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## Stieber receives honor

MEMSPA names administrator Principal of the Year

By Daniel Lai  
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The Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association has named Lucille Stieber, principal at Pierce Lake Elementary School the "principal of the year" for 2009.

Stieber was recognized for her educational leadership, and has committed herself to enriching the educational lives of the students she serves.

"Lucy is a servant leader who is always ready to ask

how she can help the teachers, students, parents and staff make their school a better place," said Robert Howe, Jr., MEMSPA executive director.

Stieber said she was honored to receive the award. "I received a phone call in June informing me about the award," she said. "I was very surprised. It's a nice honor."

Stieber is a graduate of Syracuse University where she earned a bachelor's degree in Special Education and Sociology. She received two master's degrees in Special Education and Education Administration from Michigan State University, as well as an Education Specialist degree.

"I was raised in the old days when becoming a teacher or a nurse were pretty much your options," she said about her decision to study education.

She said she enjoys working with students in all grade levels.

"I like to see kids learn and grow and feel good about themselves," she said.

Before taking the reins as principal of Pierce Lake, Stieber taught at South Elementary (South Meadows). A native of Stockbridge, she

said she enjoys working in the Chelsea School District.

"The Chelsea community has great family support and great opportunities and resources for students in our district," she said.

In a press release issued by the school district, Superintendent David Killips said Stieber is a great asset for both students and the administration.

"Lucy's commitment to student success is not only evident in Pierce Lake's academic programs, but also in each student's health and well-being," the district said in a press release. "Lucy encourages, empowers and develops leadership responsibilities within her staff. She is able to see the forest and how each tree has its place."

"Her collaborative philosophy engages the staff in meaningful conversations about what is best for students. Her students thrive in this supportive, kids first environment."

Though her duties as principal keep her confined to her office or attending meetings most of the day, Stieber said she tries to visit each classroom at least once a day. "I like to be in the classroom," she said. "I like working with our teachers to come up with new ways our students can be successful both academically and in the classroom environment."

She said her interest in quality education led her down the path to a school administrator's role. "I wanted to have more input on how special education students' needs could be met," she said. "I wanted to have a little more influence on students and teachers."

Stieber said despite budget



Photo by Daniel Lai  
Lucy Stieber was recently named Principal of the Year for her leadership skills at Pierce Lake Elementary School in Chelsea.

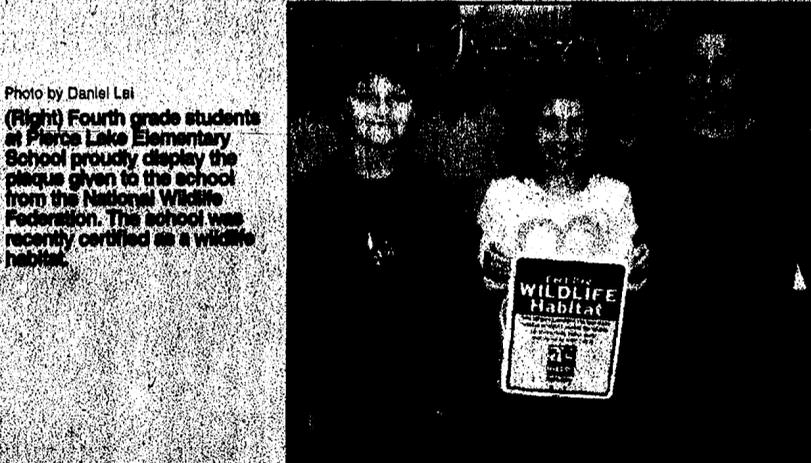


Photo by Daniel Lai  
(Right) Fourth grade students at Pierce Lake Elementary School proudly display the plaque given to the school from the National Wildlife Federation. The school was recently certified as a wildlife habitat.

## Holiday deadline approaches for mail

Post Office swarmed with customers during final days before Christmas  
By Daniel Lai  
Heritage Newspapers

With the holidays fast approaching, the U.S. Postal Service is reminding customers to get those cards and packages out before it's too late.

Most of the deadlines have already passed for those hoping for Christmas Day deliveries.

Dec. 14 was the final day for international mail and the parcel post deadline was Wednesday.

"Customers can still send out packages and cards as late as Dec. 21

for first class mail and priority mail and after that, if you're a procrastinator, we've always got express mail and that would be Dec. 23," postmaster Ted Duve said.

However, he was quick to point out that there is no guarantee letters and packages will arrive before or on Christmas.

"The earlier a customer can get us their cards or packages, the better their chances become," he said.

This year, the Chelsea Post Office has been busy processing hundreds of cards and packages.

"We are running on all cylinders," Duve said. "It's nice to see more people in the post office. I think a lot of it has to do with more parking spaces."

The post office is open from 8 to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday. It closes at 2 p.m. Saturdays and is closed all day Sundays. The post office will not hold extended hours for the holidays, and will close at noon on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

For a more relaxed environment, Gourmet Chocolate Café, located at 312 N. Main St., also offers postal and shipping services. The business is open Mondays thru Fridays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Holiday packages and cards will be picked up by the post office during its normal daily

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## Eastside Market celebrates anniversary

Local family makes smooth transition with 'friendly' retail sales

By Daniel Lai  
Heritage Newspapers

With business growing steadily, Chelsea Eastside Market has a lot to boast about. In October, the business celebrated its one-year anniversary.

"It's been a good year for us," manager Scott Kint said.

**CHELSEA** Located at 12855 Old U.S. 12,

Chelsea Eastside Market can be found in the shopping complex that houses Edward Jones, Backwoods Beef Jerky and Bear Claw Coffee.

"A lot of people still do not know that we are here," Kint said. "We are working on more advertising to draw in customers."

The business offers everything from Michigan Lotto tickets to Jet's pizza by the slice, hot and cold sandwiches, 120 types of wine, beer, liquor and various locally made products.

"Our big thing is to try and get people to shop local," Kint said. "We partner with other businesses and bakeries to bring in a lot of Michigan products."

Stone Hearth Bakery in Brooklyn and Black Market Cookies in Jackson provide cookies, breads and baked goods. The store also imports beer from Bells in Kalamazoo, Arbor Brewing Company in Ann Arbor, Founders in Marshall, New Holland Brewery in Holland and Jolly

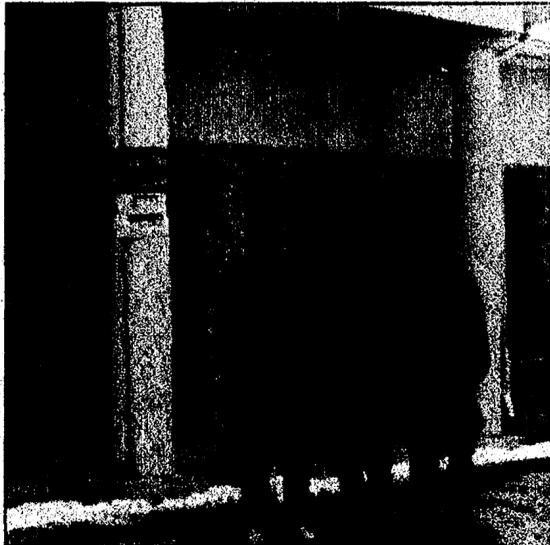
Pumpkin in Dexter, among others. "People come in specifically for some of the bread that we carry in stock," Kint said. "Stone Hearth Bakery is very accommodating to customers. They can order something from the bakery and it will ship to us for the customer to pick up."

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With the opening of the business, Kint, along with his parents Stan and Alison, have successfully transitioned from the real estate market to retail.

"We've always been into independent business," he said. Prior to opening in 2008, Kint and his father built houses throughout the state for 16

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Chelsea resident Scott Kint and his parents Stan and Alison have kept business booming at Chelsea Eastside Market.

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# Sundance to screen film in Ann Arbor

## 'Cyrus' to be shown as part of movie festival

By Jana Miller  
Heritage Newspapers

Thousands of people will flock to Utah Jan. 21 through 31, 2010, for the Sundance Film Festival, the largest independent cinema festival in the United States. The event draws celebrities, artists, paparazzi and movie buffs to honor independent film.

This year, thanks to a new program called Sundance Film Festival USA, the festival is coming to Southeastern Michigan. Eight venues across

the country, including Ann Arbor, will screen an official Sundance movie selection. Michigan's location will be the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor, a cinematic gem in the film circles. It will premiere the movie "Cyrus" from the Duplass brothers Jan. 28.

The theater's selection brings a great deal of added honor to the state of Michigan. It recognizes the community as a cultural staging point for new and exciting works.

Russ Collins, executive director of the Michigan Theater, was not surprised by the Sundance committee's affinity for Southeastern Michigan.

"The Ann Arbor film festival is really well known worldwide. In fact, it's less appreciated

locally than it is internationally," Collins said. "The combination of having a well-known film festival and a long-term love affair with movies makes the cinema world sensitized to Ann Arbor. A lot of people are passionate about films in this part of the country."

Ann Arbor is the smallest city selected, and it was also the first. The Michigan Theater joins venues in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Boston, New York, Madison and Nashville. All eight locations will premiere a different film.

Ann Arbor's screening will feature the Sundance committee's selection for the closing film of the whole festival, which is shown in Utah Jan. 31. That means the screening of "Cyrus"

in Ann Arbor is actually a world premiere for the film. "There is a special kind of honor and quality to being selected as the opening or closing film for the festival," Collins said of the movie. "It's a great honor."

The Duplass brothers directed the film and are well known at Sundance. They have had many short films and two feature-length films.

This time, however, the two brothers got to work with a Hollywood cast featuring Marisa Tomei, John C. Reilly, Jonah Hill and Catherine Keener. The movie is a comedy produced and distributed by Fox Searchlight.

Collins said the film features Tomei as a single mother to

Hill, who is described as an amusing and "interesting" character. Hill has a comedic competition with Tomei's love interest, Reilly.

Tickets went on sale for the event in the second week of December and, according to Collins, are going very fast.

"We have sold well over half of the available tickets so far," he said. "Those interested in coming shouldn't wait too long to buy their tickets because we do expect it will sell out quickly."

Tickets are available for purchase through Ticketmaster. The film begins at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28.

Any movie lovers interested in experiencing a bit of Sundance are encouraged to

look into purchasing. For those who cannot make the screening, the Michigan Theater also will be screening a film by Michigan native Sultan Sharrief a few days later.

Sharrief graduated from the film program at the University of Michigan. His new film, "Bilal's Stand," will be shown in a low-budget category in Utah's 2010 Sundance festival.

For more information on the status of that premiere or the Sundance USA program in Ann Arbor, visit the Michigan Theater Web site at [www.michtheater.org](http://www.michtheater.org).

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# Part-time EMU lecturers file to join union

Part-time lecturers at Eastern Michigan University may soon have union representation.

The members of EMU's part-time lecturers association have filed for a representation election with the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

A majority of these lecturers have joined the

Eastern Michigan University Federation of Teachers, which already represents full-time lecturers at EMU.

Part-time lecturers, who call themselves the Adjunct Lecturers' Organizing Committee, filed an accretion petition and membership cards with MERC Dec. 9.

"For me, one of the central goals for bringing part-time lecturers into the EMUFT is to secure the fundamental right of all teachers to have a determining voice in the conditions under which we work," said Mark Wenzel, a part-time lecturer in the history and phi-

losophy department.

"The adjuncts who comprise 36 percent of EMU teachers and teach one-third of its contact hours do not have job security," he said. "If we think highly of our students, we'll cherish their teachers."

Full-time lecturers, who number about 98 and are represented by EMUFT, said they are eager to have their part-time colleagues as fellow union members.

ALOC estimates EMU employs approximately 450 part-timers every semester.

"It is high time that the part-time folks have a voice," said

Karen Kramer Soebbing, a full-time lecturer in the College of Education since 1983 and a member of EMUFT since 2001.

"Part-time lecturers teach hundreds of undergraduate and some graduate courses at EMU and provide Internet-based and off-site instruction. In some cases, part-time lecturers' work hours exceed the university's requirements for full-time employment. Many have worked for the university for 10, 20 and even 30 years. They deserve much more."

"Because adjuncts often have non-academic professions, they bring real-world, practical expe-

rience to the EMU classroom," says geographer and part-time lecturer Tom Wagner.

This experience serves students well in preparing for future employment, he said.

"It's not about money; it's about the resources and respect we adjuncts need to improve the quality of education at EMU."

ALOC members said they are happy to join the ranks of other non-tenure-track employee unions in Michigan.

Unions at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Western Michigan University and Wayne State

University have organized in recent years. On these and other union campuses, instructors have bargained contracts that contain improved job security and better wages and benefits, among other gains.

Like the unions at U of M, MSU, and Wayne State, the EMUFT is affiliated with the AFT Michigan, the state affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO.

The American Federation of Teachers currently counts among its membership more than 45,000 non-tenure-track faculty in more than 100 local unions nationwide.

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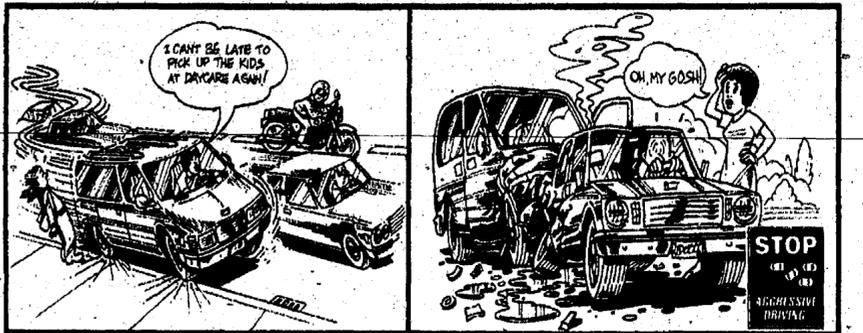
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Rick Eder with the Chelsea United Way was a recent guest speaker at a meeting of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club. Pictured are Kiwanian Mike Schroer and Eder

## STIEBER

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constraints, the 2009-2010 school year is off to a good start.

"It's been a great year," she said. "Everything is running smoothly. The kids are great. It's going by very quickly."

Stieber said both the teachers and administration staff have been working to cut expenses from the school budget.

"We all work as a team," she said. "We meet once a month to share ideas. Our goal is to ultimately benefit the kids. Everyone has the same goal in mind."

In addition to her role as principal, Stieber is also the president-elect of the Kiwanis Club of Chelsea, and vice-president of the Chelsea/Dexter Faith in Action.

Stieber lives in Chelsea with her husband, Arny. The couple has a son, David, who graduated from the University of Toledo and currently teaches at an inner city high school in Chicago.

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operating hours. Postal services and stamps can be purchased at Gourmet Chocolate Café during its normal operating hours.

The business will close at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The UPS Store, located at 1163 S. Main St., will take packages up thru Christmas Eve.

"A lot of people usually wait till the last minute to send packages because they know we can get them somewhere in time for Christmas," owner Roberta Robakiewicz said.

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## MARKET

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years.

The customer-based policy has helped the family transition into running the daily operations of the market, he said.

"We make every effort to make sure our customers are happy," Kint said. "We will even do special orders if a customer wants something that we do not carry."

However, the Kints take special care to stock the store with products several customers ask for. The store has also begun offering customized gift baskets with wine, cheeses, candy and nuts.

"If someone wants us to put together a gift basket, we can do that too," Kint said.

With the friendly atmosphere, growing retail supply and services, and accessible location, word of the Chelsea Eastside Market is starting to spread around town.

"We've established a following and have our regular

customers," he said. "Now that we've got a handle on things, we want to start spreading the word about our products."

"We've been here for a year and some people still do not know we're here."

However, Stan Kint said he is confident the business will continue to grow.

"It's working for us," he said. "We're known in the community, and word of mouth is spreading."

He said he enjoys being able to work with his family.

"We get to be together, which is a positive thing," he said. To help increase foot traffic, the market has launched a Facebook page on the Internet. The page will feature regular updates and products as well as specials and recipes.

Chelsea Eastside Market is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays thru Thursdays; 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; and noon to 7 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call 475-9700.

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# Pittsfield police protection less costly than others

## Van Buren has highest cost per police officer

By Gerald LaVaute  
Heritage Newspapers

Pittsfield Township residents who value low-cost delivery of government services may rest assured that the costs of providing their police protection are the lowest among four local communities surveyed recently by Heritage Newspapers.

The other townships whose costs were compared were Brownstown, Canton and Van Buren.

The costs measured were based on 2008 actual labor expense and benefits costs for police officers through the rank of captain. Excluded were such costs as dispatch, animal control and office staff.

Data were obtained in some cases using Freedom of Information Act requests, and in most cases the results were clarified for each township in meetings with municipal staff.

To add some perspective regarding the importance of costs, if residents of these townships were asked what they value most about the services that their township provides, most might say a feeling of safety for themselves and their families.

In an emergency, residents care about responsiveness. The last thing usually on their minds is how much it's going to cost the government and, ultimately, taxpayers.

This report does not address

the data regarding the challenges that the police in each of those communities face — the degree of crime in a community — and how effectively each department responds to those challenges.

That will be the subject of a subsequent report, wherein the value of police protection in each community is compared by examining the performance or function of each department against the costs of delivering that performance.

To better understand Pittsfield Township's relatively low police compensation costs, two separate meetings were conducted with officials from Pittsfield Township.

The second meeting was intended, in part, to search for answers regarding Pittsfield's low costs, and included Public Safety Director Matthew Harshberger, Township Clerk Alan Israel and Tracy Watkins, the township's accounting manager.

Labor costs, which include salary and benefits, typically comprise the majority of annual police expense in a community's budget. In Pittsfield Township, for example, labor costs make up more than 80 percent of the township's 2008 police department expense.

The costs of police protection for the 27-square-mile municipality were compared with those of Brownstown, Canton and Van Buren townships.

Across all categories, Pittsfield achieved the lowest costs.

The total cost of a police officer in Pittsfield Township was about \$85,000 in 2008, including such benefits as health and

POLICE COMPENSATION INFORMATION						
2008 Actual Expense Data						
Township	Total Cost per Police Officer (Including Benefits)	Average Police Officer Salary (Including Benefits)	Effective Hourly Rate for Top Salary	Police Officer Total Cost Per Resident	Police Officer Total Cost Per Sq. Mile	Overtime Expense as Percent of Total Salary
Pittsfield Township	\$ 85,336	\$63,249	\$36.08	\$ 88	\$112,121	5.0%
Brownstown Township	102,709	69,358	50.87	132	174,239	12.3%
Canton Township	103,564	71,835	43.11	106	249,586	16.8%
Van Buren Township	104,095	75,896	53.54	158	128,210	13.3%

life insurance. This compares with a per-officer total cost of slightly over \$100,000 in the other townships.

The range for the average annual salary, excluding benefits, for an officer began at \$63,000 in Pittsfield Township and was \$76,000 in Van Buren Township.

Residents of Van Buren Township fared better on the cost per square mile for police protection at \$128,000, besting Canton and Brownstown townships. But Van Buren residents still pay more than Pittsfield Township residents. Pittsfield's property owners pay \$112,000 per square mile for police protection.

Other measures of cost efficiency point to Pittsfield Township as the lowest-cost among the four. The per-person cost of police protection in Pittsfield Township — the amount that each resident in effect pays for one year of police protection — was \$88.

The per-person cost of police protection in the other communities ranged from \$106 to \$158.

Overtime expense in each township helps to explain Pittsfield Township's pre-eminence in cost containment among the four communities.

The higher salary expense associated with the level of overtime worked in a township will increase its costs dramatically.

As an example, the overtime expense in Canton Township in 2008 exceeded \$1 million. Overtime expense was almost 17 percent of Canton's total salary expense in 2008.

In 2008, overtime expense

in Pittsfield Township totaled \$114,000, or 5 percent of total salary expense.

Pittsfield Township officials' reasons for why costs were consistently lower than the other three townships ranged from specific policies regarding deployment of police personnel to comparative data. For example, the lower total personnel costs in Pittsfield Township at \$85,000 per officer, compared with the other three townships, at about \$103,000 per officer.

Regarding deployment of personnel, Harshberger said that when a police officer in Pittsfield Township who is scheduled to

work a shift calls in to say that he cannot work, the officer may not be backfilled, and the shift may operate with one less officer, depending on the circumstances.

If it's for a time when the potential for criminal activity is higher, such as a Saturday night, then the officer likely will be replaced. But the operating premise begins with the assumption that an officer who cannot work his shift will not be replaced.

This not only avoids having to pay the straight-time cost for the replacement police officer, but often that added officer will have already worked his or her straight-time hours, and will be compensated for the additional hours at higher overtime rates, which may be 50 percent higher than straight-time rates.

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# State DOT postpones local road, bridge projects

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Statewide cuts and an ever-deepening budget crisis has forced the Michigan Department of Transportation to delay some road and bridge projects for up to five years.

In Washtenaw County, three bridges and four road projects were included on the list issued by MDOT officials last week. The following county-wide projects are not only slated to be postponed, but are in danger of being cut altogether:

- M-52 bridge over the River Raisin slated for a deck replacement.
- Willow Road overpass over US-23 slated for an asphalt overlay.
- Bemis Road overpass over US-23 slated for an asphalt overlay.
- I-94 from West Junction to Main Street (Ann Arbor) slated for resurfacing.
- M-14 from east of Earhart Road slated for resurfacing.
- M-52 from Austin Road to Dutch Drive (Manchester) for reconstruction.
- US-12 to Maple Road slated for reconstruction (Pittsfield Township).

According to a press release issued by the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, Washtenaw County has the fourth worst roads in the state, with 977 miles, or 43 percent, of roads rated in poor condition.

Steve Puuri, executive director of the Washtenaw County Road Commission, shared his concerns with MDOT's postponement of more than 240 road and bridge projects, citing a worsening infrastructure in Washtenaw County and ever-increasing annual costs for not only road improvements, but for things such as truck maintenance/replacement and winter salt.

"It's not good news at all for the travelers in

our county to have needed infrastructure projects delayed indefinitely," Puuri said. "It is definitely the consequence of inaction on behalf of our state legislators to address road funding needs."

Puuri said the state would have to come up with \$84 million, in addition to MDOT's budget of \$581 million earmarked for routine maintenance, to leverage the federal government for matching funds that would go toward capital improvements in the hope of saving the road and bridge projects. Revenue for this fiscal year, however, was so distant from that figure that MDOT officials realized they would never get there and decided to postpone the projects instead, according to Puuri.

"They are funding all the routine maintenance stuff, but they are seeing their capital improvements go down the tubes," Puuri said.

Gas and diesel tax revenue, combined with vehicle registration fees, make up the state's portion of funding for county road commissions. Puuri said that overall revenue has declined at least 5 percent annually for the past few years and started a steady decline in 2004.

Puuri expects Washtenaw County, in the coming fiscal year, to bring in a similar amount of revenue as it did in the year 2000.

As in previous years, road commission staff members will be looking at serious belt-tightening measures as revenue is now drastically below the rate of inflation, Puuri said. The cost of salt alone has risen by 40 percent as all road commission officials are praying for a mild winter.

"The ironic part about all this is that Washtenaw County keeps adding miles of roadways," Puuri said. "Jackson Boulevard used to be a two-lane, but now it is the equivalent of six lanes. And, in the meantime, we haven't added any more trucks or people, and we have more miles of road to clear."

Puuri also pointed to the recent widening of Michigan Avenue at State Road to accommodate more traffic from the newly built Walmart in Pittsfield Township.

And with two of the delayed projects affecting motorists around the township, Pittsfield Supervisor Mandy Grewal said that she was disappointed to hear that those projects will be delayed indefinitely, but noted the news was expected.

As state transportation officials wrestle with what is estimated to be a \$3 million shortfall, Grewal said it is time for area municipalities to start turning toward each other to improve local roads, citing a recent project to

resurface Clark Road in which Pittsfield teamed up with Washtenaw Community College and Ann Arbor Township.

"Clark Road used to be pothole city, but now it is a smooth drive," Grewal said. "I really think that we should all start looking at working together at the local level, forming partnerships and seeing what we can get done."

State revenue sharing to Pittsfield was reduced by \$300,000 this year, according to Grewal, but township officials are being careful not to pass that cost on to property owners.

"(Residents) have a certain level of expectation to have basic services and to have their needs met. Our challenge is how we are going to deliver that with less and less from the state," she said.

Another area official was displeased, but not very surprised to hear about the delays in road and bridge projects. Pete Hafler, supervisor for Augusta Township, said with the worsening condition of roads in Washtenaw County, the state should do whatever it can to keep those projects in the budget.

"We are all in dire need of monies. But the longer you let something go, the more problems residents or anybody traveling around here are going to have," Hafler said.

But even without the scheduled improvements to those roadways, Puuri said the road commission's staff is constantly finding ways to reduce costs and to run the department as efficiently as possible.

"We're not going to fall off the map," Puuri said. "People are just not going to get the level of service and the frequency that they once had. The good part is we haven't eliminated services and we're stretching our crews as far as we can."

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# Midwest Medflight upgrades with new helicopter

Midwest Medflight, St. Joseph Mercy Health System's critical care transport service, has welcomed a new, upgraded helicopter.

The helicopter, which completed its first emergency mission Nov. 11, replaced Midwest Medflight's existing aircraft.

"We are very excited about this upgrade," Judy Kettenstock, program director for Midwest Medflight, said in a news release. "We had leased our former helicopter for 11 years and this new one will allow us to better serve the communities in southeast and central Michigan."

One of the main benefits of the upgrade is the capability to transport neonatal intensive care patients that need to be kept in beds that maintain the patient's body heat. This was

not possible with the current helicopter because of the limits of its lift capabilities. The new model can lift 300 more pounds than the previous aircraft.

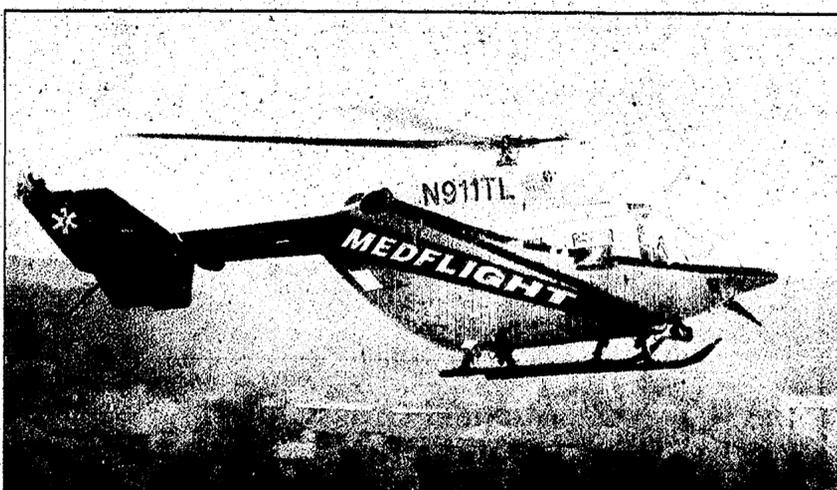
"As a pilot with Midwest Medflight for over eight years, the upgrade to the BK-117 B2 is a welcomed one," said Garyl Graham, Midwest Medflight pilot. "The B2 adds several hundred pounds to our lifting capabilities. It gives me that extra feeling of confidence when lifting heavier crews and patients or multiple patients from a scene or hospital."

The new BK-117 B2 is a twin-engine, medium utility/transport helicopter. It is one of the only helicopters designed exclusively for air medical service. It has a dedicated air medical interior, which allows

a critical care unit environment to be maintained during the flight. The new B2 model has more horsepower, which allows for faster and longer-range flights.

"This helicopter is designed specially for the EMS mission. The B2 model makes it an even more capable helicopter. That coupled with night vision goggles for night flights and other changes implemented at Midwest Medflight, demonstrates our concern for patient and crew safety," Graham said.

Midwest Medflight is a nonprofit air medical service based at St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor since 1986. Midwest Medflight provides air transport service for both accident scenes and inter-hospital transfers.



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# Greetings from the new editor

Many readers in the Chelsea and Dexter communities have no doubt heard that recently Heritage Newspapers has named me as copy editor and reporter for The Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader.

This is a new and exciting time not only for me, but for the residents of Chelsea and Dexter, too.

For those who do not know me, I was hired as editor of The Manchester Enterprise in 2007. For two-and-a-half years I covered events, meetings, festivals, school graduations, and other activities in Manchester. The Michigan Press Association has recognized my coverage of these events. Prior to that, I worked as a news reporter at a small daily newspaper in Central Texas. I was assigned to cover primarily local news as well as county and state government.

In 2006, I graduated with a bachelor of journalism degree from the University of Texas. While working toward my degree, I served in various leadership positions with the student



Daniel Lai

newspaper, The Daily Texan. Often I am asked, "Why did you move away from that nice warm weather to come to

Michigan?" To that I reply, Michigan has always been my first home. I was born and raised in the

decided it was time to come home and reconnect with my family in Michigan. I even have relatives in Chelsea. My grandma's brother, Tom McNamara and his wife Opal, have lived in Chelsea for several years.

I am looking forward to the new opportunities in Chelsea and Dexter. I hear the community fairs are something that cannot be missed. I also hear the people are just as friendly as their neighbors down the road on M-52.

In the coming weeks, I will be visiting both the Chelsea and Dexter communities and meeting with local officials. I also plan to set up a "meet the editor" coffee hour to allow readers the chance to meet with me and express issues they have with the newspaper or coverage they would like to see expanded in the newspapers.

I can't promise that issues will be addressed instantaneously, but I will work hard for the people of Chelsea and Dexter and the surrounding townships. My goal is to draw more readers to our newspaper.

Some of you have expressed concerns over rumors that

former editor Terry Jacoby is leaving. Let me be the first to assure readers Mr. Jacoby is not leaving, he is simply changing roles within the company.

Terry recently accepted the position as regional sports editor and will supervise our sports department as well as continue to write features for both the Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader.

In addition, we have a dedicated staff that is eager to immerse itself in our coverage area. Sean Dalton, our staff writer will continue covering both communities as well.

If our readers allow some flexibility during this transition time, and allow me to get my feet wet, I promise they will not be disappointed. In the meantime, I welcome and encourage any questions and news tips you may have.

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Detroit area. It wasn't until my mother was transferred to Galveston, Texas in 1992, that I became a "Texan."

After 17 years in Texas, I

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Proposal A, term limits need another look

A few weeks ago, I wrote a column for Heritage Newspapers on the Michigan public school bailout plan, calling it nothing more than a Band-Aid.

I was obviously right, because in the time since the plan was presented, school districts in the area have scheduled panic-induced meetings, trying to figure out how to bridge the gap between the hundreds of thousands of dollars that they were planning to get from the state and the hundreds of thousands of dollars less they might now receive.

It isn't pretty. In a large district like Dearborn, with 18,000 students, between the various per-pupil cuts and Gov. Jennifer Granholm's veto of the 20j line item for hold-harmless funding, the system is looking at a decline of about up to \$10 million in revenue.

Other districts were luckier, if you could call anyone in this situation lucky, looking at losses not as big.

Lansing is trying to develop ways to plug the holes in the system. Granholm told WJR Radio that the Legislature was scheduled to discuss ways Michigan could qualify for the U.S. Department of Education's "Race to the Top" grants, which could send up to a half-billion dollars in funding the state's way.

Of course, the state would have to reform its public education structure to qualify for the grants. The reforms are many, and would have to be approved by Christmas to qualify for the grant funding. Among the key structural changes would be a better use of outstanding teaching staff and changes in the charter school program, standardized testing, curriculum and the state superintendent's ability to deal with underachieving schools.

