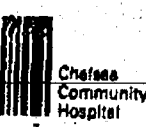
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- February 7, 2010
- March 7, 2010

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- Red Pepper Pecan Duxelles
- Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Broiled Red Snapper Beurre Blanc
- Garlic Redskin Mashed Potatoes
- Fresh Sautéed Vegetables
- Fried Breakfast Potatoes
- Loaded Eggs/Scrambled Eggs
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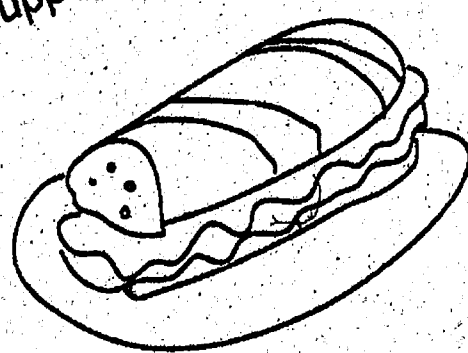
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This week's question

Which types of Web sites do you frequent?

A. Sports
B. News

C. Entertainment
D. Shopping

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Michigan must return football program to roots

Brick by brick by brick, the University of Michigan is building luxury box towers and a new press box at the top of a stadium that is already a shrine as the nation's largest facility.

Those bricks are being built on the backs of close to 120 years of Michigan football players, coaches and fans — from great players such as Charles Woodson, Tom Harmon, Desmond Howard, Gerald Ford, Tom Brady and Anthony Carter to legendary coaches Fielding Yost, "Fritz" Crisler and Bo Schembechler to the more than 110,000 die-hard fans that flock to Ann Arbor on Saturdays as sure as leaves change color and drop to the ground each autumn in Michigan.

Over the years, Michigan football has become a source of pride for citizens all across this state. Whether you went to the university or not, at some point you have heard about or seen the famous winged-wheel helmets, listened to the team's renowned "Hall of the Victors" fight song, driven by the largest stadium in the country or watched the Michigan Marching Band take the field in high-stepping fashion. Walk through the mall, and chances are good you'll come across someone wearing a Michigan shirt, jersey or baseball cap. It's a statement of pride.

Through it all — the most wins of any team in college football history (872), 42 Big Ten championships, 11 national titles and 40 bowl appearances — the University of Michigan has prided itself on doing things "the right way."

Not once in the years since the University of Michigan began playing football in 1891 has the school been found in violation of NCAA regulations.

But the past two years have not been kind to Michigan football.

After the recent 21-10 loss to arch-rival Ohio State in front of a stadium half-full with Buckeye fans instead of Wolverine faithful, the question needs to be asked: Is Rich Rodriguez the right man for the job as the head coach? Of equal importance, should university president Mary Sue Coleman and outgoing athletic director Bill Martin be held accountable for the hiring of Rodriguez and the situation the school's football program finds itself in today?

The answers: No and yes. When former coach Lloyd Carr retired after the 2007 season, Michigan went outside the football family to lure Rodriguez away from the University of West Virginia. The price tag came with a \$4 million buyout clause in Rodriguez's contract. Since then, Michigan has posted back-to-back losing seasons for the first time since 1962-63. The 3-9 record last year was Michigan's worst season ever, breaking a nation-best streak of 33 consecutive bowl appearances. This year, Michigan was 6-7, 1-7 in the Big Ten. Michigan's lone win in the Big Ten was by three points over Indiana. Michigan has now lost six straight games to archrival Ohio State, including two since Rodriguez arrived on the scene by a combined score of 63-17.

On top of that, Michigan is under investigation by the NCAA for rules violations regarding the amount of practice time required of its players. Another recent report revealed Michigan failed to submit mandatory practice logs to the NCAA. In addition, Martin has had to answer questions about a confrontation with security personnel, in which Martin is said to have been physical with security when they asked to see identification.

Coleman and Martin — as well as Rodriguez — should be held accountable for the current state of the program.

Coleman and Martin knew exactly what they were doing when they met with Rodriguez off-site in Toledo to discuss the coaching position. They knew about the buyout clause in the West Virginia contract.

For an institution that prides itself on not only winning, but on character and integrity as well, the Rodriguez hiring had red flags blowing in the wind from the start.

Michigan should cut its losses now and look for a way to return the program to its roots. As a first step, it should hire a coach with close ties to the old program.

Former Michigan quarterback Jim Harbaugh has done wonders with the program at Stanford, beating highly touted USC and Oregon this year. Harbaugh's contract expires this year. Michigan would be well advised to pick up the phone and call the man who once guaranteed and delivered on a promise to beat Ohio State.

If not, those bricks that line the outside of Michigan Stadium could start to crumble before anyone sets foot in the new luxury towers. Brick ... by brick ... by brick.

Winter tax bill can take the 'happy' out of Happy Holidays

It's that time of year again. Along with the Christmas cards, store circulars and catalogs comes the federal government's idea of a holiday greeting — my Social Security statement — followed by the winter property tax bill.

So it's not surprising that some homeowners have trouble getting into the ho-ho-ho spirit.

I'm not sure why the federal government chooses the end of November to drop a frosty freeze on this time of year.

Why couldn't they wait until After Jan. 1 to remind me why I'll never be able to retire?

Ever.

And here's why.

If I work until I'm 66 years and 8 months, I'll make a whopping \$1,607 a month, but if I wait until I'm 70 years old, that amount will be \$2,079 per month.

If I stop working at 62 years old, I'd get \$1,126 per month. That wouldn't cover the mortgage that, most likely, I'll still be paying at that age.

Oh, and should I become disabled tomorrow, I'd make \$1,524 per month — still not enough to cover my mortgage and eat — forget having the basics like heat or electricity.

That's, of course, if there's any money left in the Social Security trough when I'm old enough to feed from it.

This bad news comes after working my tail off reporting the news since 1980 and faithfully paying my fair share.

Guess it's a good thing I love my jobs and still have them, huh?

And, like a great knockout punch, at the heels of the Social Security information comes that pretty pink tax bill from my township.

Let me open a candy cane to sweeten the taste in my mouth.

I owe almost \$3,000 in taxes, even more than last year, yet my SEV and taxable value are running a dead heat with one another.

So, let's take a look at where my hard-earned money is going this time.

The Washtenaw County Parks gets 1.19250 mills or \$1,58.72 to buy land, while my township gets 0.94740 mills or

3.6856 mills or \$490.55.

The Chelsea Library portion is 1.6321 or \$217.23 for its new building and operations plus 0.70 mills for debt, or \$93.17.

That's a total of \$310.40.

Note to self: Use the library once in a while — you're paying for it.

Then, new this year is 1.8 mills for fire protection from the Chelsea Area Fire Authority or \$239.58 — a tax that residents in the fire district approved this year.

Then there's \$5.31 for the Mill Lake Drain District and \$26 for the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority.

Now that \$26 for recycling, and I'm good with that one. At least once a week I take a large container of recyclable stuff to one of the many bins conveniently placed in the area. The more I can recycle, the less I pay in private trash collection fees.

Besides, I always get the warm fuzzies depositing everything I can in those bins.

With the arrival of these pieces of paper at the end of the year, it's no wonder that people get a ho-ho-humbug attitude about the holidays.

But not this Christmas.

After several years of doing my best to ignore the holiday hoopla, I've decided to embrace the holidays and make them my own this year.

Next week, I'll tell you how.

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LISA ALLMENDINGER

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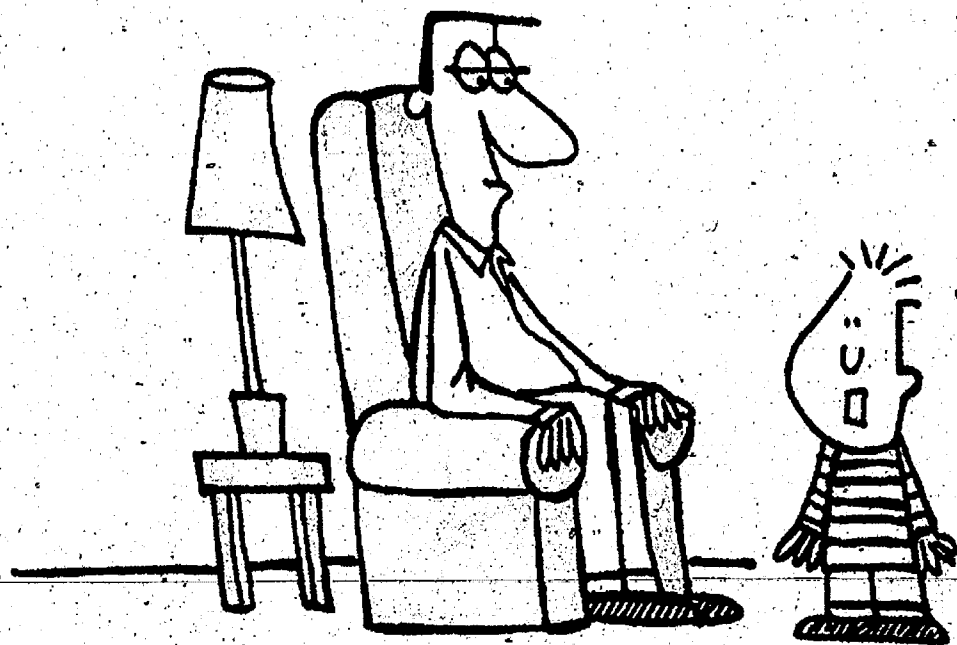
The Chelsea School District collects 7 mills or \$931.70 for debt, and another 0.925 or \$123.11 for its sinking fund.

Then there's 3.9745 mills or \$529 that goes to the Washtenaw Intermediate School District.

Add them up, and that's more than half of my tax bill or \$1,583.81.

Did I mention I do not have any children? Washtenaw Community College gets

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Proposed law will help better protect identities

Identify theft can affect anyone. We put personal information out there every day in ways as simple as renting a movie, charging a meal on a credit card, or mailing tax returns. These routine actions can be a bonanza for identity thieves.

Did you know that identity theft is Michigan's fastest growing crime, according to the Federal Trade Commission? About 10 million people nationwide become victims each year. That means every minute, 19 people become new victims of identity fraud. In fact, according to the U.S. Department of

Justice, identity theft is replacing drug trafficking as the No. 1 crime.

If you become a victim, it may take you hundreds of hours and an average of \$1,000 to recover from one incidence of ID theft. Victims report tremendous lost time at work to correct abuses of their identity. That's why Michigan needs strong laws to protect our consumers.

I was proud to introduce bipartisan legislation in the House of Representatives to protect Michigan consumers from identity theft. The House-passed bills create commonsense solutions for dealing with personal

information and for punishing those who steal identities.

My bill, HB 4729, will create an Identity Theft Commission for the state of Michigan to identify ways that both the state and private businesses can better protect sensitive information.

There are legitimate uses for personal information, including business transactions, health-care services, and employer files. Already the vast majority of these institutions work hard to protect sensitive information, and that's a good thing. It is important that Michigan's leaders not restrict the flow of legitimate commerce, but rather stop the bad actors.

No matter how careful you are, your information can fall into the wrong hands. In fact, I am working right now to correct

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wrongful use of my own personal information. My credit card was not stolen, my purse not taken, nor my house broken into. Had I not checked and shut down my account, I cannot say how much more the thieves would have stolen.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the best way to protect yourself is to remember the acronym SCAM,

with the key words stingy, check, ask and maintain:

■ Be stingy about giving out your personal information to others unless you have a reason to trust them.

■ Check your financial information regularly, and look for what should be there and what shouldn't.

■ Ask periodically for a copy of your credit report. You can

obtain a free copy once each year from each of the three major credit reporting agencies by visiting www.annualcreditreport.com.

■ Maintain careful records of your banking and financial accounts in case you need to dispute a particular transaction.

I am confident that my bill and the others passed by the House will be a step forward in protecting Michigan's citizens from thieves, and helping victims recover their financial lives. I encourage the Senate to follow the House in enacting these commonsense reforms now.

Kathy Angerer is the state representative for the 55th District. She can be reached at 1-517-373-1792 or kathyangerer@house.mi.gov.



KATHY ANGERER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

District needs to honor teacher's contract

To the Editor: Most have heard by now that school districts in Michigan are in financial crisis. Our state legislators are in a stalemate over how to fund schools, and our last best hope, the Washtenaw County millage, failed in November. This was a huge disappointment for the administration, school board, teachers and support staff of the Chelsea School District. Our superintendent and board are now faced with the daunting task of maintaining the excellent programming here in Chelsea while keeping the district financially solvent. It is not easy, and the teachers of Chelsea do not envy their position. We do know, however, that we have been fortunate to have a fiscally responsible superintendent, board and teachers for a great many years.

We have worked together over the past several teacher contracts to ensure that the district can keep a healthy amount in its fund equity account. We have agreed to bring home less money and have less comprehensive health insurance than teachers in surrounding districts in order to meet Chelsea's unique needs. We were told hard times were coming, and we answered the call, repeatedly, so that the district might have an adequate fund equity account: essentially, extra savings for a rainy day.

The rainy day is here. It is now pouring. Although Chelsea teachers are nearing the end of our three-year contract, we were not surprised when the superintendent came to us early, asking us for retroactive salary cuts and asking us to pay for portions of our insurance. It is now the administration's position that if we do not agree to these concessions, important programs and influential teachers may be cut as early as January.

This would, we believe, severely and negatively impact our students. And, due to the district's financial situation, it is our position that these mid-year cuts are completely unnecessary, whether teachers take concessions or not. Our district began the school year with \$5.5 million in its rainy day fund. (The concessions would give the district a little over \$300,000 more.) The fund equity amounts to over 20 percent of the district's overall budget. That is, 20 percent of our overall budget is currently not going to stu-

dents.

No one would argue that saving is responsible, especially given the lack of leadership in Lansing regarding school funding. Yet, it is important to note, that at this moment our administration is seeking cuts to help prepare for the next rainy day, not to get through this year.

In short, this amounts to an individual neglecting to pay his mortgage in order to comfortably pad the savings account. Our Chelsea schools are our "house." They are where our students live and learn on a daily basis. The district has the money to ensure that the excellent programming and teachers our students deserve are in-tact for the rest of the 2009-2010 school year.

Much work will then need to be done. Chelsea teachers will again be there to help and to answer the call, negotiating a new contract that may look quite different from this one. We simply ask that until June, our administration honors the promises it has made to students and teachers. Chelsea teachers are not a decision-making body. We can't decide which programs are cut, who is laid off, or how money is spent. Only the superintendent and school board can make those decisions. We have been attending board meetings to urge our school leaders to stand by our students and to honor their promises by dipping into the rainy day fund.

We invite all members of the Chelsea community to join us at the meetings. We all must work together to maintain the quality education we provide for every Chelsea student.

Members of the Chelsea Education Association

Special thanks!

To the Editor: The white lights twinkling in the windows of Gordon Hall are a sure sign that the historic home owned by the Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum is closed for the winter. As the snow falls, this is the perfect time to remember last summer's warmth and to show our appreciation to the many volunteers who helped us keep the grounds of Gordon Hall looking great all season long.

We'd like to thank: Milligan's Landscaping, Jan and Mike Stagg, Jim Dempsey, Dave Klumpp, Ron Klumpp, John Bellefleur, Debbie Samuels, Kathleen Stevenson, Kate Collins and the UMRC, Gil Campbell and Paul Bishop.

And to anyone who ever picked a stray weed here or there throughout the summer. We look forward to opening Gordon Hall in the spring to host many events next year, including our Member Appreciation Tea in May, Summer Movie Nights and weddings in the fall. Thanks to all who make these very special events at Gordon Hall possible.

Jennifer Colby
Gordon Hall Event
Coordinator for the
Dexter Area Historical
Society and Museum

Support local business

To the Editor: There is an aspect of loss to feeling thankful. Sometimes "you don't know what you've lost till it's gone." I am aware of this when I think of what a great place Chelsea is to live in. We have lost some businesses here that are significant.

It's a convenient thing to be able to buy and service a car so close to home. And to be able to buy things you need and want, like clothing, shoes and gifts. If we want to keep that convenience, we need to buy local. Saves on gas, time and will probably keep up property values around here. That is something to be thankful about. Buying local ultimately helps yourself.

Transition Town is a world-wide movement that focuses on individual communities becoming resilient and sustainable. If gas or goods become very expensive because it starts to cost more to get it from the earth, or because our relationships with foreign countries sour,

or because of a climate change disaster, like flooding or drought that disrupts production or transport, this buying local theme becomes even more than convenient, it becomes necessary.

If you can work at a business close to home, or even own a business that provides goods and jobs that our community needs, that makes us more resilient: that is, able to keep going, and living comfortably even if the rest of the world is having economic disruption.

Remember that electric black-out five years ago and everyone came to Chelsea to get gas because we still had power?

Let's keep that kind of independence going in Chelsea. If you want to find out more about transition towns, peak oil, climate change and how to make our town more resilient and sustainable, attend some free movies coming up at the Depot in Chelsea. There is one at 7 o'clock tonight and another on Jan. 12. Interesting documentaries, discussion and refreshments follow.

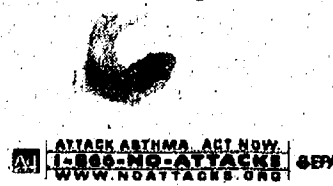
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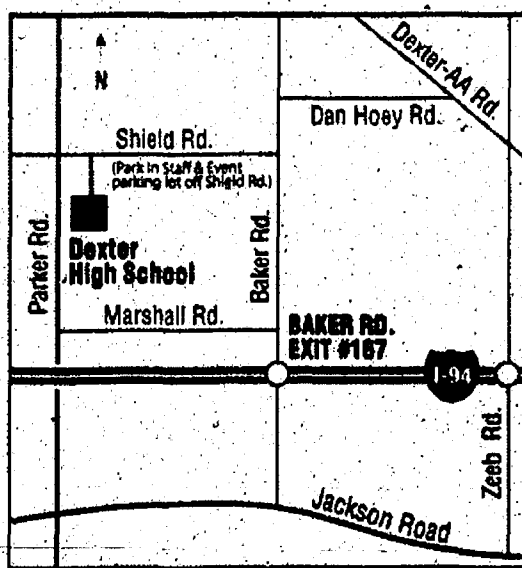
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Photos by Lisa Allmendinger

The sign at the driveway of the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds for the annual 4-H Christmas tree sale in building G.



Melissa Cousino, 16, of Manchester, Emma Rose, 11, of Saline, Meghan Carpenter, 16, of Gregory and Ben Blovis, 16, of Saline, were on hand to help with the first day of the annual 4-H Christmas tree and wreath sale at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds on Dec. 5. The sale continues this weekend on both Saturday and Sunday.

Christmas tree and wreath sale to benefit 4-H club

By Lisa Allmendinger
Heritage Newspapers

Emma Rose of Saline was excited to assist customers as they perused the many Fraser and Douglas firs, Scotch and White pines, blue spruce and Black Hills spruce inside building G at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds on Dec. 5.

The 11 year old says all sales profit the county's 4-H programs and she wants to help.

Ben Blovis, 16, of Saline was ready to do some of the heavy lifting as families arrived in the unheated building sporting their holiday spirit.

The trees are priced from \$20 to \$70 and are all Michigan-grown, says Melissa Cousino, 16, of Manchester.

Fast Facts

What: 4-H Christmas tree and wreath sale
When: Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. or until all trees are sold
Where: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road

Meanwhile, Meghan Carpenter, 16, of Gregory, made sure visitors to the sale were aware the 4-Hers also had wreaths for sale adorned with festive-colored ribbons.

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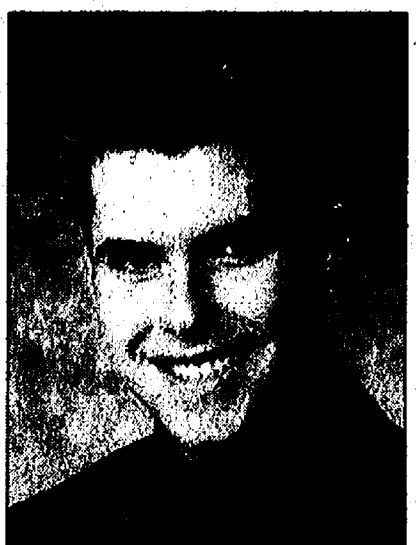


EVANS, CATHERINE ELIZABETH; of Chelsea, MI; age 89; died at her home at Silver Maples Retirement Community in Chelsea on December 6, 2009. She was born on June 28, 1920, in Shelbyville, IN, the daughter of Claude and Inez Cherry. She received a B.S. Degree from Indiana University in 1941 and a Master's Degree in Education from Western Michigan University in 1968. On September 4, 1943, she married David Stanley Evans, Jr., who died in 1999. They had three children, Susan (Roy Muir), of Ann Arbor, David Evans (who died in 1998), and Elizabeth (Jerry Getzel) of Richmond, VA; she is also survived by six grandchildren, Christopher (Heather) Lemon of Maybe, MI, Renee (Joel) Laney of Portland, OR, Zach (Sandi) Evans of Culver City, CA, Alexis Evans of Chicago, Bryant Getzel and Alyssa Getzel of Richmond, VA; one great grandson, Everett Lemon of Maybe, MI; and daughter-in-law, Jackie Evans (John) Roberts, of Ann Arbor, who is the mother of Zach and Alexis Evans. Catherine's husband was a minister in the United Methodist Church and together they served churches in East Douglas, MA, Jackson, Okemos, Hillsdale and Albion, MI. They retired together to Okemos in 1985. In 2004 she moved to the Silver Maples Retirement Community, where she lived until her death. A public service celebrating Catherine's life will be held at Silver Maples in Chelsea at 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, with a time for visiting with friends and family from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Maples Room at Silver Maples. Interment of her remains will take place at a Funeral Service at the Okemos Community Church on Sunday, December 27, at 2 p.m. with Visitation at 1 p.m. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Silver Maples Employee Scholarship Fund at the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (301 N. Main St., Ste. 300, Ann Arbor, MI 48104), First United Methodist Church (128 Park, Chelsea, MI 48118), or the Okemos Community Church (P.O. Box 680, Okemos, MI 48865). Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home.



GOTTLIEB, VIVIAN SOS-ELIZABETH; of Brentwood, CA, (formerly of Ann Arbor); passed away peacefully on November 8, 2009. Born August 20, 1930, Vivian was a gifted artist and poet, devoted wife, loving mother, dedicated homemaker, wonderful cook, and loyal and supportive friend to many. Vivian loved movies, reading The New Yorker magazine, collecting bride and groom figurines, and most of all, spending time with her family, sharing delicious meals, telling family stories and jokes, and enjoying the pleasure that her husband, children and grandchildren gave her. Vivian was born in Winnetka, IL and graduated with honors with a BFA in painting from the University of Michigan in 1952. That fall she married Norman Gottlieb of Detroit and they moved to Flint, MI upon his graduation from U-M Law School. They raised their family in Flint, where Vivian began a career in quilt and textile artistry. Her quilts won many awards and were featured in anthologies and shows across the country. She was active in the Flint Institute of Arts and served as a docent there. Vivian and Norman retired to Ann Arbor in 1992, where Vivian was active in the cultural community. She was a strong supporter of the U-M School of Music, Theatre and Dance and regularly enjoyed Ann Arbor's many fine musical offerings. In recent years she and Norman relocated to southern California to be near their youngest grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Norman Gottlieb; children, Siri Gottlieb and Lisa Gottlieb (Jeff McCabe) of Ann Arbor, Mia Gottlieb (David Atkinson) of Tokyo, Japan; and son, Sam Gottlieb (Rosalind Robinson) of Santa Monica, CA; grandchildren, Aaron Wilhelm (Alya Kashper Wilhelm) of New York City, Maisie Wilhelm of Denver, CO, Zoey Clark and Nevon Clark of Ann Arbor, Evelyn Atkinson of Cambridge, MA, Norah Atkinson of Seattle WA, Max Atkinson of Tokyo, Japan, and Nicholas Gottlieb and Chloe Gottlieb of Santa Monica, CA. She was thrilled to welcome her first great grandchild, Zina Wilhelm of New York City, into the world in October. Vivian and Norman recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. Vivian was deeply loved by her family and friends, and will be profoundly missed. A Private Memorial for Vivian was held at a favorite spot of hers on the beach at Point Dume in Malibu, CA.

