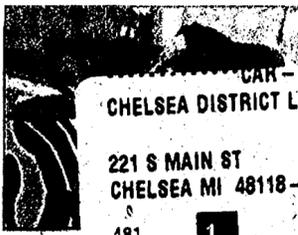




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Student athlete still recovering

Community support continues with fundraisers, prayers

By Erica McClain
Heritage Media

From brushing his teeth to combing his hair, Kersch Ray has to rehearse the fundamentals of daily life after getting hit by a car Sept. 2 while running along Freer Road with his cross country teammates.

The early-morning accident left Kersch with a closed-head injury, as well as two broken legs and initially left him in a weeklong coma.

But he's not alone on his journey.

From seeing people around Chelsea wearing Team Kersch wristbands to cross country coach Eric Swager's 50-mile ultra-marathon fundraiser and the Chelsea State Bank's

Medical Fund for Kersch Ray, Kersch's mother, Jackie Ray, says the sense of community outpour has been astonishing.

"Everybody who has contributed, no matter how big or how small, has allowed us to spend time with Kersch to help him heal and help him get better and spend more time with our family," Jackie said.

While Kersch has been unable to communicate verbally and the family has not been able to develop a solid form of communication with him yet, such as a thumbs-up or thumbs-down, Jackie says she knows her son is getting better every day.

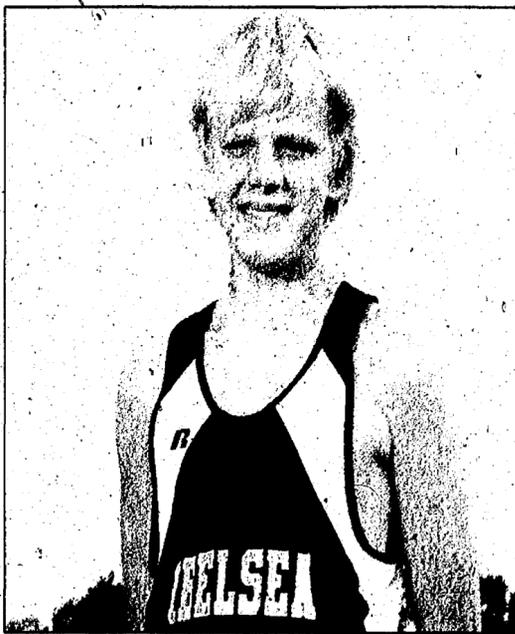
"We see it," Jackie said. "I would say we knew once he came out of the coma,

once he got the bone graft in. Every day he tells us he's going to get better, but we'll never know when — only Kersch will tell us that, and he will take us as far as he can go."

Kersch was set to go home from the rehabilitation floor of the University of Michigan Hospital Oct. 19, but that soon changed to Nov. 2, and Jackie said that date has been taken off the board as well.

"They don't have a solid date to come home yet," Jackie said. "It's sort of a good bad thing — the longer he's there, the better he's doing. They're going to take him as far as they possibly can. Then, they'll release us to the outpatient rehabilitation program."

Jackie said the program has her son in different types of therapy several



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Man robs Pantry at gunpoint

By Erica McClain
Heritage Media

A man armed with a gun was reported to have robbed Perky Pantry Oct. 14 at 501 S. Main St.

The suspect entered the store with a non-descript handgun and demanded money from both the store's clerk and a customer, according to a Chelsea Police Department press release. The suspect knocked the store employee to the floor before fleeing on foot with an undetermined amount of cash, police said. The employee was treated at Chelsea Community Hospital Friday night for minor injuries. The suspect is described as a black male around 30-35 years old and is between 5-foot-7 and 5-foot-10 with a medium to muscular build.

He was wearing mostly dark clothing with light-colored athletic shoes. The suspect fled southwest on foot, where a burgundy car was seen speeding southbound a short time later, according to a police press release.

Anyone with information should contact the Chelsea Police Department at 734-475-9122 or use the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line, 1-800-SPEAK-UP. Crime Stoppers has offered a \$1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

SPECIAL REPORT: 'BEHIND THE SMOKE' PART III

Criminals scoring with state pot law, cops say

By Michael P. McConnell
Journal Register News Service

Police investigations show Michigan's medical marijuana law is attracting a cast of criminals, from low-level thieves and armed robbers to convicted drug traffickers.

With illegal pot sales a multibillion-dollar industry in the U.S., states that allow limited cultivation and use of marijuana for patients are magnets for black market operators, law enforcement officials say.

Pot advocates argue the solution is to make marijuana legal nationwide and end a fruitless war on drugs, but police say they have to enforce existing laws that protect the public against criminals.

Federal narcotics agents learned in March that several illegal Cuban immigrants who had done time for cocaine trafficking were looking to buy houses in northern Oakland County to set up marijuana growing operations. The Cubans were linked previously to a Columbian cocaine cartel, said one investigator.

"The Cubans couldn't get medical marijuana cards for themselves so they recruited people and paid them to get the cards," said Oakland County Sheriff's Lt. Joseph Quisenberry, head of the county's Narcotics Enforcement Team. "With the medical marijuana law in Michigan, the perception is that

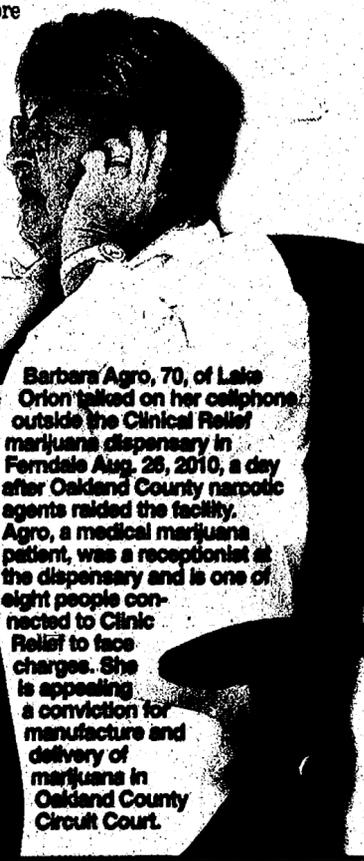
law enforcement would be lax and it would be easy for them to do business."

Oakland County NET agents have busted and dismantled more than 150 marijuana growing operations since the state medical marijuana law was passed nearly three years ago. More than a dozen people connected with marijuana dispensaries in Ferndale and Waterford were arrested and charged last year.

Michigan thus far has seen relatively few violent marijuana related crimes. In other states with similar laws — such as California and Washington — patients, growers and clinic operators have been robbed, shot and even murdered.

Burglaries and armed robberies have been reported in Michigan at dispensaries in Lansing, Ann Arbor and

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Barbara Agro, 70, of Lake Orion talked on her cellphone outside the Clinical Relief marijuana dispensary in Ferndale Aug. 28, 2010, a day after Oakland County narcotic agents raided the facility. Agro, a medical marijuana patient, was a receptionist at the dispensary and is one of eight people connected to Clinic Relief to face charges. She is appealing a conviction for manufacture and delivery of marijuana in Oakland County Circuit Court.

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Council invests in Gateway initiative

By Krista Gjestland
Special Writer

Chelsea City Council members voted to support the Gateway Communities Initiative in the form of \$2,500 during its last meeting.

The Gateway Communities Initiative is a collaboration to improve tourism between leaders in several area communities that are defined as the Pinckney-Waterloo Recreation Area, including Chelsea, Manchester, Dexter and eastern Jackson County.

The goal of the group, according to Bob Pierce, executive director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, is to market the area for eco-tourism. "Everyone agreed that we needed to look at and brand this area primarily for outdoor recreation and tourism," Pierce said. "The goal here is not to homogenize."

To help the group with their efforts, they have been working with Travel Michigan Managing Director David Lorenz and marketing strategist Mark Lantz.

Lantz was the creative mind behind the award-winning Pure Michigan campaign. He will be working closely with the Gateway Communities Initiative to develop a brand and tag line.

The end goal is "to put together a comprehensive marketing effort to market this region," according to Pierce.

The \$2,500, which was approved unanimously, will go toward Lantz' fees.

Though the programs are entirely separate, Pierce envisions the new brand working with the

current Chelsea First campaign.

"I think there we will see a great collaboration," he said.

In other Council news: The Council also voted on several revisions to City Manager John Hanifan's contract.

The revisions include extending Hanifan's current contract to June 30, 2015, increase his wage scale from step 6 to 7 for 2011 and grant him a severance package to six months from his current of three months.

Administrative Director

Kim Garland reported to Council that system changes to the utilities billing system went relatively smoothly. She noted that the changes that have been made over the last four years have had significant positive impacts.

All of the funding that has been put into the changes will be earned back by the end of the year, according to Garland.

According to the City of Chelsea website, "the changes included the ability to view account information online, receive utility bills electronically

and make utility payments online."

Going to paperless billing has saved the city \$10,200 in postage, said Garland.

"I really compliment the department on what they have done; it's huge savings," said Council member Ann Feeny. "It's been quite remarkable."

A detailed report of the financial and operating changes is available online on the city's website, www.city-chelsea.org.

The Chelsea City Council will meet again at 7 p.m. Oct. 25.



United Way halfway to goal

Chelsea United Way's honorary chairs, Jack and Mary Ann Merkel, joined Chelsea United Way board members to help Silver-Maples host the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce's September Business After Hours. Chelsea United Way kicked off the 2011 annual fundraising campaign on September 9 and is about halfway toward its goal of \$100,000. An all-volunteer organization, Chelsea United Ways sends 90 percent of all funds collected to the Chelsea organizations that help build a better, stronger Chelsea.

Pictured left to right: Dave Reinhardt, Anne Comeau, Chris Knight, Jack Merkel, Eric Keaton, Mary Ann Merkel, Kathy Brigham and Teresa Zigman.

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times every day.

"They work him very hard," Jackie said. "A lot of what you see - they get him on a table and help him stand up to get him back on his feet. They work his arms; they work his legs to get him to reacquire his skills ... to show signs that he will be able to eat again. Hopefully, soon he'll be able to start solid food again."

Upcoming fundraisers in Kersch's name include a 4-8 p.m. Oct. 25 spaghetti dinner and silent auction fundraiser at Chelsea High School, 740 N. Freer Road. At-will donations will be accepted at the door, with dinner provided by Thompson's Pizza and dessert from Yellow Door.

Items for the silent auction will be accepted until Oct. 21. Please contact one of the following people to donate an item: Marijane Nelson at 734-260-9666; Deb Herman at 734-417-4250; Lisa Clouse at 734-433-9223; or Emily Zimmer at 734-418-3207. For each item or service, please provide the name of the company or person donating, a contact

phone number, a brief description of the item and the item's value.

The auction will run from 4-8 p.m. with items up for bid including: 3 person Spa Package from Gemini in Chelsea worth \$500; Peerless Acoustic Guitar PD-50 valued at \$1,195; two University of Michigan Men's Basketball tickets; six MSU Women's Basketball tickets; four Purple Rose Theatre tickets; ladies' baskets, men's baskets, kids baskets and more.

The fundraisers, along with a Facebook page called Prayers for Kersch, act as a continuing support system for Kersch and the Ray family.

"Every time I post on Facebook, I need to get that thank you out to everyone - no matter how big or small," she said.

But face-to-face support has been just as strong. Just this past weekend, Kersch had more than 50 visitors at his bedside.

"That's amazing that people still find time," she said. "This was almost two months ago, but for me it's like yesterday, but this far into this people are still coming in and finding time to help all the time."

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Students take MEAP under tougher standards

By Donna Iadipaolo
Special Writer

Students and teachers in Ann Arbor, like those across Michigan, have been gearing up for the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test this month.

Every year, Michigan third- through ninth-grade students take the MEAP — a requirement of the No Child Left Behind Act. Consequently, between the test dates of Oct. 11 and 28, area students have been encouraged to get an especially good night sleep and not miss any school.

Students in third through eighth grades take exams in math and reading; students in fifth, eighth and 11th grades take the science exam; and students in sixth, ninth and 11th grades take the social studies exam.

But, this year, these students have a higher standard to be deemed "proficient."

Last month, the State Board of Education voted 6-1 that students would need to have far more questions correct on the MEAP to pass.

"Effective with fall 2011 testing, the State Board of Education has adopted more rigorous standards for scoring the statewide MEAP tests," said Haisley Elementary Principal Kathleen Scarnecchia in a letter to parents. "They established new cut scores to better reflect whether schools are preparing students to be college and career ready when they complete high school."

Students who previously had to get about one-third of the questions on the MEAP correct now have to get as much as over two-thirds correct to be proficient.

For example, to be deemed proficient, third-graders will now have to answer 72 percent of the questions on the math exam correctly, up from 34 percent last year; fifth-graders will have to answer 83 percent on the science

exam correctly, versus last year's 48 percent; and seventh-graders will have to answer 70 percent of the reading questions correctly, instead of only 52 percent.

"The new cut scores will shift what is considered proficient and the new scoring scales will raise the bar significantly while creating greater rigor and accountability. They will also shift the interpretation of the data, since comparing directly to previous years will not be an accurate measure," said Ann Arbor Superintendent of Schools Patricia Green.

"New base scores will have to be established with the new scale so that patterns and trends can be analyzed accurately. When (Education) Secretary Duncan appeared at the University School of Education a few weeks ago, he indicated that the shift in the cut scores in Michigan will also make the achievement gap larger."

Some critics of the new cut scores predict that most students will now fail the MEAP. Further, others also predict more schools will be identified as needing improvement, funding for many schools may be cut, and school administrators will be scrambling to explain their schools' new ratings to parents. There is also some thought that failing the test will discourage students.

Additionally, Michigan's new tenure-jobs rules create the possibility of teachers losing their jobs if their students do poorly on tests.

"My ideal for standardized testing would be if it were merely a stepping stone to show what kinds of gaps I need to fill," said Sandy Kreger, a fifth-grade teacher at Burns Park Elementary. "I remember one year they had a very sad writing prompt on the MEAP. Scores of students did significantly worse on that year's test because of the prompt."

Kreger added that there also may be too many



Students at Haisley Elementary School in Ann Arbor are taking the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test this month.

unknown variables surrounding the MEAP to be used to accurately measure children, as well as teachers.

"Of course, there are other variables affecting each child in each neighborhood, including sleep, food, home life, and all of the 'Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs' stuff," she said. "I have no idea how something like test scores are really going to measure the worth of a teacher."

Steve Norton, director of Michigan Parents for Schools, said MPFS "is not opposed to testing per se, but is opposed to the uses to which it is now being put."

Norton warns that "using such narrow measures to judge the overall performance of schools, and, now, teachers, is fraught with peril."

"Aside from the pressure to cheat, which we have seen from high-stakes testing, making these narrow measures the ultimate test of school and teacher effectiveness means that we don't really care about anything else that schools do," Norton said.

Norton believes that our schools are responsible for a wide range of teaching and learning, which includes logical thinking, critical inquiry and the

core values that underlie our democratic system.

"Our children learn to work by themselves and in groups, to respect and value diversity, and to make a positive contribution to their community," Norton said. "All of this is a central mission of our public schools, yet little or none of it can be assessed with 'bubble' tests."

Norton said that the MEAP formerly included some open-ended "show your work" types of questions, but because these kinds of questions have become very expensive to score, the state has moved away from them.

"As a parent, I have always been skeptical of standardized tests, and I resent the time they take away from real work in the classroom," Norton said.

President Barack Obama ruled by executive order that states can opt out of some of the requirements set by the No Child Left Behind Act if certain reforms are made.

"Rigor and relevance in all educational experiences are important, and we take the responsibilities embedded in NCLB seriously," Green said. "Accountability is essential, but the shift in Washington creates greater flexibility for states if they

embrace the new paradigm unfolded by President Obama and Secretary Duncan.

Green stated that changes in the test-cut scores and teacher-tenure laws were among such recent new Michigan regulations and laws.

"The new tenure-evaluation system requires testing in reading and math," said Ann Arbor teacher and parent Carrie Chester. "If teachers are pressured to ensure that students excel in these areas, will they, by nature, put less emphasis on other content areas?"

Chester added that it is important for testing and tenure laws not to move students away from a well-rounded education.

"As a parent, I can definitely say that I want my son to be receiving a quality education in a school that considers the social and emotional development of children... (and) believes that nurturing higher level and critical thinking is essential to a student's ultimate success; and supports collaboration to ensure that all students are learning and achieving at an appropriate level. Is this just crazy talk?"

Donna Iadipaolo is a freelance writer for Heritage Media

Warren talks budget, Canada bridge

By Austen Smith
Heritage Media

State Sen. Rebekah Warren, D-18th District, like other lawmakers has faced tough questions and concerns over the past year during a time of unprecedented revenue slashing for municipalities and schools.

On Oct. 3, she faced those tough questions directly while hosting her regular Coffee Hour at Primo Coffee House in Ypsilanti Township.

Warren, who represents a good portion of Washtenaw County, including her hometown of Ann Arbor, talked about such state issues as the proposal for a second bridge to Canada, possible cuts to the state's Medicaid system, privatizing education and prisons, among others.

While residents' questions all varied, the priorities driving the state's reinvention of itself were essentially the same. Warren talked about the importance of focusing on new technologies that will help bring back some of more than 1 million manufacturing jobs lost, improving the opportunities for higher education and being smarter with Michigan's \$46 billion annual budget.

Bridge to Canada

Questions surrounding Gov. Rick Snyder's plan to build a publicly owned bridge leading to Canada cropped up several dif-

ferent times during the hour-long forum. Recent TV advertising paid for by Manuel "Matty" Moroun, who owns and operates the Ambassador Bridge through his company, Detroit International Bridge, has labeled the plan as a boondoggle and indicated that the cost burden would eventually fall to taxpayers.

Warren said there has been a lot of interest generated because of the advertising, but that she supports the plan as it would ease trucking congestion on the Ambassador Bridge, and with Canada's offer to pay \$550 million, some of those funds could be put toward fixing federal highways and local roads.

"What we have been hearing for years now is that more and more of our manufacturing is just in time manufacturing, and the parts are being built in Canada and they are trying to get them into the U.S. as quickly as possible," Warren said.

The Ambassador Bridge drops those coming into Michigan in a residential neighborhood that often creates lengthy traffic jams. Moroun has proposed building a six-lane adjoining span, at his own expense, to relieve the congestion.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has projected that if a second bridge is built, the Ambassador Bridge would lose approxi-

mately half of its traffic and Moroun's son, Matthew Moroun, has stated in reports that the company would likely face collapse.

Warren said there are "lots of reasons to do it," not the least of which will be the opportunity to siphon monies from Canada's investment along with federal matching funds to improve local roads.

"Canada is willing to provide that more than \$500 million and all the things that surround it. It gives us an opportunity to actually fix local roads. And that is something we have really struggled with," Warren said.

She said in one township alone in her district, there were four bridges closed last year because they were deemed unsafe.

One resident took Warren to task on the proposal saying those issues about traffic and delivering goods into the United States should have been addressed more than 30 years ago when the Ambassador Bridge was built.

In recent reports, Gov. Snyder has urged the Legislature to act on the proposal before the end of the year.

Jobs and higher education

When questions about where the state is headed in creating new jobs, Warren was quick to point to state's push for higher education



State Sen. Rebekah Warren spoke at a recent coffee hour in Ypsilanti Township.

— or lack thereof.

She said while lawmakers and the governor have talked about the importance of improving opportunities to earn bachelor's and associate's degrees, in addition to retraining workers into other fields, the state has not made a good faith investment in funding Michigan's 15 colleges and universities, Warren said.

In 2006, the state dedicated money toward higher education totaling about \$1.8 billion and that has now been cut to about \$1.2 billion, Warren said.

"It's exactly the opposite of what we are saying we need here," she said. "What we are saying to prospective business owners and homeowners is that higher education is not our prior-

ity."

Warren also made it clear that she doesn't expect to see all of the 1 million-plus manufacturing jobs lost in the state to ever come back. But she does expect to see a portion of those jobs return just into other, more high-tech fields, pointing to renewable energy as one of several opportunities.

"Getting a first-class education and focusing on new fields, that is where the next jobs will come from, and that's exciting," she said. "Michigan is one of the leaders in terms of the dollars that we are getting for electric vehicles."

"I think the things on the horizon for Michigan are even greater. We have the opportunity for wonderful success."

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Thursday, October 20, 2011

WEB VIEWS

ONLINE POLL QUESTION

How will you celebrate Halloween?

- A. Trick-or-treating with the kids
- B. Attend a Halloween party
- C. Pass out candy to kids
- D. I won't celebrate Halloween

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Medical marijuana law is a mistake

It was a mistake for Michigan voters to approve the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes by a 2-1 margin in November 2008. The Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, which should be overturned by the state Legislature, allowed those with "debilitating medical conditions" to use marijuana when approved by a physician.

It also allowed "patients" to name a caregiver to administer the drug and to grow up to 12 marijuana plants. Dispensaries sprung up independently, but there are no compliance standards for dispensaries under the law. Advocates convinced the electorate that marijuana would alleviate chronic pain or severe side effects from chemotherapy. This is bogus. There are no scientific peer-reviewed studies that show marijuana reduces chronic pain.

In addition, there are FDA-approved medications such as Marinol that contain Tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the active ingredient in marijuana that can be prescribed by a physician. There also are at least three widely-used medications — Emend, Aloxi and Sancuso — which prevent chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting.

So there is no need for marijuana when legitimate medications are available to those living with chronic pain or side effects of chemotherapy. In addition, medical insurance will pay for such medications and no insurer will pay for marijuana. Another problem with the Michigan law is that "debilitating conditions" were not specifically defined. This opens the door to con artists and dealers who complain of a "severe back ache" getting their hands on a drug that sells for \$150 to \$500 an ounce on the street depending on the quality.

An often-overlooked and dangerous problem with allowing widespread use of marijuana is that there is no quality control of marijuana being privately grown and disseminated. The law never legalized marijuana. Marinol and anti-nausea drugs contain the exact ingredients whether a patient buys them at any pharmacy.

But with hundreds of people growing marijuana, there is no telling what might be contained in the marijuana purchased. Drug dealers often "cut" drugs with lethal substances such as strychnine to increase the quantity and this unnecessarily puts people's lives at risk. Under current law, the potency of marijuana is not consistent. This could injure medically fragile patients, causing coma or a psychotic episode.

We are proud that state Attorney General Bill Schuette has led the charge to shut down marijuana dispensaries. In August, the state Court of Appeals shut off the commercial sale of marijuana by those who have a medical marijuana card. The problem is that the use of marijuana is a hot-button issue. Its use must be looked at rationally.

In a series of articles, *Jóurnal Register* newspapers have tried to show the positive and negative aspects of the medical marijuana law. But the bottom line is that marijuana does not reduce pain. Its potency and quality is not being regulated and too many people, we suggest, see it as a way to make a quick buck in a down economy rather than a way to ease suffering.

—Courtesy of The Oakland Press

Occupy Wall Street: Check your message

Yes, yes, America is kind of cruddy right now. There is a gaping inequality between the haves and have-nots, few people would argue that the government and corporate America are in bed together, and there's all matter of cronyism from top to bottom.

Yes, America is a little wheezy right now. We all grasp it. Which is why, on the surface, the Occupy Wall Street movement sounds great. After all, they're raising fine points all around, from corporate greed run amok to global warming. If nothing else, they might inspire a few more people to rally against "the man" and realize the degree to which we're regularly being screwed with.

But they need to settle down, or else the message will get lost in the method. And by "method," I mean the comparisons to Tahir Square. Make no mistake: The people behind the Occupy Wall Street protests — whoever they are — are modeling themselves on what happened in Egypt. They are trying to bring the concept of the Arab Spring to our shores. The only difference is while items on the protesters' agenda are all legitimate concerns, comparing it to Tahir Square is just, in virtually every way possible, wrong.

HOME FRONT



JEFF EDELSTEIN

Consider, in Egypt, people who challenged then-president Hosni Mubarak's rule were routinely tortured and put on trial. In America, I can say whatever I please and nobody will take me away in chains. In Egypt, more than 90 percent of women and girls are subject to genital torture, according to the World Health Organization. Show of hands, American ladies: How many of you have

been subject to that? In Egypt, if you're not a Muslim, Christian or Jew, you are not recognized as being a member of an official religion, and cannot obtain documentation showing so. In America, you can worship the stop sign at the corner of Third and Main, and you still get to possess a driver's license. In Egypt, half the citizens live on less than \$2 a day, according to an Associated Press report.

In Egypt, in 2005, Freedom House ranked Egypt as next-to-the-bottom in political rights for its citizens and equally low marks on civil liberties. In America, land of the free, bucko.

In short, the people of Egypt — the genitally mutilated, non-civil rights having, \$2-a-day, be-a-part-of-western-religion-or-you-don't-exist people of Egypt — really had reason to take to the streets and seek to overthrow the government. They were living a crap life, especially compared to Americans.

Speaking of us Americans, well, sometimes we don't realize how good we actually have it, no

matter the fact the haves are always getting one over on us have-nots.

Listen, we Americans have our fair share of problems right now, but freedom is not one of them. One of the greatest things about being a citizen of this country is the ability to invent, re-invent, or change your position in the world.

We all know people who complain about the way things are, and really, that's not exactly the kind of person anyone enjoys being around. I believe these Occupy Wall Street people have their heart in the right place. But they should stop comparing themselves to Egypt's downtrodden and they should figure out a way to pick a strong message and stay on point.

Corporate tax loopholes would be a good one. Or maybe the government's insistence regulating the heck out of small business.

They should also probably hire a good Madison Avenue public relations firm, principles be damned.

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Enjoy Michigan's natural beauty, celebrate Halloween safely

Fall always has been one of my favorite times of the year.

In Washtenaw County, we can experience a college football game with more than 100,000 of our friends and neighbors, visit top-notch cider mills and travel down one of the most beautiful roads in Michigan, all in one weekend.

Traditional fall activities involve getting outside, whether it's enjoying a Friday night high school football game, a Saturday afternoon game at the Big House or a trip to see brilliant fall colors in Michigan's abundant canopy of trees.

And when it comes to vibrant fall colors, there's really no need to travel "up north." We can stay right near home.

Local residents who haven't experienced a trip down Huron River Drive during the fall season are missing out on incredible scenic beauty.

The winding, ecologically diverse roadway is popular with motorists, bicyclists and joggers for good reason.

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the outdoors need only take a trip down beautiful Huron River Drive.

The roadway is popular around this time of year not just for the fall colors, but where it leads to — the Dexter Cider Mill. A trip to any cider mill is a great way to experience the fall season, and Dexter's mill is top-rated.

It's said to be the oldest continuously operated cider mill in Michigan. The great cider and donuts are worth the trip alone.

Speaking of fall traditions, Halloween is always a fun and exciting time for

children and adults. Candy, costumes and all the fun of fall make this unique holiday worth celebrating.

GUEST COLUMN



MARK OUIMET

While encouraging everyone to participate, I also wanted to list some suggestions from the National Safety Council for kids and adults on how to have a safe, enjoyable Halloween.

- They include:
 - Make sure that any children under age 12 only go trick-or-treating with a parent or trusted adult. Never allow them to go alone.
 - Know who your kids

A trip to any cider mill is a great way to experience the fall season, and Dexter's mill is top-rated. The great cider and donuts are worth the trip alone.

GUEST COLUMN: By Mary Ablan

Seniors can get meds thanks to Medicare

More than many in our state, Michigan's seniors are struggling to make ends meet these days. Many face tough decisions such as whether to buy groceries or pay the electric bill. Even those doing well know they have to pinch every penny in this uncertain economy.

Too often, health care is where seniors end up cutting corners to save money. As Executive Director of the Michigan's Area Agencies on Aging Association, I know that the costs of health insurance and prescription medications are of constant concern to our senior citizens.

I also know how important it is to take care of our health as we get older, and especially to catch problems before they get serious or worsen. Many of us are in and out of the doctor's office precisely because we took our health for granted when we were younger. And we all know people who would be alive today if they'd gone to a doctor sooner or managed their condition better.

The good news is that under the Affordable Care Act, Medicare beneficiaries now have better access to services that can make that happen: They no longer have to pay any co-payments or deductibles for basic services such as annual checkups and cancer screenings.

The not-so-good news is that only 1 in 6 Medicare participants is taking advantage of these life-saving services. We need to spread the word that they no longer have to pay co-pays or deductibles for preventative services such as:

- Annual wellness visits, including a review of medical history and prescriptions;
- Screenings for prostate, breast and cervical cancer;
- Mammograms;
- Screenings for cardiovascular issues and diabetes;
- Counseling to quit smoking; and
- Flu, pneumonia and hepatitis B shots.

Combined with the prescription drug savings that the Affordable Care Act is providing, these Medicare changes are significantly cutting health care costs for Michigan's seniors. They're making it possible for more people in Michigan to be healthy and active workers, grandparents, volunteers and members of our communities. They're even saving lives.

I encourage you to make sure that the Medicare participants in your family know about the free preventative services available to them. These benefits and more are outlined in "Your Guide to Medicare's Preventive Services," a 26-page handbook that is available at some local locations or online at the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program's website, www.mmapirf.org.

Mary Ablan is Michigan's Executive Director of the Area Agencies on Aging Association.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns about state government.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All of Chelsea is rooting for Kersch

Is it possible for a community to embrace an individual?

Maybe not in the literal sense, but Chelsea has made Kersch Ray its favorite son and is holding him close to its heart.

There is something about the idea of a nice kid from a great family who is out there running early in the morning during summer vacation that gets your attention.

Everyone knows that a teenager that gets out of bed early enough in the morning to be out running with his team at 6:30 a.m. must be a dedicated kid.

You don't have to know Kersch personally to know his story. He was in the wrong place at the wrong time and he was hit by a car.

When I was hit by a car on the side of the road five years ago, I immediately set out on a course of determined healing, just like Kersch is doing today.

What I learned is that there isn't anything mysterious about it. You have pain and you work hard to regain what you have lost.

You count on friends and family in ways that you wish you didn't have to. You are just you. And you need help to get back home, to get back on your feet, and to get your life together.

Kersch and his family are experiencing the dark days that follow the accident, and Chelsea is rallying around them. I can say with certainty that when you wear a Team Kersch wristband or show up at a fund-raiser or post your well wishes on his Facebook page, or simply say a prayer, it makes a difference.

Kersch was training as a runner when he got hurt. Today, he finds himself in a longer marathon than he ever expected to run.

What he may not appreciate just yet is that his marathon of healing already has a crowd cheering him on. Just like the Boston or Chicago Marathons, there will always be more people near the finish to cheer the victors.

What is amazing in this instance is the size of the crowd that has gathered from the very beginning.

Every step of the way, Kersch and his family are

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hearing your cheers and gratefully accepting your generous offers of help. Our community didn't have to be asked. We heard that there had been an accident and we were ready to help before we even knew who got hurt. Chelsea is a nice place in the geographical sense, but it's a remarkable gem because of the people that call it home. Team Kersch is the people of Chelsea and we will be there every step of the way.

Bob Garypie
Chelsea

Sylvan Township management must change

Over the last decade the Sylvan Township trustees and the planning commission, with the support and approval of Washtenaw County for bond financing, have approved a series of agreements and constructed projects that today represent financial and service obligations that are beginning to come home to roost. The township has built a sewer and water system and incurred debt and service obligations that cannot be supported by the customers connected to those systems.

Like many of you, I want to see someone held accountable for these mistakes. I want to see those responsible suffer some loss as a result of their ineptness. However, the bottom line is that we the voters are responsible for not paying attention and not electing responsible people to these positions.

The resident township taxpayers (not all taxpayers have the right to vote) are being asked to approve a tax millage that will pay the

bonded indebtedness over a 20-year period. If this millage is not approved the County will seek a court judgment for the amount currently due.

From the perspective of the taxpayer, neither choice is a good one. Approve a millage for a 20-year period, or face the possibility of a series of judgments over a 15-year period that will pay the "bill" at a higher annual payment plus the annual cost of those judgments.

County Commissioner Rob Turner states that he has been approached by numerous residents who have told him that without the lower annual payments they will lose their homes and property through foreclosure. It is not clear that these foreclosures will not occur regardless of the amount of the annual payment.