The ultimate culprit in all this crisis management is the economy, as well as Michigan's own inability to change. No one in his right mind could have predicted the type of economic failure that we've seen over the past two years. And in Michigan, a state dependent on the automotive industry, the bruises have gone deeper due to the implosion of the domestic auto landscape.

All of that undercut Michigan's public educational funding mechanism, 1994's Proposal A.

You remember Prop A? With a rising tide of discontent against higher and higher local taxes, especially property taxes, state voters rebelled. In short, the state eliminated its old funding structure of local taxes, upped the retail tax by a penny and created a per-pupil grant that was disseminated

from Lansing to local school districts. Michigan's residents have bought into Prop A lock, stock and barrel, despite whispers by state political figures who wondered what would happen if the state's revenues took a dive. Of course, that wasn't much of a concern in the successful 1990s.

HOME FRONT



KARL ZIOMEK

Now, 15 years later, the Achilles' heel of Prop A is here to haunt us. The revenue stream into the state's coffers — slowed over the past decade — went right into the toilet when the global economy tanked.

Now we have public school districts from Marquette to Temperance with their hands out — and a state with fewer and fewer dollars to give.

But the economy and Prop A aren't the only problems here. Michigan has too many separate governmental entities, all sucking up revenue. As the state increased previous revenue to school districts, most of those increases — if not all — went strictly to pay legacy costs. Little of the money ever got to the classroom.

Michigan has way too many school districts — more than 500. These separate fiefdoms eat money.

If all this was happening in 1989 instead of 2009, we'd see a long list of school districts asking for increases in local taxes. And they'd probably get them. For decades, local districts usually were successful in enticing residents to up taxes for education. But, under Prop A, that is not an option. Districts can ask voters to approve bond questions for brick and mortar improvements, but can't channel those dollars for salaries and/or benefits — that's to be handled by the state grant only.

Is it time to throw out Prop A? Some might say so, but the last time I saw a survey, 70 percent of Michigan voters still supported it.

If you want to get to the grassroots of the decision-making process, why not combine school and municipal governing bodies, cutting right to the chase when it comes to quality-of-life issues?

After all, it always has been ironic that most people looking for a home and a community to live in usually seek the best school system possible. That's the biggest question any real estate agent gets from someone looking for a home.

"What are the schools like here?" Yet city and township leaders have nothing to do with the schools. And vice versa. They often are separate, competing entities.

If Michigan has a limited amount of money to perform a lot of different tasks, we as taxpayers need to be able to decide where that money is spent. Right now,

municipalities and schools often literally wrestle for our tax dollars. Maybe by making them one and the same, we'd collectively be able to make better decisions.

But all the pressure of change cannot be placed on communities and school districts. Improvements there can help, but our representatives in Lansing need to improve in leaps and bounds, too.

One way to help them improve is to eliminate term limits.

In an era when we need the best, most experienced leaders in Lansing, we don't have them.

Granholm is a perfect example. She is an intelligent woman, but her lack of legislative experience has hurt her ability to lead Michigan when it needed leadership the

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most. Chances are, few political figures would have been able to weather this economic storm, but the governor's office has seemed rudderless at times.

And that goes for a lot of our leadership in Lansing, which has become so transient that special interest groups have become more and more powerful.

Personally, I long for the days when you could sit down with a political leader from Lansing and discuss hurdles they had cleared a decade before. Or two decades before. That type of experience is meaningful, more meaningful in these times of crisis.

Say what you want, but Michigan needs substantial change. It needs to come from the top — and the bottom.

Winning a half-billion dollar grant from Washington would be a start, but only if it was the beginning of true changes in a system that is screaming for it.

OUR TAKE: Editorial State's leaders need to make needs known

Well, it's a start. Republicans and Democrats in the Michigan House of Representatives, in a rare sign of bipartisanship, unanimously agreed on a resolution asking Congress for relief from the state's donor status.

Michigan is one of the "donor states," meaning taxpayers send more money to Washington, D.C., than the state receives from the federal government.

State lawmakers say that's unfair for states hit hardest by the ongoing recession. At 15.3 percent, Michigan is 5 percentage points above the national unemployment average.

We agree. Actually, we think it's outrageously ridiculous. Michigan is 37th in the nation in receiving federal funds yet leads the nation in unemployment.

Lawmakers want Congress to pass a bill called the State Taxpayer Equity Act. The bill would return money to those states with high unemployment rates.

In 2005, the latest year for which statistics are available, Michigan sent \$1.539 billion more to the federal government than it received back in program dollars.

And that was considered a high-water mark because the state got 92 cents for every dollar sent to Washington.

By comparison, Mississippi gets back \$2.02 for every \$1 sent to Washington and New Mexico receives \$2.03.

It's an interesting comparison to Mississippi. Remember, Gov. Jennifer Granholm insulted that state, saying she didn't want Michigan to become a Mississippi, implying it was a sub-par state. At this point, we'd be lucky to be a Mississippi.

Lawmakers have asked Michigan's members of Congress for help drafting the new act. State representatives are also calling upon Midwest and Great Lakes neighboring states to pass similar resolutions.

The rebate on tax dollars, officials have said, could be done through a block grant program with the returned money used as matching funds for federal programs.

That would, for example, help with state transportation funding, where state matching funds are required for major projects and with road funds currently stagnant or falling.

It's not as if the donor status problem has been a short-term situation. Michigan has been a donor state since construction of the national highway system began in the 1950s.

Lawmakers have asked that as long as the unemployment rate exceeds the national average, Michigan should get back more funds. We think it should go beyond the unemployment rate. The donor status situation is an insult to Michigan and goes back to a time when the state was prosperous and maybe could afford to give Washington some extra bucks, as angst causing as that may seem.

But with the state's economy in the dumps for the past several years, the donor status is just kicking Michigan while we're down.

The resolution is a good idea and a good start, but efforts to shed the donor state tag and get back our fair share of federal funds can't stop here.

The old squeaky wheel axiom applies here. You know, the one that says the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

In this case, we believe the squeaky wheel will get more money.

But it's going to take a persistent effort. Our leaders at the state and national levels have to wake up and complain, gripe, whine — do anything to get what should be our fair share of funds.

Getting back into the Christmas spirit

Ready or not, Christmas will arrive Dec. 25. It's not a holiday that sneaks up on you like Mother's Day or Father's Day, or even someone's birthday.

The bell ringers outside the grocery store, the newspaper circulars that multiply after Thanksgiving, and let's not forget the TV commercials. Christmas is one holiday that's hard to forget.

Or ignore. But as promised last week, I've decided to embrace Christmas this year following a long hiatus.

To be honest, I can't remember exactly why I quit decorating and cookie baking, and hunting for Christmas presents. I just did.

I live alone with two dogs. So, historically, I've always offered to cover for other reporters who have families and kids and who would like to spend Christmas with them.

Year after year, I turn down invitations to head back to New Jersey to spend Christmas with my family.

Going home means light packing and flying; or more packing and driving so I can bring my dogs.

Both scenarios include stress and worry about storms, not to mention disrupting my canine pals' daily routines.

Heck, I don't even want to drive a few hours north to Gladwin or Pinconning to spend the holidays with my cousins. It's all just too much.

Holidays are inherently fraught with all kinds of stress and pressure, and I've chosen to side-step it all.

So I choose to stay in Michigan. Alone. It has become an annual tradition to either head out to cover stories on Christmas Eve and Christmas.

Or just relax with a good book. Neither my friends nor my dogs seem to care that I just stopped celebrating or decorating for Christmas.

Or that I did it cold turkey. But this year I've decided it will be different. I will have a tree, decorations, gifts and a wonderful meal.

The tree, however, may resemble Charlie Brown's. The decorations may be grown-up versions of children's creations, and the meal, well, that will be unusual as well.

But I'm looking forward to it. I haven't gotten all the plans worked out yet, but you'll see next week when the newspaper arrives how it all turned out.

My Christmas will be celebrated in the spirit of the season with joy and good cheer. Christmas 2009 will be a reused, recycled and recreated event as I've decided not to spend any money to make my holiday bright.

But enjoyable it shall be.

HOME FRONT



LISA ALLMENDINGER

Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

Taxpayers paying for 'creative revenue'

I think Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County and educational leaders are finally "getting" the budget crisis they are facing. Budget shortfalls can no longer be swept under the rug by increasing property taxes.

I understand all the negotiating, the holdouts, service reductions, increased fees, and the reluctance to accept the negative economic impact on a personal level. But I'm thinking there's only so much money to go around and everybody in the system should share the pain, just as any employees of a struggling corporation would do.

Well, at least those corporations without a taxpayer bailout. I'm thinking I don't like this trend. I don't want leadership to continue finding creative and innovative ways to pick the pockets of taxpayers. Increasing fees for services already paid for through existing taxes, as the fire department has recommended in additional charges for the individual who calls 911. That's not my idea of public service or advocating

public safety. And they wonder why city hall won't take their calls?

If money designated for services has been diverted to excessive salaries and benefits, I can give a real quick response, give it back. We demanded it from AIG and other taxpayer-funded companies, didn't we? And I didn't see an Ann Arbor News millage on any voter ballot.

I keep reading about various government leaders saying they "need to find new revenue sources." I think that should mean "within their ranks," not taxpayer ranks. We already pay our fair share of taxes.

Ann Arbor Transit Authority is now talking about reorganizing and manipulating the system to get some sort of millage passed. I'm wondering if it involves a way to raise taxes while circumventing the electorate as the county commissioner did. They were very creative in implementing new taxes using a 1913 law that should have been circumvented by the Headlee Act. Ann Arbor only had one police car in 1913; the county had about 15,000 total residents, most of whom were farmers. I think that was a

real creative source of revenue. It seems that "new revenue sources" means leadership just keeps trying to dig deeper and deeper into taxpayers' pockets rather than living within their means.

Transportation is important, but as near as I can tell about 25 percent of my tax bill is already designated for transportation. That's a lot of bus fare. How much is enough? I feel like I'm being taken for a ride and I'm not even on a bus. Is anybody else feeling a little motion sickness?

I'm also thinking why are police and fire unions the least cooperative and refuse to renegotiate contracts while first in line to manipulate early buy-outs and benefits with timely promotions and retirement?

I keep reading their union leaders saying "their contract is protected by law." I'm thinking if the city can't pay its bills with existing funds, file bankruptcy, then a judge can force renegotiation of those otherwise "protected" contracts. I'm thinking those laws work both ways and Michigan judges are getting more and more proficient in streamlining that cumbersome

and pesky bankruptcy process. Likewise, when I hear Ann Arbor Schools Superintendent Todd Roberts say they are eliminating the purchase of fourth-grade textbooks but "only reducing" staff conference costs, I'm thinking, why is staff going to conferences when there are inadequate textbooks to educate the children?

I was also amazed that there was \$5,000 budgeted for a retirement party. Give me a break, a tax break. I like a good party, but how many textbooks would that \$5,000 purchase? Besides, I didn't even get an invitation to the party.

I'm thinking maybe it's time for an Ann Arbor Tea Party instead of a taxpayer-funded retirement party.

I'm hoping for a better team effort on the part of all those unions and managers. I'm thinking let's put the "team" back in Teamster, the "serve" back in that Service Union, the cash back in the till, and see if we can extinguish this economic blaze without further hosing the taxpayer with those creative new revenue sources.

Frank Dalimonte Ann Arbor



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## WORD WIZARDS

Chelsea Writes Together" participants at Pierce Lake Elementary investigated poetry. Both Mrs. Baviniau and Mrs. McDonald's fourth graders enjoyed learning four different types of poems on this day. Mrs. Baviniau instructed students how to look for elements of poetry and how to create poems using various literary elements.

## ENGAGEMENTS



### Inverarity, Baize wed

Samantha Inverarity and Gerrick Baize, both of Chelsea, will be married on Saturday at Northlake United Methodist Church in Chelsea.

The bride-elect is the daughter of John Inverarity of Lawrence, Kan., and Donna Schwartzberger of Ann Arbor. She graduated from Chelsea High School and Washburn University's School of Nursing in Topeka, Kan.

She is currently employed as a nurse with Allegiance Health. The bridegroom-elect is the son of Mike and Karen Baize of Chelsea and graduated from Chelsea High School. He is currently employed by Bollinger Sanitation and Excavating as a "doer" and mechanic.

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**BADAMI, ELIZABETH:** age 89; of Manchester; died Saturday, December 12, 2009 at the University of Michigan Hospital. She was born May 20, 1920 in Murfreesboro, TN, the daughter of Mathew and Lilly (Bowman) Jernigan. Elizabeth was a member of the Eastern Star and she loved and was proud of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Elizabeth is survived by her children, Kathleen (Kenny) Beasley, Cynthia (Harold) Grubbs, Jim Badami, Lisa Key, Don Badami, David Badami, Ted Badami, and Gina Badami; sister, Vera Mae Douglas; 20 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Floyd Ray Brandon and 7 brother and sisters. In honor of Elizabeth, memorial donations may be given to the Abundant Life Assembly in Brooklyn, MI. Envelopes will be available at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Jenter Chapel, Manchester where the family will receive friends on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A Healing Farewell Service will take place on Thursday, December 17, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Jenter Chapel, Manchester with Pastor Stephen Samonek officiating. Interment will be in South Lyon Cemetery, in South Lyon MI. Please sign Elizabeth's guest book at [www.BorekJennings.com](http://www.BorekJennings.com) or leave a message of comfort for her family by calling 1-877-231-7900.



**BATY, JANET:** was a teacher, student, Michigan fan and mother of four children. She was born July 12, 1933, in Oxford, MI. Her father, Lee Van Wagoner, owned the corner drugstore in Oxford, where she worked as a soda jerk, the center of Oxford's social scene. Her mother, Alice, was a member of Oxford's Garden Club and gave her a lifelong love of plants and horticulture. She excelled at music, attended Interlochen and co-founded a preschool. Janet almost always had cats and other pets by her side. Janet Van Wagoner attended Michigan State Normal College, (now Eastern Michigan University) and graduated with honors in early elementary education. She taught kindergarten when she met Charles Baty; they were married August 4, 1956. The couple had three boys and a girl. They moved to Ann Arbor in 1967 but divorced in 1969. Janet enjoyed working in the yard, art, sewing, bridge and her children. She found solace in the writings and ideas of Ayn Rand and Nathaniel Branden and managed her children's struggles growing up, yet continued to give her children the freedom to learn through experience. The entire family helped Jan build a porch; then she got her Master's in education from the University of Michigan. She was a substitute teacher for many years and worked for the Ann Arbor Y. She became "Grandma Jan" and was always available to lend a hand and brighten the lives of her grandchildren. Janet took care of her mother until she was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia. She was assisted in coping with this disease by the caring staff at the Turner Senior Resource Center. She struggled bravely against it until December 3, 2009, when she passed at Arbor Hospice. She was 76. Janet is survived by her brother, James Van Wagoner of Florence, AZ; her children, Chris (Deena) Baty of Ypsilanti, MI, Greg (Mirci) Baty of Foothill Ranch, CA, David (Elizabeth Hall) of Seattle, WA, and Julie Baty of Ann Arbor; her grandchildren will also mourn her passing: Skyler and Alaina Baty of Ypsilanti, Spencer Baty of Seattle and Harmony Baty of California. Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 19, 2009, 11 a.m. at Lynch & Sons Bossardet Chapel, located in Oxford, MI. Friends may gather at the funeral home from 10 to 11 a.m. The family has asked that financial donations be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association. [lbd.org](http://lbd.org) in lieu of flowers. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.borchfamilyfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.borchfamilyfuneraldirectors.com)



**ELLIOTT, JOHN A. "JACK", III:** of Chelsea, MI; age 73; passed away Saturday, December 12, 2009, at his home. He was born on August 17, 1936, in Lincoln Park, MI, the son of John, II and Mary (Gregoire) Elliott. Jack had lived in the area for the past 50 years and loved to haul milk, work with wood, snowmobile, play baseball and Lionel trains. On April 1, 1953, he married Patricia Elchhorn and she preceded him in death in 1988. They had five children, Bill (Kay) Elliott of Bradenton, FL, Bob (Johanna) Elliott of Scottsdale, AZ, John Elliott, IV of Chelsea, Deborah (Rick) Sine of Pleasantview, TN, and Ken (Laurie) Elliott of Grass Lake; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. Then on October 14, 1985, he married Vickie L. Allgood and she has three children, Andy Allgood, Jr. of Ypsilanti, Lonnie (Kourtney) Allgood of Westland and Kevin Allgood of Chelsea; two brothers, John (Nancy) Elliott of Sparta, TN, and Earl (Marianne) Huesing of Troy, MI; four sisters, Theresa Bo of Sun City, FL, Mary (Bob) Bodnar of Punta Gorda, FL, Patricia (Jim) Soter of Plymouth and Sara (Jim) Davidson of Mesquite, TX; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dale Wicklander of Escanaba, Gene (Kay) Wicklander of The Villages, FL, Mary (Earl) Mitchell-Huett of Evert, MI, and Mary Anne Elliott of FL. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Mark Elliott, and one brother-in-law, Ronald Bo. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, December 17, 2009, at 11 a.m. from the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery in Sylvan Township. Expressions of sympathy can be made to the Elliott family. Visitation was on Wednesday from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.



**GILBERT, SYLVIA JEANNE:** died December 14, 2009, in Chelsea, MI. She resided at North Lake since 1939. Sylvia moved to the Chelsea Retirement Community a few years ago. Sylvia Jeanne Milstein was born in 1916 to Charles and Ethel (Hitt) Milstein in Milwaukee, WI. She also lived in New York City, Ann Arbor and Detroit, MI, where she graduated from Northern High School. Sylvia married John D. (Jack) Gilbert in 1937. He preceded her in death. Their children are Judith (Mike) Preville of North Lake, Patricia Gilbert (Jim Froehlich) of Lansing, Wendy (Bruce) Gronbeck of Iowa City, IA, and John Gilbert of Chelsea; grandchildren include Lauren Gilbert (Mike Casey), of Chelsea, Christopher Gronbeck of Seattle, Jake Gronbeck of Kansas City, Ingrid Gronbeck (Bret) Julyk of Lafayette, CO, Anthony (Emily) Jacobs of St. Paul, MN, and Erin Jacobs (Scott) Zulewski of Lansing; great grandchildren are Jack Casey, Nathan Julyk, Zachary Zulewski and new great granddaughter, Ellie Zulewski; niece, Cynthia Reynolds Perelman; and nephew, Richard Paul, also survive their aunt. Sylvia loved learning. An honor student, she had to forego a full college scholarship to support her mother during the Depression. She spent the rest of her life taking classes on everything from politics to rug hooking, from music theory to cooking, and she attended many Elder Hostels across the U.S. and Canada. She was the secretary at Chelsea Junior High and Beach Middle School for many years. She always enjoyed following "her" students and their achievements as adults. She had special memories of family vacations in the Leelanau County area. Sylvia was known as an avid news clipper. It was a rare day when she wasn't sending off news articles to family members. She wielded a powerful red pencil. Her proofreading efforts were notorious among those she knew and some she didn't. Sylvia loved North Lake and spent many hours on the island beach. She lived for 72 years in the house that once had been servants' quarters for the mansion that became the Inverness Country Club clubhouse. She was responsible for the installation of a historic marker at Inverness. She was never happier than when she was in her gardens. No matter where she traveled, she was al-

**GILBERT, CONTINUED...** ways looking for a bud or a branch to bring home to add variety to her gardens. She also loved the Chelsea High School music performances - especially musical theater. Throughout her life, Sylvia won almost every euchre game she ever played and had absolutely no idea how she did it, which drove other players to distraction. Sylvia always said how grateful she was that she had been adopted by her special friends at North Lake, including Linda and David Logan, Marilyn and John Cook, Carol Ghent and her late husband, Jim, John and Kathy Cramer, Alberta and Norm Colbry and other friends and neighbors. Other close friends were Cheryl and Don Schoenberg and Debbie and Joe Fenech. They made her later years much more enjoyable and the family thanks them for their many kindnesses. She had been friends with Fredda Clisnam of Ann Arbor and fellow CRC resident, Laurie Sockow, since their teenage years in Ann Arbor and she also enjoyed a new friendship with CRC buddy, Joan Romanski. Thank you to her colleagues from Chelsea Public Schools for their on-going friendship and to the many friends who helped her get to art classes and other community activities she enjoyed. We also thank the staff at CRC for their kind, professional care. There will be no funeral or viewing. A Memorial Gathering in Sylvia's honor will take place next summer at North Lake. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Chelsea High School music department or the Chelsea District Library. Please share your Sylvia stories, photos and contact information now by visiting <http://sylviajgilbert.wordpress.com>

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**TALLADAY, LEE JAY:** of Augusta Township, MI; age 93; went home to be with his savior and loved ones on Monday, December 14, 2009, at Heartland Health Care Center. Lee was born July 8, 1916, in Augusta Township, MI, the son of Jay and Grace (Crittenden) Talladay. Mr. Talladay was a graduate of Michigan State College and managed the family farm for most of his life. He was involved in the Michigan Farm Bureau and served as a president of the Lincoln Community School Board. As an avid pilot he enjoyed flying his Cessna and being a member of the Flying Farmers, where he was the first president of the Michigan chapter and later president of the International Flying Farmers. He was also a member of the Gideons and of Calvary Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret, his second wife, Frances Rowe, his sons, Barry and Keith, and his twin sister, Leola Wasem, and brother, Rex Talladay. Survivors include his daughters-in-law, Mary and Sharon; his grandchildren, Kristin (Mark) Beck, Jay (Jenny) Talladay, Matthew (Melissa) Talladay, Tim (Kathleen Slaven) Talladay; and 10 great grandchildren. The family will receive friends at the Nie Family Funeral Home, 2400 Carpenter Rd., Ann Arbor on Thursday, December 17, 2009, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday, December 18, 2009, at the Calvary Baptist Church, 1007 Ecorse, Ypsilanti, MI 48197 from 12 Noon until the time of Funeral Service at 1 p.m. Reverend T. Reynolds Hall officiating. Burial to follow at Marble Park Cemetery, Milan, MI. Because of his commitment to the Gideons International the family requests memorials be made to Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214. To sign his guestbook or to leave a memory, please visit Lee's personal page at [www.niefuneralhomes.com](http://www.niefuneralhomes.com)

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**HANLEY, MARION O.:** age 94; a resident of Romeo/Manchester, MI; passed away on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. Marion was born October 23, 1915 in Sharon Hollow, MI, the daughter of Sam and Clara (Renaud) Breitenwischer. Lakeville. Marion taught at one room school house in Powes Corners near Napoleon, Michigan. She later taught and retired from Crosswell Elementary in Romeo. Marion attended Emmanuel United Church near Manchester, MI. Marion is survived by her sons, John Jr. (Mary), of Detroit and Richard (Rhonda) of Romeo; also survived by grandsons, Jay O. and Jesse O. Hanley; along with her sister, Ruth Randall of Brooklyn, MI. Preceded by husband, John and brother, Marvin Breitenwischer. Memorial Services will take place at a later date. Arrangements by the Henry M. Malburg Funeral Home, Romeo, Michigan.

**HORNING, DOROTHY A.:** Chelsea, MI; age 93; died December 13, 2009 at home with her family. She was born May 24, 1916 in Sylvania, Ohio the daughter of the late Walter and Grace Beebe. On January 21, 1936 Dorothy married Oliver Horning, he preceded her in death in July of 2002. Dorothy spent her life as a homemaker. Survivors include her son, Kenneth and his wife, Sharon Graf Horning; daughter-in-law, Shirley Horning; and grandchildren, Fred Horning, Kevin Horning and JoEllen Murphy also survive her. Her son Fred Horning preceded her in death in 2007. Arrangements entrusted to Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel.

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**HAEUSSLER, ELLEN DOROTHY**, age 90, of Manchester; passed away December 11, 2009 at Chelsea Retirement Center. She was born on November 1, 1919 the daughter of Herman and Ethel (Russell) Guenther. Ellen married Fred Buss and Ralph Haessler and they both preceded her in death. She was a member of Emanuel United Church of Christ in Manchester. Ellen is survived by her children, Anne Marie (King) Hanna, Janice (Robert) Steinhauer, Paul Buss; step-children, Gerald (Lola) Haessler, Ellen (Barry) Grossman; brothers, Robert (Helen) Guenther, Theodore (Mildred) Guenther, Victor (Kay) Guenther; sisters, Marian (Richard) Salyer, Esther (Ralph) Gross, Elizabeth (Donald) Sutherland; brother-in-law, Jack Monroe; sister-in-law, Katherine Guenther; step-daughter-in-law, Ruth Haessler; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great grandchildren; many nieces, nephews and special friends. In addition to her husbands she was preceded in death by her daughter Lucille Buss, 2 brothers, 3 sisters, and 2 step-sons. In honor of Ellen, memorial donations may be given to Emanuel United Church of Christ Accessibility Fund. Envelopes will be available at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Jenter Chapel, Manchester where the family will receive friends on Monday, December 14, 2009 from 6 to 8 p.m., and Tuesday, December 15, 2009 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A Healing Farewell Service will be on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at Emanuel United Church of Christ in Manchester beginning at 4 p.m. with Reverend Gary Kwiatek officiating. A private graveside service will take place at Norvell Cemetery. Please sign Ellen's guestbook at [www.borekjennings.com](http://www.borekjennings.com) or leave a message of comfort for her family by calling 877-231-7900.



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**SAMUELSON, HAROLD DAVID**, Dexter, MI; age 84; passed away December 8, 2009 at home under the loving care of his family and Arbor Hospice. Harold was born April 28, 1925 in Daggett, MI to Swedish parents Emanuel and Inez Samuelson. He married Ethel Platt of Charlotte, MI, on October 29, 1949, and she survives; he is also survived by his children, Barbara (Steve) Locks of Dexter, Betty (John) Given of Hibbing, MN, David (Susan) Samuelson of Westerville, OH, and Julie Samuelson of Dexter; 15 grandchildren, Dennis Locks, Darin Locks, Danielle Locks, Becky (Keith) Ward, Rachel (Mike) Fuller, Robert Given, Miriam (Dustin) Smither, Sarah (Derald) Bates, Sam Given, Bridget (Shaun) Hall, Stephen Given, Bethany Given, Paul Given, Emily Samuelson, and Anna Samuelson; 6 great grandchildren, Joclyn, Thea and Kevin Ward, and Haley, Shea and Trevor Fuller; he is also survived by 2 brothers, Donald and Reuben Samuelson, and preceded in death by his sister, Bernice. Harold served in the U.S. Army in W.W. II in the Pacific, and was a member of Dexter American Legion Post # 557. He received his BA and MA from Michigan State University. He taught in Remus and Wayland and then accepted a job with U.S. Rubber Co. in Sumatra, Indonesia as a field supervisor for two years. Harold taught in the Dexter Community Schools from 1962 to 1988. As a dedicated teacher he used traditional and creative ways to help each and every student feel worthy and to reach their potential. Harold traveled to Sweden four times to visit his many relatives there. He and Ethel studied Swedish at UM to speak and stay connected with them. Harold was a long-time member of the Dexter United Methodist Church, involved in numerous Church activities. A highlight was being one of the "Dirty Dozen", instrumental in preparing the Boy Scout Camp to become the present Church campus. He loved and served the Lord his entire life. Celebration of his life was held at the Dexter United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 13, 2009. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Dexter United Methodist Church or to Arbor Hospice, 2386 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Please sign his guestbook at [www.borekjennings.com](http://www.borekjennings.com) or leave a message of comfort for his family by calling 877-231-7900.



**SHIELDS, HERMINA**, of Milan, MI; age 93; died peacefully and entered the presence of her Lord and Savior on Sunday, December 13, 2009, in Ann Arbor, MI. She was born August 17, 1916, in Woodward, OK. She was married to Glenn Shields on February 14, 1939, in Clinton, OK, and he preceded her in death. She lived a full and adventurous life and retired as a teacher from Milan Area Schools. After retirement, she volunteered at Washtenaw Christian Academy in Saline until she was 84 years old. Hermina was a faithful wife, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a hard worker at Shields Greenhouse. During widowhood, she loved playing cards at the Milan Senior Center and spending time at the lake with her family. She loved her children, grandchildren and her two great grandsons. To the very end, she was very tuned to politics, her church, her Savior; her mind was sharp (as well as her opinions). She was a true lady of the old-fashioned kind. She touched the lives of many and will be sorely missed by all. Besides her husband of 59 years, she was preceded in death by her parents, Estella (Cowles) and Adolph Mueller; sisters, Marie, Nellie and Louise; in addition she was preceded in death by her three brothers, Carl, Bill and Orville. Hermina is survived by her daughters, Pat (Ed) Harris of Bishop, CA, and Geri (Doug) Gray of Fayetteville, TN; and her sons, Glenn (Judy) of Maumee, OH, and Roy (Rebecca) of Saline, MI; as well as grandchildren, Kim Jones of Maumee, OH, and Lori (Brian) Corvino of Toledo, Erin of Milan, and Kerry, Brittany and Kyle (Anna), all of Saline; she is also survived by her great grandsons, Matt Jones of Maumee and Huntley Anderson Shields of Saline. Hermina's family will receive friends and relatives on Monday, December 21, at the Marble Memorial United Methodist Church in Milan at 3 p.m., followed by a Memorial Service at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Marble Memorial United Methodist Church, Washtenaw Christian Academy of Saline or the Milan Senior Center. [www.ochalekstark.com](http://www.ochalekstark.com)



**HULTQUIST, HAROLD M.** "HAL", of Dexter, MI; loving husband and father; age 85; passed away after a brief illness on December 9, 2009. He was born in Redwood Falls, MN, April 3, 1924. After graduating from high school in 1942, he joined the United States Marine Corps during W.W.II, where he was a Technical Sergeant with the 2nd Marine Air Wing, receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1946. He received a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Michigan in 1949 and had ever since been an avid Wolverine football fan. Hal married Aline Kerilkowske in June, 1946 and they had five children. He was employed by the Concrete Pipe Assn. of Michigan and then continued with the Michigan Chapter of American Public Works Association, where he rose to Chapter President in 1957, then continued until 1996 as the secretary/treasurer. He was instrumental in developing the chapter's awards and educational programs. In 2003, Hal was the winner of the prestigious "Harry Swearingen Award" for his outstanding service and individual achievement through the chapter's activity. He continued to work as a construction engineer for Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., and after five years, retired in 2006. Hal was also a member of the NRA and in 2004 they awarded him with the "Legion of Honor" Award. Hal is survived by his wife, Aline; his sister, June Stearns; his children, Harold Hultquist, Jr., Judy Baker, Karl Hultquist, Linda Norris and Paul Hultquist; plus nine grandchildren; and six great grandchildren (with two on the way). The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent directly to the Arbor Hospice.



