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Chelsea Milling buys Bookcrafters building

Building to get new use after nine years of city ownership

By Krista Gjestland
 Special Writer

The Chelsea City Council accepted a purchase offer from Chelsea Milling Company for the city-owned Buchanan building Tuesday night.

City Manager John Hanifan said Chelsea Milling offered \$175,000 for the property. The building was appraised in March for

\$385,000 and was advertised for sale this past month, he said.

Using 20-year bonds, the city purchased the 4.1-acre property at 140 Buchanan St., which formerly housed Bookcrafters, for \$995,500 in 2002.

It has been in the municipality's hands ever since. "Specific to this building, there hasn't been a whole lot of action," Hanifan said.

"There's been a whole lot of inaction."

Hanifan suggested that it's in the board's best interest to go forward with the sale.

"We were fortunate to receive any offer. It's my recommendation to all of you to move forward with accepting this conditional purchase offer," Hanifan said.

Several council members, including Kent Martinez-Kratz, was concerned about the price. "My concern is that perhaps we're selling

this property too low," Martinez-Kratz said.

Because of the building's inactivity, Hanifan said the sale would provide more revenue for the city.

"The minute that property is out of our hands," he said. "Any negotiated price we get to, we're gonna recoup that with a year of taxes. Conservatively, anywhere from \$15,000 to \$30,000 annually just on the taxes for that size of parcel."

Chelsea Milling's CEO, Howdy Holmes, said the company's use for the

building has yet to be determined.

"The building is not in good shape," he said. "So, we are undecided. We may use just a portion of the building. The warehouse is in pretty good shape, but the offices are not."

The property's location was the major factor in Chelsea Milling's decision to pursue the purchase.

"That land is close to land we already own," Holmes said. "It's just a prudent business decision."

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CEO of Chelsea hospital to retire

By Amy Bell
 Heritage Media

After 30 years of leadership, Chelsea Community Hospital's president and chief executive officer will be retiring in January.

Kathleen Griffiths will be replaced by Nancy Kay Graebner, who will officially join CCH in January. Graebner is currently the executive vice president of physician strategy and services for Bon Secours St. Francis Health System, Inc. in Greenville, S.C.



Kathleen Griffiths

Griffiths, 68, said she had been considering retirement for awhile but had delayed it due to a number of major projects taking place at the hospital.

"There were a few things I wanted to see through, and now just seems like the right time," she said.

Such projects include the hospital's merger with St. Joseph Mercy Health System and the start of its new building project.

Highlights of her career include construction of the hospital's professional building, health and wellness center, emergency room expansion, diagnostic imaging, cancer center and inpatient therapy.

When asked about her career at CCH, Griffiths said she is most proud of CCH's reputation for high quality care in addition to its strong employee and physician

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Chelsea Milling Co. employees Sharon Dusterhoff, Barb Jackowski, Martha Fomer and Diane Johnson stand with the company's holiday donations.

'Jiffyville' makes a difference

By Sheila Pursglove
 Special Writer

Employees at Chelsea Milling Co. think "outside the box" - a giant, Plexiglass box known as the CMC Toy Box that is overflowing with toys and games for local children.

Throughout the year, the company saves pop bottles and cans from employees, and money collected from returns is used to purchase toys for local children.

"Over the years, we've given to different charities - Faith-in-Action, Toys for Tots, Toys for Tots and Teens and the Salvation Army to name a few," said Tracy Bumpus in CMC consumer rela-

tions, who has worked at "Jiffyville" for 18 years.

"One year someone gave bicycles. They were a blessing to a young couple that had unexpectedly and, in an instant, inherited her sister's kids, just before Christmas.

"We have so many things donated by all the great people here we usually have to put together another temporary box. Seeing the boxes get filled up and knowing all the kids the toys will go to makes my year."

Some employees donate money on a monthly basis that is used to buy groceries for the Jackson Interfaith Shelter. Others purchase Jiffy Mix sweatshirts and donate

them to the John George Home for Men in Jackson. Employees also post lists and gather items to send to U.S. troops stationed overseas.

"For the past few years, Jiffy has participated in the Supermarket Sweeps at Country Market in Chelsea - I believe we have a winning streak going," Bumpus said.

Employees give freely of their time, talents, and resources to organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and the Christmas Adopt a Family program, she said.

"People are very supportive, generous and

caring when it comes to someone in need - not only through organizations, but when someone in the Jiffyville family or their extended or immediate families are down on their luck, terminally ill, have passed away, or had a house fire, or other disaster, within hours someone will have something posted asking for donations and help," Bumpus said.

"This tradition of caring was started many years ago and mirrors the company's philosophy of supporting the communities."

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Questions linger on quality of Michigan charter schools

By James David Dickson
Heritage Media

This week, Michigan's House Education Committee met twice to discuss Senate Bill 618, which would lift the state's various caps on charter schools. But as lawmakers consider whether to allow unchecked charter school expansion, questions as to their quality remain. Charter school expansion may be checked in certain ways under current

law. But, over the last 15 years, both the number of charters and the number of students they serve has grown tremendously.

More than 110,000 K-12 students in Michigan are enrolled in upward of 255 charter schools, or public school academies, as they are also called. Fewer than 5,000 K-12 students in Michigan were enrolled in PSAs in 1995-96. The terms charter school and public school academy can be used interchangeably.

Every year, the Michigan Department of Education prepares the Public School Academy Report to the Legislature, an overview of how charter schools are stacking up. Attached to it is a report on every charter school in the state.

In terms of Michigan Educational Assessment Program proficiency, across third through ninth grades, in both writing and math, charter schools underperform traditional schools. Only 67 percent of PSA students across the state achieved math proficiency in 2008, compared to 78 percent of their public school counterparts, for instance.

In terms of Michigan Merit Exam proficiency, only 20 percent of high school juniors at PSAs were math proficient in 2010, compared to 50 percent statewide.

Graduation rates at PSAs ranged from 46 percent to 52 percent from 2007-2009, but were roughly 75 percent statewide during that same time period.

Among subgroups, all except one group featured in the report performed worse in PSAs than they did in traditional public schools, according to MEAP results from 2009. Male, female, Hispanic and disabled students, among others, performed better on the MEAP at traditional public schools than at charter schools.

The only cohort in the report to score higher at PSAs than traditional public schools was black students. Even then the improvement was only slight: 69 percent proficiency in math at PSAs, compared to 66 at traditional schools and 67 statewide; 73 percent proficiency in reading at PSAs, compared to 71 percent at traditional schools and 72 percent statewide.

It's that minor accomplishment that's trumpeted on Page 9 of the report. None of the other shortcomings are mentioned alongside it.

"The teaching methods used in many Michigan PSAs appear to be reaching students in traditionally underserved populations," Page 9 reads. "MEAP performance among African-American students in PSAs now exceeds the statewide average..." it continues.

The better argument for charter schools is that they outperform traditional public schools in their districts. In written testimony to the House Education

Committee, the Michigan Association of Public School Academies attached a chart comparing charter schools in

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Detroit, Flint, Lansing and Grand Rapids, with their traditional counterparts. In each case, the charter schools came out favorably.

But even those comparisons aren't quite apples-to-apples. On average, according to the report, the student-to-teacher ratio at public school academies statewide is 14:1. Average class size is much higher in many parts of the state, especially in the urban school districts in which many charter schools reside.

Charter schools don't always match up demographically to nearby public schools, either. Though charter schools are technically required to admit all students they have the space for, without regard for merit, creed or handicap, by their nature small schools have fewer available seats. Another issue complicating matters is sibling preference, which ensures a level of demographic and socioeconomic continuity at charter schools.

Students without the benefit of family history must be selected in a lottery to gain admission. When people refer to "Waiting for Superman," they're referring to the wait families face for charter school seats.

Unchartered territory

Right now, already on the books, there are at least six ways to start a charter school in Michigan.

Community colleges, intermediate school districts and individual school districts can grant charters.

Among Washtenaw County colleges, Eastern Michigan University has granted the most charters, with eight, though only one school, the Ann Arbor Learning Community is in-county. Washtenaw Community College has chartered one school, the Washtenaw Technical Middle College, which is housed on WCC's campus. The University of Michigan hasn't gotten involved in the charter business.

None of the 10 public school districts in Washtenaw County has granted charters, though the Washtenaw Intermediate School District has chartered Honey Creek Community School, a K-8, and hosts it on its campus.

When a charter school is a high performer, it can be converted into a School of Excellence and another charter granted in its place. "At least 12" university-chartered schools were converted into schools of excellence before the start of the school year, according to the 2010 report.

Up to 150 charters can be granted between the state's

matter, charter schools in Michigan lag public schools in Michigan, sometimes significantly.

The MDE is currently using federal grant money to convene a Charter School Performance Review Team, create an incentive fund for charters to craft programs catering to at-risk children, and develop resources to aid in the creation and operation of charter schools, according to the 2010 report.

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Rep. Tom McMillin, a Republican from Rochester, chairs the House Education Committee.

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15 public universities, and no university is allowed to issue more than 10 percent, or 15, of the total charters. Both of those caps would be eliminated if SB 618 becomes law, as would the current cap of two on cyber schools.

And, in the event a local school board declines to grant a charter, the person or group seeking the charter can, with the signatures of 15 percent of the electorate, petition the school board to put the charter question on the ballot.

To put that figure in perspective, only 13 percent of Ann Arbor Public Schools voters (16,203 of 131,071) participated in November's school board election, which saw six candidates fight for two seats. SB 618 would make charter advocates collect only 5 percent of the signatures to place the question on the ballot.

Charter school options in Michigan are plentiful under current law, as are opportunities to create additional charter schools. Charter schools don't face the same demographic burdens that traditional public schools do, and they offer lower class size.