So, here are the near-term choices: One, vote yes to approve a 4.75 mill tax for a 20-year period, or two, vote no and if the county is successful, pay a judgment that may average 6.06 mills for a 15-year period. Excluding the cost of obtaining judgments, and assuming constant taxable valuation, the shorter term represents a 4 to 5 percent savings.

To deal with your anger and more importantly for the longer term, the management of the township must be changed. Candidates must be identified and elected who are capable and willing to make difficult decisions that will meet the obligations of the Township while minimizing the ongoing cost associated with the sewer and water systems specifically and the township in general. The least cost solution and competent township management must be found!

Voting for or against the millage will not be the end of this story.

The sewer and water operation and maintenance costs will be ongoing, and they may not be covered by the fees collected from the users.

There is also the potential for additional costs depending upon the pending litigation. We the voters must continue to pay attention!

And for the record, for the approval of the millage, I will be voting no.

Tim Kelley
Sylvan Township



The Sportsman's Perfect Day

Andrew Klink, 12, of Chelsea harvested his first deer, an 8-point buck. The deer was taken on the family's property Sept. 25 while hunting with his father during the youth hunt week. This capped off an already memorable sportsman's day as the two also attended a Tiger's game.

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Joan Doughty, Development Director, Community Action Network

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Farms experience risks and rewards of agritourism

By Tanya Wildt
Heritage Media

Picking apples at an orchard, winding your way through a haunted corn maze and taking a hay wagon ride are some of the agritourism activities Washtenaw County farmers offer.

Agritourism gives visitors an opportunity to step foot on local farms and escape urban life. The deal goes two ways, allowing farmers to earn extra income, as well.

"I started the corn maze right out of college as a way to help generate extra income to help pay for some of my wages in coming back to the family farm," said Matt Talladay, president of Talladay Farms Inc., a family owned corporation in Milan.

Talladay offers a corn maze, haunted corn maze on the weekends and a mini-

straw-bale maze for young children.

"It was a huge risk that has paid off, so far," he said.

Talladay has had to compete with other mazes in the area, but has had success by keeping costs low for the business and customers. He designs, cuts and markets the maze himself. His cousin also runs an apple orchard next door, giving families an all-day rural experience.

Inviting the public onto a farm also comes with risks and responsibilities, as the county saw with the recent hayride accident at Jenny's Farm Market in Dexter, when an employee fell off a horse-drawn wagon after it slipped into a ditch and began to speed up.

The employee, who is in stable condition at the University of Michigan Hospital, may be paralyzed, said Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office Community

Engagement Officer Derrick Jackson.

"It's a wakeup call in that we need to review our policies and make sure that we are sticking to them and not becoming lax in our promotion of safety," Talladay said.

Talladay used to offer hayrides, but discontinued them about six years ago after two teens were fighting and one fell off before the monitor saw the fight escalate.

"To me, the cost associated with the liability insurance, and the fear of another accident, was enough for me to decide not to do them again," he said.

"The teen was not injured and we were at no fault, but it's not worth the risk and not worth the cost of keeping someone on the wagon to make sure people don't start fighting. I am reassured of this every fall because there are always accidents."

The promotion of safety-

includes warning people of any potential dangers with signs and verbal warnings and having employees look for accident-prone behavior, Talladay said. Activity inside and outside of the maze is also monitored and the "haunters" inside haunted maze observe customers, making sure they are following rules and staying safe.

Talladay said the legal cultural influence on television isn't helping the deflate risk customers bring.

"The risks are very high having people out to our farm in the fact that there are commercials on TV non-stop for lawyers helping 'victims' get the most money for any type of accident," Talladay said.

To protect his business, Talladay makes sure he's on the same page with his insurance agent regarding liability coverage.

Theresa Bossory, co-

owner of Alber Orchard and Cider Mill in Freedom Township, knows inviting the public onto her farm requires advance planning. The orchard, which grows 104 kinds of apples near Manchester, offers visitors tractor hayrides, a straw maze, farm animals to pet, a chance to watch cider being made, as well as a pumpkin patch to explore.

Bossory said the wagons all have sides, hand sanitizer is available and customers are never inside the fence with the animals. The farm also doesn't offer U-pick apples.

"There's waste No. 1," Bossory said. "No. 2, it's a liability."

Bossory said the orchard is not allowed to sell or use any apples that have fallen to the ground and there was also concern about visitors falling off ladders.

She said the farm and

agritourism offer wholesome activities and benefit her business, as well as the community.

"You hire local help so it's actually beneficial to the community," Bossory said. Diane Makielski, an owner of Makielski's Berry Farm in Ypsilanti, which offers U-pick blueberries and raspberries, said the business switched toward agritourism when there was a large order for berries and the pickers didn't show up.

Makielski, who has owned the farm for 60 years, said they do their best to keep paths clear and accessible.

They make it known where customers should enter and other rules. She said there hasn't been a problem with accidents.

"Our customers are special," Makielski said. "They know they're coming to a farm. It's up to you to keep an eye open."

Health and wellness clinic adds doctors

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

An Ann Arbor health clinic is expanding and adding more doctors because of more patients coming in who want to join their vision of wellness.

Recently, Dr. Darren Schmidt, director and CEO of the Nutritional Health Center of Ann Arbor, hired three new clinicians and plans are in the works to move the office from its current 2,500 square foot facility into a 4,000 square foot building.

Back in 2000, Schmidt opened the center, which he said is now growing faster than ever, as he and his staff see between 260 and 270 patients per week.

This is due in part to increased mainstream exposure on television shows as Dr. Oz, magazine articles about health and wellness, and First Lady Michelle Obama becoming

involved with the childhood obesity issue, he said.

Recently, Gov. Rick Snyder announced he will direct all doctors in Michigan to track the B.M.I. of children who are patients and report it to a state registry.

Schmidt said the clinic treats people from a wide range of ages and from numerous locations throughout the area.

"We treat people of all ages, from senior citizens to middle-aged to 20-somethings and children. Clients come from the Ann Arbor area and many patients drive an hour or more from Farmington Hills and other Detroit suburbs, plus Toledo, Flint, Lansing, Cadillac, Lake, Jackson, even the Holland/Grand Rapids region."

One of the clinic's new medical professionals is Lisa D'Eramo, a chiropractor who studies a patient's symptoms and findings

discovered in standard medical lab work.

According to a press

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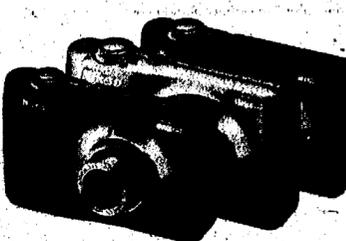
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Light the Night Walk helps fight cancer

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will host their annual fundraising event, Light the Night Walk Saturday, Oct. 8. The festivities begin at 5 p.m. and the walk starts at 7 p.m. at DTE Edison Center, 425 South Main St. in Ann Arbor.

(corner of Main Street and William in downtown Ann Arbor). The Light the Night Walk raises funds toward blood cancer research, education and patient services. More than 500 people are expected to walk in support of LLS

and raise \$74,525 to battle blood cancers. Expected dignitaries will include: U.S. Rep. John D. Dingell (D-MI), Sen. Rebekah Warren (D-MI) and Mayor John Hieftje. Members of the media are invited to join in on the festivities prior to the walk.

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release, once health problems are pinpointed, she recommends effective treatments using diet changes and whole-food nutritional supplements rather than new medications. This often results in fewer side effects, lower costs, greater feelings of well-being and corrected health conditions. Improved energy levels and other positive changes also can result with time.

D'Eramo travels throughout the country to seminars where she applies her knowledge of nutrition to standard and alternative lab work. "She's one in a million as far as I'm concerned," he said.

Another addition is Dr. Amanda Childress, a pharmacist who quit her job as a grocery-store pharmacist because she saw the damage being done to people by use of medications, he said.

Childress works to help patients replace certain medications with nutrition. The third addition is Kerry Cradit, who has a bachelor's degree in nutrition and food science, used to perform clinical work at a hospital, but quit because she did not agree with the nutritional requirements. Now, she integrates nutrition into her work along with exercise.

Schmidt said all providers are trained in nutrition response testing, a biofeedback technique using muscle testing to determine what is malfunctioning in a person's body and how to correct problems with a personalized health-improvement program.

Schmidt said he sees patients with a wide range of complaints, the most common being fatigue, depression, sleeping issues, female hormone imbalances and clarity of thought.

Schmidt said for the patient's first two visits, it is a discovery period where the staff will determine if they can help the individual.

The first visit consists of an exam, medical history and test. The doctor would direct the patient to write down what they eat for a week and then gradually work to change it for the better. In addition, the patient would undergo nutrition response testing and receive supplements to add to the diet. At first, the patient would be seen weekly with the appointments gradually tapering off.

Some patients may be on

the program for six months whereas others might be on for a year and a half. They would also be required to come back for maintenance visits every three months.

Staff members work with the patient to find the correct diet for the individual. Over the course of a month, the doctor helps the patient determine what their needs are and what supplements may help them achieve wellness and repair the organs.

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Subject of medical marijuana still spurs heated debate

By Jackie Harrison-Martin
Heritage Media

Grass, dope, weed, Mary Jane, doobies, hash, the chronic, hemp and "puffing the magic dragon" all refer to the green leafy plants secretly, and some now legally, cultivated in many backyards and basements.

With each year, the issue of smoking marijuana has become more and more contentious as the practice has become ingrained in society.

Despite the fact that using marijuana for any purpose had been prohibited by law everywhere in the U.S. until recent years, that has done little to slow its use among young and old.

The lengthy battle to legalize marijuana here in Michigan is reflective of the impact it has made in today's society.

The social acceptance of marijuana usage and some of the political resistance to regulate it continue to conflict, even in light of the changes that have been made in laws.

So, what impact has the battle had on today's adult pop culture?

The News-Herald Newspapers asked readers questions pertaining to just that to gauge its relevance in society.

When asked if adults should be able to possess small amounts of marijuana for recreational purposes, the results were mixed.

Nevertheless, the question sparked such a spirited discussion among readers that it ranked No. 1 on the newspaper's most commented story.

According to one reader, "There (already) are enough self-destructing products that are destroying people's lives, such as alcohol, tobacco and weapons."

The reader said many people expose children to their self-destructive behavior and being "enslaved" to such behavior is "not experiencing what true freedom means."

On the other hand, another reader said: "The government should not get to choose which personal hobbies people get to have. Marijuana is less addictive and damaging than alcohol and other abused substances."

The discussion is heated on the newspaper's website, as well.

While one reader said the war on drugs has cost people untold amounts of money and energy and has forced the drug trade underground, another person chimed in calling hemp "the cash crop of all cash crops."

"There would be too much money lost if the government let this become a legal substance," the writer said. "I'm against making it legal because it would be more accessible to teens."

The suggestion to tax marijuana so the govern-

ment can make money on it appears to be a common one, and yet one that almost always brings about objections.

The blogger believes the flow of marijuana into the country will never stop or even be slowed down.

To support his argument, he asks people to compare the number of newspaper reports written about drunken drivers in car crashes to the number of stories highlighting drivers who were under the influence of marijuana.

As far as keeping marijuana out of the hands of youths and schools, this writer said, "I'm sorry, but that is probably already the easiest place to find it."

In an effort to gauge tolerance levels of medical marijuana dispensary facilities, The News-Herald also asked readers if they would mind having one near where they live.

This again brought a flurry of comments for an online discussion.

One reader said she was angered by someone who asked her what was so wrong with "smoking a little pot."

She said she was appalled when the person told her pot makes people feel good and helps them escape from the world for a while.

"It's called life," was her response. "Deal with it."

Although provisions have been made for those who use marijuana for medical purposes, the woman questioned whether many with legal permission are using the marijuana for legitimate medical reasons.

That is a common concern among those who oppose legalization.

And then there are those online responders who are at a total loss in trying to understand why anyone has a problem with "what people do in their own home."

"You will use your drugs given to you by your doctor and that's OK, but when a doctor has said someone can use (marijuana), you all don't like it," one writer said. "It's fine for you to pass your judgment on them. Sad."

Another blogger agrees, saying he would rather live next to a "normal medical marijuana smoker" than live next to a "snobby pill head."

Opposing views are equally strong. This comment from a blogger was emphatically unsympathetic to those who use marijuana for medical purposes.

"I am so glad all these dope houses and drug pushers are getting shut down and sent to jail across the state," the writer said.

"Let's keep these poison pushers out of our neighborhoods and get this addictive and deadly drug off the street."

"The sooner we put away these addicts and junkies, sorry, 'patients' for life, the sooner our society can begin to heal."

Many might consider the

description of "addicts and junkies" as harsh and inaccurate.

In fact, one responder considers marijuana a "soft drug" and said a dispensary would serve to keep the exchange of drugs out of sight rather than out in the open like some of the exchanges he has witnessed at some corner stores.

While there have been strong arguments on both sides of the issue, perhaps a reflection of the conflict in the culture of marijuana acceptance, one reader said arguments on both sides are "ridiculous."

That individual was supportive of the legalization of marijuana but called the current law "a joke."

The News-Herald also asked readers if they would

be offended if someone smoked marijuana in their presence. Perhaps the question wasn't taken as seriously as intended.

Most said they would not be offended, as long as the person smoking the marijuana "passed the joint" and shared.

Nevertheless, one responder brought up the danger of secondhand smoke and the costly consequences marijuana could create.

The reader said he would chastise the smoker for smoking in his presence because secondhand smoke could make him test positive on his company's drug screening.

"Some of us have to work for a living in the real world and not just phase out and



escape," he said. Others who objected to having someone smoke in their presence found the odor of marijuana more

offensive than any other consideration. Contact Jackie Harrison-Martin at jmartin@heritage.com.

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In Memoriam



BECKER, VIOLET E.; Chelsea, Michigan, formerly of Cumberland, RI; age 87; died Sunday, October 16, 2011; at her home in Silver Maples. She was born September 2, 1924 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Alfonso and Esther (Lundgren) Escarras. Violet was active in local churches, the American Baptist Church of Rhode Island and of U.S.A. She was an instructor in English as a second language, and at the Emerson School Intergenerational Program. Violet did extended work with several adult learning groups, including the Adult Learning Institute of Chelsea, and with Women's Aglow. She enjoyed travel, including domestic and foreign mission trips and a trip around the world with Semester at Sea. At Silver Maples, she continued actively writing both poetry and prose. On September 5, 1950, she married Paul E. Becker in Chicago, IL, and he survives. Other survivors include her sons, Dr. Carl B. (Akiko Ochiai) Becker of Kyoto, Japan, Glen (Joan Boisseau) Boisseau Becker of Harmony, FL; her daughter, Diane (Dwight) Lehman Wilson of Ann Arbor; three grandchildren, Rebecca Lehman, Jacob (Jennifer) Lehman, Benjamin Lehman; four step-grandsons, Kai, Rai (Nykia), Tai, and Mai Wilson; two great grandsons, Jack and Joshua Wilson; and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, October 22, 2011, 2:30 p.m. at Silver Maples of Chelsea, with Rev. Kathy Schell officiating. A Private Burial will take place at Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Faith in Action, the Scholarship Fund at Silver Maples of Chelsea, or Arbor Hospice. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.



BREITNER, DENNIS J.; 67 years; of Lansing, MI; and formerly of Petersburg, MI; died Monday, October 10, 2011 in Ingham Regional Medical Center, Lansing, MI. Born May 30, 1944 in Toledo, OH, he was the son of Glen P. and Edna (Redick) Breitner. A 1962 graduate of Summerfield High School, Dennis was employed by the Ford Motor Company in Saline, MI for 38 years, retiring in 2003. He loved fishing and raising and racing homing pigeons. Dennis is survived by his loving daughters, Renee (Gregory) Patterson, Ruth Breitner and Sandra (David) Halteman; brothers, Glen A. (Florence) Breitner and Ron (Lila) Breitner; grandchildren, Rodger, Trevor and Landon. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral Services were Friday, October 14, 2011. Interment was at Pleasant View Cemetery, Petersburg, MI. Arrangements entrusted to Michael W. Pawlak Funeral Home. www.pawlakfuneralhome.com



MINK, OPAL MARIE; Belleville, MI; age 76; lost her courageous battle with lung cancer at her home in Belleville Saturday, October 15, 2011 under the care of St. Joseph Mercy Hospice. Opal was born March 15, 1935 in Prestonsburg, KY, the daughter of Richard and Ada Belle (Jarrell) Burchett. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Opal lived her life unselfishly helping and serving others. Opal enjoyed going to the casino and spending quiet time at home with her dog, Ginger. She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl F. Mink; two daughters, Yvonne Lynn Rose and Tammy Marie Meadows; and one son, Gary David Meadows. Survivors include her children, Freddy J. Meadows of Coeburn, VA, Kathy (Rick) Wegienka of Belleville, Kenneth R. Meadows of Ypsilanti and Thomas L. Meadows of Belleville; twenty-one grandchildren, Tammy (Brian) Kramer, Tina McNutt, Amanda Wegienka, Vincent M. (Sheila) Wegienka, Angela (Thomas) Perces, Phillip M. Meadows, Dionne Wegienka, Christopher Meadows, Billie Meadows, Breeana Meadows, Clinton Meadows, Cody Rose, Meagan Meadows, Kenneth Meadows, Jr., Jacob Meadows, Joshua Meadows, Laura Meadows, Brandon Meadows, Kristin (Glen) Davis, Thomas Meadows, Jr. and Timothy Meadows; and twenty-four great grandchildren. The Funeral Service will be 11 am Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at Stark Funeral Service with Pastor Walker Harris of Belleville Free Will Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Highland Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Hospice. Envelopes are available at the funeral home, where the family will receive friends 2 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Please sign her guestbook at www.starkfuneral.com



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Lawmaker quotes on medical marijuana

During the reporting for this Michigan medical marijuana series, state senators and representatives said some interesting things that didn't make it into our other stories.

Here are a few of their quotes.

On the law itself:

"I think there are many legitimate cases, and there obviously was support in the general public to pass the law in the first place."

—State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-6th District)

"I think the goal was for those who are sick to have marijuana available. ... (For) someone who's sick to be smoking marijuana, I think it does more harm than good."

—State Rep. Robert Constan (D-16th District)

"The law was passed to help people that want to medicate themselves. I don't think it's been done very well right now."

—State Rep. Andrew Kandravas (D-13th District)

On full-scale legalization:

"I think usage over the past couple years has demonstrated many people are seeing this as an enabler for legalizing marijuana in general. I don't think that's what the voters voted for."

—State Sen. Patrick Colbeck (R-7th District)

—Quotes compiled by Alan Burdzik

SPECIAL REPORT: BEHIND THE SMOKE PART III

Nearly three years in, lack of clarity in medical marijuana law makes enforcement difficult

By Alan Burdziak
Heritage Media

Medical marijuana has been an experiment in Michigan over the last three years, resulting in confusion on both sides of the law and leaving state legislators with numerous issues to settle.

Following 12 other states, most of them in the west, Michigan voters approved the use of medicinal marijuana in November 2008 for people with certain illnesses and conditions and under specific guidelines.

Voters in California, Alaska, Oregon, Montana, Washington, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Nevada, New Mexico, Vermont and Rhode Island all had approved the use of marijuana for medical conditions.

"Bottom line is the people voted for it, and it's the same effect as our constitution, so that we must follow the will of the people," said state Rep. Doug Geiss, D-Taylor, who represents the House of Representatives' 22nd District.

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, who represents Michigan's 8th Senate District, shares Geiss' views on the law.

"I want to make sure the intent of the voter-initiated law is maintained and respected (as the Legislature works to interpret the law)," he said.

The law is loosely worded and at the center of contention and debate as the Legislature prepares to define it more thoroughly.

"Because of that law, there's been some question as to the implementations and things that are unclear," Hopgood said.

On the other hand, state Rep. Robert Constan, D-Dearborn Heights, who represents the state House's 16th District, does not endorse the law or the use of marijuana at all.

"I just am not all convinced that somebody who is sick should even

be smoking marijuana," Constan said.

"It's created a real challenge for law enforcement because... there's a lot of confusion whether somebody has it legally or illegally."

Proposition 1, the "Michigan Medical Marijuana Act," passed with 63 percent approval. Within months, dispensaries were opening, and patients and caregivers were authorized to use and carry the plant.

The law says there is credible research that shows marijuana has a legitimate medical use "treating or alleviating the pain, nausea and other symptoms associated with a variety of debilitating medical conditions."

Marijuana still is illegal under federal law, but it is the state's choice whether to enforce federal laws and prosecute people found breaking federal laws, according to Michigan's act.

President Barack Obama said recently that he would not federally prosecute people using marijuana in accordance with state laws where medicinal marijuana is legal, a position Geiss agrees with.

"There is no interstate commerce here," Geiss said. "This is all within the confines of the state of Michigan. The federal government can stay the heck out of it."

State Rep. Andrew Kandrevas, D-Southgate, who represents the Michigan House's 13th District, endorses the idea that patients should be able to use marijuana for medical purposes but believes it has been executed poorly.

One of the issues he has with it is that marijuana for any use still is illegal under federal law.

"You can't promise somebody they're not going to be arrested for this," Kandrevas said.

The act does protect from "arrest, prosecution, or



penalty in any manner, or denied any right or privilege" everyone who has registered with the state and has been issued an identification card.

It also protects doctors who prescribe it, as long as they have evaluated the patient and believe that marijuana will be beneficial and that other forms of treatment have not been neglected.

It also mentions a number of specific scenarios, all of which are protected as long as the patient and/or caregiver are properly registered and all facets of the law are followed.

Paraphernalia, as long as it is used for medical marijuana, is not to be seized or forfeited. Adults cannot be forbidden to see minors if they are medical marijuana users unless they pose an "unreasonable danger to the minor that can be clearly articulated and substantiated," in a phrase that upholds the rights of single parents with limited custody.

Authorized people who provide marijuana or paraphernalia to patients also cannot be prosecuted

for doing so. People who are not medical marijuana users can't be prosecuted for being around those who are using.

The act also recognizes medical marijuana laws of other U.S. states and territories.

Patients can carry up to two and a half ounces of "usable" marijuana, which includes the buds and not the plant's stems or seeds. Patients with certain diseases or conditions — such as cancer, glaucoma and chronic pain — can be prescribed marijuana.

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs is responsible for fielding applications and issuing or denying medicinal marijuana cards.

Since April 6, 2009, the licensing department has received 181,303 original and renewal applications, issued 105,458 patient registrations and denied 19,705 applications, most because of missing or incomplete information.

It reviews applications within 15 days and, if there is no letter of denial received, the application is valid and a card should be issued within 20 days of the application date. However, the department is understaffed and backlogged, so issuing cards within that timeframe is unlikely. Caregivers must be 21

years old and be willing to provide patients with the product. They are allowed to produce 12 plants and 2.5 ounces of usable marijuana for each patient. Caregivers who are their own caregivers are subject to the same rule. All plants have to be kept in a secure, enclosed location.

The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in August that patient-to-patient sales of medicinal marijuana are illegal, and dispensaries can be closed under the state's public nuisance law.

The decision stems from Attorney General Bill Schuette and Isabella County Prosecutor Larry Burdick's work to shut down a for-profit dispensary in Mount Pleasant called Compassionate Apothecary.

The ruling found, according to a statement on the attorney general's website:

The MMMA does not legalize marijuana; the MMMA authorizes marijuana use only in "very limited circumstances"; the "medical use" of marijuana does not include the sale of marijuana; the MMMA does not authorize, MMMA dispensaries; and, the courts can infer that a dispensary's purpose is not to alleviate a debilitating medical condition.

Since the decision was handed down, dispensaries have been closing all over the state, and patients have been left with the problem

of where to find their medicine.

"Looking at the original language there was no provision for dispensaries," Geiss said.

Both Geiss and Hopgood favor regulation of medicinal marijuana but don't want it to be too restrictive.

"We need to find a way to make certain that it's regulated and it's only delivered to those that are legally able to get marijuana, but we don't want to make it so difficult that people have to go back out to the street to procure marijuana," Geiss said.

With dispensaries closing, Kandrevas said Wayne County prosecutors are worried that, with no legal place for patients to readily get medication, illegal marijuana sales are going to go up in neighborhoods and so will criminal activity.

"I don't know how much security patients feel about where they get their medicine," Kandrevas said. "There's definitely a lot of issues right now."

Caregivers still can provide their patients with marijuana, but there's no guarantee they will have an adequate supply.

People who have relied on dispensaries have done so because they're unable to grow it, for themselves for reasons as varied as a lack of room, inability to afford energy bills or not wanting to grow it around their family.

Geiss proposed an idea that caregivers could have a central location to provide marijuana to only their legally-registered patients. While it could be their homes, he said, it probably would be better if it were a business location.

He said that it would not operate like the illegal dispensaries that are being raided daily.

Public safety is his foremost concern, Kandrevas said, but he also wants to uphold people's freedom to medicate themselves if they are eligible.

"I really don't want to step on anybody's rights," he said. "People have the right to use under certain circumstances."

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Doctors: No proof that marijuana lessens pain

By Jerry Wolfe
Journal Register News Service

There's been a compassionate revolution in medicine toward treating chronic pain in patients in recent years.

"There's been a huge improvement in understanding chronic pain," said Dr. Todd Linger, who has a practice in Bloomfield Township and Clarkston and works out of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac.

He noted that cases of chronic pain are increasing, especially with the aging population.

Years ago, the philosophy for those living with pain was to grin and bear it.

However, Linger says researchers have discovered that chronic pain — or pain that last longer than four months — creates changes in the brain and pain response is a "global" brain one, not limited to a particular area.

Dr. Mary Wisely, who is board certified in geriatrics and palliative medicine and who is employed at a hospice, says not everyone has pain issues.

She also said there are no studies to show that marijuana is an effective pain treatment.

"There is a lack of evidence of success in diminishing pain from marijuana use," she said.

But she and Wisely say the goal of the physician is to improve the quality of life of chronic pain patients and keep them independent and manage their pain as best as possible so they can function in daily life.

"When we talk about chronic pain or refractory pain... there's not a lot of successful treatment," said Wisely.

"We can't eliminate all of some patients' pain," the WSU Medical School graduate said.

Treatments for chronic pain depends on what's causing the pain, Wisely said, noting physicians try to find the underlying physiological causes of pain and treat the cause.

And, as patients know "pain can range from minor aggravation to being completely debilitating," she said.

The reaction of others or loved ones to someone in pain can change the perception of pain to the sufferer.

"If there's a lot of emotional intensity, the pain will have a larger impact on the patient's life," she said.

Surprisingly, one's tolerance of pain decreases the longer a patient is in pain, said Linger.

Every time a chronic pain sufferer experiences pain, the brain undergoes changes in its response so that the pain is amplified, making the pain experience worse, Linger said.

He — as Wisely also noted — says there's a psychological as well as cultural aspect to how one reacts to pain.

In addition, when emotion is attached to a pain stimulus, the pain is worse than incidental pain, such as one would experience if they bruised their thigh running out of a burning building.

Different people also

have a genetic predisposition in how they respond to pain, Linger said. Some are just born being more susceptible to pain.

Response to pain also depends upon past experience, fatigue levels and how one interprets the pain stimulus.

"We all have different tolerances to pain," Linger said. "But in time our pain tolerance diminishes."

Linger also said that smokers require more pain medication than non-smokers, and this applies "across the board" to all types of pain.

Magnetic resonance imaging exams show how different parts of the brain respond to pain but the most effective singular predictive variable is genetics.

Apparently if parents were better with coping with pain, their children also will be.

He said in the future a genetic evaluation might help doctors determine what drugs are best to treat a patient's pain.

Physicians have developed a pain scale of one to 10. A "seven" is severe pain and doctors treat that patient with narcotic analgesics. They do try to match the medication with the level of the pain the patient says he or she is experiencing.

What's most important, the experts say, is for the patient to be in a partnership with the treating physician.

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SPECIAL REPORT: BEHIND THE SMOKE PART III

Could medical marijuana provide tax dollars for cities?

By J. Patrick Pepper
Heritage Media

Medical marijuana has spawned a burgeoning industry in the United States, creating commerce and generating millions of dollars in tax revenues for states and cities across the country.

But here in Michigan, where it has been legal for nearly three years, the potential economic benefits of pot commerce remain a distant afterthought for state and local policymakers who just want to see some clarity in the law.

Passed as a ballot initiative in November 2008 with a 63 percent margin, the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act has given way to a steadily increasing stream of patients seeking marijuana as a way to ease chronic suffering.

The Michigan Department of Community Health in April 2009 began publishing the number of patients it has registered, a figure that has seen an exponential jump recently.

In the first year of patient tallying, the MDCH reported more than 14,000 Michigan citizens were granted certifications for medically recommended marijuana.

To date — about a year and a half since then — there are now more than 100,000 medical marijuana patients in the state.

Sprouting up to support the growing demand has been a patchwork industry of growers, providers and support services.

But this budding entrepreneurialism has been stilled by what many consider glaring vagaries in the law that permits it.

"I'll be the first to tell you that the law was crafted so poorly that really it never had a chance to get off the ground," said Lincoln Park Mayor Frank Vaslo.

Indeed, Michigan's law has proved a vexing source of confusion. It allows qualifying patients up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana at one time and sets up a "caregiver" status that allows people to care for up to five patients by growing as many as 12 plants per patient.

But other than that, there are no comprehensive regulations concerning commercial enterprises or distribution channels. And marijuana is still entirely illegal under federal law.

Trying to reconcile all these disparate aspects of pot policy has fallen into the laps of local officials, the majority of whom have taken conservative views so as not to run afoul of any preexisting statutes on marijuana, with particular concerns about losing funding from federal programs. The lack of an overarching state policy has led to widely varied approaches.

In Vaslo's city, the stance has been to restrict grow operations to industrially zoned areas. Dispensaries or compassion clinics — names for medical marijuana retail stores — are not allowed.

"We didn't feel that allowing growing opera-

tions in the neighborhoods was a good idea — frankly, we thought it was a terrible idea — so we have crafted our ordinances to allow for growing operations only in our industrial areas," explained Vaslo.

Just a few miles away in Dearborn, dispensaries are also verboten. But that's where the similarities end between the two communities and the differences are stark.

"What we said is, 'OK, we're going to regulate this, but the facility is going to have to be permitted,'" said Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly.

"And if they're having a grow operation, it has to be in a residential environment and it has to be well secured."

O'Reilly, a licensed attorney who specialized in Constitutional law during his J.D. studies, said the state is obligated to better define the law consistent with the spirit of what voters approved in the MMA.

But he'd take it a step further and challenge the federal government's authority to enforce criminal marijuana statutes in Michigan against people operating within the state law. He thinks the state

would have a strong case.

"Under the U.S. Constitution, Article 10, states have the right to have laws that might be somewhat in contradiction to federal law as long as there is an overriding state interest and in Michigan the people spoke clearly that they believe marijuana has a medicinal value in some circumstances," he said.

If the challenge was successful, said O'Reilly, it would eliminate lawmakers' nagging concerns about contradicting federal law. It would also pave the way for a regulated industry, he said, bringing the distribution market out of the legal gray shadow where it currently resides.

"It would mean people that are handling it aren't afraid they're the ones that are going to get caught in

the crossfire," said O'Reilly. "And there is revenue the state could realize from this, there's absolutely no question."

As it stands, any revenue the state sees from medical marijuana is small and comes through secondary channels.

Like other medicinal drugs, marijuana itself is not subject to sales tax. The MMA characterizes medical marijuana as a non-taxable personal caregiver service.

Support businesses on the other hand, such as security firms, growing supply retailers, and legal advisors, are subject to the same taxes as similar businesses that don't specialize in medical marijuana.

"In a nutshell, the actual providing of the marijuana is not a taxable service,"

said Michigan Department of Treasury spokesman Terry Stanton.

"The only revenues the state would see as a result of the MMA would be sort of sales use or withholding taxes from the standpoint of a business that's opened up to provide this service, but sells other items that would be taxable."

There are currently 16 states and the District of Columbia that have laws allowing medical marijuana, with only some of them having instituted specific medical marijuana-related taxes. It has proven a steady, albeit relatively small, revenue source for the states.

