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By Erica McClain

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A public hearing at the Sept. 27 Chelsea City Council meeting will begin the process of the city divesting itself of property it owns on Buchanan Street, which is referred to also as the BookCrafters building.

It's one of several properties owned by the city and the **Downtown Development Authority** that have been the topic of lengthy discussions regarding ownership and future reuse.

City Manager John Hanifan verbally reiterated some of the basic

information in the council's meeting packet, which stated that a public hearing was the next step before the city could sell the property.

We're asking for council to set a public hearing so we can begin mov-ing forward with the process ... and it's going to be a process," he said. "I wish I could tell you there are 10 buyers each with millions of dollars knocking on our door, but nevertheless as per our city charter, we're required to set the public hearing."

Selling the property is a priority in the city's formalized 2011-'12 goals and objectives report.

The city has put out requests to

private sector buyers in the past, but the property has remained on the city's books since it was acquired in 2002.

At one point, the building and the 4.1 acres of property it sits on were under consideration as a potential site for the Chelsea Police Department to move into after the building was renovated, but its location across from the rail line that bisects downtown Chelsea was an issue for Chelsea Police Chief Ed Toth.

Toth said he was concerned that a stalled train could effectively cut part of the city off from police

response in an emergency situation. In other council news:

Preservation Chelsea-Chelsea Connection team spokeswoman Jan Bernath read a statement regarding the Longworth property, which was entered as a venue for a historic window restoration workshop program offered by state agencies.

The property's Mack building is one of three finalists in the program, which would train historic window restoration specialists and garner further attention for Chelsea in the historic preservation

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loan

Township attorney Peter Flintoft, who is a Sylvan Township resident, and County Commissioner Rob Turner talk to a group of residents about

Sylvan residents wary of 4.75-mill levy



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the court system for judgment, which would force the township into default. **County Commissioner** Rob Turner said that if the township defaulted onits contractual payments, the county would aggressively pursue its loaned money, which could mean anywhere from 6 to 8 mills on residents' backs for a number of years.

The second option? Vote "yes" to a 20-year 4.75-mill levy in November to begin paying the county back its - \$13 million borrowed for

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allowing chickens in the

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Council work sessions last

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week.

a potential 4.75-mill levy to begin paying off the township's debt

to know why he couldn't have the option to do so.

"My property is worth a certain value right now," Bloomensaat said. "I do not want to pay this off over 20 years; I will be over 80 years old at that point."

Turner and Flintoft said it would not be possible for a case-by-case basis. The tax would have to be set at one rate and time period for

Chicken advocates to start citywide petition

all residents; it would have to be handled "systematically," Turner said. The county commissioner said the reason he decided to develop the levy was because he had many residents tell him they were afraid and going to lose their homes if a larger mill

rate was levied. "When you go to the voting booth, I would implore

you to think of those people," Turner said. "If you vote 'no' on this thinking that you'll stick it to the board, you're wrong; you're sticking it to those people."

appointed emergency financial manager arose, Turner said having an EFM would be the equivalent of allow-

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size restrictions.

Felesky used examples of cities like New York City and Detroit that allow regulated chicken keeping in residential areas, at the start of the discussion, but council members quickly put some of his points in perspective.

"In places like Detroit or New York or Shanghai, the kind of labor you have to go through to get fresh eggs is extreme," said Councilmember Rod Anderson. "In Chelsea, that is not the case. We are a rural city in a rural area... it's almost literally a stone's throw from an environment where you can farm if you wish, so what is the advantage?"

Felesky compared keeping a small flock of chickens on residential property in the city limits as a similar choice that a property owner might make as brewing beer: "People do all sorts of things that aren't necessarily the most convenient way to do things ... I brew because I enjoy it.

"I can probably get far better beer, and probably cheaper, at Polly's. If we were going to take (our lives) to an extreme division of labor I think we would have pretty hollow lives."

Anderson rebutted Felesky's microbrewery comparison by pointing out, from his own brewing experience, that the mash would be the only externality that would be visible to neighbors in as close proximity as they are in most Chelsea neighborhoods in the urban core, while chickens have "more external impacts" on neighboring homeowners.

The anecdotes and comparisons between different individual property rights raised the point that not everyone in the city is going to be happy with chickens, and everyone is going to bring their own perspective to the table, which is one of the reasons why a petition was ultimately brought up by the CBC group at the end of the meeting. "Now there are

maybe six of you here, I know there are more than six people in this city who want to have chickens," said Mayor Jason Lindauer. "I also know we're a city of 5,200 people and you're asking us to change an ordinance that has been before

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and restoration community state and potentially nationwide

Bernath asked the coun-cil to clarify whether the city of the DDA owns the building.

"It seems to us that, although DDA money was used to purchase the Longworth Property, the city owns it," Bernath said. "During several recent DDA meetings, we have asked when a Request for Proposals would be published. Two answers have been offered: one - the question should be directed to the City Council; and two - the Longworth Property is low on the priorities of the DDA but eventually the question of whether or not to issue an RFP will be addressed at a much laten time."

The group would like to see an Request for Proposal published "soon," since members of the group say they have talked to potential lessees and were told by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (the window restoration program coordinator) that it should be published to attract developers due to the merit that MHPN sees in the property.

"This historically significant property, with its Main Street exposure, is an extraordinary asset to. the tax base of the city," Bernath added. "We believe a Request for Proposals. should be published soon to maximize an eventual return on the investment.

"It looks to us like the decisions of whether or not to issue an RFP will be resolved in a timely manner only if you have a work session with the DDA. We respectfully urge you to schedule a work session with the DDA in the near term for the purpose of determining what city body, money on the bonds late last year.

Council did not directly respond to Bernath and did not schedule any other work sessions or public hearings that were not already on the meeting agenda prior to her statements.

The city received \$39,500 from the state for fire protection funding in the 2008-2009 budget which the city paid toward state-owned facilities in Chelsea.

Once the Chelsea Area Fire Authority passed its fire service millage in 2008, the money was available for use by the city for planned special safety projects, such as defibrillator units installed at all City department offices and in police vehicles, including training, for \$18,500 and battery-powered handicap accessible doors at the city offices for \$6,100.

Now, the city will use \$12,000 of the money for an emergency exit in the upper level of the city office. There is currently only one way out of the building in the event of a fire. If that singledoor exit is ever blocked, city staff will be trapped in the building. The fire inspector has stated that the employees would not be able to break and escape through the building's back or side windows at the new police station and municipal complex on Orchard and Main streets.

The emergency, door will



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be worked into the design of the new facility and the construction and installation of the door, including frame

and hardware, masonry cutting and patching, and interior "rework" will comprise the \$12,000 expenditure.





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or bodies, can decide how and when to actively market this city investment."

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The city paid \$995,000 for the property at the time or purchase and still owed

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would handle enforcement and health issues that may arise if chickens, with their own unique set of circumstances, become as prevalent in the city as traditional house pets. Lindauer speculated that the city isn't staffed to sufficiently handle enforcement of such matters.

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ing "a complete stranger come in to make the decicome in to make the deci-sions," which inevitably involve taxing the residents to recoup the county's loan, and that EFM would cost at least \$80,000 per year. "No unit of government in Michigan has over been

in Michigan has ever been allowed a bankruptcy," Turner added.

Turner assured the crowd that another bad deal between the county and one of its municipalities could not happen again. He said that the new county board scrutinizes every municipality's request for "full faith and credit" in a project, and they are, most of the time, denied.

However, neither Turner nor Flintoft could address how or why the county initially entered an agreement with Sylvan Township without further scrutiny.

Regardless whether the millage is approved by voters in November, it will not pay off the township's entire debt. The township is in the midst of a lawsuit with developer Norfolk, and the water and sewer system. is currently unsustainable as it services far fewer households than the 1,300 needed to break even.

Turner and Flintoft will hold two more town hall meetings at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. in Chelsea, 7 p.m. Sept: 29 and Oct. 13.



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Call it a hunch, intuition, or a gut feeling, but whatever you do, says Kellie Carbone, a health educator with the University Health Service, don't ignore it.

Carbone led a workshop late Friday morning at the University of Michigan's Teach-In on Sexual Assault at the Michigan League. 911 N. University St. The topic was "The Gift of Fear: Intuition and Self-Defense," and the lecture drew heavily on a similarly-titled book by Gavin De Becker.

The central theme of Carbone's talk was that women shouldn't discount their intuition. They should develop it, listen to it and act on it. If it doesn't feel right in your gut, don't' do it. If someone's presence or their actions doesn't sit right, don't ignore it. She gave the example

of a woman waiting for the elevator. It arrives and the door opens and when she sees the guy standing inside, something doesn't sit right. She tells herself it would be rude to wait for the next elevator and gets inside anyway. Bad move.

No animal in the wild would ever write off its. intuition, Carbone said, but we are trained to do so from a young age. She



Women urged to embrace intuition, 'gift of

fear' at U of M teach-in on sexual violence

Kellie Carbone is a health educator with the University Health Service.

it." Carbone said. "I need -you to know that 'no' is a complete sentence."

After explaining the importance of listening to one's intuition and acting on it rather than writing it off. Carbone gave the women in attendance the tools to identify "boundary violators."

Sharing unsolicited details is one of their leading tactics. Carbone said. People who are tell-



Abuse Hurts initiative and the Graduate Employees Organization.

Its purpose was to bring the campus together to raise awareness regarding sexual violence and how it can be prevented. Two ses-sions attended by The Ann Arbor Journal, Carbone's talk and another by professor Richard Tolman, on "digital dating abuse," were both attended by about two dozen U of M affiliates and community members, mostly women.

Other talks during the day included an earlymorning campus safety update by new U of M Department of Public Safety Chief Greg O'Dell and a talk by expert domestic violence counselor David Garvin on identifying abusive relationships, among others. The sessions ran the gamut, from addressing stranger assaults to in-relationship abuse.

Re Steinman, a Michigan student and a Community High School graduate, heard about the teach-in at a meeting of The F-Word, a_ feminist group on campus, and decided to stop by. Steinman felt conflicted

about the teach-in. On the one hand, it was useful being exposed to the tools to identify and avoid potential attackers or abusive partners. On the other hand, she said, it would be better if no teach-ins were needed to hammer these points home, or if the teach-ins that did exist were geared toward potential perpetrators rather than potential victims. "I wish we would see more of that in our culture," Steinman said. "But in the meantime, this is incredibly important, learning to respect our own boundaries." Staff Writer James David Dickson can be reached at JDickson@Heritage.com.



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referenced the way girls are taught that boys who pull her hair and call them names do so because they like them — which carries an implication the actions are OK for that reason. Or when a boy doesn't feel like hugging or kissing a family member at that moment, and his parents force him to do it anyway. And on it goes until people become conditioned to ignore what their gut tells them.

"We're programmed to not say 'no,' which is why we feel the need to explain

ing the truth don't feel doubted," Carbone said. "If someone is volunteer, ing information to you. something's up." Character attacks, such

as calling a woman who doesn't want help with her groceries "stuck up," are another tool, as are inappropriate early attempts by the other person to build a "team" dynamic.

And the biggest red flag of all is a person who discounts the word "no," trying to argue and offer rebuttals.

Women who atlended the Sect. 16 University of Michigan Teach-in on Sexual Assault were taught to embrace "the gift of fear."

"Give vourself permis-" sion to be uncomfortable." Carbone said.

The daylong teach-in came together in August in light of the six attacks on women in the downtown/U of M campus area in midto late July, which included two rapes.

Holly Rider-Milkovich,

director of U of Ms **Sexual Assault Prevention** & Awareness Center, or SAPAC, which is in its 25th year on campus, said the teach in was spearheaded by the U of M Center for the Education of Women. in addition to SAPAC. the Women's Studies Department, U of M's

Restaurants and food producers work together to feed diners, boost economy

By Tanya Wildt Heritage Media

food you eat comes from is important to many, but finding the origin can be a lot easier when shopping in a grocery store than when eating out.

restaurants, however, are ready and willing to tell you where their food comes from, and they're even more excited to reveal much of it comes from

a trend for several years now," said Stephanie Doll, co-owner of Back Forty Acres in Chelsea, which sells fresh chicken, duck, pork, goat and rabbit.

The Jolly Pumpkin in Ann Arbor is one restaurant Back Forty Acres sells to and that has embraced the local goods.

"A lot of what comes in this door is purchased from local farmers and producers," said Maggie Long, chef.

Long was raised with the philosophy of supporting local businesses. She remembers eating large family dinners with food purchased at Eastern Market in Detroit. She has raised her children the same way, and said there are several perks to serv-

preserving tradition," she said. "If we don't continue to use or believe in it, we're going to lose it. It would be a sad day if that happened, especially for future generations. It's a complete circle for me. Everything has to do with everything."

Long said the quality of the product is one of the greatest advantages of buying local.

'The product I get here is far superior than anything that's trucked in to me," she said.

Doll knows local chefs appreciate good food and want to help the community by purchasing locally

'It brings good food to their table," she said. Doll said an advantage of

purchasing meat from Back Forty Acres is the ability to cut meat how the buyers want it, compare to mass produced meat.

"We really focus on being responsive and listening to what they want," Doll said. Shipping items over long

distances is also potentially threatening to the environment.

"It's very important to me that we run a business that leaves the least amount of footprint, so clearly I would rather go four blocks from my place to pick up rather than have someone travel 2,000 miles," Long said.

know the quantity she needs, a relationship that often requires extra planning

With crops dependent on weather, Long always has to be ready with a backup plan in case a crop isn't able to be harvested.

The creation of food houses would be able to extend growing seasons and allow restaurants to carry local products longer. In prime growing season, Long said about 90 percent of the Jolly Pumpkin's food is locally produced.

Doll said Back Forty Acres has also begun holding extra meat so restaurants can burchase it when needed.

Doll also believes local food helps restaurant sales. These funds can then be spent locally.

"We are boosting the economy by spending dollars right in our backyard,' Long said. "That all is very important to the philosophy of the Jolly Pumpkin,'

At the Jolly Pumpkin, customers know what they're getting when walking in the door.

Most of the guests that walk in this place know what our philosophy and what our mission is here," she said.

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Teachers' union under fire

meant war. But the state Senate GOP leader just sat there, refusing to answer, knowing full well the answer was a resounding yes. The war question followed the announcement by Sen. Randy Richardville (R-Monroe)

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e was asked if this

that Senate Republicans

would introduce legislation to allow teachers to teach without being forced to join a union and fork over union dues.

Over at the Michigan Education Association. those are fighting words.

"This is blatant abuse of legislative authority to dole out political payback," the warlike news release trumpeted.

Richardville is pumping is right to work for teach

GUEST **OPINION**



TIM SKUBICK

themselves and he's fixin' to somehow change all that. Yet he contends he is not taking on the

been more than greedy"

and the leaders "don't rep-

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MEA. Up until about a year ago, the **Republican** was more simpatico with the teachers' union. It even endorsed

him, but then things started to sour. For one thing, the MEA wants to recall a boatload of GOP senators.

For another, Richardville observes that other labor groups understand where the economy is and have been willing, perhaps reluctantly, but willing nonetheless to cough up concessions.

The MEA? Not so much, he thinks. "I don't think the teachthe Record."

The union knows where he is: "Political extremists and greedy corporate CEOs engaged in a power grab to squeeze even more out of the middle class and leave workers with no job security, pensions or protections for working conditions."

Warm letter to follow. The beef about allowing nonunionized teachers into the workforce is that they pay nothing but reap the fruits of the union's toiling to secure better salaries and working conditions.

Asked about that, it . appears that did not bother the Senate leader one iota.

So why pick this fight, which is not an example of Gov. Rick Snyder's relentless positive action mantra?

The union contends that sright to work for teachers will have no impact in creating jobs. Richardville concedes the point, but he pushes forth nonetheless.

Which brings us to the governor. He successfully tip-toed through the antiunion minefield this year at a time when his counterpart in Wisconsin was embroiled in a nasty confrontation with his unions. Sure there were pro-labor and anti-Snyder protests on

the Capitol steps, but the rhetoric and confrontation did not reach the fevered pitch experienced across the lake.

Snyder kept a lid on all that by claiming over and over that he is not about union bashing, nor is he trying to undermine collective bargaining. Not everyone in labor believes him, but some in the movement gave him the benefit of the doubt. That benefit could evaporate depending on what the governor does on this sticky 'wicket.

He's uncomfortably in a box and he will hack somebody off regardless of what he does.

Richardville thinks he and the boss are "on the same page," which makes the governor appear to be anti-union, which he contends he is not.

If the governor denounces this GOP foray, he alien. ates the conservative base of his own party, which is not totally sure he is one of them anyway. And he is headed in that direction.

Let the war begin.

OUR TAKE: Editorial **Mother Nature** does worse than damage trees

t's scant solace that those surveying the damage recently from downed trees in their lovely forested neighborhoods have long recognized their vulnerability to high wind.

Most of them, we're sure, knew that the trees that shaded their yards and canopied their streets could come crashing down, given enough wind from the wrong direction.

Urban forests in places such as Pleasant Ridge northwest Ferndale, parts of Berkley, Beverly Hills and Royal Oak for years have been centers of damage and power outages after wind and ice storms.

The devastation in some areas a few weeks ago was severe. Groups of strong old oaks came down en masse in some yards. Structures were holed or pounded down to the ground.

We haven't heard that a tornado struck parts of Ferndale, but it doesn't matter; straight-line wind can do the kind of damage parts of that city experienced.

The fact is that we're lucky to have so few catas-trophes to worry about - knock on the nearest large. tree, if it's still standing. We don't experience frequent strong earthquakes. We have yet to see a tsunami crossing one of our Great Lakes. We don't worry about volcanoes, the full brunt of hurricanes o., say, the Huron River rising to flooding entire square miles of neighborhoods and downtowns.

Our basements are sometimes within the flood plain; our ground floors, usually not. But wind, rain, snow and ice still manage to take down our trees and with them, often enough, power lines. Some who live in the grand urban forests would just

as soon keep the homes but lose the trees.

Too much bother, especially in the fall. Most who live among them wouldn't want to live

anywhere else, despite the fall leaves and the risk of toppling.

To those among them who lost a grand old tree, we extend our condolences.

---Courtesy of The Oakland Press

ers because he's had it up to here with the MEA leadership.

Check this out: "They've

ers' union understands where we are," he said during an appearance on Michigan Public TV's "Off

Tim Skubick is the host of the TV show "Off the Record" and blogs regularly at MiCentral.



Columnist documents good times in Milan

Thanks to Martha Churchill for some more memories.

I had a red wagon purchased at Western Auto and spent lots of time in that wonderful store. It was almost as much fun as Sanford's Hardware above Vans.

The Cohens lived just a few houses down from us on Lew ment ue. What a character he was.

Our beagle and his boxer Rosco sent Christmas cards to each other.

Milan was such a great place to grow up. Thanks for documenting those times.

> **David Purdy** Raleigh, N.C.

GUEST COLUMN: By Mark Quimet Suburban, rural communities also engines for job growth

I've always believed collaboration breeds success, whether in business, politics or life. And it's certainly the case when it involves improving our economy and creating jobs. Partnerships create an opportunity where the best, most effective ideas see the light of day.

That's why I sponsored a jobs meeting in Chelsea recently and invited key officials from Ann Arbor SPARK, the local economic development powerhouse group, and the Michigan **Economic Development** Corp., along with government officials from our rural and suburban communities. **Representatives from local** schools and chambers of commerce also attended.

Groups like Ann Arbor SPARK and the MEDC offer a range of services to encourage job growth, but some may think that only larger cities such as Ann Arbor or Ypsilanti bénefit from those services. The meeting was held because smaller communities should be given access to these groups, as well. Fortunately, Ann Arbor SPARK and the MEDC agree, and are more than willing to help.

The first step toward any job growth is to learn about available resources, and what other local communities may be doing to promote employment. MEDC and Ann Arbor Spark each gave an overview of their misallowed to ask questions. As chairman of the House

Local, Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committee, I want to help facilitate a close working relationship with nonprofit economic groups, and the local officials and municipalities that are able to use their services. Local entrepreneurs who are looking to get start-up companies going also need to realize these groups are here to help them.

Our meeting in Chelsea last week helped bridge the communication gap, and gave local communities access to top-level officials. Information sharing and thoughtful discussion can help local officials learn about success stories and how best to implement them.

Partnerships are vitally. important because they. bring people together. It's then, while working under a common goal, that we can achieve real results. A synergy not only can be created between economic groups and smaller communities, it must take place.

While economic development in our larger cities can have a beneficial effect for local communities, it's also important to see our suburban and rural communities as potential engines for jobs growth as well.

Mark Ouimet is the state representative for the 52nd District. He can be reached



GUEST COLUMN: By Gloria Danna Brooks Don't be afraid to seek help

s children, many of us are reminded. that "sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me." While it's true that physical pain can leave us miserable and scarred, emotional and spiritual pain can be just as damaging.

New brain scanning technologies allow scientists and doctors to analyze the brain during physically and emotionally painful events.