Despite all those advantages, the numbers show that in many ways that

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CHELSEA POLICE BRIEFS

Three suspects arrested for multiple thefts

Police responded to a call that a business was holding three suspects for retail fraud at about 5:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at a business in the 1200 block of South Main Street. Two males and a female were held until police arrived and arrested them. According to the business, the three suspects committed retail fraud mul-

iple times over the past two days in both Chelsea and Saline. The case is open pending further investigation from the sheriff's office.

Drunk driver on M-52 arrested

Police were called by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office at about 6:10 p.m. Friday about a report of a driver of a GMC Canyon pickup truck, who was believed to be intoxi-

cated. The driver was swerving in and out of northbound traffic on M-52 heading into Chelsea.

Police responded and stopped the driver. Roadside sobriety tests were performed and the driver was arrested after determined to have been driving drunk.

Vehicle stolen in front of residence

Between midnight and

11:30 a.m. Nov. 22 a vehicle was reportedly stolen in the 100 block of South Main Street. The owner had the only keys to the stolen black 2001 Ford Excursion and the doors are believed to have been locked.

Home invasion near Dexter Chelsea Road

A home invasion was reported on Nov. 15 to have occurred in the 700 block

of Provincial Drive. Some undisclosed items were stolen from the residence. The case is open and under active investigation.

Woman assaulted, police respond

Police responded to reports of an assault at about 5:20 p.m. Nov. 14 in the 200 block of Wilkinson Street. A female reportedly punched another female.

No arrest was made, but the case has been forwarded to the office of the Washtenaw County prosecutor for authorization.

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Chelsea Milling had their own appraisal of the property done before making an offer, which came to \$156,000.

Holmes said the state of the market effected the differences in appraisals, though the difference was shocking to him.

"I was quite surprised at the difference in appraisals," he said. "But our offer included 10 percent above our appraisal. We're trying to help ourselves, but we're also trying to help the city."

Next, the city will have a lawyer review the sale. The approval of the sale is contingent on a lawyer review.

In other Council news:

The board passed the first reading an ordinance amendment that would

allow RV retailers to apply for special land use permits in the C3 zone, closest to I-94.

The amendment came about after Lloyd Bridges Traveland attempted to purchase the former Palmer Ford lot on Old Manchester Road as a storage lot for its RVs.

Because of the ordinance's language, the Planning Commission denied owner Jerry Bridges' request to use the Palmer lot as a storage space if he were to purchase it.

Bridges was on hand Tuesday night to explain why he wants to purchase the lot.

"Unlike a lot of businesses in the last few years, Lloyd Bridges Traveland has had to completely change the way we do business," he said. "We had to start buying RVs in bulk."

Because they are now buying RVs in bulk,

Bridges explained, they now need someplace to store their inventory that is close to their location.

Bridges has already been using the lot for the past 18 months, with no complaints from the community, he said.

"It's a good fit, us being here," he said. "The lot has always been a vehicle lot. It's very ideal for our situation."

If he wasn't able to purchase the lot and had to buy another lot, it wouldn't be cost-effective, Bridges said. He said he would have to consider relocating the business elsewhere.

Biff Weber was also on hand, representing the Palmer family.

Weber said the business' impact is important to the community and losing it would be detrimental.

"Chelsea has got to have a successful business," he said. "It is imperative to have a positive impact so

that other businesses that want to locate to Chelsea will look and say, 'Hey I've got a guy who's doing great things for the city.'"

Councilmember Cheri Albertson was concerned about overruling the Planning Commission's decision.

"Their decision was based 100 percent on findings, and there was not one personal opinion voiced at all," she said.

In the end, the board decided that with the current state of the economy, supporting local businesses is of high importance.

"I think we ought to clear as many paths to development as possible," Councilmember Ann Feeney said.

The council also appointed Populist Cleaning Co. as the cleaning company for the city offices and new police building.

The council will meet again at 7 p.m. Dec. 13.

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satisfaction scores.

CCH has consistently ranked in the top 10 percent or higher of all hospitals nationwide for patient satisfaction, top 1 percent for physician satisfaction, as well as the top 2 percent nationwide for employee satisfaction, according to a press release.

Throughout the last 30 years, CCH has undergone many changes in order to provide more comprehensive care to its primary service area of Chelsea, Dexter, Stockbridge, Grass Lake and Manchester.

When Griffiths first began her career at CCH, there were slightly more than 300 employees, now there are more than 1,000 and more than 300 physicians on staff, she said.

"We've seen a huge increase in our employment base," she said.

A wide range of new services that were not readily available in the community were added such as orthopedic services, a women's health center and an infusion center to provide chemotherapy for cancer patients.

Griffiths said after her retirement, she has a number of plans she will pursue including travel and nonprofit projects in Detroit.

The announcement concludes a national search process that involved input from CCH's board members, executive management, the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System leadership team, physicians, and representatives from Trinity Health, the parent organization of CCH and SJMHS.

A native of Ann Arbor, Graebner brings more than 25 years experience in health-system administration.

"I am honored to be presented this wonderful opportunity at Chelsea Community Hospital, and look forward to coming back home to Saint Joseph Mercy Health System," Graebner stated in a press release.

David Killips, chair of the hospital's Board of Trustees, stated Graebner's extensive knowledge and experience in many different key areas will be an asset to CCH.

"Her direction and expertise will allow CCH to continue its mission of excellence for years to

come," he stated.

Garry C. Faja, president and CEO of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, stated Graebner has an impressive record of working closely with medical staff in developing strong clinical programs.

"We're confident she will continue Chelsea Community Hospital's high standards of care made possible by Kathleen Griffiths' stellar leadership," stated Faja in a press release.

Established in 1970, Chelsea Community Hospital is a not-for-profit

hospital and a member of Saint Joseph Mercy Health System. It is nationally recognized for both quality of care and patient satisfaction by national-ranking organization, Press Ganey, and is accredited by the Joint Commission.

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VA unveils new infusion center for cancer patients

By Michelle Pafford Helms
Special Writer

The pride was nearly palpable at the grand opening of the Veterans Administration Ann Arbor Healthcare System's Hematology-Oncology Infusion Center Nov. 14.

The day's open house gave staff, patients and community members a look at the new facility, where veterans with cancer and blood disorders can come to receive infusion therapy, a type of medical treatment in which medications or other treatments are delivered into the body through a vein.

The facility now offers improved areas for patient check in, examinations and meeting space. The center also expanded its equipment to include 16 patient treatment chairs with heat and massage, with accompanying family chairs, individual televisions, lights and call systems.

Director of the VA Hospital Robert McDivitt said the hospital is proud to offer patients five times the space as the former location. According to McDivitt, the \$763,000 funding for the project came from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"We've had a really good chemotherapy program for many years," McDivitt said. "Now we're very excited to have

a quality space that matches our quality program."

Dr. Kemp Cease, who heads up the center, said he is glad that patients are now poised to receive more comfortable care.

"I know I started talking to the chief of staff about this particular part of the building over 10 years ago," Kemp said. "We really have a strong emotional tie to our patients - it's incredible. And we're not always happy about some of the constraints we face. This is going to solve a huge problem."

"It has been a long time coming. It means a ton to us."

"Our patients have been a part of this, too. It is really all about them."

Patient Robert Lash and his wife, Sandra, attended the day's event. The Lashes, who travel two hours to get the hospital from outside of Kalamazoo, said they believe the improved set up will help them better communicate with one another during the treatments.

"It is very friendly and good for the patient and the caregiver," said Lash, who is a Vietnam War veteran.

Deborah Cook, an infusion room nurse with the VA Ann Arbor, said that comfort is critical

as some infusions can last up to eight hours. Cook

added that the center has sometimes served up to 40 patients in a day because of demand.

The hospital typically cares for patients from all over the Lower Peninsula, along with many from Ohio and Indiana.

Cease said the VA Ann Arbor has seen a phenomenal growth in cancer demand at the center and it's related to the economy.

"Since 2008, we've more than doubled our volume in cancer care and oncology," Cease said. "The reason being, if a person loses their job and they are a veteran and they have cancer, they are going to come here."

Public Affairs Officer for the hospital and former Marine Derek Atkinson said that the hospital is happy to be there for the veterans who have lost their jobs or lost their health care.

Eligibility for the hospital requires that armed services personnel had either an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions.

U.S. Congressman Tim Walberg was also on hand for the ceremony.

"I think the long-term wars that we've been in recently have reminded us that there are continu-

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Veterans Administration Ann Arbor Healthcare System's Hematology-Oncology Infusion Center was held Nov. 14. Participants included Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Regional Chamber of Commerce's Andy LaBarre, U.S. Rep. John Dingell's representative Jason Morgan, VA Ann Arbor's Director Robert McDivitt, U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg and VA Ann Arbor's head of the new center Dr. Kemp Cease.

ing responsibilities for us to be there for our veterans," Walberg said. "More and more are coming home with extreme injuries - life changing situations - maladies that we must take care of."

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Deborah Cook, an infusion room nurse at the VA Ann Arbor, said she is pleased that the patients now have more comfortable surroundings for their appointments.



Delonis Center opens warming programs for winter

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

One week into the beginning of the cold season during which the county's homeless population faces the greatest threat of the year, the Washtenaw County Shelter Association is well under way sheltering those individuals with nowhere else to go.

The shelter association began placing people Nov. 14 into a rotation of churches that act as the "rotating shelter program," as it's called by those familiar with the associations programs, and the following day the association opened its warming center on the Delonis ground floor. The space can house 25 souls at a time on yoga mats in the center's cafeteria.

Agency Director Ellen Schulmeister, who discussed not just the winter warming programs but the agency as a whole, is acutely aware of some of the

criticism of the program's necessity by certain subsections of the public and even policymakers.

"If enabling people qualifies as keeping them from hitting rock bottom - that being death outside in the cold, then that's what we're doing," Schulmeister said. "We would rather have people inside than die that way. I don't think anybody deserves to die that way."