California, the medical pot poster child, in 2010 padded its coffers with more than \$100 million in tax

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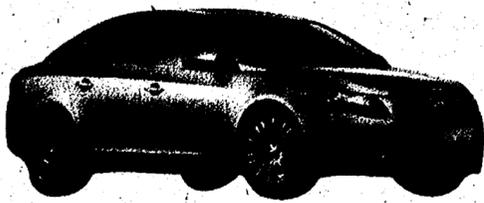


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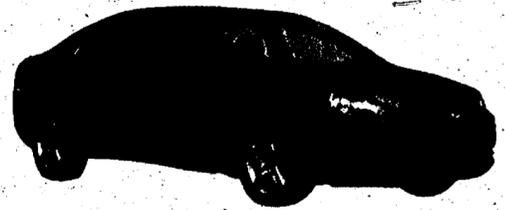
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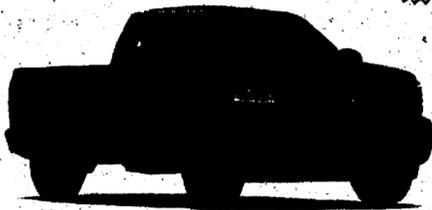
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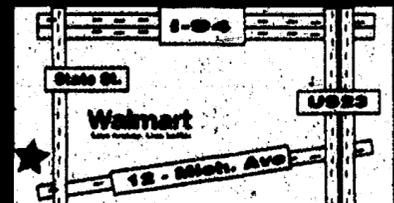
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SPECIAL REPORT: BEHIND THE SMOKE PART III

Attorney General leads crackdown, says 'profiteers' have hijacked law

By Chad Selweski
Journal Register News Service

Over the past three decades, Bill Schuette has served as a state senator, the Michigan agricultural director, a congressman and a state appeals court judge.

But he probably never envisioned that the latter stage of his career would be spent as the chief weed killer of Michigan.

As the state attorney general, Schuette has led the charge to shut down the hundreds of medical marijuana dispensaries that have blossomed over the past two years in Michigan.

A mass shutdown followed a state Court of Appeals ruling in August out of Mount Pleasant that agreed with the attorney general's claim that Michigan's medical marijuana law does not allow for commercial sales of cannabis.

Dispensaries that remain open after the precedent-setting court decision, Schuette warned, "do so at their own peril," and risk criminal prosecution.

Schuette, a Midland Republican, said he's convinced the "profiteers" who seek to make money off of weed sales, and the long-time liberal activists who want to legalize marijuana, have hijacked the state's medical marijuana law, taking advantage of numerous ambiguous loopholes.

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revenue from more than \$1.3 billion in medical marijuana retail sales.

The same year, Colorado, which has a patient group comparable in size to Michigan's, saw sales tax revenues of \$2.2 million for medical marijuana. Colorado Springs alone saw some \$110,000 from the 2-percent levy.

And while the idea of medical marijuana as revenue stream in Michigan has been explored in off-hand conversations among policy-makers, it is not an agenda driver.

"That's something for consideration," said state Rep. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, adding, "(but) I'm not focused on that right now."

Often there are questions about enforcing the tax on something that can be done in relative secrecy.

"You're going to have a hard time taxing it," said Rep. Andrew Kandrevas, D-Southgate. "This is something people are growing in their house."

Moreover, say some, taxing a medical treatment is strays from the precedent set by other Michigan drug laws.

"I personally am not going into this discussion with dollar figures in my eyes," said Rep. Douglas Geiss, D-Taylor.

"That, I don't think, was the original intent; for the state to make an enormous profit."

With state court decisions slowly mounting and a package of legislation currently on the table in Lansing, more clarity seems likely to come sooner than later.

The prevailing political winds suggest it could be bad news for pot commerce.

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette is an outspoken critic of medical marijuana dispensaries.

In March 2011, he joined the Isabella County Prosecutor in an appeals case that sought to have a Mt. Pleasant dispensary shut down on the grounds its activities violated the MMA.

The decision came back in August in favor of the prosecution, ruling that dispensaries are not allowed under the medical marijuana act.

Schuette, who called the ruling a "victory" for Michigan communities, said he would continue pushing for further definition of the law.

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initiated ballot proposal passed by landslide proportion, the state's top lawman said the plan has morphed into something that goes far beyond helping cancer patients and the terminally ill deal with pain and nausea by smoking pot.

"The proposal was designed, sold and packaged to help those who had a terminal illness, those in the painful final stages of their life," said Schuette, 57.

"It got hijacked by those who want to legalize marijuana and by the profiteers."

After taking office on Jan. 1, the attorney general has waged a nine-month battle against the medical marijuana law - the murky version implemented in a haphazard manner across the state.

In a June 28 Attorney General's opinion, Schuette declared that the new law limits medicinal concerns to 12 marijuana plants, grown by a patient or by a certified health caregiver

The attorney general is convinced that "unscrupulous characters" have manipulated the new pot-sale system to "line their own pockets."

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Earlier this year, he sided with federal law enforcement authorities who sought access to medical marijuana records in conjunction with a criminal investigation in the Lansing area.

Until recently, Schuette faced a fledgling recall campaign to remove him from office because of his staunch opposition to freely distributing cannabis for medical reasons.

In August, the attorney general allied himself with Grand Traverse County prosecutors who seek to convict a medical marijuana user of impaired

driving.

Supporters of the new law say that driving under the influence is not a legitimate concern, but Schuette's office responds with Michigan State Police statistics showing that, in 2009, marijuana was the leading drug cited in Michigan cases in which drug-induced driving was detected by police.

"The last thing you want to do is have people stoned behind the wheel. That risks lives," Schuette said.

"Meanwhile, pot legalization advocates, the American Civil Liberties Union and those who backed the 2008 ballot proposal or have since

witnessed its sweeping possibilities have targeted the AG as an enemy.

Critics say the large package of bills in Lansing that are backed by Schuette to restrict the 2008 law would limit medical marijuana usage in numerous ways.

To revise a voter-approved initiative, a daunting three-fourths majority is needed in the state House and Senate.

Liberal columnist Larry Gabriel from the Detroit-based Metro Times predicted that the attorney general intends to define the law so narrowly that "you practically have to have a foot in the grave to qualify for relief."

In fact, Schuette seems to have few answers for an unexpected development created by the pot law in which about 95 percent of the 105,000 people holding a state-issued cannabis card are not terminally ill but instead suffer from chronic pain due to a wide variety of illnesses and injuries.

Schuette insists that the pot access allowed by the statute has spread far too widely, addressing all types of pain sufferers. But he declines to establish a specific threshold in law for those who are not faced with cancer or impending death.

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Schuette said he repeatedly hears feedback from constituents who are dismayed by the outcome of the 2008 vote.

"I have people all the time who come up and say to me, 'Hey, Bill, I didn't vote for pot shops on every corner,'" he said. "I voted to help people cope with debilitating diseases and to help them with their pain management in the final stages of life."

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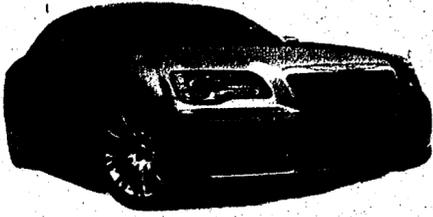
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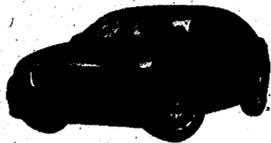


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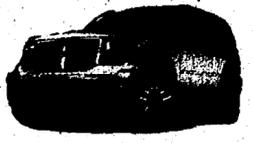
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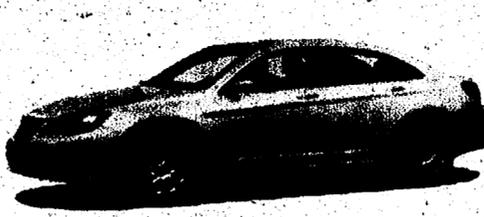
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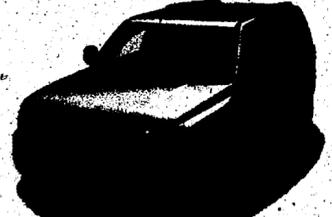
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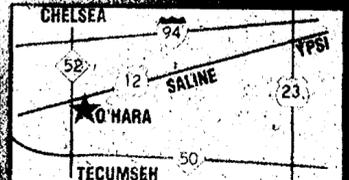
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SPECIAL REPORT: BEHIND THE SMOKE PART II

Apothecary owner: Patients could die before getting marijuana

By Susan Field

Journal Register News Service

Matt Taylor is worried about Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette's "overly narrow" interpretation of the state's medical marijuana law.

Taylor, co-owner of Compassionate Apothecary in Mt. Pleasant, which was shut down after the Michigan Court of Appeals overturned an Isabella County judge's opinion on medical marijuana dispensaries, is concerned that terminal cancer patients will die before being able to get relief from the drug.

Referring to Compassionate Apothecary and similar businesses in Michigan as a "safe third option" for patients to get cannabis, Taylor went out of his way to stock non-smokable marijuana, called "medibles," for patients who don't want to smoke the drug.

Before closing the three locations of Compassionate Apothecary, Taylor said, he followed the law and was able to help patients get medical marijuana 21 days after filing paperwork for

their cards by using certified mail receipts and the proper paperwork.

Under Schuette's interpretation of the voter-approved law, a certified patient can't get medibles in 21 days but can obtain seeds to begin growing plants, Taylor said.

Those patients who are in the last stages of cancer have neither the energy nor the time to grow a crop, Taylor said.

"Now that that safe third option is gone, a lot of people could die before getting medical marijuana," Taylor said.

That's one reason he stocked medibles at Compassionate Apothecary.

Prior to the late-August court ruling that shut the business, Taylor and his business partner, Brandon McQueen, used safe-serve trained chefs to prepare medibles, which is the latest trend in the medical marijuana industry, Taylor said.

Marijuana brownies have been around since Woodstock or before, but other medibles have come on the market for medical

marijuana patients who prefer to get doses of cannabis without lighting up.

Cookies, lollipops, crisp rice treats, truffles, peanut butter cups, oatmeal bars and other concoctions have become part of the medical marijuana business.

Taylor said chefs also create gluten-free and dairy-free products for medical marijuana patients.

While some don't like the taste of cannabis, medibles appeal to many patients and can be available when patients or caregivers are between crops, Taylor said.

Taylor said he is not a big fan of medibles, but they are good for pain relief and sleep.

Many medical marijuana patients enjoy cannabis butter or "cannabutter," Taylor said.

It is an ingredient in most medibles and is made with waste product from marijuana plants but still contains THC, he said.

Anything on the plant that is not part of the flower, such as stems, contain can be used to make the butter, Taylor said.

In order to do so, the waste product is boiled down to an extract and mixed with butter, which is used in the making of brownies, cookies, muffins and other medibles, Taylor said.

Although Taylor complied with the cease and desist order that shut down his business, he is appealing the court of appeals opinion to the Michigan Supreme Court.

While he agrees with Isabella County Chief Judge Paul Chamberlain's opinion that the business was legal, he refuses to defy the court of appeals' ruling.

In the meantime, Taylor

is asking the Michigan Supreme Court to overturn the court of appeals' ruling. He said he is not a lawyer and is not a doctor, but he is a patient and he is a caregiver.

St. Louis man: Marijuana helped when pain meds didn't

By Ryan Berlin

Journal Register News Service

Gordon Jones has taken 13 different medications for his reflex sympathetic dystrophy. Most didn't help.

One did. Jones, of St. Louis, who asked that his real name not be used, fought the chronic pain for years before Michigan voters approved the use of medical marijuana.

"Basically my blood vessels misfire like a car motor pumping blood to different parts of my body that cause me to swell up," he said.

"It's in my knee — so the bottom part of my ankle will swell up two to three inches bigger than the other one."

Over the years, Jones had used all the typical pain-fighting pills.

"I was taking Vicodin, Oxycontin, Naproxen, blah, blah, blah... and the only thing that helped me was marijuana."

Today Jones is off all the pain pills but smokes marijuana.

"I was told that I would never work again, and I'm 42 years old," he said. "I was off work for about two and a half years dealing with it."

Now Jones runs a small business and works about 60 hours a week.

"The medical marijuana just seems to alleviate the pain, pressure and everything else," he said.

Jones has been a member of the Michigan Cannabis Club and helped push the ballot initiative that legalized the medical use of marijuana.

"I have found throughout the years that it does help with different ailments," he said.

Besides his own relief, Jones has seen marijuana help his own mother.

"My mother has breast cancer, and she was on a bunch of pills, and now she is off of all of them," he said. "I have a friend that has an 85-year-old mother that has terminal cancer, and she uses it every day and doesn't take any pills."

For both of those cancer patients, relief of pain and nausea are the prime benefits, Jones said.

He believes that God planted it, that it grows in the ground and is a lot safer than many medications that pharmaceutical companies produce.

Pills can be very addictive, he said.

"They damage your liver, kidneys and everything else. I was having problems using the bathroom with all that stuff," he said.

"I call it poison because it really makes you uncomfortable. You don't want

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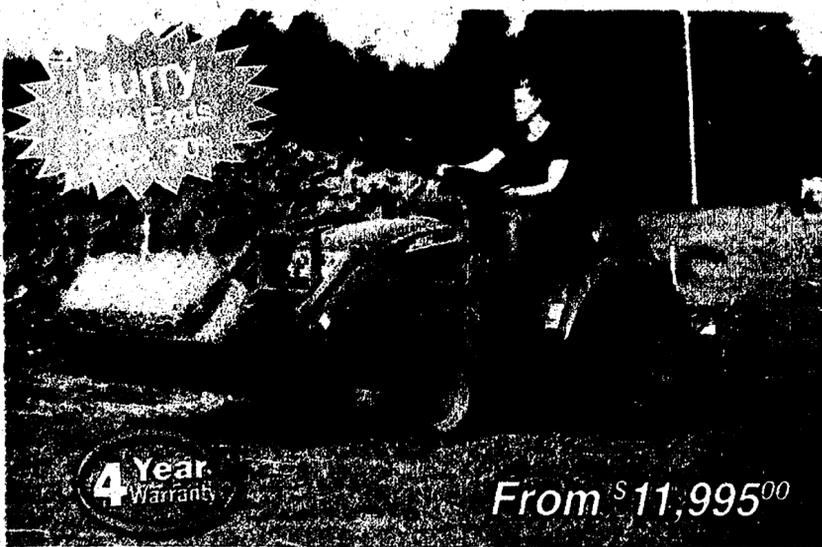
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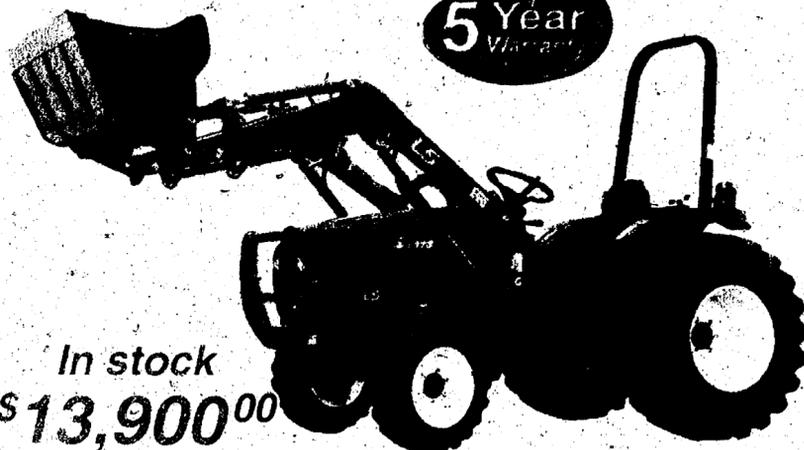


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Sandhill cranes' migration inspires metal sculptures

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Local residents are very familiar with sandhill cranes, those beautiful birds seen in area fields at this time of year – and according to the International Crane Foundation, the oldest known bird species still surviving. The 4-foot tall cranes are also the tallest birds in Michigan.

Now they're the craziest. The cranes – or rather, life-sized version made of recycled metal – can be seen at retail locations around Chelsea, dressed in various outfits, including: bridal attire, ballet tutus, a swim towel, funky spectacles, a chef's hat and more.

The idea is the brainchild of Pam Conn, owner with her husband Bill of the Mule Skinner Boot Shop in Chelsea, who spearheaded the colorful, and creative idea of the Sandhill Crane Gathering and Fall Color Tours. For the past decade, Conn has given her customers flyers about the Waterloo Recreation Area – at 20,000 acres the largest park in the Lower Peninsula and host to the Eddy Discovery Center, and the Haehnle Audubon Sanctuary, where Mud Lake Marsh is a huge gathering place for cranes during fall migration. Cranes leave the sanctuary around sunrise to feed in farm fields, and return usually one or two hours before sunset. Crane counts are held each Monday at the Sanctuary, through Oct. 31.

"The Waterloo Recreation Area is the best-kept secret in lower Michigan. Our shop has lots of horse people from



Carolyn McNaghy of Bumble's Dry Goods designed the crane sculptures, a project that was spearheaded by Pam and Bill Conn of Mule Skinner Boot Shop in downtown Chelsea.

Kalamazoo who haven't heard of Waterloo and the horse trails," Conn said. But the Sandhill cranes really grabbed her attention. "The cranes are great and I enjoy the pairs that nest in our yard," she said.

Conn got the idea for this project while visiting friends in Trinidad, Colo. "At an art gallery, several artists were getting together to go to Texas for the spring migration of the cranes," Conn said. "Our cranes migrate to Florida, just like our snowbirds do!"

"The decorated recycled cranes are great way to bring attention to our natural resources, and to share and highlight the wonderful natural resources of our area."

Conn has been planning the cranes migration for several years.

"There's a lot of coordination and planning for this project. I located where they migrate to, studied their habits and familiarized myself with the cranes. I'm an amateur," she said.

"Carolyn McNaghy of Bumble's Dry Goods is the inspiration for the cranes, designed the cranes and had a small company make them for us. All the businesses have decorated them differently to reflect their own styles or tastes."

"There are about 42 businesses participating but we're getting calls every day for new crane orders. Once everyone saw how great the cranes looked, they wanted to participate."

At first, we thought we would auction them off for a fundraiser, but everyone like theirs so much we had to let them keep them."

Local retailers are participating in several events, including a Sandhill Crane coloring program through Oct. 20 at local restaurants: Back to the Roots, Big Boy, Elli's, Main Street Coney Island, Mike's Deli, Thompson Pizza and Wolverine Food & Spirits. On Saturdays and Sundays, Crane spotters can meet at 2 p.m. at Wolverine Food and Spirits, or Thompson Pizza, for a self-guided map and Fall Color Tour of the Waterloo Recreation Area to the Haehnle Sanctuary, followed by wine tasting at the New Chelsea Market. The Eddy Discovery

Center will host a "Cranes of Waterloo Festival," 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 23. The Center also carries a "Crane Viewing Map & Self Guided Color Tour" flyer from the Jackson Audubon Society; and at 2 p.m. local expert Bill Wells

will lead a driving tour to see Cranes.

After Halloween Trick or Treat fun on Oct. 31, activities continue in November. From Oct. 29 through Nov. 12, local businesses are hosting the Children's Art Display at The Village Shoppe, The Middle Bead, Mule Skinner, Sandhill Crane Winery, Chelsea Antiques, Tree House, and Aberdeen Bike & Outdoors.

Wildlife artist Susan Falcone will present an "Art in the Afternoon" program 3 p.m. Nov. 1, at Silver Maples of Chelsea.

At 2 p.m. on Nov. 5, 6 and 7, visitors can meet at Wolverine Food and Spirits or Thompson's Pizza for a Sandhill Cranes Gather & Fall Color Tour plus a chance to see peregrines falcons and raptors, followed by wine tasting at the New Chelsea Market.

The fall project will end with Wine, Women & Shopping, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 12.

For more information and photos of the crazy cranes, visit "Sandhill Cranes Gather & Fall Color Tours" on Facebook.

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



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Dexter pair raise funds for Chelsea Community Hospital

By Ashley Woodrum
Special Writer

"It's a Great Day to Be Alive" is not only a hit song by country star Travis Tritt but also the name of the organization that Gary Klapperich and Karin Reilly started three years ago to raise money to donate to the future cancer center at Chelsea Community Hospital.

Klapperich was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2008, and, at the time, there was no infusion center in Chelsea. He had to drive to St. Joe's in Ypsilanti for his chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

"My main goal through the organization was to make it easier for people to receive treatment closer to home," Klapperich said.

Chelsea Community Hospital President and CEO Kathleen Griffiths accepted the donation on behalf of the hospital.

"The first year they came to us, we were skeptics, but we were proven wrong," Griffiths said. "The best part is that they keep doing it."

This year's check, written for \$17,000, brings the organization's total donations to \$47,000.

"The money raised will help us buy the equipment needed to go in the new cancer center that we're looking to build, so we can offer radiation oncology," Griffiths said.

Along with the check written to CCH, a \$1,000 check was written to St. Joe's Hospice center, where a dear friend was taken care of.

The money was raised with the help of the Dexter Pub through raffles and the two-day rummage sale.

"People donate the items, and we pick them up," Gary said. "We made \$7,000 on the first day of the sale," Klapperich said. "The items donated that do not sell are still put to good use. We donate the items to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and The Purple Heart."

Griffiths said each year the fundraiser gets bigger and better, and it's Klapperich's way of giving back.

Both Klapperich and Reilly were very appreciative all the support the fundraiser received.

"Without the hard work and dedication of everyone involved, we could never have done this," Klapperich said. "We can never say thank you enough to everyone."



Gary Klapperich and Karin Reilly stand with Chelsea Community Hospital President and CEO Kathleen Griffiths (center) who is holding a fundraiser check.

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Battle Creek in the past year.

In Macomb County, Sterling Heights medical marijuana patient Vincent R. Bosca, 45, is accused of extortion and unlawful imprisonment against six teenage friends of his son. Bosca suspected the six boys of stealing pot from his basement cultivating operation, police said. Bosca is accused of holding a running circular saw close to the boys' faces and threatening to dismember them. Two friends of Bosca's -- Allen R. Brontkowski, 45, of Sterling Heights and Gerald H. King Jr., 45, of Shelby Township -- also face charges in the case.

Crime will continue to be associated with medical marijuana because pot is illegal under federal law and there is still a massive market for illegal marijuana, said Robert Corso, special agent in charge of the federal Drug Enforcement Agency in Detroit.

More than a third of states in the U.S. have medical marijuana laws, but those laws don't stop federal agents from investigating and arresting marijuana suspects.

"There has been no change in the federal law enforcement," Corso said. "We work the cases with bigger traffickers throughout the U.S., including Michigan. If criminals rise

to our level, we prosecute them. A Michigan medical marijuana card holds no water in the federal system."

Corso worked for 20 years as a DEA agent in California, which in 1996 was the first state to decriminalize marijuana for medical patients. Michigan could see the same increasing levels of marijuana related crimes that California has experienced if pot dispensaries are allowed to proliferate here, he said.

"That's everything from misdemeanors to homicides," he said.

Many medical marijuana dispensaries in Michigan closed following a state Court of Appeals ruling in August. The court ruled the law passed by voters in 2008 allows for the medical use of marijuana, but not commercial or patient-to-patient sales.

Pot dispensaries and crime

Anecdotal evidence and some studies conclude medical marijuana dispensaries increase crime rates, but the latest report on the issue by the nonprofit RAND Corp. disputes those claims.

The study released in September showed that when hundreds of dispensaries were closed last year in Los Angeles, crime rates rose in surrounding neighborhoods. The study reviewed crime rates around 430 dispensaries

Two years ago the California Police Chiefs Association's Task Force on Marijuana Dispensaries found many crime problems related to storefront pot dispensaries.

ordered to close in Los Angeles and found crime rose by 25 percent within six blocks of a closed location.

Some of the rise in crime rates may have been caused because closed dispensaries had security guards or cameras, and there may have been fewer police patrols and a decrease in foot traffic, according to the study.

"Individual dispensaries may attract crime or create a neighborhood nuisance, but we found no evidence that medical marijuana dispensaries in general cause crime to rise," Mireille Jacobson, a RAND senior economist who headed the study, told the Associated Press.

The study is ongoing and the results covered only 10 days before a dispensary was ordered closed and 10 days after.

Two years ago the California Police Chiefs Association's Task Force on Marijuana Dispensaries found many crime problems related to storefront pot dispensaries. In their report, they noted that the mere existence of dispensaries violates federal law.

The association found

many violent crimes could be traced to the proliferation of marijuana dispensaries, including murder, armed robberies, drug dealing, money laundering, burglaries, sales to minors and loitering.

"We can't say we've seen an increase in crimes," said Leslie McGill, executive director of the California Police Chiefs Association, "because as long as there have been dispensaries there have been crimes associated with them. Anytime you have something legal at a state level and a federal law against it, you are going to have complex problems."

Many communities in California have banned pot dispensaries because they violate federal drug laws.

During his years as a DEA agent in California, Corso said he saw firsthand that dispensaries are magnets for crime.

"We saw a huge increase in strong-arm robberies and auto burglaries and complaints from nearby businesses," he said.

"There was a 200 percent increase in robberies near dispensaries and a 50 percent rise in burglaries."

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, a nonprofit advocacy and lobbying group in Washington, D.C., has pushed for the legalization of pot nationwide for more than 40 years.

Allen St. Pierre, executive director of NORML, said marijuana dispensaries create no more problems on average than other adult businesses such as liquor stores, strip clubs, bars and casinos.

"It's the underlying federal prohibition (of marijuana) that creates the problem," he said.

"For every nine marijuana smokers, one is a medical smoker. That leaves eight people like myself on the outside of the law."

The future of dispensaries in Michigan

Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper has been at the forefront of an effort to close medical marijuana dispensaries. Four dispensaries in the county have been shuttered since last year.

The state's medical marijuana law was intended for seriously ill patients suffering from grave illnesses such as cancer and several other diseases. The law makes no provision for the establishment of pot dispensaries, she said.

"The law wasn't passed for people to make a profit," Cooper said. "It is these dispensaries that are the

problem. The law was for seriously ill people and it turned out doctors are giving (marijuana) prescriptions to young people for things like stomach aches and hammer toes."

State regulation is sorely needed, she said.

There were more than 400 dispensaries operating statewide before many of them closed following the recent state Court of Appeals decision.

It is unclear at this point, however, whether pot dispensary advocates will try to appeal that decision to the state Supreme Court, or if state legislators in Lansing can muster a three-quarters majority vote in both the House and Senate to amend the law.

In Colorado, elected officials voted to license and regulate pot dispensaries. The dispensaries have to meet local zoning requirements where they are allowed, said St. Pierre of NORML.

"Colorado collects \$24 million a year from issuing license fees and ID cards alone," St. Pierre said.

States with medical marijuana laws in the Western United States appear to accept the existence of pot dispensaries, but Michigan prosecutors and many police officials here are unwilling to concede legitimacy to dispensaries, he added.

"In Michigan they are trying to put the genie back in the bottle," St. Pierre said. "And so far it looks like that is happening."



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Allison Stormo of Richland, Wash. and Andrew Singer of Lewiston, Ore. are engaged and plan to be married April 20, 2012, at Urban Light Studios in Seattle. The bride-elect is the daughter of Frank and Sharon Stormo of Aurora, Ore.

She graduated from North Marion High School in Aurora, Ore. in 1994 and graduated from University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore. in 1998.

She is a news editor at the Tri-City Herald in Kennewick, Wash.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of Larry and Marie Singer of Dexter.



He graduated from Dexter High School in 1997 and from Northern Michigan University in

2007. He is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers park ranger.

WEDDING

Clickner-Hammel

Debbi Clickner and Dan Hammel, both of Jackson, were married at 3 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse in Mackinaw City.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Susan Urbanek of Pinckney and Barbara and the late Jerry Kitchen Sr. of Jackson.

The bridegroom is the son of James and Doris Hammel of Chelsea.

The couple was married by the bride's long-time friend, Samantha (Hilligoss) Banda. They married on the beach at the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse by the Mackinac Bridge.

The bride wore a satin and chiffon dress with a sweetheart neckline, accented with Venetian-beaded applique, with purple lacing up the back of the gown. The A-line, floor-length gown also featured a chiffon ruffle edging to the hemline, which rose to the multiple layers in back. She carried purple and white roses, and her headpiece was a tiara with a veil that was trimmed with purple



ribbon. The bride's maid of honor was Amanda Roderick of Jackson, who is the daughter of the bride. Sister of the bride Elisha Trinkle of Chelsea was a bridesmaid.

Son of the groom Cody Hammel of Munith was the best man.

Friend of the bridegroom Jim Chifane of Jackson was a groomsman.

The couple held a reception at Driftwood Restaurant in St. Ignace and honeymooned in

St. Ignace on Mackinac Island and Drummond Island.

The bride graduated from Chelsea High School Class of 1988 and will graduate from Baker College of Jackson in June 2012. She is a customer service representative at Servo Kinetics, Inc.

The bridegroom graduated from Chelsea High School Class of 1985 and attended Washtenaw Community College. He is a driver at Hatch Stamping.

Washtenaw residents urged to get flu shot

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

This year's flu season is beginning earlier than usual as the first case of influenza for the 2011-12 season was recently confirmed in Ypsilanti.

On Oct. 7, Washtenaw County Public Health confirmed the case of lab-confirmed influenza, which involved a man, who later recovered from his symptoms.

According to the Washtenaw County Public Health, the case is among the first in the state — and has arrived earlier than usual as initial cases are typically confirmed in late November or early December.

The Michigan Department of Community Health is urging anyone 6 months old and older to receive the flu vaccination. Vaccinations are available either through a nasal spray or injection. The nasal spray is available for most people ages 2 through 50 years old.

Sienko said many individuals don't want to get vaccinated this time of year because they think it's too soon because the flu season usually peaks more toward February and March. However, the vaccination should provide protection well into the winter and spring.

Sienko said the vaccine is highly effective, though not 100 percent.

Symptoms include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry/stuffy nose, dry cough, sore throat and stomach symptoms, which are more common in children.

To avoid spreading influenza, a number of precautions should be taken, including washing hands frequently, especially after coughing, sneezing and handling used tissues; avoiding close contact with those who have colds or flu-like symptoms; staying away from others if you are sick; after contact with a person who is ill, wash your hands and keep your fingers away from your eyes, nose and mouth to prevent the spread of the virus and boost your immune system by eating a healthy diet and getting

regular physical activity and plenty of rest.

According to the Washtenaw County Public Health Department, studies going back 30 years show that seasonal flu-related deaths have ranged from about 3,000 people to 49,000 people annually in the United States.

In a recent report from the Center for Disease Control, 115 influenza-associated pediatric deaths were reported nationwide September 2010 through August 2011, six of which involved Michigan children.

A case in 2003 involved Alana Yaksich, a 5-year-old girl from West Bloomfield who died Feb. 3, 2003, as a result of complications from influenza.

Her father, Zachary Yaksich, said the pediatrician didn't recommend the vaccination because of the dangers and the Center for Disease Control had yet to recommend it for her children her age.

Yaksich told his story at a recent press conference with the Michigan Department of Community Health.

On Feb. 1, 2003, Alana

was feeling "under the weather" and ran a low-grade fever. However, later that night she was playing outside with her brothers and ate pizza for dinner and ice cream for dessert.

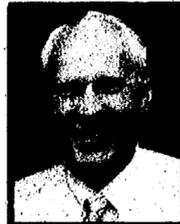
A few hours after being put to bed, she woke up vomiting, was lethargic and had a 106-degree temperature. Several hours after being rushed to the hospital via ambulance, she slipped into a coma while awaiting admittance into the pediatric intensive care unit. She was eventually put on life support, but died from an infection in her brain.

Yaksich said the death of his daughter forever changed the lives of his family, including his wife and Alana's two brothers, who are now 10 and 15.

Since Alana's death, Yaksich has become an advocate of the flu vaccination and hopes his work will help prevent a similar tragedy from happening to another family. He frequently participates in speaking engagements and helps to organize flu clinics to make the immunization more readily available.



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BACKYARD BRAWL: CHELSEA 31, DEXTER 15

It's the same old song...