Results are beginning to explain why those experiencing emotional distress describe their pain as an "awful headache," "ongoing stomach pain" or "heartbreak."

Brain scan studies from the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Michigan both reveal that we process emotional pain similarly

brain does not distinguish between physical and emotional pain.

Yet, many people fail to recognize emotional and spiritual pain. In my line of work, it is common for endof-life patients to experience physical pain, as well as emotional and spiritual pain.

Physical pain is often easier to detect and treat than emotional and spiritual pain, but each are equally important.

Physical pain can be exacerbated by emotional or spiritual pain, and the inability to manage physical pain may be the result of emotional or spiritual distress.

This September, during National Pain Awareness Month, I encourage those experiencing any kind of pain to seek help, and urge others to be vigilant for

al and spiritual pain.

Those experiencing emotional or spiritual distress often exhibit anger, agitation, guilt, helplessness, confusion, change in appetite, fatigue, depression, isolation or fear.

For many, emotional and spiritual pain can be the cause of, or result in legal or financial problems and relationship difficulties.

Specifically, in end-oflife patients we look for restlessness, denial, refusal to take pain medication, power struggles with caregiver's, statements about "not wanting to be a burden" or "not wanting to live like this" and symbolic language suggesting distress or unresolved concerns.

Like physical pain, emotional and spiritual pain can be treated.

When pain is identified, physical pain symptoms

patients and families to focus on their relationships.

Volunteers, spiritual care coordinators and social workers offer their assistance, with activities, such as meditation, prayer, music therapy, massage therapy, pet therapy and art therapy, which can help reduce despair and distress.

We need to begin by understanding and accepting that emotional and spiritual pain is real and can hurt just as much as physical pain.

Overlooking or ignoring signs of emotional and spiritual distress do nothing to improve quality of life or patient care.

Name-calling may not break a bone, but it leaves a scar no different than those from sticks and stones.

Gloria Danna Brooks is resident and CEO of Arbo



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Respect historical Importance of Chelsea buildings

This past year, I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to take a trip down memory lane. I have revisited many of the places in Chelsea that were part of my life over 50 years ago. There have been many moments of joy as well as some sadness in my journey.

It was fun to take a tour of the Chelsea Milling Company. Even though there has been modernization of the facilities and products, it was good to see that the Holmes family has kept the integrity of their products foremost in the changes they have made.

As I went by the Longworth building, I was sad to see that the building was vacant. It brought back memories of the times my mother and I went into the building to conduct business. I know that some residents feel that the buildings should be demolished and replaced with a new parking structure. Have these individuals considered the impact of a steep incline to get to most of the stores on Main Street? Perhaps a group of seniors and those in wheel chairs/walkers should be asked if they would park there.

At the beginning of my journey, I was unable to walk due to a broken leg. I remember wanting to visit some of the stores but was unable to do so due to the double curbs and lack of handicap accessible facilities in many of the buildings. I would encourage every merchant to try and visit their own business in a wheel chair/walker. Would they be able to enter the front door as well as from the alley? Can they get down the aisles easily? Perhaps more merchants would be willing to join with the DDA and make Chelsea accessible for all residents and visitors if they had a different perspective of their building. The First United

Methodist Church has undergone many transformations since I was a member. The parsonage has been replaced by a beautiful social hall. More important than the physical changes are the changes in the various outreach programs. It is exciting to know that seniors at the various senior facilities are not forgotten, an open breakfast is provided monthly for the community as well as many volunteer hours are given by the congregation to support programs to help the less fortunate.

Most of the changes that I have observed this past year have helped make Chelsea a better place to live.

better place to live. I believe Chelsea is headed in the right direction as long as we respect the historical significance of our buildings/traditions as well as carefully consider the pros and cons of the various issues as we move forward. Mary Ann (Steger) Snider Chelsea

Stay safe on the roads, walkways

Our community recently suffered a very tragic accident, when a young Chelsea Cross Country runner was accidentally hit by a motorist during an early morning practice run. I can't think of anyone in this town that isn't aware of the unfortunate tragedy that this young man suffered, coupled with the long road ahead that he and his family must face as he begins the long journey of rehab.

The outpour of prayers and community support has been absolutely amazing, both within and outside of our community. While few are unaware of this unfortunate mishap, it appears that there are some people who need to stop and take a moment to digest what has happened and learn from this unfortunate mishap.

Not too many things would make me stop and write a "Letter to the Editor" until witnessing what I have after the past couple of weeks. On several occasions, I have observed runners and bikers alike, traveling down the road, completely oblivious to oncoming traffic. Not that this is anything new, and I would like to clarify that I am an advocate of fitness, including running and . biking, but seriously, regardless of the law governing who has the "right of way", common sense needs to be applied here.

Just the other day, while taking my two high school age children to school during the early morning hours, I witnessed an adult woman, running down Freer Road, within only miles of the accident site, running six feet out from the curb, not seeming to care at all about the oncoming traffic

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that was having to swerve around her. Worse yet, there was a sidewalk right there, where she could have been running safely, rather than in a busy road. Again, regardless of the

laws and who has the "right of way," some people need to use some common sense - especially the adults, who should be setting an example for our youth.

Let's not allow this to happen again, because people can't apply a little bit of common sense. There are plenty of sidewalks and/or safer areas for both runners and bikers alike to fulfill their commitment to fitness without jeopardizing the safety of others.

Please note: It is not my intention to offend the running/biking community, nor is it my intention to imply blame on what appears to be merely an unfortunate accident; however, I do think that there should be a heightened awareness of the dangers of running and biking down a busy, regularly traveled road - as it related to both runners/bikers, and motorists alike.

My thoughts and prayers to out to Kersch Ray and his





Lauren Hughes Chelsea

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By Craig Sodaro

Major John Williams; Major Dianna Williams; and Debra Molitor, Development Director

4,000 individuals in Washtenaw County experience the isolating fear of homelessness each night. 50 percent of those individuals are parents who faced numerous hardships, which prevented them from providing a stable home for their children. There is an irreplaceable value that comes from offering a heiping hand. Empower your neighbors in need with a gift to United Way of Washtenaw County because we cannot do this alone. We must come together as a community by funding intensive intervention and prevention services for those in need, allowing individuals and families to reclaim their lives.

Debra Molitor, Development Director, Salvation Army





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Latin patriarch to visit Chelsea church

By Sean Dalton Heritage Media

Prominent Catholic official Fouad Twal, the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, is scheduled to visit St. Mary Church in Chelsea as part of short circuit of visits in Michigan, including a stop in Southfield.

Twal will be in Chelsea Sept. 24, a day after his Southfield visit at the Regency Manor to meet with Jordanian parishioners to celebrate the founding of the American University of Madaba opening next month in Jordan. Both Michigan stops are part of a broader tour of visits throughout the country.

The visit in Chelsea is unique in that it is the patriarch's only public visit during his time in Michigan.

He will participate in a reception at the Parish Hall after leading mass for the day.

The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation informed St. Mary's Father William Turner of the planned visit after the parish had hosted students from Bethlehem during August.

"We are honored by his beatitude's visit," said Turner, "It is a complete surprise and certainly a first for Chelsea. It was a privilege for us to host the students from Bethlehem, giving them a taste of our culture and freedoms, as they in turn shared with us about their lives and situation in Palestine.

"It was moving how quickly they bonded with their hosts families and our youth community. Their departure at DTW was indeed a teary one."

The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation has organized the Children's Peace program people of the Holy Land, who recently have dwindled to 1 percent of the population there.

It is their mission to encourage other Christians to support the Holy Land in various ways as the Christian people there struggle to maintain their identity and presence during middle east conflicts around them, explained Turner.

Archbishop Twal's administration covers the countries of Israel, Jordan, Cyprus and the emerging Palestinian Authority territories.

St. Mary's Church will

also be a point of gathering for the Papal Knights of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, the members of which have been knighted by the Pope.

The group will meet at 3 p.m. Sept. 24, the day of Twal's arrival in Chelsea, to meet with him in full regalia. The mass and reception will be held at 4:30 p.m.

Archbishop Fouad Twai will vist St. Many's Church in Cheisea Sept. 24 as part of a tour of Michigan.



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Annual Washtenaw CROP Walk to be held Oct

For the 37th consecutive year, the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice will host the CROP Hunger Walk. an interfaith event that unites people of all walks of life to end hunger, one step at a time.

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Local congregations, orga-nizations, school and community groups, individuals and families are invited to narticipate in walking le mile or 5 miles to raise funds for local and global hunger prevention and relief.

Last year, CROP walkers in the Washtenaw/Ann Arbor Walk raised more than \$58,000 and an additional \$1,900 in local grants.

This year, organizers. are aiming even higher to respond to increased need.

Of the funds raised, 75 percent of goes to support worldwide relief and development efforts by Church World Service, or they may go to other religious or development agencies that sponsors choose. The other 25 percent directly supports local groups confronting hunger in local communities.

The CROP Hunger Walk will fund the following local organizations this year: L.O.V.E. thy Neighbor (FUMC), SOS Community Crisis Center,

Avalon Housing, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Peace Neighborhood Center. Aid in Milan, Catholic Social Services, Packard Health, **Community Action**

Network, St. Andrew's Breakfast Program, Hope Clinic, Emmanuel House. Muslim Social Services, Growing Hope and Northfield Human Services.

For the Fifth grade class of Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor, last year's 2010

CROP Walk held a surprise. The class arrived at the CROP Walk event site, where they were given a "Help Crop STOP Hunger" sign to walk with.

While the class felt that the effort and the day had been a success, the big surprise came on Monday morning when the class discovered that the fruits of this effort were not quite what they had anticipated - they were much higher.

Collectively the fifth grade class of RSSAA raised more than \$3,000 to help feed hungry people in our community and the world-

The 37th annual Washtenaw/Ann Arbor **CROP Hunger Walk is set** for Oct. 2. Registration is at 1 p.m., and the walk starts at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem United Church of Christ 423 S.

'Bold for the Cure' breast cancer fundraiser set for Sunday

Twenty-two volunteers, including University of Michigan pathologists, colleagues and staff, will receive a new hairdo Sunday during a Bold for the Cure Dreast cancer fundraiser benefitting patients and their families. Hairstylists from DaVinci's Salon, located at 305 S. Main St. in Ann Arbor, will shave the volunteers' heads to symbolize their solidarity with victims of the disease. "Breast cancer patients don't get a choice of going bald," said Dr. Jeffrey L. Myers, a U of M pathologist and founder of nonprofit organization Bold for the Cure, in a news release. "For many patients, losing their hair is the worst thing that's happened to them, and pathologists really are at risk for becoming insensitive," Myers said. '(Unlike general practitioners) we don't have to look patients in the eye and tell them they have bad diseases. 'We need to remember there are real people at the other end of those specimens, and this is one way to do that." The event, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at Davinci's Salon on Main Street in Downtown Ann Arbor. A separate event is planned the same day in Houston, Texas in conjunction with the Texas Medical Center.

in U.S. women, according to the American Cancer Society.

Myers started the organization about a year and - a half ago after a chance encounter with Kisha

Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor [°] A post-walk meal will be served at Bethlehem United

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Church of Christ for all walkers and volunteers. Those interested in par-

ticipating in this year's walk may register at www.icpj. net

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J.; a long time resident of Fenton and Saline! died September 17, 2011, at her residence in Cambridge Manor, Grandville, MI. She was 94 years of age. She is the beloved wife of the late Robert Conley. Surviving are her daughters, Nicki (Jerry) Alvesteffer of Jenison and Sherry Eversole of Britton, MI; grandchildren, Bob (Tracy Snoeyink) Alvesteffer, Ted (Katie) Conley, and Traci Snyder; eight great grandchildren: and many nieces, nephews and friends. A Memorial Service will be held (today) Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at the Temrowski Family Funeral Home, Thanksgiving Day in was a retired farmer 500 Main St., Fenton. 1921, in Saline Twp., and was a member of time of service. Dona- mayer) tions appreciated to She had been a life- naw County for over 55 Cambridge Manor c/o long Saline township years. While farming, Baruch Senior Minis- resident. On January he was a member of the tries, 151 Port Sheldon, 19, 1946 she married Michigan Milk Produc-Grandville, MI 49418. Share memories at temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com

STEINAWAY. VERYL F.: Chèlsea. MI. formerly of Ann Arbor; age 85; angelical Home in Saline. He was born September 14, 1926 in Chelsea, Michigan, the son of Adolph B. and Anna Louise (Esch) Steinaway. Veryl was a charter member of Church of the Good "Shepherd in Ann Arbor, was a member of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter, and was now attending St. Paul United Church of Christ in Chelsea, the church he grew up in. He was an avid U of M fan, and took tickets for 60 years at U of M football games. He was a member of **Tri-County** Sportsman League of Saline. In retirement, Vervl loved woodworking, traveling, and lake life. On September 27, 1947, he married Kathryn M. Lindauer, and she survives. Other survivors include two sons, Gary (Kit) Steinaway of Ann Arbor, Keith D. Steinaway of Saline; two daughters, Karen-(Miles) Bowen of Tehachapi, ⁻CA, Jeanine Steinaway of Ann Arbor; a sister-in-law, Evelyn Steinaway; two step-granddaughters, Amanda and Rebecca Bowen; and many-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, L Dean Steinaway; his sister and Edna (Frank) Gucker. Funeral Services will be held Friday, September 23, 2011, 11a.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ, Chelsea, with Pastor Jim Coyl officiating. Burial will follow at Qak Grove ing on Monday, Septem-Cemetery, Chelsea. The family will receive friends at Cole Funeral Chapel on Thursday, September 22, 2011 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and at the church Friday 10 to 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saline Evan- or for more information



FELDKAMP, LUCILLE HARRIET FINKBEIN-ER; Saline, Michigan; age 89: passed away peacefully on Friday, September 16, 2011, in the care of her loving family and staff of the Saline Evangelical Home. She was born November 28 on Gien E. Feldkamp at St. ers Association, and the James UCC, and he pre- Michigan ceded her in death on Breeders Corporation. December 4, 1998. Glen Ray volunteered at the and Lucille operated Chelsea their farm until retirement; and then enjoyed their home in Bridgewater. She was active Methodist Church, and all her life at St. James UCC. She valued years Dexter High School



JACOB; Chelsea, MI; JEANNE: age age 89: died Saturday. September 17, 2011; at his home in the Chelsea **Retirement** Community. He was born January 11, 1922 in Scio, Township, the son of Arthur G. and Anna M. (Hinderer) Schairer. Ray Friends, may gather the daughter of Chris- the Washtenaw County Screw Works in Chelfrom 10 a.m. until the tian and Cora (Wied- Farm Bureau. He was a sea, from 1939 to 1984, Finkbeiner. 4-H leader in Washte-Animal Retirement Community, was a very active member of the Chelsea First United was inducted into the of friendship and fel- Hall of Fame Ray or St. Louis School. Endied Sunday, Septem- lowship with the folks made between 30-40,000 velopes will ber 18, 2011; at the Ev- in the Union Farm Bu- "bones" and played available at the Borek reau Group, Saline Gar- -them. He joined the **Jennings** den Club and helping writing club at Chelsea Home, Jenter Chapel out in the canning divi- Retirement Community, where the family will sion at the Saline Fair, and had his book "Bare- receive friends In the 7th grade-her foot Boy" published. On Wednesday, September school teacher gave her September 2, 1950, Ray- 21, 2011 from 4 to 8 p.m. a cake decorating set: a mond married Jane Le- with a Prayer Service at self-taught art which nore Schlosser in Chel- 7:30 p.m. The family led to making cakes for sea, and she survives. will greet friends on Other survivors include one brother, Lloyd (Ma-St, Joseph al nieces and nephews. at law, John Dew. The family will receive and friends at Cole Funeral Marilyn Chapel Friday, Septem-Methodist The Heritage to honor your sea. A second Memorial sea Retirement Commumilitary, American Hags are available Cathy Rafferty officiatwith In Memoriam Memorial contriing. and Death Notices butions may be made to Chelsea First United For details, please call 877-888-3202 **Retirement** Community. Heritage Newspapers wants to honor your loved ones memory. For information on placing an In Memoriam ad, please call 1-877-888-3202

HELEN WAHL. -90: passed away Sunday, September 18, 2011. She was born March 23, 1921 in Detroit to Anthony and Agnes (Matuscyk) Jurecki. Helen married Lehman Wahl, February 14, 1942 and he preceded her in death. Helen was employed with Federal In addition to her husband, Mrs. Wahl was preceded in death by her sisters, Rose Jakubiec and Sophie Paul. She is survived by daughter, JeanAnn (David) Wahl-Piotrowski; granddaughter, Aura; sister, Veronica Kastl; and numerous nieces and nephews. In Helen's honor, memorial contributions may be shared with the Manchester Senior Citizens be Funera on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at Shrine Catholic Church until the time of the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. with Father David Hudgins as Celebrant Please sign Mrs. Wahl's guestbook

Proceeds will benefit local breast cancer patients and their families. Bold for the Cure hopes to reach a goal of \$25,000.

Excluding cancers of the skin, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women and accounts for nearly one in four cancers diagnosed

Ypsilanti High School rounion set Oct. 8

The Ypsilanti High School class of 1986 will celebrate its 25th reunion from 7 p.m. to midnight on Oct. 8 at Wiard's Orchard Party Barn, 5565 Merritt, Ypsilanti. 🚄

The cost per person is \$50.

Alumni are invited to visit with old classmates from 25 years ago while eating a barbeque dinner and taking part in dancing, Mitchell, a Yale University pathologist.

Myers first met Mitchell in 2009 when he was a visiting professor. Hearing she had developed breast cancer since their last meeting, Myers reunited with the then-bald Mitchell in March.

"There she was, 'Beautiful,' I thought," Myers said.

"I told her she shouldn't feel self- conscious and she told me 'That would mean a lot more to me if you said that with a bald head.""

Moved by her courage and her challenge, Myers and his colleagues asked themselves: As pathologists, what can we do to raise awareness for our patients who bear the consequences of this terrible diagnosis?

Their answer: Bold for the Cure.

The group is dedicated to better educating the public about breast cancer treatment complications while meeting the needs of patients and their families through community support, breast health education and research aimed at preventing and curing breast cancer.

- There are several ways to help Bold for the Cure: Attend the event.
 - Donate online.
- Volunteer. Organize your own

event. For more information about getting involved, visit the group's website,

www.boldforthecure. com, or send an e-mail to info@boldforthecure.com.

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Send a check not later than Sept. 28 to Citizens National Bank, 855 Central Ave., Ashland, KY 41101, c/o Kim Dalton-Simpkins. Make checks payable to YHS 25th Reunion.

Hotel reservations can be made at the Ypsilanti Marriott, 1275 S. Huron St., in Ypsilanti or by calling 487-2000.

For more information on the reunion or to register to attend, contact Kimberly Dalton Simpkins, at kimdalton86@gmail.com

special events in the lives of many relatives, friends, and neighbors. rie) Schairer of Long Is-As a resident of the Sa- land, New York; one line Evangelical Home sister, Marjorie A. Dew for several years, she of Oklahoma; and severgained many new friends and participat- He was-preceded in ed in all of the ac- death by a brother-intivities. Survivors include son, Marvin (Tru-Feldkamp dy) daughter (Mark) Lowell. She ber 23, 2011 from 3 to 5 treasured her three and 7 to 9 p.m. A Memogranddaughters, Rachel rial Service will be (Matt) Flaten, and Jessi- held Saturday, Septemca and Dana Lowell, ber-24, 2011, 10:30 a.m. who also survive her. at the Chelsea First For three years Lucille United found special joy in Church with Rev. Joy great-grandsons, James Barrett officiating. Buand Jack Flaten, who rial will follow at Oak also survive. Lucille Grove Cemetery, Chelwas preceded in death in addition to her hus- Service will be held band by her parents; in-, Tuesday, October 4, fant daughter, Kathryn 2011, 2 p.m. at the Chel-Kay; brothers, Emerson and Albert; and sister, nity Chapel, with Rev. Dorothy. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 2 p.m. at St. James United Church Methodist Church, Arof Christ, 11005 W. bor Hospice, or Chelsea Michigan Ave., Saline, with Rev. Wallace Tatara, officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions brother-in-law, can be made to St. James United Church of Christ or to the Evangelical Home of Saline. Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home in Saline where friends may begin callber 19, 2011, between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and at the Church on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, from 1 p.m. until time of service at 2 p.m. To sign Lucy's guestbook or to leave a memory visit gelical Home, Multiple or directions please vis-Sclerosis Society, or a it

<u>www.borekiennings.com</u> or leave a message of comfort for her family by calling 877-231-7990.





Suicide prevention walk raises money, awareness

By Michelle Pafford Helms Special Writer

More than 500 walkers breathed in hope and healing at the eighth annual "Out of the Darkness" Suicide Prevention Walk held Sunday at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor.