The warming center was originally on the second floor of Delonis until 25 beds were added to expand temporary housing for those working with shelter association staff and volunteers toward getting a foothold in society: a steady income, a continuum of personal and health care, and some general stability.

In previous years, the Delonis Center shelter space averaged 44 people per night, although this year the limit is being kept to 25 people because that number is the upper limit



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on what the fire code will allow, which is why case managers are now meeting with those seeking a spot in the warming center to determine whether they really should be visiting "the shelter of last resort."

"Before we didn't really know who was in the warming center because we weren't collecting any

data," Schulmeister said. The result has been better outcomes with fewer incidents that are dangerous for association staff, as well as longer stays per visitors, which indicates to staff that they're housing people who actually have no place else to go in the warming center. Some years, records would show

some visitors spending a night here and a night there, indicating that they were perhaps being kicked out temporarily because of domestic disputes stemming from alcohol or drugs.

The program was revamped partially to prepare it for being handed off to the Washtenaw Housing Alliance, which will occur sometime in the next year or two.

WHA may be able to shelter more homeless from the cold, due to the fire code restriction on Delonis: "I can't go another winter with breaking the fire codes ... it's just not safe for anybody."

Keeping those homeless who aren't immediately placed in housing services in one of the center's 75 beds is important to Schulmeister and her staff, because if she can get just one of them elevated to the main program, the success rate dictates that a significant number of people's

fortunes could be reversed.

Of 1,449 people cared for at Delonis last year, 517 were housed there, and 60 percent of those people were able to find income and housing, Schulmeister and her staff are very proud of those numbers.

"About 60 percent of the people who come to us overall have no income, so that's our main priority," Schulmeister said. "If we can solve that issue then there's a very good chance the program can get those people on their feet."

"We try to focus on the practical and along the way we deal with medical issues and we deal with mental health issues, substance abuse issues, bad credit and evictions and legal issues."

If income is already established, the primary goal of the shelter association's program takes center-stage: putting those people in housing immediately.

Challenge Grant to help improve local communities

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently announced that Washtenaw County is the recipient of a \$3 million Community Challenge Grant.

The funding will be used for the nearly \$18 million Washtenaw County Sustainable Community project, which focuses on the redevelopment of the Washtenaw Avenue Corridor. The corridor joins the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti by means of Washtenaw Avenue, which runs through Pittsfield and Ypsilanti townships.

The communities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, along with Ypsilanti and Pittsfield townships, applied for the grant with a number of partners, including the Ann Arbor

Transportation Authority and numerous nonprofit organizations such as Growing Hope and Habitat for Humanity.

"We knew if we worked together we'd have a better chance of getting bigger grants and this was the proof of that," said Ann Arbor City Councilman Tony Derezinski, a member of the Re-Imagine Washtenaw Joint Technical Committee for nearly three years.

The project includes more than \$1.5 million in matching funds, the highest amount coming from the city of Ann Arbor with \$550,000 (\$25,000 in-kind) followed by the county with \$510,800, which includes a \$445,800 in-kind match commonly reserved for personnel costs and use of equipment.

The project aims to join the isolated communities and revitalize distressed neighborhoods along the

corridor while making the area more energy efficient through "green" building practices, providing affordable housing and increasing opportunities for non-motorized transportation.

According to the grant application, Washtenaw Avenue is the busiest road in the county and has the greatest number and diversity of businesses. However, there are few housing options and mostly low-density neighborhoods.

The corridor is also the most heavily used and congested corridor in the county, carrying 828,000 riders in 2010, an increase of 56 percent since 2004.

Tony VanDerworp, director of county economic development, will be the project manager for transportation corridor and planning activities. He will facilitate the joint technical committee during the planning process, manage research, share best prac-

tices, hire engineering consultants, provide technical consultation to the municipalities as they implement the planning efforts for communities. This will be in collaboration with the four other municipalities.

Ypsilanti will use the grant funding to revise its master plan and zoning ordinances; conduct a review of the city's housing needs; healthy food business planning and for engineering involved in the I-94 pedestrian overpass project, which is in collaboration with Ypsilanti Township, the Washtenaw County Road Commission and the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study.

"This is just another example of Ypsilanti collaborating with other parties in Washtenaw County to try to stretch our resources as much as possible and be responsible to our residents," said Ypsilanti Mayor Paul Schreiber.

Planning is something that government does quite well and the grant will allow them to do that, as well as spur private investment, he said.

Mandy Grewal, supervisor of Pittsfield Township, said the grant is further reinforcement of her continued belief during the past five years that this regional project has the potential to spark the socio-economic revitalization of the area.

"Pittsfield Township has already committed, in our master plan, to the vision of transit-oriented development along the Washtenaw Corridor and we look forward to continue working with our partners in transforming this vision into a reality," she said.

Derezinski said there is an extensive level of enthusiasm between the staff and elected officials from the various municipalities who are working together

on the project. "I'm excited by the level of collaboration and cooperation going on," he said.

The grant is also a joint effort between HUD, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Derezinski said the project originally grew out of a master's thesis written by current Washtenaw County planner Anya Dale when she attended Eastern Michigan University. The plan discussed ways to reinvent the use of Washtenaw Avenue by beautifying the area and make it more walkable and shopper friendly.

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Christmas on the Farm to recreate the homestead

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

The Waterloo Farm Museum and Dewey School Museum will welcome visitors to a 19th century "Christmas On The Farm," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 and noon to 4 p.m. Dec. 4.

This recreation of holiday traditions on an 1880s German immigrant pioneer homestead will include a bake sale of home-baked goods, jams, jellies and more; gifts and stocking stuffers of toys, soaps, candles, pottery, glassware, handmade ornaments; handcrafted swags, table centerpieces and wreaths; free hot spiced cider and cookies; and a full concession stand.

Docents will lead tours of the 10-room farmhouse, authentic log house with 1840s decor and eight outbuildings. Singers will perform traditional holiday songs, a blacksmith will work at the forge, and costumed "pioneers" will recount and demonstrate historical activities.

The one-room Dewey School, just a short drive from the farm, will feature a traditional Christmas program, with "school marms" on hand to explain the history of the school, and help children participate in activities.

"Living History" volunteer Ken Glorlando makes the farm his own home each Christmas with his family and friends.

"It's like stepping into a Christmas card that portrays Christmas 'just like the ones we used to know' - but instead of what we used to know it's more like what our ancestors used to know," he said.

Dianne Moulton, co-chair for Christmas on the Farm, enjoys volunteering at the event. "It begins my Christmas season in a way that reflects the 1885 holiday - peaceful, spiritual, musical - enjoying the holiday with family and friends," she said.

"Since it was the biggest event of the year for pioneer families, there was hustling and busting to make sure the food was plentiful and tasty, and the mostly homemade gifts were just right for the intended recipients, but there was still time for singing hymns, reading scripture and enjoying visitors. That's the atmosphere we try to create at our event."

Local stained glass artist Marsi Darwin has been involved with the farm museum for 30 years; after taking a basket class in 1979 she began volunteering as a guide and a shopkeeper the following year.

"I got to know one of the founding members, Hattie Beckwith, when I was director at the Stockbridge Library for many years, as well as Helen Hannewald and Agnes Dikeman, all dedicated volunteers," she said.

Darwin, who dons a long skirt, apron, high top boots, and a bonnet, has played the pioneering "Mrs.

Realy" during visits by local schoolchildren.

Darwin met her future husband Bill at the farm in September 1988 when he taught a stained glass workshop. They met again at Pioneer Day in October where he had a booth, and at Christmas on the Farm, where she was a guide in the house and he was a visitor.

"After we married in 1990, the two of us had a booth at Pioneer Day for many years, and I still do. I love it there, and we're lucky to have it just 'around the corner.' Sometimes I feel like I was meant to live over a hundred years ago, a more relaxed and trusting

time," she said.

"Christmas on the Farm means peace to me, and I've heard that from many visitors. It's taking a breath away from all the bustle of the modern holiday. The lovely drive out to the farm, the simplicity of the decorations, the aromas of the evergreens and the cider and cookies, the fresh air - all are a glimpse into a time gone by. But it's also a time many of us long for and wish to preserve."

The Waterloo Farm Museum is located at 9998 Waterloo Road, west of Chelsea, and the Dewey School Museum is a short drive away at Territorial and Mayer roads in

A volunteer of the Waterloo Area Historical Society makes beef stew in one of the farmhouse's 10 rooms.

Stockbridge.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors ages 62 and up, \$2 for ages 5 to 12, and free for ages 4 and under, and members of the Waterloo Area Historical Society.

For more information, call (517) 596-2254 or visit www.waterloofarmmuseum.org.

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Two Waterloo Area Historical Society volunteers make cookies in the Waterloo Farm Museum.

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Did you go shopping on Black Friday?

- A. Yes, early in the morning
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C. No, I am just not that into it
D. Yes, but later in the day

OUR TAKE: Editorial

New tax won't sting too much

A new tax is coming to a health insurer near you, and it will certainly be passed on to those it insures.

And we don't have a problem with it. It replaces another tax, spreads it over a much wider base, and guarantees continued funding for services to some of the state's most vulnerable residents.

A bill signed into law a couple of months ago by Gov. Rick Snyder will levy the 1 percent tax, starting Jan. 1, 2012, on paid health insurance claims.

But, as pointed out in a recent bulletin from the AARP, a 6 percent tax levied on Medicaid managed care plans will end. The expiring one raised about the same amount of money as the new tax, about \$400 million annually.

The tax on claims will be levied on the insurers, as well as on self-funded insurance plans. They are permitted to pass that on to group and individual customers, to a limit of \$10,000 for claims exceeding \$1 million.

The tax is needed to continue to match \$800 million in Michigan's Medicaid funding.

Those funds pay for long-term care for elderly residents and health care for children.