Bulldogs run up winning streak against Dexter

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

In a game that was closer than the final score and featured more twists and turns than a rollercoaster on steroids, the Chelsea Bulldogs knocked off rival Dexter 31-15 Friday night on a perfect fall evening for some high school football.

It was the 16th consecutive win for the Bulldogs over the rival Dreadnaughts.

Dexter came within a yard and a few seconds of scoring a touchdown late in the first half, and then after an interception return to the goal line, the Dreads were called for unsportsmanlike conduct for illegal celebration or something silly like that.

In other words, Dexter came within a few feet of 14 points and it's easy to see how this game was closer than the 16-point differential would indicate.

"I thought athletically we were the better ball club, but not on the scoreboard and that's all that matters," said Dexter coach Brian Baird, who has done a good job of changing the mindset within the Dexter football program. "We have moved the ball all season and can't finish. That's on the coaches and the players. They're small mistakes."

But they've added up to what will turn out to be a losing season for the Dreads, who wrap things up on Friday at Pinckney.

"Sometimes we've done too much, other times it's not making the right adjustment or best decision," Baird said. "But we have great players and they've played hard all season."

Scoring Summary:

1st 11:35 CHELSEA - J. Steinhauer 28 yd pass from J. Schoese (Z. Rabbitt kick), 1 play, 28 yards, TOP 0:08, CHELSEA 7 - DEXTER 0
07:40 CHELSEA - C. Elyvac 46 yd pass from J. Schoese (Z. Rabbitt kick), 2 plays, 85 yards, TOP 0:44, CHELSEA 14 - DEXTER 0
2nd 10:58 DEXTER - M. Mioduszewski 5 yd run (D. Newsham kick), 9 plays, 64 yards, TOP 3:22, CHELSEA 14 - DEXTER 7
02:48 CHELSEA - B. Edwards 5 yd run (Z. Rabbitt kick), 15 plays, 86 yards, TOP 6:22, CHELSEA 21 - DEXTER 7
3rd 06:19 CHELSEA - Z. Rabbitt 22 yd field goal, 8 plays, 52 yards, TOP 3:33, CHELSEA 24 - DEXTER 7
4th 06:16 CHELSEA - B. Edwards 2 yd run (Z. Rabbitt kick), 9 plays, 35 yards, TOP 3:26, CHELSEA 31 - DEXTER 7
06:18 DEXTER - J. Lewis 3 yd pass from M. Mioduszewski (J. Lewis pass from M. Mioduszewski), 7 plays, 61 yards, TOP 1:53, CHELSEA 31 - DEXTER 15

The Dreads' defense certainly played hard, slowing down Chelsea's outstanding Berkley Edwards. The Dreads held the junior running back to a season-low 34 yards on 21 carries.

"I want to point out how great the defense did again this week," Baird said.

The final stats were as even as they could get - except on the scoreboard. Chelsea had 17 first downs to Dexter's 16 and the Bulldogs finished with 336 yards of total offense to Dexter's 357.

One difference in the stat sheet came on third-down conversions: Chelsea was 8 of 15 compared to Dexter's 4 of 13.



Photos by Burill Strong

Above: Jake Steinhauer heads to the end zone for Chelsea's first TD of the game. Right: Chelsea's Colton Pitt heads up the field against Dexter.

The way the game started was an indication that everyone needed to fasten their seat belts. It also was an indication that the past - Chelsea hasn't lost to Dexter since 1995 - wasn't far behind.

Dexter quarterback Mike Mioduszewski, one of the top QBs in the area, was intercepted by Chelsea's Dominic Davis (the senior had a great game in the secondary for the Bulldogs) on the Dreads' first offensive play.

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Statement

Loss to MSU part of the process

Athletes of the Week



Cody Ellyson, Chelsea

The senior had a big game in the Bulldogs' 31-15 victory Friday at Dexter. He caught a 46-yard touchdown pass to put Chelsea ahead 14-0 in the first quarter. Ellyson had 28 yards rushing (a 5.6 yard average) and caught three passes for 65 yards in the victory.



Mary So, Dexter

The Dexter sophomore was the only member of the Dreadnaughts to qualify for the Division 2 state meet after shooting a 95 at regionals.



Saline crew

Saline's Haley Pfeiffer (left to right), Alexis Wolff, Brad Roberts and Mitch Dellot earned medals at the prestigious Jack Speakmon Memorial Regatta in Columbus, Ohio.



Kyle Jacobs, Saline

The Hornet senior goalkeeper stopped an Ann Arbor Pioneer PK and made sprawling save after sprawling save to preserve a 1-1 tie Thursday night.

Brady Hoke has a big job, a big heart, and as we found out on Saturday, a big finger - which he pointed directly at himself as the one responsible for the loss at Michigan State.

"They outcoached us and outplayed us, and we have to do a much better job of coaching this team in a lot of different ways," said the first-year Michigan head football coach.

Hoke then looked ahead, because isn't that what college is all about. Learning. And he wants his players to learn from this loss. To understand it. And most importantly, to feel it so they don't forget it and have to feel it again.

"They need to feel this one," he said when asked about the mood of his players. "We all need to feel this one for awhile. But we'll turn the page."

They will turn the page to the next chapter in this story of Michigan's comeback season, one in which included a 6-0 start and the highest ranking in years at No. 11 in the Associated Press poll.

And while the winds were clocked up to 50 miles per hour throughout the Wolverines' 28-14 loss to the rival Spartans, the loss should not blow cold air on



TERRY JACOBY

Michigan's season. There were mistakes made and weaknesses exposed, but Michigan lost to a better team on the road in a Big Ten football game.

Trying to recover from three seasons of misery isn't going to happen overnight or in the first few months or the first year. This is a process. This loss was part of that overall process in which Michigan is trying to get back to being Michigan.

The feeling has already changed. Despite falling behind 21-7, Michigan fans weren't scrambling for the exits or looking for the remote. That feeling of "here we go again" is gone. There was actual belief that the Wolverines were not out of this game. And changing that mindset both on the field and in the stands is a big step in the process.

"We fought when we were down and responded well," Hoke said. "I don't think (the players) ever thought they were going to lose the game until the game was over."

Of course, the end might have been different had it not been for one big play. And that's the play people wanted answers to. In fact, it was the first one asked at Hoke's press conference following the game and was part of the reason Hoke was pointing the finger of blame at himself.

And it's important to set this up. Michigan had just scored to make it 21-14. On MSU's first possession after the TD, they fumbled at their own 32-yard line with 9:36 left in the ballgame. The momentum had blown from green to maize and blue without the help of the wind.

The Wolverines started driving and faced a fourth and one at the MSU 9-yard line. Hoke and offensive coordinator Al Borges tried a little trickery with Denard Robinson and the Spartans nailed him in the backfield for a loss.

"We have been very successful with that play," Hoke said. "Al made the call. I was the one who said go for it. We have gotten

many first downs with that play. And touchdowns, too." Not this time.

And Hoke didn't think the Wolverines got too creative on offense. They were just trying to maximize the abilities of their special quarterback.

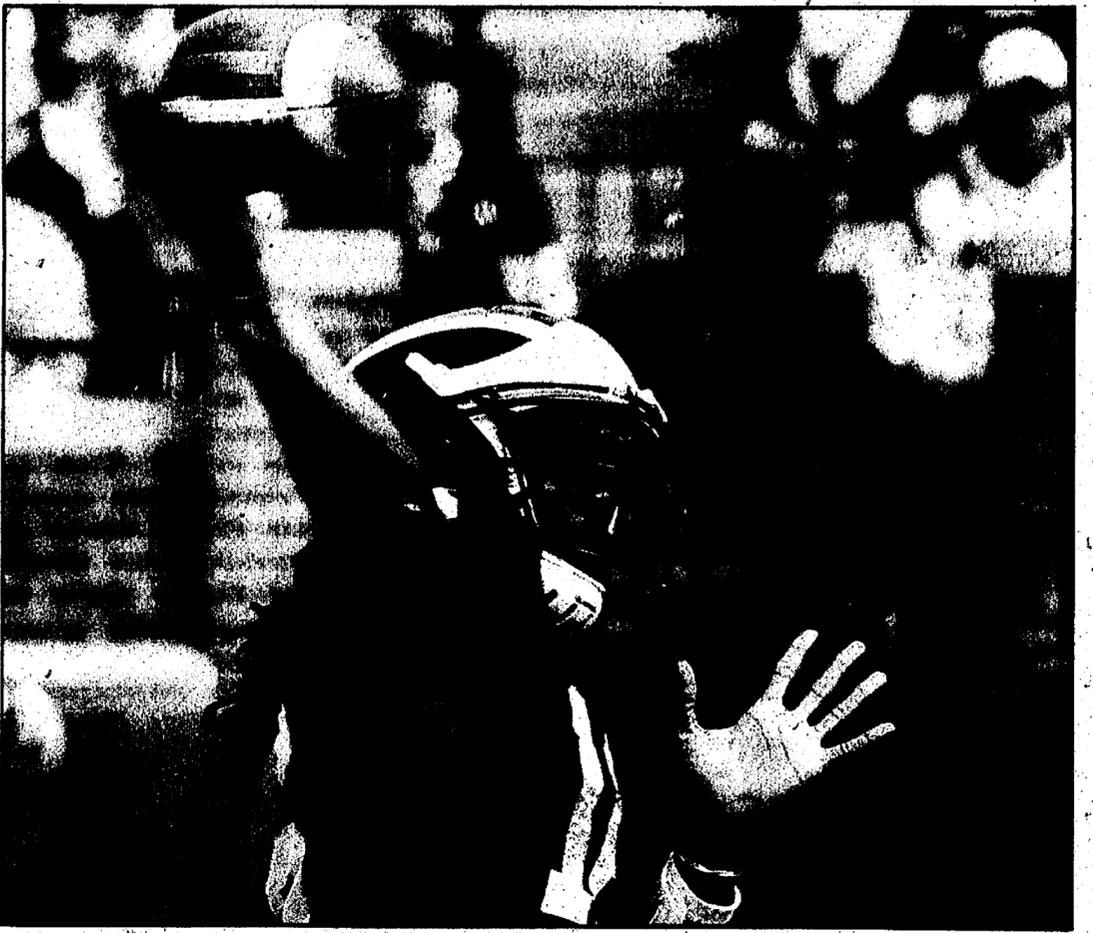
This was the first of two chances in the fourth quarter Michigan had to tie the game. The second was intercepted and returned for a touchdown with 4:31 left in the game. Game over. The Spartans dominated the power ground game, outrushing the Wolverines 213-82. They dominated up front, sacking Michigan seven times for 62 yards while Michigan never got to MSU quarterback Kirk Cousins.

Hoke said he didn't think his team got "beat up."

"I don't know if we got beat up, but I think they were physical and this game always is," he said. But his actions told another story. You don't run the ball straight ahead on fourth down if you think you are losing the battle up front. And Michigan was clearly losing that battle.

So you try a little trickery. MSU was simply tougher on Saturday and better

PLEASE SEE JACOBY/3-B



Denard Robinson and the Wolverines have passed most of their tests this season.

Wolverines just aren't there - yet

On a blustery Saturday afternoon in East Lansing, it all became clear. It resounded like a William Gholston punch to the face: the Michigan football team just isn't that good yet.

Despite winning their first six games and earning a top 10 ranking, the Michigan football team isn't one of the best teams in the country.

This was proven on Saturday in Spartan Stadium as the Michigan Wolverines fell 28-14 to the rival Spartans.

It marks the fourth consecutive time the Michigan State team has won the annual contest.

It wasn't so bad that the Wolverines lost, but rather, how they lost.

It appeared as if the Spartans, wearing their new Nike Pro Combat uniforms, thought they were involved in an actual war.



MIKE LARSON

The Michigan State team employed a style of play that very much resembled the Miami Hurricanes of the late 80s and early 90s.

The Spartans punched, facemask twisted, late hit and taunted their way to a big victory over the Wolverines.

And there was nothing that Michigan could do to stop it.

There is no doubt about it, Michigan State played dirty from start to finish in the win against Michigan. But Michigan State was also the better team.

How else could a team penalized 13 times for 124 yards win by two touchdowns against a Michigan team penalized just five times for 40 yards?

Simple. Michigan State was just better.

Michigan State capitalized when they had chances, like when Spartan defensive back Isaiah Lewis picked off Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson and ran it back for a score.

It was Michigan's only turnover, and State made them pay.

Michigan forced and recovered two Spartan fumbles in the game, but was unable to turn either into points.

Michigan State quarterback Kirk Cousins had one of his best games of the season so far.

He was smart with the ball and finished by completing 13 of 24 passes for 120 yards and two touch-

downs. Michigan's quarterbacks were serviceable at the very best, and much closer to just being below average.

Robinson completed just nine of 24 passes and was sacked four times.

Sophomore Devin Gardner was very underwhelming in the closing minutes of the game, making two huge gaffs.

Late in the fourth quarter he had a wide open Junior Hemmingway in the endzone, but apparently he forgot where he was on the field as he ran past the line of scrimmage before tossing a perfect touchdown pass.

Instead of a score, the play came back and the Wolverines lost the down.

On 4th and 22 he took off running as though he thought he could get the first down himself. He couldn't.

PLEASE SEE LARSON/3-B

Longtime sportswriter pens his final Heritage column

The hardest part about resigning my position as a sports reporter is knowing I'll be leaving behind many of the fantastic relationships I have built with some very good people during my time in the business.

No, I am not just talking about the people I have had the privilege to cover, nor just the events and things I have done during my time with Heritage, but also the people whom I have worked for in that time. I have been fortunate to work under the tutelage and guidance of very talented editors, including but not limited to Austen Smith, Terry Jacoby and Michelle Rogers.

It has been my pleasure to not only work for, but also alongside them as I continually developed and honed my craft. These people and many others are hard-working, dedicated individuals who have made some of the hardest and most difficult times of my career worth overcoming.

While I may not have always agreed with them or gotten along with them 100 percent of the time, I will say they have made my life better for what I have learned. I would like to thank them for the years I've spent under their guidance and let them know exactly how I feel about them and the time we've spent together.

Knowing for the past two weeks that I was leaving this position has proven difficult because I have worked with so many good people and coaches in that time.

I sent out emails to several of my contacts whom I have been dealing with for the past several years and I have to say was pleased and a little overwhelmed with some of the responses that I got back.

The coaches and some of the former coaches at Ypsilanti High were among those whom I really touched by. Phoenix basketball coach Steve Brooks has always been one of my favorite people to cover over the years. He pointed out what a great job over the years I have done with my stories on Ypsilanti. Brooks said that I always put his team and players in a positive light whether the team he was coaching did well or not.

I always said in this business it is about getting the names in the paper and making it so the athletes can cut out the articles and put them in a scrapbook. I like to think my articles will be in some of the area's athletes' scrapbooks for years to come.

I'll remember former Ypsilanti track coach Tom Micallef as one of my favorite coaches to talk to and cover. From the very first time I covered him until he retired and beyond, it was always as if I were talking to an old friend rather than just another source for a story. Thanks, Tom I will miss talking our correspondence.

Current Ypsilanti track coach Torin Moore once showed me boards of all my articles about Ypsi track that he used to help get more kids out for the program. I have to say that was the coolest thing any coach has ever done for me. I was so

surprised that, I not only wrote a column about it, but that that moment will always hold a special place in my heart.

My contacts in Belleville have all been great. Both former athletic director Mike Colletta and current AD Rod Fisher have been great to talk and work with, and I will miss covering the Tigers. A program which I have been following faithfully for almost my entire Heritage career.

Former and longtime football coach Bob LaPointe taught me a lot about life outside of just football. He once vented after a bad season to me and I really felt like he was a true friend. I didn't get to cover him through his most successful years, but I felt I got to know him through the tough times. There were seasons that had to be tough for him but he remained professional and very easy to talk to.

Now, Matt Davenport is at the helm and I see him having the longevity that LP (as LaPointe's former players called him) had.

Willow Run football coach Rufus Pipkins has been one of my favorite people as well and I will miss him and his Flyers. Pipkins always supported his team and players and it has truly an honor to cover them over the years.

Lincoln athletic director Eve Claar has been one of the best people to deal with and I would put her as one of the top athletic directors (SEC) but in the entire area. I will miss her and the Splitters.

I can't name everyone but I will say this profession has come a long way since I started. The way in which things are done is a lot different now than when I started in 2000. The faces of the industry are now multimedia journalists; no longer relying on pens and notepads, but embracing social networking, videography and several bells and whistles that have turned storytelling into a richer experience for you, the reader. After all, you are what this business is all about.

I have been fortunate enough during my time in the industry to interview the likes of Joe Montana, Kirk Gibson, Cullen Jenkins, Ian Gold and Tyrone Wheatley. Though I come away with just as much fulfillment from my time with high school stars such as Scott Powell (BHS), Ron Coleman (Romulus), Amanda Chidester (Allen Park Cabrini) and Tiffany Oflili (Ypsilanti). All of those individuals have all touched my life and made me a better person.

From the hundreds of high school athletes I have covered, to the multiple coaches and professional athletes I have interviewed, I hope in some way I have touched some people's lives and made some kind of an impact on them.

Good night and goodbye, as I wrap up what I must say has been one of the most memorable experiences of my life.



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Pigskin Picks

The football experts at Heritage Newspapers will make their picks for this week's contests. Here are this week's prognostications:

	Kevin Doby	Terry Jacoby	Mike Larson	Randy Castro
This Week's Games				
Last Week's Record	6-2	6-2	5-3	
Overall Record	43-23	47-18	45-21	

Regional football Pioneer routs Huron

By Mike Larson
A2 Journal

Last week, Drake Johnson made a bold prediction about the Pioneer-Huron rivalry game.

"If we block, we'll put up a good 50 points," the senior said. "It will be done by the first half."

On Friday night, when the two teams met at Pioneer's Hollway Field, Johnson's words proved prophetic.

The Pioneers defeated the River Rats 50-7, and true to Johnson's words, the game was over after the first half.

The Pioneers jumped out to a lead early, as Ethan Spencer scored a touchdown on a 15-yard run with 10:08 left in the first quarter. Erick Kristensen hit the extra points and the Pioneers took a 7-0 lead.

Johnson scored the next touchdown, his first of three, on the Pioneers'

following possession on a 19-yard run. Kristensen was again good on the kick, and the Pioneers went up 14-0.

The River Rats got on the board before the first quarter ended to narrow the score a bit when Parish Thomas busted into the endzone on a two-yard rush. The extra point was good, and Huron trailed by just a touchdown, 14-7.

However, that was as close as the River Rats would come.

Pioneer went on to score five unanswered touchdowns and a safety to cruise to a 50-7 win. The touchdowns all came from running plays as Aeden York, Zach Davis, Thomas Quandra and Drake Johnson (twice) all scored. Johnson's safety play came after Tyler Jackson took down Thomas in the endzone.

"It feels fantastic," Pioneer coach Paul Test said of the win. "It's a real exciting night and I am

really happy for the team." On the other side of the field, Huron coach Corey Gildersleeve wasn't feeling quite the same.

"We're really disappointed in the way we played tonight," Gildersleeve said. "I thought we would come out better. I thought we would come out and give a better effort. But we didn't."

With the victory, the Pioneers clinch a spot in the playoffs as well as the Southeastern Conference Red title.

It also marks Pioneers' ninth straight win over Huron. In fact, the last time the River Rats defeated Pioneer, Test was on the Huron coaching staff.

"I was the defensive coordinator then," Test said. "We won in 2000, '01 and '02."

Johnson finished the game as the top rusher with 256 yards, while Jacobs led the way for Huron with 47 yards.

LARSON

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He backpedaled, going back another 15 yards looking for a receiver. The play ended with him getting sacked.

Michigan state took the ball over on downs and ran the clock down for the win.

And they deserved to win. They were the better team.

As a Wolverine, it must be tough to watch the Spartans play with such a blatant disregard of the rules, but still win the game by 14 points.

It had to be hard for the Michigan players to watch Gholsto twist Robinson's face mask after a late hit, and then punch Taylor Lewan in the chin.

It had to be tough watching Robinson get tackled after the whistle and Jeremy Gallon get hit after he was two steps out of bounds.

But it had to be a lot tougher knowing that Michigan State played like a prison league team and



Michigan still couldn't win the game.

State got penalized for its discretions over and over, but Michigan failed to take advantage. The Wolverines squandered opportunity after opportunity and when the Spartans seemed to be attempting to hand the game over on a silver platter, the Wolverines politely declined.

State opened the door, Michigan refused to walk through.

Michigan was overrated going into this game, and

now everyone knows it.

But the team is getting better.

This squad is better than any team under the RichRod era, and is continuing to improve. Let's just hope that next year's squad remembers this game.

Let's hope they remember the punching and taunting and general foolishness.

This year's Michigan squad couldn't do anything to stop Michigan State.

But maybe next year's squad can.

JACOBY

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prepared. The combination of the two blew this game into the loss column for the Wolverines.

Hoke gave credit to the Spartans.

"They did things the way they are supposed to," he said.

And he didn't think MSU was dirty.

"They had some late hits on the QB but you get those all the time," he said.

The bye week comes at a good time for the Wolverines. Michigan has a week off to get healthy and practice and continue to improve on those weaknesses before Ptdue comes to Michigan Stadium on Oct. 29.

The Wolverines certainly looked good in their white

legacy jerseys and they played good. But this is about being great, not good. It's Michigan football after all. And losing to Michigan State isn't going to be tolerated for long.

Hoke pointed the finger of blame at himself after this one.

And even though he has five fingers, he won't get five chances to beat Michigan State.

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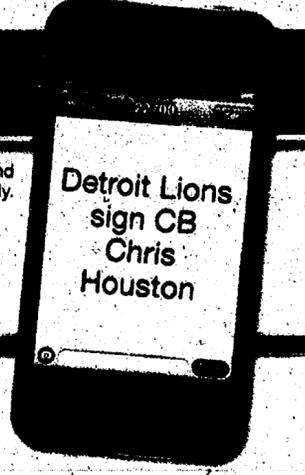
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RANDY CASTRO

Tigers in over their heads vs. Rangers

On the wrong side of a 10-run blow-out? That's not the way the season was supposed to end.

Like a punch-drunk heavyweight answering the bell for one round too many, the Tigers were simply outclassed and outmatched by a superior team.

Injuries played a major role - make no mistake about it - but Detroit, playing the way it did in this series, had no business forcing a winner-take-all Game 7.

It was more of what the Rangers were able to do - namely come up with the big hit - than what the Tigers didn't do. Every chance Detroit had to seize series-altering momentum, they failed to do so; including watching its 7-2 lead in Game 5 turn into a 7-5 clinging-to-life victory.

It simply wasn't meant to be.

Would it have been different if the Tigers were healthy? Probably. If Delmon Young, Magglio Ordonez, Alex Avila, Victor Martinez and Brennan Boesch were at 100 percent, the series may have had an entirely different complexion.

We'll never know. What we do know is the patchwork lineup the Tigers sent into the American League Championship Series finished two wins shy of a World Series berth. But don't blame injuries.

The Tigers hit .237 as a team in the postseason, 40 points lower than their regular-season batting average. While some of the brightest stars in the lineup fizzled under the postseason light, the pitching staff did little to aid their cause.

The Tiger bullpen posted an 8.01 ERA in the postseason, allowing 35 runs in 39 1-3 innings. Opponents hit .311 against Tiger relievers; A group that posted a 3.93 ERA over 449 innings during the regular season.

The numbers don't lie, it's no surprise that Detroit was sent packing in six games to the now back-to-back AL champions. It's tough to swallow - and it's going to stay that way for awhile. But it shouldn't dull the shine that was a special 2011 season.

After the Tigers won their first division crown in 24 years, this postseason was supposed to be special. But before the fanbase retreats to a winter's worth of wallowing in their collective secrets, let me let you in on a little secret; the 2011 Detroit Tigers were more special than we're prepared to give them credit for...at least right now.

Throw away the argument that Detroit played in the least competitive division in baseball. They did something Chicago, Cleveland, Minnesota and Kansas City couldn't do; Make the most of that opportunity. You don't knock off the New York Yankees in a Game 5 in their house without showing a little grit and mental toughness.

After getting up off the mat time and again during their postseason, the Tigers suffered their most brutal postseason defeat as Texas

PLEASE SEE CASTRO/7-B

Dreads knock off Chelsea, 4-0

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

After Dexter scored to take a 3-0 lead over visiting Chelsea on Thursday evening, Dexter coach Scott Forrester shouted to his team to "keep the pressure up."

Considering it was rival Chelsea on the other side of the field, that wasn't going to be a problem for the Dreads. In a rivalry such as this, teams hit the gas and not the breaks when

Soccer

taking a commanding lead and that's exactly what Dexter did in a 4-0 win over Chelsea in the final regular-season game for both teams.

Brett Kokkales got the Dreads on the board early in the first half with a goal less than 9 minutes into the game. His goal helped set the tone for the rest of the

game as Dexter dominated the midfield and created many more scoring chances than the visiting Bulldogs.

"To start off a Dexter-Chelsea match with a goal like that is tremendous," Forrester said. "We stepped up and played well. We had the mentality of not resting on one goal and then not resting on two goals. We played the whole game like it was a scoreless game and because of that we didn't

allow Chelsea to get any kind of rhythm going." Forrester likes the way his team is playing heading into districts.

"Our biggest challenge will be waiting because we don't play now for a week," said Forrester, whose team drew a bye in the first round of the Mason district.

Chelsea opens district action with Jackson

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Juggling act!

Chelsea's Elwart is keeping busy in her senior year

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

When Tessa Elwart hits a volleyball, it's not the only ball she has in the air.

The standout volleyball player is juggling quite a few balls these days as a senior at Chelsea High School. Parents, teachers and counselors all tell students to make the most of your high school years and Elwart has taken that advice to another level.

An outstanding student - the GPA is at 3.96 - Elwart is a captain of the Bulldogs volleyball team and also for the Chelsea color guard. Considering her classwork includes several tough honors classes, free time doesn't come around too often.

"Well, it is quite hard to juggle my schedule," she admits. "In addition to volleyball and color guard, I'm taking three AP classes this year (calculus, physics and economics) and I have a job at McDonalds."

It doesn't take long for Elwart's day to begin. And once it does, it never stops.

"I have color guard at 6:40 every morning and volleyball after school until 5:30," she said. "I have volleyball tournaments all day on Saturdays and I usually work from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays. We have volleyball games once or twice a week and those make it really hard to get homework done. They start at 7 p.m. and the varsity works the JV and freshmen games."

"Needless to say, I haven't been getting a lot of sleep lately."

Sleep, rest and relaxation are all going to have to wait. The calendar isn't exactly loosening its grip.

"We have marching band festival and the end of volleyball season coming up," she said.

So exactly when does Elwart have time to do her homework - considering she's never home.

"I always try to start it as soon as I get home, but sometimes if I don't finish I know I can eat lunch in the physics room and finish it up there," she said. "It's a very friendly environment and I actually get a lot of work done. I don't have a lot of free time."

And she wouldn't have it any other way. "I definitely would be busy," she said. "I always have been. I used to dance ballet, which practiced four times during the week for two and a half hours and when a performance was approaching we would practice all day Saturday and Sunday."

"That kind of started off my busy schedule. Being busy helps me though. I don't procrastinate as much because I know things have to get done and it helps me budget my time."

Elwart, who seems to be a natural born leader, leads by example and is a great role model for other students. She takes her role as captain seriously.

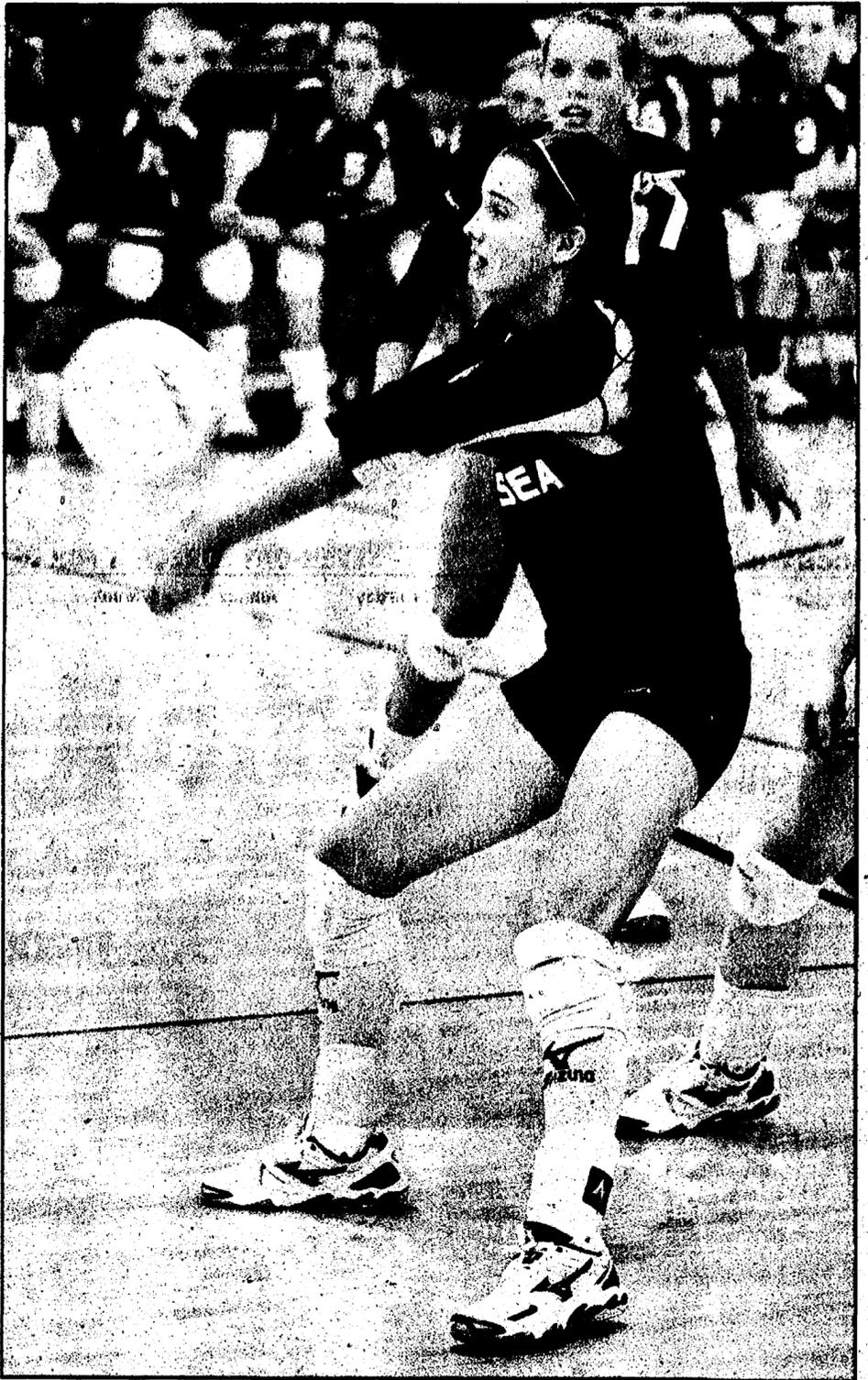
"My role as captain is to encourage my teammates, lead them, push them and be there for them whenever they need to talk to someone about something," she said.

"It doesn't matter if it's volleyball or color guard related. I think the key to being a good leader is to be close with whoever you lead. If they trust you, they will follow you."

"My role as color guard captain extends a little bit farther than volleyball captain. The color guard isn't always with the band so a huge amount of responsibility and trust is put on the color guard captains to do what we are supposed to do and get better."

The Bulldogs will soon be heading into the postseason in volleyball, a part of the schedule the team has been looking forward to all year.

"I think we are much better than last year and we have a shot at doing some great things," Elwart said. "The team is pretty



Photos by Burrill Strong

Tessa Elwart is a standout volleyball player and was a member of the CHS homecoming court.

Meet Tessa

Name: Tessa Elwart
Age: 17
Parents: Tom and Diane Elwart
College plans: To study engineering at an out of state college
GPA: 3.96
Hobbies/interests: Physics, reading, snowboarding

closely bonded and we have a lot of fun while working hard. So far this is a great final volleyball season in high school and the best is yet to come."