**NELSON, PHYLLIS A.**; age 86; of Chelsea; died Monday, December 14, 2009, at her home, surrounded by her family and her cherished caregiver, Lori. Phyllis was born in Ithaca on October 15, 1923, the daughter of Clarence and Hazel (Brown) McAdam. She married Lester Nelson on April 17, 1943, in St. Claire Shores. He preceded her in death on December 16, 2005. They enjoyed over 62 years together. They enjoyed traveling throughout the states and their travels took them as far as Hawaii. They visited Alaska a couple of times, going by ferry and again by driving Lester's "Silver Bullet." Phyllis had a long career as an executive secretary and a union negotiator, working for Michigan Chemical in St. Louis and later for Macomb College. She retired about 1987, and enjoyed winters in Gulf Shores for many years. Phyllis loved spending time with her family and with friends. Phyllis is survived by her daughters, Barbara (Greg) Martin of Chelsea, MI, and Gail (Michael) McCormick of Seattle, WA; her grandchildren, Jim Nelson, Leslie Norush, Tamara Shaw and Drew Martin; and her great grandchildren, Savannah Norush and Ethan Norush. She was preceded in death by her son, Jim Nelson; her sister, Marilee Weatherly; and her brother, Ted McAdam. Funeral Services for Phyllis will be 11 a.m. Monday, December 21, at the Barden Funeral Home in Ithaca. Interment will be in North Star Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday morning from 10 a.m. until time of service. The family requests memorial contributions be made to either Arbor Hospice of Ann Arbor or to Silver Maples of Chelsea assisted-living activities. Online condolences may be sent to [bardenfuneralhome.com](http://bardenfuneralhome.com)



**MIGNANO, JOSEPH JOHN**; Grass Lake, MI, formerly of Chelsea; age 59; died Thursday, December 10, 2009 suddenly at Allegiance Hospital in Jackson. He was born July 9, 1950 in Monroe, Michigan, the son of Samuel and Virginia (Neboysky) Mignano. Joe was a 1968 graduate of Monroe High School. He received his BS degree from the U of M Pharmacy College in 1974. Joe worked at the Meijer pharmacy on Michigan Ave. in Jackson, and had formerly worked at the Chelsea Pharmacy and the VA in Ann Arbor. He enjoyed traveling with his family, and working in his yard. Joe was an avid baseball memorabilia collector and enjoyed watching sports. On May 23, 1987, he married Cristi Thomsen, and she survives. Other survivors include his parents of Monroe; two sons, Joseph Mignano of Washington D.C., Michael Mignano of Big Rapids; three daughters, Christine (Tim) Peiter of Chelsea, Kate (Adam) Taylor of Chelsea, Anne Mignano of Grass Lake; three brothers, James (Janet) Mignano of Bloomfield Hills, Thomas Mignano of Allen Park, John (Corina) Mignano of Monroe; a sister, Rosemary Mignano of Monroe; four grandchildren, Jacqueline, Joseph, Jackson, and Sophie; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, December 15, 11 a.m. at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea. Burial will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Chelsea. The family will receive friends Monday 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to a college fund for Anne.

**KALENCHUCK, PAULINE (HUSAK)**, of Dexter, MI; age 82; passed away on Monday, December 14, 2009, at her home. Pauline was born December 10, 1927, to Mike and Bessie Husak. She was predeceased by her parents and her husband, Pete; daughter, Patty; son, Michael; and two brothers, Fred and Peter Husak. She is survived by her daughters, Bonnie (Larry) Jackson, Linda (Don) Hill and Michelle (Bob) Mazur; grandchildren, Becki (Anthony), Matt (Becky), Corey and Ginger; and great grandchildren, Molly, Madeline, Lilly, Ellery, Wyatt, Riley and Hailey; brothers, Mike Husak and George Husak; and sister, Anna Lukey. Pauline worked at Pittsfield Products, Aco and Quality Filters. She belonged to the Eagles Auxiliary and was a great cook and loved her family, cats and flowers/gardens. In her time she enjoyed watching and following the Detroit Red Wings. She was a true Democrat at heart. She often fed many people with her homemade cabbage rolls and Peta He, and many holiday and Sunday Dinners. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 18, from 2 to 8 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 7 p.m. at the Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Dexter. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 19, at St. Joseph Catholic (Village) Church, Dexter at 11 a.m. with a Visitation at the church from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Dexter. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Church or the Huron Valley Humane Society.

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**Michigan legislators approve smoking ban**

Michigan legislators recently voted for a plan to ban smoking in most indoor places, including bars and restaurants.

The plan, which comes amid ever-increasing evidence of the harmful public health impact of secondhand smoke, is now set to become law.

"There's simply no debate on this issue — secondhand smoke causes tens of thousand of deaths each year despite being a completely preventable health hazard," state Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-Lyndon Township, said.

"This plan makes Michigan nearly 100 percent smoke free and helps us move toward being healthier communities and a stronger state. I applaud my colleagues in the Legislature for putting partisan politics aside and scoring a major win for Michigan residents today."

Secondhand smoke is classified as a Group A carcinogen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Exposure to secondhand smoke can cause or exacerbate a wide range of health problems, including cancer, respiratory infections, and asthma, according to the American Lung Association.

The ALA reports that secondhand smoke causes approximately 3,400 lung cancer deaths and 46,000 heart disease deaths in adult nonsmokers in the United States each year and that nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke at work are at an increased risk for health problems.

Secondhand smoke is especially harmful to children, the ALA reports. It is responsible for up to 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections in kids under 18 months of age, which result in up to 15,000 hospitalizations a year. In addition, new evidence links increases in the number of asthma cases in children to secondhand smoke exposure.

The plan that passed the House exempts certain cigar bars and tobacco specialty retail stores because those businesses feature smoking as the primary source of their commerce. The plan also exempts casinos, which would face competitive disadvantages with tribal casinos that would threaten their viability.

**State legislators pass education reforms**

State rep. Kathy Angerer, D-Dundee, last week voted to pass legislation helping Michigan qualify for up to \$400 million in federal funding.

The reforms will better position the state to receive a share of more than \$4 billion in education funding made available through the federal Race to the Top program.

"A quality education is vital to preparing our kids for success," said Angerer, who worked in the Dundee Community Schools before becoming a state representative.

"Michigan students deserve the chance to earn a world-class education, and these bills make Michigan the frontrunner for much-needed funds to build a better future for our students and for our state."

The Race to the Top program makes \$4.35 billion in federal education funding available to states that have raised student performance and show a commitment to making continued improvements by establishing innovative reforms. Michigan stands to receive up to \$400 million in federal funds if the state's application is approved. Reforms passed by the House include:

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dards that prepare students to succeed in college and the workplace.

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- Turning around the state's lowest-achieving schools.

In the days ahead, the House and Senate will work together to develop final legislation to go to the governor for her signature in order for Michigan to meet the Jan. 19 deadline to submit its Race to the Top application to the U.S. Department of Education.

**Lawmakers vote to ban texting while driving**

Michigan lawmakers last week voted for a plan that would make illegal text messaging while driving.

State Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-Lyndon Township, voted yes on the measure.

"Drivers who are busy texting are not focused on the road and put their lives and the lives of other motorists in jeopardy," Byrnes said.

"Unless we crack down on texting while driving, we'll continue to see completely preventable accidents and deaths on roadways across the state. This plan is about protecting public safety and ensuring residents make it home safely."

The plan will prohibit drivers in Michigan from reading, writing or sending text messages while driving, except to report accidents, crimes, emergencies or similar situations in which a person feels his or her safety is in jeopardy.

Under the House bill, text messaging while driving would be considered a secondary offense, meaning drivers will be cited only if they were stopped by police for another offense.

Drivers caught text messaging while driving would receive a fine, but no points would be added to their driving record.

Nearly 80 percent of accidents and 65 percent of near-accidents involve drivers looking away from the roadway within three seconds of the event, according to a 2006 study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia already have completely banned texting while driving; nine other states have enacted bans for novice drivers, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association.

**Byrnes honored by Humane Society of U.S.**

The Humane Society of the United States recently named Michigan Rep. Pam Byrnes, D-Ann Arbor, the Humane State Legislator of the Year for 2009.

Each year, the Humane Society of the United States recognizes state lawmakers across the country who have initiated path-breaking animal protection legislation and demonstrably advanced reform in the policy-making arena.

Byrnes received the award for her leadership in negotiating a compromise between animal welfare groups and agricultural leaders in the state, and helping to pass legislation this session to phase out the confinement of breeding pigs, veal calves and egg-laying hens in small crates and cages where the animals can barely move.

Thanks in part to her efforts, a diverse group of stakeholders reached consensus on the bill, and Michigan enacted a strong

public policy that will help protect farmers, food safety, the environment and animal welfare.

Byrnes worked with other legislators and leaders in Michigan agriculture to ensure the bill's passage.

"I am honored to receive this recognition from The Humane Society of the United States for my work on animal welfare in the Michigan Legislature," Byrnes said.

"I am proud to say that I share the HSUS' commitment to animal welfare issues."

Jill Fritz, Michigan state director for The HSUS, and Betsy McFarland, HSUS' senior director for companion animals, presented Byrnes with her award at her office in the state capitol.

"Michigan has become a national leader in animal welfare thanks to the dedication and effectiveness of Representative Byrnes," said Fritz. "The Humane Society of the United States is tremendously pleased to honor Representative Byrnes with this award and acknowledge her dedicated public service."

**House passes plan to boost parks, recreation**

The Michigan House of Representatives on Dec. 10 passed a plan introduced by state Rep. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor, to create a new funding structure aimed at raising \$38.1 million to protect Michigan's state parks and support local recreational programs.

Under the plan, all Michigan residents could voluntarily purchase a "recreational passport," good for all state parks, when they register their vehicles with the Secretary of State.

"Michigan's beautiful natural

resources have suffered under the current budget crisis," said Warren, chairwoman of the House Great Lakes and Environment Committee.

"Our state parks are important tourism destinations and an essential element of quality of life for residents. It is vital that Michigan invest in these resources to ensure they are properly maintained and cared for."

Under Warren's plan, instead of the current system of charging residents as they enter parks, all residents would have the option to buy an annual passport when they register their vehicles. Non-resident and

commercial vehicles still would have to obtain motor vehicle and boating access site permits.

Passport fees would be \$10 for an annual resident pass (vehicle); \$5 for an annual resident pass (motorcycle); \$29 for an annual non-resident pass; \$8 for a daily non-resident pass; and \$15 for a daily commercial vehicle pass.

Compared to the current cost of a motor vehicle or boating access permit, the recreational passport fee would cost \$14 less per car and \$19 less per motorcycle.

Residents could opt out of the fee if they indicate that they won't use their vehicle to enter

a state park or public boating access site during the registration period. The Department of Natural Resources would have the authority to create a method for individuals who opted out of the fee to purchase a recreational passport later.

The plan also creates the Local Public Recreation Facilities Fund, which would provide grants to local governments to develop public recreational facilities.

"While the Natural Resources Trust Fund provides some support for local recreational programs, millions of dollars in needs go unmet every year," Warren said.



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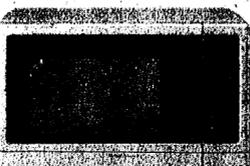
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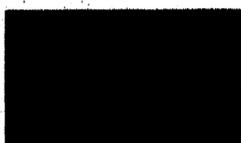
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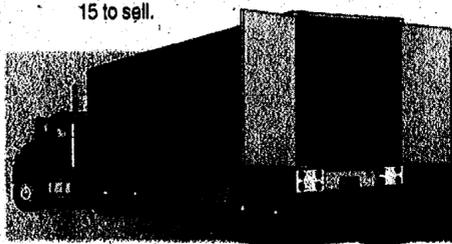
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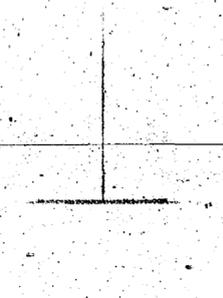
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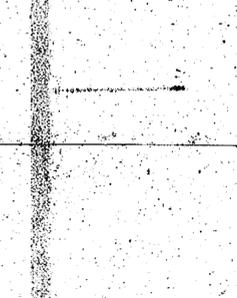
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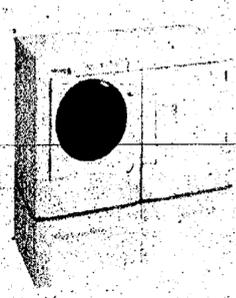
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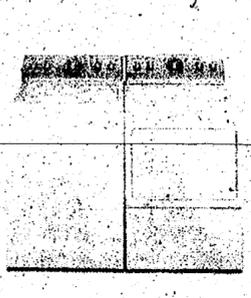
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The holiday season can be a busy time of year. With holiday office parties, holiday shopping, get-togethers with family and friends, etc., it's amazing people make it through the holiday season in one piece.

The increasingly busy schedule of the holiday season, however, can make it hard on four-legged members of the family. Cats and dogs often get less face time with family during the holidays, particularly for families who travel extensively. But pet owners need to make time to give back to their pets during this time of year. In addition to helping reduce the animal's anxiety, many pet owners feel time with their pets helps

relieve stress, an important thing to consider during the holidays when many adults feel stress can spoil an otherwise happy season.

To make sure you don't neglect the family pet this holiday season, consider the following tips.

- Take your dog to the office. Some offices allow pet owners to take their animals, typically dogs, into the office. If your office allows this, take your best friend along for the day. In addition to getting to spend time with you, your pet will likely prove a hit with coworkers, and any pet will appreciate the increase in attention.

- Make hotel reservations early in pet-friendly facilities.

Many families know where they're spending the holidays well in advance of the season. Take advantage of these early plans and make hotel reservations in pet-friendly facilities so you can let your best friend know he's an important part of the family — so important he's coming along for the holidays. The earlier you begin making reservations, the more likely you are to find a facility with open spots for pets.

- Don't forget to shop for your pet. Just because a pet isn't a person doesn't mean he or she won't appreciate having their own stocking or presents under the tree. Pets love a new toy just as much as a child does, and a stocking full of snacks like dog

bones or beef jerky can help make the family pet as happy as everyone else this holiday season.

- Ask friends to pet-sit while you're away. If you must leave the family pet behind during the holidays, consider asking a friend to pet-sit. While some local kennels can be great for pets — providing socialization with other animals and round-the-clock care in some cases — not all facilities are the same and some might foster feelings of anxiety when pets want to be with their families. If a friend can handle it, the family pet might appreciate spending a week in another home instead of at the nearby kennel.

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## Chelsea Creative Pet Grooming opens doors

Chelsea Creative Pet Grooming opened May 5, offering all breed dog and cat grooming. The pet grooming business is located inside the Chelsea Animal Hospital at 1475 S. Main St.

Kim Hammar, owner of Chelsea Creative Pet Grooming, is a graduate of the Michigan School of Canine Cosmetology and also offers many years of animal experience to her clients and their pets. Hammar also

participates in continued education in the grooming business; this keeps her up to date with all the new designer breeds and any breed standard changes.

Hammar enjoys grooming cats, bichons, poodles and terrier breeds. Customers can expect professionalism in a professional clean environment. Clients are welcome and encouraged to visit all areas of the grooming business. Pets are treated with

kindness, respect and given the patience they need for a positive stress-free experience.

The business also offers VIP service at no extra cost. Pets are groomed at their appointment time preventing the need for pets to stay all day; however, day boarding can be arranged. A cage-free area is available for the nervous or claustrophobic dogs.

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excessive undercoat and creative styling.

For the client's convenience, veterinary services can be scheduled on the same day of grooming if needed. Chelsea Animal Hospital is excited to offer grooming in its building.

One of the things that CAH has focused on in this economy in the past year has been patient care and customer service. They understand in these stressful times that making sure that a family pet is safe, healthy and cared for is a top priority. They have strongly valued the trust that clients have put in them over the past 15 years and strive on a regular basis to maintain and build that trust by helping clients make good appropriate decisions when there family member needs attention and care.

When their patients come in for routine vaccinations, the doctors make sure to do a complete and thorough physical examination. By discussing common issues, doctors hope to prevent problems that might necessitate a return visit in a short period of time. For geriatric patients, routine examinations are the ideal opportunity to access the needs of these aging patients.

By adding a grooming facility on site, the doctors have found

it convenient to keep an eye on chronic cases that require a medicated bath, special haircuts, etc.

Although seeing the doctor in the exam room is the ideal situation for the pet and the owner, under some circumstances it works out for the doctor to see the patient during a grooming appointment.

Chelsea Creative Pet Grooming is open Monday through Friday by appointment. Chelsea Creative Pet Grooming is not open on Saturdays, but will try to accommodate clients with day jobs by offering late appointments on Tuesday or Thursdays.

Chelsea Creative Pet Grooming offers five percent off for customers who bring in more than one pet at a time, and 10 percent off the first visit when you mention their ad.

Chelsea Creative Pet Grooming is showing positive growth by word of mouth since opening in May. The Chelsea community has welcomed it with warmth and continued patronage. Chelsea Creative Pet Grooming is reaching out to the surrounding areas hoping for further growth only to continue providing quality grooming and making new friendships.

For more information, call 734-475-4650.

## Pets as presents? Take a good look before you leap

As the holiday season draws closer and kids of all ages begin working up their wish lists, parents are commonly greeted with requests for a family pet — everything from lizards and rats to dogs and cats. There's no doubt that pets can be fantastic holiday gifts for children. In fact, research shows that having animals in the house reinforces children's self-esteem, promotes social skills and helps them to develop responsibility, nurturance and competence.

While animals can have a positive impact on the entire family, the decision to introduce a pet to the household requires careful thought and thoughtful planning. In fact, many animal shelters and pet stores do not allow pets

— particularly cats and dogs — to be adopted or purchased during the holiday season because so many of them end up being returned when the novelty wears off and the ongoing responsibilities become obvious.

If you're considering purchasing or adopting a pet for your children this holiday season, start by asking yourself two basic, but essential questions: Are the children ready to have an animal in the household? And are the adult members of the household able and willing to provide for the animal's needs?

According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), children under age 10 may love the idea of having a pet, but are

too young to be given responsibility for their care and feeding. Younger children tend to do better with smaller pets, such as guinea pigs, gerbils and goldfish

— animals that don't bite and require relatively little attention. Older children — preteens and teens — are not only very interested in animals, but are ready to handle the responsibility of seeing that their needs are met. However, parental oversight is still required to ensure that older children are following through on their responsibilities and that pets have adequate food and water, and that their cages or litter boxes are clean.

It's important to remember that even when a pet "belongs" to a child, parents are the ones

who buy the pet food, pay the veterinary bills and are ultimately responsible for the pet's well-being.

If your child has his or her heart set on a pet this holiday season, the ASPCA and the Humane Society of the United States suggest a two-stage process. First, purchase some of the supplies the pet will need (feeding bowls, toys, a pet bed, etc.) to give your child as gifts. Then, when everyone is ready and there is a plan in place for the animal's care, the family can choose their new pet together.

For more information about children and pets, visit the ASPCA Web site at [www.aspc.org](http://www.aspc.org).

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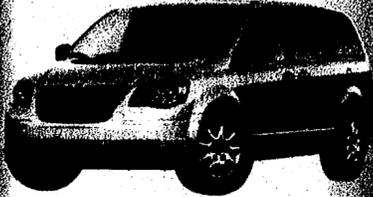
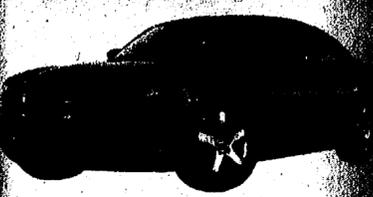
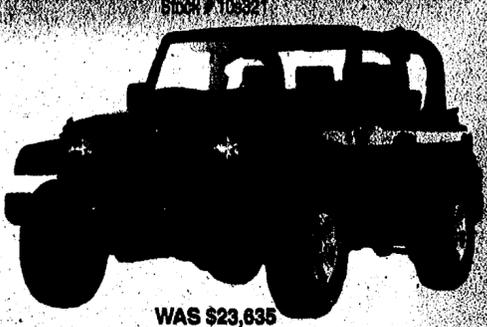
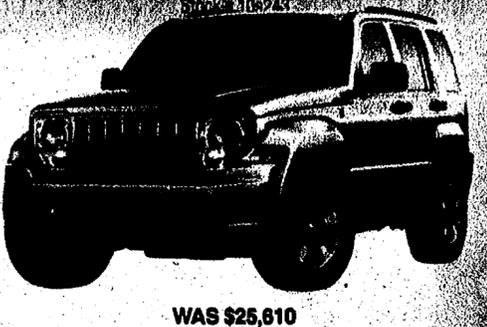
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# Seafood expert drops bits of knowledge

By Elaine Owsley  
Guest Writer

Maybe it's because we are so far from an ocean, but Midwesterners are pretty much out of the loop when it comes to seafood. We accept almost anything that looks like it could have lived in the water by whatever name the restaurant or grocer tacks to it.

I personally think all the good seafood stays on the coast, where the population is savvy about seafood choices. My favorite questionable fish is tilapia — a variety no one heard of prior to about 1960. I have never ordered it, but it is on almost every menu in some form or another. What is really funny is that people who would never deign to eat catfish will order tilapia and exclaim over it.

I hate to tell you, but while watching Animal Planet one day, I found out that tilapia is a bottom-feeder in the catfish family. In its native environment, Africa, it thrives on hippopotamus feces.

While I am sure that what we see in the stores and restaurants was "farm raised," it remains a bottom-feeding fish of the catfish family, and calling it by any other name doesn't really change that, even if it doesn't eat hippo feces on the farm.

After imparting this bit of knowledge to the guy at the seafood counter in Meijer, I am no longer one of his favorite customers.

Not all my seafood knowledge comes from Animal Planet. I have probably more than 50 cookbooks, and among them is one entitled "The Fish and Seafood Cookbook," which is full of interesting information and a few warnings.

One warning involves the fact that while there are real scallops available, if you

know what to look for, many of the commonly sold varieties are really skate wings, which have been stamped out with a cookie cutter knife into little round chunks of fishy flesh. They did not arrive in the sea as solitary critters in a pretty shell.

Now, the skate might be good eating, but it is not a scallop. A skate is a member of the ray family — like manta ray and stingray and others. If it is so good, why don't they sell it as skate and not disguise it as something higher up in the seafood world, not to mention pricier?

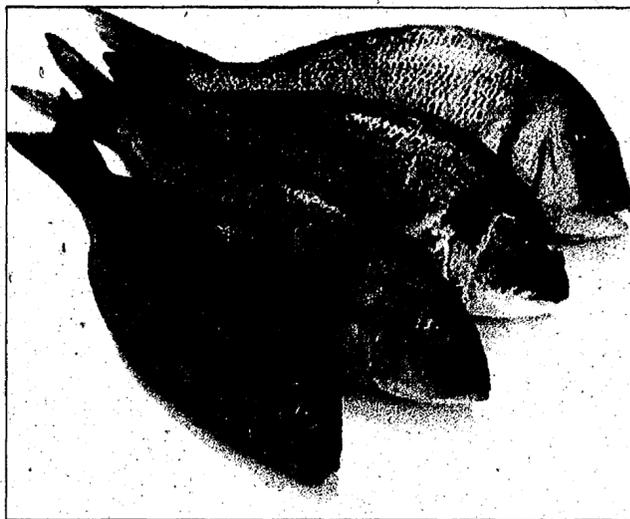
Then you have monkfish — which is really something else. There is another popu-

lar dinner delight that in the wild is known as "snakehead," but I forget what its undercover name is now.

All of this information makes you wonder what we will eat next. Give it a fancy or foreign sounding name, chop it up and throw it on a plate and voila!

Our wonderful, local Spring Valley Trout Farm, which produces catfish as well — and is honest enough to call them that — could perhaps add tilapia to the mix. They would be right at home, even if there aren't any hippos in the area.

Elaine Owsley is a resident of Dexter and regular columnist for The Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader.



(Left) Tilapia is part of the catfish family and is native to the African countries.

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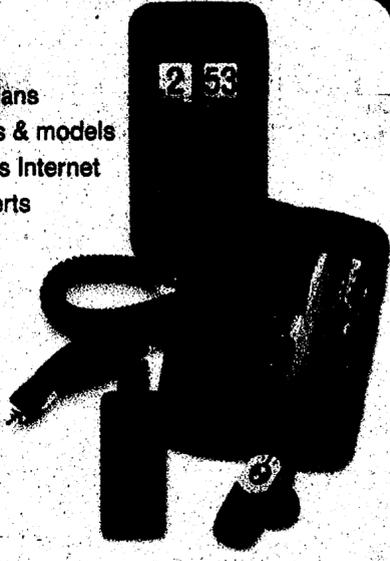
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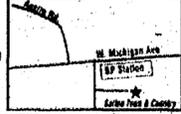


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# Salvation Army begins final holiday push

## Group still about \$160K short of \$340K goal

By Daniel Lai  
Heritage Newspapers

After a month of volunteer fundraising, the Salvation Army of Washtenaw County's annual Red Kettle Campaign will come to a close Dec. 24.

As of Dec. 11, TSA-WC has collected approximately

\$140,000 at the red kettles. The red kettle donation goal this holiday season is \$300,000.

"We truly appreciate

the generosity of those who have given to our Red Kettle Campaign and served as bell ringers, but we need more help to reach our goal," Maj. John Williams, Washtenaw County coordinator said. "We have seen a 30 percent increase in assistance requests this year from people who are newly unemployed. The Salvation Army will continue doing the most good with the community's support."

Though the campaign ends on Dec. 24, donations will still be collected via mail until Jan. 31, 2010.

TSA-WC uses an average of 83 cents of every dollar donated to provide a food pantry, soup kitchen, clothing, a family shelter,

transitional housing and counseling for veterans, character building for youth, camp programs, emergency and disaster relief, utility assistance and eviction prevention.

Williams said volunteer bell ringers are an essential part of the success of the Red Kettle Campaign.

Bonnie Temple, a 57-year-old resident of Chelsea, has been volunteering with the campaign for over 10 years.

"The brightest moment of the holiday season for me is going out to Polly's Country Market on Christmas Eve and ringing my bell for the Salvation Army," she said.

Temple said she first volunteered for the organi-

zation after donating to the campaign for several years at Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor.

"I love it," she said. "The people of Chelsea are so generous."

Temple said she has made it a point to secure her location in front of the market every year.

"I like standing by Polly's, so I usually call the Salvation Army before Thanksgiving so I can have my spot," she said.

Every year from 1 to 5 p.m., Temple, along with her husband, daughter and son-in-law, stand outside the market and sing Christmas carols during their shift.

"I put a ham in the oven, so afterwards we can come

home to hot cider and some dinner," she said.

Temple said she is grateful to be able to volunteer with the TSA-WC.

"It's a vehicle to give," she said. "I don't know anyone personally who is homeless or starving. And I know the Salvation Army is a respectable organization that gives me a chance to help others. It's probably more of a blessing for me to volunteer than it is for them."

Temple said last year, because her bucket was so full from donations, she had to keep a close watch on it.

"One of the things I like the best is watching the parents lift up their little children to put a dona-

tion in the bucket," she said. "These kids learn the value of helping out at an early age. Our parents in Chelsea set a good example."

Volunteering on Christmas Eve has become a family tradition for Temple.

"I'll keep doing it every year until I physically can't," she said.

For more information on the TSA-WC's Red Kettle Campaign, or to volunteer as a bell ringer, call 1-734-688-8353.

Donations can be mailed to the TSA-WC, 100 Arbana Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

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### BRIEFLY

#### 'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Winston Boyer - "The Cookie Man," 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 St., Chelsea, for families who will have a need for toys during the Christmas Holiday. The objective of Toys for Tots is to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas.

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 St., Chelsea.
- Chelsea Chevrolet Buick, 1500 S. Main St., Chelsea.
- Wackenhut Gardens, 11511 Jackson Road, Dexter.
- Chelsea Village Hardware, 110 N. Main St., Chelsea.

#### Sounds & Sights CD

"The Best of Sounds & Sights - Volume 1 - 2009" CD is now available. The cost is \$5 and all proceeds go to Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights.

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CHALK TALK



DON RICHTER

Farewell Chelsea, Dexter readers

The date was Oct. 13, 2000. The first time I walked into the Chelsea Standard/Dexter Leader newspaper office.

I remember thinking that first day to myself as I struggled trying to figure out how to simply turn on my computer, 'Did I make the right decision coming here?' Of course, I was going to be the next Mick McCabe or Mitch Albom and conquer the newspaper world.

"Tuesdays with Don" anyone? Anyhow, I felt, at the time, I was a daily newspaper type of guy, not a weekly, once-every-Thursday type sports writer.

How wrong I was. I actually had other offers before deciding on the Chelsea/Dexter area, including a spot at a daily paper just west of here and a position at another paper within the Heritage Newspapers chain, but something about the Chelsea/Dexter area just felt right.

I guess it all came down to the people. And the people of the Chelsea/Dexter area have been nothing short of wonderful these past nine years. Over 10 sports seasons, I have worked with some of the most professional, kind, dedicated and downright unforgettable people.

And it's those people and the athletes that I've been privileged to watch and cover all these years that I'm going to miss the most.

Sadly (and maybe for some, happily), this is my last week as sports editor for the Chelsea Standard and the Dexter Leader. I will next be working for the Saline and Milan papers. Change, they say, is inevitable, but it's still always difficult. This, however, has been a memorable chapter of my life, I must say.

During my 10 short seasons in Chelsea and Dexter, I have been lucky enough to cover team and individual state championships in softball, equestrian, golf, swimming and diving, cross country, track and field, soccer and wrestling.

I've had a front row seat watching and getting to know athletes that have earned All-State honors and All-American accolades. Though I could name a hundred or more who have amazed me with their talent and skill over the years, a few, such as Erin Cobler, Tony Scheffler, Jennie Ritter and Nick Hill are names I'll never forget.

Before ending, however, I must thank Wayne Welton and John Robinson, Chelsea athletic director and Dexter athletic director, respectively. Without your help, none of this would have been possible.

And I must also thank my "BFF's" Sue Myers and Linda Munson, Chelsea and Dexter AD secretaries who over the years have gotten this sports writer out of all sorts of deadline jams with their incredible ability to come up with photos, information and lightning quick answers to my out-of-left-field, without warning, last minute questions.

Thank you, Chelsea and Dexter. Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 429-7380.

TEAM PLAYERS



Photo courtesy of Alice Rawson

Chelsea's boys' U-10 soccer team won the Great Lakes Soccer League Michigan Division championship this past fall. The squad finished unbeaten with a 10-0 overall record. Members of the team include, Tobin Moore (left), Zach Barhite, Joshua Kowalski, Alex Sanborn, coach Kim Kowalski, Tom Oates, Blake Engler, Cross Lucas, Cliff Heydlauff, Cullen Lindsay, Kollin Pustay, Jeret Hirst and coach Kurt Kowalski.

Chelsea wins title

By Don Richter  
Heritage Newspapers

Behind strong coaching and a never give up attitude, Chelsea's U-10 boys' soccer team captured the championship of the Great Lakes Soccer League Michigan Division this past fall.

The squad, coached by Kurt Kowalski and Kim Kowalski, finished the season with a perfect 10-0 overall record.

Playing in its third season

together, the Chelsea team improved its foot skills, fitness and knowledge of the game this year. Also, the local players benefited from the Chelsea Soccer Club's weekly skills training session conducted by former Chelsea prep and later college stand-outs Billy Hayes and Bryan Hayes.

After winning the league title, the Chelsea players celebrated their unbeaten season

by painting "The Rock" on Main Street.

Members of the championship team included Tobin Moore, Zach Barhite, Joshua Kowalski, Alex Sanborn, Tom Oates, Blake Engler, Cross Lucas, Cliff Heydlauff, Cullen Lindsay, Kollin Pustay and Jeret Hirst.

For information regarding Chelsea Soccer Club go to [www.chelseasoccer.com](http://www.chelseasoccer.com).

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Bulldogs win season opener

By Don Richter  
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea's boys' basketball team defeated visiting Saline 65-53 in its season opener last Friday.

"I was really pleased for our season opener," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "Our intensity in the backcourt set the tone. We put a lot of pressure in the backcourt. We're trying to be more up-tempo this year."

Patrick Roberts led the Bulldog (1-0) attack with 16 points, including two 3-pointers.

Brennan Darwin added 14 points, while Brian Paulsen had eight points and Jake Steinhauer, Jack McDougall and Charlie McCalla each netted six points for Chelsea.

Mason Borders chipped in four points, while Nate Udell had three points, Conor Tait two points and Spencer-Mykala one point for the Bulldogs.