As we understand the reasoning behind the change, the federal agency that administers Medicare and Medicaid was critical of the narrow focus of the outgoing tax and had threatened to end providing matching funds.

The new tax won't apply to all claims. Exemptions will include claims paid by Medicare and the Department of Veteran Affairs and those of federal employees.

It also won't apply to deductibles, coinsurance and copayments from individuals.

One in five Michigan residents is covered by Medicaid. Among them are elderly people receiving long-term care in nursing homes, some because they were unable to afford to pay for care, others after they spent down their savings and other assets.

So those of us with insurance coverage may notice the tax, or not, depending on how insurance companies choose to pass it on. But it appears it won't sting too much.

—Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

GUEST COLUMN: By Daniel Saad

LED Christmas lights don't have the same meaning as old bulbs

It's beginning to look faintly like Christmas.

Faintly, because in my hometown downtown and throughout most of my neighborhood, people whose hearts are brimming with holiday cheer and environmental responsibility are stringing energy efficient, low-wattage, LED Christmas lights in an attempt to demonstrate both their seasonal spirit and their social conscience.

It wasn't like that when we were growing up. About half the warmth we felt during the holiday season was from the love of family and friends; the other half was generated by the Christmas lights that decorated our homes inside and out.

Big bulbs — maybe 10 or 15 watts — and they were bright. So bright that we had to squint when we looked at our Christmas tree, or drove downtown with Mom and Dad to "oooh" and "aaaah" at the light display. And they were hot.

My favorites — Bubble-Lites — were hot enough to, well, boil the stuff inside them that made the bubbles.

Current social standards would label the lights we grew up loving as "dangerous" and "irresponsible." Dangerous? Well, a couple of generations before

we were kids, families were lighting their living room Christmas trees with candles; so, I call our lights a big improvement in home safety.

Irresponsible? OK, really, how much fossil fuel did we actually squander between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day back in the 1950s and '60s?

Don't try to tell me that today's global warming crisis began when I was a kid, in Riverview, helping Dad string Noma outdoor lights — equipped with "Safety Plug" technology — through the bushes in front of our house.

I know, I have to accept that times have changed. The only place I can find the lights we grew up with is eBay, and maybe the Henry Ford Museum. So, I'll take my kids downtown one evening this week to "uuuh" and "aaaah" at the light display.

"Uuuuh" and "aaaah?"
Yep — I'll say, "uuuh, I think they're lit, kids..." and then "aaaah, there they are!" when our eyes adjust enough to the darkness to be able to make them out.

This season, may your days be merry and bright!

Daniel Saad blogs about coping with a tight economy growing up Downriver in the '50s and '60s. Read more "Downriver Diary" at www.thesherald.com/blogs.

Commodities speculators cost buyers, economy.

As winter approaches, Michigan families will once again face daunting heating bills. Come spring, concerns will shift from the cost of heat to the price we pay at the pump for spring and summer travel.

Our manufacturers, too, constantly worry about the cost of energy, as well as the cost of steel and other materials.

What do all these examples have in common? Each shows how commodity prices — for natural gas, gasoline, metals, corn, wheat and other products — hit every family and business. At a recent hearing of the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, which I chair, we exposed how excessive speculation in the markets for these commodities pushes up prices and hurts farmers, businesses and consumers.

Very few of us deal directly with the commodities markets, but they are an incredibly important part of our economy, and prices in these markets affect all of us. They are the framework within which producers and users of energy, crops and other commodities buy and sell these goods at prices set by the forces of supply and demand.

These markets also enable those affected by the price of commodities to hedge their risks. For example, airlines can use commodity markets to protect themselves from big jumps in the price of jet fuel. But over the last decade or so, these markets have increasingly become the domain of another group: speculators who don't produce or use the commodities they trade, but seek to profit from the ups and downs in prices. These speculators have become such big players that they have distorted markets, disconnecting the price of commodities from the forces of supply and demand, profiting from price changes and doing great harm to consumers and job-creating companies.

At our hearing, experts testified that in some commodities markets, 70 percent

to 90 percent of the trading is now done not by users of commodities, but by speculators. Take crude oil prices, for example, which over the last four months jumped to \$114 a barrel, plunged to \$77 and leaped back to \$95, not because of normal supply and demand, but because hordes of speculators bet on prices. A report by the Consumer Federation of America estimated that speculation now adds about \$30 to the price of a barrel of oil and about \$600 to the average household's annual gasoline costs. The price spikes that these speculators engineer threaten our economic recovery. Wild swings in the prices of these commodities make it harder for companies to grow, hire new workers and reduce unemployment. The hearing also exposed how some speculators have done an end-run around regulations designed to limit their domination of commodity markets by using offshore shell corporations. Last year, Congress sought to rein in excessive speculation. In the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, we toughened what are known as "position limits" — restrictions on how much a market participant can dominate the market for a commodity. For the

first time, we required the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the federal agency that regulates these markets, to set position limits on all financial instruments used by speculators. The commission is responsible for producing regulations to implement the law. Those regulations, finalized in October, establish position limits, as the law requires, to "diminish, eliminate or prevent" excessive speculation, and remove some roadblocks that prevented regulators from acting against speculators in the past.

But they don't do enough to limit how some speculators place bets on multiple commodities at once and use those bets to push up prices. In addition, the regulations give speculators another year before the new limits kick in. At our hearing, I pressed the commission to do more on these points. American families and businesses can no longer afford the cost of excessive speculation. Until effective position limits are actually in place, our economy will remain vulnerable to chaotic price swings that benefit speculators at the expense of American consumers and businesses.

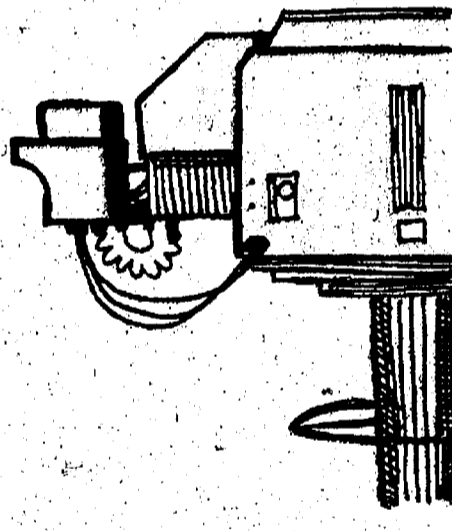
Carl Levin, a Democrat, is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

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"THE SUPERCOMMITTEE IS TAKING A BREAK TO EAT... BUT CAN'T AGREE ON WHAT TOPPINGS TO ORDER ON THEIR PIZZA."

GUEST COLUMN: By Judy Sivak

State reps urged to support elder abuse prevention bill

The holiday season is fast approaching, but if you are one of Michigan's estimated 80,000 older adults who is abused, neglected, or financially exploited each year, you may not feel much like celebrating.

Elder abuse is one of the fastest growing crimes in Michigan.

More than 1.8 million Michigan residents are 60 or older, and as that number continues to increase at a steady pace, it is critical to have measures in place to protect those older adults who cannot always protect themselves.

It is unfortunate, but approximately 70 percent of abusers are considered "trusted individuals," including spouses, children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors.

On Nov. 3, the Michigan Senate passed a bi-partisan 18-bill senior protections package with near unanimous approval.

This legislation will strengthen Michigan's abil-

ity to prevent elder abuse, intervene to assist victims and more stringently punish perpetrators.

These bills include a number of important reforms including increased criminal penalties; special witness protection for vulnerable adults when testifying against their abuser; clearer definition of abuse and exploitation in social service and criminal statutes; financial exploitation training for employees at financial institutions; and improved reporting requirements in long term care facilities.

The bills also call for increased coordination between state and local authorities and enhanced banking, annuity and insurance protections for older adults.

For more specific information on these bills, visit www.mi_seniors.net.

This legislation, spearheaded by Senator Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton, originated from the recommendations from the state

level Elder Abuse Task Force that was formed in 2005.

The final recommendations were released in 2006, but legislation was never passed out of committee.

It's a new day. We have strong supporters of elder rights in the Senate — as demonstrated by the swift passage of the senior protections package.

Governor Snyder also supports protecting the health and safety of our older adult residents. The governor publicly supported this legislation in his Health and Wellness Message released in September.

It is important that this crucial legislation does not lose momentum. We now have the opportunity to make these holidays a happy one for vulnerable adults in Michigan.

Currently, 14 of the bills — Senate bills 454, 455, 457, 459, 461, 468, and 707 — are in the Families, Children and Seniors Committee chaired by Rep. Kenneth Kurtz, R-Coldwater.

The remaining four bills — Senate bills 456, 460, 604 and 605 — all dealing with joint account education and disclosure, are in the Banking and Financial Services Committee chaired by Rep. Martin Knollenberg, R-Troy.

It is imperative that these committees understand the urgency of passing this legislation.

Representatives Kurtz and Knollenberg, please give older Michiganders a holiday gift that will keep on giving.

I challenge our state representatives to stand up for the rights of all vulnerable adults in Michigan and vote in support of this legislation.

This is not a partisan issue — it is a people issue. It is hard to fathom a reason not to support measures to better protect the growing number of older adults in Michigan.

Judy Sivak is president of the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan.

Dozens volunteer; wellness agency seeks input

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

For the last year, nearly 80 people have volunteered their time and energy for the sole purpose of planning the best approaches to improve the health and wellness of Chelsea community residents. The volunteers are members of the Chelsea Wellness Coalition, a group formed to assist the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation.

The Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation was created in 2009 following the merger of Chelsea Community Hospital with the St. Joseph Mercy Health System. Funds were set aside to improve the health of residents of Chelsea Community Hospital's service area, including Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester, and Stockbridge. According to their website (www.5healthytowns.org), the foundation's mission is to "create a culture of wellness and foster sustainable improvements in the health of our communities through stewardship of our resources, innovative and collaborative, and engagement of our residents in the pursuit of healthy choices."