MCGIBNEY, PHILIP F., III; of Chelsea, MI; age 92; passed away Thursday, December 3, 2009, at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born on February 24, 1917, in Darlington, MD, the son of Philip F. II and Emily (Holloway) McGibney. On July 6, 1946, he married Rose Clark in Chelsea and she survives. Phil had lived in the area for most of his life. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and a lifetime member of Inverness Country Club. He was very hardworking and in his free time enjoyed bowling and golfing. In addition to his wife he is survived by six children, David (Laura) McGibney of Mascoutah, IL, Bradford (Patricia) McGibney of Temperance, MI, Joyce (James) Lindstrom of Grass Lake, Brenda (Michael) Foster of Grass Lake, Marcia Newman of Chelsea and Brian (Linda) McGibney of Ypsilanti; 13 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; three siblings, Melrose Scarborough, Bradford McGibney and Forwood (Jane) McGibney, all of Maryland; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Emily Blackburn, and one grandson, Philip McGibney. A Funeral Mass was held Monday, December 7, 2009, at 11 a.m. from St. Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Dr. William J. Turner officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The family received friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. with Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



OSTROWSKI, MICHAEL BRANDON; Saline, MI; age 24; passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2009. Michael was born June 19, 1985 in Ypsilanti, MI, the son of Michael and Wanda (Layne) Ostrowski. He graduated from Saline High School in 2003, and attended Washtenaw Community College. Michael was an avid video-gamer, he loved watching movies, listening to music, and spending time with his friends. His quick wit and wry sense of humor will be forever missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his parents, Michael and Wanda; and sister, Sarah Ostrowski of Saline; grandparents, Al and Pauline Ostrowski, Lloyd and Bula Layne; aunts and uncles, Lloyd and Tommie-Lynn Layne, Tim and Pam Hansen, and Larry and Theresa Anzalone. He is also loved by cousins, Jennifer, Tom, Tyler, Kacey, Hannah, Devon, Tyler, Ava and Cayden. Visitation will be at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home of Saline, MI on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 between the hours of 2 to 8 p.m. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at Keystone Community Church in Saline at 11 a.m. with Pastor Tom Robinson officiating. Burial will follow at the Oakwood Cemetery of Saline. To sign Michael's guestbook or leave a memory please visit www.rbfhsalinelive.com or www.mlive.com



WAHL, WILMA E.; Saline, MI; age 95; passed away on Monday, December 7, 2009. She was born on June 29, 1914, the daughter of Daniel and Clara (Seckinger) Roehm. On November 28, 1942 at St. James United Church of Christ in Saline Twp., she married Rudolph G. Wahl and he preceded her in death on December 7, 1977, exactly 32 years apart to the day. Wilma was a long time member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Saline. During her life she was a homemaker and bookkeeper for her husband's heating business RO Wahl Inc. for 35 years. She also volunteered at the Saline Community Hospital Auxiliary Gift Shop, retiring at age 90. Wilma loved gardening, quilting, was an avid Euchre player, and loved playing games with her grandchildren. Survivors include her son Lyle (Diane) Wahl, son Ronnie (Dawn) Wahl, daughter Cynthia (James) Proctor; and one sister Lila Luckhart; she is also survived by grandchildren Veronica (Tim) Malinczak, Valerie (Gabe) Erickson, Joe Wahl, Jordan (Heather) Wahl, Evan (Julie) Wahl, Jason (Alissa) Proctor, Amber (Lee) Kothe, Autumn Proctor, Adam (Ann) Erskine, Amanda (Arnold) Reginaldo; other survivors include great grandchildren Hailley and Ashley, Regan, Jaden, Alexander, Devon, Arianna, Jonas; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death in addition to her husband Rudy by one brother Clarence Roehm, and sisters Elva Glatz and Lucille Finkbeiner. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the St. Paul United Church of Christ in Saline with Rev. Dr. Patricia Kenney officiating. Burial will take place in the Oakwood Cemetery in Saline following the service. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul United Church of Christ, Arbor Hospice Foundation, or to Saline Community Hospital Auxiliary. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home where friends may begin calling on Thursday, December 10, 2009 between the hours of 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and at the Church on Friday, December 11, 2009 from 10 a.m. until time of Service at 11 a.m. To sign Wilma's guestbook or to leave a memory please visit www.mlive.com or www.rbfhsalinelive.com

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Chelsea Community Hospital offers new program



Social worker Doug McDonald and psychiatrist Natalia Galkine are members of the Chelsea Community Hospital Partial Hospitalization Program, offering patients with mental health problems an alternative to outpatient or inpatient care. Patients attend Monday to Friday but return home at the end of each day and on weekends.

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Depression, severe anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorders, suicidal thoughts, severe mood changes and other mental health problems can be debilitating. Treatment usually involves outpatient sessions or hospitalization.

Chelsea Community Hospital offers a different solution—a Partial Hospitalization Program in which patients attend daily therapy but return home at the end of each day and on weekends.

"PHP is a good level of care for people who need more than outpatient but don't meet criteria for inpatient care," says psychiatrist Natalia Galkine. "They can get intensive treatment to gain skills and integrate them into daily life."

Patients referred by outpatient therapists and psychiatrists, primary care physicians, emergency room psychiatric staff or inpatient treatment staff attend Monday through Friday and receive regular monitoring and intensive therapy.

The 6 and 1/2-hour day is comprised of a series of groups providing support, information, structure, therapeutic experiences and feedback on progress.

The daily schedule provides experiences complementary to outpatient therapy where the individual is the focus of treatment. Interdisciplinary team members observe patient interactions with staff and program participants and obtain valuable information about each patient's strengths and challenges.

The program employs the biopsychosocial model for treating mental health problems.

Galkine and program nurse

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Chris Swain attend to physical components through assessment, education and medication management.

"The PHP program offers a compassionate, safe place to learn and practice how to get needs met in healthy ways," Swain says.

Psychological health is attended to through assessment of needs and development of goals for treatment, focused on cognitive, emotional, and behavioral strategies to promote wellbeing. Licensed master's level social workers Joy Mulrath, Sylvia Carruth and Doug McDonald provide these services.

"We believe people recover best in an atmosphere of compassion and respect," Carruth says. "Staff and patients work together to create a milieu that honors the strengths and vulnerabilities of human beings."

McDonald, one of the original staff who founded the program, says it offers a unique opportunity to learn the latest and best tools for recovery in an intimate and safe setting with a diverse and highly qualified and committed team of professionals for support.

Part-time Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialists Colleen Arnold and Colleen Gessler take care of social health needs through assessment and education promoting relaxation, positive leisure activities and social engagement. The program provides a safe learning environment to develop personal acceptance and to gain self-respect and hope, Arnold says.

Mulrath treasures an email from a former patient thanking PHP staff for helping her understand depression and for providing tools and techniques to cope with symptoms.

"The program offers a unique therapeutic experience through a combination of education and psychotherapy groups to empower patients," Mulrath says.

Behavioral Health Services at CCH include inpatient, outpatient and day treatment programs. Coordination among these services allows patients to move from one level of care to another as needs change. For more information, call 475-4029.

Chelsea Community Hospital is part of the St. Joseph Mercy Health System; another program is offered in the Huron Oaks Building, 5401 McAuley Drive, on the grounds of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. For more information, call 712-5850.

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Survey says teens have more responsible attitudes today

A nationwide survey released last week by Girl Scouts of the USA finds that American teenagers say they would make more responsible decisions on a range of moral issues than young people 20 years ago.

The study, conducted by the Girl Scout Research Institute, is nearly identical to one the Girl Scouts commissioned in 1989. A comparison of the two surveys shows a marked shift toward more ethical and responsible attitudes, and more interest in

civic involvement among teens and pre-teens.

Study results show that today's young people are:

- Less prone to risky behaviors.
- More civic-minded and generous.
- More likely to value diversity.
- More independent thinkers.
- Close to, and respectful of, their parents.

Nearly two out of three young people (62 percent) surveyed

in 2009 say that they would not cheat on a test, compared to about half (48 percent) in 1989.

Fifty-eight percent say they would refuse an alcoholic drink if offered one at a party. That compares to less than half (46 percent) in 1989.

Only 18 percent say that they believe that smoking is acceptable if a person finds it enjoyable. In 1989, more than a quarter of those asked (27 percent) thought smoking was acceptable.

The study also finds that one-third of today's teenagers say they intend to wait until they are married to have sex, compared to less than a quarter (24 percent) in 1989.

The survey, "Good Intentions: The Beliefs and Values of Teens and Tweens Today," asked 3,283 girls and boys in third through 12th grade questions about ethics, diversity, civic involvement and peer pressure. Additional questions were asked of seventh through 12th-graders.

The study was conducted with Harris Interactive, formerly Louis Harris Inc., the same firm that worked on the 1989 study. The survey used online and school-based techniques. Data was weighted to key demographic variables to align it with the national population of students in this age group. The margin of error was plus or minus two percent.

Young people today seem to have a stronger sense of civic engagement. Compared to 20 years ago, youth are more likely to say they intend to vote in every election in the future (84 percent vs. 77 percent). Teens and pre-teens today say they will give regularly to charity (76 percent vs. 63 percent). Some 79 percent say they will volunteer in their communities. (The question about volunteering was not asked in 1989.)

"While many young people

have good intentions about making responsible choices," said Jan Barker, CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, "they need help connecting these intentions to actions."

"We know from this and other studies from the Girl Scout Research Institute that girls, in particular, have a strong desire to play a major part in building our country's future. At Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, our role is to create opportunities that nurture the leader in every girl. Surveys such as this one tell us that girls are on the right path; our job is to help them move forward."

Community service is a cornerstone of Girl Scouting, as exemplified in the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor girls can achieve. Laura Leach of Ann Arbor, for example, earned the Girl Scout Gold Award in 2009 for creating craft kits for the Giving Library Book Cart at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

In addition, the survey revealed that 71 percent of youth today say their religious beliefs are important to them. This group is not as likely as less religious or non-religious youth to say they would lie, cheat, drink or have sex outside of marriage.

Today's young people, as represented by survey results, say they would express an opinion

that they knew to be unpopular (79 percent this year, compared to 72 percent in 1989). Only 26 percent (compared to 34 percent in 1989) feel pressure to "fit in" with their peer group.

The study also surveyed young people about issues that have become prominent with the advent of new media and technology. Only 6 percent say they would engage in cyber bullying by forwarding an embarrassing picture of a classmate to their friends. Some 40 percent would take the extra step of telling the originator of the e-mail what he or she did was wrong. (This question was not asked in 1989.)

In addition, the data show that youth today value diversity. Among seventh- to 12th-graders, nearly six in 10 (59 percent) say that being around people from different racial and ethnic backgrounds is important to them. This appears to be particularly important to girls (63 percent versus 55 percent of boys) and youth from diverse racial or ethnic backgrounds. (This question was not asked in 1989.)

Finally, survey results indicate that an overwhelming majority of students surveyed say that they have an adult who cares about them (94 percent) and that that adult is a parent (92 percent). Sixty-two percent say that their parents are the first people they turn to for advice.

Byrnes to announce run for Senate seat

State Representative for the 52nd District Pam Byrnes (D-Chelsea) has chosen Ypsilanti's historic Freighthouse as the announcement site for her candidacy in Michigan's 18th senate district. She will officially throw her hat into the ring 2:30 p.m. Dec. 13.

Byrnes' announcement at the Freighthouse is appropriate given her role in securing federal stimulus dollars for the restoration of the historic building. There are future plans for the facility to become a stop on a proposed commuter rail line. Byrnes will be joined in Ypsilanti by her husband Kent



name

Prior to her legislative service, Byrnes was a well known and respected private practice attorney for over two decades, served as Director of Friend of the Court and was Washtenaw County's first female Road

Brown. The couple, with deep ties to the area, first met through their civic engagement with the Ypsilanti business community.

Commissioner.

"Residents of Washtenaw County need a State Senator who will bring a progressive social message to Lansing, and deliver business friendly policies that promote economic growth for Michigan in the global economy," Byrnes said. "I have spent my tenure in the House being a consensus builder who finds a 'way to yes.' I want to take that leadership to the Senate."

Following the announcement, a reception for Byrnes will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. at Frenchies in Depot Town, 56 E. Cross St, in Ypsilanti.

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Vocal Arts Ensemble holiday program set

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

The Vocal Arts Ensemble is one of the gems of the Ann Arbor music scene.

That's the word from VAE veteran Alfred Hero, a member since 1993, who will perform in "Heaven and Earth: VAE with Brass," 4 p.m. Dec. 20 at Genesis of Ann Arbor, 2309 Packard Road.

"There's no other group quite like VAE," Hero says. "The repertoire ranges from early baroque to modern jazz vocal, and the ensemble has a very unique fluid and rich sound."

"What attracted me to VAE was its small size, its high level of artistry, and the eclectic choice of repertoire. It provides the ideal creative arts outlet for a U of M professor of electrical engineering and computer science like me."

Founded in 1992 as a small chamber group devoted to a cappella singing, VAE – now 28 singers strong – is one of the premier chamber ensembles in the region. "Heaven and Earth," featuring a Christmas cantata and assorted carols and seasonal songs, is the group's second concert of a season that kicked off in October with "Exultation and Lamentation." A gala fundraiser, "Night and Day," is set for Feb. 20, and "Byrd, Brahms and Beyond" will be held May 8.

Evan Padgett of Ann Arbor, a nurse practitioner with IHA Internal Medicine, has been a member since 1999 and president for seven years.

"VAE is an ideal mix of high standards with good camaraderie, a shared vision of excellent performance of a wide variety of music," he says. "Members have an interesting mix of backgrounds, all joined by love of music and singing."

"I think VAE is unique in our region in that, while we're centered primarily in the classical tradition, we also perform in other styles, as evidenced in our 'Night and Day' event featuring popular, jazz, folk and

Heaven & Earth: VAE with Brass

Who: Vocal Arts Ensemble, a 28-voice chamber choir in Ann Arbor directed by Ben Cohen.

What: Holiday program merging the ringing sounds of voices and brass in Pinkham's Christmas Cantata, "Hodie Christus natus est" by Gabrieli and "Psalm 100" by Schütz, as well as traditional carols and Hanukkah music. Musical guests: members of the Motor City Brass Ensemble. Followed by a reception.

When: 4 p.m. Dec. 20. **Where:** Genesis of Ann Arbor, 2309 Packard Road.

Admission: At the door: \$20, seniors and students \$15. Advance tickets: \$15, seniors and students \$10.

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classical pieces."

Gretchen Suhre, a classical singer who teaches vocal music in Ann Arbor Public Schools, has been in VAE since 1992 when she and other singers got the idea during a dinner party to create a chamber group. VAE had 14 singers, and the director sang with the group.

"That was part of the original idea of what the group would be – a cohesive singing ensemble that was so tight we needed no visual cues from a conductor during the performance," Suhre says. "We struggled with that concept and found we needed cues to guide us while creating the choral sound for which we were striving. Today we're a larger group and we've abandoned the idea the director should sing – we need the conductor, and are thrilled to have Ben Cohen."

Cohen, active in the music, theater and education community since coming to Michigan for graduate school in 1991, is the VAE musical director. A teacher of choir and drama at Greenhills School, he also serves as a choirmaster for the Ann Arbor Symphony and has

directed musical shows for the Ann Arbor Civic Theater and University of Michigan Gilbert & Sullivan Society.

Saline soprano Lorna Young Hildebrandt says Cohen is one of the best directors she has worked with.

"He exudes brilliant musicianship and energy," she says.

Hildebrandt, who earned voice performance degrees, a bachelor's and master's of music from the University of Michigan, has sung in hundreds of solo and choral concerts in Traverse City, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Toledo, Boston and other mid-west cities and enjoys singing with local community choral groups. A member of the voice faculty at Concordia University, she specializes in early music and oratorio solo and choral repertoire.

"VAE has a great mix of singers, and the repertoire is truly inspiring," she says.

Scott Horowitz, a graduate student in biophysics at U of M, looked for a singing group when he came to Ann Arbor 18 months ago.

"I basically lucked into Vocal Arts Ensemble – I came to the audition and loved the group from the get-go," he says. "Rehearsing and performing music brings me more satisfaction than just about anything else I've been a part of. Ben does a great job of selecting interesting and unique music to work on, and the group enjoys musical exploration together through different time periods and genres."

VAE has performed music by nationally known composer William Bolcom of Whitmore Lake, including "Lady Liberty," a co-commissioned piece that simultaneously world-premiered on May 9 with the VAE and The Master Singers of Lexington in Massachusetts.

"This must have constituted a first – the same night Ben Cohen and his brother in Massachusetts premiered Lady Liberty," Bolcom says. "We were at the Ann Arbor performance, which was stellar, well-rehearsed, spirited, everything



Pictured are singers Scott Horowitz (left), Julie Grow, Austin Chrzanowski, Jennifer Corey, Gretchen Suhre and Evan Padgett with music director Ben Cohen.



VAE music director Ben Cohen.

you could want.

"I'm writing a lot of choral music, mostly in a somewhat popular vein nowadays. Lots of people find choruses have an important social use right now. In a fragmented, solipsistic society where too much work is solitary in nature, creating something wonderful together with other people – as in choruses – satisfies both performer and audience."

Paul Rardin, U of M associate director of choirs, says VAE is one of Ann Arbor's best-kept secrets, a polished, energetic and creative ensemble.

"The repertoire is excellent and highly diverse and is always sung with a sense of purpose and understanding of the text," he says.

"Ben has a knack for finding superb music – from Schütz

to Argento – and infusing his own love of it into his singers. He has also championed new music, regularly commissioning and performing music by living – and often local – composers. VAE performances are marked by vitality, accuracy, and spirit."

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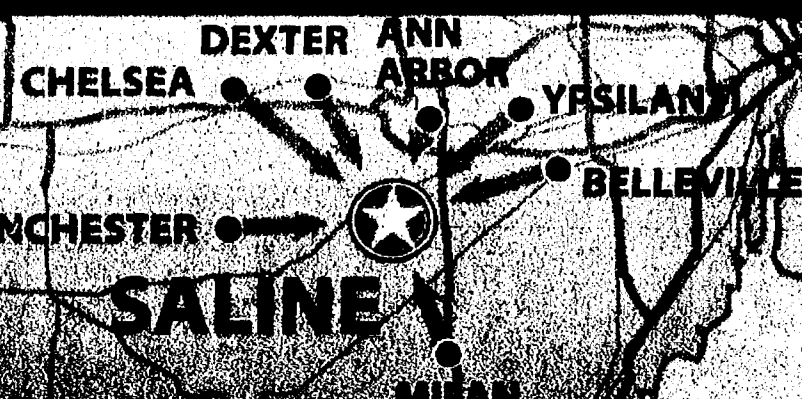
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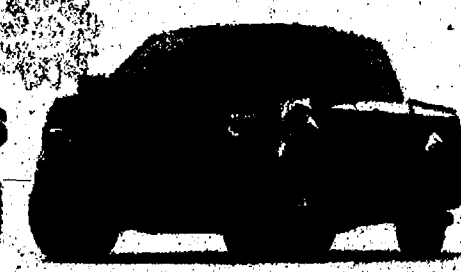
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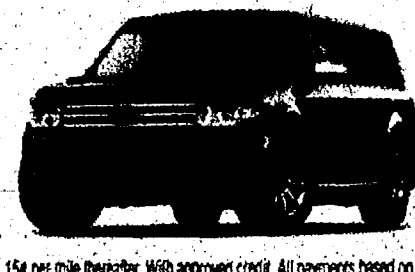


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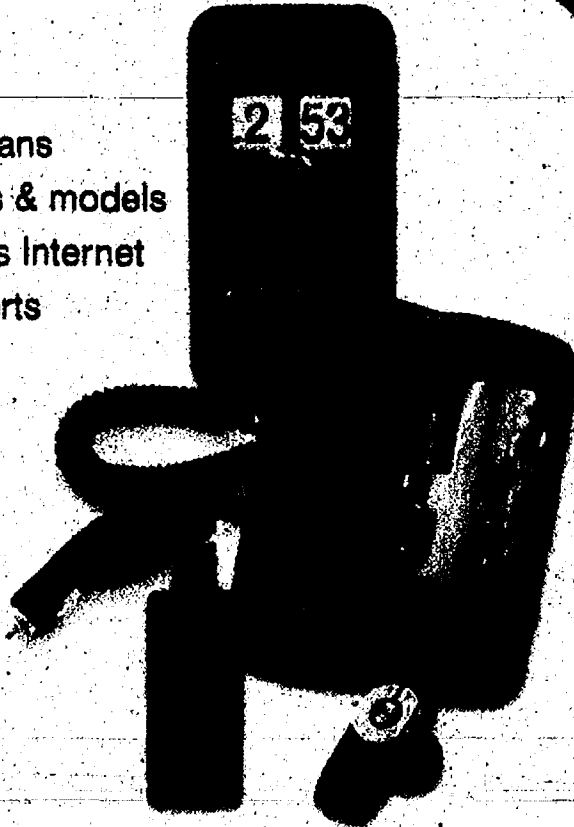
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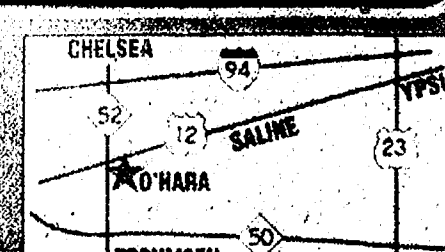
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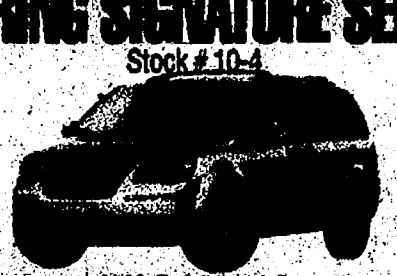
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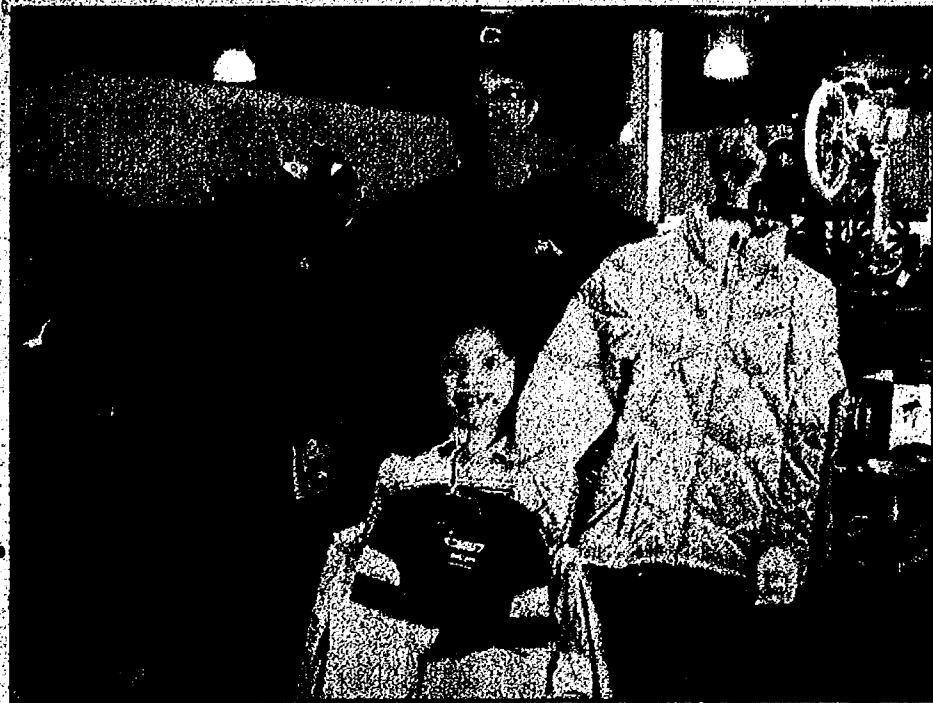
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Shop local

This is the first in a two-part series offering great CHRISTMAS gift ideas right here in Chelsea and Dexter.

Photos and text by Burrill Strong and Mary Kumbler

Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors



Mike Casey, owner of Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors, and his son Jack hold North Face and Columbia kids' winter coats. The coats, currently on sale, start in price at \$60. Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors also sells bicycles, kayaks and outdoor clothing, and also repairs bicycles; the store is located at 1101 S. Main Street, next to the new post office. For more information, call 1-734-475-8203.

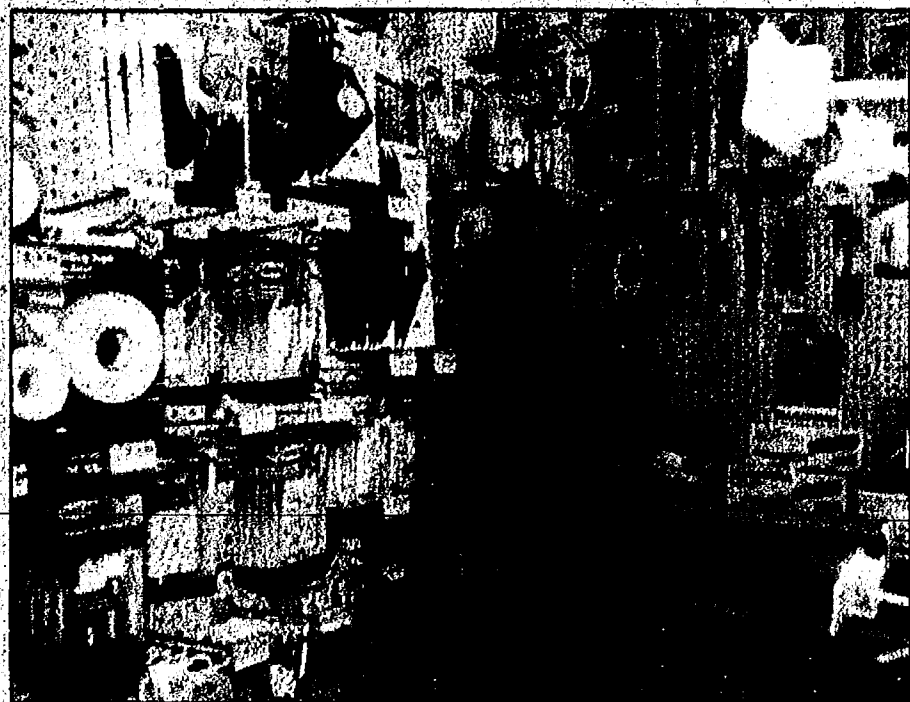
LaJolla Fine Jewelry



Curtis Gough, owner of LaJolla Fine Jewelry, holds a selection of 14K yellow, white and rose gold art-deco style diamond key pendants. The pendants range in price from \$450 to \$1,200. LaJolla Fine Jewelry designs, crafts and sells a wide variety of fine jewelry. The store is located at 111 S. Main Street in Chelsea and can be reached at 1-734-475-0717.

Hackney Hardware

A Hackney Hardware employee is seen wearing a tool belt and placing a knife sharpener on the shelf. The store has been serving local residents since the 1940's and offers something for everyone from handymen to connoisseurs. Visit the store at 8105 Main St. in Dexter, online at www.hackneyhardware.com or call 1-734-428-4009.



Bumble's Dry Goods

Carolyn McNagry, owner of Bumble's Dry Goods, holds two hand-cut wooden Christmas trees. The trees sell for \$11 each. Bumble's Dry Goods sells unique and useful American-made goods for the home. The store is located at 105 W. Middle Street and can be reached at 1-734-433-9703.



Artistica

Local artists Pam O'Hara, Anne Savage and Marilee Wandres own Artistica. They will be joined in January by Jamie Valen. Their store showcases unique items created by local artists. O'Hara is pictured with a piece of her pottery along with Bert Otton who is holding a wooden bowl he carved from a tree cut off the Gordon Hall lot. Visit their store at 3203 Broad Street in Dexter, online at info@artisticagallery.net or call 1-734-428-1500.

Dexter Bike and Sport



Bike, swim, triathlon apparel and accessories are on sale now! Dexter natives Jeffrey and Denise Turk are co-owners of Dexter Bike and Sport have more than 20 years of experience in the field and are ready to help you shop for the sports fan in your life. Visit their store at 3173 Baker Road in Dexter, online at www.dexterbikeandsport.com or call 1-734-428-5800.

Vogel's & Foster's

Mike Jackson, owner of Vogel's & Foster's, holds a Brighton handbag and organizer. Jackson is wearing a Woolrich performance knit shirt. Vogel's & Foster's sells men's, women's and children's activewear, footwear and accessories. The store is located at 107 and 109 S. Main Street and can be reached at 1-800-215-7001.