The event, which raised more than \$41,000 for the cause locally and for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention nationally, was the most successful of its kind to date:

"The turnout was amazing. It is the biggest walk we've had so far," said event chairwoman Tiffany Messer, who helped raise \$33,000 for the walk in 2010. "I'm amazed, excited and honored that so many people came out to support the cause."

Ironically, Messer is a 2004 graduate of Milan High School, the local community that was deeply affected over the previous school year from the suicide deaths of two of its seniors, Eric Harrison and Brian Copaciu. A current Milan resident, Messer is saddened that the community had to go through so much over the past year, and continues to feel a sense of urgency to make suicide prevention information readily available.

"I did not experience anything like this when I was a student at Milan, so it was hard for me to know exactly what to do to help. But I knew I had to do something," Messer said.

One thing that Messer was able to accomplish in response to the Milan suicides was to designate part of the funds from the 2010 "Out of the Darkness" walk to send a number of community members to Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training last February.

Messér also has ties to the Saline community as that is where the step-brother

Depression and Mental Health Resources

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Ozone House 24-hour Crisis Line: 662-2222, http://

www.ozonehouse.org American Foundation of Suicide Prevention: http:// afsp.org

University of Michigan Depression Center: http://

the walk, which led her to her current role.

"I've been able to see how such a loss has affected him (Johnson) and his family, and it branches out to the community. Just so many people that one life touches," Messer said. "It was very sad and disheartening, so I wanted to do what I could to make a difference."

One attendee that was inspired by the walk was Novi resident Molly Green, who came with her immediate and extended family from the surrounding Metro Detroit area. Green said the day was an important way for her to honor the memory of her husband, who died from suicide and depression just over a year ago.

"We are fighting every day to keep our spirits up. It is important because having support around you and sharing our story with others has helped me immensely," Green said. "This is a happy event because I feel as though I am with people who have gone through what I have gone through."

- Green believes suicide is not something that should be hidden. The mother of four, who talks openly to her children about the topic, said people affected by suicide need to "own it" and "live out loud," which was the message displayed on the back of her shirt at the walk.

Keynote speaker Tim Wessel, who attempted suicide in his youth and battled with suicidal thought patPhotos by Michelle Pafford Heims

RIGHT: Chairwoman of Ann Arbor's "Out of the Darimess" Suicide Prevention Walk, Tiffany Messer, was happy that this year's event set new records for attendance and money earned.

school and family pastor at Brighton Nazarene Church said he hoped to encourage people to be "open and real" with their feelings and to ask for help when they need it.

"There is always hope. No matter how low or broken your life appears, there are people that love you and a God that loves you. If you are in that place of darkness, reach out and let somebody in," Wessel said.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Phil Bush, another keynote speaker for the event, who develops suicide prevention training for the Marine Corps, agreed that seeking help is not a sign of weakness, but rather of strength.

Suicide affects 33,000 Americans every year, and depression affects 20 million people. In 2008, there were 128 confirmed suicides by serving military personnel and 41 by serving Marines. Today, thanks to newly initiated training efforts, Bush said that number has steadily decreased following 2009.

"In 23 years, I've seen combat in Afghanistan and Iraq and I can promise you, there is no greater feeling than saving a life. And there is no worse feeling that losing a loved one to suicide," Bush said. "So stay involved and we can all make a difference."



Michigan author Sally Grablick promotes book on grieving

Beyond Washtenaw County limits, another "Out of the Darkness" Suicide Prevention Walk took place on the same day at Kensington Metro Park in Milford, where Michigan author Sally Grablick promoted her book "The Reason: Help and Hope for Those Who Grieve."

Grablick, who lost her teenage son, Ryan, to suicide nine years ago, wrote the book to help anyone suffering from grief on their own personal journey.

"When my son died, it was such a rude, cruel awakening. No. 1, you have to deal with the loss of your child, which is the most excruciating experience I've ever had to fight through. And then you have to deal with the horror of the fact that it is suicide. It seemed to me that I got slammed on both ends," Grablick said. "I didn't know what to do, or how to deal with it, but I knew I had to do something. You can't just sit there for the rest of your life. You have to move in one direction or another."

After years of trying to move forward by reading more than 100 books on grieving, Grablick finally decided that she needed to write her own book on the topic which took about a year. The result, said the author, is an easy-to-read, universal approach that consolidates everything she learned into what she calls, "Cliff"s Notes on grieving," along with her own personal story. Grablick said that one of the key points of her compilation is that grief is not "a one size fits all," but rather a "custom fit." She also added that one of the aspects of her book that generates a positive response from readers is the area on spirit contact.

"I spent years of my life thinking I was crazy and the lights would flicker on and off, my microwave had a mind of its own, certain songs at certain moments would just come on out of nowhere," Grablick said. "So the book talks about how these points of spirit contact helped me through that struggle or conflict. How it gave me hope. How it lifted me and what it taught me."

While not a spiritual person to begin with, Grablick said that now she realizes that her son's suicide forced her to slow down to think about spirituality and religion.

"I think suicide was kind of a higher power's way of making purpose out of tragedy. Because actually it was my son - and the things that he did to lift, comfort and bring me hope — that reassured me that he was watching over us, that led me to dig into my own spirituality," Grablick said. "I'm not trying to convince anybody of anything. All I'm doing is sharing my story and putting it out there for people to read and see if there are any common threads that they can grab onto to help them feel less crazy and more hopeful.' For more information about the author and her self-published book, visit http:// www.thereason-book.com. "The Reason: Help and Hope for Those Who Grieve" is also available at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.com, or can be ordered by any independent bookstore.

of her boyfriend, Brent Johnson, resided. Johnson'sstep-brother, Jake Kaidan, took his own life as a Saline High School student in 2006. As a way to show Johnson's family her concern, Messer began taking on increasing levels of responsibility for terns throughout his life, spoke at the event of how he overcame physical and mental abuse, as well as mental health issues. By a sharing his story — of how he rebuilt his life once filled with drugs, drinking, theft and violence — the high

Messer said people can continue to donate at www. bit.ly/AnnArbor2011.

-By Michelle Pafford Helms -

Annual Family Field Day helps aid ALS research

By Carrie Henderson Special Writer

Ann Arbor Active Against ALS hosted its fourth annual Family Field Day Sunday at Burns Park in Ann Arbor Nearly 200 people came out to help raise funds for ALS research.

Ann Arbor Active Against ALS, also known as A2A3, was founded in 2008 when Bob Schoeni, an Ann Arbor resident and popular youth coach, was diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease.

"It's a bleak diagnosis," said group secretary Kristen McGuire. "We're trying to respond in a positive way.

"The event itself is just a blast. It's an afternoon of families being able to play together."

The festivities began with a group stretch led by Olympic Bronze Medalist swimmer and University of Michigan graduate Chris Thompson. Thompson later addressed the crowd, urging listeners to work hard, set goals, and try lots of different things.

Field Day participants had the opportunity to do just that. Kids of all ages enjoyed a series of relay races, including a threelegged race and a sack race. Next, a variety of sports clinics were offered, including football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, and Ultimate Frisbee.

Guests could learn to play petanque, a French version of lawn bowling, or take a lesson in Bollyfit dancing. After an energetic afternoon, massage therapist Heidi Schultz was on hand to ease any sore muscles.

Fraternity brothers from Phi Delta Theta came to the park to help out. Lou Gehrig was a Phi Delta Theta, explained fraternity brother Eric Pillado.

"Our main cause is ALS. We've been supporting A2A3 all these years," he said.

"It's a great partnership," added A2A3 president Suzanne Ross.

Ann Arbor Active Against ALS conducted a raffle, with prizes ranging from an autographed Brady Hoke football to an iPod Touch. Hungry guests could choose from a wide assortment of baked goods, grilled brats, or root beer floats.

The afternoon concluded with a rousing game of kickball. Even the youngest kids got in on the action. Meredith Hill brought her son, Rowan.

"It's a great event. We love it," she said. Her sentiments were



Gavi Forman and Cammie Baltone were among the participants at Family Field Day.

echoed by onlooker Kaitlin Osborn. "It's a great time for the

family. I love the atmosphere," she said. Carrie Henderson is a

freelance writer. She can be reached at chenderson1218 @yahoo.com.



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Ele's Place spreading message of healing

By Lori Maranville Special Writer

Ele's Place in Ann Arbor . is taking its message of healing to Saline High School this week with its "Tackle Children's Grief" campaign.

The Lansing-based organization is partnering with the school in a week-long campaign to spread its message of hope and raise awareness about the plight of children and teens that have experienced the loss of a loved one.

The campaign will culminate with the release of hundreds of white balloons during the Saline football game against Bedford Friday. The balloon launch will be led by the school's band director during the band's performance.

Ele's Place, a grief support center for youth and adults, will host an information booth at the game, handing out free T-shirts and balloons. All those attending are encouraged to wear white T-shirts to show support for grieving children and teens.

Wendy Brightman, managing director of Ele's Place, said she wants similar events at high schools across the state and country, so that the center can continue to spread its message of hope and engage teens in helping with that mission.

"It's critical for grieving children and teens to have support to help them cope with a significant loss," she said. "Through peer support groups, Ele's Place helps them learn how to cope with the death of a parent, sibling or other loved one and begin to heal."

Brightman said Hornets coach Mike Glennie has been instrumental in drumming up support for the campaign, especially among his players.

The team will wear shirts with the Ele's Place logo at

Elliott Mealer

Mealer, whose father and girlfriend were killed in a car accident in 2007, will share his inspirational story of loss, healing and triumph with players.

Brightman said she hopes the entire student population gets involved in the campaign.

She said the idea for it grew out of a desire to provide children and teens a way to support the mission of Ele's Place.

"So often, kids want to know how to help and there isn't always much they can do physically," Brightman said.

The "Tackle Your Grief" project gives them a way to help, she said, and lets all of their peers know that there's support available if they are suffering from a loss.

The center provides grief support programs for children, teens and young adults free of charge, offering counseling by licensed professionals, as well as peer-support groups led by trained volunteers. They have also added adult groups for those who have lost a spouse or a child.

The center also serves as a resource and referral agency for anyone who wants to help a grieving child.

The nonprofit, community-based organization was founded in Lansing in 1991 by Betsy Stover after Stover's infant daughter, Ele, died and she was unable to find grief support for her three older children. With the help of the Junior League of Greater Lansing, she co-founded Ele's Place.

ELE not only honors the name of the child Stover lost, but represents the center's philosophy of "Embracing Loss Effectively."

The Ann Arbor location of Ele's Place opened in 2007 and now serves 133 children are confidential and not religious-based.

To educate the public about the organization, Brightman leads what are affectionately called "Tours of the Heart" at Ele's Place.

The tours provide an intimate and moving look at just what the program means to the children and families who seek support there. All of the activities and programs, Brightman said, are age appropriate and designed to let children express whatever they are feeling in a safe and supportive environment.

From the "Mixed Up Feelings Bottle" activity to the "Hello and Good-bye" hand, there's a sense that every child finds a voice and a channel for their grief.

When a child or teen chooses to stop coming to the center, Brightman said, they have a closing ceremony, which consists of giving them a small bag of rocks.

The rocks carry special meaning — the bumpy one showing how the child's journey started there; a smoother rock, signifying how things are getting a little better; a brighter colored rock, symbolizing hope for the future; and a rock with a heart on it, letting the child know they will always have a home at Eld's Place. For those unable to come to the center, the organization has received some grant funding to bring Ele's Place programming into area schools.

Brightman said they will get a \$25,000 grant from the New York Life Foundation to take Ele's Place programs into schools in Ypsilanti and Willow Run.

With so much tragedy impacting local schools in recent years, she said, there is a tremendous need for grief support and she is hoping to bring the programs to other schools. The organization depends

The organization depends on grants and donations for funding. Supporters host an annual "Healing Hearts" breakfast, as well as spring and fall receptions.

Michigan's first lady, Sue Snyder, will be the honored guest at "Mission Possible," an Ele's Place benefit Oct. 5 in Brighton.

The charity fundraiser will be hosted by Rotermond Jewelers and the Lingenfelter Collection and sponsored by LaFontaine Automotive Group. Guests will be able to view the 190car Lingenfelter Collection. Anyone interested in

more information about Ele's Place should call 929-6640 or visit the organization's website at www.eles-



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Wendy Brightman, managing director of Ele's Place, conducts a tour of programs offered by the grief support center. The organization will team up with Saline High School this weekend in their "Tackie Children's Grief" campaign.

place.org. Brightman said there is also a website called www.kidsgrief.org, which seeks to provide resources for grieving families in

Michigan.

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Attorneys to appeal medical marijuana ruling

By Austeri Smith Hentage Media

When a state Court of * Appeals decision came down Aug. 23 prohibiting "patientto-patient sales" of medical marijuana, a growing net-work of medical marijuana dispensaries were suddenly thrown into a state of limbo.

The court determined that defendants Brandon McQueen and Matthew Taylor, owners of Mount Pleasant-based Compassionate Apothecary, were not acting within the boundaries of the 2008 Michigan Medical Marihuana Act by allowing sales of medical marijuana. and retaining up to 20 percent in profit.

The appellate court opinion overturned an Isabella County Circuit Court decision and determined the defendants. in fact. were in violation of the Public Health Code and could be shut down as a public nuisance.

According to their attorney, however, there is no provision in the state's Public Health Code making it illegal to sell marijuana - medical or otherwise.

There is no offense in the PHC that mentions the words 'sales,'" said Matthew Newburg of Lansing-based Newburg Law.

Newburg said he and attorney Mary Chartier, of another Lansing-based law firm, are planning an appeal of the appellate court decision to be reviewed by the Michigan Supreme Court. Of course, federal drug

laws stipulate that mari-juana remains illegal andis listed as a Schedule 1 narcotic, but Newburg said there is no state law addressing sales. The Michigan Medical Marihuana Act doesn't address sales or dispensaries, either.

Whether money exchanged hands as part of the dispensary's normal

that safeguard patients and caregivers from arrest and prosecution.

Newburg said they are gathering information for their appeal and to deter-mine the best course of action.

In Ypsilanti, the 3rd Coast Compassion Center closed its doors for one day after the Court of Appeals decision was announced. Since then, the first medical marijuana dispensary in the state has been operating as usual. But Jamie Lowell, direc-

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tor for 3rd Coast, said they are still trying to determine what the court ruling means for them.

' The dispensary operates as a nonprofit organization that accepts private donations to pay bills and salaries Lowell echoed Newburg's

comments, saying that the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act didn't need to address the selling of medical marijuana because it was never illegal according to state law.

What the MMMA did

carve out was an exception for the growing and manufacturing for licensed patients and caregivers," Lowell said.

In a press release, the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office stated enforcement of the Court of Appeals decision will be taken on a case-by-case basis

"The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office will continue to follow the law, and will make determinations on criminal violations

as is done with all potential crimes," the release states, The Prosecutor's Office

also cited a formal opinion issued by Attorney General Bill Schuette June 28 stating that the MMMA, "...prohibits the joint cooperative cultivation or sharing of marihuana plants because each patient's plants must be grown and maintained in a separate enclosed, locked facility that is only accessi-5 ble to the registered patient or the patient's registered primary caregiver."

The news release from the county's Prosecutor's Office stated they had received many phone calls from residents "upset" by the Court of Appeals ruling."

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"The Court of Appeals did not write the law, but interpreted it, as it is obligated to do. Those who believe that the law should be broadened can petition the Legislature for changes they seek;" the release states.

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operations is irrelevant," he said.

Although the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act and the state's Public Health Code directly conflict with one another, Newburg said the MMMA provides an exception, more or less, for licensed patients and caregivers. He said there are provisions in the Act

Buddy Walk set Sunday

The 2011 Down Syndrome Support Team Buddy Walk is set for Sunday at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor.

The event, created by the National Down Syndrome Society, is one of nearly 300 Buddy Walks planned in cities across the country this fall. Registration begins at 2 p.m., and the one-mile walk kicks off at 3 p.m. at Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Road, in Ann Arbor.

More than 800 people are expected to attend. Participants include children and adults with Down syndrome and their families, friends, teachers, coworkers and other supporters.

The Buddy Walk was established in 1995 by the National Down Syndrome Society to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October and to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome.

Today, the Buddy Walk program is supported nationally by NDSS and organized at the local level by parent support groups, schools, organizations and individuals.

Over the past 15 years, the Buddy Walk program has grown from 17 walks to more than 250 expected in 2011 across the country and around the world.

Last year, 285,000 people participated in a Buddy Walk and raised more than \$11.2 million to benefit local programs and services as well as the national advocacy initiatives that benefit all individuals with Down syndrome.

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Chelsea Depot to transform for Radio Hour

The comedy "1940s Radio Hour" rolls into the Historic Chelsea Depot for a two-week run, beginning Friday.

The musical comedy lets theatergoers in on the behind-the-scenes action at a New York radio station, as they broadcast a Holiday Variety Cavalcade for Christmas 1942: The production features such hits as "Kalamazoo,"

"Old Black Magic" and "Ain't She Sweet" - in all, 18 songs from the golden ageof radio. Phil Walker directs the

show for Shut the Front Door productions, a local semi-professional theater group. Walker's Chelsea directing credits include "Annie," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "The Miracle Worker" and "Once Upon a Mattress."

"We've transformed the depot into an authentic 1940s radio station," Walker said in a news relèase.

"In that era, variety shows were broadcast live before a studio audience." David Bloom is the music director for the show. "Phil has assembled an _ amazing cast of actors and musicians from Chelsea, Dexter and Ann

Arbor," Bloom said. "They pour so much artistry and talent into every performance.'

"1940s Radio Hour" traces the stories of a dozen working-class performers in New York during World War II - cabbie, a bookie, a waitress and a student. An old affair ends as young love blooms. One star falters; another star is born.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, as well as Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Advance tickets are available at Back To The Roots in downtown Chelsea. Group discounts are available by calling 224-3740,

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Storm sewer grates reported missing around Cheisea

The Chelsea Police Department reports that the city has experienced multiple storm sewer grate thefts recently. A Nixle alert sent out by the department stated that the "grates are" very heavy, so the thefts are most likely occurring in the evening hours and a vehicle is probably involved."

Police Chief Ed Toth said at least 10 grates have been stolen since Sept. 16, with many occurring around the neighborhood of Hickory and Chestnut drives, just off M-52. The stolen grates lie flush with pavement near curbs and weigh about 80 pounds each.

"If I had to guess, I would say whoever is taking these is taking them to a scrap yard trying to get the weight from it," Toth said. "Oftentimes, people who do this have a substance abuse problem." The department advises residents to use caution when running and bicy-

cling throughout the area. Toth said the Department of Public Works is putting cones up around spots with missing grates and currently doing an inventory to install new grates. To report any missing grates or suspicious activity, call the Chelsea Police Department at 475-9122.

Jet ski reported stolen at **Halfmoon Lake** boat launch

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Man arrested for bad checks in Lyndon Township

Sheriff's deputies arrested Anthony J. Klobuchar, 47, for a warrant out of Jackson County for writing bad checks. Klobuchar was arrested at North Territorial Road and **Embury Drive on a routine** traffic stop and taken into custody without incident.

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enforcement leads to arrest for failing to appear

Sheriff's deputies arrested a wanted subject 10:30 a.m. Sept. 14 for a warrant out of Chelsea for failure to appear on third degree retail fraud.

Brian R. Meyers, 50, was arrested near M-52 and North Territorial Road in Lyndon Township. He was identified and taken into custody without incident, police said. 1. A. .

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Merkels lead Chelsea United Way campaign

By Sheila Pursplove -Special Writer

The Chelsea United Way yearly campaign is up and running.

This year, the campaign - with a \$100,000 goal - is spearheaded by Jack and Mary Ann Merkel.

'We're excited and honored to have Jack and Mary Ann as our honorary campaign chairpersons for the fall 2011 campaign," said Teresa Zigman, CUW president. "They've both been very supportive and knowledgeable about Chelsea United Way and recognize the variety of needs in our community that CUW supports."

Jack Merkel, a lifetime resident of Chelsea except for time in school and military service during the Korean War, has served as Village President and on the Library Board, Chelsea Planning Commission, as well as the boards of Chelsea

with his brother, Bob, of

Mary Ann, a Chelsea resi-

"Soon after our nonprofit

the support of the Chelsea United Way was to this program that serves so many in need," she said. "Probably my most significant contribution to our community was chairing the Faith In Action debt retirement committee through fund raising to pay-off the mortgage on the FIA building. The mortgage was burned June 29, 1997."

The Merkels, members and active participants in Saint Mary Catholic Church, have lived all their adult lives in Chelsea, where they raised five sons, three of whom still live in Chelsea with their wives and families. The youngest of 10 grandchildren just started kindergarten in Chelsea.

The couple's most recent community involvement has been the creation and sustaining of the Adult Learners Institute, an all-volunteer organization that offers a wide variety of courses for life enrichment and mental

"Giving support to the agen-

related to furnishing our new home," Dave Reinhardt said. "The subject of tennis came up, and I asked her if she knew anyone in town who played. She said Jack played every Saturday morning with a group of guys. I talked to Jack and he welcomed me into the small tennis group without hesitation. As 25 years have passed, there has never been a time when we ran into Jack or Mary Ann

and they didn't greet us with true warmth and a smile. "We have since got to meet some of their extended family in town during our two daughters' time in the Chelsea School system, and they also reflect many of the characteristics of the Merkels.