Any team goals?
"My goals for the team would be to win districts and get as far as we can in regionals and states," she said. "The team is definitely capable of this or more if we play at our highest level."

Elwart first became interested in color guard because of her sister Marissa.

"She is two years older than me and she was color guard captain the year I was a

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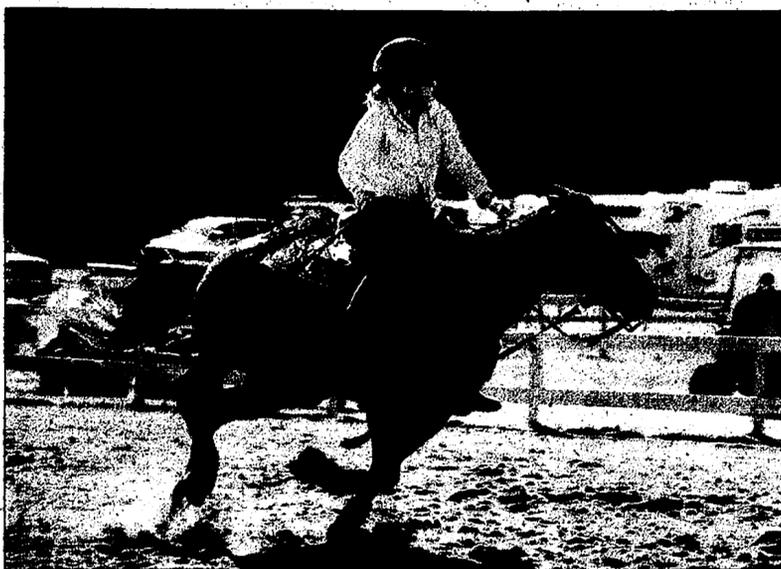


Chelsea equestrian team rides off into the sunset

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Morgan Baldwin

Hannah Linteau, Anyssa Marsh, Sheri Robbins, Morgan Baldwin, Allison Fountain, Tony Corazzol and Chase Barnes are ready to ride off for the Bulldogs.



Tonya Heimerdinger



Coach Lucy Heimerdinger



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NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly cloudy, showers	A couple of showers	Sunny to partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	A shower possible	Partly sunny	Considerable cloudiness
47° to 53°	31° to 37°	51° to 57° 32° to 38°	53° to 59° 32° to 38°	54° to 60° 35° to 41°	57° to 63° 37° to 43°	57° to 63° 42° to 48°	62° to 68° 30° to 36°

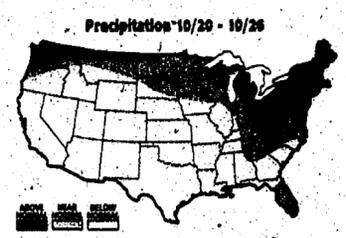
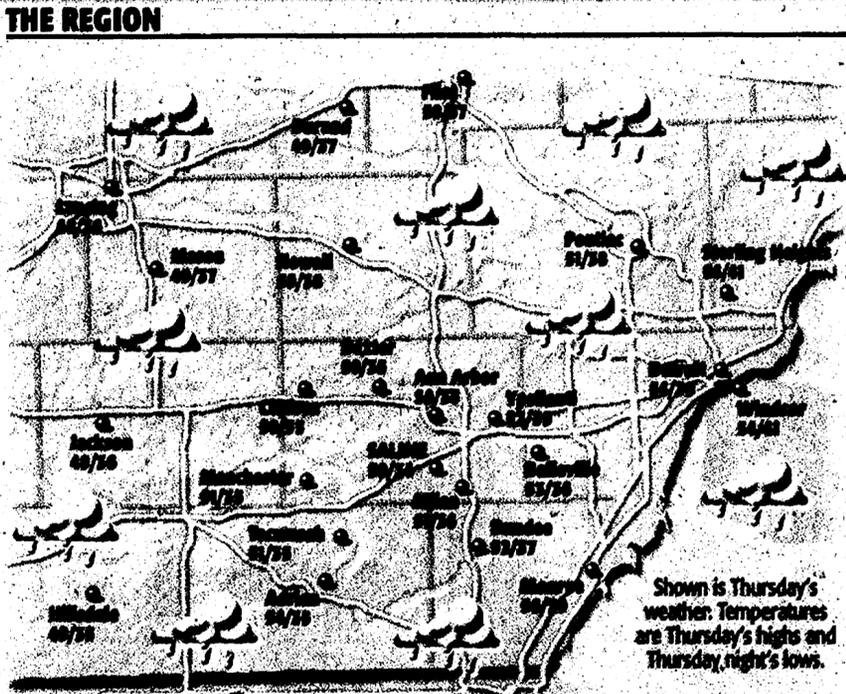


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Statistics for the week ending Monday, Oct. 17

Temperatures:
 High/Low for the week: 78°/40°
 Normal high/low: 61°/37°
 Average temperature: 54.5°
 Normal average temperature: 49.2°

Precipitation:
 Total for the week: 0.64"
 Total for the month: 0.65"
 Total for the year: 37.02"
 Normal for the month: 1.67"
 Normal for the year: 27.04"



PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures: High Low

78	66	66	59	57	50	60
40	38	38	38	38	38	38

Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat. Sun. Mon.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Atlanta	64/42/s	64/40/s	61/40/s
Boston	71/52/pc	65/50/pc	61/47/s
Chicago	53/38/r	53/38/s	50/45/s
Cincinnati	51/40/sh	55/37/s	63/36/s
Cleveland	56/42/rh	53/40/pc	54/40/s
Dallas	71/49/s	75/61/s	78/60/pc
Denver	50/44/s	57/40/s	71/40/s
Honolulu	84/72/pc	85/73/pc	84/73/pc
Houston	70/51/s	69/50/s	69/50/s
Kansas City	53/32/s	62/42/s	72/49/s
Las Vegas	80/62/s	80/62/s	80/62/s
Los Angeles	78/60/pc	78/62/pc	84/60/s
Miami	79/61/s	79/62/pc	80/60/s
Minneapolis	49/34/pc	55/40/s	58/42/pc
New Orleans	80/63/s	79/53/s	72/50/s
New York City	66/49/pc	61/48/pc	60/46/s
Orlando	77/59/s	75/55/s	76/57/pc
Philadelphia	68/48/pc	63/48/pc	62/48/s
Phoenix	92/68/s	92/62/s	92/60/s
Pittsburgh	49/39/sh	52/38/pc	54/36/s
St. Louis	56/39/pc	56/40/s	56/40/s
San Francisco	71/54/pc	70/53/pc	73/54/s
Seattle	50/50/pc	50/50/s	50/50/s
Wash., DC	67/48/pc	64/46/pc	63/47/s

THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	City	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ann Arbor	58/46/r	50/34/sh	54/35/s	56/35/s	Marquette	50/40/r	50/30/r	50/30/s	50/30/pc
Bay City	53/45/r	49/37/sh	52/37/s	55/39/pc	Port Huron	54/46/r	51/38/sh	52/38/s	55/40/s
Flint	56/45/r	50/37/sh	52/37/s	53/38/s	Saginaw	52/44/r	49/37/sh	52/37/s	55/39/pc
Kalamazoo	52/44/r	49/36/sh	52/37/s	55/40/s	Sturgis	52/43/r	52/37/sh	53/37/s	54/38/s
Lansing	52/44/r	49/36/sh	52/37/s	54/38/s	Warren	58/49/r	54/41/sh	54/42/s	56/44/s
Livonia	58/48/r	54/40/sh	55/41/s	55/42/s					

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RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday

River	Flood stage	Current stage
Coopers Creek	12.8	12.8
Deer Creek	12.8	12.8
Mill Creek	12.8	12.8
St. Clair	12.8	12.8

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake St. Clair	580.11 ft	573.95 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	573.76 ft

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set	The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	7:50 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	Thursday	1:36 a.m.	3:33 p.m.
Friday	7:54 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	Friday	1:36 a.m.	3:33 p.m.
Saturday	7:58 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	Saturday	1:36 a.m.	3:33 p.m.
Sunday	7:57 a.m.	6:42 p.m.	Sunday	1:36 a.m.	3:33 p.m.
Monday	7:59 a.m.	6:43 p.m.	Monday	1:36 a.m.	3:33 p.m.
Tuesday	7:59 a.m.	6:39 p.m.	Tuesday	1:36 a.m.	3:33 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	6:37 p.m.	Wednesday	1:36 a.m.	3:33 p.m.

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WORLD CITIES

City	Thu	Fri	Sat
Athens	70/55/s	70/55/s	70/55/s
Berlin	44/32/sh	44/33/s	46/38/s
Buenos Aires	77/67/pc	79/68/pc	75/66/pc
Cairo	80/55/s	80/60/s	81/58/s
Calgary	58/32/pc	62/33/s	60/37/pc
Hong Kong	81/73/s	82/73/s	81/73/s
Johannesburg	71/50/s	70/55/s	70/52/s
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Mexico City	73/41/s	76/40/s	75/38/s
Moscow	46/39/pc	42/26/r	40/27/pc
Paris	58/39/s	59/39/s	59/39/s
Rio de Janeiro	72/64/pc	73/68/s	74/67/sh
Seoul	70/50/pc	72/52/pc	68/50/pc
Singapore	84/77/rh	84/77/rh	84/77/rh
Sydney	81/55/s	82/57/s	82/59/s
Tokyo	60/52/r	72/64/pc	72/64/pc
Warsaw	46/33/r	49/31/s	46/36/pc

BACKYARD BRAWL IN PHOTOS: CHELSEA 31, DEXTER 15

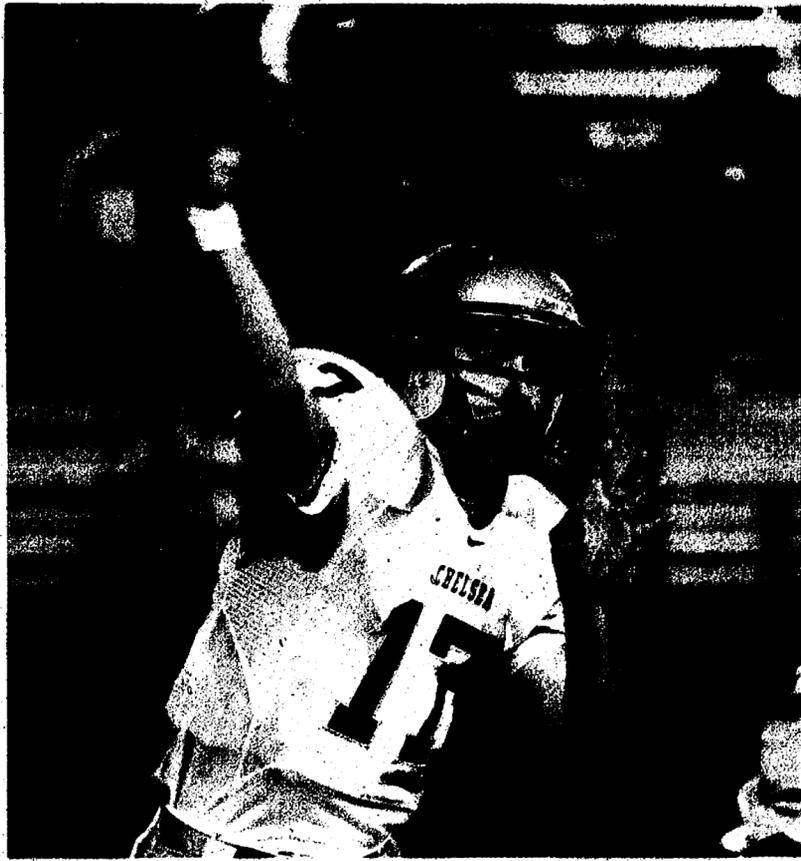


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ABOVE: Chelsea QB Jarred Scheese had another solid game for the Bulldogs.
BELOW: Chelsea's Alec Sensoll makes a play for the Bulldogs.

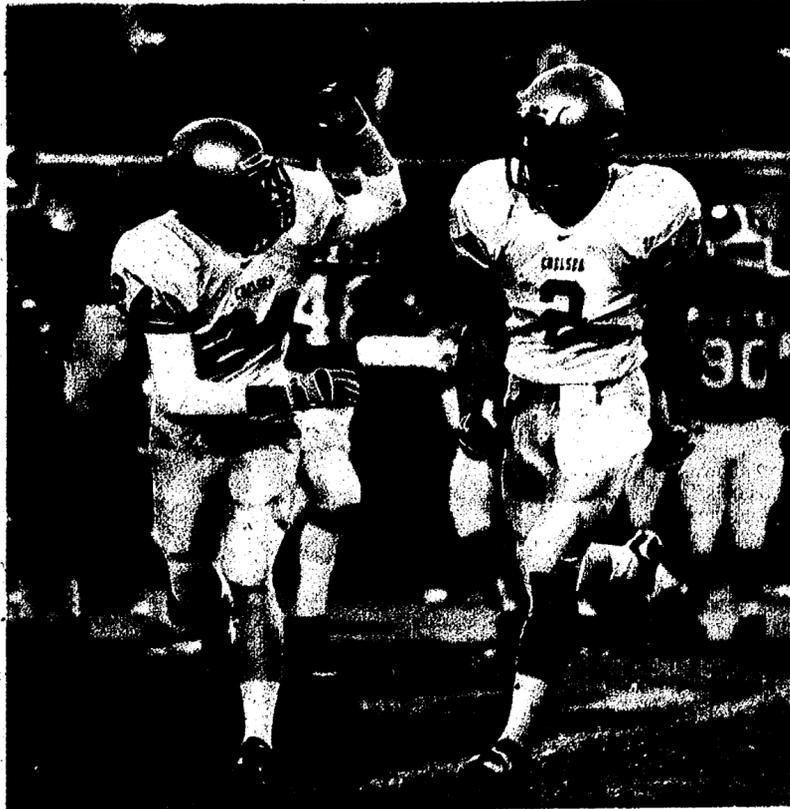


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ABOVE: Dominic Davis (No. 2) celebrates after his first-quarter interception.
BELOW: Chelsea's Truman Hadley chases down Dexter's Hank Dreffe Friday night.



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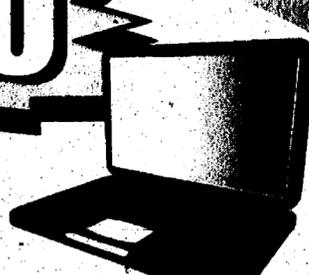


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FROM PAGE 4-B

Northwest at home on Tuesday and coach Shawn Hayes hopes his team plays better than what he saw at Dexter on Thursday. And he knows they can.

Hayes said Dexter's fast start was a factor in the way his team played the rest of the way.

"Yeah, it can be devastating," he said. "We have had times this season when the other team scores first and it gets to us. We lose a little of our mojo and that's what happened (Thursday)."

"We had some defensive breakdowns on their first two goals."

And the Bulldogs really never got any mojo going on the offensive end.

One of the big keys for Dexter was having Ian St. Pierre back out on the field. The senior forward, who combines tremendous skill with a tough style of play, was injured in the Pioneer game. Having St. Pierre back for the Chelsea game and the districts is a huge boost for the Dreads.

"Having him out there takes pressure off the other players," says Forrester.

And Chelsea was well aware of where St. Pierre was - well, most of the time.

The senior forward made a 2-0 when he broke in down the middle, between two defenders and pushed a shot to the right of the Chelsea keeper - and right into the goal.

The Dreads took a 3-0 lead on a sweet play by Dexter's Bobby Toth at the 36:29 mark of the second half.

The junior got in behind the Chelsea defense, controlled a pass near the top of the 18-yard box and then scored on a perfect chip shot over the Chelsea keeper, who got caught a little too far out of the goal.

Dexter scored its fourth goal of the game less than 4 minutes later. The Dreads'

CASTRO

FROM PAGE 4-B

left no question as to who was the best team in the American League. But, as difficult as it is to stomach at the moment, there's plenty to be optimistic and excited about during the off-season leading into Opening Day 2012.

While it may be too early to give a realistic projection of what the Tiger lineup may look like next April, Detroit looks to be in a position to be aggressive in free agency and in the trade market over the next few months.

In all likelihood, Carlos Guillen (\$13M), Magglio Ordonez (\$10M) and Brad Penny (\$3M) won't be in Tiger uniform next season, giving Detroit some financial flexibility to address some of its glaring needs. With at least \$26M to play with, the question becomes what exactly do the Tigers need most - bullpen help, a fifth starter, an everyday second baseman, a corner outfielder?

Whatever moves the organization chooses to make, Detroit should be the odds-on favorite to repeat in the AL Central.

Sean McCartt, who played a solid all-around game, took a corner kick. The ball was deflected back to McCartt, who got control of the ball, took his time and made a perfect pass in front of the goal.

Dylan Polley cut in between two Chelsea defenders and one-timed it past a helpless keeper.

Earlier in the week, Chelsea tied Ypsilanti 1-1. Kevin Fournier scored in the first half to give the Bulldogs a 1-0 lead.

Despite Chelsea controlling most of the game, the Phoenix tied the game in the second half.

Bulldogs volleyball team bounces back

After a tough loss earlier in the week to Tecumseh, the Chelsea volleyball team responded with some solid play on Saturday at the Mt. Morris Invitational.

"The team really progressed throughout the day and was markedly improved in their passing and defense that translated into effective attacking," Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland said. "We had major improvements in serve receive and digging accuracy from our defensive players and very good blocking from our front row."

"Briana Carden did a great job of distributing the ball to all three posi-

tions as is evidence in the statistics for our hitters being in a double digit kill count. We did a good job of speeding up our offense and making adjustments against our opponents. It was a great bounce-back performance for the Bulldogs."

"I was very proud of the effort of our team and the way they bounced back from the match early in the week," Cleveland said. "I look forward to seeing how much more we can improve and be playing our best at the end of the season."

In pool play the Bulldogs lost to Mt. Morris 21-25, 22-25; split with Lane

Cruese 16-25, 25-22; defeated Pinckney 25-21, 25-10; and split with Gabriel Richard 25-15, 22-25.

In the gold semifinals, Chelsea defeated Farmington Harrison 25-16, 25-23 before losing in the finals to Mt. Morris 24-26, 22-25.

Megan Brockett had 28 kills and 43 digs; Tessa Elwart had 50 kills and 47 digs; Bailey Darwin had 16 kills and 32 digs; Shianne Butler had 11 kills; Laurel Hall had 12 kills; and Briana Carden had 103 assists and 13 aces.

Last Tuesday, the Bulldogs (19-16-5) lost to Tecumseh, 10-25, 8-25 and 20-25. Chelsea is 6-3 in the SEC.

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BACKYARD BRAWL: CHELSEA 31, DEXTER 15



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Chelsea's Jay Szcodronski flips the ball to the official after he recovered a Dexter fumble.

FOOTBALL

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One play, one turnover for the home team.

Chelsea's first play was the complete opposite. Chelsea quarterback Jarred Scheese hit senior Jake Steinhauer for a 28-yard touchdown pass and the Bulldogs were on the board with less than a minute off the clock.

Two plays, 7-0 Chelsea and the tone was set.

It took Chelsea only two plays to score its second TD of the game. After Dexter punted on its second possession, Scheese hit Cody Ellyson on a 46-yard touchdown pass and with 7:40 left in the first quarter the Bulldogs led 14-0.

Chelsea coach Brad Bush called the early turnover and touchdown "huge."

"We wanted to make sure they didn't believe they could win the game," Bush said. "So getting up 14-0 was big."

The Dreads did believe they could win the ballgame, even trailing by two touchdowns and Mioduszewski marched them right down the field. The senior QB got Dexter on the scoreboard with a five-yard TD run to cap a nine play, 54 yard drive in just 3:22.

Chelsea then turned the ball over on a fumble and the Dexter offense was back on the field and back in Chelsea territory. But the Bulldogs forced a three and out and the momentum shifted back to Chelsea.

The Bulldogs took over on their own 15-yard line and put together an impressive drive, going the distance in 15 plays and taking 6:22 off the clock.

Edwards ran it in for the score from the 5-yard line to give Chelsea a commanding 21-7 lead. The biggest play was a 16-yard pass from Scheese to Ellyson on the second play of the drive.

Dexter got the ball back on its own 27-yard line with just 2:40 left until halftime. Still, the Dreads went to work and Mioduszewski again took

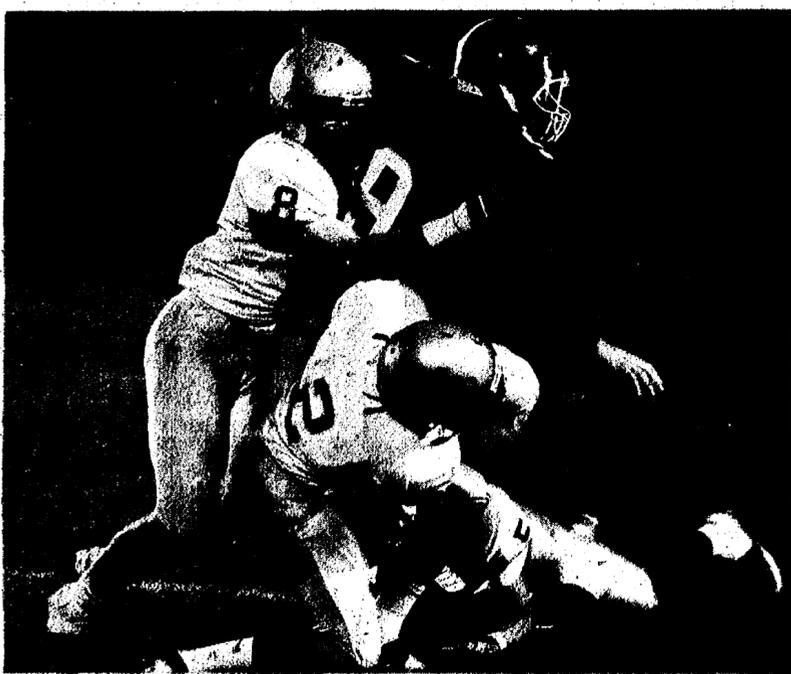


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ABOVE: Anthony Catalina (No. 8) and Dominic Davis (No. 2) wrap up Mike Mioduszewski. BELOW: Chelsea's Jack McDougall makes a big fourth-down catch.

them down the field. He ran 31 yards to the Chelsea 23-yard line and a few plays later ran eight yards to give Dexter a second down at the 5-yard line with 32 seconds left in the first half.

Mioduszewski took it to the 1-yard line but was denied the end zone. With 10 seconds left, the quarterback tried to go over big and talented center Tucker Whitley but the Chelsea defense stood tall and kept Dexter out of the end zone. The Dreads thought they had scored, and during the confusion the clock ticked down to zero before the Dreads could get off another play or spike the ball.

It was a huge missed opportunity for Dexter. On the other side of the field, it was a huge defensive stand and gave the Bulldogs a 21-7 halftime lead.

Zach Rabbitt nailed a 32-yard field goal for the only points in the third quarter. Near the end of the third quarter, a pass by Scheese was tipped and intercepted by Charles Sleder. The defensive tackle rambled all

the way to the 1-yard line before being dragged down from behind by Scheese, who did an amazing job of catching Sleder before he reached the end zone.

It turned out to be a turning point. After the play, Dexter was called for unsportsmanlike conduct and the ball was moved back to the 15-yard line. And the Dreads ended up going backwards. Mioduszewski fumbled on a third-and-23 play from the 29-yard line and Dexter failed to capitalize on the turnover because of the illegal celebration penalty.

Bush thought the touchdown saving play by Scheese was a big play in the game. "Our guys have been great about that all year that they don't quit on plays," Bush said. "I'm proud of them that they never give up on a play."

Chelsea's Max Giller had picked up the Dexter fumble and raced to the Dexter 35-yard line. And nine plays later, the Bulldogs put the game away with a two-yard TD run from Edwards. The

score capped a nine-play drive and gave Chelsea a 31-7 lead with 8:11 left in the game.

The Dreads scored their first points since early in the second quarter on a three-yard TD pass from Mioduszewski to Jay Lewis with 6:18 to play in the game.

Scheese was solid behind center for Chelsea, completing 16 of 24 passes for 214 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 42 yards on 11 carries.

Jack McDougall had six catches for 56 yards and Ellyson's three grabs totaled 65 yards.

Mioduszewski caused the Bulldogs problems all night. The athletic senior quarterback rushed for 132 yards on 24 carries and completed 12 of 26 passes for 171 yards and a touchdown.

Chelsea (7-1) can more than likely lock up a home playoff game with a win Friday at Haslett. Dexter (3-5) will play at Pinckney on Friday and hope to end the season winning three of its last four games.

Chelsea-Dexter Football notes

Yellow flags

As one might expect in a rivalry game, the yellow flags were flying all night long. Including late hits and face-mask penalties, Chelsea was flagged four times for personal foul penalties - that's 60 yards. Dexter was called for three personal foul penalties. And it's safe to point out that even more flags could have been thrown. The visiting Bulldogs had 10 penalties for 104 yards while Dexter had 12 for 135 yards. That's 239 yards in penalties.

Feet on the breaks

There were probably a few fans on the Chelsea side that wouldn't have minded if the Bulldogs tried to punch in another score from the 1-yard line in the final seconds. But Chelsea coach Brad Bush decided to take a knee and let the clock run out.

Banner-gate

A few Dexter folks didn't care to see Chelsea come running out under a banner on Friday night - actually, there were two if anyone was keeping score. Section 1.5 of the Southeastern Conference bylaws prohibits visiting teams from running out under a banner on the field. Of course, Chelsea did it at Tecumseh and Ypsilanti as well so Dexter shouldn't take it so personal.

Home game

The Bulldogs, who locked up a playoff spot last week, want to finish strong at Haslett. The game also could mean at least one home playoff game for Chelsea. "If we can beat Haslett and get to 8-1, we should host a playoff game," Bush said.

Steinhauer out

Chelsea's outstanding defensive lineman Michael Steinhauer is more than likely done for the season. The junior injured his ACL in the Bulldogs' win over Lincoln three weeks ago and was a vocal cheerleader on the sideline Friday night. "We would have to win two playoff games for him to have a chance at coming back," Chelsea coach Brad Bush said. "It's not something that requires surgery but he certainly can't play now." Bush has been impressed with the play of the 6-foot-8-inch, 245-pound defensive tackle. "He's a Division 1 player," Bush said.

Ranged up / Stepping up

The Bulldogs have been dealing with a number of injuries and illnesses the last few weeks. "As ranged up as we are, and I've never seen it like this, whoever is on the field has stepped up," Bush said. "I've never seen this many guys out. And it's not just football-related stuff. We have mono and the flu and things to guys who play. We had nine guys out tonight who couldn't play. It's like we are ridding out of players. Our guys have shown great resolve and it's really gratifying to see."

Spreading it around

Dexter QB Mike Mioduszewski used all of his talented wideouts on Friday. Hank Dreffe had four catches for 44 yards, Alex Mortensen had three catches for 55 yards, Jay Lewis grabbed three balls for 49 yards and Jacob VanKooft had two catches for 23 yards.

Truth hurts

After Chelsea scored its final touchdown, Chelsea's talented center Tanner Starkey yelled out: "Every year, baby. Every year." Dexter hasn't beaten Chelsea since 1995 when the Dreads won 16-6. Despite the final score, this game was close, exciting and hard hitting. And Dexter coach Brian Baird may be right when he said "we're closing the gap" after the game.

Nice plays

Chelsea's Kyle Koseck threw a nice block at the end of Cody Ellyson's TD play in the first quarter to help get Ellyson in the end zone. ... Chelsea's Sean O'Quinn had a fumble recovery in the first quarter after Dexter started moving the ball. ... Dexter's Chase Galloway and Ryan Kimball had a big sack to force a punt in the first quarter. ... Dexter's Nick Wheeler had a nice hit to break up a Chelsea pass play on a third down play. ... Dexter's Jacob Haviland recovered a Chelsea fumble with 9:41 to play in the second quarter. ... Chelsea's Cody Barber made a nice play to knock the ball out of a Dexter receiver's hands to force a fourth down. ... What a great scoop by Max Giller who luckily wasn't listening to the coaches when they always preach to just fall on the ball. The senior picked up a Dexter fumble and was off to the races, helping set up a Chelsea TD.

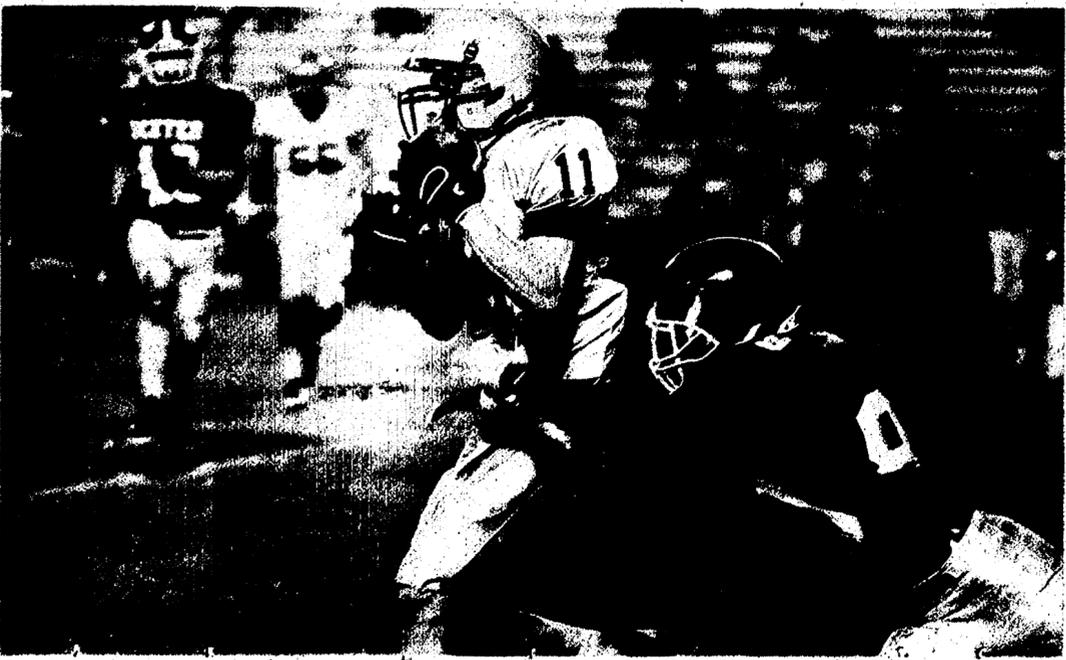


Photo by Burrill Strong

Dexter did a good job of keeping Chelsea's standout running back, Cody Ellyson, under wraps.

Bulldogs bounce back on Saturday

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

After a tough loss earlier in the week to Tecumseh, the Chelsea volleyball team responded with some solid play on Saturday at the Mt. Morris Invitational.

"The team really progressed throughout the day and was markedly improved in their passing and defense that translated into effective attacking," Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland said. "We had major improvements in serve receive and digging accuracy from our defensive players and very good blocking from our front row."

"Briana Carden did a great job of distributing the ball to all three positions as is evidence in the statistics for our hitters being in a double digit kill count. We did a good job of

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speeding up our offense and making adjustments against our opponents. It was a great bounce-back performance for the Bulldogs.

"I was very proud of the effort of our team and the way they bounced back from the match early in the week," Cleveland said. "I look forward to seeing how much more we can improve and be playing our best at the end of the season."

In pool play, the Bulldogs lost to Mt. Morris 21-25, 22-25; split with Lane Crusce 16-25, 25-23; defeated Pinckney 25-21, 25-10; and split with Gabriel Richard 25-15, 23-25.

In the gold semifinals, Chelsea defeated Farmington Harrison 25-16,

25-23 before losing in the finals to Mt. Morris 24-26, 22-25.

Megan Brackett had 28 kills and 43 digs; Tessa Elwart had 50 kills and 47 digs; Bailey Darwin had 16 kills and 22 digs; Shianne Butler had 11 kills; Laurel Hall had 12 kills; and Briana Carden had 103 assists and 13 aces.

Last Tuesday, the Bulldogs (19-16-5) lost to Tecumseh, 10-25, 8-25 and 20-25.