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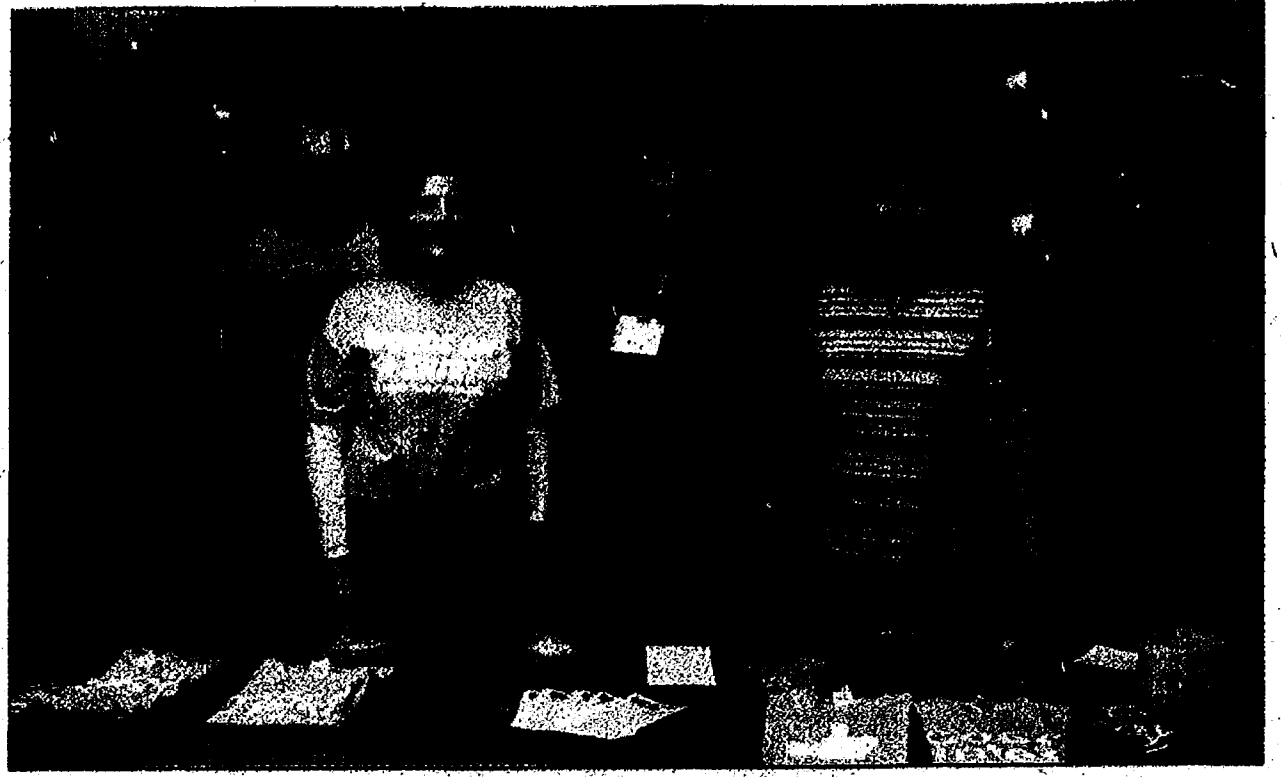
Capture the moment! Print those images stuck online! Find a camera, bag or tripod or frame on sale! Huron Camera's long-time employees, Cheryl and George, are seen with items that are on sale for the holidays. Visit the store at 8060 Main St. in Dexter or online at www.HuronCamera.com or call them at 1-734-428-4654.



Dexter Picture Frame

Mary Bowe, owner of Dexter Picture Frame, compares frame colors for a Dexter student's place which is being framed as a gift for the holidays. The store offers custom and ready made frames along with local artists and artisans pieces and jewelry. Bowe is a certified picture framer with over 30 years of experience and suggests that folks consider framing a piece of their child's work as a gift to them or a relative. Visit the store at 8063 Main St. in Dexter, online at www.dexterpictureframe.com or call 1-734-428-4009.





SRSLY plans family fun for New Year's Eve

SRSLY is planning fun for all ages on New Year's Eve, right here in Chelsea, and totally free.

The SRSLY New Year's Eve Party will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. at Beach Middle School on Thursday, Dec. 31. This is the second year that SRSLY has organized the event. More than 200 people attended in 2008.

Coalition members are planning games and activities that will appeal to all ages, including: team games and competitions (pie-eating contest, scavenger hunt, and more), face painting, video games on classroom Smart Boards, cookie-decorating, live music, swimming, basketball and volleyball, and a chili cook-off.

The first 10 entrants in the chili cook-off will receive a \$15 gift card to Polly's Country Market to purchase supplies.

Contact Reiley Lewis to sign up, at rlewis@srslychelsea.org. Beth Ingall took home the prize in 2008 - a brand new 5-qt. T-fal skillet - with her white chicken chili.

"The SRSLY New Year's Eve Party was great fun for our family," said Andy Ingall,

chair of the coalition. "The chili cook-off, game rooms and performance from the Chelsea House Orchestra were all great ways to bring in the new year!"

The party is free, thanks to the generosity of local groups and businesses. SRSLY is seeking financial gifts to cover the cost of the event, or refreshments, prizes and supplies for activities. Chelsea Milling has already donated sugar cookie and frosting mix for decorating, and corn bread to serve with the chili.

"It's amazing to watch local companies come together to provide this support for all families," said Sara Wild, SRSLY member and project leader for the New Year's Eve Party.

Door prizes will include gift certificates to local restaurants and businesses, board games, and family passes for ice skating and bowling.

SRSLY is seeking volunteers to help out for an hour during the event.

For more information, or to sign up to volunteer as a family, go to www.srslychelsea.org.

First Place Bank announces West Middle Street location

First Place Bank opened a new Lending Center in Chelsea, located at 134 West Middle Street. This office is located between Washenaw and Jackson counties so First Place Bank can better serve customers in both markets.

"We're looking forward to providing the Chelsea area residents with the First Place brand of community banking that we have been offering the Jackson community for the past five years," said Bruce Wenmoth, corporate executive vice president of First Place retail lending. Headquartered in Warren, Ohio, First Place is among the top five lenders in many of its service markets.

"Our experienced lenders are known for delivering individualized service with a personal touch," Wenmoth said. "We are pleased to announce that this office will be led by Jon S. Mykala who has 16 years mortgage lending experience. He will provide local, personal

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Chelsea Rec builds confidence through sports

By Shawn Personke
Guest Writer

Chelsea United Way launched their 2009-10 campaign in September. Chelsea United Way is a locally run chapter with a volunteer board of directors who support local service agencies, including Faith In Action, Chelsea Grace Clinic, Chelsea Senior Center, WAVE Bus, Parents as Teachers, Chelsea Rec Council, and the St. Louis Center. Chelsea United Way encourages Chelsea area residents to "Give Where You Live." For more information, visit www.chelseaunderway.org.

The way Michelle Mitchell sees it, everyone needs recreation. And not just for fun either.

Mitchell, director of Chelsea Recreation Council, knows that learning to play sports helps kids grow both mentally and physically, improves the quality of life for adults and contributes to the way an entire community views and pursues wellness.

But the key for kids is the low-key way team sports are presented at the Rec Council.

"Chelsea Recreation strives to fulfill the recreation needs in the community with emphasis placed on providing youths within the Chelsea School District quality opportunities to develop life long leisure skills," Mitchell says. "Our affordable youth sport programs provide a wholesome, fun filled learning atmosphere devoted to mastering physical and mental skills. The programs are not intended as a training ground for future stars, but as an age appropriate opportunity to develop and grow."

Mitchell, who grew up in the suburbs of Baltimore, has long been a fan of sports as leisure sports, working at the local rec center in high school and



Chelsea United Way supports the Chelsea Rec Council's mission of providing recreational opportunities for Chelsea residents to help improve overall quality of life through building physical, mental and social skills. Recreation Director Michelle Mitchell (center) is joined by Rec Council staffers Polly Bradburn (left) and Jeremy Hodges.

graduating from West Virginia University with a BA in Rec Administration. She's done everything, from being a camp counselor to running youth sports leagues to managing recreation facilities. She eventually became a Certified Youth Sports Administrator and has been with Chelsea Rec Council since 2002.

Mitchell credits the support from Chelsea United Way as an important part of the Rec Council's ability to help families, particularly those experiencing financial stress.

"Chelsea United Way's donation helps offset the fees for children who are on the free or reduced lunch program and camperships for children to attend summer camp," she said. "These kids would have an otherwise uneventful summer."

Helping Chelsea kids and families have fun while building social and physical skills is one of Mitchell's favorite things working at the Rec Council.

"I love working for Chelsea Rec," she says. "I am honored to be part of such a wholesome community filled with wonderful parents who do everything they can to provide their children with the best foundation they can."

Chelsea Mayor Jason Lindauer understands the value of a community rec program well, from both a parent/coach perspective and during his five years as the City of Chelsea liaison to the rec council.

"It's a great opportunity to learn a skill with kids your own age in your community and to do so at a skill level that's

Fast facts

What: Chelsea Rec Council
Director: Michelle Mitchell

Mission: Chelsea Recreation strives to fulfill the recreation needs in the Community with emphasis placed on providing youths within the Chelsea School District quality opportunities to develop life long leisure skills.

When: Established in 1971
By the numbers: Serving the 18,500 residents of the Chelsea School District, of which 2,800 are students. They offer 40 seasonal programs and summer's Camp Cabot.

How: Chelsea Recreation Council is funded by fees collected and support from the Chelsea United Way.

Words to live by: Parents can't change the outcome of the game; parents can change the outcome of the experience.

appropriate," said Lindauer. He remembers coaching flag football, utilizing the Rec

Council's strategy of rotating positions, so that every player learns how to play all the positions.

"We didn't win a game," he laughs. "But we emphasized player development, like how to throw a tighter spiral. It was wonderful to see kids gain confidence in themselves in a sport, knowing that it will tran-

sfer to other areas in their lives."

Lindauer, who had three of his kids play flag football, softball, and baseball, adds that it's a great learning experience for parents to help coach the youth teams.

"It was a privilege to participate with our kids," he said. "And it was fun, too."

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Industries' representatives in the past in attempts to resolve complaints from other residents regarding non-compliance.

"I believe that they understand the board's wishes to enforce the ordinance and this new working relationship will continue moving forward," he said.

The property, environment and reserves manager for Aggregate Industries, Martin Landes, said that the company believes that operations are well within the conditions of the Waterloo Township's Extraction Operations Ordinance.

"Regardless, we are working with the township and with the landowner to try to find a timely, reasonable solution to address any concerns the landowner may have," he said.

At this time, there is a tenta-

tive verbal agreement between AI and the landowner to resolve the problem, mediated by Waterloo Township.

In response to local residents' concerns that AI is considering purchasing local state land to expand mining operations, Landes stated, "We do want to maintain a presence in the area to meet the demand for gravel. We are keeping our eyes open for possibilities, but we have no firm plans in place at this time."

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need for budget adjustments based on the amount of paperwork moving through the department.

A 60-day hold on hiring as becoming an indefinite hiring freeze as well.

Automatic appropriations increases have also been done away with starting in 2011, unless they're a requirement of contract or statute.

A number of fees charged by the county and a number of its departments have also seen a 2.5 percent increase.

In regard to the financial picture in 2011 and beyond, Outmet said: "We have to see if all of our assumptions

hold ... we're assuming that there are specific issues regarding revenue that are

going to happen and I'm not sure that they will, but we'll have to see."

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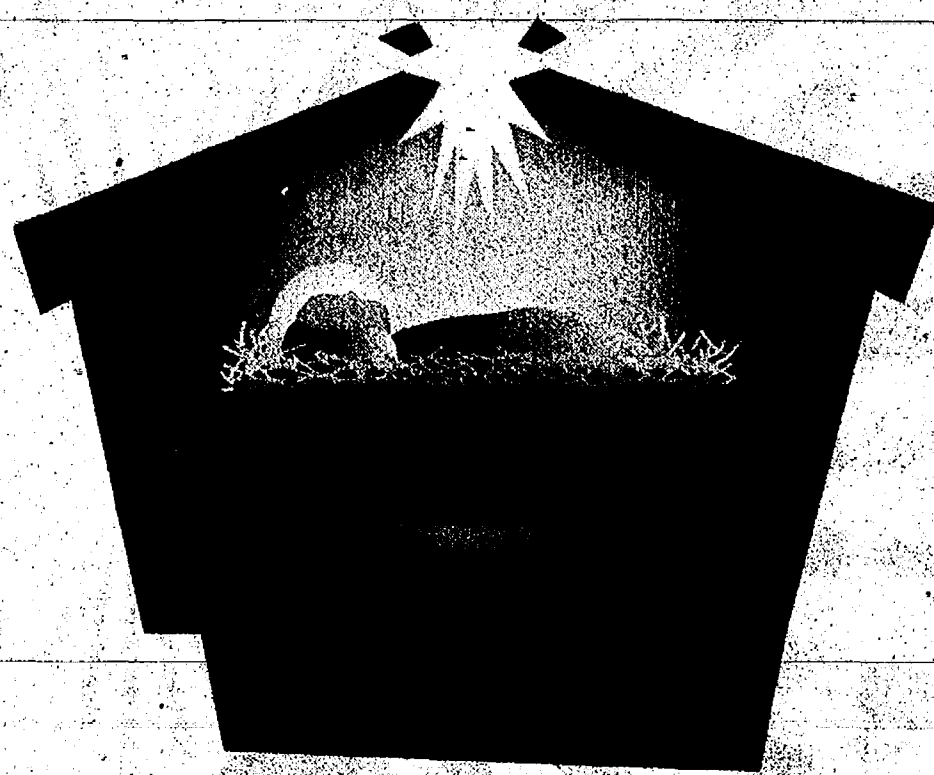
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GOVERNMENT ROUNDUP

Schauer wants repaid bailout funds to fight deficit

U.S. Rep. Mark Schauer, D-District 7, sent a letter to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner calling for Bank of America's \$45 billion in Wall Street bailout funds be used to pay down the federal deficit. Last week, Bank of America announced it would repay its \$45 billion loan from American taxpayers before the end of the year.

"The Wall Street bailout should have been about getting capital out on Main Street and job creation and not about helping banks improve their balance sheets," said Schauer. "Far too many businesses in

Michigan still can't get a loan to invest in capital or hire more workers, while taxpayers have been stuck with the \$700 billion bill. To get our economy back on track we need to focus on creating jobs and reigning in the deficit, and using these funds to repay taxpayers is a great way to do both."

Earlier this year, in one of his first major votes in Congress, Rep. Schauer voted to reject the release of the second \$350 billion under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, also known as the Wall Street bailout.

"It appears Bank of America is anxious to pay back these funds not because of its concern to American taxpayers, but because it wants to escape reasonable limits on executive compensation," said Schauer. "Reckless bonuses and multi-million dollar compensation

packages to run a failed bank that was only kept alive by American taxpayers does not represent the kind of reform we need on Wall Street."

No on death tax

Last week Schauer joined the National Association of Manufacturers in opposing H.R. 4154, a bill that would drastically raise the death tax on family farms and small businesses. Schauer also voted for a measure that would completely eliminate the death tax for the next two years.

"If this bill targeted Wall Street bankers exclusively, I'd be all for it," said Schauer. "However, even the most conservative estimates are that this legislation would hurt thousands of small businesses and family farms, and in this tough economy that's simply unacceptable."

In 2001, Congress passed the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act, which included a phase out of the death tax by increasing the exemption level and reducing the tax rate. The current exemption is \$3.5 million and the rate is 45 percent - the same level that would be permanently extended by H.R. 4154. Under current law, the tax is set to expire on January 1, 2010, and then come back in 2011, with an exemption of \$1 million and a rate of 55 percent.

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GOP meeting

The Western Washtenaw Republican Committee is meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday on the second floor of the Chelsea Clocktower complex.

Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Guest speaker will be Mark Ouimet, candidate for the 52nd Congressional District seat.

Everyone is invited to talk to candidate Ouimet and listen to his ideas for the campaign.

New Exhibit

The River Gallery is hosting an exhibit of works by Barry Avedon through Jan. 9.

An Opening Reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 12 and a panel discussion moderated by Tom Venner will take place at 2 p.m. on Dec. 20.

Avedon admits that he is happiest making art, and that state

of mind infuses his paintings and collages. But good work cannot be about happiness alone, which would not sustain our interest or touch us the way it should.

Avedon says it's other things he adds that bring his work into full force: the flavor of Kirchner, Matisse or de Kooning; the interplay of surface and depth; the luminous color and the surprising juxtaposition of images that form his complex compositions. Then we experience what happens when this masterful artist creates - the work becomes rich and resonant, beyond happiness.

Guest artists on the second level include Margaret Davis, Karen Izenberg, Michael Reedy and Richard Washington.

River Gallery Fine Art is committed to researching, exhibiting and placing the best original art available for residential, small business, health-care and corporate clients: Site survey and recommendations; off site exhibits; installation art programming; appraisals and custom framing.

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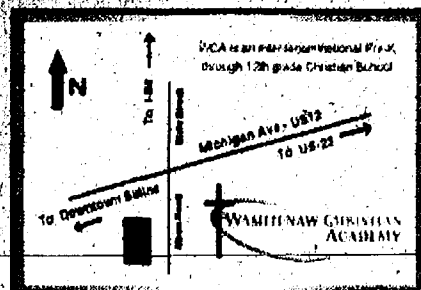
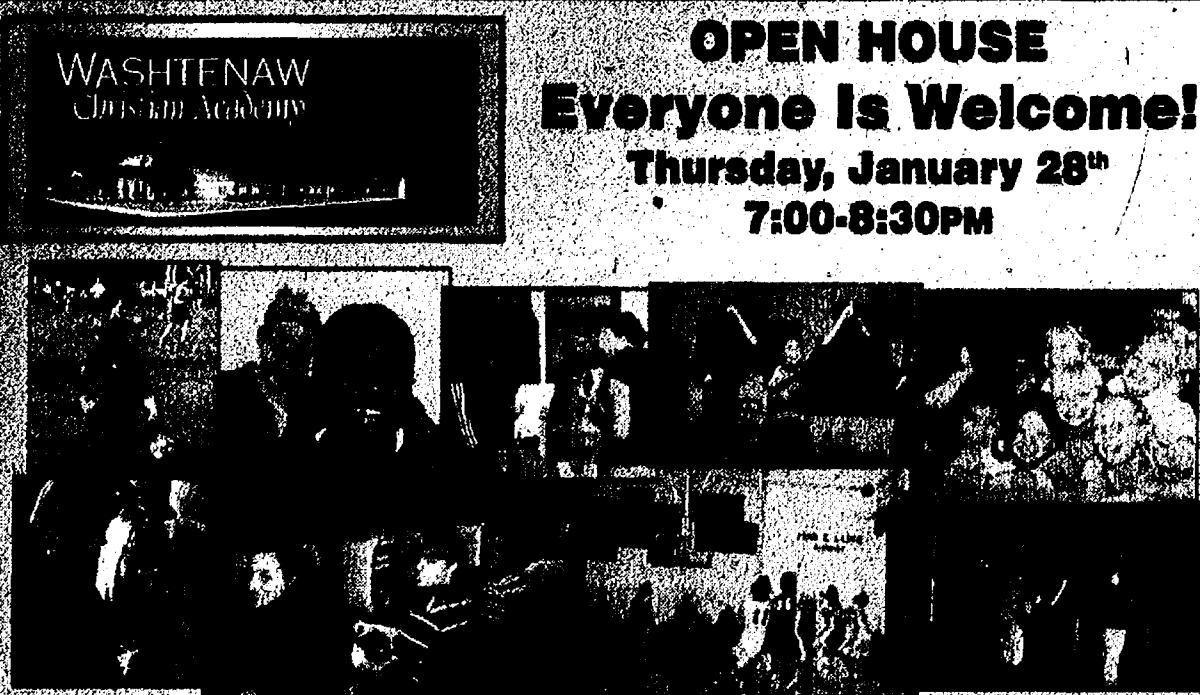
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Chelsea's Joe Hewitt had one assist in the Bulldogs' 2-1 win over county rival Dexter last Saturday.

Chelsea icers beat Dexter

Bulldogs defeat Dreadnaughts 2-1 on the ice

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea hockey defeated visiting county rival Dexter 2-1 last Saturday at the Arctic Coliseum.

John Brosch opened the scoring for the Dreadnaughts (2-1-1) turning the lamp on unassisted at 6:13 of the first period.

At 2:12 of the second period, Brad Hepler scored for the Bulldogs on a 5-on-3 power play tying the score at 1-1. Dan Hudson and Joe Hewitt assisted on the goal for Chelsea (2-1-1).

In the third period, Hudson scored the game-winner on a power play at 12:05 of the frame. Goaltender Matt Darr and Hepler picked up an assist on the play for the Bulldogs.

"He picked up the puck in our zone and basically went coast-to-coast," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "He was able to (fake) the goaltender for the game-winner."

Dexter out-shot Chelsea 22-20 for the night.

"We came out in the first period and played really well," said Dexter coach Gary Howell. "We had a one-goal lead, but I felt we should have had a larger lead. We didn't respond after they scored their goal (5-on-3 power play). We didn't do a very good job of bouncing back. Chelsea did a good job of taking away our quality scoring chances."

Wright said it doesn't matter what the records are when Chelsea and Dexter battle on the ice.

"Dexter always comes to play," he said.



Photo courtesy of Burrill Strong

Dexter's Matt Stirling (right) jostles with Chelsea's Austin Sullens during last Saturday's county rivalry game.

"It was a very equal game. I was happy we got the win. Dexter played strong."

On Nov. 27 through 28, the Bulldogs hosted their ninth annual Thanksgiving Classic. Besides Chelsea, Detroit Country Day, Alpena and East Grand Rapids competed in the tournament.

In the opener, the Bulldogs defeated Country Day 2-1.

Luke Heinen opened the scoring for Chelsea with a goal on the power play at 10:57 of the first period. Shane Trojanowski picked up an assist on the play for the Bulldogs.

"Luke walked in alone on a break-away for a score after a long pass from Trojanowski," Wright said.

At 8:08 of the second period, Country Day scored on a power play tying the contest at 1-1.

At 5:29 of the third period, Hewitt scored the game-winner on a 5-on-3 power play. Hepler recorded an assist on the goal for Chelsea.

Matt Darr earned the win in net for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea out-shot Country Day 24-19 for the game.

"I thought Country Day did a good job shutting us down," Wright said. "They held our quality scoring chances to a minimum. But we figured out a way to get it done."

In the tournament's other semifinal, East Grand Rapids defeated Alpena 5-1.

In the final, Chelsea lost to East Grand Rapids 4-2. Last year, the Bulldogs beat the Pioneers in overtime for the title.

Zack Schwenneker scored unassisted.

PLEASE SEE ICERS/4-B

Depth, athleticism Chelsea strengths

Team hoping to improve on 6-15 season record

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

Beginning his 29th season on the Bulldog bench, Chelsea's boys' basketball coach Robin Raymond is looking to improve upon last year's 6-15 overall record.

"We should have a lot of depth this season," Raymond said. "We have a lot of kids that can do different things. We'll be able to mix and match a little bit with this group. We have a lot of kids that can play multiple positions."

The Bulldogs look to replace four graduated seniors from a year ago, including Jake Mantel, who's now playing at Calvin College, Michael Roberts, Brett Everding and Michael Stratman.

Returning to lead Chelsea this season are a trio of seniors led by forward-center Brennan Darwin (6-foot-4), guard Ben Sauers (5-10) and center Colton Waterbury (6-2, 230 pounds).

"He (Waterbury) gives us a nice physical presence down low," Raymond said.

Key returning juniors include point guard Patrick Roberts (5-11), wing Mason Borders (6-4), center Connor Tait (6-5, 215) and wing Spencer Mykala (6-1).

Newcomers to the varsity squad this season include juniors guard Charlie McCalla (6-2), guard Aaron Zynda (5-8), wing Nate Udell (6-0), forward Brian Paulsen (6-2), forward-

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center Kyle Rodriguez (6-3) and forward Joel Benjamin (5-10). Also new to the varsity will be sophomores point guard Jack McDougall (5-10) and forward-center Jake Steinhauer (6-4).

"We should be stronger inside," Raymond said. "We will need to rebound the basketball better and our defense from the arc on in needs to improve. We have a lot of athleticism, so we'd like to run up-tempo and try to put more pressure in the backcourt."

Raymond said a potential area of concern heading into the season would be shooting.

"We need to be able to knock down our outside shots," he said. "We need to have a good combination of outside and inside play."

Despite losing four top seniors to graduation last season, Raymond said this year's team would push each other to succeed.

"There will be a tremendous amount of competition this year," he said. "There will be no guaranteed spots. We're looking for leadership on the court. The kids will have to bring their A game every night."

Raymond said the Bulldogs' main goal this season is to win the Southeastern Conference White Division title.

"We will be playing everybody in the division twice this year," he said. "Plus, we'll play everybody in the (SEC) Red Division once."

As tip-off to the season nears, Raymond said he likes his team's chances this year.

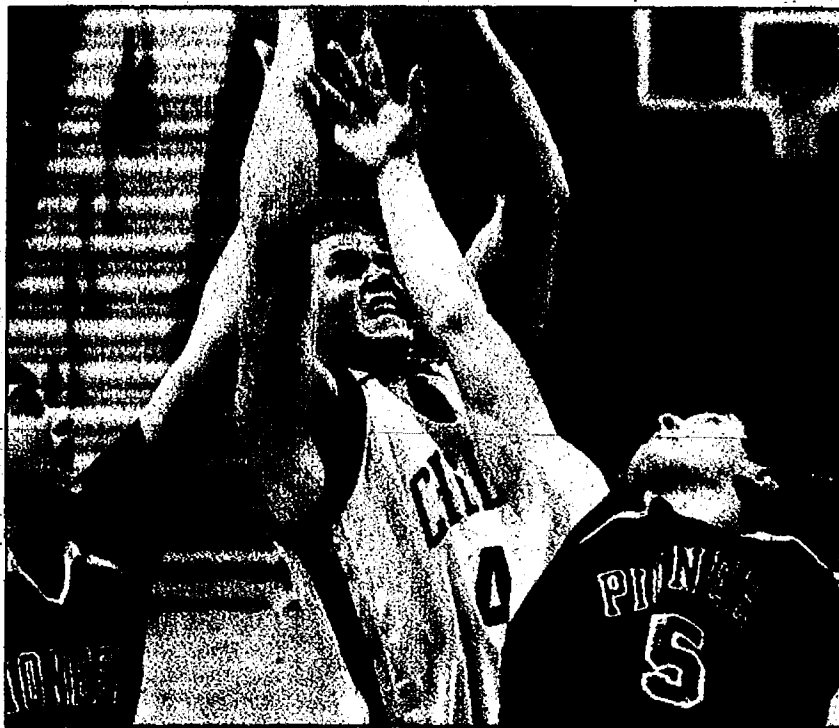


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Chelsea's Colton Waterbury will be looked upon for inside scoring and rebounding this season for the Bulldogs' boys' basketball team.