"I'm sure Jack and Mary Ann have given countless others the same warm feeling upon arrival in Chelsea, I've learned over the years that, in addition to their personal touch, they have participated in many civic groups and organizations. They truly about our community."

- it's greatly appreciated." CUW contributes to 13

member agencies: American Red Cross, Catholic Social Services, Chelsea Recreation Council, Chelsea Senior Center, Faith in Action, Great Sauk Trail Boy Scout Council, Hope Clinic, Huron Valley Child Guidance, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, Parents As Teachers, St. Louis Center, Washtenaw Association for Community Advocacy, and the WAVE bus. More than 35 percent of donations come from direct. donations from individuals and 65 percent comes from local businesses, either through campaigns or direct donations. For more information.

visit www.chelseaunitedway. org or call 475-0020. Sheila Pursglove is a freelance writer. She can be

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Dexter's Washtenaw County 4-H winners



Cameron O'Day of Dexter displays his Grand Champion Eggs at the 2011 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. Meijer-Scio Township, Ann Arbor purchased the dozen of eggs for \$225. Pictured with Cameron and his buyer are other poultry exhibitors, and 4H Ambassador Sammy Bellairs at far right.



Zeke Breuninger of Dexter won the 2011 Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Reserve Grand Champion. His steer weighed 1323 pounds and was sold for \$2.25 per pound, to Ann Arbor Bone & Joint Surgery of Ypsilanti. Shown in the photo with Zeke are Mike Chrissos of Ann Arbor Bone & Joint Surgeryand 4-H Ambassador Rachel Ehnis.

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By Sheila Pursglove Special Writer

Sit. Stay Eat. Vote. Help fight cancer.

Barb Marshall of Chelsea is launching a fun way for people to donate to the

American Cancer Society Marshall, who will soon participate in her ninth "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk spon-sored by the ACS, is always on the lookout for innovative contest," running Sept. 23 to Oct. 12-

Six Chelsea restaurants will take part in this inaugural event.

"I kept the number of entries to six this year to ... keep it manageable, so if a restaurant did not get asked this year, and we do it again, they might be a sponsor next year," Marshall said.

"Patrons will be asked by wait staff if they would like to elect their sponsored

The Arctic Breakaway **Restaurant in the Arctic** Coliseum is sponsoring ______ McCarthy of K9 Home Schooling in Chelsea. Before his "retirement," Leo was well known as "Leo the Library Dog," was a fre-quent visitor at elementary schools and a therapy dog at Chelsea Community Hospital and St. Louis Center and many other places.

keep doing his two favorite activities τ walking and eating. Born with his hips out of the sockets, the black lab was almost euthanized at 6 months old but is still enjoying life a decade later.

Thompson's Pizzeria is sponsoring a 12-week-old Golden Retriever called Sammi, owned by John and Michelle Mykala and the "granddog" of pizzeria owner Lynda Collins. Chelsea Grille is sponsor-

ing 11-month-old Max, an Australian Shepherd owned by Jose Ortiz-Martinez. The youngest contestant is 4-month-old Leena choce ate la' mos

by Nicholas Dehar and sponsored by Les Fuentes Mexican Restaurant, Main Street Coney Island is sponsored a 2-year-old old English bulldog, Cheyenne Marie, owned by Hilary Herrst.

-The pooch receiving the most votes and raising the most money will become "Top Dog" of Chelsea for 2011 and will receive a prize package donated by Wags to Wiskers, a pet-store with

walk when her church, **Bethlehem United Church** of Christ in Ann Arbor, started a team in 2003.

She is about to do her ninth walk with the team, 8 to 10 a.m. Oct. 22 at Eagle Crest Golf Club in Ypsilanti. The walk outgrew its venue —at Gallup Park in Ann Arbor, where last year 4,000 walkers raised \$335,000.

Marshall, who lost a male cousin to breast cancer - a reminder that men can also contract the disease – has a sister-in-law who is a 25-year survivor of breast cancer. "Lalso lost several friends and colleagues to this disease in their 50s, and my husband lost his aunt to breast cancer when she was 46," she says. "I walk in honor of those who are winning their battle and I walk in memory of those who have lost theirs. I'm blessed to be healthy, but with breast cancer there is no guarantee that it will never happen." Each year, Marshall sets out to break her previous year's fundraising goal. "Thus far to date for this year's walk, I've raised \$11,037 so my grand total is new \$107,602 and my goal for this year is to raise at least \$31,000," she said. "These numbers are pretty overwhelming to me because, before I began doing this walk, I was a person who never had asked anyone for donations before.'

ways to raise money and involve the local commu-nity She and Lynda Collins, owner of Thompson's stress work as often as they Pizzeria in Chelsea, dreamed up a "Top Dog of Chelsea"

dog to be the 'Top Dog' of Chelsea for 2011. Each vote costs at least \$1 and people wish and at each restaurant."

The poster boy at Seitz's Tavern is 10-year-old Sweety-Petey, a "miracle dog" with an enlarged heart that amazed experts with his 'dogged' determination to



Barb Marshall of Chelses is launching a "Top Dog of Chelses" contest as a fundraiser in aid of the American Cancer Society, Six Chelses restaurants are taking part in the contest, running Sept. 23 to Oct. 12.

locations in Chelsea, Dexter and Ann Arbor

"I'd also love for the winning dog to ride in next year's fair parade," Marshall said

Posters, donated by Scott Eckland of Chelsea Signs, will be placed in each restaurant.

'Once the contest is under way, each restaurant can promote 'their' dog in any way they want to," Marshall said. "All the money collected will be donated to this year's breast cancer walk.

"I'm overwhelmed by everyone's willingness to participate, and the restaurants are planning some very creative ways to promote 'their' dogs - should be lots of fun!"

Marshall, who has called Sharon Township home for 29 years, is a retired high school math teacher.

She and her husband Paul have two black labs, 12-year-old Maggie and 6-year-old Sable. Marshall and Sable have trained as a Therapy Dog team and visit Chelsea Community **Hospital and Silver Maples** of Chelsea.

Marshall got involved in the ACS Making Strides

For more information or to donate. visit Marshall's site at http://main.acsevents.org/goto/barbaramarshall.

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Webster Fall Festival features teen focus

By Sean Dalton Heritage Media

he Webster Fall Festival has been a community tradition for 30 years now, which is all the more reason to revamp its appeal to the younger crowds.

This year's old fashioned country festival will be this Saturday and will feature a young performers and young artists showcase, which organizers hope will draw a critical mass of teenagers to those parts of the broader festival program.

"We wanted to have a part of the festival that would be specifically for teens so we designated an area as their place to gather and express their talents," said Michelle Obrecht.

Obrecht's daughter, Ava. helped plan and coordinate

include members of the **Dexter Community School** district's music programs, some talent from the U of M music programs and even some rock and roll acts to round the musical showcase out.

"We feel like there really isn't something like what we're doing at the festival in Dexter, so we wanted to create it," Obrecht explained.

Ava spread the word through Dexter High School and now the event has a robust lineup consisting of talented high school students.

The festival has always had a family focus, with attractions like the petting zoo and havrides, but Obrecht said that she wants to the event to make an indelible mark on the teenage crowd, who one day will be the next generation of young mothers and fathers holding



the hands of cooing and gig." gling children as they walk the festival grounds as young families.

"We want the future generations to come back ... we hope that the teens will find new avenues of expression that they might not have at school or at home and that

and watch each other perform," Obrecht said:

Festival chair Holly Baker said that the youth showcases are intended to "bring a little modernity in" to the festival.

While some parts of the event are new, some old hits are returning, such as the

which was discontinued a couple of years ago when a? key volunteer retired from his duty with nobody ready to pick up the significant challenge of organizing the

sale. "It took all summer to get donations, price things and set them all up," Baker said. "When (John Miller) decided he had had his turn doing it, it was hard to find someone else to take it over."

She recalled the rummage sale drawing a line out the barn door in years past. This. year, its return will coincide with another year of live auctioning headed up by Brian Braun of auctioneering firm Braun & Helmer.

"We've had great success with our live auction and for two years there have been a lot of community voices saying that they really missed the rummage sale, so now we have both for the 30th festival." Baker said.

The festival is this Saturday starting at 8 a.m. with the flea market and rummage sale. The auction is at 10 a.m., at which time most of the festival's events will kick off, including blacksmithing and wool spinning demonstrations, kid's crafts, the "Webster Has Talent" talent show, antique cars and tractors exhibition, adult music entertainment, sheep herding and hay rides.

There will also be a. luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as a pig roast from 5 to 7 p.m. and A Taste of Webster and the Ghana Garage event will be at 8 a.m.

Admission and parking are free. The event is located one mile south of North Territorial Road on Webster Church Road at 5484 Webster Church Road.

For more information call





Encore Theatre puts on 'The Light in the Piazza'

By Sean Dalton Heritage Media

At first glance, the Tony Award-winning "The Light in the Piazza" appears to be another romance with plenty of high drama — it has the stuff in spades, too, but there's so much more to it than that.

This operatic Italycentered tale revolves around Clara, played by Stephanie Souza, and her mother, Margaret, played by-Broadway regular Barbara Scanlon. The pair are touring Italy, taking in the sights and soaking up the art, culture and history that the locals take for granted with true American gusto and an ever-so-slight dash of stereotypical American ignorance toward anything international.

There's something wrong with Clara, though --- something that Margaret tries desperately to protect her from, which drives through to the very heart of "Piazza's" moral message.

Fabrizio Naccarelli is the 20-year-old Florence boy who one day finds Clara's hat carried on a breeze into his hands, and from/there the romance begins driving the show's plot incessantly and unerringly for nearly two hours.

Souza and Brian Giebler (Fabrizio) do a fantastic job expressing feelings and communicating on stage, since they don't speak the same language — not just in the plot, but in the script, too. Fabrizio the character doesn't speak very much

easy it is to follow their interactions, and much of the play itself, since Signor Naccarelli (Scott Crownover), Giuseppe-----Naccarelli (Sebastian Gerstner), Franca Naccarelli (Angela Kay Miller) and Signora. Naccarelli (Marlene Inman-'Reilly) spend a great deal of time speaking in Italian.

Now I don't know if anybody noticed, but that's a lot of Naccarellies, so that means a great deal of the Italian dialogue is going to be spoken and sung.

At first, it's daunting to see the show unfold before you in a foreign language. But we humans are incredibly adaptable where communication is concerned, so it only takes a few minutes before you start to pick up on vocal inflection, associate certain words with reactions and expressions, and let the characters' facial expressions convey what's going on.

The first scene in which this happens involves Crownover, Gerstner and Giebler in the family tailor shop — the former two smoking cigarettes in a very Italian manner — having a family discussion over the young boy's new love, which is equal parts fatherly advice and elder-brotherly razzing during third scene of the first act.

Another scene is a classic Italian family interaction that involves loving, yelling, debating and physical violence — again, in Italian, in the second scene of Act 2.

-The beauty of "Piazza"

everything spoken in Italian because it adds a great deal of atmosphere, which helps transport the imagination to Italy to reside with the characters from start to finish. The funniest moment in the play involves someone breaking character and unexpectedly explaining what just happened in English, prefaced with the self-aware statement: "I know I'm not supposed to speak English, but..."

"Piazza" is densely populated by great moments constructed by some great cast members. Another great moment occurs during musical number "Say It Somehow," in which the two young lovers break the language barrier through song. Souza truly shines as

Clara, as she didn't get a chance to in her last role as Marian in "The Music Man." This script fully unlocks her true potential and allows her to fully spread her wings in a truly complex performance.

There's something "off" about Clara that becomes apparent and then obvious later on. Talking to Artistic Director Dan Cooney after the show Friday his perspective is that how people perceive and treat her despite her challenge is the core of the show.

I saw it more as a show about how people approach love and how they treat the love that they have for others and that others have for them. The love between Clara and Fabrizio is the main love, but Clara and her mother, Margaret, love each other: Clara's father. Roy Johnson, loves them both; Fabrizio's family loves



Photos courtesy of Joyce Obradovich

The Naccarelli family is in The Encore's production of "The Light in the Plazza." Pictured are Angela Kay Miller (left), Scott Crownover, Brian Glebier, Mariene Inman-Relly and Sebastian Gerstner.

both Clara and Margaret, and they come to love them in turn.

The ultimate struggle or conflict of "Piazza" boils down to the various characters coming to grips with their feelings for each other and making the right decisions that will be the soil in which Clara and Fabrizio's love will take root and grow.

Scanlon and Crownover, the two full Actors' Equity Association members in the cast, are amazing during the scenes that they share together, which display a bitter-sweet almost-love that might have been between their two characters.

Scanlon masterfully balances the overbearing, overprotective mother and the understanding, courageous parent that she evolves into. Crownover is smooth, and has charisma and presence like few who have stood on

the Encore's stage.

Gerstner is, as always, fleet footed and charming, and delivers dialogue in Italian. What can't he do?

Toni Auletti's set is a gorgeous backdrop for "Piazza." Director Steve DeBruyne and Assistant Director Jesse Yost, along with stage managers Jessica **Irvine and Alexander** Kunitz, as well as choreographer Cara Manor and lighting designer Matt Tomich should have come out and taken a bow at the end of the show.

All of the elements that these people are responsible for came together in a very special way during "Piazza.

There's a level of synergy that happens during this show that is something to behold for those who take the time to view plays with a more technical eye,

Monday, Sept. 26

Line Dancing 6 p.m.

Monday: American Legion

Hall, 320 W. Michigan Ave.

Harry Potter Party 4:15

p.m. Monday: Saline District

Library, 555 N. Maple Road.

Free. Pre-registration

p.m. Tuesday, 1 p.m.

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Tuesday, Sept. 27

Thursday: Liberty School

band room, 7265 Saline-

Ann Arbor Road, Free, 429-

New Horizons Band 7

required. 429-5450.

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There are scenes, such as one where Clara is seeking Fabrizio in a dark, crowded Florence boulevard, that carry weight by virtue of these people's execution of their roles

Sharon Larkey Urick's costumes were the only physical objects on stage, aside from Eileen Obradovich's props, that give a sense of place and time (Florence circa 1953). Urick's costumes were a bright spot in "The Music Man" and here they're one of many that immerse the watcher.

"The Light in the Piazza" is a slow burn, romantic drama with a dream-like quality to it that will bring you into its world and keep you there long after you've. left the theater.

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is that the writing and stage directing are so deft that it's preferable to have

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THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA Thursday, Sept. 22

"Escanaba in da Moonlight"8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday[,] Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. 433-7673.

Friday, Sept. 23

Movies at the Center 12:30 p.m. Friday: Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Free, but donations accepted. 475-9242.

Autumnal Equinox Celebration 5:30 to 9 p.m. Friday: Michigan Friends Center, 7448 Clark Lake Road. Donation. Pre-registration requested: 475-0942.

"1940s Radio Hour": Shut the Front Door Theater 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday: Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St. \$15. 476-3774.

Community Drum Jam 8 p.m. Friday: Tree of Life, 6065 Sibley Road. Free. 433-0697.

Saturday, Sept. 24 **Guided Sculpture Walk**

1 and 3 p.m. Saturday: Meet at Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-8732.

Chelsea Teddy Bear Co. 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday: Group tours. 400 N. Main St. Free. 433-5499.

Chelsea Farmers Market 8 a.m. to noon Saturday: Park Street.

DJ Skate 7:15 to 9 p.m. Saturday: Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Drive. \$5 (14 and under, \$3) admission, \$3 skate rental. 433-4444.

Sunday, Sept. 25 35th annual show:

Huron Valley Bottle and Insulator Club 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday: Chelsea Village Conference Center, 1645 Commerce Park Drive. \$2. (248) 425-3223.

"Medicinal Plants in Our Area" 2 p.m. Sunday: Eddy **Discovery Center, Bush** Road. \$2 (families, \$5). Preregister at 475-3170, \$10 annual vehicle fee.

Chelsea Chamber Players 3 p.m. Sunday: Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St. Free, 475-0433.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

"Medical Marijuana: the Good, the Bad, the Ugly?' 7 p.m. Wednesday: Washington Street Education Center Auditorium, 500 Washington St. Free. 475-8732

DEXTER

Thursday, Sept. 22

"The Light in the Piazza" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: **Encore Musical Theatre** Co., 3126 Broad St. Tickets \$28 (members and seniors, \$25; groups of 10 or more, \$22) at theencoretheatre. org and at the door. 268-6200.

Friday, Sept. 23

"Evil Dead: The Musical" Dexter Community Players 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday: Copeland Auditorium, 7714 Ann Arbor St. \$15. 726-0355.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Draw Doubles 101 Disc Golf Noon Saturday: Hudson Mills, Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Road. (\$7 per player: free for spectators. \$5 vehicle entrance fee. 449-4300

Webster Fail Festival 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday: Webster Community Hall, Farrell & Webster Church, roads. Webster Township. Free admission. Pig roast: \$9 (children, \$5). 426-5115.

SALINE

Thursday, Sept. 22 Pittsfield Township B2B

Mixer 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday: Pittsfield Township Administration Building, 6201 W. Michigan Ave. Free: 822-3134.

Friday, Sept. 23

Com Maze: Talladay Farms 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, 1 to 10 p.m, Saturday, 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday: 6270 Judd Road. \$6 per maze (\$10 for both). 645-1791.

Harvest of the Arts/ Oktoberfest 5 to 11 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday: downtown Saline. Free: 368-8297

"Jack and the Beantin": Saline Area Players 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 2 p.m. Sunday: (Rentschler Farm Museum, 1265 E. Michigan Ave., Saline. \$8 (students, \$5). 355-8898.

Saturday, Sept. 24 Master Gardeners:

Farmers Market 8 a.m. to noon Saturday: Two master gardeners answer questions about indoor and outdoor plants: Downtown Saline. Free.

Apple Day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Free: 769-1052

International Defensive Pistol Association Match 10 a.m. Saturday: Tri-County Sportsman's League, 8640 Moon Road. 429-9561.

Not for Sissies Fundraiser for Alpha House: Curves 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday: Saline Shopping Center parking lot, 513 E. Michigan Ave. Free, but donations accepted 429-2000.

Rabbit Show 9:30 a.m. to afternoon Saturday: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, Free, 678-2265.

Scandinavian Dance 5 p.m. Saturday: 4531 Concourse Drive, \$5 (students, \$3). 1-908-721-2599,

World Music Dance Party: Benefit for the Jim Toy Center 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: Unitarian Universalist Congregation 🛃 of Ann Arbor, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$10 each or 2 for \$15. 424-2797.

English and American Dance 8 p.m. Saturday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. \$10. 260-9027.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Tractor Pull: Michigan Tractor Pullers Association 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free admission. 587-3466.

Financial Planning for Women 1:30 p.m. Sunday: Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. Free. Preregistration required. 429-5450

Old-Time Square Dance 2 p.m. Sunday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. \$8 (AACTMAD, \$7; students, \$5; age 14 and younger with a parent, free). 994-6494.

Pittsfield Township Harvest Festival 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday: Sutherland Wilson Farm Museum, 797 W. Textile Road, Free. 971-

Building Business Relationships Breakfast: Chamber of Commerce 7:30 a.m. Tuesday: Brecon Village, 200 Brecon Drive. \$12/members, \$15/public. 429-4494.

Wednesday, Sept. 28 Saline Woodcarvers 6

p.m. Wednesday: Saline Area Senior Center, 7190 N. Maple Road. Free. 944-1918.

YPSHANTI

Thursday, Sept. 22

"Long Day's Journey Into Night": PTD Productions 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday: Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St. \$18 (students and seniors, \$12; at showtix4u. com. by phone, and at the door. 483-7345.

Friday, Sept. 23

"Autumn Moon over a Caim Lake: Chinase Plano Music" 8 p.m. Friday: Pease Auditorium, EMU campus. West Cross Street : at College Place. Free. 487-2255.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Country Fair 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Wiard's Orchards, 5565

Merritt Road. \$12.50 admission (under age 2, free; group rates available). 390-

Gathering and Benefit

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Powwow 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday: Willow Run Middle School, 235 Spencer Road. Free admission. 550-7094.

Gimme Shelter: Benefit

for Alpha House 6 p.m.: Saturday: Washtenaw **Community College Morris** Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive. \$55 in advance and \$60 at the door. 822-0220. -

Night Terrors 7:15 to 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 7:15 to 10:30 p.m. Sunday: Wiard's Orchards, 5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti. \$15 for one area; \$29.99 for all areas. 482-7744

Sunday, Sept. 25

Orphan Car Show: Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Collection 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday: Riverside Park, Ypsilanti. \$5 (age 11 and younger with an adult, free): 482-5200.