"We had a difficult match and did not have a good outing against the defending SEC champs and district champs," Cleveland said. "Our serve receive was very poor and therefore we were not able to attack throughout the match. We recovered a bit in the third match, but really never caught up to Tecumseh's tough serving. Chelsea is 6-3 in the SEC."

Boys cross country Bulldogs run away with 1st at Richard

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The Chelsea boys' cross country team ran away with the Gabriel Richard Invitational on Saturday as the Bulldogs placed four runners in the top 10 and finished with 34 points. South Lyon was second with 75 points and Orchard Lake St. Mary was third with 110 points in the nine-team field.

"It was a fine fall day for a cross country meet and overall we competed well," said coach Eric Swager. "The varsity used our typical strategy of moving up throughout the race to place all seven guys in the top 20 (all earning medals). The 34 points is one of our lowest invitational scores ever, and I think that we are next to run fast in our next couple weeks."

Bryce Bradley led the way with a first-place finish time of 16 minutes, 38 seconds. Austin Horn was fourth (17:24), Jacob Stubbs sixth (17:42), Bram Parkinson 10th (17:52), Jack Abernethy 13th (18:07), Avery Osentoski 15th (18:14)

JV results

2. Joe Vermilye	18:30
10. David Gonzalez	19:22
13. Jack Baylis	19:45
16. Adam Bowersox	20:01
26. E. Brooks-Planck	20:17
33. Stuart Cook	20:24
41. Nate Stevens	20:27
45. Matt Proegler	21:00
53. Roy Schmidt	21:14
67. Mitchell Henschel	22:17
94. Adam Junkins	22:37
111. Rob Everard	23:27
117. Alan Longworth	23:42

and Charlie Miller 19th (18:30).

A number of Chelsea runners pulled off lifetime bests in the junior varsity race as the young Bulldogs continue to show improvement.

"The JV race saw more than half of our runners turn in lifetime bests," Swager said. "That is a great accomplishment and shows that the focus of this team extends well beyond the top few guys."

"I tell all runners that whenever they run a lifetime best, they have to be happy for at least 24 hours, so many kids should have had a nice weekend."



Chelsea senior swimmers Jessica Hinderer (left to right), Jessica Fulkda, Katie Eiseley, Kaita Croskey, Hanna Newbound and Grace Dettling.

Bulldogs win third straight

The Chelsea High School girls' swim and dive team had a busy week of competition in the water this past week.

They extended their win streak to three meets with their win on Thursday as they hosted the Lincoln Railsplitters for an SEC White Division contest.

The Bulldogs won their final-home dual meet of the season 140-36. It was also senior night, where the team honored the five departing seniors (Kaita Croskey, Grace Dettling, Katie Eiseley, Jessica Hinderer and Hanna Newbound).

The 200 medley relay team of Maddie Doman, Jillian Dixon, River Jensen and Talia Dyerly took first place in 2:06.28. The team of Hannah Mahalak, Hanna Newbound, Josie Ewald and Kaita Croskey took second in 2:13.51 and Margaret Lindauer, Grace Dettling, Grace Elie and Emily Simons finished fourth in 2:33.98.

Alex Duncan took first in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:16.18, while Katie Olsen finished second in 2:17.88 and Rachel Fredericks took third in 2:34.02.

The 200 individual medley was won by Jensen in 2:35.49. Jessica Hinderer took second in 2:58.40 and Grace Elie finished third in 2:59.77. The 50 freestyle saw Dixon take first in 27.68, Doman finish third in 29.49 and Lindauer place sixth in 34.06.

The Chelsea divers swept the event, with Sarah Carrara placing first with 181.65 points, Kayla Whipple in second with 162.45 points and Lena Cashman third with 161.50 points. All three girls qualified for diving regionals with the wins.

The second half of the meet started with the 100 butterfly, which saw Duncan take first in 1:12.24, Ewald take second in 1:13.51 and Grace Elie finish third in 1:26.33.

The only event of the night where Chelsea did not take the top finish was the 100 freestyle, where Mahalak swam a time of 1:07.96 and placed second. Simons finished third in 1:11.04 and Maria Elie placed fifth in 1:12.33. The girls swept the 500 freestyle, with Eiseley taking first place in 6:16.90, Newbound



taking second in 6:26.46 and Hinderer earning third in 6:47.85.

The 200 freestyle relay team of Olsen, Croskey, Simons and Eiseley took first place in 2:00.13, while the team of Lindauer, Maria Elie, Mare Almhiemid and Grace Dettling took third in 2:10.70 and the team of Grace Elie, Whipple, Cashman and Clare Dettling ended up fifth in 2:31.92.

Chelsea again swept the 100 backstroke with Doman taking first place in 1:12.59, Ewald placing second in 1:13.42 and Mahalak earning third with a time of 1:14.66.

Newbound led the 100 breaststroke, taking first place in 1:19.34, while Croskey took second in 1:26.17 and Grace Dettling finished fifth in 1:41.78. The girls finished the meet strong with the final event, sweeping the 400 freestyle

relay.

The team of Jensen, Duncan, Dixon, and Dyerly swam a time of 3:58.14, which is a division three state meet qualifying time. The team of Olsen, Eiseley, Doman, and Mahalak took second with a time of 4:31.70 and the team of Hinderer, Clare Dettling, Fredericks and Maria Elie took third place in 4:55.03.

On Tuesday, the girls travelled to Jackson, where they beat the non-conference Vikings 99-86.

Chelsea had a tightly contested meet all night, earning only four first place finishes, but several events where the girls placed second, third and fourth.

In the 200 medley relay, the team of Doman, Newbound, Duncan and Eiseley finished in 2:11.32 and earned second place. Mahalak, Olsen, Ewald and Croskey placed third in 2:19.18. In the 200 freestyle Dyerly finished second with a

time of 2:08.67, while Dixon placed third in 2:15.10 and Hinderer finished fifth in 2:29.29. Chelsea swept the 200 individual medley, with Newbound earning first in 2:37.77, Eiseley placing second in 2:48.14 and Doman finishing third in 2:57.21. Jensen led the Bulldogs in the 50 freestyle by taking second place in 27.30. Mahalak finished fifth in 29.04 and Duncan placed sixth in 29.06.

The Divers swept their event as well, with Carrara earning first place with a score of 176.35, Cashman in second with 156.40 points and Almhiemid third with 125.90 points. The 100 butterfly saw Jensen go 1:09.83 and place third, Olsen swam to a fourth place finish in 1:14.66 and Ewald placed sixth with a 1:17.11.

Dixon finished second in the 100 freestyle with a time

Girls cross country Girls continue impressive run

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The Chelsea girls' cross country team brought home the first-place trophy Saturday from the Gabriel Richard Invitational.

"We ran well," said coach Pat Clarke. "We are coming along nicely at this point in the season and are starting to jell as a team."

The Bulldogs finished with 43 points to take first. Notre Dame Prep was second with 66 points and Andover placed third with 73 points in the six-team field.

Senior Danielle Dahl (20 minutes, 05 seconds) and freshman Meagen Hopkins (20:21) led the team with third and fourth place finishes respectively. Senior Jessi Battaglia continued her fine comeback this

season with a ninth-place finish at 21:05.

Sophomore Madison Nelson had her highest finish this season placing 13th and junior Kennedy Aldrich had one of her highest finishes this season placing 14th.

In JV action, senior Elaine Johnson led a one through three Chelsea sweep. Junior Gwen Hubbard was second in a PR of 22:24 and sophomore Lauren O'Toole was third. Freshman Makayla Bradley had a PR to place 20th.

"This was a fine team win for us," Clarke said. "We must continue to improve and our attitude must be intense heading into our most important time of the season. I hope we can peak in the next two weeks."

Middle School volleyball roundup

The Chelsea 8th Grade BLUE Volleyball team has improved their game and their record is starting to show it. Coach Vanessa Fisk says "the girls are really starting to play and compete with our opponents. The most improvement has been in defense and serving. We are not letting balls hit the floor and it shows defensively."

Recently, the team swept Monroe (Red) winning all three games 25-20, 25-21 and 25-20. Leading scorers were McKenzie Mykala with 9 points, Savannah Steele 9 points, Christine Schultz 8 points, Olivia Ballow 7 points and Taylor King with 7 points. The Bulldogs then took on Dexter in a dramatic and tough loss. The Bulldogs lost narrowly 24-26, 25-19, 24-26. Olivia Ballow led in service points with an outstanding 14 points, Kaye Nelson with 11, and Savannah Steele with 8 points. Audra Feldkamp and Taylor King both played well defensively.

Next, the Bulldogs swept Lincoln winning 25-10, 25-22, and 25-13. Leading scorers were Alayna Schweda-Campbell with 10 points, McKenzie Mykala 10 points, Audra Feldkamp 7 points, Kellie LeBlanc 5 points, and Savannah Steele with 5 points. They hosted a tough loss against Adrian (10-25, 15-25, 17-25) next. Kaye Nelson and Alayna Schweda-Campbell led in scoring each with 4 points. McKenzie Mykala added 3 points.

The Bulldogs are wrapping up their season in the next few weeks playing Bedford, Saline and Dexter."

The Beach Middle School 7th grade Blue volleyball team traveled to Lincoln last week and won the match, 25-23, 17-25 and 25-14. Hanna Stock led in service points with 16, Olivia Leonard had 11, Autumn Johnson 6, Cassie Lango 3, Sam Gillman and Phoebe Callets each had 2 and Gwen Lansky had 1. Outstanding defensive play was turned in by Johnson and Leonard. "This was a fun win for us," said coach Brinklow. "We lost to Lincoln in our first match of the season, so it was great to see how much we've improved since then." Later in the week the team lost at home to Adrian 6-25, 16-25 and 18-25. Lango and Selena Shanley served 3 points each, Callets had 2 and Johnson, Leonard, Lansky, Shauna Caffrey, Gillman, and Jackie Busch each served 1 point.

Pure Michigan hunt winner relishes waterfowl outing



Photos by David Kanyon

From left, Chris Ostrander, Gordon Willis and Randy Willis - all first-time waterfowl hunters - show off their first waterfowl on opening day of the Shiawassee River State Game Area.

Standing in chest waders, hiding in standing corn at Shiawassee River State Game Area, Randy Willis said he found waterfowl hunting to be an eye-opening experience.

"I've never imagined I'd be able to do this," said Willis, a 56-year-old registered nurse from Augusta and one of three winners of the Pure Michigan Hunt drawing for 2011. "This is very cool."

Having never waterfowl hunted before - he didn't have the experience or the buddies with the equipment to show him the ropes, he said - Willis acknowledged that he didn't have any idea what he was in for.

"This is a blast," he said. "I can't say enough about it."

Like many of the folks who apply for the Pure Michigan Hunt - which allows winners to participate in every limited-license hunting opportunity in the state - Willis said the chance to be chosen first in a drawing at a managed waterfowl area was well down his list of motivations for applying.

"Elk was the big draw," said Willis. "I've been applying for elk since 1984."

"I've hunted bear before and spring turkey for years," he continued, "but by purchasing the Pure Michigan Hunt application - and I purchased five - that was five extra chances to hunt elk in your home state. That's special."

Turned out it was very special. Willis hunted elk the first four days of the season in August and saw one small bull, but decided to pass on it.

"One of the advantages of the Pure Michigan Hunt is you get a chance to come back later," he said.

When the early season resumed in September, he came back. The elk were bugling and responding to the call and on the second evening, he had a 5-by-7 bull come within 45 yards of him.

"He was bugling, just screaming at us," Willis said. "It was storybook."

Willis said he wanted to try to take it with his bow, but the elk was outside of his comfortable shooting range.

Later that evening, he saw a nice 6-by-6 moving through an opening at 250 yards. Willis put down his bow, picked up his .300 Mag, and when the elk stopped, he shot him.

And that was after he'd taken a bear, his first success in the Pure Michigan Hunt adventure. Willis hunted for 12 days over bait in the western Upper Peninsula. He said he saw a lot of bears, but was holding out for a record-book quality animal. But on the last day of his hunt, he took what he called "an average bear," and was happy with that.

Then came the waterfowl hunt.

"I didn't know what I was going to do about it,"



Pure Michigan Hunt winner Randy Willis surveys the October sky from the standing corn at Shiawassee River State Game Area.

he was. "Then Barb Avers (the Department of Natural Resources' waterfowl specialist) called and asked me if I had plans. When I told her I didn't, she said, 'Let me see what I can do.'"

Avers put Willis in touch with Brian Siess, the president of the Shiawassee Flats Citizens and Hunters Association. Siess offered to guide Willis and his partners. So at 5 a.m. on opening morning of waterfowl season, at the drawing for

hunting areas, Willis had the first choice.

And when Barry Pratt, who works at Shiawassee, announced to the waiting hunters that a Pure Michigan Hunt winner had the first choice that morning, Willis was greeted with a round of applause.

Two hours later, with decoys in front of him and a couple of experienced waterfowl hunters calling for him, Willis was into it.

Willis invited his 80-year-old father, Gordon, with whom he's been hunting since he was a lad, and his buddy Chris Ostrander to accompany him. Siess enlisted fellow Shiawassee veteran Butch Boivin to assist.

It started quickly with geese pouring into the flooded corn and buckwheat field Siess had chosen. In no time, the guys were banging away at Canada geese as Siess coached them on how and when to shoot. Two hours into the hunt, the party had a limit of geese in the bag.

The rest of the morning was dedicated to ducks. There were fewer ducks than geese flying and they

were less impressed with the decoys and calling than the geese had been. By 10 a.m. the three of them had managed three mallards and a wood duck.

"I have to give a special thanks to Butch and Brian," Willis said. "We're feeling pretty special. To be able to come out here and hunt with experienced guys who are involved in the management here is special."

The whole experience has been extraordinary, Willis said.

Willis said he primarily bought his Pure Michigan Hunt applications to give something to the DNR for wildlife management.

"The money goes to the Game and Fish Fund, so I figured I was making my donation," he said. "You're not only supporting the game and fish management, but you're putting your name in the hat for something special."

"When (DNR Wildlife Division Chief) Russ Mason called and told me I'd won the Pure Michigan Hunt drawing, I said, 'Who's pranking me?'"

Willis' father - who is a lifelong hunter, but had

never been waterfowling before - said he had an outstanding time, too.

"It's a blast," he said. "It was so neat that those guys at the DNR were willing to step up and help us out. We didn't have the equipment or the knowledge. Otherwise, we might have had to let this opportunity go by."

Willis was most effusive in his praise for numerous DNR staffers - who put him in contact with guides and helped him understand all the rules - as well as the sponsors who donated prizes (such as rifles and crossbows) to the Pure Michigan Hunt winners.

Willis admits he hasn't bought any Pure Michigan Hunt applications for 2012 - yet.

"I've been spending all of my money hunting," he said. "But before the end of the year, I promise I will."

"There are folks that buy a Lotto ticket every week. I think it's a better investment to buy Pure Michigan Hunt applications."

To learn more about the Pure Michigan Hunt, visit www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt.



Brian Siess' Labrador retriever Drake brings in a mallard taken on opening day at Shiawassee River State Game Area.

Bulldogs rout Dreads

The Chelsea JV Bulldogs played one of its finest games last Thursday in a 36-0 defeat over rival Dreads.

The Chelsea offense didn't punt in the first half of the game en route to a 29-0 halftime lead.

Chelsea scored a touchdown on its first possession and failed on a two-point conversion. The defense forced a Dexter three and out and Chelsea scored again to make the score 13-0 midway through the first quarter.

After another excellent defensive series, the second unit offense worked the ball down the field and gobbled up over 7 minutes of clock. A successful 34-yard field goal capped the drive and gave Chelsea a 16-0 lead early in the second quarter. Chelsea scored again on its next possession, forced a punt, and with 1 minute left, drove 40 yards for another touchdown.

The defense stayed perfect on the evening, never allowing any running room for the Dexter offense and not allowing the

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Dexter QB time to throw. "We really played well tonight. We executed in all phases. It's a great win and now we have a chance to end the season with 8 consecutive wins. This team has had a great year so far and I hope we finish it right," said coach Chris Orlandi. Chelsea finishes its season against Haslett on Thursday at Niehaus field at 7 p.m.

Freshman

The Chelsea freshman football team ran its record to 7-1 with a 49-21 victory over Dexter. Cam Starkey had four touchdown passes to help lead the Bulldogs. "Dexter is always very physical and hard to deal with because of their advanced

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time of 1:00.63, while Duncan placed fourth in 1:02.87 and Eislely swam to fifth with a 1:03.97. Dyerly paced the Bulldogs in the 500 freestyle, placing second with a 5:52.93. Croskey finished fourth in 6:28.59 and Fredericks swam to a fifth place finish in 6:56.20.

The 500 freestyle relay saw the team of Dixon, Jensen, Olsen and Dyerly swim to first place in 1:50.38, while the team of Simons, Maria Elie, Grace Dettling and Hinderer took third in 2:09.71 and the team of Fredericks, Lindauer, Grace Elie and Clare Dettling finished fifth in 2:16.79.

Ewald earned second

place in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:13.10, while Doman earned third in 1:13.65 and Mahalak finished fifth in 1:15.86.

The 100 breaststroke ended with Newbound in second in a time of 1:20.09 and Croskey in third with a 1:27.64.

The Bulldogs had to earn top points in the final event of the meet, which they did when Dyerly, Dixon, Jensen

and Duncan earned first place in 4:01.37, the team of Eislely, Mahalak, Newbound and Doman earning third place in 4:23.02 and Hinderer, Grace Dettling, Fredericks and Clare Dettling finishing sixth in 4:55.44.

The Bulldogs will look to extend their win streak when they travel to SEC White Division foe Tecumseh on Thursday, Oct. 20.

ELWART

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freshman," she said. "I actually didn't go to the first day of tryouts because I didn't want to and I played the violin in orchestra and I didn't know how it would work. After thinking a little bit, I decided to go to the last two days of tryouts because my sister said color guard was a lot of fun."

It also allowed her a

chance to perform.

"I had just recently quit ballet, which I had done since I was 3 years old, and that was a way for me to still dance and perform for people," she said.

After high school, Elwart plans on going to college and studying engineering. She also hopes to continue pursuing her other interests.

"I plan on playing college volleyball and possibly being a part of winter guard," she said. "Winter

guard is color guard, just more intense and its only color guard, there's no band. They travel and compete and practice a lot. My sister was in a winter guard and they practiced

six hours on Friday night and then 12 hours on Saturday."

SCIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS OCTOBER 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Clark at 827 N. Zeeb Road. Present: Clark, Hedberg, DeLong, Green, Knowles, ReLong, Absent: Palmer. Approved a resolution authorizing 2011 Downtown Development refunding bonds. Approved a contract with Stantec for engineering services to be performed relative to Ann Arbor West High (water) Service Station upgrades. Approved October invoices to be paid as presented. Adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk Scio Township Publish October 20, 2011

DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL 6880 DEXTER-PINKNEY RD. DEXTER, MI. 48130 AGENDA 1) Meeting Cancelled John Shea, Chairperson Dexter Township Planning Commission Publish October 20, 2011

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC NOTICE

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners is looking for citizens to volunteer for a slate of positions with the various Boards, Committees and Commissions. The Board of Commissioners will make these appointments at their upcoming session on December 7, 2011 at 8:45 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 220 North Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Those resumes received by October 28, 2011 will be submitted to the Board of Commissioners for its consideration on December 7, 2011. The appointments will become effective January 1, 2012. These appointments include:

- Accommodations Ordinance Commission** - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill two positions to represent the general public for one-year terms expiring December 31, 2012. The Accommodations Ordinance Commission was established in 1975 with the purpose of enhancing the economy of Washtenaw County through promotion of the area as a destination for overnight visitors.
- Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee** - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill two positions, one representing the Environmental/Conservation Group/Natural Resource Professional, and one representing Agricultural Production/Operator Agricultural Business for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2014. The purpose of the Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee is to assist the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners in determining whether it should purchase the development rights on a particular parcel as well as how much the County should pay for those rights according to the Washtenaw County Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance.
- Area Agency on Aging Executive Board** - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill one position representing County Older Person, for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2013. The Area Agency on Aging Executive Board assesses the needs of older county residents and develops plans to provide assistance that addresses those identified needs.
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority** - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill three positions, each with three-year terms expiring December 31, 2014. The term representations available are as follows: one representing a County Municipality, one representing a Development Company, and one representing a Nonprofit/Community Group. The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was established in 1999 in conformity with Act 381 of 1996, as amended. The purpose of this Authority is to facilitate the redevelopment of previously developed sites, consistent with the community's commitment to sustainability and its vision for the future.
- Building Authority** - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill one position representing "Financial with a six-year term expiring December 31, 2017. The Building Authority is incorporated for the purpose of acquiring, furnishing, equipping, owning, improving, enlarging, operating and maintaining a building or buildings, automobile parking lots or structures, recreational facilities, and the necessary site or sites therefor for the use of the County of Washtenaw.
- Citizens' Advisory Council to the Juvenile Drug Court** - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill two positions representing the general public, one for the remainder of a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2013, and the other for a full three-year term expiring December 31, 2014. The Citizens Advisory Council to the Juvenile Drug Court was established for the purpose of gaining community input regarding the operations of the Juvenile Drug Court. The Citizens Advisory Council to the Juvenile Drug Court shall consist of six persons. Three members shall be appointed by the Trial Court and three members appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The members shall reflect as closely as possible the geographic, racial, age, gender, and ethnic population of Washtenaw County. Individuals interested in applying should demonstrate a working interest in youth rehabilitation and the skills necessary to carry out the purpose of the Council.
- Community Action Board** - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill fifteen (15) positions. Five (5) positions representing the private sector, with five terms expiring December 31, 2011; two (2) positions representing the public sector, with two (2) terms expiring December 31, 2011; four (4) positions representing the consumer sector, with four (4) terms expiring December 31, 2011; and one (1) position representing Public DHS with the term expiring December 31, 2011. Two (2) positions representing the Board of Commissioners with terms expiring December 31, 2011. One (1) position representing the General Public with the term expiring December 31, 2011. All consumer sector members of the Community Action Board must be chosen in accordance with democratic selection procedures adequate to assure that they are representative of low-income individuals and families in the neighborhood served. These members must also reside in the specific neighborhood they are appointed to represent. All members chosen for appointment to the Community Action Board will be made public prior to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners session at which they are to be appointed. The names of these individuals will be published as a part of the December 7, 2011 Board of Commissioners meeting packet. The Community Action Board was established in 1990 for the purpose of working toward eliminating and preventing the causes of, and alleviating the effects of poverty in Washtenaw County. The Board consists of 15 members who represent three sectors: Consumer (5 positions), Private Sector (5 positions), and Public Sector (5 positions).
- Department of Human Services Board** - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill one position to represent the general public for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2014. The Administration of the powers and duties of the County Department shall be vested in a county's social services board of three members, appointed from persons resident within the County and holding no elective office, for three-year terms as follows: two members shall be appointed by the county board of supervisors, and one member by the director of state department 7, 1996 State Department name changed from Department of Social Services to Family Independence Agency, in 2005 Executive Order 2004-38 authorized the name change from Family Independence Agency to Department of Human Services. You can also link to the full version of the Notice Prepared by the Department of Human Services.
- Emergency Medical Services Commission** - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill seven positions total for representation and terms as follows: two (2) positions representing Consumer for the remainder of three-year terms expiring December 31, 2012; three (3) positions representing Criminal Justice Association, two for the remainder of three-year terms expiring December 31, 2012 and one for a full three-year term expiring December 31, 2014; one (1) position representing St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2012; and one (1) position representing the City of Ann Arbor Disaster Preparedness Coordinator (Alternate). The Emergency Medical Services Commission was established in 1978 with the purpose to plan, monitor and evaluate the Washtenaw County Emergency Medical Services system in concert with the Washtenaw-Livingston Medical Control Authority Board. In addition, to plan, monitor, and evaluate the pre-hospital aspects of the County Emergency Action Guidelines Operations Plan.
- Emergency Telephone District Board** - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill one position for a firefighter with a three-year term ending December 31, 2014. The Emergency Telephone District Board was established in 1995 to provide emergency telephone appliances for the people of Washtenaw

SYNOPSIS OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Boreis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laler and several residents and guests.

The Public Hearing: West Communities Countywide Transit Authority Representative Selection Act 7 Interlocal Agreement was called to order. There were no comments.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Motion by Unterbrink supported by McKenzie to amend the Agenda, adding to new business, draft schedule for a bond permit, Treasurer's Report, and under correspondence received CD of proposed Sharon Township Master Plan Revision.

Motion by Laler supported by Havens to approve the minutes of the regular meeting August 8, 2011, and the special meetings of August 15 and August 23, 2011, as printed. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was received.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Unterbrink to authorize up to \$6000.00 for approximately 20 signs at \$300.00 per truck route sign, as quoted by the Washtenaw County Road Commission and to authorize the Supervisor, to coordinate with the Washtenaw County Road Commission to install the signs. Motion carried. Nays: Havens.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laler to return as rejected, the Applications for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate to Keith and Sharon Stillion and to Nathan Dawson, with the explanation that the application cannot be processed because Lima Township has no authority for issuing an exemption certificate as per the opinion of the Lima Township Attorney. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laler to authorize three early bird reservations for MTA Fall Regional Meetings, for a cost not to exceed \$300.00. Motion carried.

The following Resolution #2011-012 was offered by Unterbrink supported by Laler: Be it Resolved, that Kenneth Unterbrink be appointed as Representative, and Arlene Boreis be appointed as alternate to the selection committee for the West Communities Countywide Transit Authority Representative Selection Act 7 Interlocal Agreement. Ayes: Boreis, Laler, Havens, McKenzie and Unterbrink; Nays: None. Absent: None. Resolution declared adopted.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laler to table the proposed Lima Township Pond Ordinance Fee Schedule until the October meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Laler supported by McKenzie to pay bills as submitted, and any others as required. Motion carried.

The Zoning Administrator's written report showed permits issued for 3 new homes, 2 pole barns, 2 decks, 1 pool and 10 final inspections.

Motion by Laler supported by Havens to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Arlene R. Boreis, Clerk. Publish October 20, 2011

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

The Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on an application filed by QED Environmental Systems located at 2355 Bishop Circle West, Dexter Michigan, for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.

QED Environmental Systems is a leading supplier of environmental remediation products. The project consists of approximately \$758,043.00 in new real property investment and \$104,498.00 in new personal property investment. The exemption would apply to this real and personal property at their facility located in Dexter Michigan for a period of 10 years.

The application is on file and available for review at the Village Office, 8123 Main Street, 2nd Floor of the PNC Bank Building, Dexter, Michigan, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Village Manager, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Donna Dettling Village Manager Publish October 20, 2011

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher arrived at 7:32 PM. Semifero, Smith, Tell

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Motion Smith; support Carson to approve the minutes of the Work Session Notes of September 12, 2011 and the Regular Council Meeting of September 12, 2011 with corrections.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of additional information under New Business 1, 2 and the addition of the phrase and Jim Carson as alternate to New Business 1, 2.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

CONSENT AGENDA Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$148,062.43. Temporary Closure of portions of Dexter Ann Arbor Road and Baker Road from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the Homecoming Parade on September 30, 2011.

Motion Fisher support Smith to approve item 1 and 2 of the consent agenda. Unanimous voice vote for approval

OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of: Consideration of: Edison Street Sidewalk

Vote on Previous Motions: September 26, 2011 Amendment to the original motion by Semifero, Seconded by Fisher, to place the sidewalk one foot off the right-of-way or a minimum of 25 feet away from the front of a home on the side of the street impacted by the water main project.

Ayes: None Nays: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough Motion fails

Original Motion - Motion Carson, Second Tell to place the Edison Street sidewalk one foot off a hypothetical sixty foot right-of-way line on the side of the street impacted by the water main project.

Ayes: Tell, Carson and Cousins Nays: Smith, Semifero, Fisher and Keough Motion fails 4-3

Motion Semifero, support Smith to place the sidewalk as per Village ordinance, one foot off the 60 foot right-of-way (as shown in Option #2) with a straight connection from Fourth Street to Fifth Street from the park sidewalks to the Fourth Street crossing, with deviations as needed to maintain mature trees and account for geography.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Smith and Keough Nays: Carson and Cousins Motion carries 5-2

NEW BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of: Motion Cousins; support Tell to enter into a contract with the Washtenaw County Road Commission for \$10,000 to design and bid the Cedars of Dexter Sidewalk Connection Project.

Motion Smith; support Fisher to postpone consideration of the contract until a meeting can be arranged with the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

Ayes: Smith and Keough Nays: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Fisher and Semifero Motion fails 5 to 2

Original Motion - Motion Cousins; support Tell to enter into a contract with the Washtenaw County Road Commission for \$10,000 to design and bid the Cedars of Dexter Sidewalk Connection Project.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough Nays: None Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Semifero to approve the scope of services from Orchard, Hillz & McLiment for \$172,500 for design services for the Sludge Storage Project.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough Nays: None Motion carries

Motion Semifero; support Fisher to approve the resolution in support of submitting a \$2 Grant Application for an amount not to exceed \$210,248 from the Michigan Finance Authority and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for planning and/or design activities.

Ayes: Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Smith to approve the contract with Testing Engineers and Consultants in an amount not to exceed \$461 for Materials Testing Services for the Water Main Replacement Project.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough Nays: None Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve the scope of services from Orchard, Hillz & McLiment for \$18,300 to complete the design for the Main Street Resurfacing Project.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough Nays: None Motion carries

Motion Cousins; support Smith to approve the amount of \$14,700 from Orchard, Hillz & McLiment for additional services for the Central Street Project.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough Nays: None Motion carries

Motion Semifero; support Fisher to appointment David Road as the North Middle Representative to the Countywide Transit Authority Board and Jim Carson as the alternate.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough Nays: None Motion carries

ADJOURNMENT Motion Carson; support Fisher to adjourn at 11:13 PM. Unanimous voice vote for approval. Respectfully submitted, Carol J. Jones, Clerk, Village of Dexter Approved for Filing: October 11, 2011 NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org. Publish October 20, 2011

County. This board is assigned the responsibility of assuring the fiscal integrity of the Emergency Telephone District through the monitoring of the expenditures of 9-1-1 surcharge monies, assuring compliance with applicable state law.

Environmental Health Code Appeals Board/Public Health Advisory Committee - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill one position to represent the general public with a five-year term expiring December 31, 2016. The Environmental Health Code Board of Appeals/ Public Health Advisory Committee was established in 1988 to review and advise on matters pertaining to Public Health. In addition, the Board shall have such authority to hear appeals of environmental actions by the Division and to grant variances from local environmental ordinances and state regulations as was previously vested in the Board of Health. The Environmental Health Code Board of Appeals/Public Health Advisory Committee consists of five members and meets on a monthly basis.

Historic District Commission - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill three positions total, two representing the general public and one representing architect, each for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2014. The Commission ensures that efforts are made to safeguard the heritage of Washtenaw County by identifying and preserving sites, structures, objects and other resources of historical, cultural, archaeological, economic, political, or architectural significance.

The Commission seeks to promote the establishment and use of historic districts, markers and other programs for the education, pleasure and well-being of the people of this county. Individuals who have demonstrated their interest in Washtenaw County's history and their ability to render valuable services in historical and civic matters, especially representatives of educational and civic organizations, are invited to apply.

Huron River Watershed Council - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill one position total representing Washtenaw County as an alternate member for the remainder of a two-year term expiring December 31, 2012. The Huron River Watershed Council is a collection of representatives from local governments within the watershed, working together to protect and restore the Huron River and its tributaries.

Local Emergency Planning Committee - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill 13 positions total representing the following: Agriculture (1) for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2013, Agriculture (Farm Bureau) (1) for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2013, Elected State (1) for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2013, Elected Local (1) for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2013, Law Enforcement (1) for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2013, Owner/Operator of Title III Facility (2) for the remainder of three-year terms expiring December 31, 2013, American Red Cross (1) for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2013, Civil Defense (Ann Arbor City) (1) for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2013, Local Environment (1) for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2012, First Aid (1) for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2013, and Transportation (1) for the remainder of a three-year term expiring December 31, 2013. The Local Emergency Planning Committee was established in 1986, to serve as an emergency planning district under Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986.