Bulldogs looking for top scorers

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

A lot of new faces will be counted on to skate to the forefront for Chelsea hockey in 2009.

After finishing with a No. 7 state ranking, a Southeastern Conference championship and a 19-7-1 overall record last season, the Bulldogs will have to replace seven key players from a year ago, including their first two lines and the school's all-time leading scorer.

"Our challenge this season will be to develop our goal-scoring," said Chelsea coach Don Wright, entering his 10th year on the bench. "I believe this year our scoring will be much

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more spread out. Everybody will have to contribute both offensively and defensively."

Lost off of last year's squad, which lost in the Division 3 state regional final to Dearborn Divine Child, were forwards Randy Cox, Ethan Johnson, Steven O'Keefe, Riley Feeney, Brian Manitz and Drew Brown, along with goaltender Joey Humes. Everybody except Brown graduated last year. The school's all-time leading scorer and a potential candidate for the state's Mr. Hockey this season, Brown decided to forgo his final year at Chelsea and

PLEASE SEE SCORERS/4-B

Dawgs shoot for league crown

By Don Richter
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea's girls' basketball team aims to win the Southeastern Conference White Division this season. The Bulldogs also look to capture their fourth straight district championship.

Last year, Chelsea finished 13-11 overall, placing second in the

SEC White

In the state playoffs, the Bulldogs won a district title for the third consecutive year. Chelsea lost in the state regional semifinals.

Standouts lost to graduation include Erin Benjamin, Krystin Schwarze and Zoe Suffery.

Key returnees for the Bulldogs this season include junior guard-forward Rachel Copperrider, sophomore

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guard-forward Mackenzie Cole and junior forward Amber Stebelton.

Top newcomers this year for Chelsea will be junior guard Hannah Fitzsimons, sophomore forward Jessica Ruikka and sophomore forward Megan Hall.

"Our strengths will be that

we're young, athletic and energetic," said Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist, entering his 10th season on the Bulldog bench. Blomquist said an area of improvement for Chelsea this year would be rebounding the basketball.

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Duck hunting calms stressful day

TAYLOR MADE ADVENTURES



RICK
TAYLOR

It was the day before Thanksgiving and I already had suffered through a pretty busy and emotionally charged morning.

I had to get up at 4:45 a.m. to get my son, Ricky, ready for an early morning flight to Nashville, TN. Ricky was spending his Thanksgiving vacation with his mom for the next five days. It's tough enough to have him away for a couple days, but five days is tough stuff.

Furthermore, he was flying all by himself as an Unaccompanied Minor or "UM" which added more worry to my already stressful morning. I was fretting that Ricky may not do well flying by himself - I didn't want him to be frightened.

At the airport, we make it through security without any problems. Despite clearing that hurdle, I'm starting to feel that emotional tug in my throat as we get closer to the gate.

We reach the gate and I hand Ricky's ticket and passport to the lady behind the counter. She's about to take Ricky down that long corridor to the plane. I know the time has come to say good-bye, but it's so hard for me to do so. We give each other hugs and kisses before the flight attendant takes Ricky away to board the plane. I hate what divorce does to families.

I check my e-mail on my smart phone while making my way out of the airport. I'm scheduled to have a real estate closing at 5:30 p.m. that day, but I'm concerned. We've already had to change the closing date once and it weighs heavily on my mind, especially in this challenging real estate market. Ugh, what a morning so far.

Thank goodness for ducks. That's right, I'm going duck hunting for the first time ever and that excitement is making my morning more palatable.

I'm scheduled to meet Pete Wyckoff from Ducks Unlimited (DU). Pete has an impressive educational background. He has his Bachelor of Science degree in fisheries and wildlife management. He also has a second B.S. in biosystems engineering. Pete even has his Masters in biosystems engineering and has a professional engineer license.

Pete works as an engineer with DU. He works on restoring wetlands to improve waterfowl habitat. Specifically, he surveys and designs wetland areas, which sounds like a cool job to me. Pete was nice enough to invite me out and I couldn't be happier to go, especially with a professional duck hunter. Pete was also bringing out his good friend Ryan Fry from his college days. Both Pete and Ryan attended MSU and have hunted ducks together many times over the years.

We were meeting at a boat launch near the Fermi Nuclear Plant on the shores of Lake Erie. Pete gave me great directions and I made it to the boat launch first.

I had purchased my small game license, waterfowl stamps and waterfowl ammunition the night before at Meijer. I went into a panic the afternoon before when the U.S. Post Office in Chelsea told me they were out of waterfowl stamps. Pete told me that Meijer would have them. I was relieved.

It was cloudy, windy and rainy at the boat launch. We would call this a pretty crappy day by most standards, but duck hunters call it a perfect day for hunting.

Pete and Ryan pulled into the boat launch area and we exchanged pleasantries. We were running a little behind so Pete and Ryan hurried to get their boat in the water. It was then I met Pete's gorgeous Chocolate Lab named Belle.

I believed Belle to be a very serious dog in that she knew why she was there and was totally focused on her master.

She didn't really care if I petted her or not, she was always focused on what Pete was doing. It was like she was yearning for a duck to drop from the sky so she could retrieve it.

We were working our way out to the bay and passed by some smaller islands. We saw a few ducks in the distance and it made my heart skip a beat - I was so excited. We could hear shots ring out in the distance every now and then which only added to the anticipation of getting a duck or two.

I learned a great deal about duck hunting on this day. I learned about layout boats, buffle heads, blue bills, john boats and decoys, to name a few things.

I remember kicking myself for not having a pen and paper handy with me while out on this hunt. Pete was a walking encyclopedia when it came to wildlife habitat, waterfowl diet and duck behavior. Furthermore, I learned that ducks would always land and take off into the wind. I never knew that before, but it does make sense when you think about it. Some ducks are divers, in which they dive down through the surface of the water to eat vegetation near the lake bottom.

I also learned that a duck hunter could only take a total of six ducks in a single day - but it's not that easy. You can only take one or two ducks of a certain species. So you better know what kind of duck you're shooting at before you pull the trigger.

I also learned about the use of decoys and how to set them up on the water, depending, of course, on what kind of species of duck you're after. There are different decoy set-ups for different species of ducks.

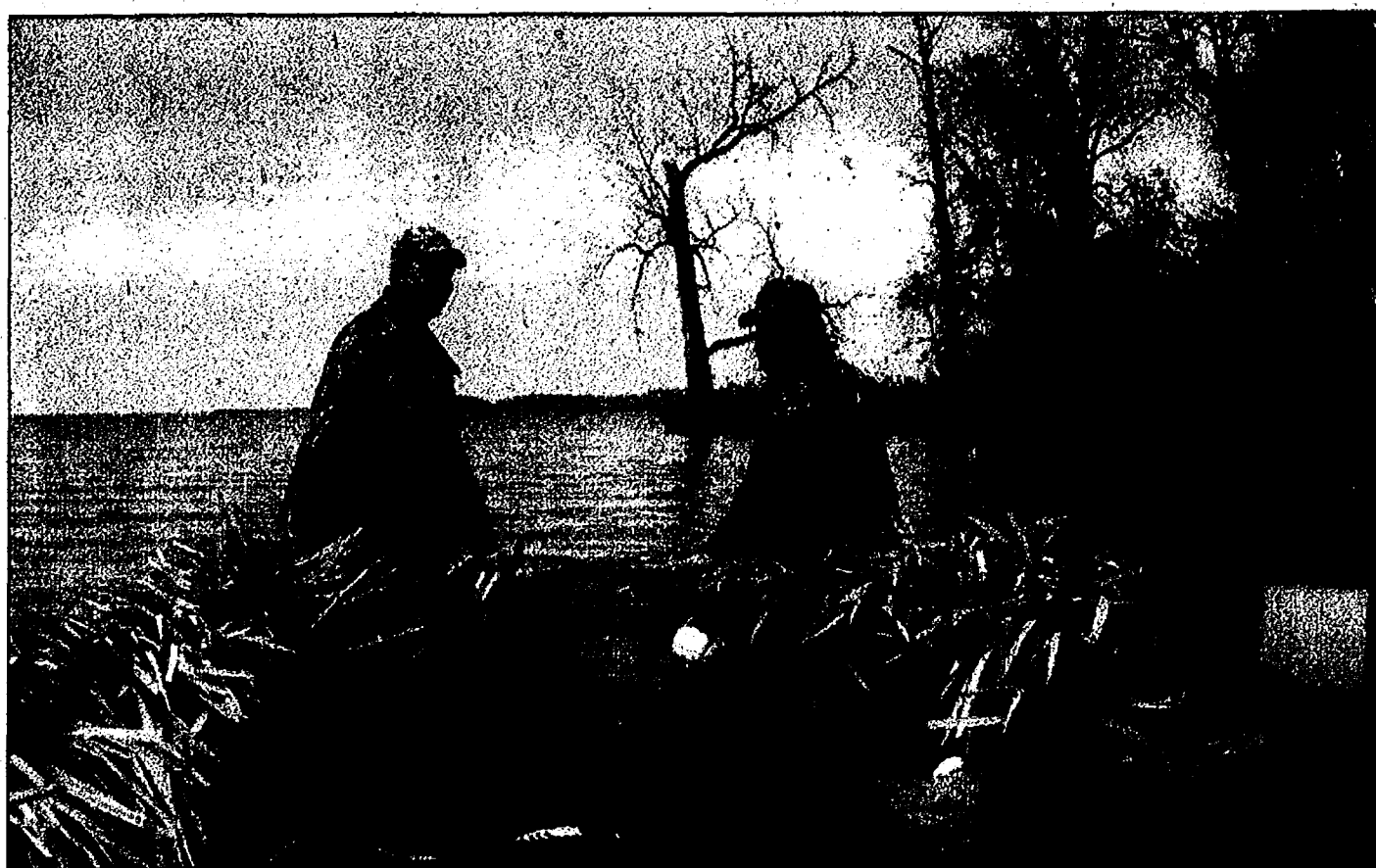
The most important thing I learned about duck hunting is that the rush isn't just in the harvesting of the ducks, but in the process.

It's about getting up well before the first hint of light to ensure a good hunting spot. It's about getting the decoys in the water while it's still dark out. It's about the camaraderie with your friends and the years of dedication it takes to properly train your dog to retrieve ducks. It's about studying the behavior of ducks and knowing when to call them in or let them go. It takes years to learn how to effectively use a duck call. Every duck species has its own call, so the duck hunter has to know many different styles of calling.

I'm only touching the surface regarding what it takes to become an educated and dedicated duck hunter.

I was truly humbled by the dedication of duck hunters on this day and what it takes to become a good duck hunter. I get it now and I hope you do, too.

I had many interesting experiences on this day. First and foremost, I was awestruck to see thousands of ducks flying just above the waterline off in the



Pete Wyckoff (left) and Ryan Fry accompanied Rick Taylor on a duck hunt last month.

distance.

I was also amazed to learn some duck hunters will hunt out of a layout boat. A layout boat is designed to lay flat on the water surface. A single duck hunter will lay down in this boat until ducks fly into range. Ducks will see and fly into the decoys but they can't see the layout boat until it's too late. Layout boats are either carried on a larger boat or towed behind a boat and are not much bigger than a coffin. One hunter will hunt from the layout boat, while the other hunter will stay in the larger john boat off in the distance. They will typically switch positions every hour or so. The larger boat operator will make sure the layout duck hunter is safe at all times. They will also pick up the ducks for the hunter in the layout boat. It takes a special person to duck hunt from a layout boat - now that's dedication.

Ryan, Pete and I had a great time while duck hunting on this day. Pete was very gracious and had offered me the first shot should a duck come into range. We had set up where we saw numerous Blue Bill and Buffle Head ducks. Ryan, Pete and I had set up 48 decoys and also prepared the boat with a special tall grass rig. This grass rig covers the boat and us. Ducks fly into our decoys thinking we're a small island near the shore.

Unfortunately, the winds really picked up on us and we stopped laughing and went into survival mode. We quickly retrieved the decoys and headed into a downwind side of an island. The waters were calm there; we just had to make it there first. Pete and Ryan knew their stuff and we made it to calmer waters. We set up again and got back to having a great time. All in all, we set up the decoys three different times on this day.

I got to know Pete and Ryan a bit more while waiting for ducks to come in. Ryan travels a great deal with his work and is headed

down to the Florida Keys for the next six months or so. We joked about how tough that would be, especially as winter approaches.

I also learned Pete is married and that he's soon to become a father in February. Pete and his wife are expecting a boy and two names are on the short list.

Even though we didn't get to shoot at any ducks on this day, we did get to enjoy each other's company for a little while.

We braved the waters for seven hours, but we had to call it a day. My real estate closing was going to happen, so I had to get going.

The winds were so strong that day the water level had dropped quite a lot. We had to get out of the boat and pull it into deeper water. We pulled that boat for a quarter mile or so and watched a small flock of ducks fly right past us. It was like they knew we couldn't do anything about it. We all had a pretty good chuckle out of it. I'll be back again.

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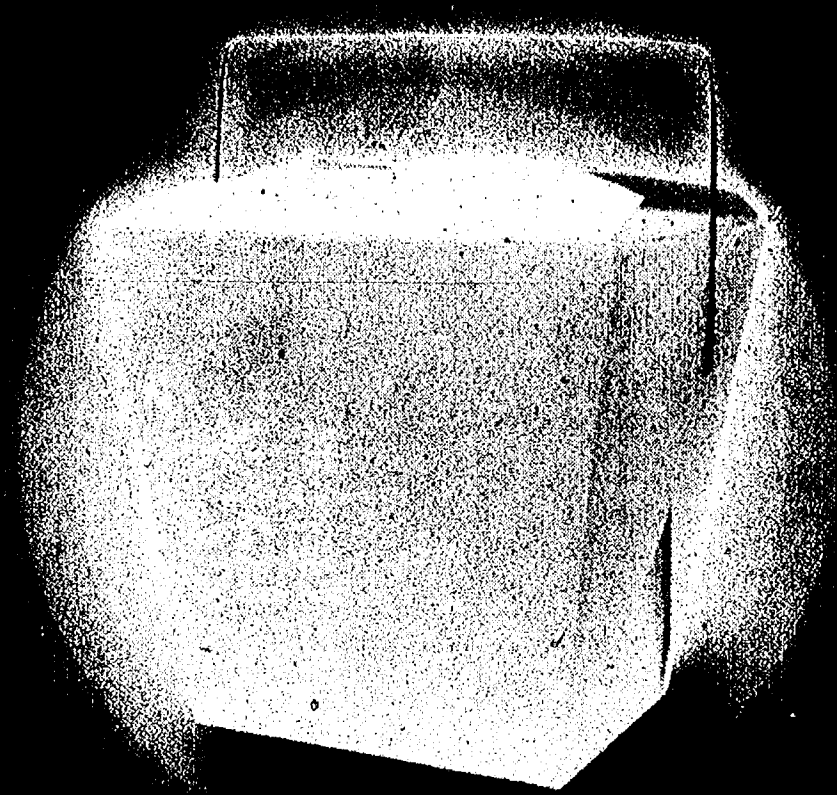
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MEDIUM #31

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Fuelwood permits a home heating option

Looking for a budget-friendly way to heat your home this winter? A fuelwood permit from the Department of Natural Resources may be the most economical option for those who heat with a woodstove or fireplace.

Available for only \$20, a fuelwood permit allows a family to gather up to five cords of wood from state land per year between April 1 and Dec. 31. With less than one month until the fuelwood season closes, the DNR has seen a surge in permit applications this fall as more people headed into the woods to stock up on wood for the winter.

"The DNR's fuelwood permit system started in the mid-1970s, with numerous requests to cut dead elm trees in the wake of Dutch elm disease," said Bill Sterrett, DNR Forest Resource Management section manager for the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division. "The program then greatly accelerated during the recession years of the 1980s."

With today's economic problems and the rising costs of heating oil and LP gas, Sterrett said the DNR again is seeing much interest on the part of the consumer looking for ways to save money.

"In many parts of the state, we are seeing nearly twice the number of permits being sold as in recent years," he said.

At only \$20 for five standard cords of wood -- a cord is measured by neatly stacking the wood in a line or row that is eight feet long, four feet wide and four feet high -- the savings for each family represents hundreds of dollars, versus buying the wood from a reseller. In addition to the low cost of the permit, any associated equipment costs to get outfitted for fuelwood gathering also is relatively low.

"Not much investment is needed in equipment to gather fuelwood," Sterrett said. "A decent chainsaw and a wheelbarrow will make the work more efficient, plus we recommend the use of leather gloves, heavy boots, safety chaps, safety glasses, ear protection and a hard hat. Other than that, you just need to put in the time and energy to gather the wood, which many people consider to be a form of recreation in the outdoors."

Fuelwood permits are sold at DNR field offices throughout the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula for the gathering of only dead and down wood from state forest land -- no standing dead trees make be cut down.

Each applicant is assigned a specific area of state forest land where they are allowed to gather the wood, which usually is the site of a previous timber sale where excess slash and unused tree tops can easily be accessed. Based on the condition of the site once the timber sale is completed, forest management unit foresters evaluate which closed timber sales are good candidates for fuelwood gathering and which should be closed to cutting.

The sites where fuelwood cutting is allowed also are

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evaluated for close proximity to existing roads and appropriate distance away from any waterbodies and other types of state land, such as campgrounds and wildlife management areas, which helps to reduce any environmental or social impacts.

Permit holders may use their vehicles only on existing roads and either need to carry cut wood from the site back to their vehicle, or are allowed the use of a wheelbarrow or hand cart to transport the wood over state land.

"The fuelwood permit system is an example of finding balance in the use of our resources," Sterrett said. "There is habitat value to leaving a certain amount of dead and down wood in the forest to decompose and offer ground shelter for various species of animals, but there is an undeniable benefit to the consumer who also is allowed to make use of the resource. Because most of the areas where fuelwood cutting is allowed are close to existing roads where timber sales have already taken place, we believe the ecological impacts are minimized while the benefits to our users are maximized."

Fuelwood permits can be purchased in person at DNR field offices in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula. Anyone interested in purchasing a permit should call ahead to their local DNR office to be sure permits are sold at that location, since not all offices are equipped to sell the permits.

Field staff who are familiar with the local state forest land will review each permit and provide the applicant with a map detailing the specific area where they can gather wood with their assigned permit.

Once a permit is purchased, the applicant typically has 90 days to complete their wood gathering (but a permit issued now is valid only through Dec. 31) and only one permit is allowed per family per year. The wood may be used only



A chainsaw comes in handy when gathering up to five cords of dead and down wood from state forest land under a DNR fuelwood permit. But the DNR recommends the use of leather gloves, heavy boots, safety chaps, safety glasses, ear protection and a hard hat.

for personal use at a home or camp and may not be resold or traded.

The DNR also asks permit holders to not transport their fuelwood long distances to help prevent the spread of forest pests and diseases, such as emerald ash borer, oak wilt and beech bark disease. Additionally, if wood is gathered in areas under a firewood quarantine, no wood is allowed to leave the quarantined area. DNR field office staff will provide local information to fuelwood permit applicants about any quarantined areas before the permit is sold.

"The fuelwood permit program is not a money generator for the DNR, but rather is a service we provide to our users, much like trail systems

or campgrounds," Sterrett said. "In light of that, we simply ask that each permit holder enjoys their time in the woods but sticks to the rules to help us minimize the movement of firewood and prevent the spread of forest pests and disease. This will help keep the program affordable for both the DNR and our users. In this economy, we all can appreciate things that are budget-friendly."

For more information about the DNR's fuelwood permit program and for a list of field offices where permits are sold, go online to www.michigan.gov/dnr and search for "fuelwood."



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Martial artists earn medals

Ten students from Family Martial Arts of Ann Arbor and Chelsea won 15 medals, including four gold medals, at the fall 2009 Shinn Mu Kwan Tae Kwon Do Championships Nov. 21 in Haslett.

Tae Kwon Do schools from throughout Michigan participated in this yearly competition. The Family Martial Arts team members, ranging in age from 5- to 44-years-old, successfully competed in breaking, forms and Olympic-style sparring.

In the 5-year-old combined boys and girls division, Mara Zwicker placed first for Chelsea in breaking.

In the 6-year-old boys' division, Jaeson Hotaling finished third in breaking.

In the 8-year-old girls' novice division, Jessie Christensen placed third in breaking.

In the 10-year-old girls' novice division, Kirsten Meidlinger placed third for Chelsea in breaking.

In the 12- through 13-year-old girls' novice division, Claire Christensen finished third in breaking.

In the 36-year-old and older adult novice division, Sarah Christensen and Ken Christensen tied for third in breaking.

In the 6-year-old boys' novice division, Ralph Notz placed second in forms.

In the 8- through 9-year-old girls' novice division, Jessie Christensen placed second in forms.

In the 8- through 9-year-old



Jessie Christensen, 8, finishes presenting her silver medal winning form.

boys' novice division, Oscar Notz finished first in forms.

In the 12- to 13-year-old girls' novice division, Claire Christensen finished third in forms.

In the 36-year-old and older adult novice division, Sarah Christensen placed third in forms.

In the 36-year-old and older adult intermediate division, Oscar Notz placed first in forms, while Ken Christensen was second in forms for Chelsea.

In the 36-year-old and older men's intermediate division, Ken Christensen placed first in sparring.

"Tournament competition is a great way for our students to measure their skill level

against similarly ranked athletes from around Michigan, and for our younger and novice-ranked students, the Shinn Mu Kwan Championships' smaller competition arena offers the perfect introduction to competitive Tae Kwon Do," said Master Ana Hotaling, Family Martial Arts co-owner and master instructor.

At the tournament, Chelsea resident and first degree black belt Nicholas Hoffman served as one of the event's four ring coordinators/timekeepers.

For additional information regarding Tae Kwon Do, contact Family Martial Arts at 475-3822 or e-mail info@familymartialarts.usor visit online at http://www.familymartialarts.us.

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instead play hockey for a prep school program out east.

Though Brown's scoring touch will be missed, the Bulldogs return plenty of firepower this season, along with their entire defensive corps.

"Our strength this year will be our defense and our goaltending," Wright said. "It takes everyone to play well defensively."

Returning to lead Chelsea defensively will be juniors Dylan Laidlaw and Steve Lesko, along with seniors Trevor Mattson, Blake Blaha and Shane Trojanowski. Also counted on to play big roles along the blue line this year for the Bulldogs will be junior Cooper Nickels and sophomore Anthony Catalina.

Returning between the pipes for Chelsea will be senior goaltender Matt Darr. Also in the mix for the Bulldogs will be sophomore net minders John Powell and Chris Boyd.

Forwards returning to the squad this season include seniors Dan Hudson and Jason Doyle, along with juniors Charlie Hess and Luke Heinlen and sophomore Austin Sullens.

Top newcomers to the Bulldogs this year include forwards senior Jesse Forner, junior Kevin Stockwell, sophomores Brad Hepler, Kyle Whipple, Joe Hewitt and Cody Johnson and freshman Jacob Ryan.

The 22-man roster is one of the largest in recent memory.

"They were all deserving to make the team," Wright said. "I'm looking for everyone to



Chelsea's Trevor Mattson will be a key returnee for the Bulldogs this season.

contribute."

Wright said Chelsea, which has won four out of the last six SEC titles, is looking to continue its league dominance.

"Our goals this season are to repeat as SEC champions and

with our tough schedule get ready for a long state playoff run," Wright said.

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Bowling Standings

Red Division	W-L
J & D Auto	258.5-161.5
Color Express	227.5-227.5
Herndon	217-238
Lloyd Bridges	207.5-247.5
Govt. Cheese	204.5-250.5
White Division	W-L
Mark IV Lounge	262-193
CFM	230-225
Parts Peddler	224.5-230.5
Seitz's Tavern	211-244
Jay-Mark	171-284
Blue Division	W-L
Michael's Const.	252-203
Cleary's Pub	250-205
LaJolla Shoppe	219.5-235.5
Herrst Const.	200-220

Divers excel at state meet

Chelsea junior Lauren Dark and senior Christina Coffman competed last month in the Michigan High School Athletic Association regional diving qualification meet for the Bulldogs. Qualifying in the top 12 meant the diver would continue on to the MHSAA girls' Division 3 swimming and diving state finals at Eastern Michigan University Nov. 20 through 21.

Dark qualified in first place with a personal best score of 385.40 points. This was the second time in three years that Dark has won the regional competition. Coffman just missed qualifying last year but made up for it this year by placing fifth with a score of 298.25 points.

On preliminary day for the state finals, Dark and Coffman had their best five dives in the

prelims and made the first cut. "Christina had a great day," said Chelsea diving coach Eric Burris. "She has only been diving for two years and completed her diving career on a high note."

Coffman finished 17th in the state, just missing the cut for a finals appearance.

The top 16 divers qualify for the second day and score points for the swim and dive team.

"Lauren was on a mission this year," Burris said. "She was healthy all year and was focused on making an improvement on her 13th-place finish from last year."

Dark qualified for the finals in third place.

Dark finished the finals in strong fashion finishing third in the state with an All-State performance and another personal best score of 410.70

points.

"I'm happy for Lauren," Burris said. "She was diving great and to have a personal best at this level just shows how focused she has become."

Also at the state meet, the Chelsea foursome of Michelle Kellogg, Hannah Olsen, Donna Priesskorn and Talia Dyerly placed fifth in the 200 freestyle relay. Their performance earned the group All-State recognition.

In the 400 freestyle relay, the Bulldog team of Jaclyn Murphy, Priesskorn, Olsen and Kellogg finished seventh, also receiving All-State accolades.

The 200 medley relay of Hanna Newbound, Claudia Bravo, Dyerly and Murphy placed 22nd in the state with a season best time of 1:59.86.

Priesskorn also ended up 17th in the 200 freestyle in 2:02.94.

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for East Grand Rapids at 7:10 of the first period for a 1-0 early advantage.