The process of forming the coalition began about 15 months ago. To form a group that was representative of Chelsea's demographics, the first demographic volunteers were identified through area schools, churches, service organizations, businesses, non-profits, and local government. According to the foundation's director, Amy Heydlauff, the coalition membership evolved and grew from there. "We wanted the people involved to be interested and care," she said. "The only exclusivity is that they have to be residents of the Chelsea School District."

The coalition's purpose is to obtain collective community thought about the best approaches to improving Chelsea's health and wellness, and to provide a coordinated plan for implementing them.

"It can be tough to get those thoughts together and agree on frameworks," said coalition member Jerry Wilczynski. "We formed subcommittees to help bring focus."

Coalition volunteers self-selected to one of four subcommittees, named after specific parts of the foundation's vision: eat better, move more, avoid unhealthy substances, and make healthy connections with others.

Each subcommittee is participating in a planning process that began with resource mapping to find out Chelsea's current strengths. For example, SRSLY is a successful organization that promotes avoiding unhealthy

substances.

The second step of planning was to examine available data. Coalition member Bob DeVol said that they looked at a number of sources of information, including Health Improvement Plan (HIP) survey information and other county level health data. Some examples of problems the coalition hopes to address are that residents of Western Washtenaw County have a higher rate of binge drinking, are more likely to be overweight, and eat fewer fruits and vegetables on a daily basis than residents in the rest of the county.

Presently, the coalition is at the third and fourth steps of the planning process - assessing the community's needs and planning interventions to meet those needs. DeVol, who has been working to bridge information between the subcommittees, is now on an eight-member steering committee to provide general oversight for all four teams. He said that the coalition is starting to finalize a longer-term plan, created with the assistance of a professional, which will be approved by the entire coalition.

The coalition would like to share the plan with the public and obtain feedback. For those unable to

"This is a process that is allowing anyone in our community who has an interest in wellness to have a voice in creating a culture of wellness."

ELAINE ECONOMOU
subcommittee member

person, it will be posted on the foundation's website.

The final step in the process will be to request grant funding to pay for implementation of the plan.

According to "move more" subcommittee member Elaine Economou, several recent community activities have been a result of the coalition's first efforts at planning free interventions. These include the "Community Reads" through the Chelsea District Library and free yoga classes offered downtown during Sounds and Sights through the Wellness Center. The Wellness Center also sponsored the Healthy Communities Walking

Program, which challenged people to take 10,000 steps a day for a month and provided participants with a pedometer and beginning and ending measurements to help note progress.

Heydlauff recognized that the coalition volunteers are spending their time, energy, and thought on behalf of the Chelsea community.

Coalition member Kay Heller said, "I stay involved because I want to make Chelsea a more appealing, vibrant community for future generations."

Dan Kaminsky, who is on the "eat better" subcommittee with Heller, is passionate about improving the eating habits of the population. He cited the data that almost 60% of the population

of Western Washtenaw County is overweight or obese. "This is a serious problem," he said. "People need to eat and live differently. We have to start somewhere."

Kaminsky and Heller were pleased to report some initial efforts. "Local grocery stores are interested in learning how to promote healthy foods and in steering customers toward healthier options that are already available," Kaminsky said.

"I hope people will not focus on the sacrifice (of giving up unhealthy behaviors) but will focus on the gain of attaining improved wellness," said Jennifer Kundak, who is on the "make healthy connections with others" subcommittee with Wilczynski.

All of the coalition members agreed that besides individual desire and effort, culture and environment are important factors in improving the health of an entire community. They believe that local officials do not always recognize the critical connections between public policy and public health.

"Perhaps one of our jobs will be to educate them," Heller said.

Anyone interested in learning more about contributing time to the coalition's efforts is encouraged to call the foundation at 734-433-4599.

"This is a process that is allowing anyone in our community who has an interest in wellness to have a voice in creating a culture of wellness," Economou said.

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All the Trimmings show to feature droves of artists

By Sheila Pursglove,
Special Writer

The fifth annual All the Trimmings Holiday Art Show will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3, at the Chelsea Fairgrounds on Old US-12 at Manchester Road in Chelsea.

Admission and refreshments are free. The event - in conjunction with Chelsea's Hometown Holidays - is organized by Chelsea sisters Susie Ogden and Marlene Dusibier.

"We enjoy introducing new talented artists each year with established artists in a small, cozy environment," Dusibier said. "We offer a large variety of items for customers to do their Christmas shopping. Small enough to shop in a half an hour, but inviting enough to want to spend time chatting with the artists while enjoying free refreshments."

"We look forward every year to seeing our loyal customers-turned-friends and meeting and making new friends."

Dusibier, well known for her folk woodcarvings, is featuring a larger variety of Christmas and winter-themed carvings this year, with Santas, snowmen, trees, sleds and nutcracker ornaments.

"I'm very excited about all my new items, and I'm looking forward to introducing them at the show," she said.

The event is quite a family affair, with the sisters' father, Lawrence Ogden, showcasing his counted cross-stitch birds, and Susie Ogden featuring pastels, collectibles and Christmas houses.

"After taking a pastel class I found it was a great match for me - the medium is flexible and forgiving, but also gives you great depth of color and emotion," she said. "Whimsical animals and landscapes are what motivate me right now and I'm experimenting with antique frames to give the pieces individuality."

"I also love making little Christmas houses that are similar to the old ones I collect. This year I've added some Chelsea landmarks as well."

Manchester multimedia artist Jo Kladzyk designs and hand makes decorative ceramic tiles, and works with stained and fused glass.

"Much of my artwork reflects the colors and themes inspired by living near the Great Lakes," she said.

Teddy Bear artisan Pat Simonelli hand dyes many of her mohair pieces to achieve an antique look and draws all of her own patterns. Her bears wear antique collars, textiles, hats and antique keys around their necks.

"When you adopt one of my bears, he unlocks the key to your heart," she said.

Simonelli, who has done bear shows all over the country and shipped bears as far as Japan, recently added elephants, cats and rabbits to her line.

Graphic designer Chris Purcell creates pillows, hats, mittens, pincushions, socks, baby shoes, jewelry and felted sweater art.

"What I make depends on my mood," she said. "Some things are made from patterns, others are my interpretation of what can happen when using vintage items. I use a lot of felted wool sweaters, vintage zippers, old rickrack and buttons, and 'upcycle.'"

Dexter antiques dealer Jan Schmidt will showcase jewelry made from vintage "found objects," fun bottle cap bracelets and necklaces, and some pure silver jewelry, as well as Christmas wreaths, gourd garlands, ornaments, and various decorations, some with small antiques included.

Karen Lucas, a seamstress since middle school, has moved from making bespoke wedding gowns and special occasion garments to home décor, and her love of textiles and

knitting led her to become a weaver. Lucas, who runs a "Home Arts" summer camp for children and provides instruction at her home in Howell, will bring rag rugs, kitchen linens, and assorted handcrafted items for the home.

Other artisans are Lindsay Adams, "What's in a Name Pictures"; Barb Kemp and Sally Keene with punch-needle and mittens; Deb Kureth, jewelry; Kris Miller, Spruce Ridge Studios rug hooking; Lori Nixon, bread boards; Ginger Sissom, Hoola jewelry; Sandra Somers, folk painting; Margaret Stech, fresh greens; Doug Stevens, honey and cast iron cookware; and Wendy and Larry St. Antoine with antiques and paintings.

For more information,



Marlene Dusibier, along with sister, Susie Ogden, organize All the Trimmings Holiday Art Show each year. Dusibier is known for her folk wood-carvings.

call 475-2159. Sheila Pursglove is a freelance writer. She can be reached at bingley51@yahoo.com.

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Final paintings of Jane Dorer to be sold Dec. 3

An open house to showcase the final paintings of Jan Dorer will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 at 107 Willow Court in Chelsea.

Dorer, a painter for more than 40 years, died April 6, 2010, of Alzheimer's, and the open house is meant to celebrate her life and work.

Her most recent work was conceptual in nature, developed through years of painting and experimentation. She gained the respect of collectors and peers for her creativity, integrity and innate use of color.

Of her life as an artist,

Jan said this: "Our life in the arts has been the best. Meeting both artists and patrons who have become longtime friends and seeing the smile on the face of someone who has just purchased an original painting for the first time - these are some of the happenings that make this life so worthwhile."

Dorer's husband, Gil Dorer, assisted with the business side - the two made a professional career of painting beginning in 1972. Gil Dorer will host the celebration, where everyone is welcome.