David Hendrickson led the Hornets (0-2) with a game-high 19 points, including three triples.

"We're a real young team and we're going to grow and get better through this," said Saline coach Jay Plitzuweit. "I'm disappointed because I think Chelsea really took it at us. They pushed and they shoved and they played really hard and

I didn't think we fought back." While pleased with the year's first win, Raymond said the Bulldogs still have plenty to work on.

"Our interior defense and rebounding has to get better," he said. "We need to limit second chance opportunities and limit our turnovers."

The Bulldogs next host their own Holiday Classic Dec. 29 through 30. Besides Chelsea, other teams participating in the tournament include Milan, Pinckney and Northville. Tip-off begins at 1 p.m. each day.

On Jan. 5, the Bulldogs travel to South Lyon for a game at 7 p.m.

On Jan. 8, Chelsea visits Tecumseh for a contest at 7 p.m.

JV Basketball

Chelsea's JV boys' basketball team defeated Saline last Thursday 53-50.

Jarred Scheese led the Bulldogs (1-0) with 24 points. Jacob Fischhaber added 13 points for Chelsea.

Dominic Davis had five assists, while Max Giller had four assists.

"We struggled offensively early in the game," said Chelsea coach Mark Scheese. "We played hard and made a nice run in the fourth quarter."

Bulldogs face top-notch teams

By Don Richter  
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea hockey traveled north last weekend competing in the prestigious Division 3 Showcase in Gaylord. The event attracts the top Division 3 hockey teams from around the state.

In their first game of the tournament, the Division 3 No. 7-ranked Bulldogs (3-3-1) lost to Division 3 No. 3-ranked Sault Ste. Marie 6-1.

The Blue Devils opened the scoring at 5:25 of the first period as David Pace scored a goal.

Jordan Shawhand scored at 11:54, while Kyle Taylor turned the light on at 14:05 of the first period giving Sault Ste. Marie a 3-0 advantage.

Taylor scored a power play goal at 3:12 of the second period for a 4-0 Blue Devil lead.

Dan Hudson scored for Chelsea at 9:47 of the second period. Joe Hewitt and Brad Hepler assisted.

Shawhand scored at 13:31 of the second period for a 5-1 Sault Ste. Marie lead.

Cole Hyrsky scored at 1:16 of the third period for the night's final tally.

"We played really poorly in the first period," said Chelsea coach Don Wright. "We played better the last two periods."

Last Saturday, the Bulldogs lost to Division 3 No. 4-ranked Big Rapids 4-3. The Cardinals were state-runners-up last season.

Seth Adams scored at 7:00 of the first period for a 1-0 Big Rapids lead.

Hewitt answered at 8:47 of the first period with a goal, tying the game at 1-1. Hepler assisted on the play.

Mike Hickson scored on a power play for the Cardinals giving them a 2-1 advantage at 10:06 of the first period.

Hepler tied it up at 14:34 of the first period. Hudson recorded an assist for Chelsea.

Austin Sullens gave the Bulldogs the lead 3-2 with a goal at 5:27 of the second period. Luke Heinen picked up an assist.

At 7:05 of the third period, John Robinson scored for Big Rapids on a power play tying the contest at 3-3.

At 11:11 of the third period, Tom Hancock scored the game-winner for the Cardinals.

"We played a much better game this time," Wright said. "We were very competitive. We moved the puck much better."

On Dec. 9, host Chelsea defeated Temperance Bedford 7-1.

Scoring for the Bulldogs were Kyle Whipple, Jesse Forner, Heinen, Hewitt, Hepler and Hudson. Recording assists were Shane Trojanowski, Cody Johnson, Kevin Stockwell (two), Anthony Catalina, Matt Darr, Cooper Nickels, Hewitt and Hepler (two).

Darr earned the win in net for the Bulldogs.

Despite rally, Chelsea falls

By Don Richter  
Heritage Newspapers

Despite a gallant second half comeback, Chelsea's girls' basketball team lost to visiting Saline 50-42 last Friday night.

"We're making strides," said Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist. "We need to keep climbing that mountain. In the second half, we made a couple runs. The kids fought back. I was proud of that."

The Bulldogs trailed 9-4 after one quarter of play. At halftime, Chelsea fell behind 20-12.

To end the third quarter, the Bulldogs trailed only 31-25 as Hannah Fitzsimmons stole the ball and converted a lay-up at the buzzer.

In the fourth quarter, Chelsea continued chipping away at the Saline lead. With 4:21 remaining in the game, the Bulldogs had whittled the Hornet lead down to three points, 36-33. Saline, however, remained poised, outscoring Chelsea 14-9 the rest of the contest to secure its victory.

Rachel Cooperrider led the Bulldogs with a game-high 19 points. Emily Cottrell added eight points, while Mackenzie Cole had seven points and Fitzsimmons six points for Chelsea.

Lisa Keene and Grace Martin each had two points, while Alex Liedel had one point for the Bulldogs.

Emily Everett paced Saline with 14 points. Sports Editor Don Richter can be reached at 429-7380.

Dawgs dole out awards

By Don Richter  
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea volleyball held its end-of-season banquet last month.

Named Most Improved on defense for the Bulldogs was junior Emma Hergenreder.

Selected Most Improved on offense was freshman Bailey Darwin.

Senior Katie Menge received the Southeastern Conference Sportsmanship Award.

Named first team All-SEC White Division for the second year in a row was senior Brittany Schmelz.

Selected All-SEC White Division honorable mention for the Bulldogs were junior Michelle Wellman and Menge.

Schmelz was named All-Region for the second season in a row. She also selected Class B third team All-State.

Earning Scholar-Athlete Award recognition were seniors Marissa Elwart and Allsa Cremer, along with Schmelz and Menge.

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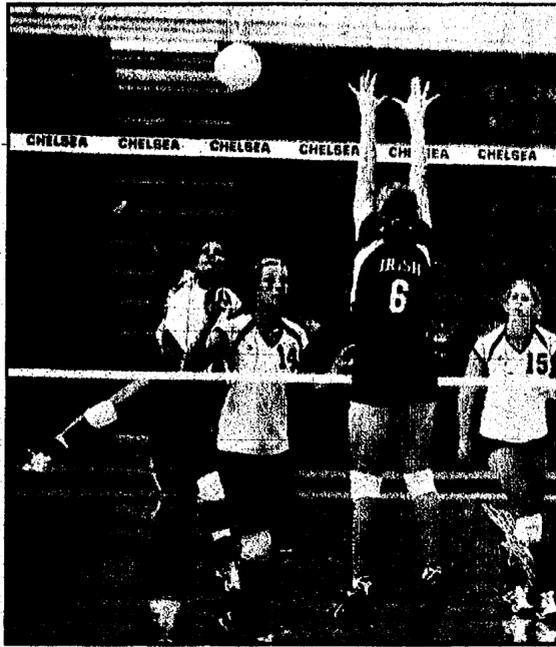


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Chelsea freshman Bailey Darwin (front) received the Bulldogs' Most Improved Award on offense this past season.

Chelsea perfect at meet

By Don Richter  
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea wrestling finished 5-0 at last Saturday's Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central Invitational.

The Bulldogs defeated Willow Run 66-11, Dundee B team 57-21, Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 56-21, Dearborn Divine Child 54-24 and Southgate Anderson B team 60-24.

Going undefeated on the day with perfect 5-0 records for Chelsea were Taylor Cooley (103 pounds), Andrew Nold (135), Joey Newland (145), Dakota Cooley (152) and Tim Shoemaker (215). Heavyweight David Slusser ended up with a 3-0 mark for the Bulldogs.

Steve Buss (125) and Vince Kause (130) each had 4-1 records for the tournament for Chelsea.

"This tournament really benefited our kids," said

Chelsea coach Kerry Kargel. "We're happy with what we did Saturday."

Last Thursday, the Bulldogs dropped two dual matches at Temperance Bedford. Chelsea lost to the host Kicking Mules 33-30 and to Adrian 38-28.

Picking up wins against Bedford for the Bulldogs were Brandon Seagraves (171), Travis Ostrowski (189), Dakota Cooley (152) Buss (125), Nold (135), Newland (145) and Shoemaker (215).

Earning victories against the Maples were Dakota Cooley (152), Buss (125), Kause (130), Newland (145) and Shoemaker (215).

Chelsea next hosts Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Skyline in a quad meet Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs travel to Coldwater for a tournament at 9 a.m.

Junior varsity wrestling

In junior varsity wrestling action, Chelsea competed in a tournament at Ann Arbor Pioneer on Dec. 5.

Placing first in the invite for the Bulldogs were Avery Osentoski (125), Michael Hovater (160) and Stephen Nelson (171). Finishing second were Travis Nichols (112), Travis Preston (135), Ryan Pennington (140), Travis Weiss (152), Jay Szcodronski (189), Joel Bradley (215) and Alex deMeijer (Heavyweight).

Finishing third for Chelsea were Nate Miller (125), Simon Cone (145), Chad Hill (145), Jake Riemenschneider (152), and Slusser (Heavyweight). Alan Longworth placed fourth (130) for the Bulldogs.

FEATURED ATHLETE OF THE WEEK: TONY CECCOLINI

# The Stopper

## Dexter's Ceccolini area's top goaltender

By Don Richter  
Heritage Newspapers

For many athletes, superstitions and pre-game rituals are a normal part of their competitive life.

For example, some athletes have to wear the same socks each time they suit up. In other instances, certain athletes have to eat the same pre-game meal. Or, as was the case a few years ago with a local high school girls' soccer team, huddle together before each game and spit at each other's cleats.

Whatever the habit, no matter how strange, athletes will tend to continue to perform each superstition and ritual as long as the desired action brings success.

Dexter's Tony Ceccolini is no different. Behind the talented senior goaltender, the Dreadnaught hockey team has started their season with a 2-1-1 overall record.

With cat-like quickness between the pipes, Ceccolini is arguably the area's top net minder. Skill aside, Ceccolini also credits his pre-game rituals and game superstitions with helping him succeed as a goaltender.

"I juggle and stretch before a game to get my hand-eye coordination up and to get mentally prepared," said Ceccolini, a four-year varsity performer for Dexter. "During the game, I have to do everything in twos. So, for instance, if I hit the post with my stick, I have to do it twice."

Whatever Ceccolini's doing, it's obviously working.

"Tony has really good instincts for the game," said Dexter coach Gary Howell. "He's also pretty quick. He's one of the leaders of our team. I have a lot of confidence in him."

While his coach has complete confidence in him, Ceccolini said playing goalie is not always easy.

"The worst part about playing goalie is that if you lose, people usually point the finger first at the goalie," he said.

Ceccolini also said it's tough playing in the net when the action is consistently down at the far end of the ice.

"I keep my focus by watching the play at the other end and not looking into the stands," he said. "I have not daydreamed yet, but I do stretch on the ice before the puck comes back into my end if I feel I need to refocus."

Ceccolini said while slap shots and screens are difficult



Dexter's Tony Ceccolini has been playing goalie since he was 8 years old. Behind Ceccolini, a 5-foot-11, 160-pound senior, the Dreadnaughts hope to contend for the Southeastern Conference title this season.

for a goaltender, controlling his nerves are his biggest challenge during a contest.

"I get nervous before games, especially the big games," he said. "I will let you know when I have learned to overcome it. Today, I am going to do breathing exercises to help keep my focus on the puck."

During this season's Saline game, Ceccolini definitely overcame his nerves.

"That was probably my biggest game," Ceccolini said of the win over the Hornets. "My biggest save was against Saline. They were on the power play and the puck was down low and passed to the point. I was totally screened and heard the slap of the stick. At that point, I went into the butterfly and ended up sprawled on the ice. I saw the puck at the last second and made a glove save."

Howell agreed that Ceccolini was at his best versus the Hornets.

"Tony made five or six huge saves against Saline, includ-

ing a few breakaways," Howell said. "His performance kept us in the game. That's what we need from Tony."

Howell said Ceccolini's consistency in net has improved dramatically since last year.

"His work ethic has also improved tremendously," he said.

Ceccolini (5-foot-11, 160 pounds) said he started playing hockey when he was 5-years-old.

"But I started skating when I was 3 on my grandfather's pond," he said. "I have been playing goalie since I was 8-years-old."

Ceccolini said he enjoys playing goalie, despite all of the pressure.

"I like being the goalie because if someone makes a mistake I can bail them out by stopping the puck," he said. "I like the challenge of stopping the puck when the (opponent) thinks he can score and I rob him."

Ceccolini said he has a strong, competitive drive to

**The worst part about playing goalie is that if you lose, people usually point the finger first at the goalie.**

**TONY CECCOLINI**  
Dexter goalie

FEATURED ATHLETES

**Connor Jennings**



Saline's Connor Jennings is a top-notch goaltender for the Hornets. A strong net minder, Jennings uses his skills between the pipes to frustrate and confound opponents on a daily basis. Against Ann Arbor Pioneer this season, he recorded 30 saves. "Connor has a great work ethic on and off the ice," said Saline coach Drew Denzin. "He's a self-starter. I'm glad to see his efforts pay off. He's improved his positioning and is starting to consistently make the saves we expect him to make. Our success this year will hinge on Connor and his consistency."

**Matt Darr**



Chelsea's Matt Darr is one of the top goaltenders in Washtenaw County. A consistent, dependable net minder, Darr has helped lead the Bulldogs to a 2-1-1 overall record this early season. Last year, he teamed with Joey Humes to form the best goaltending duo in the area. Behind the twosome, Chelsea finished ranked No. 7 in the state, winning a Southeastern Conference title and ending up with a 19-7-1 record.



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# Water management protects state's lakes, rivers

When Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed legislation marking Michigan's passage of the Great Lakes Compact in July 2008, the package of bills also established a new water management process to guide wise use of our state's water resources.

The new process has already attracted national attention.

Michigan recently received a 2009 innovation award from the Council of State Governments (CSG) for its new water withdrawal assessment process. The CSG, whose membership includes governors, state legislators and appointed officials from across the nation, uses the award to recognize new, creative and effective programs that address significant regional issues and are transferable to other states.

Michigan's new water laws establish scientific resource-based protections for water withdrawal, create public input opportunities and require permits for large water withdrawals from lakes, streams or groundwater. They also incorporate water conservation as an integral part of Michigan's water protections.

A key component to help determine the ecological impacts of any proposed water withdrawal was the creation of an online water withdrawal assessment tool that provides an initial, screening-level assessment of the impact of a potential large-quantity water withdrawal on nearby stream and river ecosystems.

Development of the tool resulted from a collaborative effort that included the U.S. Geological Survey, Michigan State University, and the Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Natural Resources.

Under the law, use of the assessment tool for registering a new large-quantity water withdrawal is mandatory. A large-quantity withdrawal is defined as one with capacity of greater than 70 gallons per minute - this means that household-level wells do not need to use the tool.

Here's how it works. A potential water withdrawal applicant

will access the tool online and input site-specific parameters, such as location, pumping rate, depth of water and other pertinent information. It operates within a computer geographic information system and can be used to examine potential withdrawal sites anywhere in the state.

It is designed with some safeguards so that when a proposed withdrawal clearly poses little or no risk to nearby stream and river ecosystems, the user can receive immediate online state approval and registration of the proposed withdrawal.

But when, instead, a proposed water withdrawal triggers concerns of risk to the ecosystems, the screening tool instructs the user to request a more detailed review of their proposal by the DEQ.

"An important aspect of the assessment tool is that it also considers the geographic variability of Michigan's stream flows and fish community types when making a determination," said Dr. Paul Seelbach, who is statewide research manager for the DNR Fisheries Division.

Using current scientific understanding, scientists created mathematical models of stream flow, groundwater dynamics and fish ecology. The stream flow model uses information on soils, geology, land use and precipitation to predict how much flow is available in each stream segment. The groundwater model uses information about geology, well depth, pumping rate and distance from nearby streams to estimate how much a well will reduce the flow in nearby streams. And the fish ecology model determines how a reduction in stream flow is likely to impact the types and abundance of fish that live there.

"Fish populations are a surrogate representing the health of the overall stream ecosystem," Seelbach said. "All streams and rivers of the state are classified by size, water temperature and fish assemblage. Each fish assemblage type responds differently to the loss of water. For each type, the legislature, using the available science, has determined a maximum amount

of water that can be withdrawn before causing an adverse resource impact, which is prohibited under state law."

The assessment tool places each proposed new withdrawal into one of four possible risk zones - A through D. Zone A has little risk of causing an adverse resource impact, while Zone D means an adverse resource impact likely would occur in the stream. Zones B and C lie between these extremes, indicating increasing risk.

"The tool advises the user what zone their proposed withdrawal is in, and provides instruction on what to do in each case," said Seelbach.

Withdrawals in Zone A through C can proceed (although some additional steps in the process are required for zones B and C). Withdrawals that screen into zones C and D must request a more accurate, site-level review from the DEQ before gaining approval (if appropriate). A proposed withdrawal in Zone D is prohibited.

The criteria also protects withdrawals near a cold-transitional stream or river, where even relatively small reductions in flow can alter their ecosystems so they no longer will support cold water species like trout. Proposed withdrawals from cold-transitional rivers and streams require more detailed review by the DEQ.

In some cases, where the risk to aquatic resources is deemed

small, the assessment tool is designed to register a new or increased large capacity withdrawal online within minutes. The results page provides a quick link to submitting a registration. A registration is valid for 18 months; the withdrawal capacity must be installed within that 18 months or the registration becomes void.

The assessment tool is functioning as designed.

Between July 9, 2009, when its use became mandatory, and Nov. 30, about 90 proposed large quantity withdrawals were processed through the tool. Nearly 70 registered their withdrawal without the need of further review.

The rest, which are in areas where the proposed withdrawal has a higher chance of causing an adverse resource impact, are receiving a detailed review. DEQ officials anticipate almost all of these will be allowed to proceed, some with modifications to protect the neighboring streams.

The water withdrawal assessment tool may be found online at [www.mtwwat.org](http://www.mtwwat.org). DEQ personnel are very interested in the experience of users. If you have suggestions for improving the tool, or other comments, please submit them through the "feedback" quick link found on the results page. Also, answers to frequently asked questions about the tool are provided at <http://web2.msue.msu.edu/bulletins/Bulletin/PDF/WQ60.pdf>.



David Hamilton (right), chief of the Water Management Section in the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, receives the 2009 innovation award from Kansas Sen. Jay Scott Emier, Midwestern legislative conference chair for the Council of State Governments. Also presenting the award was West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin, who is CSG president for 2009.

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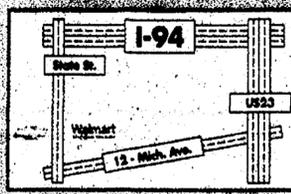
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# City extends contract with police chief

By Sean Dalton  
Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea Police Chief Ed Toth had his contract renewed for five more years at the city council meeting Dec. 8.

The new contract is a change from the three-year contract that Toth had agreed to when he initially took the position in 2007 after former Police Chief Riley Scott Summer perished alongside Reserve Officer Matthew Tuttle in a helicopter

## CHELSEA

accident in Scio Township, while attempting

to assist a criminal pursuit following a traffic stop on I-94.

City staff was pleased to sign Toth on for another term.

"Chelsea is fortunate to have Ed Toth as our police chief, and I urge council to approve (the contract)," City Manager John Hanifan said.

After some minor language adjustments to the contract, the decision to keep Toth as police chief was unanimous.

Chelsea realtor Holly Koch was appointed to the Board of Review with support from Mayor Jason Lindauer.

Lindauer recommended the appointment, as per the rules and regulations laid out in the Chelsea City Charter, after board member Charles Burgess expressed his desire to step down from the remainder his term.

Burgess is a member of the

Zoning Board of Review, which he said he wishes to increase his focus on with the time freed from leaving the Board of Review.

The council voted to appoint Koch for a three-year term ending on Dec. 31, 2012.

**"Chelsea is fortunate to have Ed Toth as our police chief, and I urge council to approve (the contract)."**

**JOHN HANIFAN**  
Chelsea City Manager

### In other business:

The council reviewed and approved a \$76,152 change order for the Wastewater Treatment Expansion project that contractor Irish Construction had previously submitted.

The order increases the overall project cost to \$10,796,771.

The increase largely comes from modifications to the plant's power structure, so the full load of the expended wastewater plant can be handled by its electrical system.

There were other minor cost increases and several instances of savings by Irish

Construction in the form of lining up alternate parts manufacturers and suppliers, and several engineering time reimbursements.

Utilities Director Brad Roberts petitioned the council for fund appropriations for a back-up generator from the 2010-2011 fiscal year budget, with the stipulation that the equipment be purchased immediately because of a 10-month delivery time.

City staff recommended that the equipment be purchased from Delta Star, Inc. for \$277,073. Cooper Power Systems and Howard Industries also submitted proposals for \$193,320 and \$306,405 respectively.

The request was approved with councilman Bill Holmberg as the sole dissenter.

Planning and Zoning Administrator James Drolett requested that the city's Code of Ordinances be updated to allow for delinquent storm water utility service bills to be placed as liens against property.

Currently there is \$3,587 in outstanding delinquent charges originating from several dozen property owners in the city. Many of those charges are between \$18 and \$54, while some are as high as \$1,397.

The council unanimously approved the request.

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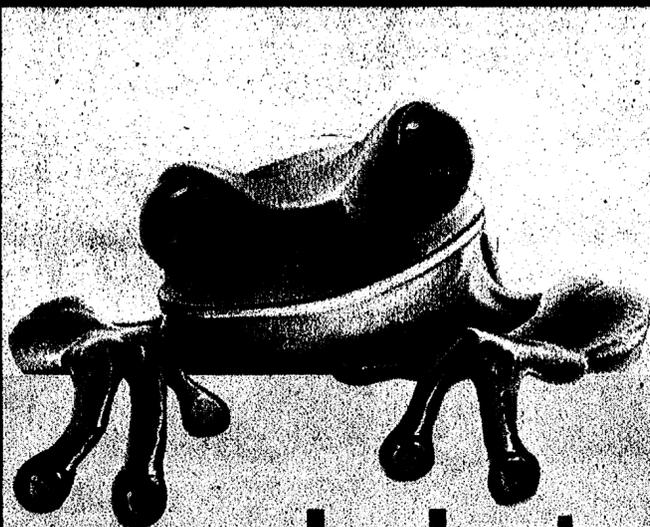
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Health care should not be up to government**

Eighty-five percent of Americans have health care and, of these, 95 percent are pleased with their coverage. Only 15 percent do not have health insurance. The United States has the greatest medical service in the world - because it is still largely in private hands.

The wait times and lack of access in countries that have the types of "health care" currently being considered by Congress result in suffering, greater illness and higher mortality. Why would we want to join this picture?

Don't fix what isn't broke. Yes, we should put some kind of coverage in place for the 15 percent who do not have health insurance - and this could easily be done through private insurers and a few new regulations. But to hand this huge segment of our economy over to the government is madness. Since when has the government shown itself to be competent at running any enterprise?

It is, after all, just fallible people like the rest of us - but with one big difference: They have no incentive to actually do a good job because they can never be fired nor can the blame for mistakes ever be actually tracked down to real individuals.

It's a game of endless buck-passing and calls for more money via taxes. In addition, how can it be a good thing for the government to not only know every detail of your health history but also be the one who decides whether you are worth receiving care?

Formulas would be established as to costs and benefits. Do you "contribute" enough to "society" to be worth the expense of getting care?

It's already being said openly that only those between "optimal" ages like 17 to 59 are "worth" caring for. And absolutely forget about the infirm or disabled - young and old alike. They're too "expensive." Is this the kind of "people as

mere utilitarian objects" society we want to live in?

Do we truly think it can be good to be at the mercy of a faceless government that doesn't care a fig for your uniqueness and your inherent dignity and worth - which comes not from being "productive" but simply from being human?

What has happened to the strong protecting and standing up for the weak? That's what America used to be all about.

Paul E. Keenan  
Dexter

**Support appreciated**

I am writing to express my thanks to the many people who came by Cranesbill to shop and express their condolences on the store's closing over the last few weeks.

As you can imagine, I have a lot of regrets at having to shut down my enterprise. However, knowing that I have had a real place in the hearts of many residents is a real comfort.

I want to address those who live in town and around the area who take local independent businesses for granted. The appearance of independent shops in both downtown and southtown over the decade since I first moved here are the strength of our community.

Some of you don't see the problems created by a difficult economy and the lack of commercial credit that forces each proprietor to limit what's in stock.

As I came to believe in the course of six challenging years, there was an expectation that our stock would rival that of Borders and Toys "R" Us. As our sales slipped, we became less and less able to provide the level and variety of books, toys and games that we would have liked to offer.

When our credit dried up this summer, our problems spiraled down to the point of admitting defeat. Please don't forget that each business here has a talented owner or owners, that each store is operating in a poor economy, that the owners

count on your patronage, and that while you might find goods online less expensive, they do not contribute to the well-being of the place where you live.

Please accept my thanks for taking the time to read this note. While I may seem to be repeating a worn-out warning, your willingness to buy into our town is more than just a convenience for those who have a lot riding on survival.

Jan Loveland  
Chelsea

**Christmas cheer**

My family lost our dear father, Frank Skoman, in 2003 and our mother, Lucia in July. While I was cleaning out my parent's home, I found many treasures from the past. One great find was an old cigar box filled with letters written by my father, who was stationed overseas during World War II. One of the letters contained a Christmas poem that he wrote to my mother's family in Pinckney in November 1943.

I would like to share his poem in honor of our fine men and women who are serving in the armed forces and are away from loved ones during this holiday season. I think the feelings expressed in this poem still apply today. Merry Christmas!

Katie Francis  
Chelsea

*The longing for my homeland,  
so softened by a prayer,  
To those we love and cherish  
Across the sea and air;  
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To say that I am fine,  
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For victory we'll soon boast.*  
- By Frank J. Skoman  
(1916-2003) stationed in  
Algeria 1943.

**SYSLY screens 'Christmas Story'**

The SRSLY free indoor cinema at Washington Street Education Center in Chelsea has a Christmas double feature on tap for Saturday with classic films, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" followed by "A Christmas Story." The shows begin at 4 p.m., and fresh popcorn is available.

The movies at Chelsea Lanes will be showing "Christmas With The Cranks" at 8 p.m. Saturday. The Chelsea Lanes movie series has a \$9 cover charge that includes bowling and shoe rental for the evening. Call ahead to reserve a lane. Pop and pizza are available.

"A Christmas Story" is based on the book "In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash." It's a period piece set in roughly 1940, telling a series of vignettes about a young boy that's 9 years old in the weeks leading up to Christmas. He faces down bullies, witnesses a dare match over whether a tongue will stick to a frozen metal pole, gets his mouth washed out with soap, and sees the holiday turkey



"A Christmas Story" will be featured at the SYSLY movie night on Saturday.

devoured by dogs ... and all he wants is a BB gun! But as every-one tells him, "You'll shoot your eye out, kid!"

Films at WSEC are free with a suggested donation of \$1. Popcorn will be sold and the CHS Company C group has volunteered to run the program

for the winter. All proceeds will go to cover the costs of the films and use of the facilities.

SRSLY Cinema is part of the SRSLY coalition with duties and responsibilities shared by the various committees. For more information go to SRSLYchelsea.org.

**Recycling Center changes hours**

Recycle Ann Arbor's Drop-Off Station is changing to winter hours of operation. The Drop-Off Station will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday thru Saturday. It will be closed on Mondays. Tuesday's hours of operation have been extended to 6 p.m. in direct response to customer requests.

"Our research indicates that customers want to be able to bring materials to the Drop-Off Station after 5 p.m. on a weekday," said manager Steve Sheldon. "This is something

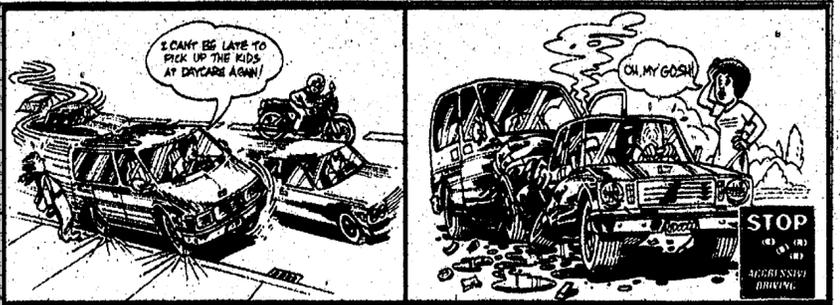
that both residential and commercial customers have requested."

Customers with light and heavy waste, or common recycling materials, may use Calvert's Roll-Off Containers on Mondays. Calvert's is also operated by Recycle Ann Arbor, and is located at 7891 Jackson Road in Ann Arbor. For information about materials accepted at Calvert's, call 1-734-426-2280.

The Drop-Off Station is the state's largest community recycling drop-off center. It is located at 2950 East Ellsworth Road

in Ann Arbor, just west of Platt Road, and operated by Recycle Ann Arbor with support from the City of Ann Arbor.

Many recyclable items are accepted for free, including paper, metals, glass, batteries and some electronics. In addition, a wide variety of items are accepted for disposal at minimal cost. All accepted items and fees are listed on the Drop-Off Station Web site at [www.recycleannarbor.org](http://www.recycleannarbor.org). Pick-up service is available for large bulky waste items, at additional charge. Dump trailers are available to rent.



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# 'Annie' concludes run at Encore Theatre

By Sean Dalton  
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Encore Musical Theatre will finish out its run of the musical "Little Orphan Annie" this weekend.

The production is based on the comic strip by Harold Gray. The musical follows a 10-year-old orphan girl and her dog, Sandy, as she attempts to find her parents in order to escape the horrible orphanage matron Miss Hannigan.

The production opened on Nov. 27 and closes on Saturday.

Theater Manager Anne Koch said that at the heart of the show are the area's youngest community performers.

"The highlight of the show has to be the group of orphans," Koch said. "There are 10 wonderful girls that have been a joy to work with and their commitment and that of their parents is incredible, especially this very busy time of year."

"If you have a chance to see Annie, the girls will steal your heart."

Many of the orphans are from Dexter, and all of them have gotten overwhelmingly positive response from audiences.

The cast features Mariah Colby (Kate), Maeve Donevan (Molly), Bryana Dorfman (Annie), Sara Head (July), Ellie Hershner (Ruby), Breanna Pierce (Clara), Sabra Satz-Kojis (Pepper), Kennedy Shuck (Lillian-Lorraine), Sarah Jayne Swartout (Tessie), and Kelsey Wallace (Duffy).

"The Encore has a fabulous cast and crew working on 'Annie,'" Koch said. "Liz Griffith starring as Grace, and Peter Riopelle starring as Drake, are here from New York, and we have local professional actor Diane Hill starring as Miss Hannigan."

"The role of Daddy Warbucks stars John Sartor, Steve DeBruyne stars as Rooster, and his lovely counterpart Lily St. Regis, played

by Liz Jaffe, are not to be missed."

"Annie" runs through Dec. 19 with performances today at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., tomorrow at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 3 and 8 p.m. There will also be one weekday matinee at 3 p.m. today. Lunch packages will be available at The Bistro Renaissance or North Point for today's performance only and must be booked through the box office by calling 1-734-268-6200.

The North Point Steak & Seafood restaurant has chosen The Encore as their "non-profit of the month." Once a month, North Point will chose a non-profit to donate 10 percent of their proceeds to.

### In other news:

The Encore Musical Theatre Company continues its concert series with the help of Michigan's own Three Men and a Tenor, with a special "Ha-ha Holiday" concert, Dec. 20, 21 and 22.