Austin Sullens answered for Chelsea scoring shorthanded at 10:16 of the first period off an assist from Jesse Forner and Anthony Catalina.

"It was good hustle by Jesse," Wright said. "He stole the puck and went down the wing and passed the puck on net to Austin who was crashing down. It was a bang-bang play."

In the last minute of the first period, the Pioneers scored two unanswered goals.

Schwenneker scored at 14:07

of the first period, followed 21 seconds later by a goal from Drew O'Brien.

"We made a couple of defensive mistakes and turned the puck over," Wright said. "We allowed an odd-man situation and that cost us."

In the second period, Schwenneker scored his third goal for a hat trick at 8:48 of the frame giving East Grand Rapids a 4-1 lead.

In the third period, Jason Doyle scored for the Bulldogs at 8:19 of the stanza. Sullens and Catalina recorded assists on the goal for Chelsea.

East Grand Rapids out-shot the Bulldogs 28-22 for the game.

"I felt we played a lot better than we did in the first night

(against Country Day)," Wright said. "With the exception of a few mistakes, I thought we played well."

Alpena defeated Country Day in the tournament's consolation contest.

Chelsea next travels to Gaylord to participate in the Division 3 Showcase Friday through Saturday. On Friday, the Bulldogs will play Sault Ste. Marie at 4 p.m.

On Saturday, Chelsea faces off against Big Rapids at 6 p.m. The games will be played at Otsego Sports Complex in Gaylord.

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Seniors to lead Chelsea grapplers

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WRESTLING

Chelsea wrestling is looking to improve upon last year's performance. A season ago, the Bulldogs lost in the Division 2 district final. Individually, Chelsea qualified eight wrestlers for the regional meet and sent two grapplers to the Division 2 state final.

"If we can keep the team together this year and keep everybody healthy, I think we can be a contender in the league (Southeastern Conference White Division) and be very competitive," said Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel.

Kargel said the Bulldogs' overall depth this season would be a plus.

"We haven't had this type of depth in a while," he said. "We will have juniors or sophomores that are capable of filling posi-

tions if someone gets injured. In the past, we always had to draw from the freshman group."

Returning to lead Chelsea this season will be its four senior captains Tim Shoemaker (215 pounds), Travis Ostrowski (189), Steve Buss (125) and Dakota Cooley (145 or 152).

Cooley, one of the state's top wrestlers, recently signed with Central Michigan University. A third-place finisher last season, Cooley is a three-time state qualifier and a two-time state placer.

Ostrowski was a state qualifier last year, while Buss was 37-17 and a regional qualifier a season ago.

"We have some pretty good leadership this season," Kargel said.

Other top returnees for the Bulldogs include sophomore



Chelsea's Tim Shoemaker returns this season to wrestle at 215 pounds for the Bulldogs.

Vince Kause (119), who was 36-18 last year and a regional qualifier, junior Andrew Nold (130), who was 31-18 last season, senior Brandon French (140 or 145) and junior Joey Newland (152).

"Joey has really showed vast improvement over the summer," Kargel said.

In the heavier weights, senior Brandon Seagraves will be counted on to provide points at 171 pounds.

A key newcomer this season for Chelsea will be sophomore Kevin Watkins (160). Watkins performed well last year as a freshman, but will be looked upon for an even greater impact this season.

"I feel pretty good about this team," Kargel said. "I think it'll take a pretty good team to beat us this year. We will give it our best."

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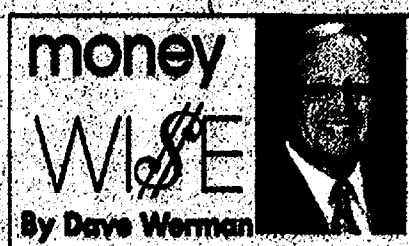
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required to withhold 20 percent of your account balance to prepay federal taxes. Also, all your 401(k) proceeds will be taxed as ordinary income. And if you're under age 59½ when you liquidate your 401(k), you may also be subject to a 10 percent penalty. And worst of all, the money may not be available to you when you retire. Obviously, if you have no other financial resources, you may have

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Roll your money over to an IRA.

If you roll over your 401(k) assets to an IRA, you'll avoid paying immediate taxes, and your money can continue to grow tax deferred. Furthermore, you can fund your IRA with many types of investments, as opposed to a 401(k), which may offer only a handful of choices. And when you can afford it, you can make additional contributions to your IRA. Also, when you retire, you may find that an IRA gives you more flexibility in making withdrawals than a 401(k).

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MINISTERIAL MESSAGE



MARK PORINSKY

A holiday that transcends religion?

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lament the commercialism and complain about what the holiday has become, but that won't change anything.

In another sense, though, we can honestly say that nothing transcends religion. No matter what activity we are doing, we do it as believers in our Savior Jesus Christ, whether it's hunting or fishing or shopping or watching sporting events, whether it's celebrating Christmas or Thanksgiving or Independence Day. Our faith in the Triune God transcends everything, because we know

the Son of God will be returning again, and He is the only Way to eternal life.

The world can join in the outward celebration, and philosophize about "the real meaning of Christmas." But our faith that God sent His Son to be born as our Savior transcends everything else.

Have a blessed Christmas! Mark Porinsky is the pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, 9575 North Territorial Road in Dexter. The Web site is www.faithdexter.org.



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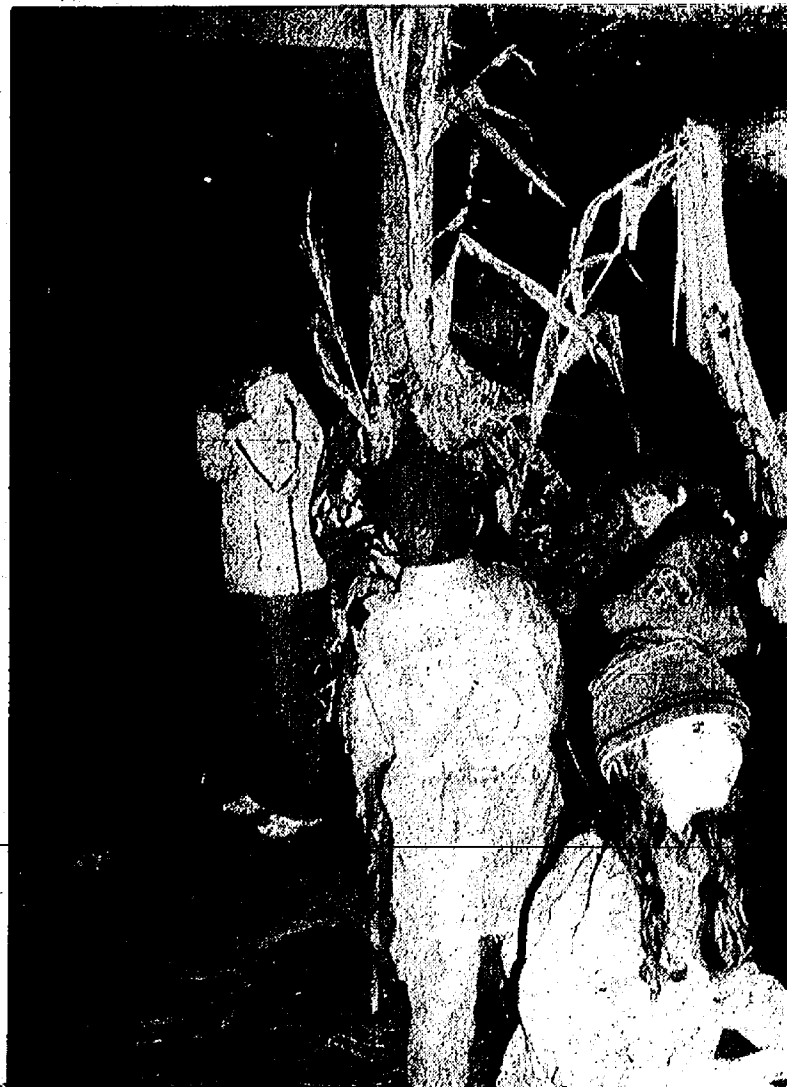
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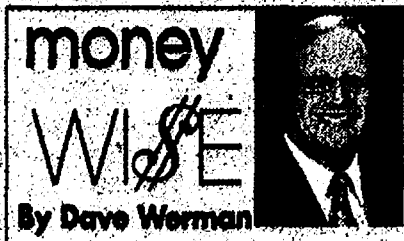
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the Son of God will be returning again, and He is the only Way to eternal life.

The world can join in the outward celebration, and philosophize about "the real meaning of Christmas." But our faith that God sent His Son to be born as our Savior transcends everything else.

Have a blessed Christmas! Mark Porinsky is the pastor at Faith Lutheran Church, 9575 North Territorial Road in Dexter. The Web site is www.faithdexter.org.

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Chelsea

■ Free breakfast

Where: First United Methodist Church, 128 Park Street, Chelsea (Phone 734-475-8179)

When: Second Saturday of every month from 8 to 11 a.m.

Who: For anyone who wants a free breakfast and good company

Why: Outreach of the church to help people

How: Generosity of private donations and time given by church volunteers. The church also distributes free household paper products (paper towels, tissues, toilet paper and feminine hygiene products) to those in need on the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon.

■ 'Escanaba' extended

The Purple Rose Theatre Co. recently announced a five-week performance extension of

Jeff Daniels' "Escanaba." Originally scheduled to close on Dec. 19, "Escanaba" will run until Jan. 23. Performances for the remainder of the engagement will be Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. with some variance for the holidays and some added performances including an exclusive discounted student matinee at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13. All performances are at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park Street.

■ Chelsea District Library

For more information, call 475-8732.

Tonight: Christmas Church Tour. 6:30 p.m. in McKune. Registration. Learn the history of three historic churches and experience the beauty and unique architecture of each decorated in Christmas finery. Join us for a walking tour of the First Congregational Church, the First United Methodist Church, and the Immanuel Baptist Church. Registration required and limited to first 20 registrants.

Monday: 6-11 Club. Second Monday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in McKune. Registration. For ages 6-11. Monthly activities centered around a theme.

Monday: Holiday Traditions. Holiday games, crafts and snacks from around the world. Bring something to share from your own holiday traditions.

Dec. 16-17: 'Twas the Evening Before Christmas Storytime from 6 to 7 p.m. at McKune. Registration. For ages 2-6. Join Miss Jackie and Rosie for stories, songs, fingerplays, crafts and snacks for the holiday season. Sign up early, these sessions always fill up!

Dec. 17: Books and Banter. Third Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in McKune. Registration. Hosted by Michaelina Brown. Reserved copies of books are available for participants at the Adult Reference Desk; please sign up to get your copy. December's book will be The Maltese Falcon by Dashiell Hammett.

■ Chelsea Senior Center

Located at 512 Washington Street. Call 475-9242 for program registration and advance lunch reservation. Chelsea School District, through the Washtenaw County Senior Nutrition Program, serves a delicious lunch five days a week. Entrée listed, lunch includes salad bar and dessert.

Every day: Fitness, coffee and snacks, friendly conversation, support, resources, walking. Drop in 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or visit our Web site at www.chelseaseniors.org

Tomorrow: Bingo 9 a.m.; Enhance Fitness 10:30 a.m.; Spaghetti & meatball lunch at noon; Euchre 12:30 p.m.

Stamp Collecting 1 p.m.; Will Fun 1 p.m.

Monday: Bingo 9 a.m.; Massage 10 a.m.; Enhance Fitness 10:30 a.m.; Beef stroganoff lunch at noon; Hand & Foot 12:30 p.m.; Energy Boost 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Enhance Fitness 9 a.m.; Mah Jongg 9 a.m.; Free blood pressure check 10 a.m.; Crafts - Fabric projects 10 a.m.; Wood Carving 10 a.m.; Grilled cheese & tomato soup lunch at noon; Red Hatters Christmas Party; Quilting for Charity 1 p.m.; Will Fit 1 p.m.; Euchre 6:30 p.m.; Clogging 6:30 p.m.; Kaleidoscope Concert at Silver Maples 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Stained Glass class 9:30 a.m.; Coin Club 10 a.m.; Enhance Fitness 10:30 a.m.; Salisbury steak lunch at noon; Square Dancing 12:30 p.m.; Pinochle 1 p.m.; Scrabble 1 p.m.; Bowling at Chelsea Lanes 1 p.m.

Thursday: Enhance Fitness 9 a.m.; Newsletter Assembly 10 a.m.; Bridge Class 10 a.m.; Computer Club 10 a.m.; Chess 10 a.m.; Special Christmas lunch at noon with singing a long; Chelsea Area Bridge 12:15 p.m.; Knit & Crochet 12:30 p.m.

■ Chelsea Center for the Arts

Chelsea Center for the Arts is located at 400 Congdon Street in Chelsea. For more information, call 734-433-2787 or log onto www.chelseacenterforthearts.org.

In the Chelsea Center for the Arts (CCA) Gallery: "Hydrology," a juried exhibition of artworks in several mediums explores the ways humans relate to water. Curator is Cathy Barry. The exhibit is co-sponsored by The Huron River Watershed Council and The Legacy Land Conservancy. The exhibit closes Dec. 18.

Dexter

■ Classical Bells

St. Andrew's United Church of Christ and St. James' Episcopal Church will be sponsoring the group, Classical Bells, a handbell choir, in a program of holiday music. They will be performing at St. Andrew's United

Church of Christ 7:30 p.m. Saturday. This marks the group's first performance in the Dexter area, and it should be a holiday treat for both young and old. St. Andrew's is located at 7610 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter. There will be a free offering at the door. For more information, call 426-8610.

■ 'Santa Central'

Hudson Mills Metropark will host "Santa Central" from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Children can visit Santa Central and play reindeer games, enjoy a hayride and snack, and share their wish list with Santa. Tickets are \$6/child, under 1 free. This includes one complimentary photo per family; additional photos are \$2 each. Admission is by advance ticket purchase only. Tickets are available for purchase at the park office. For additional information, contact the Hudson Mills Metropark at 800-477-3191 or 734-426-8211. Hope Bezzig of Dexter spent some time with Santa Claus last year.

■ Artistica

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

■ Dexter Senior Center

7720 Ann Arbor Street. Call (734) 426-7737. NOTE: Luncheons are complete - main dish listed

\$2.50 minimum donation - reservations day ahead by noon - call 426-5397

Monday: 8:30 a.m. Swimming, Wylie Pool; 9:15 - Walking; 10:30 - Exercise; 11:30 - Lunch - Salisbury steak.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. - Lifestyle Fitness; Rug hookers; 11:00 - Tai Chi; 11:30 Lunch - Macaroni and cheese; 12:00 - French; 1:30 p.m. Computer Club.

Wednesday: 8:30 - Swimming, Wylie Pool; 9 - Medicare Assistance; 10:30,

Exercise; 11:30 Lunch: Fish sandwich and Monthly Birthday Party; 1 Watercolor painting; Yoga; German.

Thursday: 9 a.m. Spanish; 9:30 - Euchre; 10 a.m. Lifestyle Fitness; 11:00 Knitting Club; 11:30 Lunch - Baked ham; 12:30 Scrabble/Bridge/ 1 p.m. - Mah Jongg.

Friday, Dec. 18: Wear a Holiday Sweater. 8:30 - Swimming, Wylie Pool; 9:30 - Coffee hour; 10:30 - Exercise; 11:30 - Lunch - Baked Chicken Breast; 1:30 - Acrylic Painting with Steve Wood.

■ Dexter District Library

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

Today: 3 p.m. Mosaic Tile Workshop for Teens. Registration

Saturday: Holiday Card Making Workshop. Ages 8-12. Registration

Monday: 7 p.m. Somewhere in Time Book Club for Adults. "Silent Night: The Remarkable Christmas True of 1914" by Stanley Weintraub. Registration

Thursday, Dec. 17: 6:30 p.m. Teen Movie & Popcorn Night. "Paul Blart: Mall Cop."

Monday, Dec. 21: 11 a.m. Drop-In Christmas Story Time and Craft for all ages. Live

Reindeer at 11:30. Bring your camera.

Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25: Library is closed.

Parks

■ Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center

Located at 17030 Bush Road in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. Call 734-475-3170. Sky Cross Country. Saturday, Jan. 16. 2 p.m. Join us for a class on the basics of cross-country skiing. Following the class, we will take a refreshing ski tour of the trails near the Discovery Center. After our ski, enjoy hot chocolate and coffee while finding out about the best skiing opportunities in our Michigan State Parks.

■ Hudson Mills Metropark

Located at 8801 N. Territorial Road, Dexter. For additional information or to register for programs, call 1-800-477-3191. Jan. 2: Bird Hike at 8 a.m. Winter birds are worth getting out to see! Join us for our monthly morning bird hike. Brings your binoculars and make sure to dress for the weather. No prior birding experience required. There is a fee of \$2 per person. Call (734) 426-8211 to register.

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<p>Trinity Lutheran Church 195 E. Michigan Ave. Saline • 734-429-4710</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 7:00 p.m. Children's Service 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP 10:00 a.m. Service</p> <p>NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP 7:00 p.m. Service</p> <p>"O COME LET US ADORE HIM"</p>	<p>St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Pastor Kathleen Meyers 8805 Austin Rd. Bridgewater</p> <p>DEC. 24TH - CHRISTMAS EVE 3:00 pm: Worship with Holy Communion Hymns: English & German Featuring Luke Schaible on Accordion 7:30 pm: SS Children's Program 11:00 pm: Festive Candlelight Service with Holy Communion, Senior Choir & Bell Choir</p>	<p>IBC Immanuel Bible Church 145 E. Summit St. Chelsea 734.475.8936</p> <p>Come Worship With Us -</p> <p>Christmas Service Sun. Dec. 20th at 10:30am at Chelsea High School Auditorium</p> <p>Christmas Eve Service Thurs. Dec. 24th at 7pm at Chelsea High School</p> <p>Dom Aquilino, Pastor immanuelbiblechurch.net</p>	<p>Webster United Church of Christ 5484 Webster Church Rd. Dexter, MI (734) 426-5115</p> <p>Christmas For the Rest of Us Friday, December 18 7pm A Quiet Service For Those Who Need Comfort During the Holiday</p>	<p>Chelsea Free Methodist Church Christmas Eve Worship Celebration Services</p> <p>5:00 PM 7:00 PM *11:00 PM *Communion Service</p> <p>All services are held in the auditorium at Washington Street Education Center (500 Washington St. • Chelsea) visit www.chelseafmc.com</p> <p>For more information call 475.1391</p>	

St. Louis Center enjoys successful annual Fall Auction

By Joseph Yekulis
Guest Writer

In 2010, St. Louis Center will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary of serving persons with developmental disabilities in Chelsea, and for the past 22 of those 50 years, Chelsea Community Hospital has partnered with the local community to present the St. Louis Center Dinner Auction. The event was held this year on Nov. 7.

Since the first dinner auction in 1987, Chelsea Community Hospital has provided the facility, food, and staff to support this event for St. Louis Center. According to retired CCH Administrator Will Johnson, "We felt back then, that we needed to develop some community support for St. Louis Center, so we came up with the idea of hosting this dinner auction as a fundraiser to see if we could make it grow. I'm very pleased with the support that's been demonstrated by the people of Western Washtenaw County over the past twenty-two years to help keep St. Louis Center stay afloat financially."

The auction sold out again, as more than 150 people were in attendance.

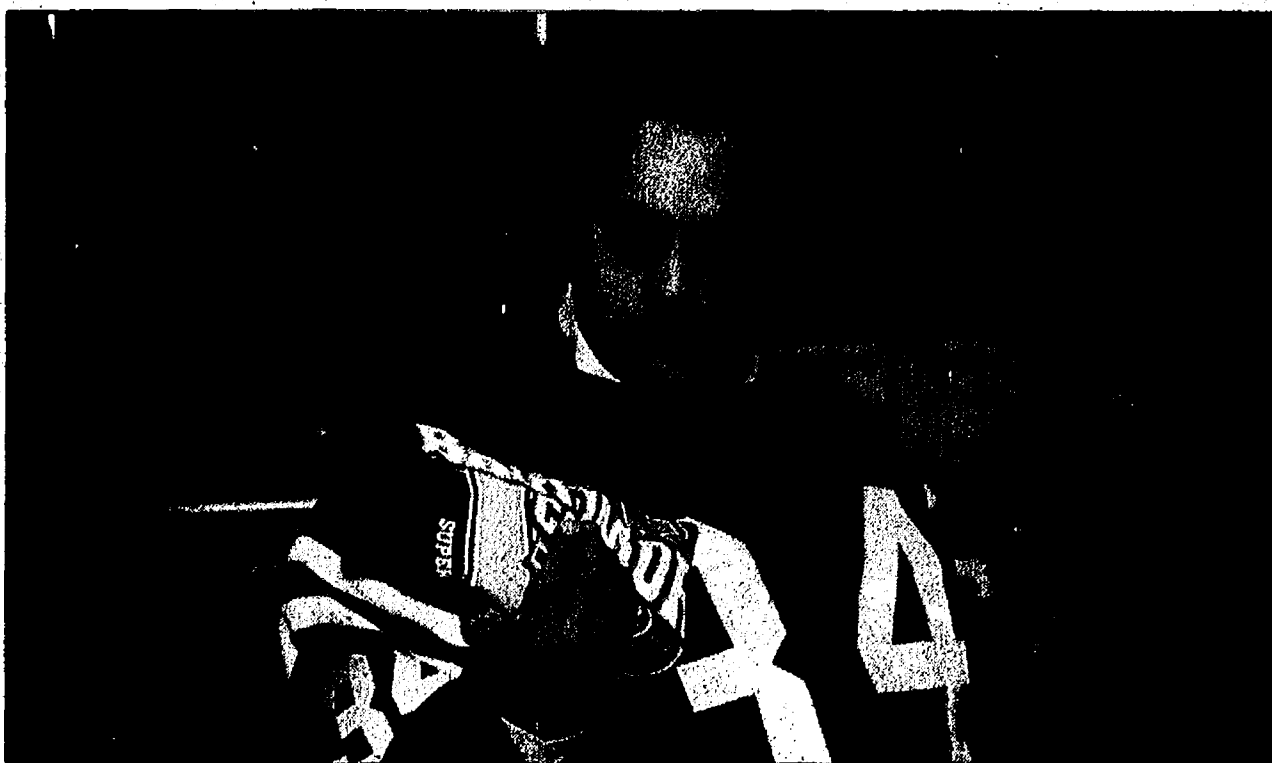
Chair Kathi Neuman remarked, "I was very touched by everyone's generosity. In these economic times, it was heart warming to see people open their hearts and their wallets, especially during the special auction items for the residents. Also, let's not forget to thank our local merchants, as this event wouldn't be possible without their generosity in donating items for bid."

Attendees paid \$3,900 to send residents to St. Francis Camp for a week, \$1,850 to send residents on community outings, and \$900 for a spaghetti dinner hosted by the priests in February 2010. The live auction was again conducted by Joseph Merkel, Jr., (who donated his services), and the entertainment was provided by the Horizon Strings Trio. Next year's dinner-auction is scheduled for Nov. 6, 2010.

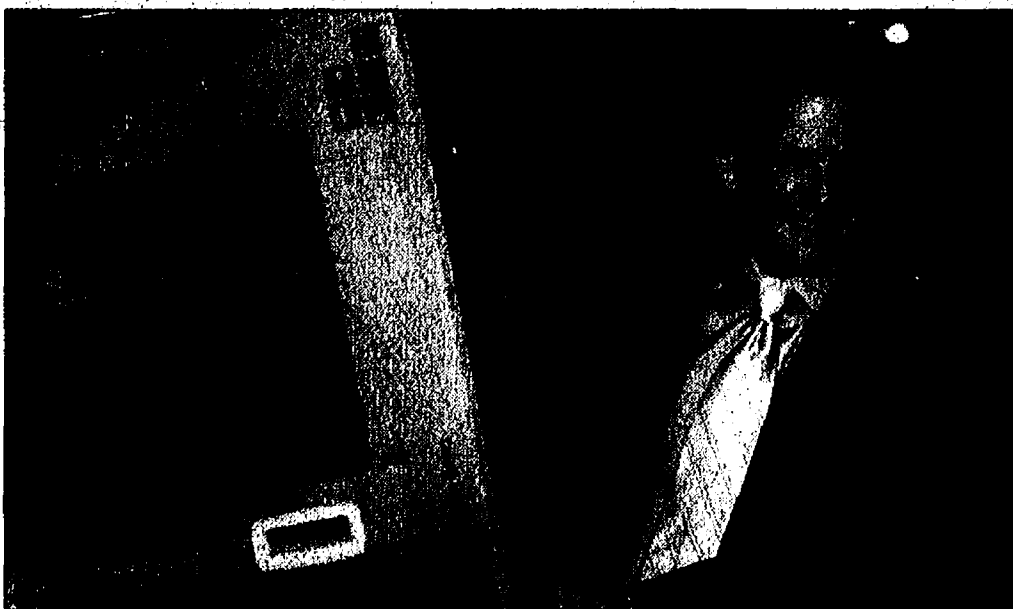
Joseph Yekulis is the public relations director for Servants of Charity in Chelsea - Grass Lake. He can be reached at 1-734-475-84



State Secretary Thomas Marcetti (center) of the Michigan Knights of Columbus presents a check for \$20,000 to Fr. Enzo Addari on behalf of the statewide organization. Also pictured (L to R), are State Program Director Ed Strach, State Warden Ken Unterbrink, Marcetti, Fr. Addari, and State Membership Director Joe Yekulis.



Julian Early models an original Baltimore Colts jersey autographed by retired NFL fullback Tom Nowatzke, who scored a touchdown in Super Bowl V. Nowatzke is also a board member at St. Louis Center.



County Commissioner Mark Quimet, (R) D-1 of Scio Twp., carries away his 42 inch Panasonic HDTV purchased during the live auction.



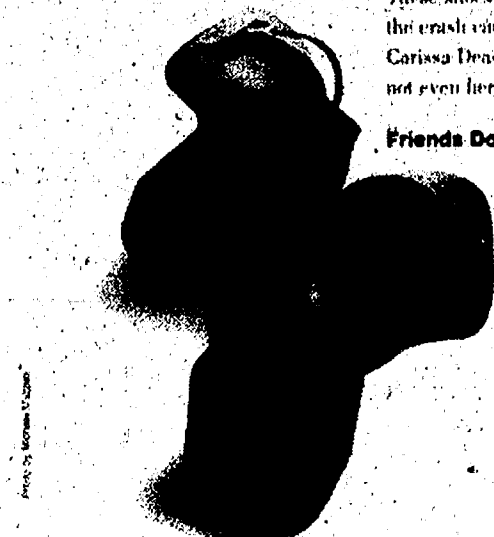
Susan Lackey, executive director of Legacy Land Conservancy, enjoys a moment with husband Steve Daut, finance director of SLC and MC for the evening.