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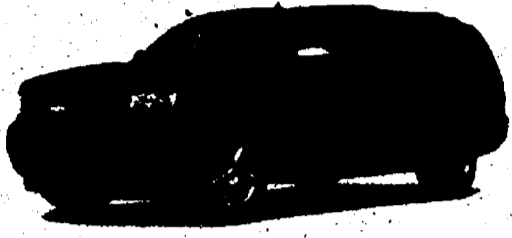
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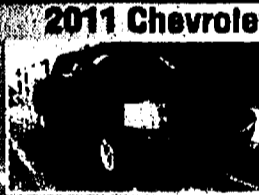
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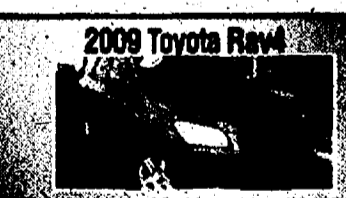


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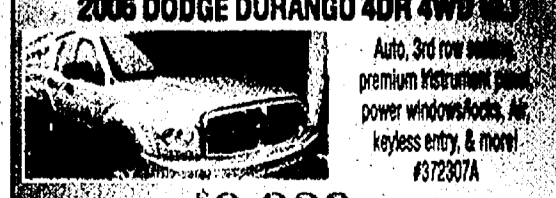
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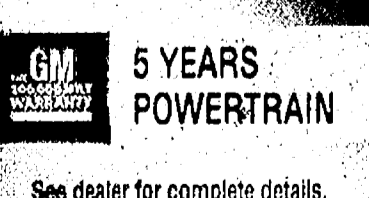
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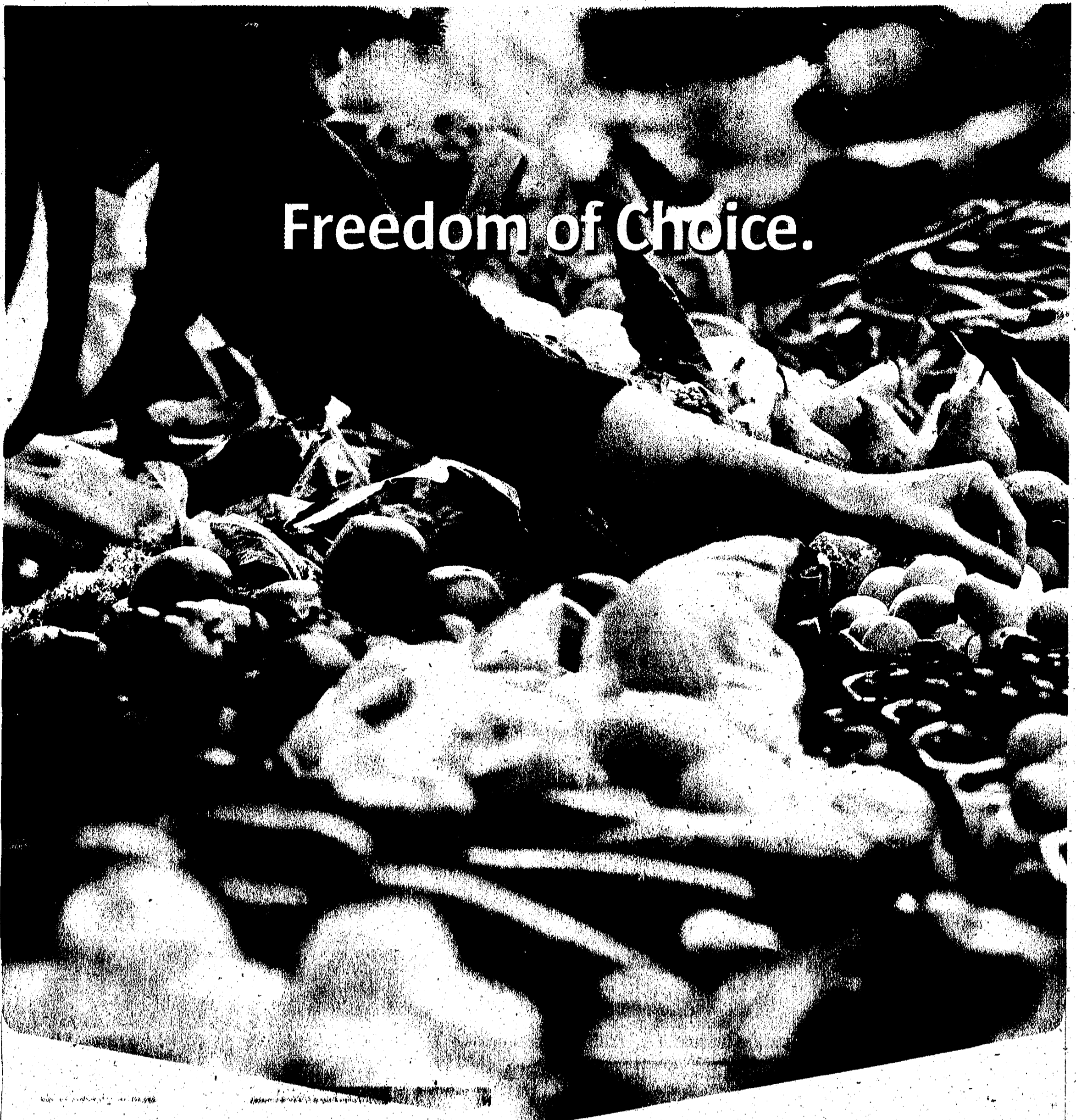
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Turkey time

Kids got the chance to make their very own little turkey at a Nov. 21 Dexter District Library story time and craft.

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First grader Lana Gardner makes her turkey at Thanksgiving craft time.




Second graders Jillian Owens (left) and Theresa Su display their handiwork.



Above, Addison Grubb, 3 and Grandma Kathy Prater of Dexter shared some bonding time at Monday's Thanksgiving story and craft time.

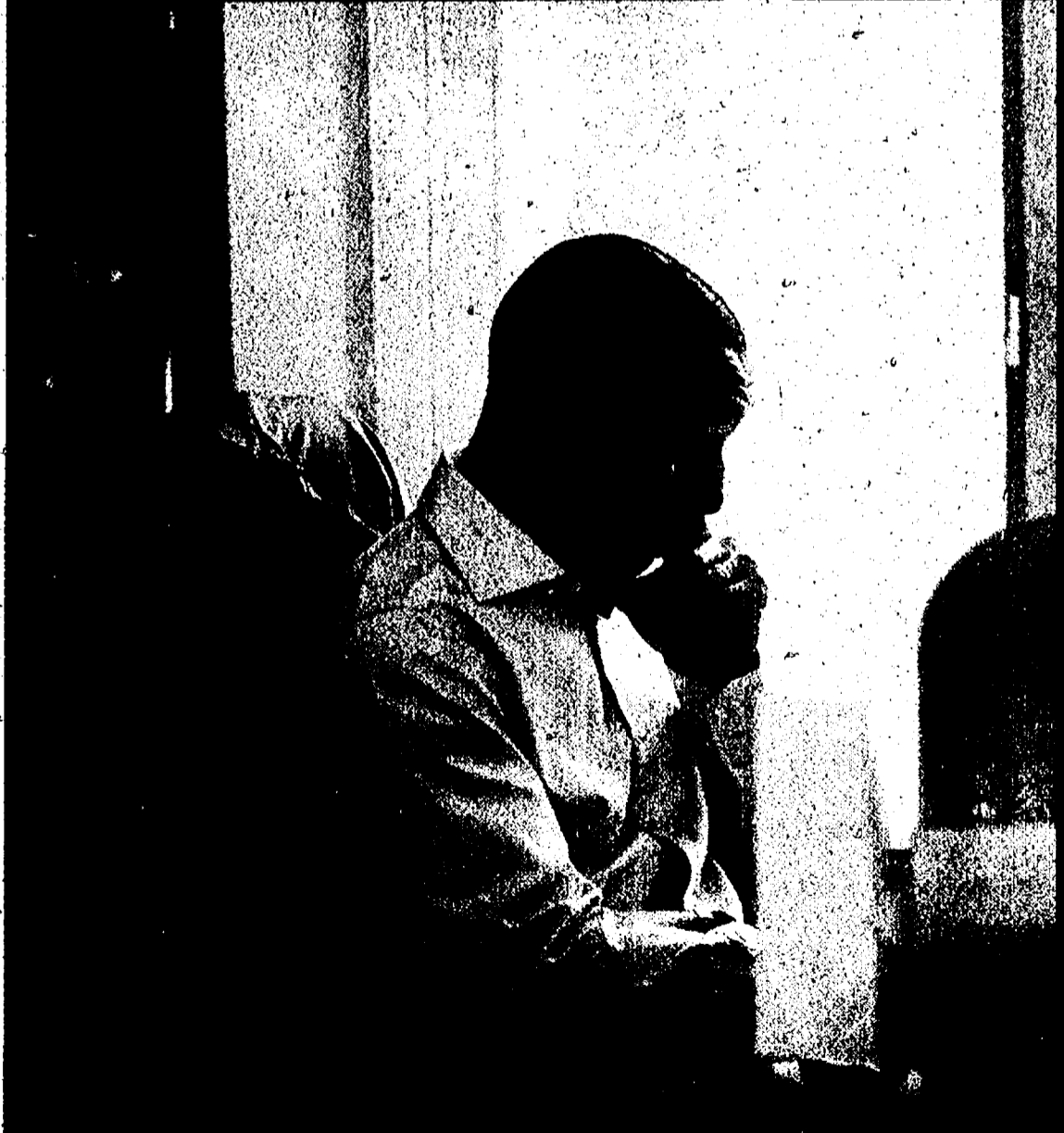


At left, Dexter mom Laura Kelly had a great time making turkeys with her children, Nathan and Allison, at Dexter Library's Thanksgiving story and craft event Nov. 21.

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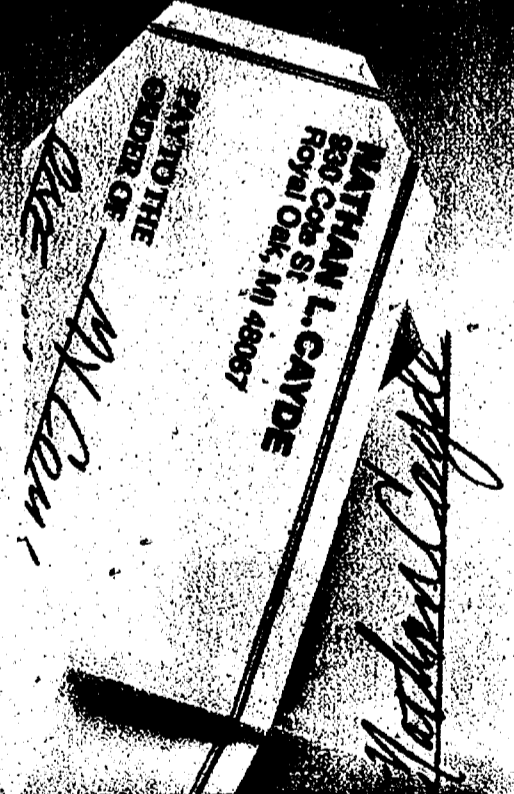


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'Rockin' for the Hungry' radio event benefits Food Gatherers

The public is invited to join Food Gatherers, an ann arbor's 107one radio station and Kroger stores for Washtenaw County's largest outdoor food and fund drive, "Rockin' for the Hungry," running through Dec. 11.