"This incredible vocal musical foursome began over 17 years ago, and has been featured international entertainment for performing arts centers, corporate conferences, festivals, fairs, two tours of U.S. military bases in Germany, and motivational presentations in over 1,000 schools," Koch said.

In February, The Encore will present the first production in Southeast Michigan of the newly released Broadway hit "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," which was put together by a Tony Award-winning creative team.

"The show revolves around a quirky yet charming cast of outsiders for whom a spelling bee is the one place where they can stand out and fit in at the same time," Koch said.

Tickets for any show can be purchased online at [www.theencoretheatre.org](http://www.theencoretheatre.org), or by calling the box office at 1-734-268-6200.



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# What the world was like when Jesus was born

It is significant that, in Luke chapter two, the chapter of the Bible that gives the most complete account of Jesus' birth, the first name mentioned is Caesar Augustus.

Augustus was a Roman emperor, reigning 1,500 miles from the Holy Land. But he was significant, because the Romans had conquered Palestine in 63 B.C. About 37 B.C. they decided to govern the province through local rulers, so they designated Herod the Great as the local king.

Roman and Greek culture was a lot more prominent in the land of Jesus than most of us imagine. Herod himself had a number of towns and cities

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built specifically to house foreigners. He built heathen temples to Emperor Augustus, and

a Roman theater and amphitheater even in the capitol city of Jerusalem.

At one point he even placed a massive golden eagle, the symbol of Roman dominion, over the great gate of the temple in Jerusalem. Undoubtedly his primary motive in all this was political, but it seems he was also conscious of being culturally respectable.

Caesar Augustus had become Rome's first official emperor in 31 B.C., and he ruled until his death in 14 A.D. During that time, he conducted at least three censuses of the entire Roman world. The primary purpose of these censuses was undoubtedly to determine the tax base from

which Rome could harvest revenues throughout the empire.

A secondary purpose might have been to monitor the population, because there was a crisis of underpopulation developing among Roman citizens. At any rate, in the list that he compiled of his 35 greatest accomplishments as emperor, he ranks his censuses at No. 8.

Augustus' second major census began in 8 B.C. It is not surprising that it took a few years before it could be carried out in Palestine, since it was 1,500 miles away.

The fact that Joseph, a descendant of David, and his wife Mary, were obligated to travel the 80 miles from their

hometown of Nazareth in northern Palestine, to their ancestral town of Bethlehem in the southern part, was quite fortunate. For one thing, it avoided suspicions about their baby being born so soon after their wedding, and it avoided questions about who the child really was - their fellow townspeople of Nazareth would never believe or comprehend that He was Christ the Lord, the Son of God.

More important, compliance with the census led to the otherwise unlikely fulfillment of a prophecy by a prophet named Micah, over 700 years earlier, that a ruler, namely the Messiah, would come out of

Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).

The Romans dated their history from the founding of Rome, which, according to their calculations, corresponded to our 753 B.C. But in subsequent times, dates became referenced in terms of B.C. ("before Christ") and A.D. ("anno Domini," in the year of the Lord, namely Jesus).

Still today, we measure time from the birth of one of Augustine's lowliest subjects, the Baby Jesus - even though we might be a few years off - because we acknowledge that lowly subject as our Savior and the eternal King.

Mark Porinsky is the pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Dexter. He can be reached at www.faith-dexter.org.

# Chelsea Fire Department sees call volume increase

## Firefighters make 16 runs in 24-hour period

By Lisa Allmendinger  
Staff Writer

The rear tires of a tractor-trailer hauling old cars caught fire on I-94 Dec. 10 near Pierce Road in Sylvan Township.

The incident capped off a busy 24 hours for Chelsea Area Fire Authority firefighters.

Part of the increase in runs could be attributed to the first significant cold snap and

measurable snow to hit area roadways.

In all, firefighters were called out more than 16 times in a 24-hour period.

In addition to several medical calls, the firefighters also investigated two structure fires, including an electrical fire on Railroad Street.

"Fortunately, the individual

was up and smelled smoke," Chelsea Area Fire Authority Chief Jim Payeur said.

One of the firefighters saw

burst into flames."

Although surprised, Payeur said, the firefighter was not injured.

said is typical during winter months when high winds are recorded.

"Typically, if the wire is a safety issue, we keep someone there until the electric company arrives," Payeur said.

Firefighters were called to I-94 and M-52 twice for accidents, while multiple crashes shut down I-94 at Kambach Road. Three times, firefighters were called to that area. An accident was also reported at I-94 and Pierce Road. Only one person was transported to the hospital from the vehicle accidents.

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a box smoking, he said, and when he picked it up, "the box

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accident was also reported at I-94 and Pierce Road.

"Most were rollovers, but fortunately people were wearing seatbelts," firefighter Lance Baird said.

Only one person was transported to the hospital from the vehicle accidents.

Baird said that this first storm should serve as a reminder to drivers to slow down.

"There's always a potential for black ice, and you can be in a ditch before you realize it."

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



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# Honesty important on loan applications

The American economy is unimaginably complicated, so it's not surprising that equally informed and honest experts have drastically different opinions on what caused the current crisis.

Pundits, policy makers and the public do seem to agree, though, on at least one contributing factor — dishonesty on mortgage applications. Many people bought homes they couldn't afford using loans they weren't qualified for. The ensuing foreclosures didn't just wreck the lives of mortgage holders — it brought suffering to millions of other Americans in the form of collapsing financial firms and a hamstrung economy.

The take home message for individual Americans is one that I'm confident most folks already know: Always be

completely honest on credit applications.

There are countless ways to stretch the truth. The most widespread are padding one's income, overstating assets, hiding outstanding debts and misrepresenting the source of the down payment or personal employment history.

These aren't heinous crimes. Everyone is tempted to fudge the numbers — a little white lie might mean a home with a pool, or an upgrade to a V12 engine, or an extra thousand dollars of purchasing power on a credit card.

And brokers often have a financial incentive to encourage customers to take out loans beyond their means. The broker gets a higher commission, but doesn't bare the cost in the event of a default. Lenders themselves have

cooked up types of loan applications that all but beg the applicant to lie. Take the "stated income" loan, where the applicant doesn't have to provide official verification of their reported annual income.

Stated income loans were originally created for the self-employed and other workers that might have a hard time getting income documentation. Until the subprime mortgage crisis made front page news, though, these loans were routinely being offered to people they weren't intended for — often simply so they could falsify their income.

There are, of course, substantial civil and criminal penalties for lying on a credit application. In some states it's a felony, carrying lengthy jail terms and hefty fines. And if a loan holder defaults,

he doesn't just lose the collateral — he takes a huge hit to his credit score, which means reduced access to cheap loans in the future.

Honesty on a loan application pays off in the long run. It forces us to be frank about our finances. What can we really afford? Where should we be looking to cut expenses? Are we saving enough? Can we buy that new car or bigger home and still live comfortably? Or pay for what's absolutely essential, like medical bills?

These aren't easy questions. The answers aren't always pleasant. But actually dealing

with them is much healthier than lying to ourselves, our families, or our loan officer. Honesty forces us to operate within our means — and shows exactly where we need

to improve our finances if we really do want to make a big-time purchase on credit. Arkadi Kuhlmann is president and CEO of ING DIRECT USA.

## MDOT offers tips for winter driving

The Michigan Department of Transportation and the County Road Association of Michigan recently announced a joint-education effort aimed at urging motorists to remember good driving habits in winter weather conditions that will make the roadways safer.

MDOT and the County Road Association of Michigan will use the familiar safety slogan again this year, "Don't Crowd the Plow!"

"Road crews put their lives on the line every day to keep Michigan roads safe for everyone," State Transportation Director Kirk Steudle said in a news release. "Motorists must remember to drive with caution no matter how much salt we use or how often the roads are plowed."

A steady decrease in road funding and an increase in costs have caused state and local agencies to alter their winter maintenance plans, according to the news release. Drivers have been put on notice that plowing priorities and the use of less salt will make their job even more important than in years past. Road crews must have ample room to safely clear the many miles of roadway of snow and ice.

"Motorists must do their best to minimize distractions and focus on driving and changes in road conditions," said John Niemela, CRAM director. "Every year, despite the flashing lights, poor driver behavior near snowplows leads to collisions that can be deadly."

MDOT and the County Road

Association of Michigan offer the following reminders for motorists:

- Snowplows have limited visibility and drivers cannot see directly behind their trucks;
- Snowplows often throw up snow clouds, reducing visibility on all sides of the truck;
- Motorists should never attempt to pass a moving snowplow on the right. With new, wing-plow technology, the blade can clear the shoulder and the lane of travel simultaneously. Motorists attempting an illegal pass through a snow cloud on the right and/or shoulder of the road most likely won't see the plow blade and run the risk of a serious crash;

• Always wear your safety belt and allow extra time to reach your destinations this winter. "For the safety of everyone, motorists should use extreme caution when traveling in winter weather conditions. We can't emphasize this enough: Don't Crowd the Plow!" Steudle said.

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Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet  
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Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. Written comments may be sent to Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI 48130, and must be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Agenda Item: 1  
Appeal Number: 09-ZBA-719  
Property Tax ID: 04-02-403-025  
Applicant Name(s): Robert & Kathleen Lane  
Property Address: 9688 Winston Drive

The purpose of this variance request is to allow construction of an attached, uncovered deck on the northeast side (i.e., waterside) of the existing single-family home and a 4-foot fence along the southwest and southeast sides of the property. The deck size and setback nonconformity to the ordinary high water mark exceeds what was previously approved in 2006. The fence exceeds the maximum allowable height of 3 feet and has a nonconforming setback to the ordinary high water mark. Both the deck and fence were constructed without a Zoning Permit or variances.

Agenda Item: 2  
Appeal Number: 09-ZBA-716  
Property Tax ID: 04-18-432-006 & 04-18-431-009  
Applicant Name(s): Raymond & Monica Howe  
Property Address: 13796 Rustic Drive

The purpose of this variance request is to add a new basement and waterside walk-out under the existing home, a new roadside entry to the house, and an extension of the house's waterside deck. The applicants also propose to construct a new garage on the vacant parcel (i.e., parcel 04-18-431-009). The existing home and some proposed changes are within the required front yard setbacks (roadside and waterside) and side yard setback. The proposed garage is within both front yard setbacks (both roadside). This variance application request also includes recognition of existing nonconformities (lot area and lot width).

Agenda Item: 3  
Appeal Number: 09-ZBA-723  
Property Tax ID: 04-14-400-014  
Applicant Name(s): Peter & Karen Kempf (applicant)/Carol Kempf (owner)  
Property Address: 9783 N. Territorial Rd.

The purpose of this variance request is to move the driveway easement from the east side of the lot to the west side of the lot. This will create a nonconforming front yard setback of less than 50 feet from the west side of the existing home at 9783 N. Territorial Rd. to the east side of the proposed easement line.

Agenda Item: 4  
Appeal Number: 09-ZBA-722  
Property Tax ID: 04-01-108-040 & 04-01-180-010  
Applicant Name(s): Howard & Pamela Joll (owners and applicants)  
Property Address: 8596 (parcel -040) & 8597 (parcel -010) Portage Lake Blvd.

The purpose of this variance request is for the owners of the property at 8596 Portage Lake Blvd. (parcel 04-01-108-040, owned by Howard & Pamela Joll) to transfer the property at 8597 Portage Lake Blvd. (parcel 04-01-180-010), which is a contiguous parcel. According to the Zoning Ordinance, both parcels are considered to be an undivided lot because they were both in single ownership and did not meet the minimum lot size of 1 acre. Parcel -010 was previously transferred from the owners of parcel -040 without a variance.

Agenda Item: 5  
Appeal Number: 09-ZBA-723  
Property Tax ID: 04-01-108-040 & 04-01-180-003  
Applicant Name(s): Angel Mae Walls & George Speal (owners and applicants)  
Property Address: 8596 (parcel -040) & no address (parcel -033) Portage Lake Blvd.

The purpose of this variance request is for the owners of the property at 8596 Portage Lake Blvd. (parcel 04-01-108-040, owned by Howard & Pamela Joll) to transfer parcel 04-01-180-003 (no address), which is a contiguous parcel. According to the Zoning Ordinance, both parcels are considered to be an undivided lot because they were both in single ownership and did not meet the minimum lot size of 1 acre. Parcel -003 was previously transferred from the owners of parcel -040 without a variance.

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**TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 3-0**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LYNDON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 3, AND TO RE-ZONE PROPERTY TO LAKE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - LR.**

**THE TOWNSHIP OF LYNDON ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1: The Lyndon Township 2009 Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 3, as amended, is amended by the addition thereto of the following:

The following described land is rezoned from Rural Residential District R-R to Lake Residential District L-R:

Beginning at the Center of Section 4, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, Thence North 03°00'20" West 66.00 feet, Thence North 83°59'40" East 1397.27 feet, Thence 281.08 feet along an arc of curvature on a radius of 197.00 Feet, chord being CH North 43°07'10" East 257.84 feet, Thence North 02°14'40" East 637.78 feet, Thence 14.81 feet along an arc of curvature left radius 25.00 Feet, chord North 14°43'38" West 14.59 Feet, Thence North 02°14'40" East 792.99 Feet, Thence North 86°49'01" East 703.72 Feet to the water's edge, Thence Southerly 1849 Feet +/- to the East-West 1/4 line, Thence South 83°59'40" West 2211.49 Feet to the Place of Beginning, part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 1 South, Range 3 East, being approximately 23.45 acres

Tax Code Parcel Number E-05-04-100-001

SECTION 2: The remaining provisions of said Ordinance No. 3 and all amendments thereto are hereby ratified and reaffirmed.

SECTION 3: In the event that any provision of the within amending Ordinance for any reason is held to be unconstitutional or void, that provision shall be struck from the amendment and severed, and the remaining provisions shall be enforced according to their terms.

SECTION 4: The within amending Ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after publication as provided by law.

Dated 12-9-09  
Linda Reilly, Lyndon Township Clerk.

Adopted: 12/08/09  
Published: 12/17/09  
Effective: 12/24/09

Information regarding the above ordinance amendment is available for public inspection at the Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118, on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 9 AM to Noon.

**CITY OF CHELSEA ORDINANCE NO. 165**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 32, UTILITIES, ARTICLE II, WATER, OF THE CHELSEA CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**ADOPTED: December 8, 2009**

**EFFECTIVE: January 17, 2009**

**THE CITY OF CHELSEA, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Repeal of Section 32-102.**  
Section 32-102 of Article II, Chapter 32, Division 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea and all of its subparts is hereby repealed.

**Section 2. New Section 32-102.**  
A new Section 32-102 of Article II, Chapter 32, Division 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea is hereby adopted and shall read in its entirety as follows:

**Sec. 32-102. Well Drilling restrictions.**  
(a) No person shall drill, install or otherwise construct any new potable water well, cistern, or any other groundwater collection device on any property located within the area covered by a well head protection plan or source water protection plan adopted by the City. Outside the area covered by a well head protection plan or source water protection plan adopted by the City, no person shall drill, install or otherwise construct any new potable water well, cistern, or any other groundwater collection device on any property located within the City limits unless a permit is issued by the City Council.

(b) Section 32-102(a) shall not restrict or affect the right of a person to drill or construct a geothermal well that supplies water for use solely to heat and/or cool a structure. Any such geothermal well must also meet applicable standards adopted by the State of Michigan.

**Section 3. New Section 32-103.**  
A new Section 32-103 of Article II, Chapter 32, Division 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Chelsea is hereby adopted and shall read in its entirety as follows:

**Sec. 32-103. Violation a municipal infraction.**  
Any person who shall violate any provision of this division shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction. (Ord. No. 144, 279,004, 7-14-2005)  
Secs. 32-104 - 32-132 Reserved.

**Section 4. Non-Repeal.**  
This Ordinance amendment shall not be construed to repeal by implication of any other ordinances of the City of Chelsea pertaining to the same or similar subject matter.

**Section 5. Effective Date.**  
This Ordinance amendment shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication in a newspaper circulating within the City of Chelsea, Michigan. Moved by Holmberg, seconded by Albertson that the foregoing Ordinance be adopted.  
YEAS: Council members Anderson, Holmberg, Albertson, Hammer, Feeney, Martinez-Kratz and Mayor Lindauer.  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

That the Ordinance amendment as set forth above was adopted by the City Council of the City of Chelsea in regular session on December 8, 2009, and that it including, but not limited to, bathing, swimming, irrigation, washing, preparing foods and other similar purposes.

**Teresa Royal, Chelsea City Clerk**

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**Synopsis of the CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 24, 2009**  
**Washington Street Education Center.**

**Call to Order**  
Present: Council Members Anderson, Holmberg, Albertson, Hammer, Albertson, Feeney, Mayor Lindauer, City Manager John Hanifan, and Clerk Royal  
Absent: Others Present: Jim Drotlett, Nancy Anderson, Thomas Knox, Holly Koch

Mayor Lindauer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval Of Consent Agenda**

**MOVED Hammer SECONDED Anderson** to approve minutes and bills as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approval of Regular Agenda**  
**MOVED Holmberg SECONDED Albertson** to approve the regular agenda with the addition of appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Public Comments**

**Council Business**

1. Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem  
**MOVED Lindauer SECONDED Holmberg** to appoint Cheri Albertson as mayor pro-tem. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. Request to Purchase Tactical Carrier Body Vests for Police Department  
**MOVED Holmberg SECONDED Hammer** to approve the purchase of the five (5) tactical carrier body vests at a price not to exceed \$7,125.00 from On Duty Gear. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Assign Delinquent Stormwater Utility Bills tot the 2009 Winter Tax Bills  
No action was taken on this item. Will be brought back to Council on December 8, 2009.

4. Resolution RE: Resource Recycling Project  
**MOVED Albertson SECONDED Feeney** to adopt the resolution in support of the continuance of recycling in our community. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

5. First reading of Ordinance No. 165, An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 32, Utilities, Article II, Water, of the Chelsea Code of Ordinances  
**MOVED Hammer SECONDED Holmberg** to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 165 and to have the second reading of Ordinance No. 165 at the December 8, 2009 Council Meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
**MOVED Hammer SECONDED Anderson** to adjourn at 8:32 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**APPROVED: December 8, 2009**

NOTE: This is only a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Clerk's Office at 308 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI or online at [www.city-chelsea.org](http://www.city-chelsea.org) Respectfully submitted,

**Teresa Royal, City Clerk**

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**NOTICE**

**DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE**

**Tuesday, December 22, 2009**

**AT 7:00 P.M.**

**AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI. 48130**

**AGENDA**

1. Distillery Land Use Regulations
2. Review Planning Commission By-laws
3. Discuss Possible Zoning Amendment to Site Plan Standards
4. Review Master Plan

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**December 1, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held December 1, 2009 at 7pm at the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118.

Members present: Supervisor Lange, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustee Lesser and Cooper.

Also present: Tom Caplis, Mike Jurosek, Don Schoenberg, Mike Van Buren.

The meeting was called to order and the pledge recited.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to approve minutes. Carried.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to pay bills as presented. Carried.

Trooper Tremalko gave a police report for the month of November.

Mike Van Buren ask for the status of the pending lawsuit.

No Public Hearings.

The report from Zoning Inspector Caplis showed 3 zoning compliance permits, 11 enforcement actions and 0 Certificate of Occupancy for November 2009.

Supervisor Lange reported that 511 Glazier issue has been referred to our Township Engineer to investigate and report back in writing.

No Old Business.

New Business:

Motion by Koch, seconded by Lesser to approve the Water Connection Rates as presented. Carried.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Cooper to approve the Hardship Guidelines as presented. Carried.

Motion by Grau, seconded by Lesser to approve the 2010 Board Meeting Schedule for 2010. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Cooper to approve the 2010 Holidays. Carried.

The Sylvan Township Water & Sewer Budget and the Chelsea Area Fire Authority Budget were provided to the Board for comments.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to adjourn. Carried.

**LuAnn S. Koch Sylvan Township Clerk**

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**Washtenaw County Legal Notice:**

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus & Accessories. 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 #815 Due: Monday December 11, 2010 by 4:00pm local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-8760 or logon to our website at <http://bids.ewashtenaw.org> and click on "open bids".

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**SCIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 8, 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

Absent:

Approved Designation of Apollo Fire Equipment Company as sole source.

Approved Liquor Control regulations ordinance amending Township Code, # 2009-08.

Approved Proposal for Planning assistance to Parks and Recreation Board.

Approved expenditure for updating appraisal on a property of interest.

Approved December invoices to be paid as presented.

Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

**Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk**  
Scio Township

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**Webster Township Special Board Meeting December 8, 2009**

The Webster Township Special Board Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Supervisor Kingsley on December 8, 2009 at the Township Hall, 8665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, and Treasurer Whitney, Trustees Kleinschmidt, Koch, Westman, Estleman and three citizens

Supervisor Remarks

Discussion on the FY 2010 and 2011 Budget Revisions.

Discussion took place on the FY 2010 and 2011 Budget Revisions.

Motion Whitney to cut employees wages by 10% and closed the office Friday afternoon as of April 1, 2010 motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Motion Heller second Kleinschmidt to table until the Regular Board Meeting held on December 15, 2009. All ayes and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted

**Mary Dee Heller, Clerk**  
Webster Township

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

The Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on an application filed by Dexter Research Center located at 7300 Huron River Drive, Dexter Michigan, for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.

Dexter Research Center offers the world's largest selection of thin-film and silicon based sensors for industrial and scientific applications. The project consists approximately \$520,000 in real property improvements with about \$1,102,000 in new personal property. The exemption would apply to approximately \$1,822,000 in Real and Personal property investment at their facility located in Dexter Michigan for a period of 12 years.

The application is on file and available for review at the Village Office, 8123 Main Street, 2nd Floor of the Dexter City Bank Building, Dexter, Michigan, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Village Manager, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

**Donna Dettling**  
Village Manager  
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**TOWNSHIP OF SCIO WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 2009-08**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY THE CURRENT CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE II - LICENSING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCIO CREATING NEW ARTICLES TO CHAPTER 4: ARTICLE II - LICENSING AND PERMITS; ARTICLE III - OPEN PARTY REGULATIONS; AND ARTICLE IV - SCIO LIQUOR CONTROL COMMITTEE.

The Board of Trustees of the Township of Scio hereby ordains:

**SECTION 1. REPEAL OF EXISTING ARTICLE II**

Article II of Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Scio, Washtenaw County, Michigan is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 2. ADDITION TO CHAPTER 4 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE.**

New Articles II, III, and IV of Chapter 4 of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Scio, Washtenaw County, Michigan are hereby created to read as follows:

**ARTICLE II LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**§ 4-21. Short title.**

This Article cited as "Licenses and Permits"

**§ 4-22. Statement of purpose.**

The purpose of this Article is to allow the Township to establish and administer a policy for the issuance and transfer of liquor licenses and permits, to provide for the enforcement of liquor laws, regulations and ordinances, and to limit the number of liquor licenses in the Township of Scio.

**§ 4-23. Licensing policy.**

New licenses or permits, transfer of ownership of existing licenses, transfers into the Township of new licenses, and relocation or expansion of an existing licensed establishment will be approved at the sole discretion of the Township Board.

The evening hours of operation for all licenses shall not extend beyond or exceed 2 AM on the following day.

**§ 4-24. Plan of operation required.**

A. Business operation. All on-premises licensees shall operate in accordance with a plan of operation approved by the Township Board.

B. Plan of operation. A plan of operation shall contain an operational statement outlining the proposed manner in which the establishment will be operated, including, but not limited to, the format, schedule of the hours of operation, crowd control, security, alcohol management, use of the facilities, parking provisions, plan for interior use and layout, and any other pertinent information as requested by the Township of Scio's Liquor Control Committee (SLCC).

C. Compliance. Licensees shall comply with all applicable state and Township regulations, this general policy, and a plan of operation as approved by the Township Board. Any change to a plan of operation shall be approved by the Township Board prior to implementation of the change by the licensee. Failure of such compliance or variance from an approved plan is a violation of this Chapter and may result in the Township Board recommending to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) that the license be revoked or not renewed.

**§ 4-25. Review procedures.**

Each applicant for a new license, the transfer into the Township of a new license, a proposed change in the terms of the operation of an existing license, or an applicant seeking to relocate or alter the size of the physical structure of an existing licensed premises shall make a request to the Township in accordance with the following procedures:

A. Application. Each applicant must submit to the Township Clerk a Township approved application form, a plan of operation, plot plan of the site, a plan for interior use and exterior design, and the layout of any ancillary facilities. As part of the application, each applicant shall submit a written statement explaining in detail how their proposal meets the factors as listed in Subsection D of this section.

B. Township review. Upon receipt of an application and plans, the Township will refer same to the Fire Chief, Township Planner, Township Engineers and other Township officers, employees and/or law enforcement representatives, who shall cause a thorough review and investigation, including but not limited to a complete history of past business experience and liquor law violations, if any, to be made of the persons and/or premises which must meet or exceed adopted regulations and codes. The applicant shall provide all requested information to, and fully cooperate with, all Township requests for any and all additional information. The findings resulting from such review and investigation shall be reported to the Township Clerk, who then will report same to the SLCC and the Township Board.

**C. Public hearing/review.**

(1) Hearing. The Township Board shall hold a public hearing upon a request for a new license, to transfer a new license into the Township, a proposed change in the terms of the operation of an existing license, or to relocate or alter the physical size of an existing establishment.

(a) In lieu of conducting the hearing, the Township Board may alternatively direct the SLCC to conduct such a hearing. Upon the completion of the hearing, the SLCC shall submit to the Township a written finding within 30 days following completion of the hearing.

(b) The applicant shall have the right to appeal an adverse decision by the SLCC to the Township Board, provided that a written request for appeal is filed with the Township within 21 days after receipt of the findings. The appeal to the Township Board shall be upon the record made before the SLCC.

(2) Notice. Notice of all hearings shall be provided to all property owners which are located within 300 feet of the proposed establishment. The applicant shall pay the cost of such notice.

(3) Appearance. The applicant will be required to appear at the hearing before the SLCC or the Township Board, and make a written and/or oral presentation concerning the request.

(4) Recommendation. The SLCC shall review and may recommend approval or disapproval of all requests to the Township Board.

D. Review factors. In reviewing a request, the Township Board or SLCC may consider and/or weigh the following factors:

(1) Conserve the expenditure of funds for public improvements and services by conforming to the most advantageous uses of land, resources and property.

(2) The appropriate relationship between buildings and land uses.

(3) The general and appropriate trend and character of land, building, and population development.

(4) The total number of similar licenses in the Township.

(5) Input from residents and surrounding business owners.

(6) The impact of the establishment on surrounding businesses and neighborhoods.

(7) Whether a proposed licensed premises is part of a multi-use project with substantial new retail, office, or residential components. The physical area of the licensed premises relative to the physical area of the overall project or development.

(8) Crowd control.

(9) Pedestrian movement.

(10) Vehicular movement.

(11) Parking availability.

(12) Total square footage of MLCC establishments within the area.

(13) Number of on-premises establishments within the area.

(14) Concentration and capacity of similar establishments.

(15) Number of seats/occupancy per given area (block, intersection, etc.).

(16) Association/integration with multi-use development.

(17) Amount invested in the facility/establishment.

(18) Substantial renovation of existing buildings.

(19) Preservation or restoration of historic buildings.

(20) Locating in an under-developed area.

(21) Concentration of drinking establishments and impact on policing requirements.

(22) Policing requirements.

(23) Business history.

(24) Business experience.

(25) MLCC or state or local law violation history.

(26) Ratio of food to alcohol sales.

(27) Percent of floor area devoted to dining versus bar area.

(28) Size of kitchen (square footage) in relation to total square footage of the establishment.

(29) Size of bar area.

(30) Size of dance floor, if any.

(31) Hours of current or proposed operation.

(32) Type or character of the establishment, e.g., dining, nightclub, hotel, dance club.

(33) Diversification of the type of entertainment in the Downtown Development District or throughout the Township.

(34) Diversification of the type of commercial activity in a given area; DDA district, etc.

(35) Overall benefit of the plan to the Township of Scio.

(36) Nonpayment of taxes.

(37) Any other factor(s) that may affect the health, safety and welfare or the best interests of the community.

E. Approval. If, after a review by the SLCC, and a public hearing, the Township Board is satisfied that the establishment or operation will provide a benefit to the Township of Scio and constitute an asset to the community, it will adopt a resolution granting approval, subject to the satisfaction of any conditions stated in the resolution.

(1) Building remodeling. If the request involves a change to the physical size or layout of the establishment, when the applicant's building or remodeling is completed, it must meet all state, Township and local regulations, and must comply with the representations made to the Township Board and SLCC by the applicant. If such physical alteration is approved by the Township Board and it is subsequently determined that the project was not completed as required by the plans and

specifications presented to the Township, or in compliance with representations made to the Township, the Township may recommend to the MLCC that the license be revoked or not be renewed for the following year.

**§ 4-26. Permits; transfer of ownership.**

A. Permits. Requests for permits for dance, entertainment, or dance and entertainment shall be reviewed by the SLCC and approved in the sole discretion of the Township Board after an evaluation of the factors listed in Section 4-25D.

B. Transfer of ownership. Requests for transfer of ownership of existing licensed establishments shall be reviewed by the SLCC and approved or disapproved by the Township Board. The Township Board may hold a public hearing. If the continuation of an existing operation is contemplated, the applicant must present a plan relating to how it will deal with any existing problems created by the business.

**§ 4-27. Annual license and permit review.**

A. The Township Board may undertake a review of any license or permit for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, when permitted, regarding renewal or revocation of said license or permit. The Commission shall consider whether a licensed establishment has been operated in a manner consistent with the provisions of this Article and all other applicable laws and regulations of the Township of Scio and the State of Michigan.

B. Each year, the Township may cause an investigation to be made relative to each existing on-premises licensed establishment. The investigation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) An inspection to determine the general condition of the premises, both interior and exterior.

(2) An inspection of Township records to determine whether all taxes and other monies due the Township are timely paid.

(3) An inspection of police files or other sources of information to determine total calls for service and whether any activity in connection with the licensed premises

(a) is in violation of the law;

(b) disturbs the public peace and tranquility;

(c) constitutes a nuisance; or

(d) contributes to the disruption of the normal activities of the neighborhood in which the licensed premises are located.

(4) A review to determine the existence of any of the criteria described in (4) 4-29 of this Chapter.

(5) A review of the operation of the licensed establishment to determine whether the business is being operated in compliance with any and all representations made by the licensee to the Township or the Township Board.

C. Recommendations from Township Departments. Following receipt of a fully completed application, fees, and such other information as may be requested by the Township, the Township Clerk shall forward the application to the policing agency responsible for the policing activities within the Township, Fire Department, Planning/Ordinance Enforcement Department, Treasurer's office, and such other departments as required by the Township, which departments shall make their inspections and recommendations prior to consideration by the Township Board. In conducting its review, the Township may request other pertinent information from the licensee.

**§ 4-28. Revocation and nonrenewal.**

A. Each establishment within the Township for which a liquor license or permit is granted shall be operated and maintained in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations of the Township of Scio and the State of Michigan. Upon any violation of this Chapter, the Township Board may, after notice and hearing, request the MLCC to revoke or not renew such license and/or permit as such may be permitted by state law or regulation.

B. Before filing any objection to renewal or request for revocation of a license or permit with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, the Township shall serve the licensee with notice and shall hold a public hearing on the issues and criteria relative to non-renewal or revocation of any license.

C. Upon completion of the hearing, the Township Board shall submit to the licensee and the Michigan Liquor Control Commission a written statement of its findings and its determination.