Members of the Horizon String Trio perform for guests during the Silent Auction portion of the evening.



Fr. Enzo Addari greets first time guests Marvin and Susan Carlson over appetizers.



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Fall fun

The Chelsea Community Preschool recently held its annual Fall Festival celebration. Families were encouraged to dress up and celebrate by playing games and having treats with classmates from the preschool.



Makenna and Mary dressed up as princesses.



Everyone had a chance to play bingo with smarties!



Sarah played took a turn playing the 'Leaf Walk' game.



Michael and his mom both had fun dressing up and playing games at Fall Festival.



Callista got a bag full of prizes and candy!

Perfect gift for Christmas would be a package of common sense

By Elaine Owsley
Special Writer

I don't consider myself to be overly cautious, in spite of my mother's multiple admonitions to be careful and all the "watch outs" and "don'ts" I and probably nearly everyone else heard as a child. I like to think I am more like prudent or aware of my surroundings.

I never take for granted, for instance, that something that's bound to happen, won't. You know the kind of thing that catches people in the wrong place at the wrong time - usually involving automobiles or falling bricks. I mean, you wouldn't walk down the street expecting that bricks would fall on you, unless you were walking under some kind of construction going on, in which case, you should have crossed the street to avoid it.

On "Black Friday" hundreds of thousands, if not millions of people threw caution to the wind regarding exposure to swine flu and herded themselves together at malls and other stores to get their hands on a bargain. There they were, right on television, crushed together breathing who knows what kind of germs on each other and not one face mask in the crowd!

By Christmas some of them might be really feeling bad, even if they did get the bargains they risked their health for.

One of my other concerns

are those folks who buy the air freshener products that plug into the wall. Does it make sense to anyone that you would plug an oil container into a wall socket? Isn't that just asking for trouble? Either the container or the electric socket could malfunction and the smell of burning house would way overpower whatever "fresh" smell was supposed to waft from the oil.

It just goes against common sense.

Every day, it seems like a hundred times, we are deluged with television advertising for some kind of medication, either over the counter or by prescription. Very often, the "get this for your problem" hype is followed by a long, long list of the terrible things that might happen to you if you take it - worse by far than whatever it was you took the stuff for in the first place. I keep waiting for "if your fingers drop off, call your doctor" some of them are so threatening. Why would a person even consider taking these products?

I no longer play golf, so I don't worry about being caught on the 8th green with an umbrella in a rainstorm and, thanks to my mother, I never would stand under a tree, either. Getting wet is not the worst thing that could happen to you in most instances.

Some of the cautions are downright silly - have you ever read the stickers on a ladder? Most peo-

ple, with even an ounce of sense, must realize that it's possible to burn yourself on a hot stove, cut your hand on a whirling fan, etc. But it's amazing how many people fall in holes because they were standing too close to the edge.

Maybe there should be signs there, but, again, is should be obvious to most people that some caution should be used.

I believe that earpieces attached to electronic things like ipods and blue rays or whatever, should have warning signs: "Wearing this while walking will make you unaware of approaching traffic or snarling dogs, or crowds of angry people."

There should be signs on the dashboards of cars that warn "doing anything with your hands but keeping them on the wheel can cause death to yourself and others," until we get some good laws going.

It still comes down to good sense and staying aware of your surroundings. If you don't have the first, you should at least cultivate the second. It's safer that way.

Washtenaw County Legal Notice:

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Technical Assistance for Davis Bacon Act Compliance for Washtenaw County 2009-2012. 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 #513 Due: Monday, December 21, 2009 by 3:00pm local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or logon to our website at <http://bids.washtenaw.org> and click on "open bids".

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE OF MEETING

The Webster Township Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 10:30 A.M. for the December Board of Review to correct "mutual mistakes of fact and clerical errors". The meeting will be held at the Township Hall, 6665 Webster Church Rd., Dexter, MI 48130.

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than seven days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for a meaningful attendance.

John V. Kingsley, Secretary
Webster Township Board of Review

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SCIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS NOVEMBER 24, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supr. Clark at 827 N. Zeeb Road. Present: Clark, Hedberg, Palmer, DeLong, Green, Read, Knowles
Approved Resolution approving North Oak Office Center Industrial Development District.
Approved to amend the contracting for additional Sheriff Deputies.
Approved to amend the Supervisor compensation.
Approved appointments to Public Safety Advisory Committee.
Approved delegation of approval for payment - second December invoice payment.
Approved 2010 meeting schedule approval for Township Board, Planning Commission & ZBA.
Approved LFC request regarding conservation easement acquisition.
Approved agreement with Washtenaw County Road Commission regarding 6540 Jackson Road.
Approved purchase of MDOT parcel.
Approved November invoices to be paid as presented.
Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Nancy G. Hedberg, Clerk
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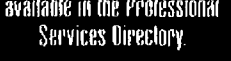
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Making room for Thanksgiving dinner

Agility enthusiasts headed to Dexter Thanksgiving morning to Canine Sports Recreation Center to run off a few calories before the big meal. The agility match was a benefit for the Salvation Army says the training facility business owner Mandy Möller of Dexter Township.



Mandy Möller, owner of Canine Sports Recreation Center in Dexter and Rippley, a Border Collie, of Dexter Township.

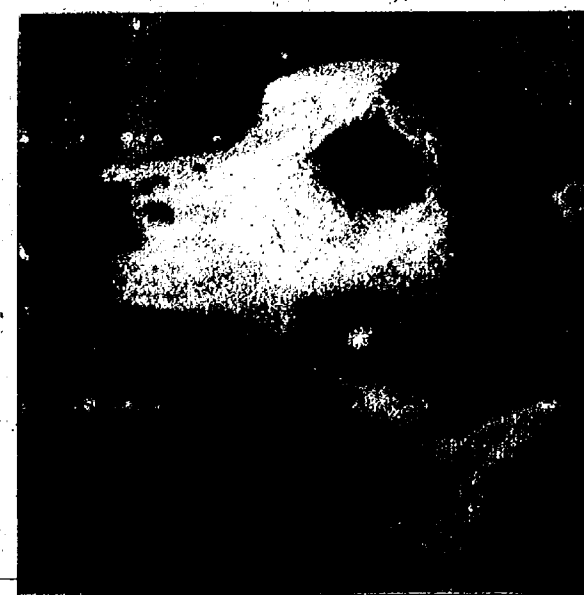


Photos by Lisa Allmendinger

Holly Hughes of Ann Arbor and Ready and Lilo, two Norfolk Terriers.



Ralph Chapman of Pittsfield Township and Beau, a Golden Retriever.



A portrait of Zoe, a Whippet, owned by Deb Goldberg of Ann Arbor.



Nancy Chapman of Pittsfield Township and Karma, a Welsh Springer Spaniel.



The Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Gang: Nancy Jennings of Dexter Township and Ryan, Lisa Allmendinger of Sylvan Township and Driver, Dorothy Marble of Beverly Hills, Mich., and Rebecca Burk of Selo Township.



Nancy Jennings of Dexter Township and Ryan, a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever.

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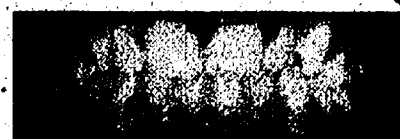
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INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS: A LOOK AT CHelsea's MUSIC PROGRAMS

CHS Band in tune with enthusiasm, energy

By Rick Catherman
Guest Writer

It's 6:30 a.m. and students begin arriving to the CHS Band Room, the color guard and marching band in the fall, the jazz band in winter and spring, a variety of chamber ensemble members, individual students coming in to get an early morning practice session in before going to classes.

This is a typical day at Chelsea High School for a music student. The practice rooms and large ensemble rooms are buzzing with the sound of all instruments, and voices too - brass and percussion ensembles, a violinist and their quartet, and a vocal ensemble preparing for a periodic assessment or a concert performance. The energy and enthusiasm that our students have for music is extraordinary! We work hard as a music faculty in order to meet the needs of all the Chelsea music students.

The Chelsea Band curriculum includes instruction in the area of marching band, concert band and the development of solo and small ensemble performance techniques. It involves strategies that develop both the individual skills and techniques of each student, while at the same time, teaching ensemble skills.

The band curriculum, as is all learning and education, is a process. Just as important as the number of "facts" a student can retain, is their ability to become creative problem solvers. Music education provides the opportunity for students to develop these skills, and learning through music exercises that area of the brain - stimulating the creative potential of every student. Research suggests that music learning enhances a student's success in other academic disciplines, as well as their success as college/university students.

Performance is the most important of all strategies in music learning. Our band members develop their skills in large ensemble classes, and also have the opportunity to develop as soloists and members of smaller ensembles (chamber ensembles.) Our students have performance opportunities (concerts, recitals, etc.) as part of the music curriculum, and are also provided opportunities to extend their performance excellence beyond the classroom.

The Chelsea schools are a member of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association, a group that organizes festivals for large groups, soloists, and small ensembles. These festivals provide students with an adjudicated performance opportunity, one that provides students with feedback and assessment of their performance.

The musical standards for these festivals are very high and students work hard through preparation at school to meet the expectations of both the music teacher and the adjudicator. The MSBOA sponsors an All-State Band in conjunction with the Michigan Music Conference (January), and is active with the Michigan Youth Arts Festival sponsoring an Honors Band as part of that festival in the spring.

The Chelsea Band program has developed a growing chamber ensemble program over the past few years. We've been fortunate to receive financial support from the Chelsea Education Foundation, to bring in various artists-in-residence, to supplement our school curriculum and to meet the ever growing needs of our student musicians. We've realized a strong growth in our percussion program, and now have two percussion ensembles beyond our regular curriculum of the marching percussion drum-line, and concert percussion program. Students have also formed their own ensembles

HONORED

Five Chelsea High School orchestra students were named to the Michigan All-State Orchestra last month. They competed in a rigorous audition procedure against thousands of other musicians from all over the state for this honor. Two of them, Ryan Sanders (viola) and Viktor Rosza (cello) have been named for a second year in a row. Also named this year were Brandy Alexander-Bul (viola), Sarah Carrara (viola) and James Alexander-Bul (cello).

Ryan, Brandy and James also are members of the Michigan Youth Symphony. Ryan is third chair in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's prestigious Civic Orchestra and has been first chair at Interlochen All-State the past two summers. Nathan Peters and Jed Fritzenmeier have taught and inspired these kids during their high school years.

- you may have seen and heard our percussionists at Sights and Sounds this past summer.

We've also realized growth in our wind ensembles as well, and have many woodwind and brass ensembles, as well as the Chelsea Chamber Winds. This group was featured at the 2009 Michigan Music Conference as a clinic ensemble, and was recognized as an outstanding chamber ensemble at the 2007 and 2008 MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival.

A very wise high school principal once shared with me why he believes arts education is so important to our schools. Namely these classes offer the reason students want to come to school. Students enjoy learning through the process that involves creativity, and that allows them to take ownership of their education, and IT IS FUN. Learning should be enjoyable. Students learn in band class that they have to work hard, but reward comes from hard work. I often remind our band members that nothing of value ever comes easy. The "fun" part comes from working with their peers toward a common goal and the extra-musical social aspects it provides. However the most "fun" comes through experiencing a good performance.

Music classes provide opportunities that other courses do not. The opportunity to work together with their classmates (140 other classmates when it comes to the marching band), making their individual contribution toward the group goal, and realizing the rewards of their work through a final performance demonstration of what they've learned - the marching band show, a recital, or a concert.

Music students share their work on a regular basis with their classmates, parents, and the community. Our students don't have to wait for a "report card" or a "grade" to mark their progress - they can see and hear the learning taking place on a daily basis, and others do to.

Through this process students learn the value of self-assessment, develop a sense of self-discipline, and continually work towards improving (or revising) their work (performance.)

The goals of the Chelsea Band Program are many-fold. We provide students with the skills and knowledge that will serve them in whatever musical interests they pursue beyond high school. We have many students that choose to study music at the college level as music majors. Many students study in-state (University of Michigan, Central Michigan University, Grand Valley State University and other Michigan institutions of higher learning), and we also

have students that study out of state (Wisconsin, Ohio) and have had a student attend and graduate from the prestigious Juilliard School of Music in New York.

To prepare these students for music study at that level we provide a variety of performance opportunities, as well as providing students the opportunity to pursue an advanced study of music theory, music history, and music performance by enrolling for our independent study music course here at Chelsea High School. We also have many students that pursue music activities at the college level as non-majors, with many students performing as members of concert bands, marching bands, and small chamber ensembles.

Many of these students come back to visit (or text or e-mail) after their first year in college, and share their stories of the college music experience - and let us know that they really do appreciate the opportunity they had at Chelsea High School as a music student, and how it prepared them to be successful in music at the college level. The main goal of music education however is for students to learn and grow through the music learning process, and to gain knowledge that will benefit them throughout the rest of their lives as informed music consumers (concert goers, recording buyers, etc.), and as active music participants.

I received an e-mail after the first of these music education articles was published in the Chelsea Standard from a Chelsea graduate living out of state. He has recently picked up his instrument again, after more than 30 years of not playing, and is now playing in community and civic bands in his area. He wanted me to share with our students that they should appreciate now what they have as a Chelsea Band member, because you never know when you might use those skills again. It might not be immediately after graduation, but you might find yourself interested in playing and performing again many years after your high school band experience.

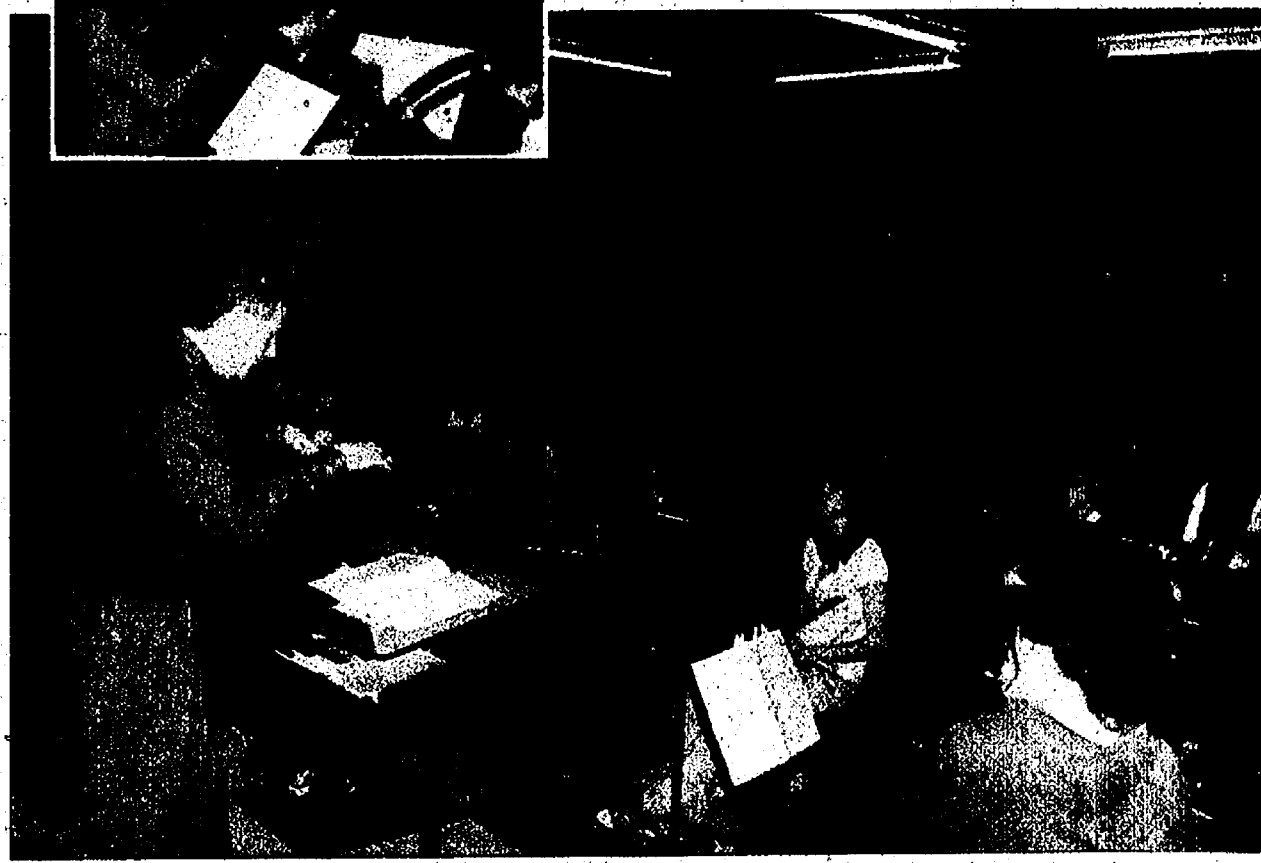
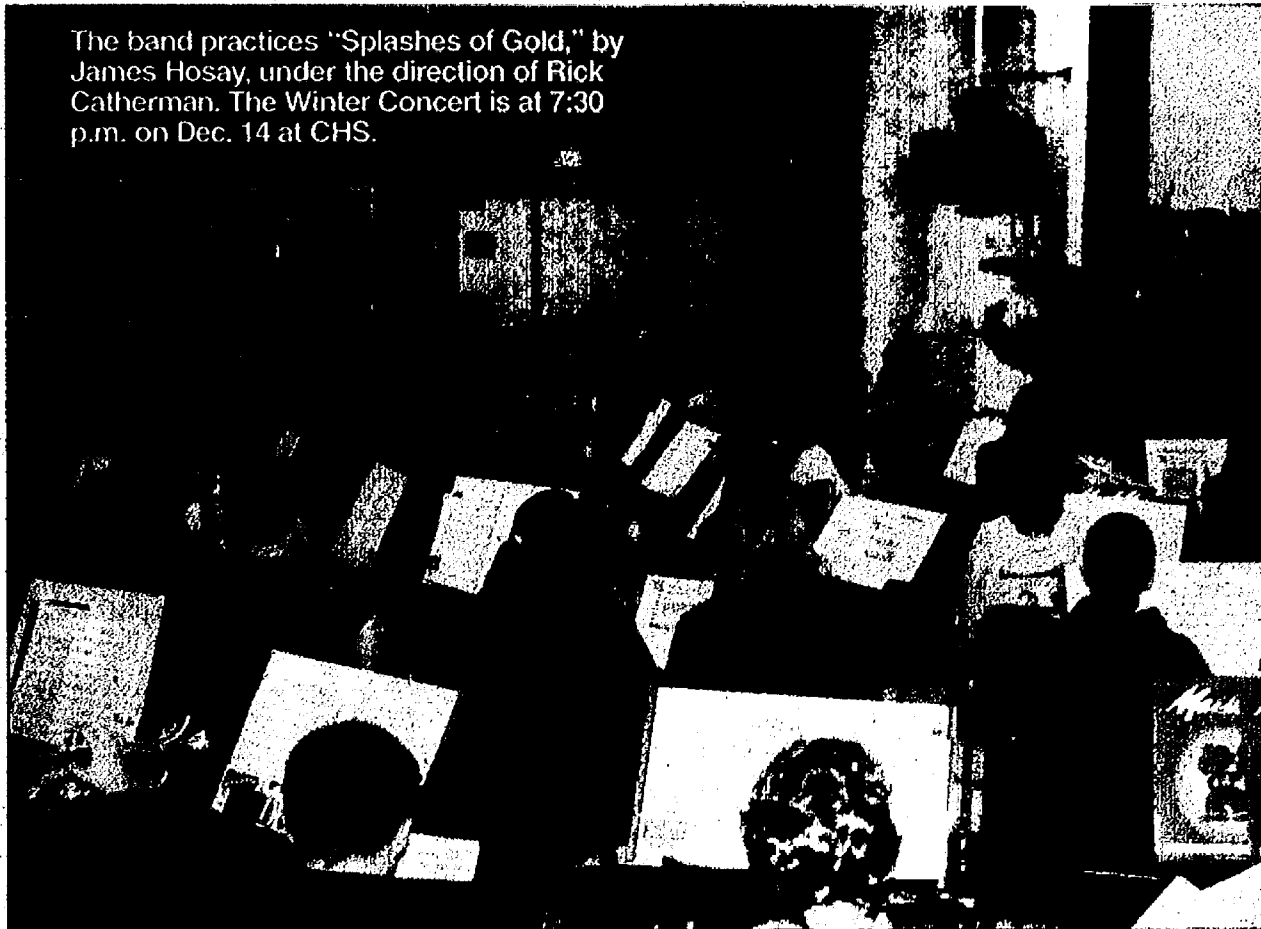
The Chelsea Band program provides a strong curriculum of music study, including performance in the concert bands, the marching band, and experience in the full orchestra. We also offer many co-curricular performance opportunities.

Our students are members of our jazz band, the pep band, as well as other musical ensembles - the Chelsea House Orchestra and the show choir. Band members are also active with our theater department at Chelsea High School - both on-stage and as members of the pit orchestra. The Chelsea Band members also learn the importance of community service and are encouraged to provide that service by sharing their musical skills and talents. Our bands perform in the Chelsea parades (Fair Parade, Hometown Holiday's Parade, and the Memorial Day Parade), are active in the summer during the Chelsea Summerfest and the Sounds and Sights Concert series, and many student musicians perform at church and other civic/community functions throughout the year.

The main goal of the Chelsea Bands is music learning, and fostering the creative side of a child's brain. Learning is a process, not a final product. Yes the students realize a final product but it is achieved through a performance, and more learning occurs post-performance through assessment (self and teacher) and future planning and goal setting (how can the performance be better next time?).

Rick Catherman is the director of bands at Chelsea High School.

The band practices "Splashes of Gold," by James Hosay, under the direction of Rick Catherman. The Winter Concert is at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 14 at CHS.



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Workshop for screenwriters to begin in January

Award-winning filmmaker and storyteller Harvey Ovshinsky will lead a six-session workshop, "How to Complete Your First Movie Script in Six Months," in Ann Arbor and Birmingham beginning in January.

This support group for aspiring or frustrated screenwriters will meet once a month, beginning Jan. 4, at the Jewish Community Center of Ann Arbor and Jan. 25 at the Birmingham Community House. The series cost is \$325.

Participants will receive a sample script, a complete bibliography of screenwriting books, publications and contests, information about software for formatting scripts and the latest version of Ovshinsky's popular handbook, "The Ten Most Important First Rules of Storytelling."

"We'll teach the nuts and bolts, but the real challenge for new writers is getting feedback and guidance while you're actually writing your first screenplay,"

Ovshinsky said. "That's the hard part, and that's where we come in."

Writers will receive direction, motivation and personal attention, both from Ovshinsky and each other, as they share their works-in-progress with each other.

The goal is for participants who stick with the program to complete a first draft of a finished screenplay by the time they "graduate" in June.

Ovshinsky's distinguished

career in transmedia storytelling has earned him the reputation as a "story whisperer." He has taught screenwriting and documentary filmmaking at Wayne State University. He has been a guest lecturer at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Eastern Michigan University, Oakland University, Madonna University, Schoolcraft College and Macomb County Community College.

Ovshinsky wrote the award-winning script, "The Keyman."

His Movie-of-the-Week script, "PJ and the Dragon," was represented by Creative Artists Agency and optioned by Longbow Productions.

Ovshinsky and his story consulting and video production company, HKO Media, have been awarded broadcasting's highest honors including a national Emmy, a Peabody, a duPont-Columbia University Award and the American Film Institute's Robert M. Bennett Award for Excellence.

"For me, this work is deeply personal as well as professional," Ovshinsky said. "I believe each one of us has the power to light up the world with our stories. The trick is to find a way to fan the flames of our creativity so that others can see the light that shines inside."

To register for the program in Ann Arbor, call 971-0990. To register in Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832. For more information about either group call 996-8011.

CONCERT REVIEW

A2 Symphony entertains crowd

By Ellie Falaris Ganelin
Special Writer

The Ann Arbor Symphony pulled off a magnificent concert recently at the Michigan Theater.

The program included Sergei Prokofiev's "Overture on Hebrew Themes," Georges Bizet's "Symphony No. 1 in C Major" and the main attraction, Johannes Brahms' "Piano Concerto No. 2" with soloist Anton Nel. While the composers and their respective styles are rather different, the selections together comprised a wonderful program of music.

The "Overture on Hebrew Themes" was a fun and exciting opener to the program. The Hebrew-inspired melodies incorporate a klezmer-like clarinet solo amidst light, offbeat rhythms in the strings. These themes alternate with a more flowing, classical section.

The orchestra opened Bizet's first symphony with explosive force, depicting the youthful energy the composer must have had when he composed the symphony at age 17. The oboe solo by Harry Sargous in the adagio movement was lovely, soaring over the orchestra. The movement goes from a tense, lyrical theme to a hushed, jolly fugue in the development section.

Anton Nel gave an amazing



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performance of the Brahms concerto. He was formerly the chairman of the piano department at the University of Michigan, and this concert was his sixth time performing with the Ann Arbor Symphony. Nel played with an excited and impassioned intensity in this highly demanding concerto for the piano. He had a strong and commanding stage presence in this powerhouse of a work.

Brahms' second concerto very much has the feel of a sym-

phony that's graced by a strong piano presence. Other instruments share in the spotlight, like the golden horn solo that mingles with the piano in the opening, or the warm cello solo in the opening of the andante third movement. The cello carried the delicate melody setting it up in time for the piano's equally delicate entrance. An exposed clarinet duet was beautiful, accompanying the piano solo line. The orchestra played a catchy dotted rhythm theme in

the final movement with a nice, uniform separation as they pressed to a grand finish.

As an encore, Nel played Franz Liszt's transcription of Schumann's "Widmung." This graceful, lyrical piece was so moving that someone in my row audibly whispered, "wow," as the final cadence rang through the hall.

Wow indeed - hearing Nel perform with the orchestra that evening was a real delight.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Free Community Breakfast

8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, breakfast served to the public free on second Saturdays, Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St.

Used Book Sale

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St.

Hickory Hills Trail

10:45 a.m. Saturday, Huron Valley Sierra Club 6-mile hike. Bring water and snack. Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road, Chelsea. Free. \$6 vehicle fee. 756-5362.