The event will be broadcast live by ann arbor's 107one FM at Kroger, 400 S. Maple Road in Ann Arbor, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Those interested in participating may stop by the Maple Road location or any Washtenaw County Kroger store in Ann Arbor to make a non-perishable food donation or to donate to Food Gatherers.

"Gifts from Rockin' help us provide food to our partners and the hungry people they serve through the winter months," said Eileen Spring, president and CEO for Food Gatherers, in a news release.

"Changes in federal and state funding are poised to have a devastating effect on those we serve, but with the public's support, we can weather the storm."

More than 100 volunteers will be onsite at the Maple Road store collecting donations and "freezin' for a reason" with Food Gatherers staff and radio personalities from 107one.

This year, the fundraiser's goal is to collect 200 tons of food, directly or via cash donations received during the event.

Donations of non-perishable high-protein items are especially needed. These include tuna or other canned meats, beans and peanut butter.

"There's no better time than the holidays to help the less fortunate in our community," said Rick

Going, president of The Kroger Co. of Michigan. "The winter months often bring increased demand for food, and this year's needs are likely to be especially high. We hope through the 'Rockin' for the Hungry' event we can help Food Gatherers meet the needs of as many individuals and families as possible."

Financial contributions of any denomination will be accepted at the Maple Road store by Food Gatherers' staff during the event or online at www.foodgatherers.org.

Donations of \$1, \$5 or \$10 will also be accepted at the register of any Kroger store in Washtenaw County.

This is last chance for state residents to use the Michigan State Tax credit for donations to Food Gatherers. The credit for food banks and shelter organizations will be eliminated effective Jan. 1, 2012.

Gifts to Food Gatherers qualify for a 50 percent Michigan State Tax Credit for gifts up to \$200 for individuals, \$400 for couples and \$10,000 for businesses.

New this year, the event will conclude with a Rockin' Afterglow Party, featuring live music from Dale Earnhardt Jr. from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dec. 11 at Wolverine State Brewing Co., 2019 W. Stadium.

The cost is a \$5 donation to Food Gatherers, plus a non-perishable food donation. Hot drinks and food will be available. All ages are welcome.

In addition to the Maple Road Kroger store, live remote radio broadcasts will be held throughout the event from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the following Kroger stores:

- 2641 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor
- 3200 Carpenter Road, Ypsilanti
- 2010 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti
- 1771 E. Michigan Ave., Ypsilanti

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Visit www.annarbors107one.com for the full event broadcast schedule.

Food Gatherers is Washtenaw County's food rescue and food bank program.

In 2010, Food Gatherers distributed more than 5 million pounds of fresh produce, dairy products and non-perishable food items through a network of 150 food pantries and hot meal programs.

For more information about Food Gatherers, visit www.foodgatherers.org or call 761-2796.

AmeriCorps 'community navigator' joins United Way of Washtenaw

United Way of Washtenaw County has been selected as one of the host sites for an AmeriCorps Community Navigator.

The AmeriCorps member will provide a year of service in partnership with United Way and the Washtenaw Health Plan to help connect financially struggling families with available community resources.

The specific focus of the AmeriCorps member will be helping connect people with the MiBridges Web Portal and the 2-1-1 database.

This will include working in Washtenaw community settings to educate low-income individuals about community resources available and assist them in the application for benefits through MiBridges.

"This news could not have come at a better time. We look forward to working with United Way and the AmeriCorps member. Knowing we'll have a dedicated person here to help families apply for

benefits through MiBridges is a huge value for our community," said Ellen Rabinowitz, executive director of the Washtenaw Health Plan, in a news release.

"The overall goal for the local service is to increase health insurance coverage, retention and access to quality primary health, dental and behavioral care for Washtenaw County residents," said Debbie Jackson, director of community investment at United Way.

AmeriCorps members are paid an annual living stipend of \$12,100. They get free basic health care and are eligible for a \$5,550 educational award.

The United Way board of directors has approved support to cover \$6,500.

The Michigan Association of United Ways serves as the overall hub for this statewide initiative that is mobilizing 33 AmeriCorps members, who expect to assist 18,000 families across the state navigate community resources.

For more information about United Way of Washtenaw County, visit www.uwwashtenaw.org, or contact Deb Bratkovich at 677-7219 or dbratkovich@uwwashtenaw.org.

Ann Arbor. Donors receive a tag to wear on their coats or purses to show their support.

All money raised goes directly to support children, and none is used for administrative expenses.

Galens provides yearly funds to the Mott Children's Hospital Child and Family Life program.

Other recipients of Galens funding include Corner Health Center in Ypsilanti, Family Book Club of Ann Arbor, the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and Special Days Camp, a week-long summer camp for children with cancer and leukemia staffed by U of M pediatric doctors and volunteers.

The organization has also supported educational programs such as Project Healthy Schools, which provides health screening and education about healthy living for sixth graders in Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor and some Detroit middle schools.

In addition, members of Galens participate in a number of community service projects such as volunteering for the Ronald McDonald House of Ann

Arbor. The child featured on the organization's poster this year is an example of just one of the many children the society supports. He is 4 years old and is currently being treated for Stage IV Neuroblastoma at Mott Children's Hospital, where he continues to receive chemotherapy treatments.

He is an active and energetic little boy who enjoys playing hockey and baseball and spending time with his family and big brothers.

For more information, contact Publicity Chair Calista Harbaugh at 1-248-895-9858.

'Trim the Tavern' event planned for Dec. 10

The community is invited to help "Trim the Tavern" from 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 10 in the Irish Hills.

The event is free. Walker Tavern is located at the intersection of US 12 and M-50 in the Irish Hills of southern Michigan.

For more information, call 517-467-4401 or visit www.michigan.gov/walker-tavern.

ENGAGEMENT

Tag Days raise funds for kids with medical needs

Galens Medical Society will host its 85th annual Tag Days fundraising drive on Friday and Saturday.

The Galens Medical Society is an organization made up of more than 120 University of Michigan medical students dedicated to providing assistance to the children of Washtenaw County.

On Tag Days, these medical students, clad in red ponchos and carrying buckets, request donations from pedestrians and shoppers on street corners and shopping areas throughout

Malorie Lyn Sprunger of Columbus, Ohio, daughter of Chuck and Jacque Sprunger of Saline, and Andrew Peter Schoof of Ann Arbor, son of Bob and Meri Schoof of Britton, are engaged and plan to marry May 27, 2012, at the First Presbyterian Church of Saline.

The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Saline High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently a medical student at Ohio State University in Columbus.

The groom-elect is a 2005 graduate of Britton High School. He is currently



Malorie and Andrew

finishing his pharmacy degree at the University of Michigan.

JCC to hold Party Expo

By Carrie-Henderson
Special Writer

"It's the season for entertaining, and the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor is here to help.

They center will host its second annual Ann Arbor Party Expo from 2 to 5 p.m. Dec. 11.

The expo is "one stop shopping" for anyone planning any kind of event, from a lavish full-scale wedding to an intimate anniversary dinner, said Karen Freedland, Cultural Arts and Education director for the JCC.

A wide variety of vendors from across southeastern Michigan will be

on hand to showcase their products and services. The roster includes party planners, caterers, photographers, videographers, invitation specialists, florists, decorators, disc jockeys, balloon artists, and more.

The public is invited to come and gather ideas for their next event, including baby or wedding showers, or Bar/Bat Mitzvahs.

Planning a party can be stressful, she said. The expo will help eliminate some of that stress, and allow guests to focus on the fun.

"There is so much talent out there. People are doing such creative things," she said.

Representatives from local nonprofit agencies such as SafeHouse and the Interfaith Council will be present to offer suggestions for mitzvah projects. There will be free food and product samples, and door prizes.

"It's a great community event," Freedland said.

Some 200 people attended last year's expo. More than 20 vendors are slated to participate this year, and more are signing on every day.

Admission to the expo is free. For more information or to reserve a booth, contact Freedland at karenfreedland@jccfed.org or call 971-0990.

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Black and White Ball is St. Joseph Mercy

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

St. Joseph Mercy Health System will celebrate its 100-year anniversary Dec. 3 with an elegant Holiday Ball set in a theme dating back to the days of author Truman Capote.

The "Black and White Ball: Party for St. Joe's Century" theme is based on Capote's now infamous "Black and White Dance" in the late 1960s, a who's who event that brought out Frank Sinatra, the Kennedys and the Rockefellers.

Event organizer Julie Beer thought of the idea to base this year's centennial celebration on the dance.

"I thought, 'Wouldn't it be cool to have a Party of the Century for St. Joe's?'" she said.

Beer helped organize the event with help from a large number of volunteers and the hospital's Office of Development.

Proceeds from the Holiday Ball, set to take place at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center, will go toward building a new Outpatient Surgery Center on the hospital's campus. To date, the event has already garnered \$1 million and the donations are still coming in.

"The generosity of our sponsors and dedication of our Holiday Ball volunteers never ceases to amaze me," Camille Shy, vice president for development at St. Joseph Mercy Health System, stated in a press release. "We are absolutely thrilled to have reached our \$1 million goal, but, moreover, we are thankful to those who made it possible by serving as champions for St. Joe's through their generosity and commitment."

Beer, whose husband, Rod, is an anesthesiologist at the hospital, has been a part of the committee for nearly 20 years and never aspired to be in charge of the event until she was asked this year.

"It was so clear it was my opportunity to give back for what they did for my family," she said.