**§ 4-29. Criteria for non-renewal or revocation.**

The Township Board may recommend non-renewal or revocation of a license or permit to the MLCC as may be permitted upon a determination based upon a preponderance of the evidence presented at the hearing that any of the following exists:

A. Failure to comply with all standards, plans or agreements entered into in consideration for the issuance, transfer or continuance of the license or permit, or failure to comply with all agreements or consent judgments entered into subsequent to the issuance of the license or permit.

B. Failure to comply with an approved plan of operation and other plans, specifications, or representations made or submitted to the Township by the licensee.

C. Violations of the state liquor laws or regulations of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

D. Violations of state laws or local ordinances concerning health, safety, moral conduct or public welfare.

E. Maintenance of a nuisance upon or in connection with the licensed premises, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(1) Violations of building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, zoning, health, fire or other applicable regulatory codes, to include the history thereof;

(2) A pattern of patron conduct in the neighborhood of the licensed premises which is a violation of the law and/or disturbs the peace, order and tranquility of the neighborhood;

(3) Failure to maintain the grounds and exterior of the licensed premises, including litter, debris or refuse blowing or being deposited upon adjoining properties;

(4) Entertainment on the premises or activity in connection with the licensed premises which by its nature causes, creates or contributes to disorder, disobedience to rules, ordinance or laws, or contributes to the disruption of normal activity of those in the neighborhood of the licensed premises.

F. Failure by the licensee to permit the inspection of the licensed premises by the Township's agents or employees in connection with the enforcement of this Chapter.

**§ 4-30. Capacity limits.**

The total capacity of each room of a licensed establishment shall be determined by the Township Building Official and the Township Fire Chief consistent with locally adopted codes.

**§ 4-31. Termination of escrowed licenses.**

The Township Board may, through resolution, request that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission terminate an on-premises license that has been placed in escrow for more than one year after its expiration.

**§ 4-32. Fees.**

Each applicant for a new license or permit, for transfer of an existing license or permit, for expansion of an existing establishment, and for renewal of an existing license or permit shall pay a non-refundable application investigation fee. Such fee will be in addition to any fee required by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and shall be set by a Township Board resolution.

**ARTICLE III OPEN PARTY REGULATIONS**

**§ 4-33. Short Title.**

This Article shall be known and cited as the "Open Party Regulations."

**§ 4-34. Allowing possession or use of drugs and alcohol by minors at open parties.**

It shall be unlawful for any person having control of any residence or rental facility to allow an open party to take place at said location if such person knows any alcoholic beverage or drug is illegally possessed or consumed at said location by any minor.

**§ 4-35. Adult required at "Open Party"**

No person having control of any residence or rental facility shall allow an open party to take place at such location without the presence of an adult over the age of twenty-one (21) years, regardless of whether alcohol or drugs are present. Owners, occupants or tenants of any residence are required to have in attendance, at any such gathering or house party where minors are present, an adult over twenty-one (21) years of age in the residence at all times while the gathering or party is in process.

**§ 4-36. Exceptions.**

The provisions of this Article shall not apply to legally protected religious observances or legally protected educational activities.

**§ 4-37. Definitions.**

The following definitions apply in this Article:

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE:** Any beverage containing more than 12% of alcohol by weight. The percentage of alcohol by weight shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of MCLA § 436.1103 et seq., as the same may be amended from time to time.

**CONTROL:** Any form of regulation or dominion, including possessory right.

**DRUG:** A controlled substance as defined now or hereafter by the Public Acts of the State of Michigan. Currently, such controlled substances are defined by Act No. 196 of the Public Acts of 1971, as amended, being MCLA § 333.7101 et seq., as the same may be amended from time to time.

**MINOR:** A person not legally permitted by reason of age to possess alcoholic beverages pursuant to MCLA § 436.1703, as the same may be amended from time to time.

**OPEN PARTY:** A social gathering of persons at a rental facility or residence other than the owner and immediate family members.

**RENTAL FACILITY:** A hall, auditorium, social, fraternal or service club, and includes other similar type private clubs or organizations.

**RESIDENCE:** A home, apartment, condominium, or other dwelling unit and includes the curtilage of such dwelling unit. It also includes a hotel/motel room.

**§ 4-38. Violations and penalties.**

A person who violates this Article shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or to imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or to both such fine and imprisonment, in the

discretion of the court.

**ARTICLE IV SCIO LIQUOR CONTROL COMMITTEE**

**§ 4-39. Short title.**

This Article is also known as, and may be cited as the "Liquor Control Committee Regulations."

**§ 4-40. Statement of purpose; record requests.**

A. This Article establishes the Scio Liquor Control Committee (SLCC) to advise and assist the Township, Township Board, the Township administration and staff concerning all issues involving liquor licenses and their impact on the health, welfare and safety of residents and guests.

B. The SLCC may request and review Township records related to its responsibilities. Requested records shall be provided to the Committee in a timely manner.

**§ 4-41. Appointments; composition; alternate members.**

A. The Township Board shall appoint SLCC members. The SLCC shall be composed of three members of the Township Board and one ex-officio nonvoting member appointed by the Township Board.

B. The Township Board may appoint one of its members as an alternate member for the same term as regular members. The alternate member may be called to serve in the absence of a regular member, or for the purpose of reaching a decision on an issue in which a regular member has abstained for reasons of a conflict of interest. The alternate member shall have the same voting rights as a regular member, and shall serve on an issue until a final decision is made.

**§ 4-42. Terms of appointment.**

The term of appointment of a Township Board representative to the SLCC shall correspond to the elected term of the Township Board members.

**§ 4-43. Rules of Committee; records; meetings.**

The SLCC shall perform its business at a public meeting in compliance with the State Open Meetings Act.

**SECTION 3. INCONSISTENCIES REPEALED.**

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances or resolutions of the Board of Trustees in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4. SAVING CLAUSE.**

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 2 of this Ordinance, nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this Ordinance be declared by court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part hereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

**SECTION 6. PENALTIES**

Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each act of violation on every day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to the penalties stated herein, the Township Board of Trustees may enjoin or abate any violation of this Ordinance by appropriate action.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect thirty (30) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township of Scio. The effective date of this Ordinance will be the 17th day of January, 2010. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Township of Scio in a meeting duly called and held on the 8th day of December, 2009.

**TOWNSHIP OF SCIO WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

E. Spaulding Clark, Township Supervisor

Nancy C. Hedberg, Township Clerk

ADOPTED: December 8, 2009

PUBLISHED: December 17, 2009

EFFECTIVE: January 17, 2010

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk of the Township of Scio, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Township Ordinance Number 2009-08, an amendment to Code of Ordinances of the Township of Scio, and was adopted by the Scio Township Board of Trustees on the 8th day of December 2009 and given publication in the Dexter Leader, a newspaper of general circulation, on the 17th day of December, 2009. The following members of the Scio Township Board of Trustees voted as follows in connection with this resolution to adopt the above amendatory ordinance.

AYES: DeLong, Clark, Hedberg, Read, Palmer, Knowles, Green

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

In witness hereof, I have hereunto affixed my official seal this 9

# Crowds turnout for Hometown Holidays

## Chamber notes record numbers for annual Christmas festivities

By Sean Dalton  
Heritage Newspapers

The success of seasonal community events is measured in resident involvement and foot traffic at local businesses.

By both of those measures Chelsea's Hometown Holiday was a huge success: improving on every metric used by the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce to gauge the fruits of their efforts.

"We didn't take specific numbers of headcounts, but I know based on leading each one of our light parades, by far we had the

### CHELSEA

largest crowd of spectators as well as participants," executive director Bob Pierce said.

The light parade was held on Dec. 4 along with other events and attractions, such as a live Nativity scene, which drew its own crowd.

"We did do a headcount of people at the Common Chords Concert at the library, and that was also the largest group we have ever seen," Pierce said. "We had 95 folks that were in there watching the Common Chords."

Chamber officials said many local businesses commented on increased foot traffic.

Many families were in town for the Santa workshop. Santa Claus saw more than 200 kids this year, which is a Hometown Holidays record breaker.

"I think there are a couple of things contributing to our success," Pierce said. "Obviously the weather was one. We weren't sleeting, so we had much nicer weather this year for the parade and some of the events. But I also really feel a sense that people are beginning to embrace and understand supporting our local community and becoming very much involved in the 'shop local, think local' movement."

"I mentioned to my wife as

we were going down Main Street leading the parade that you just felt a sense of enthusiasm and friendliness that we've never seen before in any of the parades. People just appeared to be happier and just very thankful and appreciative of this event and proud of their hometown."

The parade itself was larger this year with 33 units compared to 24 last year. The chamber said that they retained virtually all of last year's participants while adding many new ones, including two large-scale floats, a marching unit and involvement from the Chelsea Power Company.

"It was nice to see the power company. It was one of the favorites," Pierce said.

The chamber opted out of parade float judging this year.

"We decided when we set up the light parade that this would not be a parade in which we did judging or offered awards," Pierce explained. "We want to keep this just at a really fun, community-based involvement level."

Members of the Hometown Holiday Committee were particularly pleased with Faith in Action's involvement this year and the amount of support that the community showed.

Attendees were invited to bring in non-perishable food items to the parade for the Interact Club to collect on behalf of Faith in Action.

"That's one thing we would like to continue each year,"

Pierce said. "We want to continue to help Faith in Action build up that supply of food."

Events that returned this year and will most likely be a part of next year's Hometown Holiday celebration include, the breakfast with Santa, sponsored by Huron River Financial.

Another thing that the chamber received positive comments on was the new lights that the Downtown Development Authority purchased for the trees downtown.

Pierce said that residents can look forward to an even better Hometown Holiday next year.

Sean Dalton is a reporter with Heritage Newspapers. He can be reached at [sdalton@heritage.com](mailto:sdalton@heritage.com).

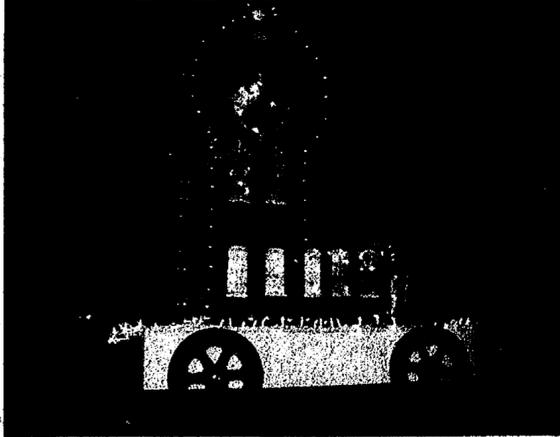


Photo provided by Bob Pierce  
A float in the Hometown Holidays Parade lights up the night.

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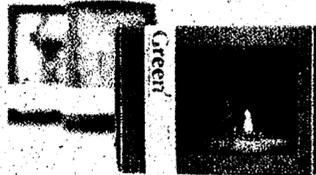
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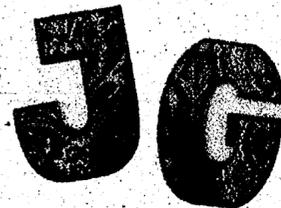
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**CALENDAR**

**Area**

**Christmas dinner**

Our Savior Lutheran will host a community-wide Christmas dinner, complete with all the traditional fixings. The annual event has become a tradition for many people who may be celebrating their Christmas holiday with family on another day or who enjoy the group celebration of Christmas.

Faith in Action will sponsor the event and provide the food, which will be prepared by volunteers at the church. To make a reservation or to volunteer, call 475-3305.

**Chelsea**

**Free breakfast**

Where: First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., Chelsea. Call 1-734-475-8119.

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.

**'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, 2010. 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 Jan. 13, 2010. All performances are at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St.

**Chelsea District Library**

For more information, call 475-8732.

• Tonight: 'Twas the Evening Before Christmas Storytime from 6 to 7 p.m. at McKune. Registration encouraged. For ages 2 to 6. Join Miss Jackie and Rosie for stories, songs, fingerplays, crafts and snacks for the holiday season. Sign up early because sessions fill up fast.

• Tonight: Books and Banter takes place the third Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. at McKune. Registration encouraged.

Hosted by Michaelina Brown. Reserved copies of books are available for participants at the Adult Reference Desk. December's book will be "The Maltese Falcon" by Dashiell Hammett.

• Friday: Read to Library Dogs from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the KidSpot. Registration is encouraged.

Improve your reading skills by reading books to our friendly service dogs. Sign up for a 10-minute slot.

**Chelsea Senior Center**

Located at 512 Washington St. 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 and walking. Drop-in between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or visit the Web site, www.chelseaseniors.org.

• Tomorrow: Bingo, 9 a.m.; Enhance Fitness, 10:30 a.m.; Kielbasa and sauerkraut lunch at noon; Euchre, 12:30 p.m.; Nintendo Wii fun, 1 p.m.

• Dec. 21: Bingo, 9 a.m.; Enhance Fitness, 10:30 a.m.; Glazed ham lunch at noon; Hand and foot, 12:30 p.m.; All Write Writing Group, 1 p.m.

• Dec. 22: Enhance Fitness, 9 a.m.; Mah Jongg, 9 a.m.; Crafts and Cookie Exchange, 10 a.m.; Wood Carving, 10 a.m.; Sloppy Joe lunch at noon; Nintendo Wii Fit, 1 p.m.; Euchre, 6:30 p.m.; Clogging 6:30 p.m.

• Dec. 23 thru Jan. 3, 2010: Senior Center closed for Christmas Break

**Chelsea Center for the Arts**

Chelsea Center for the Arts is located at 400 Congdon St. in Chelsea. For more information,

call 734-433-2787 or log onto the Web site, www.chelseacenterforthearts.org.

**Dexter**

**Artistica**

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

**Dexter Senior Center**

7720 Ann Arbor St. Call 426-7737. Luncheons are complete-main dish listed, \$2.50 minimum donation. Reservations should be made the day ahead by noon, call 426-5397.

• Dec. 21: 8:30 a.m. - swimming, Wylie Pool; 9:15 a.m. - walking; 10:30 a.m. - exercise; 11:30 a.m. - lunch (Swedish meatballs and noodles); 1 p.m. - decorate cookies.

• Dec. 22: 10 a.m. - Lifestyle

Fitness; Rug hookers; 11:30 a.m. lunch (cabbage rolls); Noon - French.

• Dec. 23: 8:30 a.m. - swimming, Wylie Pool; 9 a.m. - Medicare assistance; 10:30 a.m. exercise; 11:30 a.m. - Holiday luncheon (pasta marinara); 1 p.m. - Watercolor painting; Yoga; German.

• Dec. 24: Closed Christmas Eve

• Dec. 25: Closed Christmas Day

**Dexter District Library**

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

• Tonight: Teen Movie & Popcorn Night. "Paul Blart: Mall Cop", 6:30 p.m.

• Monday: 11 a.m., Christmas story time and crafts for all ages. Live reindeer at 11:30 a.m.

• Dec. 24-25: 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: Jan. 16, 2010 at 2 p.m. Join us for a class on the basics of cross-country skiing. Following the class, participants will take a refreshing ski tour of the trails near the Discovery Center. Afterwards, participants can enjoy hot chocolate and coffee while finding out about the best skiing opportunities in Michigan State Parks.

**Hudson Mills Metropark**

8801 N. Territorial Road, Dexter. For additional information or to register for programs, call 1-800-477-3191.

• Jan. 2, 2010: Bird Hike, 8 a.m. Winter birds are worth getting out to see. Join us for our monthly morning bird hike. Bring your binoculars and make sure to dress for the weather. No prior birding experience required. Fee is \$2 per person. Call 426-8211 to register.

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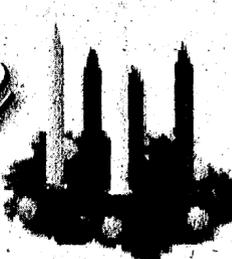
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**Christmas Eve Services**  
5:30 p.m. \*  
9:00 p.m.

6299 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd.  
Saline, MI 48176  
734-429-2991  
www.holy-faith-church.org  
The Rev. Ian Reed Twiss, Pastor  
The Rev. Don Derstah, Deacon

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

*Rejoice*  *Savior is Born*

**You are invited to join us this Christmas!**

**Christmas Eve:**  
5 p.m. Family Service  
7 p.m. Communion  
11 p.m. Candlelight

**First United Methodist Church of Saline**  
1200 N. Ann Arbor Street  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-4730  
www.fumc-saline.org

**Zion Lutheran Church**  
3050 S. Fletcher Rd., Chelsea  
(734) 475-8064

**Christmas Eve**  
1:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion  
7:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion  
11:00 pm Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion at Historic Zion

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
121 East Middle, Chelsea  
475-1844

**Celebrate the Season Christmas Eve December 24th**  
Candle Light Service 7:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols  
Visitors Always Welcome  
Pastor Barbara Edema

**North Lake United Methodist Church**  
14111 N. Territorial Rd. Chelsea, MI 48118  
734-475-9348

**Holiday Worship Schedule Sunday, Dec. 20th & 27th**  
10:00am Only  
Child Care Provided  
**Christmas Eve**  
Candlelight Services 6:00pm & 7:30pm  
~Everyone Welcome~  
No Child Care Provided  
Email: contact@northlakeumc.org  
Web: www.northlakeumc.org

**Webster United Church of Christ**  
5484 Webster Church Rd. Dexter, MI  
(734) 426-5115

**Welcoming All People and All Families Whoever and Wherever They are on Their Faith Journey...**

**Please Join Us for Christmas Eve**  
Family Service, 7:30pm  
Candlelight Service, 11pm

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
195 E. Michigan Ave. Saline • 734-429-4710

**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**  
7:00 p.m.  
Children's Service  
10:00 p.m.  
Candlelight Service

**CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP**  
10:00 a.m. Service

**NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP**  
7:00 p.m. Service

**"O COME LET US ADORE HIM"**

**IBC Immanuel Bible Church**  
145 E. Summit St Chelsea 734.475.8936

**Come Worship With Us**

**Christmas Service**  
Sun Dec 20th at 10:30am at Chelsea Hall, 54 South Auditorium

**Christmas Eve Service**  
Thurs. Dec. 24th at 7 pm at Immanuel Bible Church

**Dom Aquilino, Pastor**  
immanuelbiblechurch.net

**First United Methodist Church**  
128 Park Street, Chelsea, MI 734.475.8119  
www.chelseaumc.org

**December 20**  
One Service at 10:45 a.m.  
**December 21 - 7:00 p.m.**  
Longest Night Service

Rejoice in the birth of Christ with us on Christmas Eve!  
4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service  
6:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service with Communion  
10:00 p.m. - Musical Celebration  
10:50 p.m. - Candlelight and Communion with Chamber Orchestra  
**December 27 - One service at 10:45 a.m.**  
Rev. Joy Barrett  
Rev. Barbara Lewis-Lakin

**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Pastor Kathleen Meyers  
8805 Austin Rd. Bridgewater  
**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

**Manchester United Methodist**  
Christmas Eve Services 7:30 & 11:00

801 Ann Arbor St. - (M-52)  
Manchester, MI  
(734) 428- 8495

*Musical preludes begin one-half hour before each service.*

**St. James Episcopal Church**  
3279 Broad Street • Dexter  
734-426-8247

**Celebrating Christmas**

Christmas Eve Carol Sing  
.Dec. 24th - 8:15 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist  
Dec. 24th - 8:15 pm

Festival of Christmas  
Lessons and Carols  
Dec. 27th - 9:00 am

**St. Mary Roman Catholic Church**  
Manchester  
Downtown at 210 West Main Street

**Rejoice!!!**

Celebrate the Sacred Liturgy.  
Holy Masses on...

♦ Christmas Eve at 5 pm

♦ Midnight Mass

♦ Christmas Morning at 10 am

PUER NATUS EST NOBIS!  
FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN!

**Chelsea Free Methodist Church**  
**Christmas Eve**  
Worship Celebration Services

5:00 PM  
7:00 PM  
\*11:00 PM  
\*Communion Service

All services are held in the auditorium at Washington Street Education Center  
(500 Washington St. • Chelsea)  
visit www.chelseafmc.com

**For more information call 475.1391**

# Shop local

This is the second 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



## Mary Ann's, Dexter

Mary Ann's has been in town for more than 25 years. Owned by George Simpkins, the shop's nooks and crannies are filled with jewelry, jams, jellies, puzzles, books, collectors steins, arts and crafts and knitting supplies. Knitting, crocheting and arts and crafts classes are available. Visit the shop at 3212 Alpine Street in Dexter or call 1-734-426-8614.



## Chelsea Lumber Co., Chelsea

Dick McCalla of the Chelsea Lumber Co. holds a Milwaukee orbital sander and a Senco finish-nailer; the sander sells for \$39.95, while the nailer is part of a three-tool kit that sells for \$219. Also displayed is a Carhartt coat and a Skil circular saw. Chelsea Lumber Co. is a home, lumber and building supply center that sells a full range of tools, hardware and other building necessities; the store is located on Old Barn Circle and can be reached at 1-734-475-9126.



## The Potting Shed, Chelsea

Ashley Cook of The Potting Shed holds a handmade knit sweater and hat. The sweater sells for \$56, while the hat sells for \$22. Also displayed are handmade boutique sweat-shirts available in sizes 2-6. The Potting Shed also offers luxury baby gifts, children's toys, books and organics. The store is located at 112 W. Middle St. and can be reached at 734-475-8088.

## Heydlauff's, Chelsea

Mark Heydlauff of Heydlauff's Appliance & Electronics holds a 19-inch Toshiba LCD TV that sells for \$279. Heydlauff's also sells a wide range of major-brand appliances and electronics; the store is located at 113 N. Main St. and can be reached at 1-734-475-1221.



## Life is Good, Dexter

Lisa Zahara came to town eight years ago bringing a message that "Life is Good" and opened a shop with the same name. Today, she sells men's and women's apparel, socks, mugs, water bottles, tote bags, hats, blankets and ornaments featuring that message. Visit the store at 3207 Broad St. in Dexter, e-mail her at [dextlisa@abcglobal.net](mailto:dextlisa@abcglobal.net) or call 1-734-426-5825.



## Happy Peasant, Dexter

Amy Lesser's shop, The Happy Peasant, is nestled inside the Lesser farmhouse located on 500 acres, the second homestead established in Dexter. Amy started the store 15 years ago with her grandmother's lye soap recipe. Today she sells early country antiques, homemade soaps and candles, honey, eggs from their farm and firewood. Apples, cider, pumpkins and gourds are seasonal. Visit the shop at 12651 Island Lake Road in Dexter, online at <http://www.picturetrail.com/thehappypeasant> or call (734) 426-0606.



## Dexter Card Shop, Dexter

Owner Carolyn Crawford has been in Dexter for 10 years. Her store sells cards, ornaments, gift wrap, jewelry and knick-knacks. Extended holiday hours and ample parking make this a convenient and easy stop this season. Visit the shop at 6108 Main St. in Dexter or call 426-4991.



## Dexter Mill, Dexter

The Dexter Mill opened on Jan. 1, 1920 as the Dexter Agricultural Association. It has been owned by John Caree since 1978. Display items feature those made in Michigan, including bird houses, feeders and seed, pet supplies and toys. Northern Boots is run by Angelo Pecora, a longtime employee. Visit the Mill at 3515 Central St., online at [dextermill@yahoo.com](mailto:dextermill@yahoo.com) or call 426-4621.

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December 17, 2009



Dave McWilliam



Alex Anest



John Sperendi

Creativity + attitude + emotion =

# Giraffe

**G**uitarist Alex Anest, bassist John Sperendi and drummer Dave McWilliam have collaborated in bands ranging in style from jazz and rock to roots and country, but in January the three will be unveiling their newest project — an instrumental electric trio known as Giraffe.

"The goal of Giraffe is to transcend the concept of genre," Anest said. "When we conceived this group, the idea was to imagine what it would sound like if Jimi Hendrix, Jaco Pastorius and Stuart Copeland formed a trio. We weave together the unfettered creativity of jazz, the energy and attitude of rock and the raw emotion of soul music."

The group's debut concert will take place 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Chelsea Depot.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at the Chelsea Center for the Arts by calling 433-2787. Tickets also can be purchased at the door.

"The members of Giraffe represent the cream of the crop of musicians in this area," CCA Director Aubrey Thornton Martinson said. "Part of our mission is to bring new, creative music to the community, and Giraffe is about as creative as you can get."

Sperendi and Anest are the primary songwriters in the band. They write together and separately, but all three musicians in rehearsals work out the final arrangements.

"We try to draw on each other's

strengths to make each composition our own," McWilliam said.

Sperendi compared the group's songs to a "musical conversation."

"Each tune is a vehicle for the three of us to interact with each other, and every time we play it is a new experience," he said. "We have to stay completely engaged in order to make this music work."

Anest has been performing, recording and teaching music in the Southwest Michigan area since 1996. He was a founding member of the groups Jericho Guitar Trio, Never Nebula, and Delta 88. With Delta 88, he performed across the Midwest and played at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival in 2004. Since then he has toured Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Italy with songwriter Kevin Meisel.

Anest currently performs with Ryan Racine and the band Gas for Less. He draws inspiration from artists such as Paco de Lucia, George Harrison, Thelonious Monk and Jimi Hendrix.

"The common thread among these giants is the ability to transcend stylistic boundaries while keeping their own unique musical voice intact," he said.

Sperendi has been a musician for

over half his life. He grew up playing rock 'n' roll throughout the Midwest with the groups Plum Loco and Delta 88. He has worked as a session player with various musicians, including Dave Bouttete, The Hummingbirds, Chris Buhalis, Tim Fagan, Brian Delaney and John Latini.

Sperendi said he is excited to be playing original music that "rocks."

Dave McWilliam lives and works in the Ann Arbor area. He has been a professional drummer for almost 25 years, and has been playing since the age of 6. After attending The Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass., he returned to Michigan to focus on teaching and playing.

McWilliam spent many years touring the country playing in various bands sharing the stage with groups such as Fuel, Sara McLaughlin, The Dixie Chicks and Richie Havens. He currently teaches at the Ann Arbor Music Center, The Ann Arbor Academy and at his home studio in Ypsilanti.

Tickets are \$10 general admission. For reservations call 734-433-2787 or e-mail alexanest@verizon.net. Doors open at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar.

## Night Life

### Live entertainment

■ **The Ark**  
316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor  
Telephone: 761-1451  
Web site: <http://theark.org>

Thursday: Riders in the Sky; Christmas the Cowboy Way, 8 p.m., \$20, (country/rockably, humor)  
Friday: The RFD Boys, 8 p.m., \$11, (bluegrass/newgrass)

Saturday, Sunday:  
Crossroads Call & Ashley MacIsaac, 7:30 p.m., \$15 (Celtic/British Isles)

■ **The Blind Pig**  
208 S. First St.  
Telephone: 996-8555  
Web site: [www.blindpigrauc.com](http://www.blindpigrauc.com)

Thursday: C-Rudd with Self Made and Nate the Great, \$5/under 21 \$8, 18 and older, 9:30 p.m.

Friday: Ann Arbor Rock 'N' Roll Revival, hosted by Dennis "Machine Gun" Thompson of MC5 with Dennis Tek of Radio Birdman, Scott Morgan, Hiawatha Bailey, Corvette and Mazinga, \$10 cover, 18 and older, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday: Second Birthday Party featuring Ticked Fancy, Burlesque Co., \$7/under 21, \$10/mn for 18 and older, 9 p.m.

Tuesday: Blind Pig Showcase Night with Baron Knoxbury, Dave Dimaggio, A-Bomb, \$3 cover, 18 and older, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 5 Tongues with Looking for Mammoths and 90 Miles from Vegas, \$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.cavernclubann Arbor.com](http://www.cavernclubann Arbor.com)

Every Wednesday and Thursday: Live bluegrass. No cover. New band each week.  
Wednesday: Joe Summers Gypsy Jazz Trio

■ **Conor O'Neill's**  
318 S. Main St.  
Telephone: 665-2968  
Web site: [www.conoroneills.com](http://www.conoroneills.com)

Thursday: The Terraplanes, 9:30 p.m.  
Friday: DJ Big Daddie, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Saturday: Michael May & The Messarounds, 9:30 p.m.  
Sunday: Traditional Irish Session, 7:30 p.m., Stools Karaoke, 10 p.m.

Monday: Pub Trivia, 8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday: Restaurant Appreciation Night, Moque Doyle Reunion Show, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Wednesday: Music Trivia with Barry Aherne, 9 p.m.

■ **Crazy Wisdom Tea Room**  
114 S. Main St.  
Telephone: 665-9468  
Web site: [www.crazywisdom.net](http://www.crazywisdom.net)

Tea and Tunes 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. No cover charge.  
Friday: Rocketstyle

Saturday: Sari Brown and The Colorones

■ **Goodnite's Grace**  
301 W. Huron St.  
Telephone: 752-5740  
Web site: [www.goodnite-grace.com](http://www.goodnite-grace.com)

■ **The Habitat Ultralounge**  
The lounge at Weber's Inn features dance bands  
3050 Jackson Road  
Telephone: 665-3636  
Web site: [www.webersinn.com/bar](http://www.webersinn.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.

Wednesday to Saturday: Soulstice  
Monday: DJ Mechial White the Groovematist  
Tuesday, Wednesday: Green Eyed Soul

■ **The Heidelberg's Club Above**  
215 N. Main St.  
Telephone: 663-7758  
Web site: [www.heidelbergann Arbor.com](http://www.heidelbergann Arbor.com)

■ **Guy Holler's at the Holiday Inn**  
3600 Plymouth Road  
Telephone: 769-4323  
Web site: [www.hiann Arbor.com/dining.php](http://www.hiann Arbor.com/dining.php)

Friday: The Chris Canas Blues Revolution  
Saturday: Howling Diablos

■ **Live at PJs**  
301 W. Huron St.  
Telephone: 752-5740  
Web site: [www.liveatpjs.com](http://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](http://www.oldtownaa.com)

Sunday night music features live music from 8 to 10 p.m. focusing on local talent.  
Sunday: Charlie Weaver

■ **Rick's American Cafe**  
611 Church St.  
Telephone: 996-2747  
Web site: <http://ricksamericancafe.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](http://www.aacomedy.com)

Thursday, Friday, Saturday: Allyn Ball  
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](http://www.blackpearl-onmain.com)

Features live music on Wednesdays 6:30-9:30 p.m. No cover.  
Wednesday: Chris Gerteel

## THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

### Chelsea

■ **Winter in Waterloo Hike**  
1 p.m. Sunday at the Huron Valley Sierra Club. Barry Lonik leads a 5-mile hike. Meet at Zingerman's Roadhouse, 2501 Jackson Road, to carpool. Free. 477-5715.

■ **Father Christmas Exhibit**  
The exhibit runs through Jan. 9, 2010. Handcrafted figures by Chelsea artist John Mitchell Sr. The exhibit is located at the River Gallery, 120 S. Main St. in Chelsea. Call 433-0826.

■ **'Escanaba'**  
Every Wednesday to Sunday at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. in Chelsea. Call 433-

7673 or visit [www.purplerosentheatre.org](http://www.purplerosentheatre.org).

### Saline

■ **Pittsfield Open Band**  
3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Musicians invited for a contra music open jam. Bring Ruffwater Facebook if you have it. Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 994-9307.

■ **Ballroom Dancing**  
8 p.m. Saturday. Singles and couples are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. The event is preceded at 7 p.m. by a lesson at the Pittsfield Township Recreation Hall, South State Street at Ellsworth. The cost is \$5. Call 822-2120 for

more information.

■ **Billy King**  
8 to 10 p.m. Saturday. Singer-songwriter Billy King will perform folk, pop, bluegrass, swing and rock music at the Interfaith Center for Spiritual Growth, 704 Airport Blvd. Admission is a free-will donation. Call 327-0270 for more information.