Father Christmas Exhibit

Through Jan. 9, 2010, handcrafted figures by Chelsea artist John W. Mitchell Sr. River Gallery, 120 S. Main St., Chelsea. Call 433-0826.

SALINE

'The Nutcracker'

2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday by Dance Alliance, Saline High School, 1300 Campus Pkwy. \$13 at the Dancer's Boutique, 2414 E. Stadium, Ann Arbor, and Dance Alliance, 811 W. Michigan Ave., Saline, and at the door. 429-9599.

Holiday Sale

Saturday through Dec. 18, Two Twelve Arts Center, 212 W. Michigan Ave., Saline.

'On With The Snow'

7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Saline Middle School, 7190 N. Maple Road. \$8. For details, visit www.salinevarsityblues.com.

Treasure Trail to Santa

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Busch's Shopping Center, 565 E. Michigan Ave.

Santa's Visit to Restaurants

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ing for giant stocking of goodies from merchants, with five winners.

'1930s Christmas'

Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Rentschler Farm, 1265 E. Michigan Ave.

New Horizons Band Concert

3:30 p.m. Sunday, First United Methodist Church, 1200 N. Ann Arbor St., Saline.

Grand Reunion Ball

7:45 to 11 p.m. Saturday, 19th-century attire encouraged. Workshops 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$25 in advance at vintage-dance.com and by phone; \$30 at the door. 769-0041.

Ballroom Dancing

8 to 10 p.m. Saturday, singles and couples invited. Refreshments. Lesson at 7 p.m. Pittsfield Township Recreation Hall, South State Street at Ellsworth. \$5. 822-2120.

Wine-Tasting Fundraiser

8 to 8 p.m. Friday, Spotted Dog Winery, 108 E. Michigan Ave. \$25. Holiday Hoppy Hour to help Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary, silent auction, wine for sale. Visit www.rabbitsanctuary.org.

MILAN

Christmas Sing-Along

6:30 p.m. Saturday, Amy R. Timbers and the Aaron Lucas and Co. Band, Lighthouse Coffee Co., 9 W. Main St., Milan.

DEXTER

'Annie'

7 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and Dec. 17-19, Encore Musical Theatre Company, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. \$28 (members, seniors, \$25; groups of 10, \$22) at theencoretheatre.org and at the door.

268-6200.

Christmas Sing

7 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dexter Area Historical Museum, 3443 Inverness St., Dexter. Free. 426-2519.

Meteor Watch

9 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission. Canceled if cloudy. Independence Lake County Park Beach Center, 3200 Jennings, Webster Township. Free.

Santa Central

10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Santa, games, hayride, snack. Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Road, Dexter. \$2. \$4 vehicle entrance fee. Pre-register at 426-8211.

Holiday Concert

3 p.m. Sunday, Dexter Community Band, Dexter Center for the Performing Arts, Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker. Free. 426-2734.

YPSILANTI

'A Boychoir Christmas'

7 p.m. Friday, First Presbyterian Church, 300 N. Washington, Ypsilanti. \$15 (students, seniors, \$10; youth \$5) at aaboychoir.org and at the door. 663-5377.

Co-dependency

7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, symptoms and progression of codependency and actions to recover. St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. Free; no registration. Certificate to document attendance provided. Call 485-8725.

'The Prince, the Wolf & the Firebird'

7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday, Quirk Theatre, East Circle Drive/Best Hall on EMU campus. Ages 6 and older. \$15, \$12 for students,

\$9 for Mainstage patrons, and \$7 ages 6-12, at 487-2282 or from Convocation Center, Student Center ticket office or Quirk Box Office. Visit: www.emutix.com.

Fitness Classes Registration

Winter term registration begins Monday for group fitness and dance classes, Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center in Ann Arbor. Classes are Jan. 3 through March 27. Call 971-6355 or visit parks.ewashtenaw.org.

Saxophone studio recital

7:30 p.m. Thursday, EMU saxophone students perform. Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell and East Circle Drive, Ypsilanti. Tickets: Convocation Center 487-2282. Visit www.emich.edu/music.

'Adoration and Praise II'

8 p.m. Friday, EMU University Choir and Chamber Choir present World Mass. Also choir from Plymouth-Canton High School conducted by EMU alum Jennifer Kopf. Pease Auditorium College Place and West Cross, Ypsilanti. Tickets: Convocation Center, 487-2282. Visit www.emich.edu/music.

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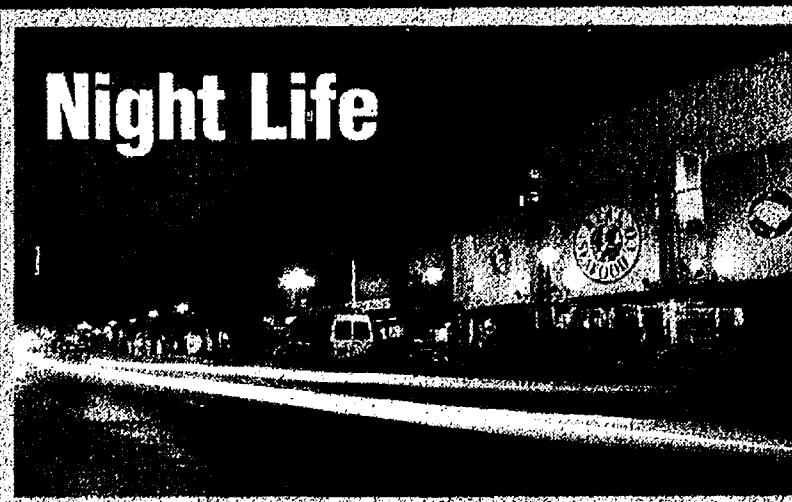
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Pease Auditorium College Place and West Cross, Ypsilanti. Free.

'Auntie Mame'

8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and Dec. 17-19: Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. \$16 (students, seniors, \$11; Thurs., pay-what you can). 483-7345.

Muerta Goes to Space Prison

7 p.m. Saturday, Dreamland puppet troupe presents futuristic puppet show for mature audiences. Dreamland Theatre, 26 N. Washington, Ypsilanti. \$10. 657-2337.



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Monday: The Subdudes, 8
p.m., \$25
- The Blind Pig**
208 S. First St.
Telephone: 996-8555
Web site: www.blindpigmu-
sic.com
Thursday: The Ferdy
Mayne with Cavalier Rose
and The Wolls, \$5/under 21
\$8, 18 and older, 9:30 p.m.
Friday: Lawn Care with
Electromags and Fair Herald,
\$5/under 21 \$8, 18 and older,
9:30 p.m.
Saturday: Raekwon The
Chef with Capone-N-Noreaga,
Queen Yonassa, One Be Lo
and Octane, \$20 cover or
\$25 (includes copy of Cuban
Link 2), 18 and older, 9:30
p.m. Surcharge free tickets
available at 8 Ball Saloon,
Underground Sounds and
Vault of Midnight.
Tuesday: Blind Pig
Showcase Night with Rogue
Locomotive, Domination,
Mue Sephel, and The
Unacceptables, \$3 cover, 18
and older, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Theo
Katzman with Wolfe
Complex, \$5/under 21, \$8, 18
and older, 9:30 p.m.
- Cavern Club**
Four clubs in one at 210
South First St.
Telephone: 332-9900
Web site: www.cavern-
clubann Arbor.com
Every Wednesday and
Thursday: Live bluegrass. No
cover. New band each week.
Wednesday: Dave Boulette
and Friends
- Conor O'Neill's**
318 S. Main St.
Telephone: 665-2968
Web site: www.conoro-
nells.com
Thursday: Mossy Moran,
9:30 p.m.
Friday: DJ Big Daddie, 10
p.m. to 2 a.m.
Saturday: KTs Alibi, 9:30
p.m.
Sunday: Traditional Irish
Session, 7:30 p.m., Stoo's
Karaoke, 10 p.m.
Monday: Pub Trivia, 8:30
p.m.
Tuesday: Restaurant
Appreciation Night
Wednesday: Music Trivia
with Barry Aherne, 9 p.m.
- Crazy Wisdom Tea Room**
114 S. Main St.
Telephone: 665-9468
Web site: www.crazywis-
dom.net
Tea and Tunes 8:30 to
10:30 p.m. every Friday and
Saturday. No cover charge.
Friday: John Churchill
and Meeta Banerjee
- Saturday: Old School
- Goodnite Grace**
301 W. Huron St.
Telephone: 752-5740
Web site: www.goodnite-
gracie.com
- The Habitat Ultralounge**
The lounge at Weber's Inn
features dance bands
3050 Jackson Road
Telephone: 665-3636
Web site: www.weberinn.
com/bar
Live dancing with the
area's best bands: Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday,
8:45 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Friday
and Saturday 8:45 p.m. to
1:30 a.m.
Thursday: Identical
Strangers
Friday, Saturday: Dr. Smith
Monday: DJ Mechial White
the Groovematist
Tuesday, Wednesday:
Soulstice
- The Heidelberg Club Above**
215 N. Main St.
Telephone: 663-7758
Web site: www.heidelber-
gann Arbor.com
- Guy Holler's at the Holiday Inn**
3600 Plymouth Road
Telephone: 769-4323
Web site: www.hiann Arbor.
com/dining.php
Friday: Drivin' Sideways
Saturday: Steve Nardella
- Live at PJs**
301 W. Huron St.
Telephone: 752-5740
Web site: www.
liveatpjs.com
The club features live
music five nights a week.
Every Wednesday is Salsa
Night.
- Old Town Tavern**
122 W. Liberty St.
Telephone: 662-9291
Web site: www.oldtownaa.
com
Sunday night music fea-
tures live music from 8 to 10
p.m. focusing on local talent.
Sunday: Pale Dave
- Rick's American Cafe**
611 Church St.
Telephone: 996-2747
Web site: http://ricksameri-
cancafe.com/
Fridays and Saturdays:
Live music. No cover before
9 p.m.
- Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase**
314 E. Liberty St.
Telephone: 996-9080
Web site: www.aacomedy.
com
Thursday, Friday, Saturday:
Horace Sanders
Wednesday: Open Mic 8
p.m. Alcohol is served. \$5.
- Black Pearl Seafood and Martini Bar**
302 S. Main Street, Ann
Arbor
Telephone: 222-0400
Web site: www.blackpearl-
onmain.com
Features live music on
Wednesdays 6:30-9:30 pm.
No cover.
Wednesday: Jody Raffoul
with Wes Buckley

Thanksgiving storytime

Chelsea area kids and their parents attended a special Thanksgiving version of Storytime on Nov. 24 at the Chelsea Library. They got to meet a real live turkey and then listened to Thanksgiving stories. The event, held in the KidSpot, was for ages 3-6.



Nick Doll (right) keeps an eye on his friend.



Colin, 5, and Phoebe, 3, listen during Storytime.



Kids and their parents make Thanksgiving turkeys.



Samantha, 3, adds some color to her turkey.



Sofia, 2, colors her turkey.

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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
19° to 25°	6° to 12°	22° to 28° 10° to 16°	23° to 29° 14° to 20°	27° to 33° 11° to 17°	26° to 32° 16° to 22°	28° to 34° 9° to 15°	21° to 27° 12° to 18°

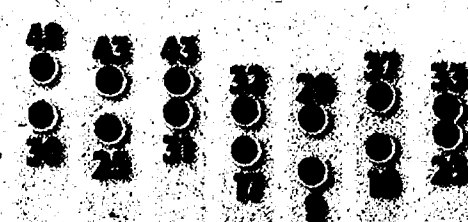
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Statistics for the week ending Monday, Dec. 7

Temperatures:	
High/low for the week	48°/9°
Normal high/low	39°/26°
Average temperature	29.9°
Normal average temperature	32.1°
Precipitation:	
Total for the week	0.73"
Total for the month	0.73"
Total for the year	29.32"
Normal for the month	0.70"
Normal for the year	33.21"

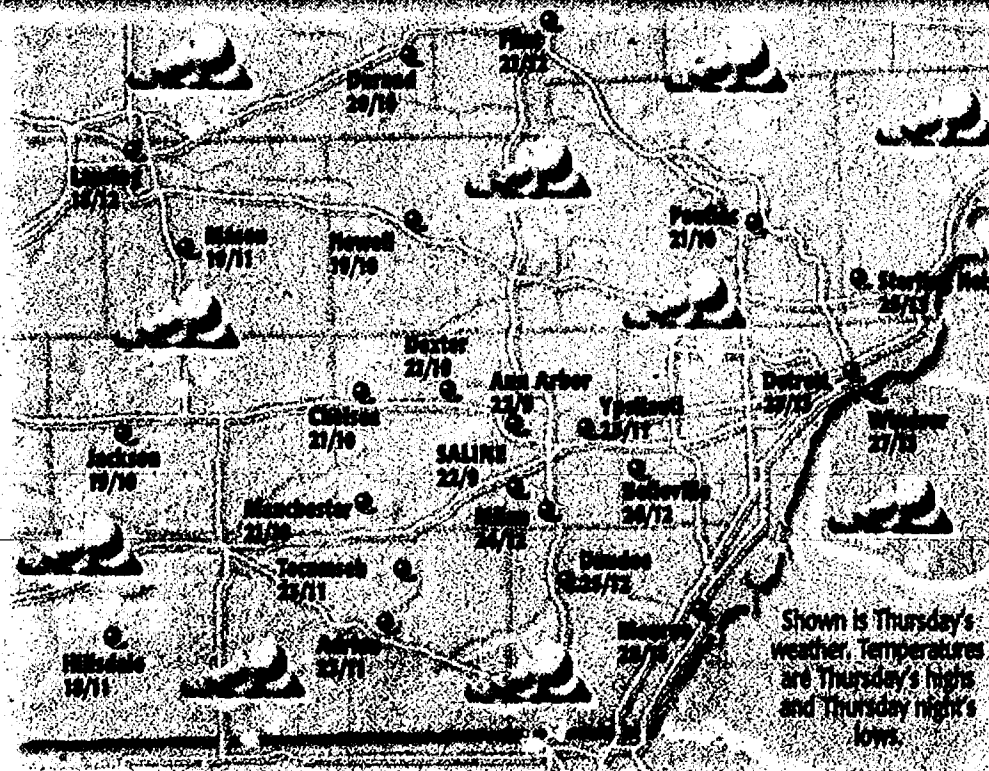
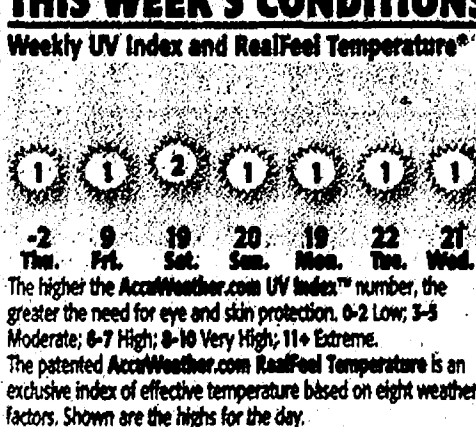
PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures ● High ● Low



THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature



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SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Thursday	7:53 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Friday	7:54 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Saturday	7:54 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Sunday	7:55 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Monday	7:56 a.m.	5:04 p.m.
Tuesday	7:57 a.m.	5:04 p.m.
Wednesday	7:57 a.m.	5:04 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	1:51 a.m.	1:19 p.m.
Friday	3:01 a.m.	1:42 p.m.
Saturday	4:10 a.m.	2:11 p.m.
Sunday	5:18 a.m.	2:46 p.m.
Monday	6:23 a.m.	3:27 p.m.
Tuesday	7:23 a.m.	4:15 p.m.
Wednesday	8:16 a.m.	5:09 p.m.

RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecstasy Creek		2.56 ft
Dearborn Heights		
Huron River	16 ft	12.66 ft
Ann Arbor		
Malletts Creek		5.38 ft
Ann Arbor		
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	6.45 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester		5.10 ft

Lake Levels	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	571.07 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	573.71 ft

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Adrian	22/11/sf	24/16/c	27/19/pc
Ann Arbor	22/9/sf	25/13/c	26/17/pc
Dearborn	22/13/sf	25/18/c	27/20/pc
Flint	21/12/sf	23/14/c	24/17/pc
Kalamazoo	17/10/sf	24/16/sf	26/21/pc
Lansing	18/12/sf	24/19/sf	26/24/pc
Livonia	25/12/sf	26/16/c	26/20/pc

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Manistee	20/19/sf	20/11/sf	26/18/sf
Midland	22/9/sf	23/12/sf	25/16/sf
Port Huron	27/16/sf	29/17/c	27/18/pc
Saginaw	23/11/sf	22/13/c	23/16/sf
Sturgis	18/11/sf	25/17/pc	26/20/sf
Traverse City	20/10/sf	18/11/sf	23/17/sf
Warren	25/14/sf	27/19/c	26/21/pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Athens	61/34/r	69/32/r	61/32/r
Berlin	39/34/r	37/32/sf	37/34/sf
Buenos Aires	84/63/pc	76/59/c	79/66/s
Calgary	28/5/c	31/20/c	31/20/c
Hong Kong	75/66/pc	75/67/s	75/67/s
Jakarta	82/48/s	81/49/pc	80/48/s
Johannesburg	82/59/pc	79/59/t	80/59/c
London	50/38/pc	48/39/pc	48/36/pc
Mexico City	77/48/pc	79/44/s	73/44/s

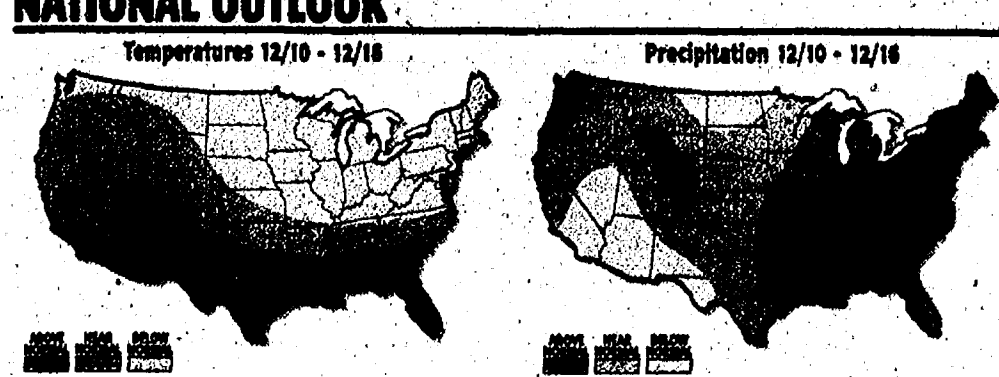
City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Montreal	32/21/sf	25/18/pc	19/14/sf
Moscow	28/21/pc	25/18/c	27/19/pc
Paris	54/39/pc	48/36/pc	41/32/pc
Rio de Janeiro	86/74/c	85/73/t	86/76/r
Rome	68/57/s	65/57/s	64/58/pc
Seoul	53/39/t	50/29/sh	45/33/c
Singapore	85/73/t	83/71/t	86/76/r
Sydney	89/66/sh	82/59/s	82/61/pc
Tokyo	69/49/s	66/49/t	62/48/c
Warsaw	36/32/c	36/26/pc	37/30/sf

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Atlanta	59/24/s	46/33/c	41/38/r
Boston	44/26/pc	36/24/pc	39/23/pc
Chicago	29/16/s	31/17/pc	29/18/s
Cincinnati	29/16/s	33/24/c	32/25/pc
Cleveland	27/15/s	28/16/c	28/24/s
Dallas	47/30/pc	52/39/c	50/39/pc
Denver	30/8/pc	33/14/pc	37/19/pc
Honolulu	80/68/s	81/69/s	81/68/s
Houston	58/47/pc	57/47/r	64/47/pc
Kansas City	21/12/t	28/17/pc	37/22/pc
Las Vegas	53/33/pc	34/37/c	37/39/r
Los Angeles	58/46/r	60/46/r	60/46/r

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Miami	84/63/pc	79/72/pc	83/70/sf
Minneapolis	7/0/pc	12/3/c	15/1/pc
New Orleans	89/68/s	82/58/c	85/52/r
New York City	40/27/pc	30/27/pc	37/28/s
Orlando	70/47/s	72/39/pc	61/43/sf
Philadelphia	59/24/s	53/23/s	36/28/s
Phoenix	64/48/pc	62/45/pc	64/48/pc
Pittsburgh	27/14/sf	24/16/sf	28/20/s
St. Louis	32/17/s	32/24/c	40/17/pc
San Francisco	53/44/r	57/50/r	57/48/r
Seattle	33/22/s	40/28/s	37/35/t
Wash. DC	42/24/pc	41/26/s	37/29/pc

NATIONAL OUTLOOK



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JACKSON 1221 SPRING ARBOR RD. 517 757 2126	JACKSON 3717 HETTERSON RD. 517 757 5275	ADRIAN 535 W. MAUMEE 517 263 4100	ADRIAN 1362 S. SONNEN-HAY 517 263 2547
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99¢ LB.

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INDIAN SUMMER PREMIUM APPLE JUICE
64 oz.

88¢

COUNTRY MAID OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM
Selected Varieties
Half Gallon

99¢

BAREMAN'S MILK
Selected Varieties
1 Gallon

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BLUEBERRIES, RASPBERRIES OR BLACKBERRIES
1/2 Pint

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Red, Ripe ON THE VINE TOMATOES

\$1.48 LB.

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Selected Varieties
4 oz.

SAVE \$1.17 on 4

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64 oz.

SAVE \$1.26

COUNTRY MAID OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM
Selected Varieties
Half Gallon

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BAREMAN'S MILK
Selected Varieties
1 Gallon

SAVE UP TO 90¢

BLUEBERRIES, RASPBERRIES OR BLACKBERRIES
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**HOLSUM
KING SIZE
WHITE BREAD**
24 oz.



SAVE \$1.76



**RICE A RONI &
PASTA RONI**
3.8 - 7.2 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1

**INDIAN SUMMER
PREMIUM
APPLE SAUCE**
23 - 25 oz.
Selected Varieties



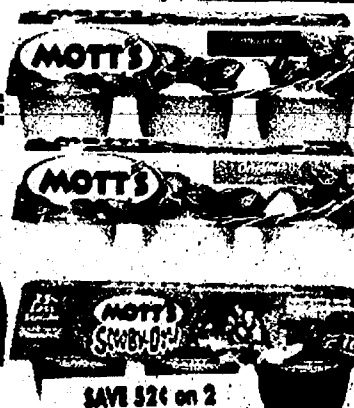
SAVE 96¢



**MOTT'S
MULTIPAK
APPLE SAUCE**
3.9 - 4 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2¢ on 2



**HUNT'S
SNACK PACK
PUDDING & G**
4 Pk.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1¢



**COUSIN WILLIE'S
MICROWAVE
POPCORN**
3 Pk.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 76¢

**PILLSBURY
CAKE MIX**
18.25 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 97¢



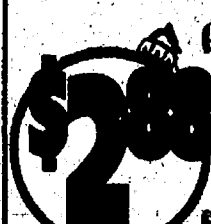
**PAM
COOKING SPRAY**
5 - 6 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.26



**WESSON
OIL**
48 oz.
Selected Varieties

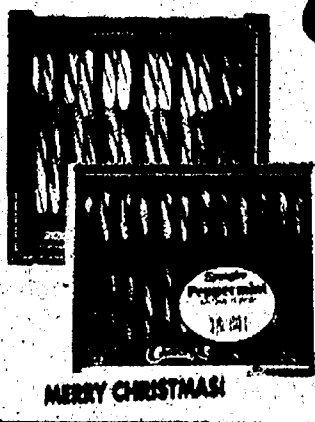


SAVE \$1.07



CHRISTMAS CANDY SALE!

**SPANGLER'S
& BOB'S
CANDY CANES**
12 ct.
Selected Varieties



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

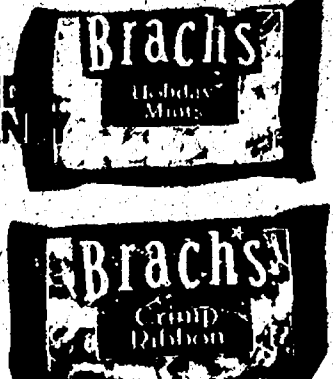
**HERSHEY'S
CHRISTMAS
CANDY**
10 - 11 oz.
Selected Varieties



**M&M'S
CHRISTMAS
CANDY**
9.9 - 12.6 oz.
Selected Varieties



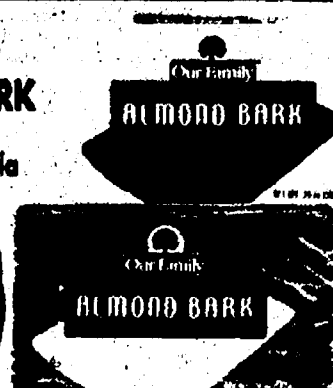
**BRACH'S
OLD FASHIONED
CHRISTMAS CANDY**
9.25 - 11.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



**NESTLE
MINIATURES**
10 - 12 oz.
Selected Varieties



**OUR FAMILY
ALMOND BARK**
20 oz.
Chocolate or Vanilla



**NESTLE
BAKING MORSELS**
23 - 24 oz. Value Size
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.96

**LITTLE DEBBIE
HOLIDAY SNACK
CAKES**
5.2 - 12.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 66¢

THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE!