Alexander Trio: EMU Music Department 4 p.m. Sunday: Pease Auditorium,

EMU campus, West Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Intervention: Dewn Farm Series 7:30 p.m. Tuesday: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive. Free. 485-8725.

MANCHESTER

Saturday, Sept. 24

Stewardship Workday 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday: Sharon Hills Preserve, Sharon Hollow Road. Reservations at 302-5263.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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4:30 p.m.

Join the Ancestry

Aficionados at the Chelsea

District Library at 10 a.m. to

learn more about your fami-

ly's history. Expert volunteers

will be on hand to answer.

Learn Origami with

District Library at 2 p.m.

O'Toole will teach partici-

pants how to make an

adults, and registration is

The Chelsea District

Library hosts Dungeons &

The Amateur Radio

Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

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neuropsychiatry and psycho-

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R. Vereen, director of com-

munity academic engage-ment at the Prevention

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Helen O'Toole at the Dexter

Origami foil-lined credit card

The Chelsea District Library hosts Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming at 4:30 p.m.

Thursday,

September 22

Join Dr. Richard Omel at the Dexter District Library at 7 p.m. for Eating by Natural Design.

Friday, September 23

The Dexter District Library hosts Scrapbooking for Teens for children in fifth through 12th grade 4-5 p.m. Registration is required.

Saturday, September 24

Learn the Basics of Microsoft Word 2007 at the Chelsea District Library at 10:30 a.m.

Take a Sculpture Walk Guided Tour at 1 p.m. Meet in the Chelsea District Library's lobby for a docentguided tour of the Sculpture Walk art installations throughout downtown.

Sunday, September 25

The 5 Healthy Towns Party will be at the Chelsea High School from noon to 4 p.m. This event will feature "Today Show" nutritionist Joy

"Around Town with Linda"

"Around Town with Linda" - will feature Kiana Weber CHS grad and performer with international fiddle band, Barrage.

"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, 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

A new interview begins

Bauer and author John . Colver. The party will include many health-related events, such as "Meals to Trade for," an ultimate Frisbee demonstration and a family chef competition.

Monday, September 26

Join the Chelsea Senior Center for Acrylic Painting with Steve Wood at 9:30 a.m.

The Chelsea Senior Center will have massages with Dawne by appointment from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join renowned psychic. Kristy Robinett for "Beyond the Grave - Ghost Stories, Legends and Lore of Michigan" at the Dexter District Library at 7 p.m. This program is open to all teens and adults.

Join Dr. Stefanie Aranow for Coffee with the Doctor at the Chelsea District Library at noon. Aranow will talk about "Surviving friendships, bullying and other social challenges." Join this back-to-school conversation with other parents and Aranow, who is a local pedi--atrician. For more information and to RSVP, contact Moore Pediatrics & Associates, 465-4500.

Tuesday, September

"Night at the Wax Museum"

The Chelsea Area Players Youth theater will hold auditions 6-8 p.m. Sept. 27-28 at the Chelsea Community Hospital Woodland Rooms for its upcoming production of "Night at the Wax Museum." Children in third, through eighth grade may audition. For more information, go to www.chelseaareaplayers.org.

starting Sept. 26 at

Dexter Arts Center-

The Dexter Arts Center.

first session of fall classes

starting Sept. 26. Classes

include: drawing, beading

adults; sculpture, painting,

decoupage and more for

kids; watercolor journaling,

concrete bird bath for teens.

mosaics and creating a

and pet portraiture for

3205 Broad St., will have its

Fall classes

Michigan nonprofit in the process of obtaining a 501c3 status.

Hunger Walk has new route on wellness path for October

The Chelsea-Dexter CROP Hunger Walk will have a new 1-mile route this year.

Members in the community take pledges and walk either 1 mile or 5 miles on this event to raise money for poor or hungry people

School of Public Health; and Mark Weiner, a specialist in internal medicine. This program is presented by the Chelsea District Library in* partnership with SRSLY.

Wednesday, September 28

The Chelsea Senior Center hosts Driver's Safety by AARP from 9 a.m. to noon.

I The Book Snackers book discussion group for third through fifth graders meets at 4:30 p.m. at the Dexter District Library. The group will discuss the book. "Get to Work, Hercules!" by kate McMullan. Registration is required.

The Chelsea Downtown Development Authority will have a Comprehensive Plan Meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, contact **DDA President Peter Flintoft** at 475-8671.

Thursday, September 29

The Chelsea Senior Center hosts Driver's Safety by AARP from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Chelsea District Library will premiere its. Stories of Chelsea's Farmers Documentary at 2 p.m.

of Christ, the starting place of the CROP Hunger Walk, it 'is an ideal route.

Silver Maples residents have also traditionally partaken in this fundraiser. For those who want to participate in this cause, but

do not have the time or energy to walk the more substantial 5-mile route around Cheisea, this will be a pleasant alternative.

Walkers for both routes will meet at St. Paul UCC Church at 1:30 p.m. on

Join Dr. Richard Omel to learn about "Exercising by Natural Design" at 7 p.m. at the Dexter District Library.

Ongoing

Meet the Chelsea Center for the Arts newest teachers through New instructors at the CCA exhibit. This free exhibit will feature Eric Strebel, Sicily Amaris McRaven and Kate Barker and will run until Oct. 28.

I The Dexter Garden

Club meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month September through May at the Dexter Senior Center. Each month features a different speaker or event.

Join Miss Jackie and her puppet Rosie for fall storytime fun every Wednesday at the Chelsea District Library starting Sept. 14. For 2- to 3year-olds, storytimes will be at 10:30 a.m. For 3- to 5year-olds, storytimes will be at 11:30 a.m. Miss Jackie's storytimes include stories, songs, fingerplays and a

craft. Miss Jackie bringsmore than 10 years of storytime experience to the library's programs.

The Dexter District Library will hold fall story times, for children 18 months old to 3 years old at 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Story times for children 3 years old to 5 years old will be 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays and 1 p.m. Tuesdays. There will be a combined story time 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Story times end Nov. 10, and registration is required.

Kate Mulligan from TCF Bank in downtown Dexter will. provide free notary services on the second Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Dexter Senior Center. You will need to bring a valid ID. If you don't need anything notarized, just stop in and meet Kate and receive a free coin counting coupon. This coupon will allow nonaccount holders to have loose coins counted free of charge at the TCF Bank in downtown Dexter.

Psychic to visit Dexter Library

Kristy Robinett, psychic medium and author, will visit the Dexter District Library 7 p.m. Sept. 26 to direct a ghostly journey through the state's most haunted locations and reveal secrets from beyond the grave.

In addition, Robinett will discuss ghost hunting techniques with plenty of time for a Q-and-A session.

Robinett specializes in bringing humor to an eerie topic with a down-to-earth style, honesty and warmth. She is an often sought coach and speaker who has been profiled on many radio and TV shows =

Robinett is married with four children and many animals.

She can be found traveling around Michigan ghost hunting and researching stories.

To learn more about Robinett, visit her websites, www.hauntedhideaways. com and www.tangledwishes.com.

This program is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For further information, contact the Library's Young, Adult Librarian Diane Alson at dalson@dexter.lib. mi.us or phone 734-426-4477,~

ext. 130. ~

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

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Hansen, Triveline hope to lead Chelsea to states



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Heritage Media y definition, golf is an individual game in which how well you do rests solely on your shoulders. No one is trying to defend you. You can't blame a missed putt on a teammate. Golf is a solo effort - unless, of course, you count the voices in your head - golfers know what that means. But in high school, golf also is a team sport. And it was refreshing - and maybe a little surprising - that when Chelsea's two standout golfers, Taylor Hansen and Gabby Triveline, were asked about their goals for this season they both first mentioned the team. Part of that team first attitude is a reflection of Chelsea's young coach. Trisha McKimm is young, eager and easy to like. It only takes about 30 seconds to see how much these young ladies like and respect their coach. their coach.

Having good and enthusiastic coaches at Chelsea is nothing new. In fact, it's pretty much standard procedure. "We're doing pretty well," McKimm says after grabbing her coat to help fend off the chill in the air last Thursday at Reddeman Farms

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Junior Gabby Triveline (above left) and senior Taylor Hansen are standing tall for the Chelsee golf team. LEFT: Chelsee seniors Alyssa Smith, Taylor Hansen, Samanthe French, Mackenzie Cole and Sarah Schultz are helping lead the Buildogs to a strong season on the links.

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don't think their schools get enough attention and want to help and teachers looking for a possible avenue to engage students," Jacoby said. We would like to cover all sports: Freshmen, JV,

middle school and youth teams.

Athletes of the Week



Truman Hadley, Chelsea

Defense is what wins championships. In football, it's what wins close SEC games. Senior linebacker Truman Hadley (No. 33) had a big game in the Buildogs' 10-6 win Friday night at Ypsilanti. He recovered a fumble at the Ypsilanti 5-yard line to help set up the Buildogs' only TD of the game. He also finished with a team-high six tackles (four unassisted; two assisted).





Wolverines still looking for a passing grade

'ichigan didn't get a passing grade on Saturday against Eastern Michigan.

Does it really matter? Yes, it matters.

The Wolverines need to pass the football to be successful in the long run - no pun intended. And it better start on Saturday against a pretty good San Diego State team.

The Big Blue isn't about beating teams in the MAC. It's about beating teams in the Big Ten and beyond.

The Wolverines are now 10-0 in September since 2009 and that's to be expected considering the schedule. Maybe "expected" is too strong a word, but it shouldn't be for the Michigan football program. That team in Ohio certainly





- remember that rocket he threw-with a Notre Dame defender wrapped around his ankles. But he needs to be more consistent and put a little fear into the opposi-

Eric Mussi, Saline Eric Mussi, the Hornet senior, scored a pair of game-winning goals this week in wins over Adrian and Bedford.



Dylan Polley, Dexter

The senior captain scored the only goal in a 1-0 win over a strong Lincoin team on Thursday, Polley's goal came on a penalty kick midway through the second half. Dexter is ranked seventh in the state in D-2.



Jeremy Ritchey, Lincoln

The senior goalle had a shutout last Tuesday in the Railsplitters' impressive 1-0 win over Ann Arbor Huron. The senior keeper, who was all-state last season, also blanked Dexter on Thursday except for a penalty shot he had no chance of stopping. Lincoln ended up losing the game 1-0 despite Ritchey's strong play in goal. expects to go undefeated in September.

The Wolverines didn't start moving the ball against the Eagles until the second quarter when they bagged the passing game and started moving the sticks with their feet. And it wasn't one foot at a time - it was in big chunks.

Quarterback Denard Robinson carried the ball 26 times for 198 yards. He won't last the season carrying the ball that many times - and the Eagles were knocking him around pretty good at times.

Brady Hoke and the U-M coaching staff certainly realize they need to keep Robinson in one piece and on the field for the entire season.

Perfect 10-0

Michigan came into Saturday's game against neighbor Eastern Michigan leading the overall series 90. The last meeting between the two teams was on Sept. 19, 2009 (Michigan won 45-17). Saturday's 31-3 win made it 10-0 for the Wolverines.

Hot in September

Michigan is now 100 in September games since 2009. Unfortunately, they are a combined 412 in October and November during that time.

Let's get local

With the two colleges being just about seven miles apart, there were plenty of Ann Arbor ties for the Eastern team. The most notable was head coach Ron English, who was the defensive backs coach at UM from 2003-05 and defensive coordinator from 2006-2007. Other Eastern players with Ann Arbor ties are; offensive lineman Shawn Sinawe (Ann Arbor Pioneer), wide receiver Sean Walker (Ann Arbor Huron) and kicker Mike Yocum (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard).

Eagles soar in first quarter

Eastern dominated Michigan in the first quarter, running 22 plays for 140 total yards (20 rushes for 122 yard, one pass for 18). Michigan only had 32 total yards.

Let's go. Dileo!

Michigan's fourth touchdown, a 19-yard pass to Drew Dileo; a sophomore wide receiver, was Dileo's first career touchdown.

Getting his locks

Junior place kicker Brendan Gibbons attempted his first field goal of the season Saturday hitting the 21-yarder to make the score 31-3. Michigan made only four field goals all of last year, the fewest for a D-1 program.

Tenovers

Michigan's defense came into the game creating eight turnovers, a nice number for only two games. They had their ninth on EMU's first possession Saturday after the Eagles

hoto by Todd Sexton

Michigan's Denard Robinson had an easy time rushing (198 yards) but only threw for 95 yards against EMU.

We ran Denard a little more than we'd like to because we'd like to keep him healthy for the year," Hoke said after the game. "I think we've got work to do out of the 'I' formation still.

Hoke knows this. And so do the rest of the defensive coordinators on Michigan's schedule. They are going to load up to stop the run, go man to man on Michigan wideouts and make Robinson beat them with his arm.

He has certainly shown the athletic ability to make big plays with his arm

tion Robinson completed 7 of 18 passes for 95 yards against Eastern Michigan.

And you can bet the Big Ten defenses will be a little stronger than the Eagles.

"We've got to block a little better at the point of attack," Hoke said. "(EMU's) Phil Snow is a good defensive coordinator, and he was going to load the box up any time we got in the 'L' If we could have hit some of the shots we took out of the T in the passing game, they were pretty much man-to-man."

Still, Hoke has confidence in Robinson's ability to throw the rock.

'That really is what it

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fumbled in Michigan territory. They made it 10 on an interception - a one-handed pick at that - at the U-M 1-yard line by Thomas Gordon.

On the ground

Michigan turned to the ground game to get things going. On their second TD of the game, the Wolverines ran on all six plays in the drive. Denard Robinson ran for 198 yards (including 135 in the first half) and Vincent Smith rushed for 118 as the Wolverines racked up 376 yards on 50 carries against the Eagles.

Bhi Ton vs. MAC

Here is how the Big Ten has fared against Mid-American Conference teams this season: Ohio State 42, Akron 0. Michigan 34, WMU 10 Ball State 27. Indiana 20 Ohio State 27, Toledo 22 Minnesota 29. Miami of Ohio 23 Wisconsin 49. Northern Illinois 7 Penn State 14. Temple 10

Compiled by Mike Larson and Terry Jacoby





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U-M football: What you see is what you get

Then it comes to the University of Michigan football team, what you see is what you get.

But three games (and three wins) into the season, I'm still not sure what you've got in the Michigan Wolverines. Yeah, they are 3-0. Yeah, as of Monday they are ranked No. 22 in the country

But are they really that good?

Two of Michigan's three victories were pretty much "gimme" wins over a pair of . Mid-American Conference teams.

And the other win was a thrilling, comefrom-behind win over Notre Dame.

I was there and can attest to the fact that it was one of the greatest endings to a college football game that I have ever seen. However, the first three and a half quar-

ters of that game were garbage. If you

watched it, you have to agree. Neither Michigan nor Notre Dame looked good until the fourth quarter.

So after three games, it's still pretty tough to know what kind of a team you have with the Wolverines.

The running game has been spotty, unless quarterback Denard Robinson is carrying the ball.

But last year's whispers of Robinson being a one-dimensional player are creeping back into conversations.

Sure, Robinson can run, but he's been very inconsistent when it comes to passing.

Sometimes, he looks like a confident veteran, stepping up in the pocket and tossing up perfect spirals. Other times, he looks rattled, almost like he's just waiting for the play to break down so he can take off running.

Michigan's defense has also struggled, giving up big chucks of yards to teams that aren't really that good.

However, you have to give credit to defensive coordinator Greg Mattison, who



MIKE LARSON

ments as the games go on. It just makes you wonder why it takes three to four possessions for the defense to make the moves necessary to stop opposing offenses. Against good teams, Michigan can't survive play-ing that kind of game. It

works against the Western Michigan's of the world, but if Michigan plays like that against Nebraska, they are going to be trailing 17-0 halfway through

the first quarter. In other words, even at 3-0, the Michigan football team has a lot to work on. I know it's tough to say, but right now, the Michigan football team isn't that good.

Yet it will probably start the season 6-0. The next three games for the Wolverines include home games against San Diego State and Minnesota and a road game against Northwestern.

Then, on Oct. 15 the Wolverines will travel to East Lansing to play their biggest in-state rival, Michigan State.

Earlier this season, I predicted MSU would win this game, but that was before I. saw the Spartans play Notre Dame. This game could really be a toss-up.

In fact, looking at the Wolverines' sched-ule, the only game that I think the team really won't have a good chance at winning is against Nebraska.

Playing in Iowa will be tough, and the game with Ohio State is always a dogfight, but neither team has been particularly impressive so far this season.

So, to recap, the Michigan football team isn't tremendously talented, it doesn't have a dominant defense and its most prolific, running back is its quarterback. The team is not that good.

Yet, the Wolverines will finish the season anywhere between 8-4 and 11-1. With Michigan football, what you see is what you get. But what you get is still incredibly unclear.

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Around town Ritter hosts local softball camp

Manchester's Jennie Ritter, the 2005 USA Softball Player of the Year, will host the Jennie Ritter's Softball Skills Camp on Oct. 8-9 at Manchester High School. The two-day camp will run from 8 a.m. to noon and cost \$50.

Camp instructors will focus on learning the right techniques in throwing, fielding and hitting. Ritter also will conduct

a pitching clinic from 1 to 3 p.m. on Oct. 8. The cost is \$30.

Hurons, they lost me forever. . For the first time in my life, I found myself cheer-

ing during a big play for the Spartans on Saturday. While It still root for MSU's opponent each week, it was cool to see

Pitchers must provide their own catchers for the clinic. To register, call

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comes down to with all quarterbacks - your feet, your

making changes and the players are executing on the field. After EMU owned the first quarter (140 yards of

- it was like they didn't even play the fourth quarter.

Yes, a "D" is a passing grade. But the Michigan passtotal offense), the Wolverines ing game needs to do a better allowed only 96 yards the job than that to be successful against the tougher competi-

hips," he said. "We took a couple shots, and they were just a little long. He stepped up in the pocket nicely a couple times, scrambled a little bit and got some yandage. There are a couple of those shots where he stepped up a week ago and hit that were just out of the guy's reach a little bit.

"It's not just him. It might be a receiver not running the . routes, the right dip, but he gets the blame for the incomplete pass but it might be on the receiver. Maybe (the receiver) didn't run the right route, or run it deep enough or short enough. It's not all on him."

It is all on the Michigan offense because they are going to have to score points with a defense that still leaves fans shaking in fear. The Wolverines are 10-for-10 (nine touchdowns and 1 field goal) in the red zone this season - and that's a great sign heading into late September.

And the defense has been encouraging so far this season. Let's give them some credit.

What's been most impressive on that side of the ball is the way they improve during the game. It's obvious the coaches are seeing things and

rest of the game. Against the Fighting Irish, the Wolverines gave up two touchtlowns on ND's first two possessions of the game and forced ND to punt three times in the second half, compared to only once in the first half.

Against Western, the Wolverines fell behind 7-0 after the first quarter and gave up 10 points in the first half. But they shut them down in the second half. In fact, they didn't give up any vards in the fourth quarter

tion waiting around the corner. The Wolverines are 3-0 but there is work to be done and the clock is ticking.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: CHELSEA 10, YPSILANTI 6

Defensive stand!



This time the Chelsea defense helps put one in win column

By Terry Jacoby Heritage Media

The Chelsea offense twice converted on fourth-down calls late in the game, keeping





Photos by Burrill Strong

Cheless's Chad Hill jumps on a idokoff during Friday's game at Ypelland. The Buildogs won 10-8 and face Adrian at home on Friday night.

Chelsea senior linebacker Adam Burman: "The week of practice was definitely one of our best weeks. We practiced hard and we came out and played hard. What we do in practice definitely shows in the game."



Chelsea senior defensive end

Kevin Watkins: "This defense can be real good. We have great potential. We all work as a unit but (the strength) is the line."

Watch the entire video at www.heritage.com

Keeping the ball

It's hard to score when your offense is on the side-lines. Chelsea had the football for 31:15 compared to only 16:45 for the Phoenix. Having the ball twice as long as your opponent is certainly a big advantage and it made a big difference in this game. The Bulldogs ran 72 plays compared to 36 for the Phoenix.

Defense

The Bulldogs came into Friday night's game allowing 64 points in three games, just more than 21 points a game. The defense also allowed a season-high 374 yards through the air in the previous week's win over Ann Arbor Skyline. The Bulldogs not only allowed only six points to Ypsilanti, but they held them to just 26 yards through the air. Senior linebacker Truman Hadley had six tackles while Tyler Geiger and Kevin Watkins each had four.

the ball away from the ypsilanti offense, as the Bulldogs held on for a 10-6 victory on a chilly

Friday night at Ypsilanti. On fourth and two from the Ypsilanti 34-yard line with 3:24 to play and the Bulidogs ahead by four points, quarterback Jarred Scheese tossed a pass to a wide open Colton Platt in the flat. The junior tailback ran for 12 yards on the play and a Chelsea first down.

Facing a fourth and one at the Ypsilanti 13-yard line with 1:42 left in the game, Scheese called a quarterback sneak and his offensive line moved the pile and the Bulldogs moved the sticks.