■ **Holiday Sale**  
The sale runs through Dec. 18 at the Two Twelve Arts Center, 212 W. Michigan Ave. in Saline.

■ **Family Dance**  
8 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Contra and square dancing. Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Admission is \$12 per fam-

ily. Call 769-1052 for more information.

### Dexter

■ **'Annie'**  
7 p.m. Thursday; 8 p.m. Friday; 3 p.m. Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday. Performances are at the Encore Musical Theatre, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. For more information, visit [theencoretheatre.org](http://theencoretheatre.org), or call 268-6200.

■ **Santa Central**  
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday. Kids can visit with Santa Claus, play reindeer games or take a hayride. The event takes place at Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center,

8801 North Territorial Road, Dexter. Admission is \$2. There is a \$4 vehicle entrance fee. Pre-register by calling 426-8211.

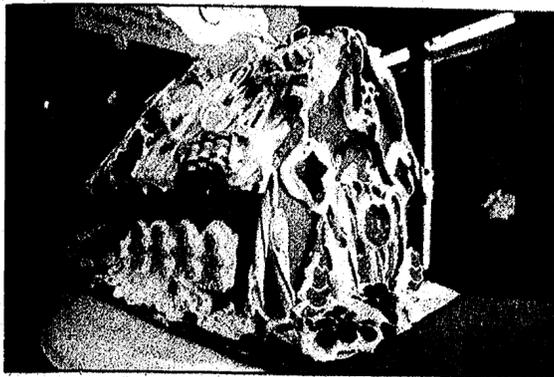
■ **Christmas Concert**  
4 p.m. Sunday. Dexter Community Orchestra and Chorus will perform at the Dexter Center for the Performing Arts, Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road. The event is free. Call 355-0725 for more information.

■ **Three Men and a Tenor**  
7 p.m. Sunday to Tuesday at the Encore Musical Theatre, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. Admission is \$25 in advance at [theencoretheatre.org](http://theencoretheatre.org). Tickets are available at the door.

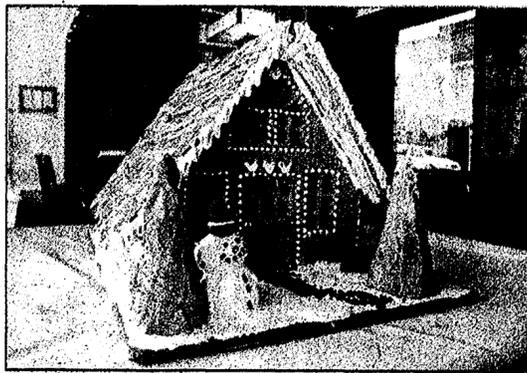
### Ypsilanti

■ **'Auntie Mame'**  
8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at the Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron Street, Ypsilanti. Admission is \$16 for students and \$11 for seniors. For more information, call 483-7345.

■ **Michigan Opera Theater Sampler**  
7:15 p.m. Monday at the Recreation Park Community Center, 1015 N. Congress St. in Ypsilanti. Songs of Jerome Kern, George Gershwin and Irving Berlin will be performed. Admission is \$5 at the door. Call 483-5915 for more information.



Gigi's Flowers



The Common Grill

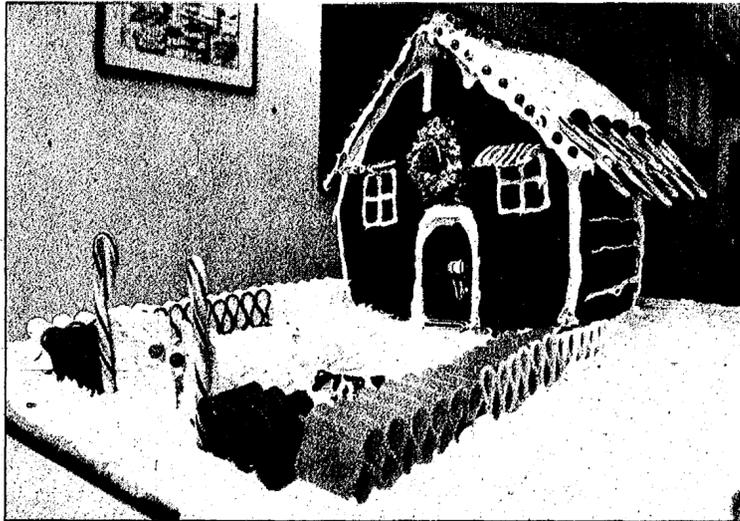
# Gingerbread businesses

Downtown Chelsea businesses display gingerbread copies of their buildings created by local kids

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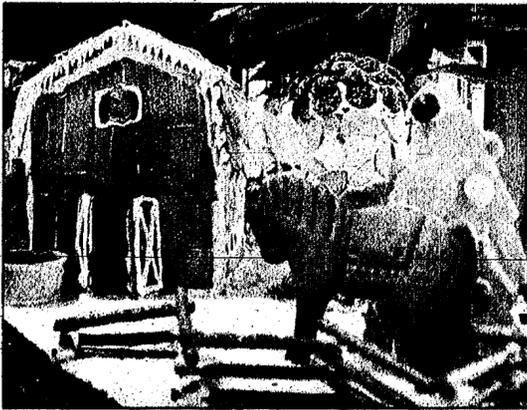
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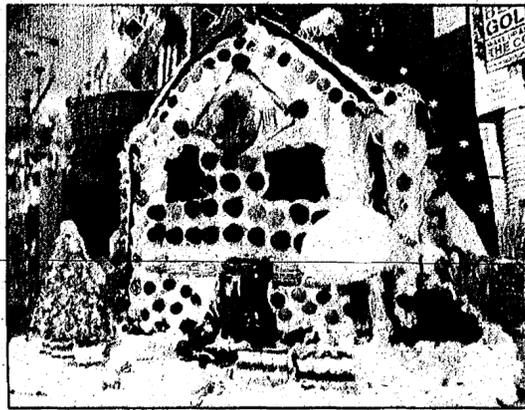
The River Gallery



La Jolla Fine Jewelry



Chelsea Market



The Mission Marketplace

## BIZ MATTERS

# Have you tried Linux?

By Jeffery Livermore  
Special Writer

Many people have never heard of the Linux operating system. Linux is a free operating system that is a perfect fit for laptop and desktop computers.

Linux's popularity has increased with the spread of Netbooks and several Netbook manufacturers ship their machines with Linux as the default operating system. The attractive price and availability of Linux has been bringing a lot of attention to this alternative operating system.

I use Linux on my personal Netbook computer. I bought the Netbook about two years ago for \$249. My Netbook is very small, extremely portable, and provides all the computing power I need when I am on the road. Linux is the perfect fit because it is a small operating system that uses very little memory and other machine resources. My Netbook is small enough that I use an old hard drive carrying case to hold the Netbook when I travel and find this much more portable than my

bulky old laptop case. I have now used several versions of windows, the Mac OS X operating system and several versions of Linux. I think that they all have their own strengths and weak-

**The easiest way to try Linux is to go to a computer store and ask if they have any computers with Linux. They will be able to let you experiment with Linux and see if you are comfortable with it.**

nesses. Since every user has unique computing needs, it makes sense to evaluate Linux to see if it is a good fit for an individual user or a business. Linux offers an unbeatable price, low resource consumption and the ability for customization.

Price is the big selling point for Linux. When I bought my Netbook, it came with Linux and Open Office, which is equivalent to Microsoft Office. The vendor would "upgrade" my Netbook to Windows for \$100. I did not want to

increase the price of my Netbook by 40 percent without giving Linux a try. I became familiar with Linux on my Netbook and have never looked back.

Most computers running Linux also use software called Open Office. Open Office is a free suite of productivity tools that is comparable to Microsoft Office. Open Office has a word processor, spread sheet and presentation software. There are some minor differences, but Open Office uses the same document file formats as Open Office and documents can be taken back and forth between the two productivity suites. I like the Open Office word processor so much that I am writing this column on it.

Linux consumes fewer system resources than its competitors. My Netbook boots up and shuts down in a fraction of the time it takes my office computer. Linux uses very little memory, which is perfect for my Netbook because it only has 512 MB of memory.

Linux also takes up very little hard drive memory, which is also perfect for a Netbook since many Netbooks use solid state memory instead of a traditional hard drive.

Unlike Windows, which is produced and maintained by one vendor, Linux is distributed by several sources. Each distributor produces a slightly different "flavor" of Linux and each distribution has its own set of advocates who will try to convince you that their Linux is by far the best one. I personally use the Ubuntu distribution, but I find that all of the flavors are so similar that it makes very little difference to the average user which distribution that they select.

The easiest way to try Linux is to go to a computer store and ask if they have any computers with Linux. They will be able to let you experiment with Linux and see if you are comfortable with it. Most Windows users have no problems making the switch because both operating systems use the same point and click interface.

Jeffery Livermore is a professor at Walsh College.



These shoes were found 46 yards from the crash caused by a drunk driver. Carissa Deason was thrown 30 yards and not even her father, a doctor, could save her.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claus make an appearance.



Jack (1) and Mary (4) Jordan.



Steve Hirz and the CHS choir perform.



Chelsea's Christmas tree lights up at night.

Photos by Burrill Strong

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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
26° to 32°	12° to 18°	26° to 32° 13° to 19°	25° to 31° 15° to 21°	26° to 32° 17° to 23°	29° to 35° 18° to 24°	31° to 37° 18° to 24°	25° to 31° 24° to 30°

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Adrian	29/18/pc	30/18/pc	30/18/c	Manistee	27/18/st	28/17/st	28/20/pc
Ann Arbor	29/15/pc	29/16/pc	28/17/c	Midland	28/12/pc	29/15/pc	29/14/pc
Battle Creek	28/15/pc	29/16/pc	27/18/c	Mustkegon	30/16/st	29/19/pc	29/22/pc
Bay City	25/14/pc	28/16/pc	26/19/pc	Pontiac	27/15/pc	29/18/pc	26/19/pc
Detroit	30/19/pc	30/20/pc	27/21/pc	Port Huron	27/16/pc	31/18/pc	30/20/pc
Flint	28/14/pc	28/16/pc	28/18/pc	Saginaw	25/14/pc	28/16/pc	26/19/pc
Grand Rapids	28/18/pc	29/18/pc	27/18/pc	Sault Ste. Marie	30/16/pc	29/15/pc	18/14/st
Kalamazoo	30/18/pc	30/19/pc	27/18/c	Sturgis	31/18/pc	30/20/pc	28/18/c
Lansing	28/14/pc	28/17/pc	28/37/pc	Traverse City	26/10/st	26/17/pc	29/18/pc
Livonia	30/18/pc	30/18/pc	25/18/pc	Warren	29/19/pc	31/21/s	25/21/pc

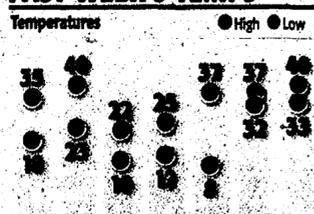
## ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending Monday, Dec. 14

**Temperatures:**  
 High/low for the week: 40°/8°  
 Normal high/low: 36°/24°  
 Average temperature: 26.6°  
 Normal average temperature: 29.7°

**Precipitation:**  
 Total for the week: 0.46"  
 Total for the month: 1.19"  
 Total for the year: 29.78"  
 Normal for the month: 1.37"  
 Normal for the year: 33.88"

## PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

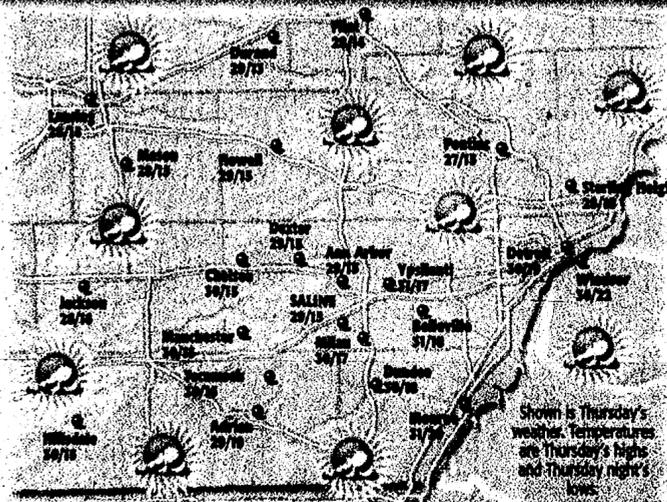


## THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature

Day	UV Index	RealFeel
Thu	1	29
Fri	2	24
Sat	1	20
Sun	1	21
Mon	1	20
Tue	1	20
Wed	0	20

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme.  
 The patented AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. Shown are the highs for the day.



## SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Thursday	7:58 a.m.	5:05 p.m.
Friday	7:59 a.m.	5:05 p.m.
Saturday	7:59 a.m.	5:05 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	5:06 p.m.
Monday	8:00 a.m.	5:06 p.m.
Tuesday	8:01 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Wednesday	8:01 a.m.	5:07 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	9:02 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
Friday	9:39 a.m.	7:10 p.m.
Saturday	10:10 a.m.	8:12 p.m.
Sunday	10:37 a.m.	9:13 p.m.
Monday	11:00 a.m.	10:13 p.m.
Tuesday	11:22 a.m.	11:14 p.m.
Wednesday	11:42 a.m.	none

## RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday

River	Flood stage	Current stage
Essex Creek	16 ft	12.80 ft
Dearborn Heights		
Huron River		
Ann Arbor		
Malletts Creek		
Arin Arbor		5.35 ft
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	7.10 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester		5.43 ft

## LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	570.92 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	573.69 ft

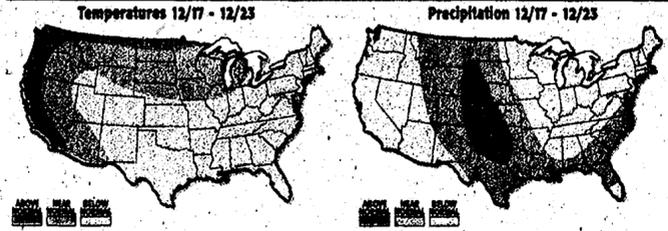
## WORLD CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Athens	61/30/pc	63/50/st	64/32/pc	Montreal	9/3/st	14/9/pc	16/10/pc
Berlin	22/18/sn	19/13/sn	23/16/sn	Moscow	7/-2/s	9/1/s	11/6/s
Buenos Aires	85/67/s	88/69/s	82/63/c	Paris	28/18/st	30/21/pc	30/25/pc
Cairo	68/56/s	68/53/s	72/56/s	Rio de Janeiro	85/74/t	83/74/t	83/76/pc
Calgary	34/12/pc	41/16/pc	32/12/c	Rome	46/40/t	43/36/pc	49/37/pc
Hong Kong	65/63/sh	68/63/s	70/63/s	Seoul	28/19/st	27/19/s	27/21/pc
Jerusalem	56/33/sh	58/48/sh	61/48/s	Singapore	83/77/t	83/76/t	86/78/pc
Johannesburg	87/59/s	86/59/s	81/62/t	Sydney	86/66/s	73/66/r	76/66/s
London	37/30/sn	36/28/st	37/28/pc	Tokyo	52/48/pc	54/48/pc	54/48/pc
Mexico City	66/43/c	66/43/c	61/41/pc	Warsaw	19/12/sn	16/10/sn	18/12/c

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Atlanta	56/37/pc	50/37/t	46/32/pc	Miami	80/69/c	79/64/t	78/56/c
Boston	27/17/s	33/20/s	32/20/pc	Minneapolis	22/11/pc	21/10/c	17/6/pc
Chicago	34/19/pc	32/18/c	29/11/s	New Orleans	80/67/c	86/42/c	83/33/pc
Cincinnati	43/23/pc	37/24/pc	33/21/c	New York City	35/24/s	37/25/s	36/26/pc
Cleveland	31/21/pc	32/22/s	32/22/c	Orlando	75/60/c	75/58/t	68/48/c
Dallas	62/36/s	57/34/s	47/33/pc	Philadelphia	37/22/s	36/24/s	37/25/c
Denver	49/25/pc	43/18/pc	44/20/pc	Phoenix	72/47/s	70/46/s	70/47/pc
Honolulu	80/67/sh	80/66/s	81/67/s	Pittsburgh	31/18/pc	30/20/s	30/20/c
Houston	57/42/t	39/43/s	58/42/pc	St. Louis	45/29/pc	37/26/c	32/21/pc
Kansas City	39/23/s	32/17/sh	30/15/c	San Francisco	58/48/pc	58/48/pc	57/49/c
Las Vegas	63/39/s	63/38/s	62/38/pc	Seattle	47/42/c	48/40/r	49/41/c
Los Angeles	74/50/s	76/50/s	72/52/pc	Wash., DC	40/28/s	42/28/s	39/26/c

## NATIONAL OUTLOOK



JANUARY • FEBRUARY • MARCH 2010

# Live Well



Chelsea  
Community  
Hospital

Community Health and Wellness Programs offered by Chelsea Community Hospital

[www.cch.org](http://www.cch.org)

Visit us at  
[www.cch.org/events](http://www.cch.org/events)

Visa, Mastercard and  
American Express are accepted

## Senior Supper Club

Play Cards: 2:30-4 pm (Optional)  
Speaker: 4 pm (Free). Supper: 5 pm (\$6)

- "Importance of Diabetes Screening and Your Medicare Benefits"  
Kim Campbell, RN, BSN  
Outpatient Diabetes Education  
Coordinator, CCH  
Tuesday, Jan. 12
- "Local Resources for Aging in Place"  
Ryan Cowmeadow and Justine  
Bykowski, Housing Bureau  
for Seniors  
Tuesday, Feb. 9
- "The Hospice Concept of Care"  
Mary Pierce, Arbor Hospice  
Tuesday, March 9

CCH Main Dining Room  
Call (734) 475-3913 to register

## Diabetes Sharing Group

Join us for our monthly discussions held  
the 2nd Tuesday of every month from  
3:30-5 pm at the White Oak Center,  
Atrium. Call (734) 475-4103  
for information.

- "Healthy Foot Care"  
Ava Passino, RN, C, Nurses Foot  
Care and Massage Services of Brighton  
Tuesday, Jan. 12
- "Improving Your Quality of Life  
Through Senior Centers"  
Lisa Klinkman, RN, Total Wellness  
Program Coordinator, Chelsea  
Senior Center  
Tuesday, Feb. 9
- "Healthy Eating for One or Two"  
Emily Nease, MS, RD, Outpatient  
Nutritional Counseling, CCH  
Tuesday, March 9

## American Heart Association Classes

All certifications good for two years. Call  
(734) 475-4103 to inquire about recertifi-  
cation rates.

- **Adult/Infant/Child CPR  
(for Lay Responders): 6-9 pm**

Thursday, Jan. 14

Thursday, Feb. 11

Thursday, March 4

Fee: \$49

- **Basic First Aid: 6-9 pm**

Thursday, March 11

Fee: \$42

White Oak Center, Great Room  
Call (734) 475-4103 to register

## Childbirth Education

Register for you, your  
support person is free!

Labor and delivery preparation class for  
expectant mothers and their labor support  
coach. Information regarding natural  
childbirth techniques, relaxation exercises,  
medical intervention, and caesarean births  
is included. Bring 2 pillows and a towel  
or blanket to use on the floor during  
breathing exercises. If you desire, bring  
personal snacks and drinks. Reimbursed  
by some health insurances. Class space  
is limited.

Session 1: Tuesdays, Jan. 5-26, 6:30-9 pm

Session 2: Saturday, March 6, 9 am-4 pm

Fee: \$75

White Oak Center, Great Room

Call (734) 475-4103 to register

## Babysitter Training

American Red Cross course for 11-  
13-year-olds that includes First Aid  
and CPR skills.

Saturday, March 27, 9 am-3:30 pm

Fee: \$60

White Oak Center, Great Room

Call (734) 475-4103 to register

## Heart & Sole

10K, 5K and 2 Mile Fun Run/  
5K and 2 Mile Walk - SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for this special  
event for the entire family! This year all  
proceeds will go to the Grace Clinic,  
which is a free clinic for the uninsured.  
Please join the fun, while supporting this  
worthy cause in our community!

Saturday, May 15, 8:30 am

For more information please call  
Tracy Nelsen (734) 475-4157

## Public Lecture Series

"Arthritis of the Hip and Knee:  
Is Joint Replacement Right for You?"

Join Greg Carpenter, MD, for an  
informal discussion about why this  
problem occurs, what can be done to  
prevent it, and if joint replacement is  
an option for you.

Greg Carpenter, MD,  
Chelsea Orthopedic Specialists

Monday, March 8, 7-8 pm

Chelsea Wellness Center,  
Conference Room

Registration is requested:

(734) 214-0220

## Sanchin-Ryu Self Defense/Karate

A non-competitive martial art that  
instructs physical and mental techniques  
to enhance coordination, self-confidence,  
and self-defense awareness.

- Session 1: Wednesdays

Feb. 3-March 17

- Session 2: Wednesdays

March 24-May 5

Sanchin-Ryu for Kids! (K-8) 6-7 pm \$25

Sanchin-Ryu for Families! 7-8 pm, \$50

Sanchin-Ryu for Adults! (14+) 8-9 pm \$25

White Oak Center, Great Room

Call (734) 475-4103 to register

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# LiveWell Programs Continued

## "Look Good... Feel Better"



A Free American Cancer Society Program. Certified cosmetologists help female cancer patients improve their appearance and self-image by teaching makeup and proper care of skin and nails made fragile by cancer treatments. Learn how to disguise hair loss and receive a make-up kit. Last Monday of every month, 1-3 pm  
White Oak Center, Atrium Room  
Call (800) 227-2345 to register

## LifeLine

An in-home personal response service to provide you and your loved ones peace of mind.  
Call (734) 475-4074 for information

## Support Groups

- **Chelsea Brain Injury Support Group**  
For survivors, families, and friends  
Wednesdays, 1-2 pm,  
CCH Woodland Rooms  
(734) 475-4138
- **Chelsea Stroke Support Group**  
11 am, first Thursday of every month,  
CCH Woodland Rooms  
(734) 475-4085
- **Chemical Dependency Treatment**  
(800) 328-6261
- **Alcoholics Anonymous**  
*Open Meeting*, Sundays, 7-8 pm  
CCH Main Dining Room  
*Sunshine Group*, Tuesdays, 9-10 am,  
CCH Outpatient Behavioral Health  
*Narcotics Anonymous*, Wednesdays,  
7-8 pm, CCH Private Dining Room B
- **Second Chance**, Fridays, 9-10 am,  
CCH Outpatient Behavioral Health  
*At-Anon Only*, Fridays, 12:30-2 pm,  
White Oak Center, Atrium  
(734) 475-6051

## Bottom Line on Kegels

Learn Kegel exercises and tips on how to control or stop urinary leakage.

Monday, Feb. 15, 3-4 pm

Chelsea Wellness Center,  
Conference Room

Call (734) 475-4103 to register



## Chelsea Wellness Center

### • Gentle Yoga

Michelle Massey, Instructor

Open to all levels. Instruction is offered on postures and breathing techniques. Class will focus on flexibility, strength, and balance.

Mondays, 4:30-5:30 pm

OR 5:30-6:30 pm

Session 1: Jan. 4-Feb. 22

Session 2: March 1-April 19

Fees: \$48; \$43 (55+).

\* Members \$33.50

### • Tai Chi

Greg Knollmeyer, Instructor

Ancient mind/body discipline to help strengthen and improve balance.

Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm

Session 1: Jan. 5-Feb. 23

Session 2: March 2-April 20

Fees: \$72; \$64.50 (55+) \*Members \$50

### • Aquacize with Arthritis

Stacy Sheets, Instructor

Warm water exercise class.

Wednesdays, 12-1 pm

Session 1: Jan. 6-Feb. 24

Session 2: March 3-April 21

Fridays, 12-1 pm

Session 1: Jan. 8-Feb. 26

Session 2: March 5-April 23

Fees: 8 Weeks: \$56; \$50 (55+).

\* Members Free

### • Line Dancing

Susan Bauer, Instructor

Learn line dance routines to fun upbeat music.

Tuesdays, 1-2 pm

Session 1: Jan. 5-Feb. 23

Session 2: March 2-April 20

Fees: \$48; \$43 (55+). \*Members Free

### • SOS-Stretch Out Stress

Nancy Schumann, Instructor

A gentle stretch yoga class designed for people with special needs. Gentle chair & standing exercises comprise the first 45 minutes of class followed by more challenging exercise during the last half of class. Will accommodate all levels of fitness and those with arthritis, chronic pain or other conditions.

Thursdays, 10:15 am-11:30 am

Session 1: Jan. 7-Feb. 25

Session 2: March 4-April 22

Fees: \$72; \$64.50 (55+).

\* Members Free

### • Pilates Healthy Spine Program

Elaine Economou, Instructor

Participants will learn exercises to support proper alignment and build strength in their trunk, pelvic floor, and back to support the spine.

Session 1: Mondays & Wednesdays,

1-2 pm, Jan. 18-March 3

(No class week of 2/22)

Fee: \$160

### • Pilates Healthy Spine Program Intro Class

Elaine Economou, Instructor

Participants will learn exercises to support proper alignment and build strength in their trunk, pelvic floor, and back to support the spine.

Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1-2 pm or

Tuesday, March 23, 7-8 pm

Fee: Free. Pre-registration required.  
Maximum 10 per class.

### • Simple Steps Walking Class

Christine Jarchow, Instructor

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12-1 pm

Session 1: Jan. 5-Feb. 25

Session 2: March 2-April 22

Fees: \$45; \$40 (55+). \* Members Free



CHELSEA  
WELLNESS  
CENTER

Registration required for above classes. Call  
(734) 214-0220 or [chelseawellness.org](http://chelseawellness.org)  
\*Chelsea Wellness Center Member

Total Bottom Line Savings

# Country Market

✓ Check & Compare • You'll Save More at Country Market Everyday!

With the Holiday Season fast upon us-we would like to remind you that we are here to provide you fast, friendly service with TOTAL BOTTOM LINE SAVINGS. All of us at Country Market would like to express our sincere appreciation to our loyal customers who have supported us over the last 75 years of service. We would not be here without you!

**We wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

God Bless, from your Country Market Family

MICHIGAN LOTTERY — PACKAGED LIQUOR — DOUBLE COUPONS TO 50¢ — OPEN 6 AM TO MIDNIGHT 7 DAYS A WEEK

Sale prices effective Wednesday December 16 thru Tuesday December 29, 2009

Our Family  
**SPIRAL SLICED HALF HAM**  
**\$1.59** LB.

USDA Choice Premium Beef  
**STANDING RIB ROAST**  
**\$5.99** LB.

**CRYSTAL FARMS BUTTER**  
16 oz.  
Salted or Unsalted  
SAVE \$1.00

**HOLIDAY HOURS**  
Christmas Eve  
6:00 am - 5:30 pm  
Christmas Day  
CLOSED

**USDA Premium Choice Beef RIB STEAKS**  
Per lb.  
**\$6.99**

**MINUTE MAID ORANGE JUICE**  
Selected Varieties  
64 oz.  
SAVE \$2.46

California Sunkist  
**NAVEL ORANGES**  
4 lb. Bag  
**\$2.28** EA.

Idaho  
**RUSSET POTATOES**  
10 lb. Bag  
**\$1.88** EA.

**COCA-COLA PRODUCTS**  
Selected Varieties  
12 Pk. 12 oz. Cans  
(plus tax & deposit)  
SAVE \$1.12 on 2

HUGE 2 WEEK SALE!

Check Out Page 4 for General Mills Holiday Savings!

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

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

**DOUBLE COUPONS**

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

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

# QUALITY AT LOW, LOW PRICES!

**PRINCELLA  
PREMIUM CUT  
SWEET POTAT**  
40 oz. Can



SAVE 47¢

**OCEAN SPRAY  
CRAN DRINKS**  
64 oz. or 4 Pk.  
Selected Varieties



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



SAVE 76¢

**FRENCH'S  
FRIED ONIONS**  
6 oz.  
Regular or Cheddar



**CAMPBELL'S  
CREAM SOUPS**  
10.75 oz.  
Chicken or Mushroom



SAVE \$1.47 on 3

**SWANSON  
BROTH**  
14 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.02 on 3

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



SAVE UP TO 82¢ on 2

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



SAVE UP TO 37¢

**VLASIC  
PICKLES**  
16 - 32 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE 96¢

**VLASIC  
RELISH**  
9 - 10 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**MARZETTI  
DRESSING**  
16 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE 50¢

**HELLMANN'S  
PREMIUM  
MAYONNAISE**  
22 - 30 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.57

## MAKE OUR FAMILY BRAND YOUR BRAND!

**OUR FAMILY  
CAN VEGETABLES**  
14.5 - 15.25 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE 50¢ on 2

**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



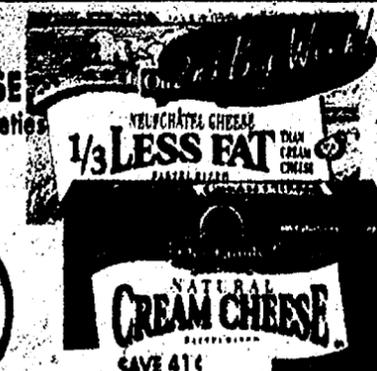
SAVE 44¢ on 2

**OUR FAMILY  
FROZEN  
CONCENTRATED  
ORANGE JUICE**  
12 oz.  
Selected Varieties



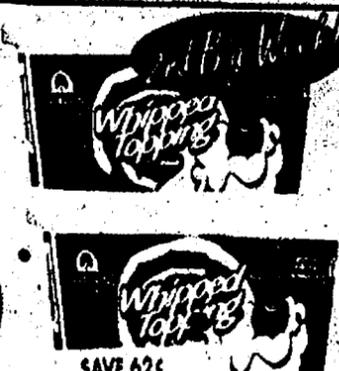
SAVE 51¢

**OUR FAMILY  
CREAM CHEESE**  
8 oz. Selected Varieties



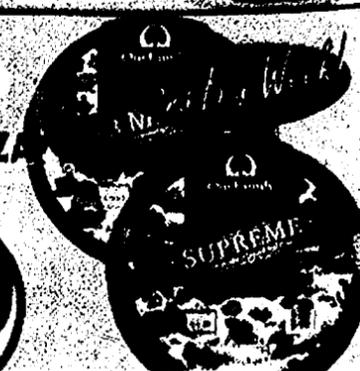
SAVE 41¢

**OUR FAMILY  
WHIPPED  
TOPPING**  
8 oz.  
Regular or Light



SAVE 62¢

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



SAVE 26¢

# THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE!

**CAMPBELL'S GRAVY**  
10.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**AUNT MILLIE'S HOMESTYLE BREADS**  
24 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**WONDER BROWN & SERVES**  
12 ct.