The purpose of this committee is to report on hazards and toxic chemicals in the community, it pertains to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986. The committee meets on a quarterly basis.

Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee - The Board of Commissioners is seeking qualified applicants to fill four positions as follows: one (1) representing Land Use/Conservation, one (1) representing Professional Real Estate or Development Practice, one (1) representing Environmental Education for two-year terms expiring December 31, 2013, and one representing Fisheries Biology/Aquatic Ecology for the remainder of a two-year term expiring December 31, 2012. The Natural Areas Technical Advisory Committee was established as an advisory body to assist the Parks and Recreation Commission in prioritizing natural areas nominated by property owners for the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program. Applicants must be residents of Washtenaw County.

Parks and Recreation Commission - The Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants to fill three positions representing the general public for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2014. The Parks and Recreation Commission was established in 1965 in conformity with Michigan Public Act 261 of 1963. The purpose of the Commission is to acquire, develop, operate and maintain land and recreational facilities, activities and programs, and to provide the appropriate alternative sanctuaries provided. The Commission also plays a key role in countywide land preservation and stewardship efforts, the protection of sensitive ecosystems, environmental education, and the development of a non-motorized trail network linking communities, parks, and activity centers.

Public Works Board - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill two positions representing the general public for three-year terms expiring on December 31, 2014. The Public Works Board was established in accordance with MCLA 123.732 and focuses on assisting local communities within Washtenaw County in addressing environmental and public health issues and development needs, including wastewater disposal and collection, water treatment and supply, lake management, and solid waste and recycling management.

Washtenaw County/City of Ann Arbor Community Corrections Advisory Board - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill three positions as follows: one member of the general public, one member of the business community and one member of the communications media for three-year terms expiring December 31, 2014. The Board was established in 1991 and is responsible for designing, implementing, monitoring, assessing, and evaluating Community Corrections programs in Washtenaw County. Its objective is to provide the appropriate alternative sentencing options for the offender, to address the unique needs of the local offender population; to reduce the likelihood of recidivism; to provide the means to improve the utilization of the county jail, and to target at-risk population groups such as youthful offenders, special population groups, domestic violence and pre-trial offenders for programming designed to address their specific needs.

Washtenaw County Veterans Affairs Committee - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill two positions each representing Veteran for four-year terms expiring on December 31, 2015. The five members of the WCVAC must be qualified veterans who have served honorably on active duty in the United States armed forces, actively served in the United States armed forces in a war or who have actively served the forces of a foreign nation.

Workforce Development Board - The Board of Commissioners is looking to fill twelve (12) positions, six (6) positions representing the private sector with 4 terms expiring December 31, 2013 and 2 terms expiring December 31, 2012; one (1) position representing the Private Sector - Economic Development with the term expiring December 31, 2011; and two (2) positions representing community based organizations (CBO) with the terms expiring December 31, 2011; two (2) positions representing Organized Labor with terms expiring December 31, 2011; one (1) position representing the BOC Liaison with terms expiring December 31, 2011. Individuals interested in appointment to a private sector position MUST SUBMIT RESUMES THROUGH THEIR LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND MUST BE SELECTED FROM THE TOP TEN EMPLOYERS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY OR REASONABLY REPRESENT THE INDUSTRIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY WITHIN WASHTENAW COUNTY. Nominations received for appointment to the private sector must also total 180% of the positions vacant in order for valid appointments to be made to the private sector. The Workforce Development Board was established in 1995 to provide oversight and management of employment training initiatives and programs within the community.

For additional information, please contact Peter S. Washtenaw County Clerk's Office. Phone: (734) 222-6655; email: smpm@washtenaw.org. RELEASED September, 2011 Publish October 20, 2011

Lincoln goes from winless to a playoff spot

By Tom Perkins
Special Writer

One year after not winning a single game in a tumultuous season on and off the field, the Lincoln football team clinched a playoff spot Friday night with a 29-12 win over crosstown foe Ypsilanti.

It will be the first Splitter playoff appearance in recent memory, and the feeling is

one coach Chris Westfall, who has battled to turn the program around in recent years, described as "surreal."

"This is gratifying because of all the work you put in and you start to doubt you'll ever get there, but it feels good now that we are here," he said. "This is a fun time of year."

Quarterback T.J. O'Bryan, who has provided a solid

passing game for Lincoln (6-2) all season, echoed those feelings.

"This feels great. This is just amazing," he said. "We worked so hard to get to this point. We worked and stayed together all year and did

everything as a team."

The Phoenix, however, didn't hand the game to Lincoln. During a tug-of-war first half that saw Lincoln head into the locker room with a 7-0 advantage, neither team was executing well on

offense.

But on the second half's opening kick off, Ypsilanti quarterback Darryl Tipton went down with an injury. Several plays later, the momentum shifted permanently in Lincoln's favor.

O'Bryan swung a lateral pass out to Tyler Waller, who caught the ball, planted and threw a perfect pass to an open, streaking Rare Williams. Williams pulled in the catch for a 68-yard touchdown reception.



Chelsea senior Lillian Ellis had the game-winning goal.

Whippets finish with a win over GP North

The Washtenaw Whippets ended regular season play with a nail biting win over Grosse Pointe North.

Meghan Cole started the scoring by redirecting a hard drive into the circle from Kayla Hewitt (Sophomore Chelsea). At times the game looked more like an ice hockey game with Whippets receiving body checks and being thrown to the ground.

The team lived up to its mascot's image of being extremely fast little dogs with high focus.

Lillian Ellis (Senior Chelsea) shoved in the game winning goal, assisted by Maggie Cole.

The Whippets ended regular season play with a 4-2 record. The Whippets will once again face Grosse Pointe North at the Whippet home field behind Pierce School in the first round of playoffs at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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schemes, but our kids responded pretty well," said coach Dennis Staszewski. Kenny McDowell had 100 yards receiving and 2 TDs. Devon Simons had 85 receiving yards and a TD.

Kolton Savery also caught a TD pass.

Alec Blocton ran for 100 yards and 2 TDs. Dustin Beckett also had a TD run. Mason Bailey led the defense with 14 tackles and Scott Moore and Dominic Golleris each had 10. Jacob Dobberstein and Ryan O'Quinn each had interceptions.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
WASHTENAW COUNTY
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROJECT TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE WESTERN WASHTENAW RECYCLING AUTHORITY MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #1b

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 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 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 Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., Local Time, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Manchester High School Commons Room (Cafeteria), 20500 Dutch Drive, Manchester, MI 48158 for the purpose of hearing comments from all interested parties concerning the special assessment roll and the special assessment district.

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 in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter to Washtenaw County Public Works, P.O. Box 8645, 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645 before the close of the hearing.

The Board of Public Works shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. 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: October 4, 2011
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #1b

Townships of Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Manchester excluding those tax parcels within the incorporated limits of the City of Chelsea and the Village of Manchester

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SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
WASHTENAW COUNTY
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROJECT TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE WESTERN WASHTENAW RECYCLING AUTHORITY MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY, AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #1a

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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 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.

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

DATED: October 4, 2011
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #1a
City of Chelsea

Publish October 20, 2011

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
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

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 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".

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Board of Public Works has 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.

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.

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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 in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter to Washtenaw County Public Works, P.O. Box 8645, 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645 before the close of the hearing.

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

DATED: October 4, 2011
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #3
Township of Bridgewater

Publish October 20, 2011

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
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 #2a

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 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".

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Board of Public Works has 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 Chelsea 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.

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 Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., Local Time, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Manchester High School Commons Room (Cafeteria), 20500 Dutch Drive, Manchester, MI 48158 for the purpose of hearing comments from all interested parties concerning the special assessment roll and the special assessment district.

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 in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter to Washtenaw County Public Works, P.O. Box 8645, 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645 before the close of the hearing.

The Board of Public Works shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. 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: October 4, 2011
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #2a
City of Chelsea

Publish October 20, 2011

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
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 #2b

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Board of Public Works has 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 on the sketch.

The assessment shall be for a five year period. Each parcel identified above will be assessed twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) 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.

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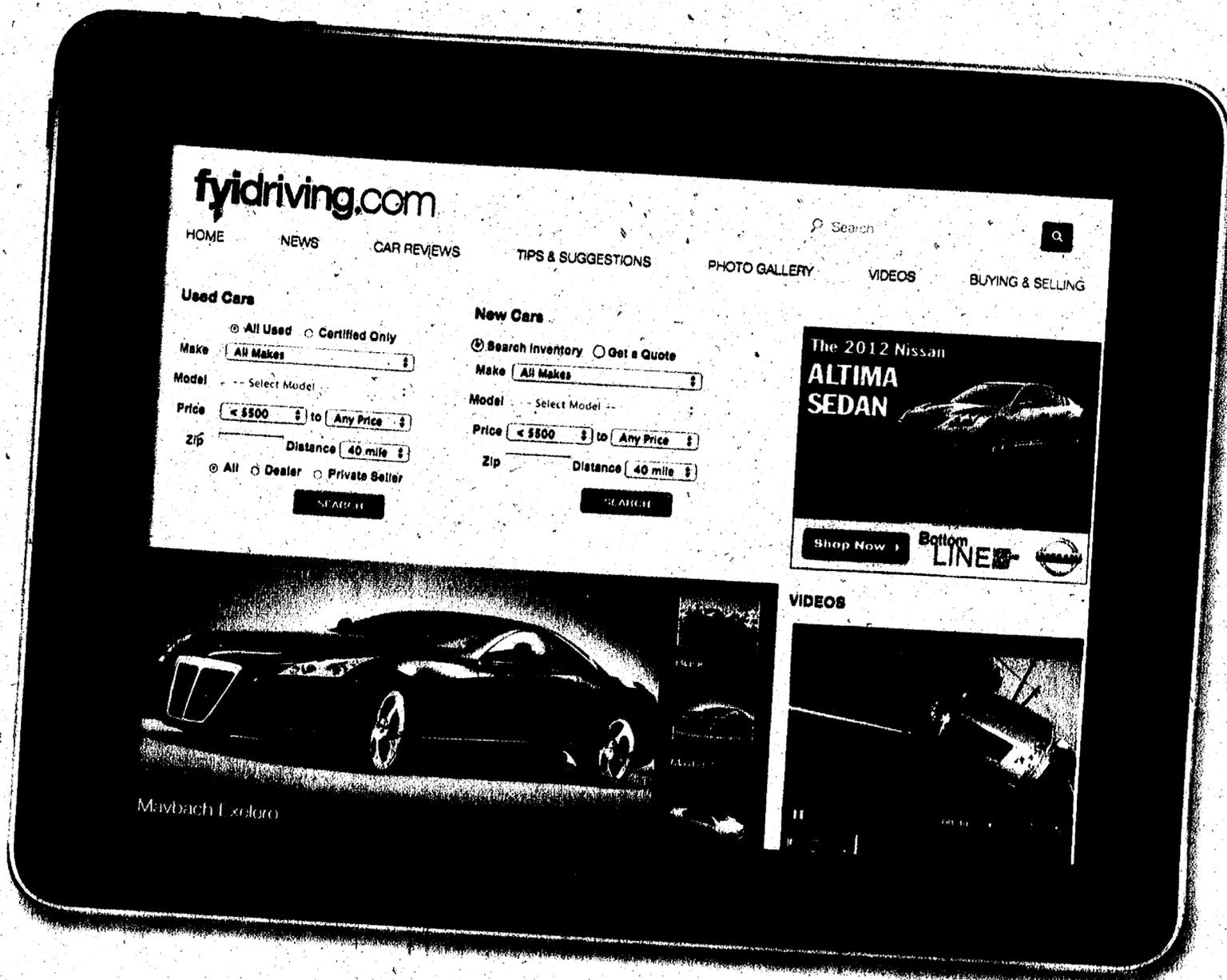
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Daniel R. Myers, P.E.
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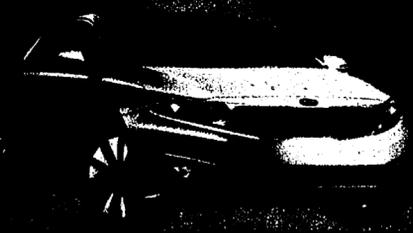
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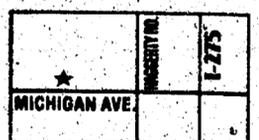
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Thursday, October 20, 2011



Citizen of the Year John Frank stands with Lifetime Achievement Winner Mark Heydlauff.

Good guys get their due

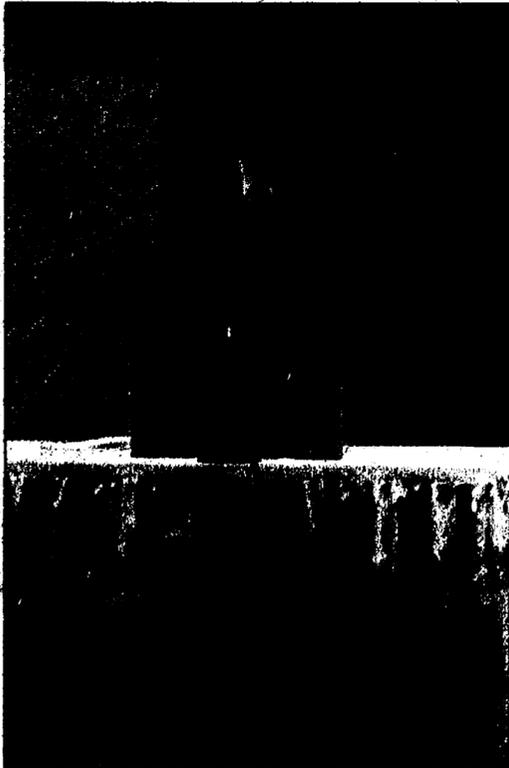
The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and the Chelsea Standard co-sponsored a banquet in the honor of John Frank, 2011 Chelsea Citizen of the Year, and Mark Heydlauff, 2011 Lifetime Achievement Winner.

The banquet included speeches from government officials, Chamber President Rick Benson and the Standard's Editor Erica McClain.

Photos by Erica McClain



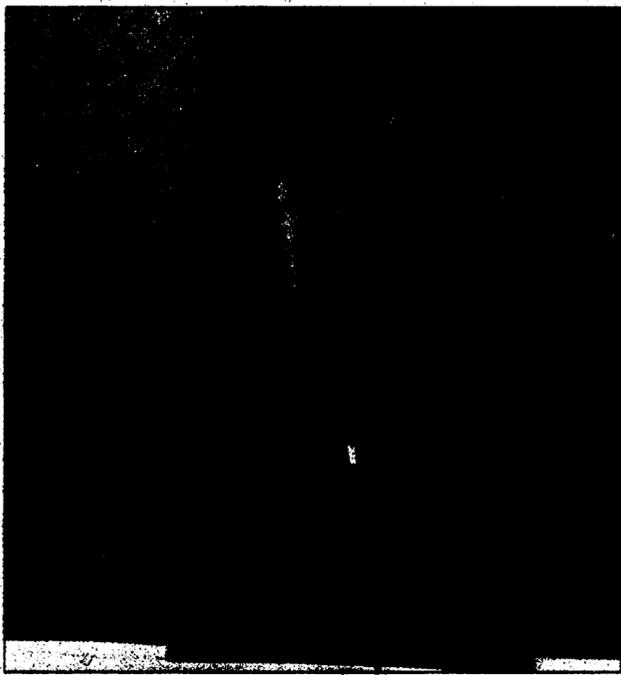
Citizen of the Year emcee and Chamber President Rick Benson, State Rep. Mark Oulmet and U.S. Rep. Mark Walberg's staffer Dustin Krasny stand with the award winners.



At left, John Frank talks about the trials and tribulations that he and his wife, Jackie, went through in more than a decade's worth of work in having downtown Chelsea added to the register.



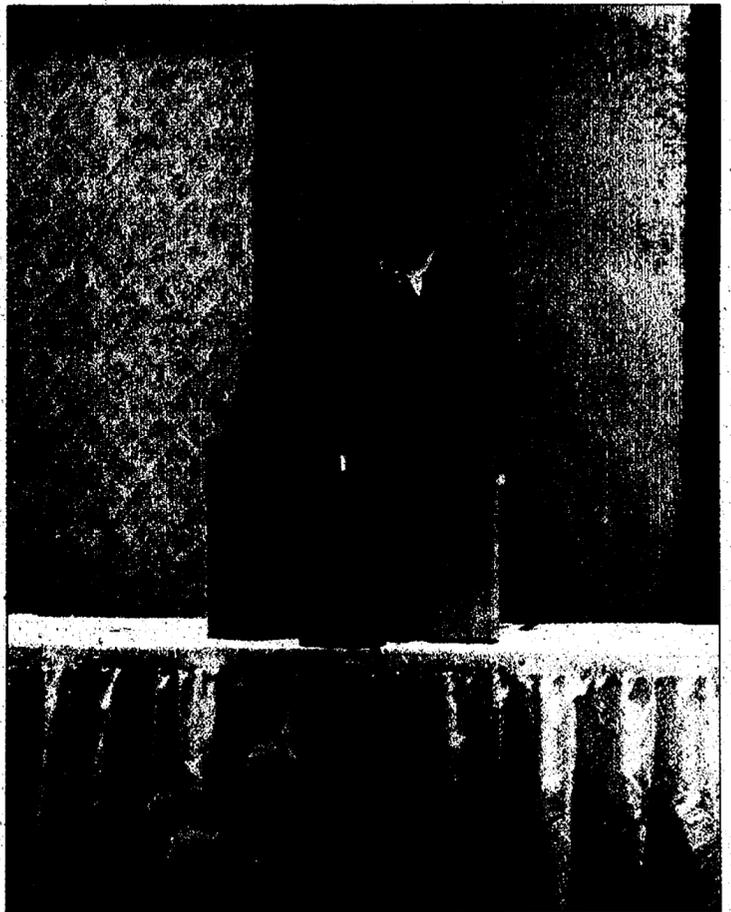
State Rep. Mark Oulmet talks to John Frank about Frank's accomplishment of getting downtown Chelsea on the National Register of Historic Places before handing him an official proclamation marking the award.



At left, Mark Heydlauff talks about the different projects he worked on in his 30 years of service to the Chelsea community and vows that he is not finished dedicating his time to the city.



Jackie and John Frank stand with Mark and Amy Heydlauff.



Chelsea State Bank CEO John Mann cracks a joke about how young Mark Heydlauff is to be receiving the Lifetime Achievement Winner as he introduces him.

Purple Rose Theatre offers outreach program

Seeking more participants from students and teachers

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

The Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea is looking for more participants in 2011-2012 season student and teacher outreach program.

So far, staff at Ann Arbor's Tappan Middle School and Grass Lake High School have signed on to bus students to the Purple Rose Theatre for the Nov. 22 special performance of "Escanaba in da Moonlight."

There are also special performances scheduled for later in the season for William Mastrosimone's "A Stone Carver" Feb. 7 and March 6, and Don Zolidis' "White Buffalo" April 19 and May 10.

Each full-costume performance is followed by a panel discussion and talk-back with actors and directors after the show, which is available to the holder of each \$12.50 student ticket.

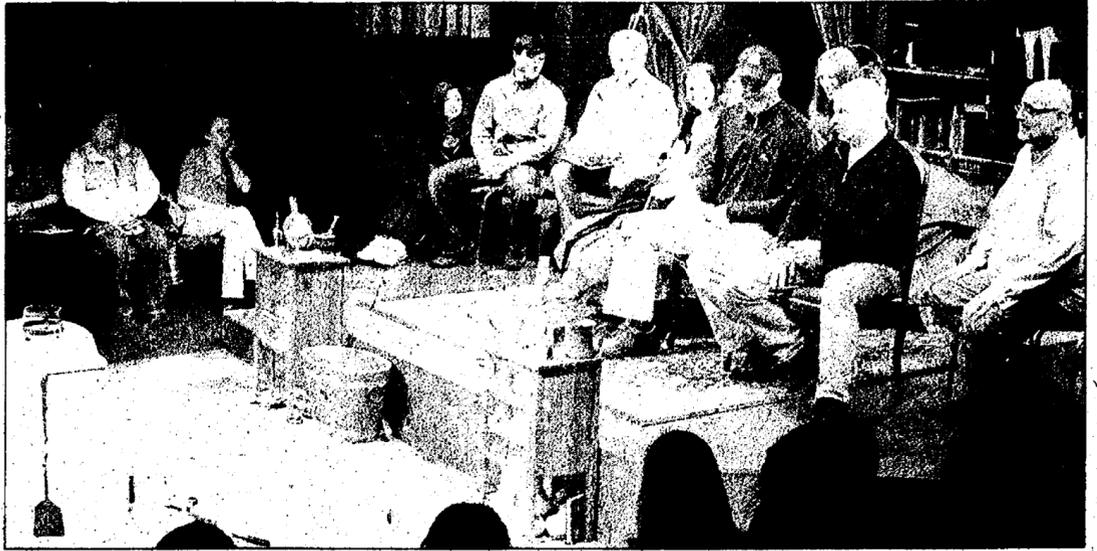
"It's not just for acting students," said Managing Director Julie Brunzell.

"We include everything in the plot of the play that could be used for an educational purpose."

Each show features opportunities to supplement the regular curriculum. "Escanaba in da Moonlight" provides students with the opportunity to explore Michigan history, folklore and traditions. "A Stone Carver" explores current political issues such as eminent domain, local politics, generational rifts, and the history, significance and techniques of stone carving and masonry. The world premiere production, "White Buffalo," offers insight into Native American cultures, including cultural beliefs and prophecies, as well as the current state of small, family farms and agriculture in the Midwest.

Late junior high school level students to collegiate students and the educational programs that they are involved in are welcome to participate, Brunzell said.

The performances will



The cast and production crew of "Gravity" during a special performance of the show for students and teachers.

begin at 11 a.m., and are held at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., in Chelsea.

Brunzell encouraged those interested in the "Escanaba" performance date to consider having arrangements made with the theater by Nov. 1 so logistical issues such as payment and busing could be in place.

In addition to special student matinees, students may purchase half-price tickets to all performances during the theatrical season with a valid identification.

New this season, teachers are also eligible to purchase discounted tickets for all performances. Any K-12 or university-level educators, including

administrators and other personnel, can receive a discount of \$3 per ticket with valid identification.

"With teachers struggling harder than ever to do more with less, we hope to lighten their load a bit by making it easier to get an entertaining and enriching night out," said Purple Rose Artistic Director Guy Sanville.

Single tickets are now on sale for "Escanaba in da Moonlight," and group tickets are available by phone only for student matinees. Ticket reservations may be made by calling The Purple Rose Theatre Company Box Office at 433-7673.

Tickets are also available for purchase at www.purplerosetheatre.org.

Civic Theatre to stage Death of a Salesman

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre presents Arthur Miller's quintessential American drama, "Death of a Salesman," directed by Debra Reichard, Oct. 27-30 the University of Michigan's Arthur Miller Theatre, 1226 Murfin Ave, 48109.

Performances are Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, \$10 for students and \$15 for all tickets on Thursday. Tickets are available online at www.a2ct.org, by calling the office at 734-971-2228, at the A2CT office at 322 W. Ann St., or at the door. Additional information is available by visiting www.a2ct.org.

"Death of a Salesman's"

Willy Loman has spent his entire life "way out there in the blue, riding a smile and a shoestring," proud of his ability to sell anything to anyone and to provide for his family. Now he finds himself down on his luck, unable to comprehend how or why he never achieved the success and fortune he dreamed of. As his life unravels, Willy attempts

to examine his past, his strained relationships with his sons, and his failure to live the American Dream.

"One of the reasons I wanted to direct this show is because it is so many things," says director Debra Reichard. "It's an exploration of a family splintered by a false value system, a love story between a father and son

and a look at how consumerism and the quest for the American Dream can cloud one's inner voice. We have assembled a passionate, talented cast and I'm confident the audience will feel the emotional resonance in the actors' performances."

The stellar cast of "Death of a Salesman" features Marc Holland as Willy Loman, Wendy Katz

Hiller as his wife, Linda, Jeffrey Stringer as Willy's older son Biff, and Chris Grimm as Biff's younger brother, Happy. The cast also includes Sanders Hamson, Chris Manna, Emily Raymond Rogers, Mark Spickenagel, Kristin Stelter, Chris Weber, David Widmayer, Wendy Wright and Leo Zainea.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Oct. 20

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

■ **High School Choir "Bringing Broadway to You"**
7:30 p.m. Thursday: \$15 (students and seniors, \$10) in advance, at Chelsea Pharmacy and at the door. Chelsea High School auditorium, 740 N. Freer Road. 475-4524.

Friday, Oct. 21

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

■ **"Read to the Library Dog"**
3:30 to 5 p.m. Friday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St., Chelsea. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-8732.

■ **Brass Roots Trio**
7 p.m. Friday: Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St., Chelsea. Free. 475-8119.

■ **Professional Volunteer Corps**
7 p.m. Friday: For singles 25 and older. NEW Center, 1100 North Main St. Free. a2pvc.org.

■ **ChelseaMaze: Scared to the Bone Productions**
6 to 11 p.m. Friday, 1 to 11 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday: 14 mile south of I-94, west side of M-52. \$7 until 6 p.m., \$10 after 6 p.m. (age 4 and younger admitted for free). 517-214-0613.

■ **Chelsea Fear Grounds: Reanimated Services**
8 p.m. to midnight Friday: Chelsea Fairgrounds, 20501 W. Old US-12, Chelsea. \$16 (VIP tickets, \$20). Group rates available in advance only. Not recommended for children younger than 13. 224-FEAR.

Saturday, Oct. 22

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

■ **Purple Rose Classic Concert Reading Series**
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-8732.

■ **Mom to Mom Sale**
9 a.m. to noon Saturday: Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. \$1 admission. 475-3375.

WASHTENAW COUNTY HEART BALL:

American Heart Association
6 p.m. Saturday: Michigan Union. \$250. Reservations at washtenawheartball.org or by phone. 635-5748.

■ **Miss Washtenaw County Pageant**
7 p.m. Saturday: Chelsea High School Auditorium, 740 N. Freer Road. Chelsea. \$15 at the door. 383-3119.

■ **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 younger, \$3) admission, \$3 skate rental. 433-4444.

DEXTER

Thursday, Oct. 20

■ **"Hat Making": International Neighbors**
1 p.m. Thursday: Westminster Presbyterian Church social hall, 1500 Scio Church Road. Free. 995-1645.

■ **"You Can't Take It with You": Dexter High School Drama Club**
7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday: 7714 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Dexter. \$10 (students, \$8). 424-4240.

Friday, Oct. 21

■ **Remodelers Home Tour: Builders and Remodelers Association of Greater Ann Arbor**

3 to 8 p.m. Friday, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Various locations. \$10. Tickets and maps available at any of the tour houses, at BRAGAnnArbor.com, and at the BRAG office in Parkland Plaza, 179 Little Lake Drive. 996-0100.

■ **ArtWalk: Arts Alliance**
5 to 9 p.m. Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Various locations. Visit a3arts.org. Free. 213-2733.

■ **Friday Art Show**
5 to 8 p.m. Friday: Artistica Gallery, 3203 Broad St. Free. 426-1500.

■ **"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., Dexter. \$15 ("splatter zone," \$17). 726-0355.

Saturday, Oct. 22

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

■ **Dexter Farmers Market**
8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday: Alpine Street

just off Main Street. Free. 426-8303, ext. 17.

■ **Indian Summer Hike**
10 a.m. Saturday: Scio Woods Preserve, north side of Scio Church Road, west of Wagner Road, Scio Township. Free. 971-6337, ext. 334.

SALINE

Friday, Oct. 21

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

■ **Ballroom Dance Party**
8 p.m. Friday and Saturday: Come Dancing, 7025 E. Michigan Ave. at Country Creek Plaza. \$10. 944-1888.

■ **Haunted Halloween Dance Party: Parents Without Partners**
8 p.m. Friday: Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium. \$8 (PWP members, \$6). 578-3664.
■ **"Halloween Hullabaloo"**
5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday: Saline Recreation Center gym, 1866 Woodland Driv. \$9 (age 2 and younger, free). Pre-registration required. 429-3502.

Saturday, Oct. 2

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

■ **Fiber Expo**
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$4 (\$6 for both days), under 5, free. 546-0032.

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

■ **Huron Gun Collectors**
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$4. 517-605-0624.

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

■ **Advanced Contra Dance**
1:30 p.m. Saturday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. \$10. 248-288-4737.

■ **Amazing Race Road Rally: Cancer Support Community Ann Arbor**
4 to 10 p.m. Saturday: \$50/person (teams of four encouraged). Lake Forest Golf Course, 3110 W. Ellsworth Road. 975-2500.

■ **Scandinavian Dance**
5 p.m. Saturday: 4531 Concourse Drive.

\$5 (students, \$3). 908-721-2599.

■ **Texas Hold 'Em**
5 p.m. Saturday: Saline American Legion, 320 W. Michigan Ave. \$50. 429-7310.

■ **Muttster Mash Bash - Halloween Party for Kids**
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday: The Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance at www.hshv.org and at the door. 661-357

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Thursday, Oct. 20

■ **Washtenaw Toastmasters**
7 p.m. Thursday: Washtenaw Community College, Crane Liberal Arts Room 238, 4800 E. Huron River Drive. 995-8500.

■ **Washtenaw Community Concert Band**
7:30 p.m. Thursday: Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Building, Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Drive.

■ **"The Imaginary Invalid"**
7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday: Quirk Theater, Ford St. \$15 (students, \$12; 12 and younger, \$6). 487-1221.

Friday, Oct. 21

■ **"The American Crowbar Case": New Theatre Project**
8 p.m. Friday and Saturday: Mix Performance Space, 130 W. Michigan Ave. 645-9776.

■ **University Choir: EMU Music Department**
8 p.m. Friday: Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, W. Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti. Free. 487-2255.

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

Saturday, Oct. 22

■ **Country Fair**
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Ward's Orchards, 5565 Merritt Road. \$12.50 admission (under age 2, free; group rates available). 390-9211.

■ **"Run Spectrum Run"**
8:30 a.m. Saturday: "Freaky 5-km" and "Terrorizing 10-km" runs through Ward's Orchard and Rolling Hills Park. Also, a "Kids Cider Mill Mile" (10:15 a.m.). Fee includes T-shirt and discounts to Ward's attractions: Ward's Orchard, 5565 Merritt Road. 929-9027.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct. 20

- The Chelsea Downtown Development Authority meets at 7:30 a.m. in the Chelsea District Library's McKune Room.
- The **AARP Drivers Safety Course** will be off at the Dexter Senior Center from 9 a.m. to noon today as well as Friday. The class is offered to anyone 50 and older who would like to refresh their driving skills. The cost is \$12 to AARP members and \$14 to non-AARP members. Register in advance by calling 426-7737.
- Join the Chelsea District Library for **Books and Banter** at 1:30 p.m. with Michaelina Brown.
- The **Better Off Read** book club for adults meets at 2 p.m. at the Dexter District Library. The group will talk about "The Brief History of the Dead" by Kevin Brockmeier. Registration is required.
- **One-on-One Business Counseling with SCORE** meets from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dexter District Library.

- Join the Chelsea District Library for **Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming** at 4:30 p.m.
- The **SRSly Youth Steering Committee** meets at 6:30 p.m. in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library.

Friday, Oct. 21

- **Arts Meets Business Coaching** meets at the Chelsea District Library at 10 a.m.
- Join the Dexter District Library for **Muffins-N-Movies** at 2 p.m. The featured movie is "Stardust," rated PG-13 with a 128-minute runtime.
- Improve your reading skills with **READ to Library Dogs** at the Chelsea District Library at 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22

- The Chelsea District Library will host a **Purple Rose Concert Reading** at 10:30 a.m.
- The Dexter District Library hosts **Halloween Story Time and Craft** at 11

a.m. This program is a drop-in for all ages.

Sunday, Oct. 23

- Children and teens can enjoy a spooktacular **Halloween Mask Making Workshop** at the Dexter Arts Center, 3205 Paul St., from 1-3 p.m. Artist Bradford Wensel will teach youth ages 6-10 how to create a fun 3-D mask to hang in their room or share with friends and family in time for Halloween. Participants can register for either workshop by calling the arts center at 734-265-0283. The cost for the workshop is \$10 and includes all materials. An adult must accompany all children.
- For more information or to register for any of the DAC's upcoming classes, visit www.dexterartscenter.org.