Chelsea went to a knee three times to run out the clock and improve to 3-1 on the season.

"I said when we got the ball (that last time) that we were not going to punt it," Chelsea coach Brad Bush said when asked if he thought about kicking the ball with 3:24 left in the game on fourth down.

"I didn't want to give them the ball back. And I felt good about where we were at and that par-ticular play we called because we hadn't run it all night and it was wide open."

Despite not scoring in the second half, a lot of the credit for the victory has to go to the Chelsea offense because they used up huge amounts of time in the second half. This kept the Ypsilanti offense on the sidelines and lim-ited the Phoenix to only two offensive series in the entire second half.

"I felt good about some of the things we were doing on offense, but we just couldn't finish them," Bush said.

The Chelsea offense finished them - as in Ypsilanti – after getting the ball on their own 31-yard line with 7:41 to play in the game. They converted one third down - a third and 7 from their own 34-yard line on a 10-yard pass from Scheese to Kyle Koseck - and the two fourth downs.

Ypsilanti did have the ball and a chance to take the lead earlier but the Bulldogs shut it take the lead earlier but the Buildogs shut it down before it ever got started. Tyler Geiger stopped Daryl Tipton for a one-yard gain on first down. Then, Sean O'Quinn threw James Andrews for a five-yard loss to make it third and 15 at Ypsilanti's own 17-yard line. The Phoenix failed to complete a pass attempt on third down and were forced to punt. They would never get another chance

They would never get another chance. The Phoenix got on the board after a 12play drive went 42 yards with 2:07 left in the third quarter. Tipton, Ypsilanti's outstanding senior quarterback, ran 14 yards for the score. The two-point conversion was intercepted by Chelsea's Max Giller.

Chelsea's touchdown was set up both by special teams and by the defense. An outstand-ing punt by Zach Rabbitt pinned the Phoenix at their 9-yard line. After an illegal procedure penalty pushed the ball back to the 5-yard line, the Chelsea defense stripped the ball from Brandon Jordan and Truman Hadley recovered at the Ypsilanti 8-yard line.

Two plays later, Edwards scored from the 5-yard line. Rabbitt nailed the extra point and Chelsea led 7-0 with 3:14 to play in the first auarter...

Rabbitt's 30-yard field goal with 26 seconds left in the second quarter was the only other score in the first half.

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Kevin Watkins (top photo) drags down Austin Sanders. Truman Hadley (above) comes up with a fumble for the Buildogs. Andy Cerveny (below) brings down Ypsi QB Daryl Tipton.



Game Day

Chelsea vs. Adrian When: 7 p.m., Friday Where: Chelsea Records: Chelsea (3-1), Adrian (3-1) Last week: The Bulldogs held off Ypsilanti 10-6. The Maples knocked off Dexter 40-28.

Scoring summary

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Scoreboard watching

Did anyone try to follow the game on the Ypsilanti scoreboard? They did a nice job on the renovation of the bleachers but did someone forget about the scoreboard. There is no place for what yard the ball is at and according to the scoreboard, Ypsilanti had the ball for the entire second half. I think I saw that scoreboard on a recent episode of American Pickers.

Worth noting

Cody Barber made a nice open field tackle on Ypsilanti QB Daryl Tipton in the first quarter ... Zach Rabbitt had some nice punts but none bigger than his effort that pinned the Phoenix at its own 9-yard line in the first quarter. ... Truman Hadley recovered a fumble that led to Cheisea's only touchdown..... Michael Steinhauer and Colton Dennis made a nice stop to break up a screen play before if ever got started at the end of the first quarter....Kevin Watkins had a tackle for a 10-yard loss midway through the second quarter In the third quarter Chelsea was called for a personal foul that appeared to be a good play. Instead of forcing the Phoenix to punt, they got a new set of downs. But Chelsea shut down Ypsi on the next series. ... Chelsea's Alex Maloney had an interception with 1 second left in the first half. ... On the third play of the fourth quarter, Gibson Stoffer had a sack for an eight-yard loss. ... Chelsea's Sean O'Quinn had a nice tackle for a big loss to force third and long in the fourth quarter.



Photos by Burrill Strong Jey Szcodroneld and the Children defense did a good job al wrapping up GB Daryl Tipton.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

Putting makes perfect

Chelsea girls golf team taking aim at states



Judy Kim works on her putting stroke.



Photos by Terry Jacoby

Elizabeth Stofflet, Anna Myers and the Buildogs hit the putting green. The girls are never far away from their beverages - especially on a cold day.



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Samantha French appears confident she will make this putt.



Coach Trisha McKim watches the stroke of Sarah Schultz.

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Golf Club in Chelsea. "We are getting better and the girls are having fun. What more can I ask for."

How about a trip to the, state finals.

"I think we have a good shot," she says. "It's going to come down to a few teams for that last spot out of our regional. It will just come down to how well we play that day."

And it's going to come down in part to how Hansen and Triveline play. Two players who have both played in the state finals, but as individuals. This year they hope to bring some teammates along for the ride.

Hansen is still looking for that consistency in her game.

"My season is going airight, kind of up and down," she said. "I've been more consistent lately so that's getting better." Hansen, who went to the states as a sophomore, is doing well off the tee and is making enough putts to keep her happy on the greens. It's the shots in between she wants to get better at. "My second shots and being able to get on the green," she said are areas she is focusing on at the moment. Some days it's my putting."

Her driver has been helping her drive her scores down:

"I'm really happy off the tee and my chipping is getting a lot better.' Golf is only part physical and the mental side of the game is what often separates players on the scorecard. So how does Taylor Hansen handle a bad shot?

"Oh, gosh," she says. "I'm really bad at it. I really need to work on forgetting a bad shot. I had one really bad hole (Wednesday) and I just couldn't forget about it. I need to work on it."

Hansen also is a standout pitcher for the Chelsea softball team. The Bulldogs should be loaded again

Softball is a year-round sport for a player as good as Hansen.

"I practice quite a bit during the week and I'm on a travel team where we play six or seven tournaments. during the fall," she said. But golf is on the tee at the moment for the talented senior

"I think it would be great to go to states." she said. "I think it would be great for our team to go. The year I went by myself was a lot of fun. It was a great experience."

She believes she can experience it again. 👘 🚯 🕔 "I just need to practice more

and fine tune my shots," she said.

Triveline went to states last year as a sophomore and is hoping to make the trip to Lansing once again next month.

"As a team we're doing well and we have a lot of potential," Triveline said. "Hopefully we can get to states this year. Individually, I'm doing alright."

The junior has had to deal with some health issues that haven't helped her scores early in the season. She is still trying to deal with them the best she can, but admits it's not always easy.

"I suffered a concussion back in April (playing soccer) and I've had headaches ever since," she said. "It's harder to focus and to play without being in pain. But otherwise everything is going well."

Triveline is determined to keep working hard. "I have improved a lot since last year even though my scores haven't been showing it so much," she said with a smile. "But I feel that I'm playing better and more confident than I was (last year)."

Triveline is still swinging for improvement in her game. She knows she can play better and certainly knows she can score better. "It could be a little better," she said. "I didn't start until later in the summer to start practicing.'

Now that she's back on the golf course she feels she

with your friends and you're both playing well then you're having fun and also having fun with someone you like having fun with."

And it certainly would be a lot of fun for all of Gabby's A friends on the Chelsea golf team to be playing in the state finals. That's the big goal for the Bulldogs.

Volleybali: Buildogs knock off AA Pioneer

The Chelsea volleyball team took care of Pioneer in five games on Sept. 13. The Bulldogs won the tight match 24-26, 20-25, 25-13, 27-25, 16-14, rallying to win the last three to pull out the victory.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs had a long day at the competitive Mason Invitational. Chelsea lost to Mason 23-25, 20-25, split with Lansing Catholic Central 26-28, 25-16, beat Adrian 25-23, 25-22, split with Mason 18-25, 27-25 and lost to Haslett in the semifinals 23-25, 28-25.

Megan Brockett and Bailey Darwin were named to the All-Tournament team.

WASHTENAW COUNTY **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

۲ NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEARING ON A PROJECT TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE WESTERN WASHTENAW RECYCLING AUTHORITY MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #1a TO THE OWNERS OF ANY, LANDS WITHIN THE PROPERTY **DESCRIBED BELOW AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of Public Works of the County of Washtenaw has declared its intention to expand and improve a recycling collection and processing system through improvements to the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority project that will expand the Material Processing Facility and upgrade equipment to enhance recycling opportunities through single stream recycling, improve operations of the Facility, allow for additional storage and improve operating efficiencies; all of which is hereafter referred to as the "Project"

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Board of Public Works has tentatively designated a special assessment district against which all or a part of the cost of such Project is to be assessed, which district consists of the following lands:

All tax parcels identified as having a household or households located within the incorporated limits of the City of Chelsea in Washtenaw County

The above properties are located within the boundaries of Special Assessment District #1a as shown on the sketch.

Each parcel identified above will be assessed fifty-six dollars (\$56.00) per year for each household located on the parcel for a fifteen (15) year period. The assessment shall be placed on the winter tax bill, which you will receive on or about December 1, and shall be due and payable with your property taxes.

A report describing the Project including program elements and cost Director of Public Works. The report is available for public examination at Washtenaw County Public Works, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103. To ask questions or obtain information on the project. please call 734 222-6865.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Public Works will meet on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., Local Time, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Chelsea Public Schools, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, in Chelsea, Michigan 48118 for the purpose of hearing all interested parties concerning such improvements and the special assessment district. At that meeting the Board shall consider whether to proceed with the project. If the Board determines to proceed. it will establish a time and place to have a second public hearing to hear objections to the special assessment roll. You will receive an additional notice providing the details on this second public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property that is specially assessed may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the special assessment roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or a party in interest or his or her agent may (1) appear Ih person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the hearing.

The Board of Public Works shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the h aring. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS Daniel R. Myers, P.E. Director of Public Works

DATED: September 21, 2011 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #1a

City of Chelsea

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WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CONTINUING THE ONGOING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A WASHTENAW COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY SYSTEM PROJECT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #3 THE OWNERS OF ANY LANDS WITHIN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of Public Works of the County of Washtenaw has declared its intention to continue to implement a recycling collection and processing system, which will include recycling drop-off depots, a material processing center and educational programs to serve the Township of Bridgewater; all of which is hereafter referred to as the "Project", and has tentatively designated a special assessment district against which all or a part of the cost of such Project is to be assessed, which district consists of the following lands:

All tax parcels identified as having a household or households located within the Township of Bridgewater in Washtenaw County.

The above properties are located within the boundaries of Special Assessment District #3 as shown on the sketch on the reverse side. Each parcel identified above will be assessed twenty-six dollars (\$26.00)

per year for each household located on the parcel for a five-year period.

The assessment shall be placed on the winter tax bill, which you will receive on or about December 1, and shall be due and payable with your property taxes.

A report describing the Project including program elements and cost estimates has been prepared and is on file with the Washtenaw County Director of Public Works. The report is available for public examination at Washtenaw. County Public Works, 705 N. Zeeb Road. Ann Arbor. Michigan 48103. To ask questions or obtain information on the project. please call 734 222-6865.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Public Works will meet on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., Local Time, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Cheisea Public Schools, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, in Chelsea, Michigan 48118 for the purpose of hearing all interested parties concerning such improvements and the special assessment district. At that meeting, the Board shall consider whether to proceed with the project. If the Board determines to proceed, it will establish a time and place to have a second public hearing to hear objections to the special assessment roll. You will receive an additional notice providing the details on this second public hearing.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS Daniel R. Myers, P.E. **Director of Public Works**

DATED: September 21, 2011 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #3 **Township of Bridgewater**

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this year when spring rolls around and Hansen will be center stage once again on the hill.

"We really want to win regionals and get a chance to go to Battle Creek," she said. 10 - 1

is on course to accomplish her goals. And playing golf is something she still very much enjoys. "I've made a lot of friends playing over the years," she

said. "If you are out playing

WASHTENAW COUNTY **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEARING ON A PROJECT TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE WESTERN WASHTENAW RECYCLING AUTHORITY MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #15 TO THE OWNERS OF ANY, LANDS WITHIN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED BELOW AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Board of Public Works has tentatively designated a special assessment district against which all or a part of the cost of such Project is to be assessed, which district consists of the following lands:

All tax parcels identified as having a household or households located within the Townships of Dexter, Lima, Lyndon, and Manchester in Washtenaw County excluding those tax parcels located within the incorporated limits of the City of Chelsea and the Village of Manchester.

The above properties are located within the boundaries of Special Assessment District #1b as shown on the sketch.

Each parcel identified above will be assessed twenty-four dollars (\$24.00) per year for each household located on the parcel for a fifteen (15) year period.

The assessment'shall be placed on the winter tax bill, which you will receive on or about December 1, and shall be due and payable with your propérty taxes

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS Daniel R. Myers, P.E. Director of Public Works



WASHTENAW COUNTY (\bigcirc) **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CONTINUING THE ONGOING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE **OF A WASHTENAW COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY** SYSTEM PROJECT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #25

THE OWNERS OF ANY LANDS WITHIN THE PROPERTY **DESCRIBED BELOW AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of Public Works of the County of Washtenaw has declared its, intention to continue to implement a recycling collection and processing system; which will include the ongoing operation and maintenance of dropoff bins for recycling, a material processing facility to include single stream recycling and educational programs to serve the Townships of Dexter. Lima, Lyndon, and Manchester; all of which is hereafter referred to as the "Project" and has tentatively designated a special assessment district against which all or a part of the cost of such Project is to be assessed, which district consists of the following lands:

All tax parcels identified as having a household or households located within the Townships of Dexter, Lima, Lyndon, and Manchester in

Washtenaw County excluding the incorporated limits of the City of Chelsea and the Village of Manchester.

The above properties are located within the boundaries of Special Assessment District #2b as shown.

The assessment shall be for a five year period. Each parcel identified above will be assessed twenty-six dollars (\$28.00) for the first year for each household located on the parcel. The assessment for each subsequent year of the five year assessment will be reviewed for potential reduction.

The assessment shall be placed on the winter tax bill, which you will receive on or about December 1, and shall be due and payable with your property taxes.

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Townships of Dexter, Lima Lyndon and Manchester excluding those flux parcels within the incorporated limits of the City of Ghelses and the Village of MancHester¹



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WASHTENAW COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY SYSTEM PROJECT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #28

THE OWNERS OF ANY LANDS WITHIN THE PROPERTY **DESCRIBED BELOW AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:** PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Board of Public Works of the County of Washtenaw has declared its intention to continue to implement a recycling collection and processing system, which will include the ongoing operation and maintenance of curbside recycling, a material processing facility to include single stream recycling and educational programs to serve the City of Chelsea: all of which is hereafter referred to as the "Project", and has tentatively designated a special assessment district against which all or a part of the cost of such Project is to be assessed, which district consists of the following lands:

All tax parcels identified as having a household or households located within the incorporated limits of the City of Chelsea in Washtenaw County

The above properties are located within the boundaries of Special Assessment District #2a as shown on the sketch.

The assessment shall be for a five year period. Each parcel identified in the City of Chelses above will be assessed forty-four dollars (\$44,00) for the first year for each household located on the parcel. The assessment for each subsequent year of the five year assessment will be reviewed for potential reduction.

The assessment shall be placed on the winter tax bill, which you will receive on or about December 1: and shall be due and payable with your property taxes.

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Bulldogs kick Tecumseh

The Chelsea soccer team is certainly looking forward to getting home. But they did end their fourth and final road trip game in two weeks with a 2-1 victory Thursday at Tecumseh.

The Bulldogs, playing their fourth straight road game and second of the week, started a bit slow, looking like they had tired legs lingering from Tuesday. Tecumseh controlled much of the flow the first 10. minutes of the game, then Chelsea awoke and never looked back.

Once Chelsea got moving, they controlled much of the possession and created the best opportunities.

Roughly 18 minutes into the game, senior co-captain Cole Mauti scored a left footed goal just outside the penalty box. Then, 10 minutes later, Ryan "Pickle" Hilbert scored a first-class goal off a brilliant through ball played from Kevin Fournier.

Tecumseh changed their formation around a bit in the second half, dropping 10 players into defend the Chelsea attack. The Bulldogs maintained possession the

Future Buildogs

Thursday's home game against Adrian is Chelsea's "Future Bulldog Night." Any Chelsea Soccer Club players that come to the game wearing their Chelsea Soccer Club uniform will get into the game free and have an opportunity to meet the team during warm-ups.

majority of the second half until around the 74th minute mark when Tecumseh did push the ball up field and served a cross that bounced off the arm of a Chelsea defender; drawing a penalty kick for the Indians to put them on the board.

Last Tuesday, the Bulldogs fell 2-1 to host Ann Arbor Skyline.

Much of the first half was controlled by Skyline maintaining the possession. Skyline had a few good opportunities, but Chelsea's defense, led by senior Sam Glaubitz and junior Karl Fischer did a great job to limit the Eagles to only one

quality look at goal.

Chelsea keeper Drew Simons made some big stops for Chelsea, including one huge save on a ball that looked liked it changed direction in flight. The score was 0-0 at half-

time.

The second half began with a bang. Just 55 seconds into the half, Skyline's Drew Amstutz scored off a cross sent in from the outside of the field. Amstutz had a ball played through Chelsea's back line to him in open space and was able to beat Simons for his second goal of the game 4 minutes later.

It wasn't until the 62nd minute that Hilbert was played a ball in behind the Skyline defense and was able to poke it by the Skyline keeper to bring Chelsea back into the game. While most of the second half went back and forth, the final 10 minutes Chelsea appeared to control the momentum.

Chelsea controlled most of the possession in the Skyline half and was able to create a couple looks at goal but was unable to convert their chances.

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Last week, the Bulldogs struck several times for big plays against Skyline. But Friday was a different game - and clearly a different opponent.

"We were a little frustrated because we never seemed to get the ball in a position where we could make a big play," Bush said. "We just couldn't make a big play on offense (Friday)."

And Bush quickly pointed out that the Phoenix had something to do with the Bulldogs' frustrations. "They have a good

defense," he said. "They wore down in that 95 degree heat against Saline so that score

was not indicative at what that defense can do. Last week they held Pioneer to two scores so they are good on defense.

"They came to play. They are physical and run to the ball. Give credit to them."

But Bush knows the Bulldogs can play better on offense - something he has seen in spurts this season.

"I was a little disappointed in how we played on offense. he said. "We are a little banged up (on the offensive line) and we were juggling a little bit."

It was a different story on the other side of the ball for the Bulldogs. "Our defense was outstanding," Bush said. "When we play right, we can play with anyone on

defense."

The Phoenix (1-3) did a good job of at least slowing down the run against Chelsea. The Bulldogs ran for 438 yards the previous week against Ann Arbor Skyline. But the Phoenix held them to 162 yards.

They also limited Chelsea standout running back Berkley Edwards to 105 yards on 34 carries and only one touchdown. The junior had five scores in last week's win over Skyline. 200

"For the most part over the last two years we've done a good job at stopping the run,"Ypsilanti coach Jason Malloy said. "But we haven't been able to establish the run offensively and that hurt us (Friday)."

SCIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supr. Clark at 827 N. Zeeb Road Present: Clark, Hedberg, Palmer, DeLong, Green, Knowles, Read Public Hearing on the request of Thetford Corporation for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption. Public Hearing on annual adoption of the Special Assessment Roll for Fire Protection Services.

Protection Services. Approved and adopted the Special Assessment Roll for Fire Protection Services Approved a proposal from the Township's Paths Technical Advisory Committee to accept a revised proposal from Carlisle/Wortman Associates for a Zeeb Road Pathway Design Plan. Approved to release Fire Department Shift Commanders Holzer and Jorah from their introductory (probationary) period and approve them as full-time staff members. Approved to ratify the selection by the North Middle Selection Committee of David Read as the North Middle Countywidg Transit Board representative and Jim Carson as the North Middle Alternage Approved September Involces to be paid as presented Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk Scio Township Publish September 22, 2011

CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE SALE OF PROPERTY BUCHANAN ST BLDG

The Chelsea City Council will hold a Hublic Hearing to receive public comment on a proposed consideration of sale of property – Buchanan St. will be on held Tuesday. September 27, 2011 at 7:00 pm and also on Tuesday. October 11th at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom of the Washington Street Education Center. 500 Washington Street. Chelsea. Michigan

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City Clerk at the Chelsea City Office. 305 S. Main St. Suite 100, Chelsea, MI 48118 or telephone 734 475-1771 no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

> Terri Royal **City Clerk**

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CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, August 23, 2011

Washington Street Education Center

Call to Order

Present: Council Members Present: Mayor Lindaugr, Feeney, Hammer, Martinez-Kratz, Anderson, Holmberg, Albertson, City Manager Hanifan, and Clerk Royal

Absent Others Present: Indira Ghosh, Matt Jordon, Nancy Anderson.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval Of Consent Arenda 1: Meeting Minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 2011 2. Approval of Bills









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MOVED Hammer SECONDED Albertson to approve minutes and bills as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Regular Agenda MOVED Holmberg SECONDED Albertson to approve the agenda as modified, the addition of Window Rehabilitation Training All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comments None.