**88¢**

SAVE \$1.42 on 2

**99¢**

SAVE \$1.96

**99¢**

SAVE \$1.60

**PEPPERIDGE FARM SWIRL BREADS**  
16 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**2/\$4.99**

SAVE \$1.92 on 2

**AUNT MILLIE'S DELI STYLE BUNS**  
6 - 8 ct. Pkg.  
Selected Varieties



**2/\$2.99**

SAVE \$2.52 on 2

**WONDER BREAD DU JOUR DINNER ROLLS & BREADSTICKS**  
8 - 10 ct.  
Selected Varieties



**2/\$2.99**

SAVE \$4.00 on 2

**PEPPERIDGE FARM PUMPERNICKEL & RYE PARTY BREAD**  
12 oz.



**2/\$2.99**

SAVE \$1.22 on 2

**WONDER HOMEPRIDE STUFFING**  
14 - 16 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**\$1.99**

SAVE 86¢

**JET PUFFED MARSHMALLOWS**  
10 - 10.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**99¢**

SAVE 36¢

**ROYAL PUDDING**  
1.3 - 3.12 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**2/88¢**

SAVE 12¢ on 2

**ROYAL GELATIN**  
.32 - 1.4 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**2/99¢**

SAVE 21¢ on 3

**CARNATION EVAPORATED MILK**  
12 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**99¢**

SAVE 30¢

## ONLY THE BEST FOR YOUR HOLIDAY RECIPES!

**MC CORMICK HOLIDAY SAUCE MIXES**  
1 - 1.25 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**2/\$3**

SAVE 50¢ on 2

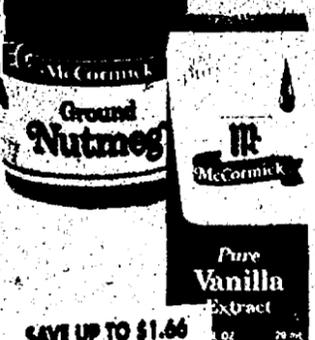
**MC CORMICK BROWN & TURKEY GRAVY MIXES**  
.87 oz.



**2/\$4**

SAVE UP TO \$1.50 on 2

**MC CORMICK GROUND NUTMEG & PURE VANILLA**  
.6 - 1 oz.



**2/99¢**

SAVE UP TO \$1.66

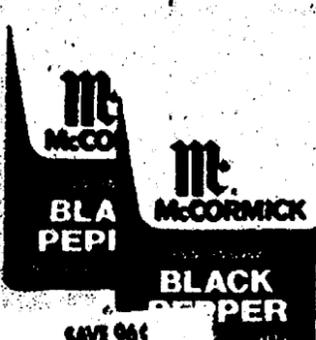
**MC CORMICK POULTRY SEASONING & SAGE**  
.5 - 1 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**2/99¢**

SAVE UP TO \$1.36

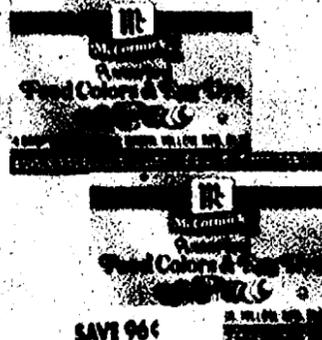
**MC CORMICK BLACK PEPPER**  
4 oz.



**\$1.99**

SAVE 96¢

**MC CORMICK ASSORTED FOOD COLORS**  
1 oz.



**2/99¢**

SAVE 96¢

**MC CORMICK GROUND CINNAMON**  
1.1 oz.



**99¢**

SAVE 66¢

**MC CORMICK SPICE CLASSICS**  
.22 - 7.87 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**99¢**

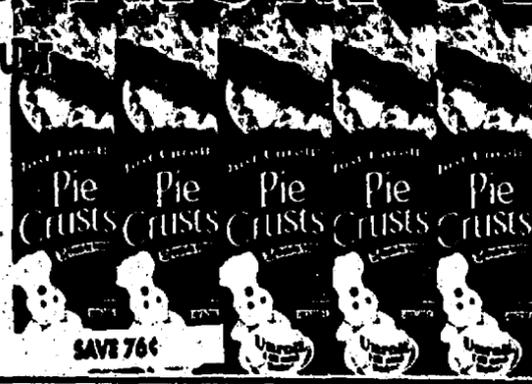
# HOLIDAY SAVINGS FROM GENERAL MILLS!

**BETTY CROCKER  
CAKE MIX**  
18.25 - 19.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties



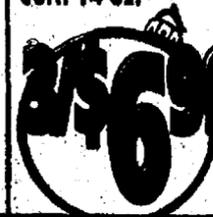
SAVE 97¢

**PILLSBURY  
ROLLED PIE CRUST**  
15 oz.



SAVE 76¢

**GENERAL MILLS  
CHEX CEREAL**  
Wheat 14 oz.,  
Rice 12.8 oz.,  
Corn 14 oz.



SAVE AN ADDITIONAL \$3.00 WITH  
THE PURCHASE OF 3 & COUPON

**GENERAL MILLS  
CEREAL**  
Cocoa Puffs 11.8 oz.,  
Cocoa Puffs Chocolate/Vanilla  
11.7 oz., Trix 10.7 oz., Lucky  
Charms 11.5 oz., Reeses  
Peanut Butter Puffs 13 oz.



BUY 4 CEREALS  
& SAVE ADDITIONAL  
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**BETTY CROCKER  
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4.5 - 9 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE 62¢

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Selected Varieties



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POTATOES**  
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Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.52 on 4

**BETTY CROCKER  
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BUDS**  
13.75 oz.



SAVE 51¢

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SOUP**  
15.25 - 19 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$2.52 on 3

**BETTY CROCKER  
COOKIE  
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17.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties



RECEIVE ADDITIONAL  
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SAVE \$1.77 on 3

**GOLD MEDAL  
FLOUR**  
5 lb.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE 67¢

**PILLSBURY  
READY TO BAKE  
COOKIES, CHUBS &  
SIMPLY COOKIES**  
14 - 16.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE 96¢

**PILLSBURY  
GRANDS  
BISCUITS**  
16 - 16.3 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE 82¢ on 2

**PILLSBURY  
CINNAMON  
ROLLS**  
12.4 - 13.9 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE \$1.50 on 2

**PILLSBURY  
DEEP DISH  
PIE SHELLS**  
12 oz.  
Selected Varieties



SAVE 76¢

GOOD ONLY AT POLLY'S COUNTRY MARKET  
**SAVE \$4.50**  
on 2 Gallons of Milk  
when you buy ANY 4  
General Mills cereals in a  
single shopping trip  
between 12/16/09-12/29/09.



Attention Stores:  
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Attention: Karen

GOOD ONLY AT POLLY'S COUNTRY MARKET  
**SAVE \$3.00**  
when you buy ANY 3  
participating Chex cereals  
in a single shopping trip between 12/16/09-12/29/09.

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Attention: Karen

GOOD ONLY AT POLLY'S COUNTRY MARKET  
**3 for \$6.99**  
-\$3.00 coupon  
**FINAL COST \$3.99**  
\$1.33 per box  
VIA COUPON

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Attention: Karen

GOOD ONLY AT POLLY'S COUNTRY MARKET  
**SAVE \$1.00**  
on Milk  
when you buy ANY 3 Betty Crocker®  
Cookie Mixes in single shopping visit  
between 12/16/09 and 12/29/09.

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Attention: Karen

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Attention Stores:  
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Attention: Karen

# DAIRY & FROZEN SAVINGS!

**KRAFT AMERICAN SINGLES**  
16 ct. • 12 oz.  
P.P. \$2.29

**2/\$2.99**



SAVE \$1.70 on 2



**BIRDSEYE STEAMFRESH VEGETABLES**  
12 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**99¢**

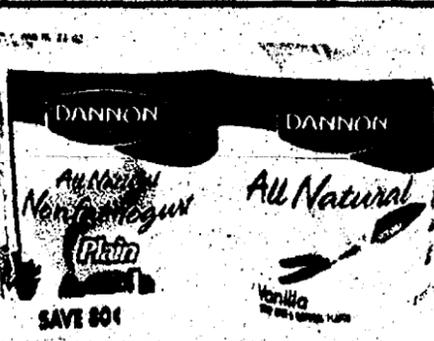


SAVE 76¢



**DANNON YOGURT**  
32 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



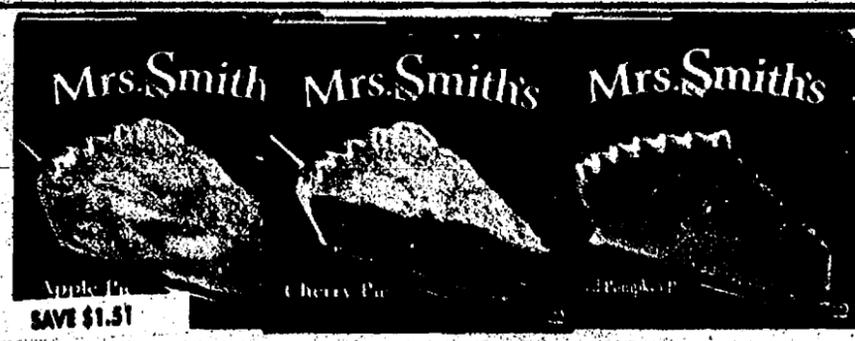
SAVE 80¢



32 OZ. VALUE SIZE

**MRS SMITH'S PIES**  
27 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.99**



SAVE \$1.51

## FARM FRESH DAIRY

**COUNTRY MARKET BAGELS**  
18 oz.  
Selected Varieties

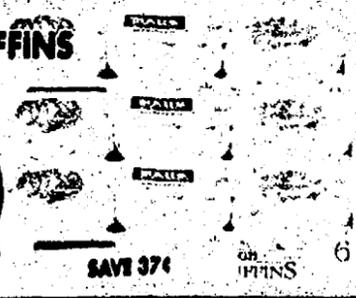
**99¢**



SAVE 26¢

**BAY'S ENGLISH MUFFINS**  
6 Pk.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



SAVE 37¢

## FROZEN FAVORITES

**ROSETTO PASTA**  
19 - 25 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.99**



SAVE 76¢

**MARIE CALLENDER DINNERS & POT PIES**  
10.5 - 21 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



SAVE \$1.26

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

**2/\$4.99**



SAVE \$1.60 on 2

**SIMPLY CHILLED JUICE**  
59 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.99**



SAVE 37¢

**ORE IDA POTATOES**  
20 - 32 oz.  
Selected Varieties

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**RED BARON FULL LINE SAUSAGES**  
5.9 - 22.6 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**3/\$8.99**



SAVE \$5.97 on 3

**SARGENTO PREMIUM CHEESE SHREDDS**  
8 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**3/\$4.99**



SAVE \$5.37 on 3

**BAREMAN'S COTTAGE CHEESE**  
24 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$2.99**



SAVE \$1.96 on 2

**COOL WHIP OR COOL WHIP DIPS**  
6 - 8 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**99¢**



SAVE 61¢

**SARA LEE HOMESTYLE PIES**  
27.31 - 37 oz.  
Selected Varieties

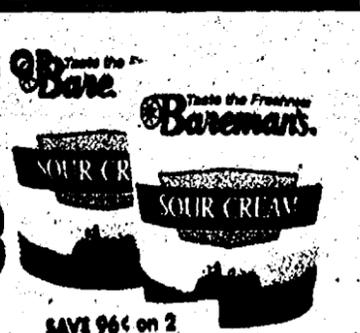
**2/\$6.99**



SAVE \$4.12 on 2

**BAREMAN'S SOUR CREAM CHIP DIP**  
24 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$2.99**



SAVE 96¢ on 2

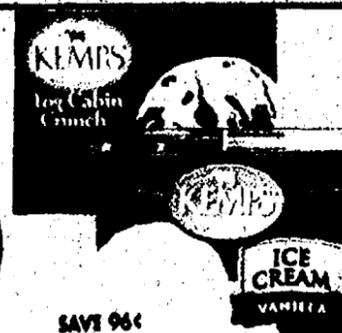
**CRYSTAL FARM CHEESE SHREDS & CHUNKS**  
8 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$3**



**KEMPS PREMIUM ICE CREAM**  
48 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.99**



SAVE 96¢

**DOVE, M&M SNICKERS CONES**  
4 - 14 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$4.99**



SAVE \$2.92 on 2

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The Best in Town. Don't Be Fooled By  
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<b>ARMOUR MEATBALLS</b> Regular or Hot 1 lb. <b>2/\$5</b>	<b>OUR FAMILY LUNCHMEATS</b> Selected Varieties 1 lb. <b>\$1.49</b>	<b>OSCAR MAYER DELI SHAVED WALLET LUNCHMEATS</b> Selected Varieties 7-10 oz. <b>\$2.99</b>	<b>BOB EVANS FRESH ROLL SAUSAGE</b> Selected Varieties 1 lb. <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>BOB EVANS LINKS &amp; PATTIES</b> Selected Varieties 12 oz. <b>2/\$4</b>	<b>BOB EVANS MAC &amp; CHEESE, MASHED POTATOES &amp; SIDES</b> Selected Varieties 12-24 oz. <b>2/\$5</b>	<b>JOHNSONVILLE SMOKED BRATS OR SAUSAGE</b> Selected Varieties 13.5 - 18 oz. <b>\$2.99</b>	<b>HILLSHIRE FARM BLACK LABEL BACON</b> Regular or Low Salt 1 lb. <b>\$2.59</b>	<b>HILLSHIRE FARM COCKTAIL SMOKIES OR LIT'L WIENERS</b> Selected Varieties 14 - 16 ct. <b>\$2.99</b>
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**KOEPLINGER  
ALL NATURAL BREADS**  
24 oz.  
Selected Varieties

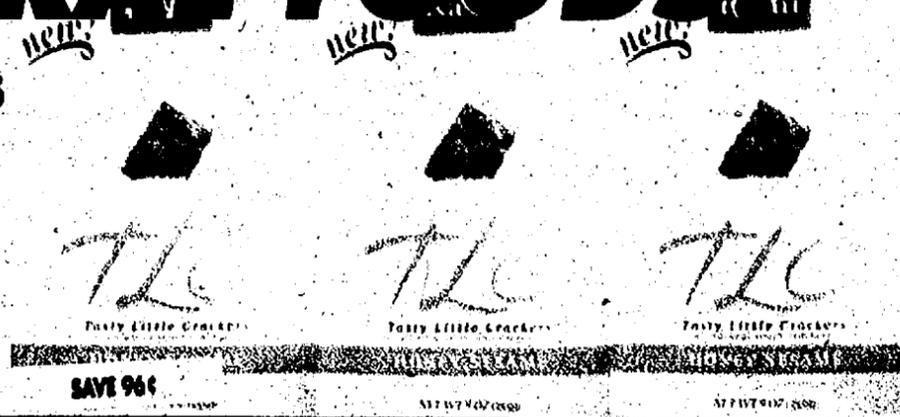
**\$1.19**



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**KASHI  
TLC CRACKERS**  
6 - 9 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



SAVE 96¢

**PEPPERIDGE FARM  
BAKED NATURALS**  
5.9 - 8.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

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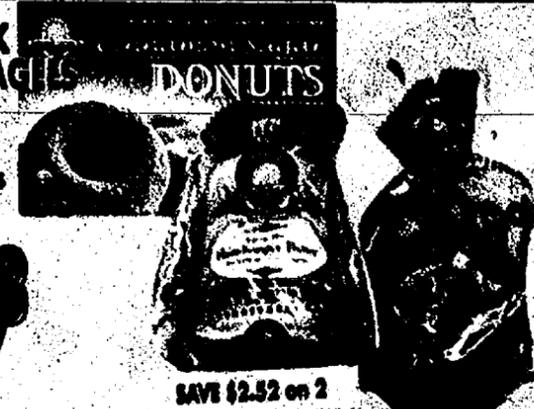
**BIGELOW  
TEAS**  
20 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



**KINNINICK  
DONUTS, BAGELS  
& BUNS**  
9.5 - 13.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

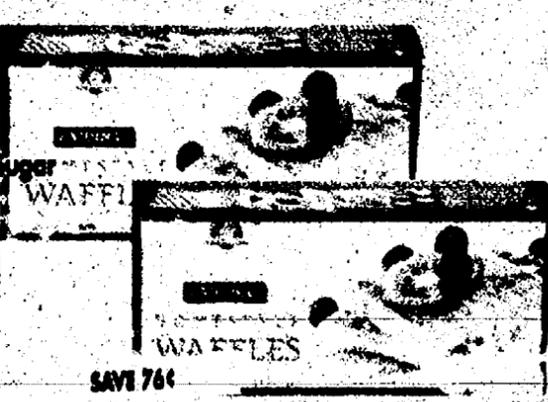
**2/\$6.99**



SAVE \$2.52 on 2

**KINNINICK  
WAFFLES**  
7.4 oz.  
Original or  
Cinnamon Brown Sugar

**\$1.99**



SAVE 76¢

**ORGANIC VALLEY  
MILK**  
64 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.99**



SAVE \$26 on 2

**ALEXIA  
FROZEN POTATOES**  
16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

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SAVE 96¢

## FRESH BAKERY!

**RAISIN WALNUT  
BREAD**  
23 oz.

**\$5.89**



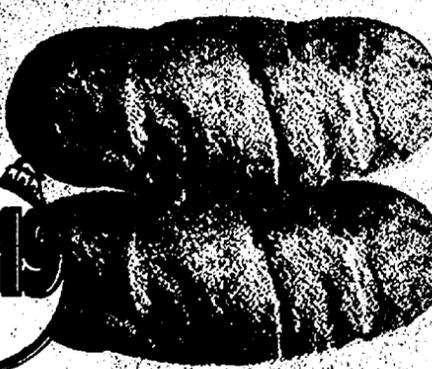
**PANE ALLA  
CHOCOLATE  
BREAD**  
21 oz.

**\$6.49**



**VIENNA  
BREAD**  
18 oz.

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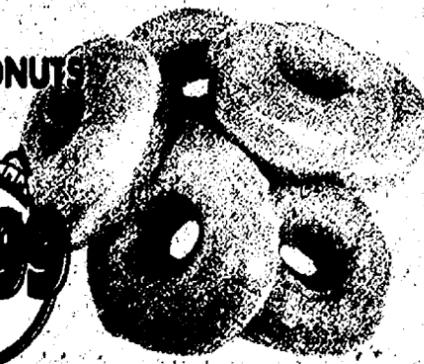
**ASSORTED  
DINNER ROLLS**  
12 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



**GLAZED  
RING DONUTS**  
12 ct.

**\$3.99**



**BUNDT  
CAKES**  
24 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$6.49**



**FATHER'S TABLE  
HOLIDAY VARIETY  
CHEESECAKE  
PLATTER**  
32 oz.

**\$9.99**



**Cake of the Week  
MINT  
CHOCOLATE  
Single Layer**

**\$5.99**

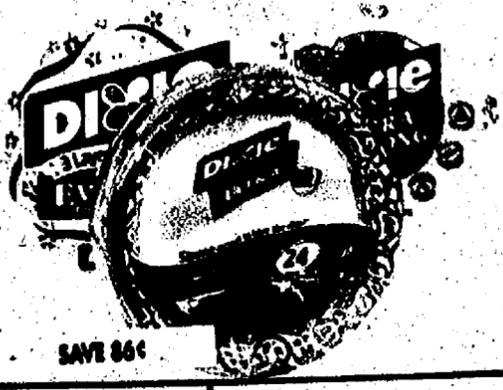


DOUBLE  
LAYER CAKE  
\$8.99

# HOME & HEALTH CARE SAVINGS!

**DIXIE PLATES & CUPS**  
14 - 34 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



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

**\$1.99**



**ANGEL SOFT BATH TISSUE**  
12 Pk.  
Selected Varieties

**\$4.99**



**SPARKLE PAPER TOWELS**  
8 ct.

**\$5.99**



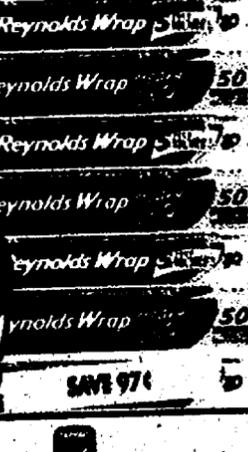
**JIFFY FOIL BAKEWARE**  
1 - 8 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**88¢**



**REYNOLDS WRAP ALUMINUM FOIL**  
50 - 80 ft.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.99**



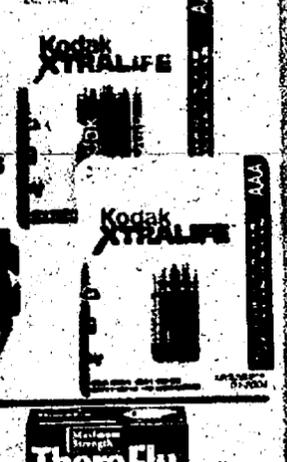
**READI FOAM PLATEWARE**  
12 - 35 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**88¢**



**KODAK XRTA LIFE BATTERIES**  
1 - 4 Pk.  
Selected Varieties

**88¢**



**ENERGIZER BATTERIES**  
2 - 8 Pk.  
Selected Varieties

**\$5.99**



**OUR FAMILY DISPOSABLE CAMERA**  
1 ct.

**\$4.99**



**PUREX 2X ULTRA LIQUID DETERGENT**  
50 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$4.99**



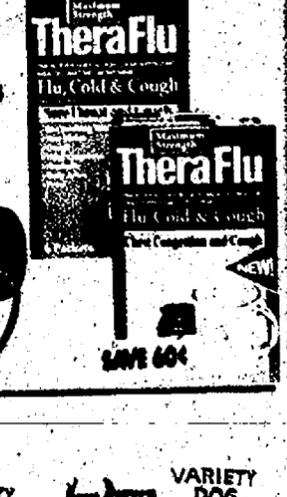
**KLEENEX FACIAL TISSUE**  
75 - 200 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



**THERAFLU**  
6 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**\$4.99**



## PET CARE SAVINGS!

**FRISKIES CAN CAT FOOD**  
5.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/88¢**



**NUNN BETTER GOURMET CAT FOOD**  
16 lb.

**\$8.99**



**NUNN BETTER DOG BISCUITS**  
4 lb. Value Pack  
Medium or Large

**\$2.99**



**NUNN BETTER DOG FOOD**  
16 lb.  
Golden Nuggets or Mini Chunks

**\$4.99**



**NUNN BETTER PREMIUM WILD BIRD SEED**  
20 lb.

**\$4.99**



**NUNN BETTER PREMIUM SUNFLOWER SEED**  
10 lb.

**\$4.99**



# SNACK & BEVERAGE SAVINGS!

**KEELBER CHEEZ-IT, TOWNHOUSE & PREMIUM CLUB CRACKERS**  
11.7 - 16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



SAVE \$1.51

**PEPSI-COLA & 7-UP PRODUCTS**  
2 Liter Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(plus deposit)

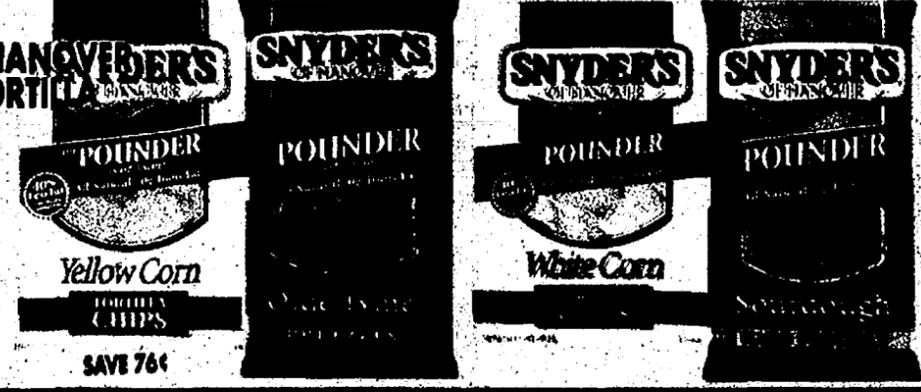
**99¢**



SAVE 51¢

**SNYDERS OF HANOVERS PRETZELS & TORTILLA CHIPS**  
16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

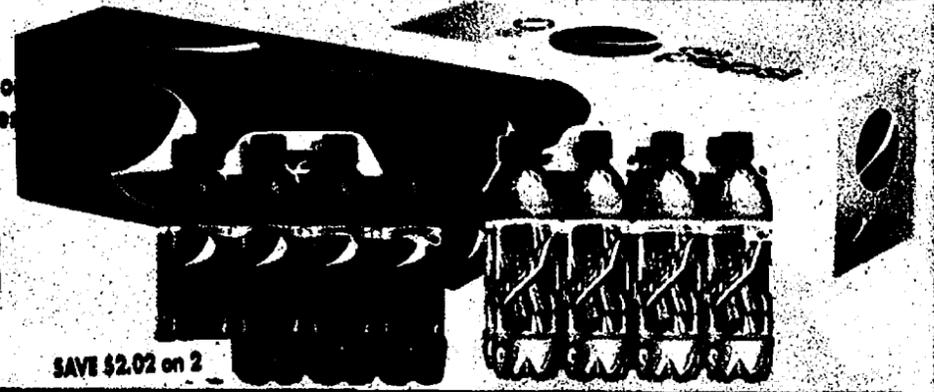
**\$1.99**



SAVE 76¢

**PEPSI-COLA PRODUCTS**  
12 Pk. 12 oz. Cans or  
8 Pk. 16.9 oz. Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus deposit)

**2/\$6.98**



SAVE \$2.02 on 2

**OUR FAMILY SNACK MIX**  
8.75 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**99¢**



SAVE 76¢

**GLENCOURT SNACK CRACKERS**  
10 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**11/\$10**



SAVE \$1.10 on 11

**OUR FAMILY POP**  
2 Liter Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(plus deposit)

**3/\$1.98**



SAVE 42¢ on 3

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

**\$1.99**



SAVE 51¢

**FRITO LAY DORITOS**  
11.5 - 12 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



SAVE \$1.66

**BETTERMADE POTATO CHIPS & TORTILLA CHIPS**  
10.5 - 13 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



SAVE \$1.52 on 2

**COCA-COLA PRODUCTS**  
6 Pk. 24 oz. Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus deposit)

**2/\$6.88**



SAVE \$1.62 on 2

**7-UP PRODUCTS**  
6 Pk. 1/2 Liter Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus deposit)

**3/\$7.98**



SAVE \$2.52 on 3

**JAYS KRUNCHERS & OKE DOKE POPCORN**  
8 - 9.625 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$4.98**



SAVE \$2.02 on 2

**ORVILLE REDENBACHER MICROWAVE POPCORN**  
3 - 4 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$3.98**



SAVE \$1.52 on 2

**AQUAFINA WATER**  
24 Pk.  
1/2 Liter Bottles

**\$3.99**



SAVE \$1.26

**LIPTON TEA**  
12 Pk. 16.9 oz. Bottles  
Selected Varieties

**\$4.99**



SAVE \$1.60

# WINE CELLAR SPIRITS

WE SELL LIQUOR AT THE MINIMUM PRICE THAT THE STATE WILL ALLOW

**ST JULIAN HERON WINES**  
750 ml  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$4.99**

SAVE \$1.81

MICHIGAN WINERY!

**BERINGER CALIFORNIA WINES**  
750 ml  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$5.99**

SAVE 97¢

**KENDALL JACKSON & SEBASTIAN CHARDONNAY**  
750 ml  
(plus tax)

**\$10.99**

SAVE \$5.11

**SMIRNOFF VODKA & VODKA TWISTS**  
750 ml  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$9.99**

Where Liquor is Sold!

**KETEL ONE VODKA**  
750 ml  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$19.99**

Where Liquor is Sold!

**MIRASSOU CALIFORNIA WINES**  
750 ml  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$7.99**

SAVE \$3.77

**YELLOW TAIL AUSTRALIAN WINES**  
1.5 Liter  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$9.99**

SAVE \$4.77

**LOUIS MARTINA SONOMA CABERNET**  
750 ml  
(plus tax)

**\$11.99**

SAVE \$8.01

**CANADIAN MIST**  
750 ml  
(plus tax)

**\$11.99**

Where Liquor is Sold!

**SOUTHERN COMFORT**  
750 ml  
(plus tax)

**\$15.99**

Where Liquor is Sold!

**BAREFOOT CELLARS CALIFORNIA WINES**  
1.5 Liter  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$9.99**

SAVE \$3.77

**MARTINI & ROSSI ASTI**  
750 ml  
(plus tax)

**\$9.99**

SAVE \$2.97

**FAYGO MIXERS**  
1 Liter  
Selected Varieties  
(plus deposit)

**79¢**

SAVE 21¢

**TANQUERAY GIN**  
750 ml  
(plus tax)

**\$19.99**

Where Liquor is Sold!

**CAPTAIN MORGAN SPICED RUM**  
1.75 Liter  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$19.99**

Where Liquor is Sold!

**LINDEMANS AUSTRALIAN WINES**  
750 ml  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$14.99**

SAVE \$4.12 on 2

**PKNT WINES FROM CHILE**  
750 ml  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax)

**\$14.99**

SAVE \$7.10 on 2

**V-8**  
6 Pk. 5 oz. Cans or  
46 oz. Bottle  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$5**

SAVE UP TO \$2.00 on 2

**JIM BEAM BOURBON**  
750 ml  
(plus tax)

**\$16.99**

THE WORLD'S #1 BOURBON

Where Liquor is Sold!

**SMIRNOFF**  
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$11.99**

SAVE \$2.61

## THE BREWERY!

**SHORTS HUMA IPA, BRECKENRIDGE VAN PORTER & LION STOUT**  
6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$8.99**

SAVE \$1.11

**SAMUEL ADAMS BEER**  
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$12.99**

SAVE \$1.27

**BLUE MOON BEER**  
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$11.99**

SAVE \$1.62

**BELLS BEER**  
6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$7.99**

BREWED IN THE GREAT STATE OF MICHIGAN!

SAVE \$1.97

**MILLER HIGH LIFE**  
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles  
Regular or Light  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$6.38**

SAVE 91¢

**BUSCH BEER**  
12 Pk. 12 oz. Cans or Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$6.48**

SAVE 81¢

**KEYSTONE LIGHT**  
18 Pk. 12 oz. Cans  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$8.38**

SAVE 91¢

**BUDWEISER BEERS**  
15 Pk. 12 oz. Cans  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$8.99**

SAVE \$1.51

**BUD LIGHT LIME, BUD LIGHT GOLDEN WHEAT, AMERICAN ALE, MICHELOB AMBER BOCK & SHOCK TOP!**  
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$10.99**

SAVE \$1.61

**MILLER OR COORS LIGHT**  
20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles  
Selected Varieties  
(plus tax & deposit)

**\$12.48**

SAVE \$1.01

# CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY WITH FRESH SAVINGS!

Enjoy Savings of Fresh Fruits & Vegetables Each Day for Better Health



Rich in Vitamin C!

SAVE \$1.71

California Sunkist  
**NAVEL ORANGES**  
4 lb. Bag

**\$2.28** EA.



SAVE \$2.11

Idaho  
**RUSSET POTATOES**  
10 lb. Bag

**\$1.88** EA.



Great Holiday Gift!

SAVE \$3.01

California Extra Large  
**CLEMENTINE MANDARIN ORANGES**  
5 lb. Box

**\$4.88** EA.



SAVE 81¢ / lb.

Extra Large  
**SWEET CHERRIES**

**\$3.98** LB.



SAVE 71¢ / lb.

New Crop  
**BROCCOLI CROWNS**

**\$1.28** LB.



SAVE 41¢ / lb.

Southern US #1  
**YAMS**

**58¢** LB.



SAVE 71¢ / lb.

Washington Red or Gold  
**DELICIOUS APPLES**

**88¢** LB.



Fresh Floral Department  
May not be exactly as illustrated

**HOLIDAY POINSETTIA**  
6 Inch

**\$5.99** EA.



SAVE \$1.31

Tropical  
**GOLDEN PINEAPPLE**

**\$2.68** EA.



SAVE \$1.31 / lb.

Tender  
**ASPARAGUS**

**\$2.68** LB.



SAVE \$1.31

Michigan  
**YELLOW ONIONS**  
3 lb. Bag

**88¢** EA.



We Can Make Baskets to Your Specifications Also!

**FRUIT BASKETS**  
Made with the Finest Fruits

**\$9.99** & UP