Monday, Oct. 24

- **Paint with Steve Wood** at 9:30 a.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

- **The Ancestry Aficionados** meets at the Chelsea District Library at 10 a.m.
- **The Amateur Radio Club** meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Senior Center.
- Jeff Saut, chief investment strategist for **Raymond James** will speak 7-8 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center Auditorium on insightful market commentary and how to navigate the investment markets through the current conditions. The event is open to the public.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

- Chelsea Reads Together meets at the Chelsea District Library for a **Dance-along, Sing-along** at 10:30 a.m.
- **The Book Snackers** book discussion group for grades 3-5 meets at the Dexter District Library at 4:30 p.m. The featured book is "Dying to Meet You: 43 Old Cemetery Road" by Kate Klise. Registration is required.
- Learn the **Basics of Microsoft Excel 2007** at the

Chelsea District Library at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 27

- The Chelsea Senior Center hosts a **birthday lunch** at noon.
- Local historian Cary Church will present **Saloons of Chelsea** at the Chelsea Senior Center at noon. Cary will share pictures and information on Chelsea's past, focusing on the saloons of the town. Call 475-9242 for lunch reservations.
- Join the Chelsea District Library for **Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming** at 4:30 p.m.

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. For 2- to 3-year-olds, storytimes will be at 10:30 a.m. For 3- to 5-year-olds, storytimes will be at 11:30 a.m. Miss Jackie's storytimes include stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft. Miss Jackie brings more than 10 years of storytime experience to the library's programs.

- 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 non-account holders to have loose coins counted free of charge at the TCF Bank in downtown Dexter.

Ongoing

- Meet the Chelsea Center for the Arts newest teachers through **New Instructors at the CCA** exhibit. This free exhibit will feature Eric Strelbe, Sicily Amaris McRaven and Kate Barker and will run until Oct. 28.
- The **Dexter Garden Club** meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month

Sign up for Heritage's e-newsletter

Sign up for The Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader's e-newsletter to get the latest headlines delivered directly to your e-mail box, as well as breaking news and community alerts. Sign up on the newspaper's home page at www.heritage.com, on the right side of the page.

"Around Town with Linda"

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Mike King, a 30-year law enforcement veteran, taekwon do champion and father.

"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 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.

Previous shows are available to view at McKune Memorial Library or online at <http://storiesofchelsea.org>.

Senior passes available for Dexter athletic events

Senior passes are now available for SEC home and away high school sporting events.

This pass is only good for conference games. These passes are free. If you are interested in a pass, please contact the Dexter Senior Center at 426-7737 or the Dexter High

School athletic office at 424-4170.

Chelsea Farmers Supply now on Facebook

One of Chelsea's oldest establishments has taken a step toward the digital future. Chelsea Farmers Supply, in operation downtown since 1930, can now also be found on the thoroughly modern Facebook.

Long known for its inventory of commercial feeds and supplies for local farmers, Chelsea Farmers Supply owners Greg Raye and H.K. Leonard want people to know that there's much more to their store than products for horses and chickens.

Their eye-catching mercantile carries a vast assortment of items for wild-bird lovers, gardening enthusiasts, hunters, and

pet owners.

A large percentage of Chelsea Farmers Supply's floor space is dedicated to pet products, including leashes, collars, food bowls, toys, and many lines of pet food, including the notable Blue Buffalo line of dog and cat food. Chelsea Farmers Supply also showcases locally produced items such as soaps, lotions, maple syrup, honey, and farm-fresh eggs.

In an effort to get the word out about their store and to reach a broader clientele, Raye and Leonard have taken the plunge and created a Facebook page for their store.

"We don't want people to have the mistaken belief that we're just a farmers' co-op," says Leonard, "when we're so much more."

The Chelsea Farmers Supply Facebook page highlights new and

popular product lines and features announcements about sales and special events at the store, such as Chick Days in spring, Fish Days in fall, and demonstrations. A photo tour of the store is showcased, and albums of the annual Chelsea Pet Parade - a yearly Summerfest event sponsored by Chelsea Farmers Supply - and of the store's participation in the Chelsea Fair Parade can be viewed there as well.

Chelsea Farmers Supply is located downtown at

122 Jackson Street, right by the Chelsea Depot. On Facebook, you can find Chelsea Farmers Supply at <http://www.facebook.com/FarmersSupply>. For more information, call 734-475-1777.

To have an item placed on the bulletin board, e-mail information to Erica McClain at emcclain@heritage.com by 5 p.m. Friday for the following week's edition with the keywords "Bulletin Board" in the subject line.

COURT BRIEFS

Absconder gets prison

A man who absconded for two years is in prison now for using a gun in an assault.

Travis Lamar Bullock, 27, appeared before Judge Donald Shelton Oct. 4 and received up to five years for weapon possession by a felon, up to four years for assault with a dangerous weapon and two years for weapons-felony fire arms.

The 2-year sentence must be served consecutively and preceding the other two sentences.

Bullock had pleaded no contest to the charges Jan. 26, 2009, and was to be sentenced March 10, 2009, but he failed to appear for his sentencing.

According to court records, his defense attorney,

Robert Killewald, filed a motion to have his plea reversed.

The motion states Bullock changed his mind about his plea after talking with family members and witnesses to the assault.

Prosecutors argued in response that Bullock had plenty of time between the time of his plea and his sentencing to retract the plea.

The prosecutor's response further states that over the passage of time, some evidence has been thrown away after Bullock's plea. Also, witnesses' memories of the Nov. 17, 2006, incident have been weakened.

Bullock is lodged at the Charles Egeler Reception and Guidance Center in Jackson. He can be released as early as June

Domestic violence incident results in prison term

A Canton man is back in prison after he was sentenced for an assault on a woman he was dating.

Lamonth Leon Russell, 48, was sentenced by Judge Shelton Oct. 4 to one to five years for home invasion

third-degree and one to two years for assaulting two Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies and time served for aggravated domestic assault.

The incident occurred Aug. 26 at the 9100 block of MacArthur Boulevard when Russell broke into the home of the woman he was dating and assaulted her.

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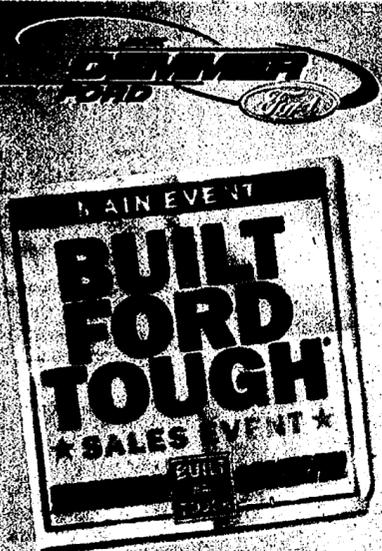
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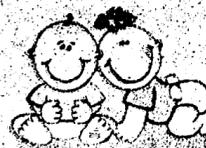
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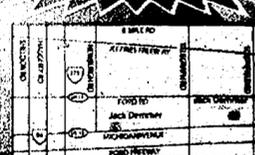
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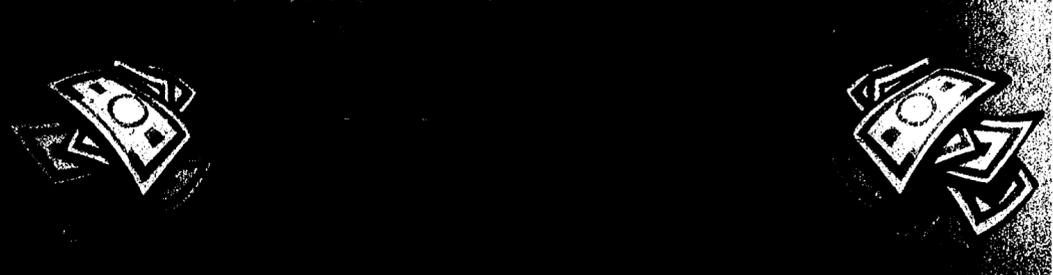
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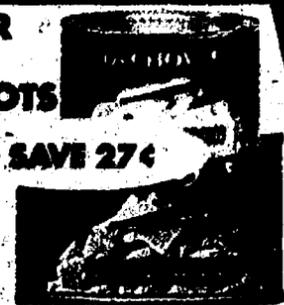
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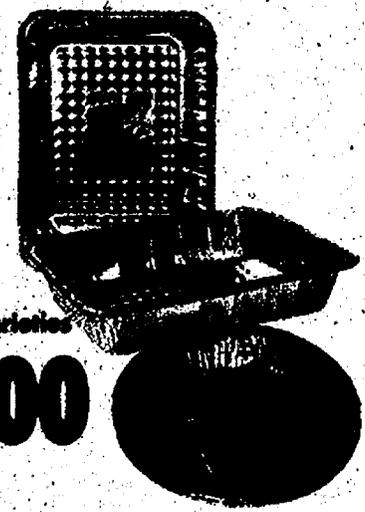

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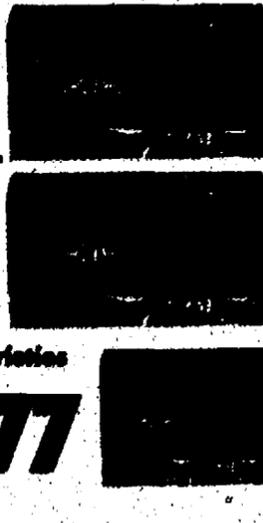
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SARGENTO CHEESE STICKS
9 - 12 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$3.99



Rock Bottom Pricing!

SAVE \$1.71

HUDSONVILLE ICE CREAM
1.75 qt.
Selected Varieties

\$2.88



SAVE 60¢

FLAV'R PAC FROZEN VEGGIES
16 oz.
Selected Varieties

99¢



SAVE UP TO 96¢

MRS T PIEROGIE & MR DEE'S AMORE TWICE BAKED POTATOS
10 - 16 oz.
10 - 28 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.99



SAVE 31¢

ORE IDA POTATOES
14 - 25.4 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$2.88



SAVE 87¢

TOTINO PIZZA ROLLS VALUE PACK & STUFFERS
14 - 19.8 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$2.88



SAVE UP TO \$2.62 WITH 2

TONY'S PIZZA & PIZZA SNACKS
12.7 - 20 oz.
Selected Varieties

2/\$4.88



SAVE \$1.98

YUMMY BRAND DINO BUDDIE CHICKEN NUGGETS & CHICKEN BREAST FRIES
26 oz.

\$3.99



SAVE \$2.20

BANQUET BONELESS WINGS
25.5 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$4.99



SAVE UP TO \$1.00

NESTLE PUSH UPS, DRUMSTICKS EDY FRUIT BARS & DIBS
4 - 12 pk. & 9 oz. Dibs
Selected Varieties

\$2.99





KRETSCHMAR HONEY TURKEY OR APPLEWOOD HAM
Per lb.
\$8.49



KRETSCHMAR BUFFALO OR ROTISSEER CHICKEN
Per lb.
\$6.99



KRETSCHMAR OLD FASHION LOAF
Per lb.
\$4.89



KRETSCHMAR BABY SWISS CHEESE
Per lb.
\$7.39



SANDRIDGE RICE PUDDING
Per lb.
\$2.99



LEON'S SPAGHETTI SALAD
Per lb.
\$3.59



SANDRIDGE HERB TOMATO BISQUE
Per lb.
\$3.69



KANGAROO PITA'S OR FLATBREADS
12 - 14 oz.
\$1.79



1ST & MAIN PROTEIN SALADS
12 oz.
\$4.39



DELALLO HONEY OR VIRGINIA HAM
Per lb.
\$4.99



DELALLO GOLD CLASSIC OR SWIRLED PEPPER TURKEY BREAST
Per lb.
\$6.99



DELALLO MINI PROVOLONE
Per lb.
\$4.99



DELALLO MUNSTER CHEESE
Per lb.
\$4.99



DELALLO EXTRA SHARP CHEDDAR CHEESE
Per lb.
\$4.99

USDA Choice Premium Beef
PORTERHOUSE STEAK
\$6.49
LB.

SAVE \$4.50

U.S.D.A. CHOICE BEEF

Swift Premium Pork
MESQUITE BBQ, LEMON GARLIC & TERIYAKI PORK LOIN
\$3.49
LB.

SAVE \$1.00

U.S.D.A. CHOICE BEEF

USDA Choice Premium Beef
STEW MEAT
\$3.29
LB.

SAVE \$1.00

USDA Choice Premium Beef
ENGLISH CHUCK ARM ROAST
\$2.99
LB.

SAVE \$1.70

U.S.D.A. CHOICE BEEF

USDA Choice Premium Beef
ARM STEAK
\$3.19
LB.

SAVE \$1.40

USDA Choice Premium Beef
CUBED STEAK
\$3.29
LB.

SAVE \$1.00

U.S.D.A. CHOICE BEEF

USDA Choice Veal
LAMB LOIN CHOPS
\$6.99
LB.

SAVE \$3.00

Ground Fresh Several Times Daily
CERTIFIED GROUND CHUCK
\$2.59
LB.

SAVE \$1.20

U.S.D.A. CHOICE BEEF

Fresh From USA
CATFISH FILET
\$6.99
-LB.

SAVE \$3.50

USDA Choice Veal
VEAL LOIN CHOPS
\$6.99
LB.

SAVE \$4.00

Wild Caught Canadian
WHITE FISH FILET
\$6.99
LB.

SAVE \$3.00

Wild Caught
FROZEN SOCKEYE SALMON FILET
\$7.99
LB.



KOWALSKI SKINLESS STADIUM KIELBASA
Per lb.
\$3.99



FRICK'S BRAUNSCHWEIGER
16 oz.
\$1.99



FRICK'S BONE IN HAM SHANK PORTION
Per lb.
\$1.39



FRICK'S HAM BUTT PORTION
Per lb.
\$1.49



PAYONE/PARICK CUDAHY DELI MEATS
Each 2.25 - 3 oz.
\$1.19



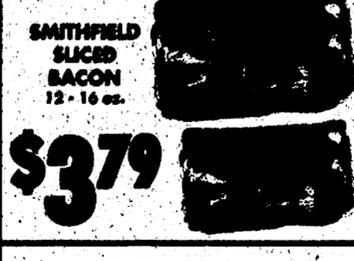
ARMOUR FUN KITS
11.6 - 12.3 oz.
2/\$5



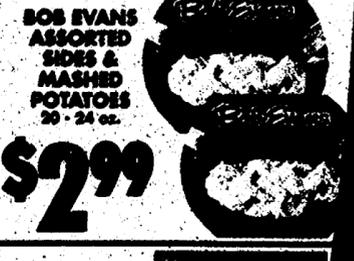
OSCAR MEYER DELI SHAVED MEATS
9 oz.
\$3.69



OUR FAMILY JUMBO HOT DOGS
16 oz.
\$1.29



SMITHFIELD SLICED BACON
12 - 16 oz.
\$3.79



BOB EVANS ASSORTED SIDES & MASHED POTATOES
20 - 24 oz.
\$2.99



OUR FAMILY PORK SAUSAGE 1-LB ROLL
\$1.69



LAND O FROST WRAP KITS
16.2 oz.
Buy One Get One FREE

Back Bottom Pricing!

SAVE 12¢



Potato Chips

UNCLE RAY'S POTATO CHIPS

4.75 - 5 oz. Selected Varieties

88¢

SAVE \$1.00

ARCHWAY HOMESTYLE COOKIES

6.75 - 9.5 oz. Selected Varieties

\$1.99

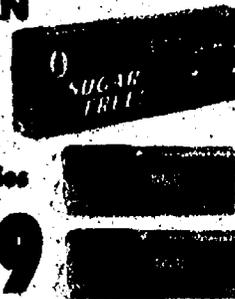


SAVE 96¢

VOORTMAN PREMIUM SUGAR WAFERS

12.3 - 14.1 oz. Selected Varieties

\$1.99



SAVE 50¢

PIK NIK SHOESTRING POTATOES

9 oz. cannister

\$1.99



SAVE UP TO \$1.58

KEEBLER TOWN HOUSE & CLUB CRACKERS

9.5 - 15 oz. Selected Varieties

\$2.11



SAVE 87¢

SNYDERS OF HANOVER PRETZELS

16 oz. Selected Varieties

\$2.11



SAVE 87¢

SNYDERS OF HANOVER & GANDE AUTHENTIC TORTILLA CHIPS

16 oz. Selected Varieties

\$2.11

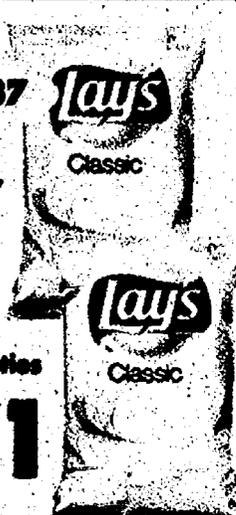


SAVE \$1.87

FRITO LAY BRAND POTATO CHIPS

10 - 10.5 oz. Selected Varieties

\$2.11



SAVE \$3.71

FRITO LAY BRAND VARIETY PAK

26 ct. Selected Varieties

\$8.88



SAVE 50¢



GATORADE

32 oz. Selected Varieties

\$1.00

SAVE 88¢

PEPSI MAX, SIERRA MIST & SCHWEPPS

2 Lt. Selected Varieties

99¢

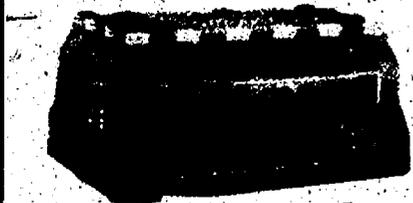


SAVE 37¢

7-UP & VERNORS BRANDS

2 Lt. Selected Varieties

\$1.22



OUR FAMILY WATER

24 pk.

3/\$9.99

Back Bottom Pricing!

LIMIT 3 SAVE \$3.93 WITH 3



FAYGO BRANDS

12 pk. 12 oz. Cans Selected Varieties

3/\$7.98

SAVE \$1.62 WITH 3



COCA COLA BRANDS

8 pk. 7.5 oz. sleek cans Selected Varieties

3/\$6.99

SAVE 56¢

COCA COLA BRANDS

20 pk. / 12 oz. cans Selected Varieties

\$5.88



SAVE \$2.62 W/2 LIMIT 4

PEPSI COLA BRANDS

12 pk./12 oz. cans 8 pk./16.9 oz. plastic Selected Varieties

2/\$7.88



SAVE \$2.79 WITH 3



DR PEPPER, VERNORS, 7-UP

12 pk./12 oz. can Selected Varieties

3/\$10.98



FISH EYE CALIFORNIA WINES
750 ml Bottle
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax)

\$4⁸⁸



SAVE \$2.07

LEELANAU WITCH'S BREW
750 ml Bottle
(Plus Tax)

\$5⁸⁸



SAVE UP TO \$1.11

CAROLAN'S IRISH CREAM
750 ml Bottle
(Plus Tax)

\$10⁹²



EAJ SUPERIOR RESERVE VSOP AMERICAN BRANDY
750 ml Bottle
(Plus Tax)

\$11⁹⁵



SCHMITT SOHNE SUPERSTITION RIESLING/PINOT
750 ml Bottle
(Plus Tax)

\$7⁸⁸



SAVE \$2.11

CASILLERO "CELLAR OF THE DEVIL"
750 ml Bottle
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax)

\$6⁸⁸



SAVE UP TO \$3.91

PINNACLE VODKA & FLAVORED VODKAS
750 ml Bottle
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax)

\$12⁹⁹



FIREBALL WHISKEY
750 ml Bottle
(Plus Tax)

\$13⁹⁵



BAREFOOT CELLARS
750 ml Bottle
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax)

\$5⁸⁸



SAVE \$2.07

CONCANNON CALIFORNIA WINES
750 ml Bottle
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax)

\$5⁸⁸



SAVE \$4.51

JIM BEAM BOURBON
750 ml Bottle
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax)

\$16⁹⁸



CAPTAIN MORGAN SPICED RUM
1750 ml Bottle
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax)

\$24⁹⁵



NEW LOW STATE MINIMUM PRICE

CAVIT ITALIAN PINOT GRIGIO & PINOT NOIR
1.5 Ltr Bottle
(Plus Tax)

\$11⁸⁸



SAVE \$4.11

FRANZIA PREMIUM BOX WINES
5.0 Ltr
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax)

\$9⁹⁹



SAVE \$3.50

JAGERMEISTER LIQUEURS
750 ml Bottle
(Plus Tax)

\$21⁹⁷



DEATH'S DOOR GIN
750 ml Bottle
(Plus Tax)

\$33²⁰



CRISPIN HARD CIDER
4 Pk. / 7 bl.
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax & deposit)

\$5⁸⁸



SAVE \$1.11

MICHIGAN BREWING
6 Pk. / 12 oz. bl.
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax & deposit)

\$6⁸⁸



SAVE \$1.41

BLUE MOON & BECK'S
12 Pk. / 12 oz. bl.
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax & deposit)

\$11⁸⁸



SAVE \$2.11

SAMUEL ADAMS
12 Pk. / 12 oz. bl.
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax & deposit)

\$12⁸⁸



SAVE \$2.07

KEYSTONE LIGHT & ICE HOUSE BONUS
18 Pk. / 12 oz. cans
(Plus Tax & deposit)

\$8⁸⁸



WOW! THAT'S LESS THAN 80¢ PER BEER

SAVE UP TO 99¢

BUDWEISER BONUS PACK
18 Pk. / 12 oz. cans
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax & deposit)

\$11⁸⁸



WOW! THAT'S ONLY 66¢ PER BEER

SAVE \$1.49

MILLER BRANDS, COORS BRANDS & LABATT'S BRANDS
20 Pk. / 12 oz. bl.
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax & deposit)

\$12⁸⁸



SAVE \$1.49

GENNESE BEER
30 Pk. / 12 oz. cans
Selected Varieties
(Plus Tax & deposit)

\$13⁹⁹



WOW! THAT'S ONLY 47¢ A BEER

SAVE \$1.38



**PHURTY
GLASS
CLEANER**

24 oz.

SAVE 61¢

\$1.88



**PHURTY
MULTI
PURPOSE &
HEAVY DUTY
CLEANERS**

24 oz.

SAVE UP TO
87¢

\$2.88



**PHURTY
FOAMING
HAND
WASH**

8 oz.

SAVE 85¢

Selected Varieties

\$2.88



**PHURTY
HAND
WASH**

16 oz.

SAVE 94¢

**GREAT
FOR DISHES
TOO**

\$2.99



**PHURTY
REFILL
HAND
WASH**

33.8 oz.

SAVE \$1.29

Selected Varieties

\$3.99



**PHURTY
PREMIUM
LAUNDRY
DETERGENT**

50 oz.

SAVE \$2.50

Selected Varieties

\$5.99

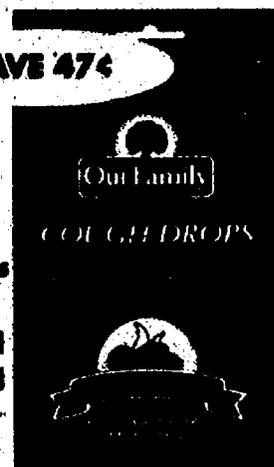
SAVE 47¢

**OUR
FAMILY
COUGH
DROPS**

30 ct.

Selected Varieties

88¢



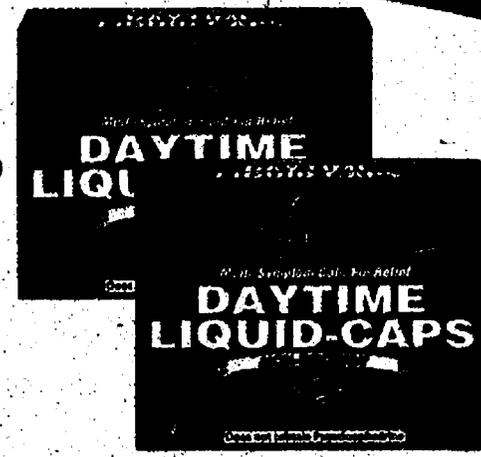
SAVE \$1.55

**OUR FAMILY
LIQCAPS COLD
MEDICINE**

12 ct.

Selected Varieties

\$1.44



SAVE 95¢

**DIAL
BAR
SOAP**

3 pk.

Selected Varieties

\$1.44



SAVE 61¢

**EXCEDRIN PAIN
RELIEF**

24 ct.

Selected Varieties

\$2.88



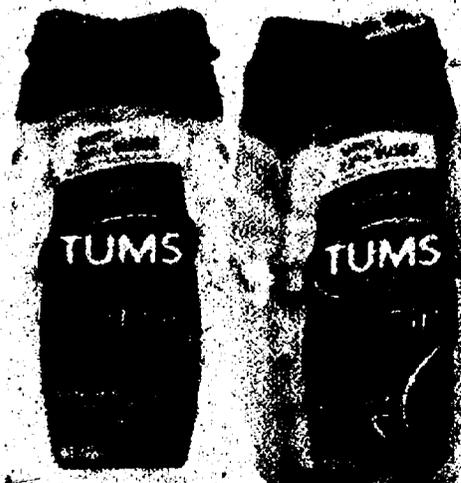
SAVE 60¢

**TUMS
20%
BONUS PACK**

24 ct.

Selected Varieties

\$3.99



SAVE \$2.00

**MUCINEX
CHILDRENS
COLD MEDICINE**

12 ct. & 12 oz.

Selected Varieties

\$5.99



**Back-to-Back
Pricing!**

**BOUNTY
PAPER
TOWELS**

8 ct.

Selected Varieties

\$6.99



SAVE \$4.00

SAVE 50¢

VANITY FAIR NAPKINS
40 - 100 ct.
Selected Varieties

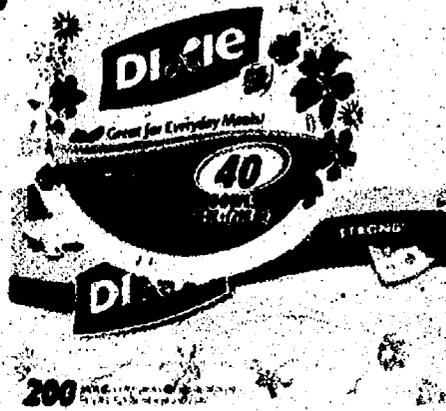
\$1.99



SAVE UP TO \$1.20

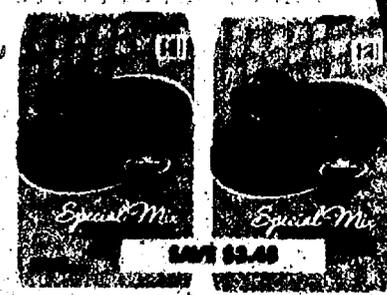
DIXIE DISPOSABLE BOWLS, NAPKINS, PLATES & CUPS
14 - 200 ct.
Selected Varieties

\$1.99



DADS SPECIAL MIX CAT FOOD
16 lb. Bag

\$6.99



DADS SELECT DRY DOG FOODS
17.6 lb. Bag

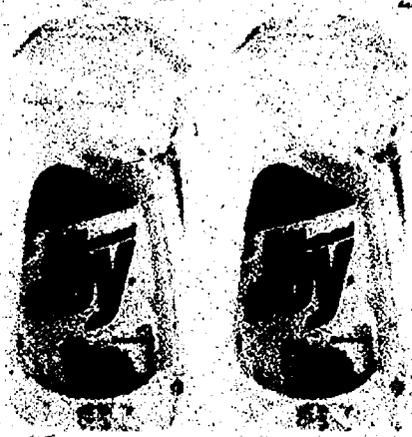
\$7.99



SAVE 74¢

JOY DISH SOAP
30 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.99



SAVE UP TO \$2.10

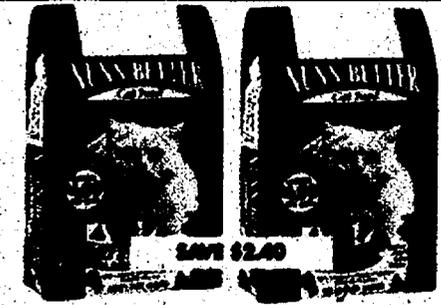
SNUGGLE FABRIC SHEETS & LIQUID
80 ct. & 32 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$2.99



NUNN BETTER DRY CAT FOOD
16 lb. Bag

\$7.99



NUNN BETTER DRY DOG FOOD GOLDEN NUGGETS & MINI CHUNKS
25 lb. Bag
Selected Varieties

\$10.99



SAVE 1.71

PUREX LAUNDRY DETERGENT
50 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$2.88



SAVE 92¢

HEFTY CINCH TRASH & KITCHEN BAGS
10 - 20 ct.
Selected Varieties

\$3.99



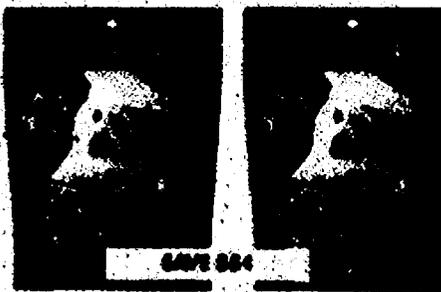
NUNN BETTER DOG BISCUITS
4 lb. Bag
Selected Varieties

\$3.44



NUNN BETTER DOG SNACKS
5.6 - 6 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.44



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CHARMIN BATH TISSUE
12 ct.
Selected Varieties

\$6.99



NUNN BETTER WILD BIRD SEED
20 lb. Bag

\$6.99



	<p>FRESH BAKED ENGLISH MUFFIN BREAD 16 oz.</p> <p>\$1.49</p>	 <p>Red Delicious SAVE \$3.99</p> <p>MICHIGAN APPLES MACINTOSH, GALA, FUJI, JONATHAN, ROMA RED, GOLDEN DELICIOUS, JONAMACS & IDA REDS</p> <p>3 Lb. Bag 3/\$5</p>	 <p>Marzetti's Carmel Dips All Varieties 12oz./16 oz.</p> <p>\$2.99</p> <p>SAVE 81¢</p> <p>Red Rips ON THE VINE TOMATOES</p> <p>1 Lb.</p>	
	<p>FRESH BAKED HARD ROLLS 6 ct.</p> <p>\$1.49</p>	 <p>Dole SPINACH</p> <p>SAVE 98¢</p> <p>9 oz. Bag</p>	 <p>ADAMS MUSHROOMS</p> <p>2/\$3</p> <p>8 oz. Pkg.</p>	
	<p>DONUT HOLES 24 ct. Selected Varieties</p> <p>\$2.99</p>	 <p>Fruit Filled TURNOVERS 4 ct. Selected Varieties</p> <p>\$2.99</p>	 <p>ADAMS MUSHROOMS</p> <p>2/\$3</p> <p>8 oz. Pkg.</p>	
	<p>CREME HORNS 4 ct. Vanilla or Chocolate</p> <p>\$1.99</p>	 <p>GREAT FOR BAKING!</p> <p>SAVE \$2.11</p> <p>RUSSET POTATOES</p> <p>2/\$2</p> <p>10 LB. Bag</p>	 <p>SAVE 48¢</p> <p>FRESH GREEN CABBAGE</p> <p>3 Lb./\$1</p>	 <p>CARROTS</p> <p>SAVE 51¢</p> <p>MICHIGAN FRESH CARROTS</p> <p>68¢</p> <p>2 Lb. Bag</p>
	<p>1/4 VARIETY CHEESECAKE SAMPLER 12 oz.</p> <p>\$4.49</p>	 <p>SAVE \$2.98</p> <p>TROPICAL GOLDEN PINEAPPLE</p> <p>2/\$5</p> <p>6 count</p>	 <p>SAVE 61¢</p> <p>WASHINGTON GREEN BARTLETT PEARS</p> <p>98¢</p> <p>1 Lb.</p>	 <p>FRESH FLORAL DEPARTMENT May not be exactly as illustrated</p> <p>LOWEEN BOUQUET</p> <p>8.99</p> <p>ea.</p>
	<p>9" CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES</p> <p>\$4.99</p>			

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