**STARKIST
PREMIUM CHUNK
WHITE TUNA**
5 oz.
Water Packed



SAVE 62¢

**CHEF BOYARDEE
PASTA WITH MEAT**
14.75 - 15 oz.
Selected Varieties



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**CAMPBELL'S
SELECT HARVEST
SOUPS**
18.6 - 19 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.52

**MINUTE
RICE**
14 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE UP TO 36¢

**DEI FRATELLI
TOMATOES**
28 oz. Family Size
Selected Varieties



SAVE 86¢

**CAMPBELL'S
FULLY LOADED
CHUNKY SOUP**
18.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 76¢

**PINK BEAUTY
PINK SALMON**
14.75 oz.



**CASTLEBERRY'S
BEEF STEW**
24 oz.



SAVE 51¢

**MARZETTI
DRESSING**
16 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 50¢

**AUNT MILLIE'S
HAMBURGER OR
HOT DOG BUNS**
8 ct.



SAVE \$1.56

**PROGRESSO
SOUP**
15.25 - 19 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 54¢

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**GLOBAL
PRESERVES**
13 oz.
Selected Varieties



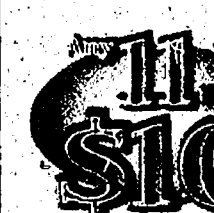
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**POLAR
JAR FRUIT**
10 oz.
Selected Varieties



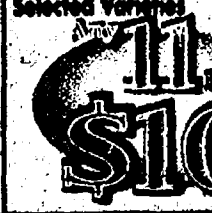
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**SAVORY
SALAD DRESSING**
16 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.10 on 11

**LEONARDO'S
SPECIALTY POTATOES
MEAL HELPERS &
PASTA & SAUCE**
4.5 - 8.25 oz.
Selected Varieties



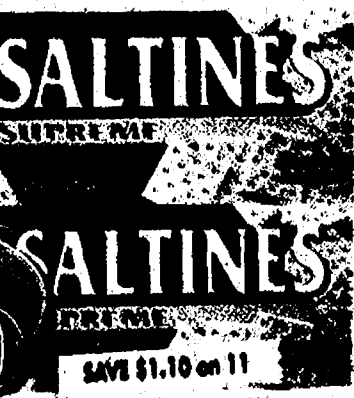
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**GLEN COURT
SNACK
CRACKERS**
10 oz.
Selected Varieties



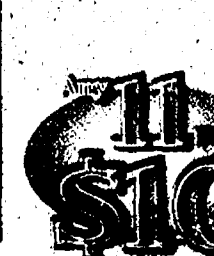
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**VISTA
SALTINES**
16 oz.
Salted or Unsalted



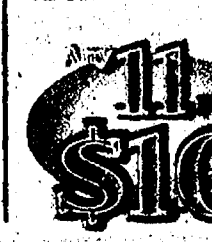
SAVE \$1.10 on 11

**VISTA
OYSTER
CRACKERS**
12 oz.



SAVE \$1.10 on 11

**VISTA
VANILLA
WAFERS**
12 oz.



SAVE \$1.10 on 11

OUR FAMILY BRAND FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

OUR FAMILY WHIPPED TOPPING
8 oz.
Regular or Light



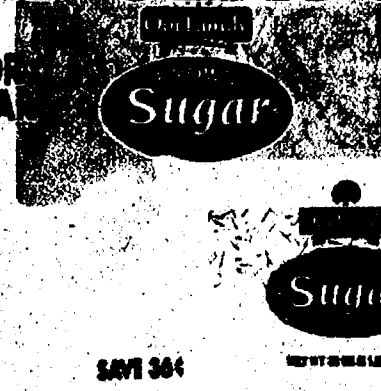
SAVE 62¢

OUR FAMILY PREMIUM JAR GRAVY
12 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 37¢

OUR FAMILY POWDERED OR BROWN SUGAR
2 lb.
Selected Varieties



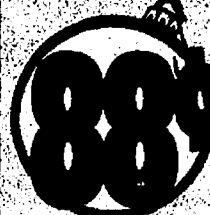
SAVE 36¢

OUR FAMILY BROTH
14.5 oz.
Chicken or Beef



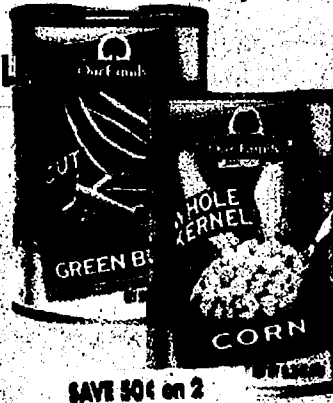
SAVE 44¢ on 2

OUR FAMILY CRANBERRY SAUCE
16 oz.
Jellied or Whole Berry



SAVE 62¢

OUR FAMILY CAN VEGETABLE
14.5 - 15.25 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 50¢ on 2

OUR FAMILY SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK
14 oz.



SAVE 66¢

OUR FAMILY BISCUITS CEREAL
12.8 - 14 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 51¢

OUR FAMILY SNACK MIX
8.75 oz.
Selected Varieties



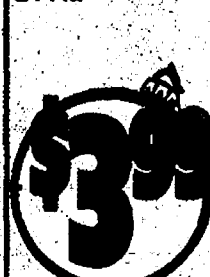
SAVE 76¢

OUR FAMILY SODA POP
12 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties (plus deposit)



SAVE 51¢

OUR FAMILY SPRING WATER
24 Pk.



SAVE 51¢

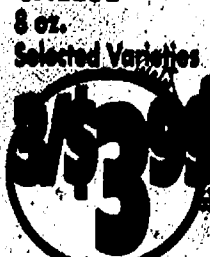
OUR FAMILY BRAND DAIRY & FROZEN ITEMS!

OUR FAMILY CREAM CHEESE
8 oz. Selected Varieties



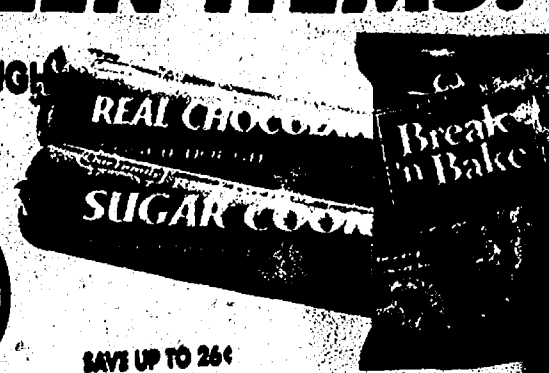
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OUR FAMILY CHUNK OR SHREDDED CHEESE
8 oz.
Selected Varieties



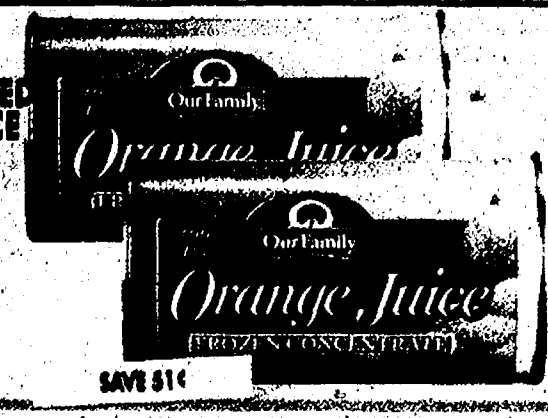
SAVE \$1.86 on 3

OUR FAMILY COOKIE DOUGH
16 - 16.5 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE UP TO 26¢

OUR FAMILY FROZEN CONCENTRATED ORANGE JUICE
12 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 51¢

OUR FAMILY VEGETABLES
12 - 16 oz.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 76¢

OUR FAMILY PREMIUM FROZEN PIZZA
21 - 24 oz.
Selected Varieties



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16 oz.
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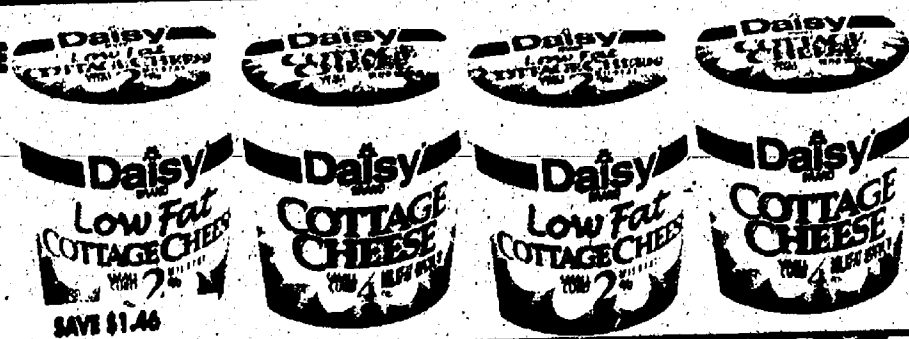
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POT PIES**
10.5 - 21 oz.
Selected Varieties

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**DAISY
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**HOMEMADE
ICE CREAM**
48 oz.
Selected Varieties

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**COUNTRY MARKET
BAGELS**
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Selected Varieties

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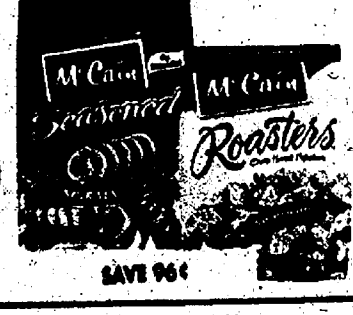
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8 - 14 oz.
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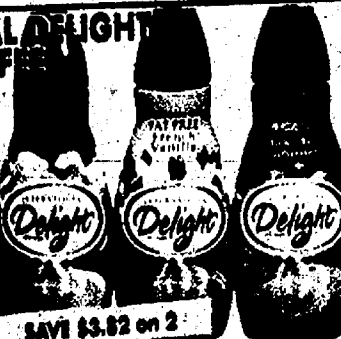
**MCCAIN
POTATOES**
16 - 26 oz.
Selected Varieties

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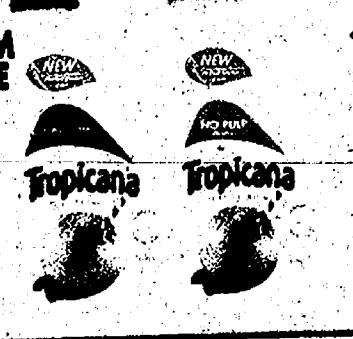
**INTERNATIONAL DELIGHT
FLAVORED COFFEE
CREAMERS**
32 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$4.88



**TROPICANA
PURE PREMIUM
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89 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$3.99



**BIRDSEYE
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PASTA MEALS**
24 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$4.99



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Selected Varieties

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OR PARKAY
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16 oz.
Selected Varieties

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6 Pk.
Selected Varieties

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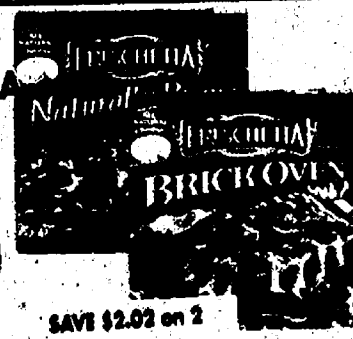
**TGI FRIDAY'S
SKILLET MEALS**
24 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$5.99



**FRESCHETTA
PREMIUM
FROZEN PIZZA**
12.6 - 29.6 oz.
Selected Varieties

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**DAISY
SOUR CREAM**
16 oz.
Regular or Light

\$1.59



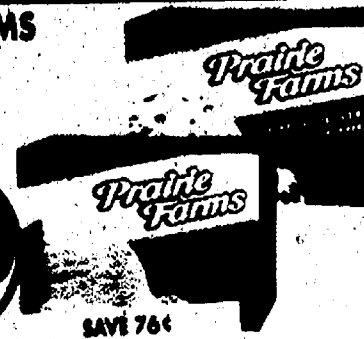
**REDDI WIP
TOPPING**
7 oz.
Selected Varieties

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**PRAIRIE FARMS
ICE CREAM**
1/2 Gallon
Selected Varieties

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**NORTH STAR
ICE CREAM
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12 Pk.
Selected Varieties

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DELLALO
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BREAST

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Large Tray Serves 25-30

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Meat, Meat & More Meat
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All Sliced Up to Go with
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Large Tray
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**ROYAL CHEESE
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FRESH BAKERY!

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**CINNAMON
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16 oz.



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Fresh Baked
**PETITE
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12 ct.



\$1⁹⁹

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BOULE**
16 oz.



\$4⁸⁹

Fresh Baked
**MINI
TURNOVERS**
6 ct.
Selected Varieties



\$2⁶⁹

**GIVE & GO
BROWNIES**
8 - 11.25 oz.
Selected Varieties



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CROSTATA
17.5 - 21 oz.
Selected Varieties



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**MINI
CHRISTMAS
CUPCAKES**
12 ct.
Gold or Chocolate



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Cake of the Week
**CARROT
CAKE**
Single Layer



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Pie of the Month
**APPLE
CRANBERRY**
Whole Pie



\$6⁹⁹

DOUBLE
LAYER CAKE
\$8⁹⁹

HALF
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HOME & HEALTH CARE SAVINGS!

**DIXIE
PLATES AND CUPS**
14 - 54 ct.
Selected Varieties



SAVE 86¢

**ZIPLOC
FREEZER & STORAGE
BAGS & CONTAINERS**
2 - 30 ct.
Selected Varieties



Ziploc

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**ANGEL SOFT
BATH TISSUE**
Double Roll
Bonus Pk 33% Free
12 - 24 ct.



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**SPARKLE
PAPER
TOWELS**
6 - 8 ct.
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**PUREX
2X ULTRA LAUNDRY
DETERGENT**
50 oz.
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**KLEENEX
FACIAL TISSUE**
75 - 200 ct.
Selected Varieties



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50 ct.
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**OUR FAMILY
SEVERE COLD**
24 ct.
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**OUR FAMILY
DAY & NITE**
10 oz.
Selected Varieties



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**OUR FAMILY
TUSSIN**
4 oz.
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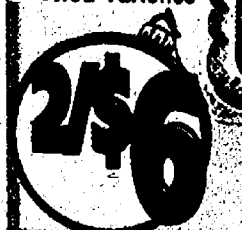
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HOLIDAY NECESSITIES SALE!

**HANDI-FOIL
FOIL COOKWARE
WITH LIDS**
Selected Varieties



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**TRADITIONAL STAR
HOLIDAY BOWS**
25 ct.



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**PEEL & STICK
GIFT TAGS**
18 ct.



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**CHRISTMAS
VALUE WRAP**
40 Sq. Ft.
Selected Varieties



Christmas Value Wrap

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**SCOTCH
MAGIC TAPE**
3/4" x 300" or
1/2" x 450"



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**DURACELL
SAVER PAK**
2 - 8 ct.
Selected Varieties



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**OUR FAMILY
DISPOSABLE
CAMERA**
1 ct.



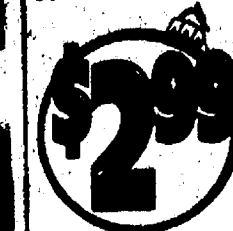
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**OUR FAMILY
BATTERIES**
2 - 12 Pk.
Selected Varieties



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SNACK & BEVERAGE SAVINGS!

**ZESTA
SALTINES**
16 oz.
Original or
Whole Grain Wheat

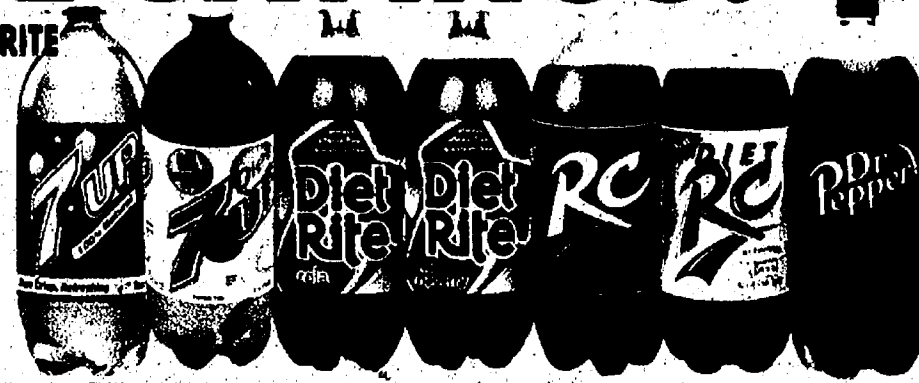
99¢

SAVE \$1.96



**7-UP, RC, DIET RITE
& DR. PEPPER**
2 Liter Bottle
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)

88¢



**JAY'S
BIG J
POTATO CHIPS**
11.5 oz.
Selected Varieties

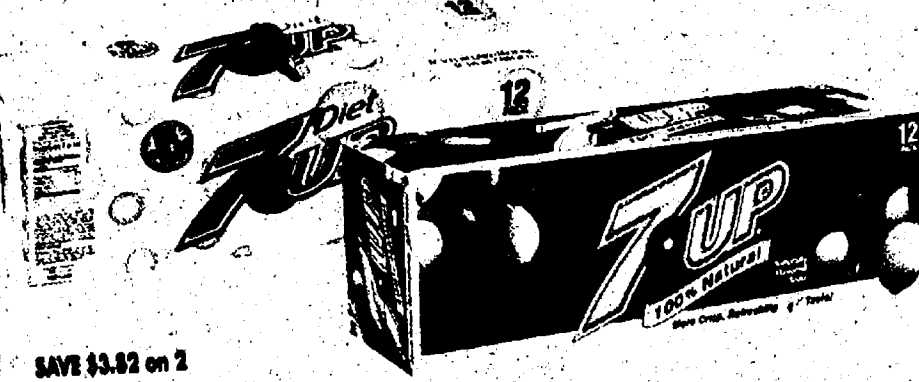
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SAVE \$1.26



**7-UP
PRODUCTS**
12 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)

\$4.88

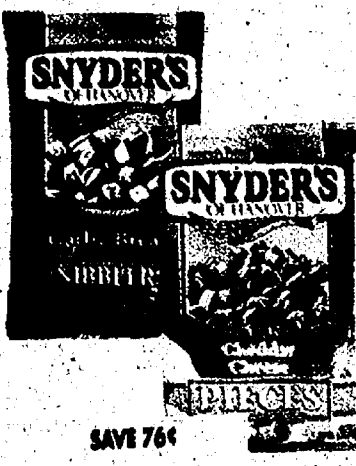


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**SNYDER'S
FLAVORED
PRETZELS**
10 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.99

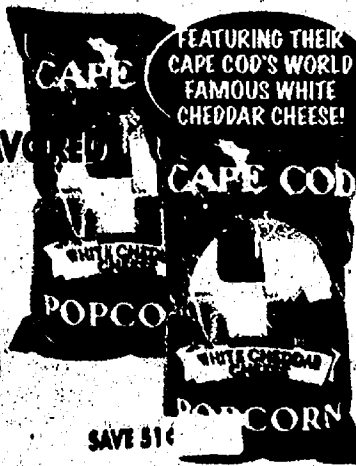
SAVE 76¢



**CAPE COD
PREMIUM FLAVORED
POPCORN**
5 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.99

SAVE 51¢



**HAWAIIAN
PUNCH**
64 oz.
Fruit Juice or
Orange Cream

99¢

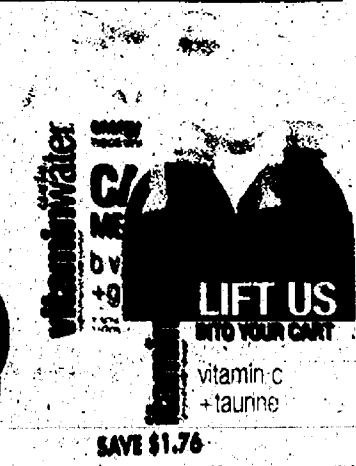
SAVE 86¢



**GLACEAU
VITAMIN
WATER**
4 Pk. 16 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$2.99

SAVE \$1.76



**KEEBLER
SNACK
CRACKERS**
8 - 10 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.99

SAVE \$1.26



**KEEBLER
CHIPS DELUXE
COOKIES**
12.5 - 18 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.99

SAVE \$1.51



**COCA-COLA
PRODUCT**
8 Pk. 8 oz. Cans or
8 Pk. 12 oz. Plastic
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)

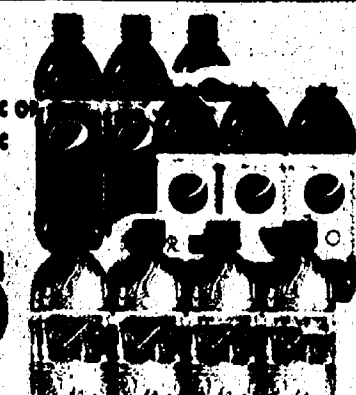
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SAVE UP TO \$1.01



**PEPSI-COLA
PRODUCTS**
6 Pk. 24 oz. Plastic or
8 Pk. 12 oz. Plastic
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)

\$2.96



**FRITO LAY
TOSTITOS**
9 - 13 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$2.88

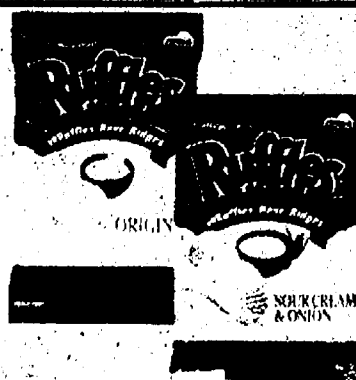
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**FRITO LAY
RUFFLES**
9 - 10 oz.
Selected Varieties

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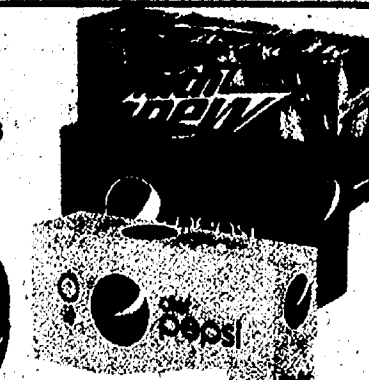
SAVE 77¢



**PEPSI-COLA
PRODUCTS**
18 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)

\$4.99

SAVE 51¢



**LIPTON
TEA**
12 Pk. 16.9 oz. Plastic
Selected Varieties

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SAVE \$1.60



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**CRANE LAKE
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750 ml
(plus tax)



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SAVE \$2.70

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750 ml
(plus tax)



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**SMIRNOFF VODKA
& VODKA TWIST**
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



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**GLEN ELLIOTT
HOME FOR THE
HOLIDAYS**
1.5 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



\$6.95
SAVE \$4.00

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CALIFORNIA WINE**
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



\$7.75
SAVE \$4.00

**TANQUERAY
GIN**
750 ml
(plus tax)



\$19.97

JOSE CUERVO
750 ml
(plus tax)



\$19.95

**RIUNITE
ITALIAN WINES**
1.5 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



\$8.75
SAVE \$1.74

**CLOS DU BOIS
CHARDONNAY
OR PINTO GRIGIO**
750 ml
(plus tax)



\$8.95
SAVE \$3.80

**CAPTAIN MORGAN
SPICED RUM**
750 ml
(plus tax)



\$14.45

**BAILEY'S
IRISH CREAM**
750 ml
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



\$19.95

**CHATEAU GRAND
TRAVERSE LATE
HARVEST RIESLIN**
750 ml
(plus tax)



\$10.75
SAVE \$3.20

**REDWOOD CREEK
CALIFORNIA WINE**
1.5 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



\$10.95
SAVE \$3.55

**MR. & MRS. T'S
MIXES**
33.8 oz.
Selected Varieties
(plus tax)



\$2.99

**FAYGO
MIXERS**
1 Liter
Selected Varieties
(plus deposit)



79¢
SAVE 21¢

THE BREWERY!

**MICHIGAN
BREWING
CRAFT BEER**
6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



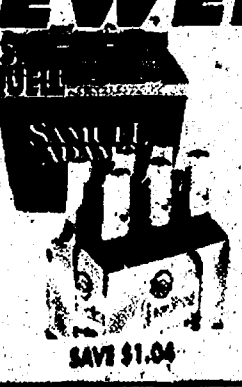
\$6.95
SAVE \$1.30

**ARBOR BREWING
CRAFT BEER**
6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



\$7.95
SAVE \$1.00

**SAMUEL ADAMS
& PILSENER URQUHART**
6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



\$6.95
SAVE \$1.04

**BECK'S &
RED STRIPE**
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



\$11.95
SAVE \$1.55

**NATURAL LIGHT &
MILWAUKEE'S BEST**
12 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



\$5.95
SAVE 64¢

COORS
18 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



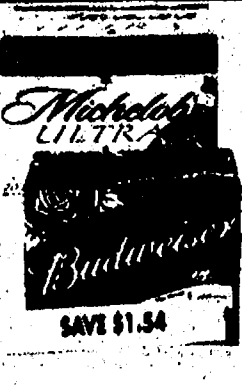
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SAVE \$1.04

**MILLER
PRODUCTS**
20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



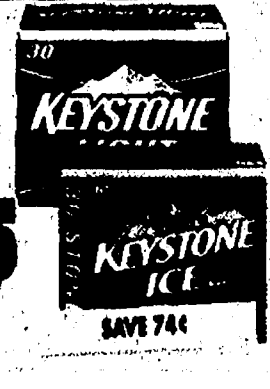
\$12.75
SAVE 74¢

**BUDWEISER OR
MICHELOB ULTRA**
20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



\$12.75
SAVE \$1.54

KEYSTONE
30 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



\$14.75
SAVE 74¢

**STROH'S &
MILLER HIGH LIFE**
30 Pk. 12 oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
(plus tax & deposit)



\$15.95
SAVE 84¢

WINTER SAVINGS ARE HEATING UP IN THE PRODUCE GARDEN!

Enjoy 5 Servings of Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Each Day for Better Health

 <p>SAVE UP TO \$2.00</p> <p>Fresh BLUEBERRIES, BLACKBERRIES OR RASPBERRIES 1/2 Pint</p> <p>\$1.98 EA.</p>	<p>SAVE \$1.21 /lb.</p> <p>Red, Ripe ON THE VINE TOMATOES</p> <p>\$1.48 LB.</p>	 <p>SAVE 31¢</p> <p>Dole CLASSIC SALAD MIX 12 oz.</p> <p>\$1.18 EA.</p>	<p>Produce Pick of the Week</p> <p>SAVE 98¢</p> <p>California POMEGRANATES</p> <p>2/\$3</p>
<p>SAVE \$2.98</p> <p>Jumbo SWEET CANTALOUPE</p> <p>2/\$4</p>	<p>SAVE 61¢ /lb.</p> <p>Washington APPLES Gala, Braeburn, Fuji or Granny Smith</p> <p>98¢ LB.</p>	<p>SAVE 31¢ /lb.</p> <p>New Crop ZUCCHINI OR YELLOW SQUASH</p> <p>88¢ LB.</p>	<p>Fresh Floral Department May not be exactly as illustrated</p> <p>"Zygo" CACTUS</p> <p>\$5.99</p>
<p>SAVE \$2.38</p> <p>Florida SUNBURST TANGERINES 3 lb. Bag</p> <p>2/\$5</p>	<p>AUNT MIDS</p> <p>SAVE \$1.98</p> <p>GOURMET Baby Red POTATOES Red or Gold 3 lb. Bag</p> <p>2/\$5</p>	<p>SAVE 31¢ /lb.</p> <p>California PENOCHE SWEET ONIONS</p> <p>68¢ LB.</p>	<p>Organic Produce</p> <p>Earthbound Farm ORGANIC Mini Peeled CARROTS 1 lb.</p> <p>SAVE 98¢</p> <p>2/\$3</p>