Public Hearing Fairways Special Assessment

MOVED, Hammer SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to open the Fairways Special Assessment public hearing at 7:05 pm.

Indira Ghosh, 201 Fairways, question regarding: 1)Why is the assessment based on the length of the road but not equally distributed to each property?2) The cost of relocating the mailboxes. 3) How repairs will be handled when new homes are built and damage is done to the streets. 4) How communications will be handled with the special assessment.

City Manager Hanifan informed residents that at present the City is unsure of how many mail boxes will have to be removed but was placed in estimate to be safe. Any new development that causes damages to the streets will be the responsibility of the developer to fix and the City will work with the developer to make sure the roads are not damaged. Communications will be handled through the mail.

City Assessor Powers addressed the question regarding the assessment per parcel. The assessment is based on linear front footage.

Carol Quandt asked if the difference in the totals of the special assessment is the interest.

MOVED Anderson SECONDED Hammer to close public hearing at 7:23 pm.

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to adopt the resolution to proceed with the Chelsea Fairways Special Assessment Improvements with 50% of the cost of improvements to be paid by the properties specifically benefited and 50% of the cost will be paid by the City at large. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Washtenaw Area Transportation Service (WATS)

MOVED Feeney SECONDED Holmberg to open the public hearing for WATS at 7:25 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The County would like a person selected to represent Chelses in the West-Washtenaw Communities Selection Committee, this does not have to be a council member. One person will be chosen to be on the board and an alternate. From West part of County representing 10 cities, villages and townships. There will be 15 seats total on the board, this portion of Washtenaw County will only have one seat. This position is to work on the Countywide 30 year Transit Plan.

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Anderson to Close the public hearing at 7:45. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MOVED Feeney SECONDED Albertson to approve the West Communities Countywide Transit Authority Representative Selection Act 7 Interlocal Agreement. Six (6) Ayes. One (1) Nay. (Anderson) Motion Carried.

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Hammer to nominate Council Member Feeney to be on the Select Committee. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Feeney to approve Act 7. Public Transit. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Council Business

1. Set Worksession for September 13th at 6:00 pm for discussion of backyard chickens .

MOVED Feeney SECONDED Albertson to set a worksession for September 13th at 6:00 pm for the discussion of backyard chickens, Six (6) Ayes, One (1) Nay. (Anderson) Motion Carried.

2. Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) Agreement Amendment

Council approved the Agreement at its last regular Council meeting. Lima Township has since approved the agreement, with the only change being the addition of Lima Twp.

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Holmberg to adopt the Resolution to Approve the Amended Washtenaw County. Refuse System No. 1 (Western Washtenaw County Recycling Project) Restated Contract No. 1. Six Ayes, One Nay (Anderson) Motion Carried.

3. Historic Window Rehabilitation Training Program

Preservation Chelsea proposes to host a window rehabilitation program in the City owned Mack Building within the former Longworth Complex.

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Hammer to endorse Preservation Chelsea's application to host a Historic. Window Rehabilitation Training Program in the Mack Building. The City will allow reasonable access to the building in preparation for and during the workshop with the stipulation that indemnification will be held solely by Preservation Chelsea and the City of Chelsea will not bear any out of pocket expense. All Ayes, Motion Carried.

STAFF REPORTS

City Manager Hanifan reported that he received an email from Harry Zocolii regarding the great job that is being done by Brad Roberts and his team and the Wright Tree Service.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Albertson reported that she attended the ribbon cutting at the opening ceremony of the Chelsea Fair on behalf of the Mayor."

Council Member Anderson reported that he is now vice chair of the Chelsea Area Fire Authority. CAFA i continuing their work on the refurbishment of the building. They are also looking at possibly working on the back of the building. Jamle Bollinger who was recently appointed to the CAFA Board is working with Lima Twoto get the Articles of Incorporation reviewed. CAFA is also working on long term plans including the additional firefighters that were brought on board.

Council Member Feeney reported on the WATS Meeting, announced which bridges they will be working on Looking at possibly levying .6 mills for roads which would be approved annually.

Council Member Hammer reported that WWRA is moving forward with the expansion and bond. Hope to receive final approval tomorrow night.

Council Member Holmberg reported on the WAVE Meeting they will be between \$5,000 and \$10,000. short on their budget. The ridership was up in July Looking at the significance of the 30 year plan and how it will affect those areas that are opting out of the coverage. They continue to review candidates for the Treasurer's position Council Member Martinez-Kratz had no report.

Mayor Lindauer reported that he attended an Eagle Scout Ceremony for Jake Riemenschneider.

CLOSED SESSION

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to go into closed session for the purpose of joint discussion with the DDA on potential real estate purchase. Roll Call Vote, All Ayes. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to adjourn at 8:55 pm. All Ayes: Motion Carried. Approved: September 13, 2011

Jason F. Lindauer, Mayor **Teresa Royal, City Clerk** Publish September 22, 2011



MICHIGAN FOOTBALL



Photo by Todd Sexton

Eastern Michigan head football coach Ron English watches his team try and stop Michigan's Denard Robinson.

Eagles finding their wings

By Mike Larson

When Ron English took over as head coach of the Eastern Michigan University football team in 2009, the program was pretty much in shambles. In fact, in English's first season, the team didn't even win a game. Yeah, it was that bad.

The Eagles went 0-12 ' in 2009 and in the 2010, were ranked dead last for Division 1 football programs (No. 120) in many "preseason polls,"

Last season, things didn't get a whole lot better, but the Eagles did improve under English.

The team won two games, but still finished last in the MAC West.

On Saturday English brought his Eagles team to the Big House, and his team drew first blood, taking a 30 after a Kody Fulkerson field goal.

Then the University of Michigan went to work dismantling the Eagles, scoring 31 unanswered points to win the game 31-0. It was a lopsided loss; however, it was also the Eagles' first loss of the season.

Eastern now stands at 2-1, which matches their win total from last season.

"We are starting to do things better," English said. "We are starting to buy in to this offense and this program."

The improvement is small, but at the same time, for a team that had won just two of its last 22 games prior to this season, it's a pretty big deal. Yet, according to English,

his team still has plenty to work on.

"We have to run the ball better," he said. "That's our biggest thing. We are a running team."

The Eagles will play another Big Ten team this week when it travels to Happy Valley to take on Penn State.

After that, the team will prepare for its MAC opener against Akron, which will take place on Oct. 10 at Eastern.

Mike Larson is a sports writer with Heritage Media. He can be reached at

MHSAA revenue-sharing program tops \$60,000

Historically, member-ship in the Michigan High School Athletic Association has been free of financial obligations for member schools. There has been no cost to join or to enter its postseason tournaments, and schools receive reimbursement for a portion of their participation expenses in many tournaments. Of late, schools have begun to benefit financially in additional ways through the Association's two-year-old revenue-sharing program. Early in September, 142

schools were sent checks ranging from \$10 to over \$300 through a variety of programs the MHSAA is engaged in for the sale of school apparel, DVDs of MHSAA Network presentations, miniature tournament trophies, District tournament programs, and District awards as part of the Scholar-Athlete Award program. Over the past 20 months, the total amount of revenue given to schools exceeds \$60,000.

"This is a very modest start," says John E. "Jack" Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA. "We anticipate that as our efforts expand, schools will see even more revenue. We've always avoided having membership be a financial burden on schools, and in these especially challenging times, we're now helping our members in additional ways."

The payments are primarily driven through general school apparel sales through the MHSAA Website, in retail stores, and customized tournament merchandise. Roberts added that 100 percent of the royalty from school customized apparel available through retail sales goes to schools.

"For many years, you could walk into a big box" store at the start of the school year, purchase merchandise with your school's logos and colors, and not have a penny of the proceeds go back to your school. Through our association with Licensing Resource Group, schools can now benefit from the sale of these spirit items."

The Scholar-Athlete Award program at the local level is sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance agents, who support District basketball tournaments with a donation to the host institution and a scholarship to a student-athlete participating in the event who was an applicant for the Scholar-Athlete Award. A small number of agents took part during the pilot program in 2011, and more are expected to participate in 2012.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by over 1,500 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition.



game Saturday against San Diego State? Why not join A2 Journal sports reporter Mike Larson for a live chat as he sits in the press box at the Big House? Log on with your laptop or desktop computer and chat with Mike as he watches the game live. Ask questions about the goings on in the press box. Contribute your comments as Mike breaks down the Wolverines' contest. In order to log on to the chat, yisit www.Heritage.com/Sports. Click on the Cover It Live box and follow the instructions.

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The Heritage sports staff is putting out a call to writers, wannabe writers, aspiring photographers and videography enthusiasts to help provide content for our growing and daily web site.

In an effort to recruit train and organize a team of writers eager to cover the Heritage area, the sports department is holding a sports writing workshop class at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29 at the Saline office. Reserve a spot by emailing Terry Jacoby at tjacoby@heritage. com or by calling 248-690-3454.

"We're looking for aspiring students who have aspirations about a career in sports writing, parents who don't think their schools get enough attention and want to help and teachers looking for a possible avenue to engage students," Jacoby said. "Our goal is to recruit, teach and encourage. We want to take what we do in print and multiply it by leaps and bounds on the internet."

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Eagles land in the BIG

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UPPER RIGHT: Eastern sophomore running back Javonti Greene (No. 32) tries to turn the corner against the Michigan defense. ABOVE: EMU senior defensive lineman Javon Reese tries to knock down a pass from Michigan QB Denard Robinson during Saturday's game in Ann Arbor. RIGHT: Eastern junior punter Jay Karutz isn't going to catch Michigan's Jeremy Gallon. BELOW: Michigan's Jake Ryan (No. 90) has a firm grip on Greene during Saturday's game.





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Chelsea JV football team improves to 3-1

By Terry Jacoby Heritage Media

The Chelsea JV football team moved its record to 3-1 with a tension-filled 29-20 victory on Thursday night. The game started out poorly for the Bulldogs, being stopped on a fourth down at midfield and allowing a long pass down to the 2yard line within the game's opening minutes. The Phoenix punched the ball in for the game's first score and a 6-0 lead.

Chelsea answered back capping a seven-play drive with 2-yard TD run. The score gave the Bulldogs a 7-6 lead midway through the first quarter.

Ypsilanti dominated the rest of the quarter, however. Scoring quickly on an 85-yard TD pass and following that up with a fumble recovery on the ensuing kickoff. The Phoenix only had to travel 15 yards to build a 20-7 lead early in the second quarter.

"We were pretty nervous at that point," Chelsea coach Chris Orlandi said. "Ypsi almost recovered the next kickoff too. I don't know if we would have recovered if that would have happened. Instead, we righted the ship and scored on our next drive. We regrouped at halftime and shut them down in the second half.

"We need to stop digging holes in the first half because we won't always be able to claw our way out."

Down 20-7, Chelsea used 14 plays to cut the deficit to six points. The TD came on a 4-yard run. Ypsilanti almost extended its lead once again, but fumbled a snap on Chelsea's 5-yard line with 2 minutes left in the half.

The second half was dominated by Chelsea. After recovering an Ypsilanti fumble on their opening drive of the half, Chelsea scored five plays later on a 2-yard TD run. The successful PAT gave the Bulldogs a 21-20 lead.

The Bulldogs never looked back. After two more defensive stops, Chelsea scored on its fourth short TD run of the game. A 2-point conversion put Chelsea up 29-20 late in the third quarter. The defense took over from there and sealed the win.

"It was a lot more tense than we had hoped," Orlandi said. "Perhaps we were overconfident. We didn't play with great fire and emotion. On the positive side, we had a new center, split end and defensive end fill in for injured guys tonight.

"They stepped up and did great things to help us win. I thought the defensive effort in the second half was terrific. That's why we won the game."

Freshman

The Chelsea freshman football team won their third game in a row on Thursday after shutting out Monroe 14-0.

Chelsea had first-half touchdowns from Alec Blocton on a 76 yard run and Cameron Starkey on a 1 yard quarterback sneak. Defensively, Chelsea played really well. Grant Ortbring, Mason Baily, and Scott Moore led strong defensive effort. Grant Farmer and Nick Maloney both had interceptions for the Bulldogs.

"Our defense really held them in check, and we moved the ball well enough on offense to win the game," Chelsea coach Dennis Strzyzewski said. "Grant Ortbring did a tremendous job punting the football, and that really helped us win the field position battle. These guys are starting to play faster and with more confidence. We just want to keep improving."



Photos by Burrill Strong Jacob Ford scoops up a fumble for the JV team.









Alex McDougail makes a great catch for the Buildogs.

Dexter turnovers prove costly in loss

By Terry Jacoby Heritage Media

The Adrian Maples built a 34-14 lead against host Dexter on Friday night and held on for a 40-28 win in an SEC game. The Dexter defense, which gave up 65 points the previous week to Ann Arbor Huron, allowed just six points in the fourth quarter.

Turnovers – five of them – hurt the Dreads.

"We played great defense (Friday) and almost came back after turning the ball over five times in the first half," Dexter coach Brian Baird said. "We had the ball with 5 minutes to go and only down by 14. Adrian is a talented and disciplined team, and they capitalized on our mistakes."

Dexter quarterback Mike Mioduszewski was 14 of 24 passing for 224 yards and threw for three scores and ran for another. But the senior quarterback also had four interceptions including one returned for a TD with 2:11 left in the

first half.

Jay Lewis had a nice game for the Dreads. The senior wideout had three catches for 78 yards caught a 32-yard TD pass and a sixyard score. Alex Mortensen had three grabs for 60 yards.

Mioduszewski, who is big and strong and tough to bring down, once again led the Dreads in rushing with 125 yards on 20 carries. But, the Dexter ground game has struggled to get going. A.J. Korte had 12 carries for 50 yards out of the backfield against Adrian.

"Our kids fought hard and never quit," Baird said. "They really showed tons of heart after the bitter loss last week. They came together this week and fought until the end."

Baird, in his first season as Dexter head coach, still has high hopes for the Dreads and believes they

Rame Day Dexter vs. Lincoln When: 7 p.m., Friday Where: Lincoln High School

HS FOOTBALL: Adrian 40, Dexter 28

Records: Dexter 1-3, Lincoln 3-1 Last week: Dexter lost 40-28 to Adrian; Lincoln beat Tecumseh 26-12

can turn things around. "The kids understand that starting tomorrow morning they are in the playoffs," he said. "We have told them that if we lose, we are out. We have our three losses on the season. It is time to get to work."

Adrian jumped out to a 7-0 lead, scoring on its first drive, going 80 yards on just four plays. But the Dreads came right back. Mioduszewski hit Lewis for a 32-yard touchdown to cap a six play, 70-yard drive in just 1:48. The Dreads did miss the extra point and trailed 7-6.

After Dexter forced Adrian to punt, the first of five <u>turnovers</u> gave the ball back to the Maples. A fumble gave Adrian the ball at the Dexter 19-yard line and the Maples needed only one play to find the end zone and make it 14-6.

The Dreads started marching down the field. Mioduszewski hit Lewis for 40 yards as they went from their own 26-yard line to Adrian's 26. But the drive ended with an interception.

And once again Adrian made the home team pay. A running play on first down went 83 yards for a TD as Adrian led 21-6. The Dreads again started marching down the field. Mioduszewski hit Jacob VanHoof for 18 yards for a first down and Jacob Haviland rushed 15 yards for another first down during the drive. Mioduszewski hit Lewis for a six-yard TD as Dexter cut the lead to 2114 after Mioduszewski ran in the two-point conversion.

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SEC teams meet for a jamboree DREADS

The Dexter girls' cross country team finished second with 84 points and Chelsea ran to a sixth-place finish with 175 points at the Southeastern Conference Jamboree at Willow Metro Park in New Boston.

Saline ran away with the event, with just 22 points. Pioneer was third (93), Bedford fourth (95) and Ann Arbor Huron fifth (158).

Dexter's Emily Pap was seventh in 20:19.20 and teammate Elise Dombkowski was ninth in 20:21.40. Other top Dexter finishers included Alexandria Ammann in 19th (21:01.50), Elizabeth Greve in 22nd (21:15), Robin Jackson in 27th (21:35.1), Cailin Mclean in 31st (21:49.8), Paige O'Piela in 33rd (21:56.3) and Madeline Nicholas in 34th (21:57.3), Mara Bottomley in 37th (22:02.6) and Abbie Betzolt in 44th (22:23.9).

Maegen Hopkins led the Bulldogs with a 13th place finish in 20 minutes, 37 seconds. Danielle Dahl was 18th (20:53), Elaine Johnson 43rd (22:22), Kennedy Aldrich 50th (22:47), Madison Nelson 51st (22:48), Lindsey Hopkins 54th (22:53),

The top 10 finishers

Bogs

1 Bryce Bradley, Chelsea, 16:18:50; 2 Nick Renberg, Saline, 16:19:00; 3 Spencer Bishop, Saline, 16:37:60; 4 Matt Greve, Dexter, 16:38:40; Galen Burrell, Pioneer, 16:39:10; 6 Taylor Neely, Dexter, 16:47:80; 7 Grant Praschan, Saline, 16:51:90; 8 Joe Wendorf, Dexter, 16:52:20; 9 Logan Wetzel, Saline, 16:56:20; 10 Zack Dutcher, Dexter, 16:58:20.

Ciris

1 Katie Hoevet, Pioneer, 19:35-20, 2 Elianna Shwayder, Saline, 19:52-10, 3 Alysta Cummings, Saline, 19:58-70, 4 Amy Creutz, Saline, 20:05-40; 5 Abby Rentschler, Saline, 20:06:60; 6 Kelsey Calhoun, Bedford, 20:14:90; 7 Emily Pap, Dexter, 20:19:20; 8 Gioria Park, Saline, 20:20:10; 9 Elise Dombkowski, Dexter, 20:21-40; 10 Alexandra Cell, Huron, 20:26:10.

Jessica Battaglia 59th (23:29), Ella Fritzemeier 70th (24:29), Gwen Hubbard 72nd (24:39) and Lauren O'Toole 75th (24:54).

"Freshman Meagen Hopkins ran a strong race to lead the team," Chelsea coach Pat Clarke said. "In this meet we faced four state ranked teams and we found this very tough going for our team. Our pack is slowly coming down in time with every race.

"We continue to work hard and improve with each day of the season. We are becoming a very tight knit unit that is hungry to get better. We must continue to improve if we are to be successful later in the season."

Boys

Saline also ran away with the boys' race. The Hornets scored 38 points with Dexter in second * place (44 points), Bedford third (82), Pioneer fourth (89), Chelsea fifth (158), Huron sixth (183) and Skyline seventh (209). Chelsea's Bryce Bradley took first overall with a time of 16:18.50.

"Bryce continues to run tough and is undefeated in all races so far this season," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager. "Our varsity runners were once again solid on a tough course. Freshmen Joe Vermilye, Jacky Baylis and Miles Fischer all continue to improve and had lifetime bests. Adam Junkins also had a personal best. It's nice to watch these young guys learn how to race."

The Dreads placed four runners in the top 10: 4. Matt Greve, Dexter, 16:38.40; 6. Taylor Neely, Dexter, 16:47.80; 8. Joe Wendorf, Dexter, 16:52.20; and 10. Zack Dutcher, Dexter, 16:58.20.

Other top Dexter finishers included Tim Bougher in 16th (17:18), Blake Loudermilk in 25th (17:54), Mike Hauke in 42nd (18:30.2) and Nick Empey in 56th (19:02).

Other top finishers for Chelsea included Jack Abernethy in 36th (18:10), Jacob Stubbs in 37th (18:14.3); Austin Horn in 40th (18:23). Bram Parkinson in 44th (18:35). Avery Osentoski in 46th (18:40) and Charlie Miller in 47th (18:43). The scoring drive covered 60 yards in nine plays. After the teams traded punts, the Dexter defense again forced the Maples to punt and took the ball over at its ownf 15-yard line. But on the first play, Mioduszewski was picked off and the Maples had the ball first and goal at the 10yard line.

On fourth and goal at the 5-yard line, the Maples hit on a pass play to take a 28-14 lead.

The Dreads threw another pick on their next possession and this one was returned 34 yards for a touchdowrf with just 2:11 left in the first half. Adrian led 34-14 at the half.

Dexter took the opening kickoff of the third quarter and covered 71 yards in 10 plays and scored on a 22-yard pass from Mioduszewski to Mortensen and the lead was down to 34-21

But the Maples came right back with their most impressive drive of the game. The visitors went 81 yards in 12 plays over 3:46 to make it 40-21.

Mioduszewski added a two-yard TD run with 4:42 left in the game. The score capped a seven-play 65yard drive for the Dreads. Mioduszewski had runs of 14 and 45 yards in the drive. Dexter finished with 23 first downs to 16 for. Adrian. The Dreads also had 418 yards of total offense; compared to 402 for the Maples.

Chelsea girls run away with NB title

The Chelsea girls' cross country team ran away with a first-place finish at the New Boston Huron Invitational on Saturday. The Bulldogs finished with 54 points while New Boston Huron was second with 83 points and Riverview was third with 95.

"We ran very well," Chelsea coach Pat Clarke said. "We had six of our seven girls run season best times. Two of our runners ran lifetime best times.. As a coach you can't ask for much more than that."

Senior Danielle Dahl had a sensational race running a season best of 19:43 to win the race. "Danielle ran a very strong race from start to finish," Clarke said. "It was nice to see her perform so well."

Freshman Maegen

Hopkins had a PR time of 20:06 to place second. This was her highest place yet on the varsity.

Other top finishers for the Bulldogs included Jessi Battaglia (14th, 21:27), Elaine Johnson (16th, 21:29), Madison Nelson (21^s, 21:40), Kennedy Aldrich (22nd, 21:41) and Lindsey Hopkins (21:42).

"The team won the championship trophy which is quite an improvement over last week," Clarke said. "We had a good hard week of practice, and as a result we improved dramatically with this meet.

"The team is growing in their maturity with each meet. Improvement is what cross country is all about. I just hope that we can continue on this course throughout the season." In the junior varsity

race, junior Ella Fritzemeir placed third to earn a medal. Sophomore Lauren O'Toole also medaled placing 10th with a PR 22:26. In all 10 of the 11 girls that ran earned medals.

Boys

The Chelsea boys' cross country team finished third at the New Boston Huron Invitational on Saturday. The Bulldogs finished with 70 points. Dearborn Divine Child ran first with 58 points while Trenton was second with 67 points in the 10-team field.

Bryce Bradley took first overall with a time of 15:49. Other top finishers for Chelsea included Austin Horn (11th, 17:19), Jacob Stubbs (14th, 17:26), Bram Parkinson (20th, 17:36), JackAvery Osentoski (30th, 17:59) and Charlie Miller (37th, 18:18).

"It was a perfect day for running fast," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager. "The course footing was solid, temps were cool and a light refreshing zephyr was wafting in from the North. More than half of our runners ran lifetime best times, many by large margins. "Bryce Bradley remains undefeated this season,

turning in a controlled but convincing victory. Stubbs and Parkinson's lifetime best efforts sparked the varsity to a solid third-place trophy."

Swager said the performance of the day was turned in by freshman Joe Vermilve.

"Joe played our strategy of moving up during the middle mile to perfection. finishing in second place overall with a 1 minute PR." Swager said. "Many of the first-year runners continue to improve their racing

 savvy. It was nice to get both a varsity and a JV trophy in this meet."

The JV team placed third with 83 points, behind only Divine Child and Ann Arbor Huron.



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U of M Alumni Concert Band seeks new members

By Sheila Pursglove Special Writer

Calfing all former Wolverine band and ensemble members: The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association Concert Band would like to hear from you for its fall session starting Sept. 22. Anyone who played a band instrument for at least one semester in a U of M ensemble is welcome to join the musical fun. No auditions are required. Rehearsals are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Nov. 10 at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor.

The group's next concert is Nov. 13 at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. The conductor for the fall session is Langston Hemenway, a U of M doctoral candidate in conducting. The UMBAA alumni guest conductor will be Mary Mullison, and composer and Michigan alumnus Jerry Bilik will lead UMBAA in one of his pieces.

UMBAA provides a place for U of M band alumhi to make music and socialize, and gives service and financial support to U of M bands. Through a scholarship endowment; UMBAA awarded a number of scholarships to student members of the Michigan Bands in 2010-2011.

Members, who come from ⁻ Ann Arbor, Dexter, Saline, Livonia, Brighton, Jackson, Highland, Canton, New Hudson, Detroit, Ypsilanti, Farmington, Williamston, Clawson, Walled Lake, Farmington Hills, Royal Oak, Clarkston, Whitmore Lake and West Bloomfield, enjoy an annual "Blast from the Past" reunion at Homecoming, an annual golf outing and perform with the Alumni Pep Band at Michigan games and other events.

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Invest in businesses – not Wall Street

If you're an investor, you might be shaking your head in dismay after looking at your recent brokerage statements. In fact, you might even be thinking about giving up on Wall Street altogether. But before you do, consider the following story.

Two typical American -children. Mary and Michael, begin their day with a hearty breakfast of oatmeal produced by Quaker Oats. a subsidiary of PepsiCo, based in Purchase, New York. At school, they work on a computer, using a Windows operating system produced by Microsoft, based in Redmond, Washington. Upon returning home, they do their homework under a lamp containing light bulbs produced by General Electric, headquartered in Fairfield, Connecticut. That night, their parents, pressed for time, take them to McDonald's, whose

corporate office is in Oak Brook, Illinois, and the children eat Big Macs and drink Cokes, produced by Coca-Cola, based in Atlanta, Georgia. Before going to bed, Michael and Mary wash up with Ivory Soap, produced by Proctor & Gamble, based in Cincinnati, and are thrilled to learn their parents are going to take them to Walt Disney World, owned by The Walt Disney Company, which operates out of Burbank, California.

You get the picture. None of these businesses are on Wall Street — and when you invest in them, you're not investing in "Wall Street," which is really just a shorthand term for our system of trading stocks.

Unfortunately, many people seem to think they are actually investing in the system itself, rather than in individual businesses, so when they repeatedly hear that "it's been a wild day on Wall Street," they start believing that the very act of investing has become too risky for them. But that's not the case. As you can tell by their products, the companies mentioned above are likely to be around for a long time — or at least until people stop using computers, washing their hands and eating hamburgers.

Does that mean that the stock prices of these types of companies will just keep climbing? Of course not. These businesses, like all businesses, will go through good and bad periods, and their stock prices will reflect these ups and downs. But here's the key point: Barring an unforeseen calamity of epicproportions, there always will be businesses in which you can invest. And if you buy quality companies, and hold them for the long term, you're going to increase your chances for success.

So when you're considering your investment strategy, don't worry about today's turbulence on "Wall Street." Instead, look at tomorrow's prospects for the companies in which you're interested. Are their products competitive? Do they belong to an industry that is on the ascent or the decline? Do they have good management teams? Have they been consistently profitable over the years? By answering these and other key questions, you should be able to get a good sense of whether a stock is a good investment candidate.

By thinking more about the individual businesses in which you might invest, and less about "Wall Street," you can become a more focused investor. And, over the long term, that focus can pay off for you. This article was written by

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By Mike Laird Guest Writer

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0778. What are some of the documents Social Security will accept as proof of identity for a child?

We can accept only certain documents as proof of your child's identity. An acceptable document must be current (not expired) and show your child's name, identifying information, and preferably a recent photograph.

We generally can accept a non-photo identity document if it has enough information to identify the child (such as the child's, name and age, date of birth or parents' names). We prefer to see the child's U.S. passport. If that document is not available, we may accept the child's: Adoption decree;
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What is the earliest age that I can apply for my Social Security retirement benefits? If you want benefits to begin at age 62 — the earli-

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benefits will be reduced, so evaluate your options carefully before you decide when to retire,

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You can do both online at www.socialsecurity.gov/ applyonline.

Can I delay my retirement benefits and receive benefits as a spouse only? How does that affect me?

It depends on your age. If you are full retirement age or older when you first apply, and your spouse is receiving Social Security benefits, you can choose to file and receive benefits on just your spouse's Social Security record.

This way, you could delay filing for benefits on your own record in order to receive delayed retirement credits.

By filing only for benefits as a spouse, you may receive a higher retirement benefit on your own record later based on the effect of delayed retirement credits.

You can earn delayed retirement credits up to age 70 as long as you do not collect your own benefits.

Since the rules vary depending on the situation, you should talk to a Social Security representative about the options available to you. ~ To learn more, visit www.socialsecurity.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213.

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

What is Supplemental Security Income?

The SSI program provides monthly payments to people with limited income and financial resources who are age 65 or older, blind or disabled.

In 2010, the maximum federal SSI payment is \$674 a month for an individual and \$1,011 a month for an eligible couple. This amount may be reduced if you have other income.

Many states supplement SSI payments. Go to www. socialsecurity.gov to view electronic leaflets about these state supplements.

To get SSI, your financial resources (savings and assets you own) cannot exceed \$2,000 (\$3,000 if married). If you are married and only one person is eligible, a portion of your spouse's income may be counted.

You can be eligible for SSI even if you have never worked in employment covered under Social Security. Generally, to be eligible for SSI, an individual also must be a resident of the United States and must be a U.S. citizen or a noncitizen lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

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For more information, you may want to read SSI (Publication No: 05-11000). You also may want to read our introductory material in the booklet, Understanding SSI. Both are available at www. socialsecurity.gov.

Are Supplemental Security income benefits subject to federal income tax?

No. SSI payments arenot subject to federal taxes. However, if you also receive Social Security benefits, those benefits may be subject to income taxes.

DISABILITY

Do disabled children qualify for benefits?

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• The disability began before age 22; and • The adult child's par-

• The adult child's parent worked long enough to be insured under Social Security and is receiving retirement or disability. benefits or is deceased. Under both of these

programs, the child must not be doing any "substantial" work and must have a medical condition that has lasted or is expected either to last for at least 12 months or to result in death. You will find helpful links to the online forms

and the steps you need to take to apply for childhood disability benefits at www. socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability.

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You also can view the fact sheet and checklist in the Child Disability Starter Kit to see what information you will need and the kinds of questions we will ask when you have your disability interview in your local Social Security office or over the phone.

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Mike Laird is the Social Security district manager in Ann Arbor. Apply now for 2012 retirement

By Jill Behrens Guest Writer

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If you are not quite ready to retire but are thinking about doing so in the near future, you may want to visit Social Security's website to use our convenient and informative retirement planner at www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2. Here you can find-out just how close you are to meeting your financial goals and then "bookmark" the website to file for retirement benefits whenever you are ready. We oncourse poonlo

We encourage people at any stage in their working career to use the Retirement Estimator for a instant, personalized estimate of future retirement benefits. Find it at www. socialsecurity.gov/estimatorg.

Remember that you're always first in line when you go online, to www. socialsecurity.gov.



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Students must have certification from school officials to continue with Social Security benefits

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If your son or daughter is a high school student turning 18, you've probably spent some time shopping for school supplies and the latest fashions, working out the schedule for the academic year, maybe even looking into colleges.

If your young senior is collecting monthly Social Security benefits, here's one more thing to add to your "Back-to-School" checklist. To make sure that Social Security benefits continue beyond age 18, eligible students must obtain certification from school officials that they are still in high school and provide it to Social Security Otherwise, monthly Social Security benefits automatically stop when a student turns 18.

For more information about Social Security student benefits, visit www. socialsecurity.gov/schoolofficials.

The website outlines how the process works with instructions on what the student and school official must do to ensure that benefits continue past the student's 18th birthday. With the appropriate certification, Social Security generally does not stop benefits until the month before the month the student turns 19, or the first month in which he or she is not a full-time high school student, whichever is earlier.

Some students receive Social Security survivors benefits because a parent is deceased.

Others may get dependent benefits because their parent receives Social Security retirement or disability benefits. Benefits for minor children generally, continue until age 18 — or 19 if they're still in high school. The only exception to this rule is if a student is disabled and eligible for childhood disability benefits. In that case, a separate application for benefits is required.

Social Security's website also includes:

• a downloadable version of the required Student's Statement Regarding School Attendance (Form SSA-1372) that must be completed by the student, certified by the school, and returned to Social Security;

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 answers to frequently asked questions for school officials and students; and
 a field office locator to find the address of your

local Social Security office. So as you're buying

school supplies, trying out back-to-school fashions, and figuring out when the holiday break begins, don't forget the important step of visiting www.socialsecuritygov/schoolofficials.

Supplemental Security Income a safety net for disabled people with limited income, resources

By Geneva Young Guest Writer

There's a safety net out there for those who might otherwise slip through the cracks.

It's called Supplemental Security Income Administered by Social Security, SSI makes payments to people with limited income and few resources who are age 65 or older, blind, or have a disability.

Funding for the SSI program comes from the general revenues of the U.S. Treasury, not from Social Security payroll taxes.

When we consider people's income,

we count things such as wages, Social Security benefits and pensions.

However, Social Security does not count all of your income when it decides whether you qualify for SSI. For example, we don't count food stamps or most home energy assistance.

Resources we count in deciding whether you qualify for SSI include real estate (other than the home you live in), bank accounts, cash, stocks, and bonds. A person with resources worth no more than \$2,000 may be able to get SSI. That resource limit is \$3,000 for couples.

To qualify for SSI, you must live in the

United States or the Northern Mariana Islands and be a US citizen or national. In rare cases, noncitizen residents can qualify for SSI. If you live in certain types of institutions or live in a shelter for the homeless, you may qualify for SSI.

People with blindness or disability who apply for SSI may be able to get free special services to help them work. These services may include counseling, job training, and help finding work.

The monthly maximum Federal SSI payment is the same nationwide and amounts to \$674 for a person and \$1,011 for a married couple. However, the amount you réceive depends on factors such as where you live, your living arrangements and income. Some states also supplement or add money to the Federal payment.

To learn more about SSI, read the online publication, "You May Be Able To Get Supplemental Security Income (SSI)" at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11069.html or visit the SSI page at www.socialsecurity. gov/ssi. Or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY, 1-800-325-0778).

If you're too disabled to work but haven't paid enough into Social Security to qualify for benefits on your record, SSI may be the program to help you.



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Always keep social security in the loop

By Mike Laird Guest Writer

If you are receiving Social Security disability benefit payments, it is important to notify us promptly — either in person, by phone, or by mail — whenever a change occurs that could affect your benefits.

This is especially true when reporting other income. Errors occur when you'fail to report certain types of income timely.

If you do not report these amounts, you may have to repay a large part of your



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If you work while receiving disability payments

You should tell us if you take a job or become selfemployed, no matter how little you earn. There are some work incentives that may allow you to keep your disability payments for a while.

If your benefits stop because of your work, we can quickly start them again if your income drops or if you stop working. Special rules make it possible for people receiving Social Security disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income to work and still receive monthly payments.

If you cannot continue working because of your medical condition, your benefits can start again — you may not have to file a new application.

Work incentives include: • Continued monthly benefits for a time while you work:

• Continued Medicare or Medicaid while you work; and

• Help with education, training, and rehabilitation to start a new line of work.

The rules are different under Social Security and SSI.

But, whether you are receiving Social Security or SSI, it is important to let us know promptly when you start or stop working, or if any other change occurs that could affect your benefits.

Also, tell us if you have any special work expenses because of your disability



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(such as specialized equipment, a wheelchair or even some prescription drugs) or if there is any change in expenses.

If you receive other types of disability benefits

Social Security benefits for you and your family may be reduced if you also are eligible for workers' compensation (including payments through the black lung program) or for disability benefits from certain federal, state, or local government programs.

You must tell us if: • You apply for another type of disability benefit; • You receive another disability benefit or a lump-

sum settlement; or
Your benefits change or stop.

If you get a pension from work not covered by Social Security

If you start receiving a pension from a job for which you did not pay Social Security taxes — for example, from the federal civil service system, some state or local pension systems, nonprofit organizations, or a foreign government — your Social Security benefit may be reduced.

Also, tell us if the amount of your pension changes. So keep in mind that you must always keep Social Security informed of your changing situation. Many factors can affect your benefits. To learn more about Social Security, visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

Social Security offices reduce hours

Effective Aug. 15, all Social Security offices will be open from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., a reduction of a halfhour daily, Monday through Fridays.

The offices in Southeast Michigan include Ann Arbor, Chesterfield, Dearborn, Detroit, Farmington Hills, Fort Gratiot, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Inkster, Livonia, Monroe, Pontiac, Roseville, Royal Oak, Sterling Heights and Wyandotte

Most Social Security services do not require a visit to an office.

For example, anyone wishing to apply for benefits, sign up for Direct Deposit, replace a Medicare card, obtain. proof of income letter, or report a change of address and telephone number can do so at www.socialsecurity. gov or by dialing the toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

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GUEST COLUMN: By Mike Laird Spousal benefits offer increased options

You may have more options than you know when it comes to Social Security benefits.

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Like many, you probably have given some thought to your own retirement plans. You know you can retire as early as age 62 and get reduced benefits. You know you can wait until your full retirement age and get full benefits.

You also may know you can defer collecting benefits and accrue delayed retirement credits up to age 70, which will boost your payment.

But did you know that being a spouse or a widower gives you even more choices?

For example, if you have reached your full retirement age when you elect to receive benefits and are eligible for a spouse's or ex-spouse's benefit and your own retirement benefit, you may choose to receive only spouse's benefits. In this way, you can continue to earn delayed retirement credits on your own Social Security record.

spouse's benefits. In this way, you can continue to earn delayed retirement credits on your own Social Security record. You then may file for benefits on your own record later and receive a higher monthly benefit based on the effect of delayed retirement credits.

Widows and widowers have similar options. Widows and widowers can begin receiving Social Security benefits at age 60, at age 50 if they are disabled or at any age if they are caring for the deceased worker's child who is younger than 16 or disabled and also entitled to Social Security benefits on the deceased worker's record.

Widows and widowers can take a reduced benefit on one record and later switch to a full benefit on the other record.



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For example, a woman could take a reduced widow's benefit at age 60 or 62 and then switch to her full (100 percent) retirement benefit when she reaches full retirement age.

If you already are receiving reduced benefits and you then are widowed, you may want to wait until full retirement age to claim survivor's benefits.

Then your benefits as a survivor will not be reduced for your age. They may be reduced, however, if your deceased spouse took benefits early and was receiving reduced benefits.

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The rules vary depending on the situation, so you should talk to a Social Security representative about the options available to you. To learn more, visit www.socialsecurity.

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winning services for you

By Mike Laird Guest Writer

While basketball fans are excited about March Madness --- a time when the final four teams in the NCAA fight for the title of national champion — Social Security already has a win-ning "final four" of online services to cheer about --- the Retirement Estimator, Benefit Application, online Extra Help application and Business Services Online.

1. The Retirement Estimator is an easy way to get an instant, personal-ized estimate of your future Social Security benefits.

Just key in some basic information. and the estimator will use information on your Social Security record, along with what you input, to give you a benefit estimate on the spot.

You even can experiment with different scenarios. such as changing your future earnings and retire-

ment date

Check it out in English at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator or in Spanish at www. segurosocial.gov/calculador.

2. The Benefit Application is the most convenient way to apply for Social Security retirement benefits. You can apply from the comfort of your home

- it's fast, easy, and secure. It's so easy, in fact, it can take you as little as 15 min. utes to apply online. In most cases, once your





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application is submitted electronically, you're done. There are no forms to sign and usually no documentation is required.

Social Security will process your application and contact you if any further information is needed.

Try it out when you're ready to retire at www. socialsecuritygov/applyonline.

3. The online Extra Help application is an easy way to save about \$4,000 a year on your prescription drug'costs. To qualify for the Extra

Help, you must be on Medicare, have limited

income and resources and live in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia.

Learn more about it at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

4. Business Services Online is our one-stop shop for small businesses. The site allows organizations and authorized individuals to conduct business with and submit confidential information to Social Security.

You even can use it to file your W-2s the fast, convenient, and paperless way -online.

Visit Business Services Online at www.socialsecu-

ritygov/bso.

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GUEST COLUMN: By Mike Laird Look for form SSA-1099 for tax returns

Millions of taxpayers are busy gathering all the forms and documents they need to file their federal, state and 2010 in order to file a tax return, you can request it online at www.socialisecurity.gov/1099.

The SSA-

1099 shows

state and local tax returns. If vou receive Social Security benefits, one of those items may be your SSA-1099 from Social Security. Some people who receive Social Security may have to pay taxes on a portion of their benefits.

If you're one of these individuals, a Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099) is an important tax document for you to have. Social Security mailed

the SSA-1099s for tax year 2010 to all beneficiaries in January. If you receive Social Security and need a replacement SSA-1099 for

If you receive the total amount of Social Security benefits received in and need a replathe previous vear and cement SSA-1099 is used to find out if for 2010 in order any Social Security to file a tax return. benefits are subject you can request it to tax. The federal tax online at www. laws about Social socialsecurity. Security benefits progov/1099. vide that: Up to

> 50 percent of Social Security benefits may be subject to federal income tax for individuals with a combined income between \$25,000 and \$34,000, or for couples with a combined income between \$32,000 and \$44,000; and

• Up to 85 percent of Social Security benefits may be subject to federal



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income tax for individuals with a combined income above \$34,000, or for couples with a combined income above \$44,000. Note: "Combined income" means adjusted gross income, plus nontaxable interest, plus one-half of_Social Security benefits. For more information on taxation of Social Security benefits, visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov. To request a replacement SSA-1099, visit www. socialsecurity.gov/1099. Mike Laird is the Social Security district manager in Ann Arbor.



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