Beer said when her husband started his career in the 1980s, the hospital had just opened its current outpatient center and someone needed to staff the unit. In recent years, he began talking about a need for a larger center so when it came time to ask what the event proceeds should go toward, that's what she suggested.

Since 1976, the Holiday Ball has raised \$15.5 million and supported projects throughout St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Major construction projects that have benefited from the event include the Robert H. and Judy Dow Alexander Cancer Center, the Towsley Senior Health Building and the Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center, as well as the Hospital's Emergency Center, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, the Helen and Marion S. DeWeese, MD, Surgery Pavilion and the new Patient Towers.

The 38th annual Ball is one of several ways the hospital is celebrating its 100-year anniversary. In early October, the hospital hosted an open house with an array of activities, including a tour of the new additions and renovations to the facility.

Though the Holiday Ball is sold out, those interested can donate to the hospital by contacting the hospital's Office of Development at 712-4040.

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JOHNSON, KAREN LEE (WALDROP); Saline, MI; age 68; died Friday, November 25, 2011 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born on November 29, 1942 in Ypsilanti, MI and baptized into the Christian faith as an infant. She had been a resident of Saline for over 40 years. She was married to Clinton Carl Johnson on January 18, 1992 and he survives. Karen was a member of Christ Our King Lutheran Church of Saline. She worked at McDonald's for seventeen years. For over the past twenty years, Karen's activities centered around her family, especially her precious grandchildren. Karen will be remembered for her hospitality, devotion to her family, and deep faith in her Lord. In addition to her husband, other survivors include: daughters, Deborah (Dan) Pétzold of Ypsilanti, Nancy (Kevin) Gross of Wayne, Susan (Mark) Meister of Saline; step-sons, Skip Johnson, David (Laura) Johnson, Richard Johnson all of Saline; one brother-in-law, Luther (Mary) Waldrop of Ypsilanti; dear friends; many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Karen was preceded in death by her first husband, Frank Waldrop; mother, Clara Payne, and three brothers, Larry, George, and Mark. Funeral Services will be held at Christ Our King Lutheran Church on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Thomas Schroeder, officiating. Burial will take place at Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House of Ann Arbor. Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline where friends may begin calling on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, between the hours of 2 to 8:00 p.m. and at the church on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. To sign Karen's guestbook or to leave a memory, visit <http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/ann Arbor> For more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com



SNYDER, ELIZABETH; Chelsea, MI; age 95; died Friday, November 18, 2011, at Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born May 29, 1916, in Garfield, New Jersey, the daughter of Anton and Anna (Hall) Fink. Elizabeth was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and a former member of Our Savior Lutheran Church and St. Luke Lutheran Church in Dublin, PA. She was an assistant buyer for 22 years in the women's department at Arbaugh's (Wurzburgs) in Lansing. Elizabeth was a devoted mother. She was a loving, kind woman who always put her family first. Her greatest joy was giving to other people. On August 6, 1938, she married Dr. Freeman Woodrow Snyder in Ottsville, PA and he preceded her in death on December 24, 2001. Survivors include a son, Robert (Patricia McCormick) Snyder of Killa, MT; a daughter, Barbara St. John of Chelsea; three grandchildren, Ronald (Stacey) Snyder, Rebekah (Zane) Smith, Jennifer St. John; six great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Helen Fink; a nephew, Joseph (Maureen) Fink; and several step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, Joseph Fink; a grandson, David Snyder; and her son-in-law, Homer St. John; and an infant sister, Anna. Funeral Services were held Monday, November 21, 2011 at the Towsley Village Chapel at Chelsea Retirement Community, with Rev. Dr. William J. Turner officiating. Burial followed at St. Joseph Cemetery, Dexter. Memorial contributions may be made to the Heritage Foundation at Chelsea Retirement Community, St. Mary Catholic Church of Chelsea, or Chelsea Faith in Action. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

ELSMAN, JOAN M. (Wanty); Chelsea, MI, (Formerly of Saline, MI); age 81; passed peacefully at Chelsea Retirement Community, on Sunday, November 27, 2011. She was born on January 6, 1930, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, the daughter of Adrian and Wiltrude (Forsythe) Elsmann. She graduated from Saline High School in 1948. Joan attended Michigan Normal College (Eastern Michigan University), earning her Masters in Education. Joan enjoyed working with children and taught kindergarten at Houghton Elementary School in the Saline School System for over 25 years. An accomplished cook, bridge player and gardener, Joan enjoyed time with her family and friends. She traveled extensively in the United States and Europe during her retirement years. A loving mother and grandmother, Joan is survived by her children, Robert (Holly) Wanty of Dexter, MI, Susan (Ron) Otto of Black River, MI, and Colleen Wanty (Steve) Guzunian of Moraga, California; and four grandsons, Aaron Wanty, Joel Wanty, Sam Guzunian, and John Guzunian. Joan was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, Edgar Elsmann. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2011, at Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, MI. Memorial Services will be on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Saline with Rev. Judith Shipman, officiating. A luncheon will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to the United Methodist Retirement Communities Foundation or Arbor Hospice. <http://www.umcc.com/umcc/give.php> <http://www.arborhospice.org/you-can-help/make-a-gift> Envelopes will also be available at the funeral home and church. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, MI. To sign Joan's guestbook or to leave a memory, visit <http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/ann Arbor/> For more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com



MURPHY, JOHN JAMES "Jack"; passed away Sunday, November 20, 2011. He was a resident of Cocoa Beach, formerly of Dearborn, Michigan. Jack was a partner in the Law Firm of Murphy and Nelson in Ypsilanti, MI. Mr. Murphy was an active member of the Michigan Bar for over 50 years. Jack is survived by his wife, Patty Sullivan Murphy; his children, Kimberley Schoenknecht and Scott Ford of Michigan, and Dan Ford of Mission, Texas; brothers, Randall Murphy and Paul Murphy of Michigan, and the Honorable Joseph Murphy of St. Petersburg, FL; sisters, Patricia Horan and Mary Murphy of Michigan; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and his new extended family. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Bobby Abraham, and Michael Lane, for what they do. Also Sister Joan Grace of Wuesthoff Hospital, who always had a get well prayer for Jack. Wuesthoff Hospice, our angels brought us so much peace and comfort, thank you. Funeral Services will be held in Dearborn, Michigan and a private Burial Service will be held at a later date in Cocoa Beach. Family will receive friends Thursday, December 1, 2011 from 5 until 8 p.m. at Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI 48126. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, December 2, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dearborn, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. You may sign Jack's guestbook at www.beckman-williamson.com




PLUMMER, MARY THERESE; of Ann Arbor, MI; passed away on Sunday, November 13, 2011, after an eight year battle with 2nd stage progressive multiple sclerosis. Mary was born on November 2, 1964, and is survived by her husband, Jonathan Plummer; her parents, Peter and Valdine Stuckey; her sisters, Barbara Lewczyk and Janet Cooper; and her brother, Peter Stuckey. Mary had all but defended in her Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of Michigan, where she was a Regents Scholar. In her undergraduate years, she was a recipient of the 1987 Honors Award at the University of Illinois. Before going on disability Mary was a Student Services Assistant in the L.S.A. Undergraduate Honors Office at the University of Michigan. Mary loved the outdoors and enjoyed camping, hiking, swimming, and canoeing. She was an avid dog and cat lover and could always be seen walking her dog in neighborhoods on the Northeast-side of Ann Arbor. Memorial Services will be held at the Friends Meeting House at 1420 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, MI, from 3 to 5 p.m. on December 3, 2011.

MCCALLA, GRACE; Houston, TX, formerly of Chelsea; age 64; died Sunday, November 20, 2011, in St. Johns, MI after a short illness with her family by her side. She was born December 14, 1946 in Jackson, MI, the daughter of Robert E. and Maxine L. (DeVerna) Kushmaul. Grace was a 1965 graduate of Chelsea High School. She started her career at Chelsea Retirement Community, which led to her current position at Bucknar Retirement Services in Texas. She was a member of Grace Bible Church of Elyria, OH, and a former member of Chelsea Kiwanis. She loved to bake, but her favorite past time was spoiling her grandkids. She is survived by her mother, Maxine Kushmaul; two sons, Nicholas (Jennifer) McCalla of Howell and Case (Amy) McCalla of Grass Lake; her brother, Bill (Kathy) Kushmaul of St. Johns; four grandchildren, Emily, Megan, Will, Alyssa McCalla; a niece, Roxanne (Dave) Kudwa; and a nephew, Robert Kushmaul. She was preceded in death by her brother, Joseph Fink; a grandson, David Snyder; and her son-in-law, Homer St. John. A Memorial Service was held Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with Rev. Jason Boyer officiating. A Private Burial took place at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Sparrow Hospice.



SMART, DR. JAMES B.; age 75; of Ann Arbor, MI; passed away November 18, 2011. Loving husband of Ann Marie (Di Giulio) Smart, dear father of Tom and Darryl, and treasured "Papa" to grandson Hayden James. He is also survived by sisters, Shari McDonald and Susan Pulis; sister-in-law Sharon Di Giulio and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, James David and two brothers. Visitation was held Monday and Tuesday, 2 to 8 p.m. with Scripture Service Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Nie Funeral Home, 3767 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, MI. In State 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2011 until time of Funeral Liturgy 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Village Church, 3430 Dover Street, Dexter, MI. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Discolated Carmelite Nuns, 35750 Moravian Drive, Clinton Twp., MI 48035.



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# Education Committee may life cap on charters

By James David Dickson  
Heritage Media

The Michigan House Education Committee met twice earlier this week to consider Senate Bill 618, which would lift the state's caps on charter schools.

SB 618 is tie-barred to several other bills in the so-called "parent empowerment package." This means all of the bills must pass for any to become law.

If they do pass, the bills would greatly expand the number of charter schools, now at 255, and cyber schools, now at two, in Michigan, exempt public school academies, or PSAs, from the demands of collective bargaining, and allow for public schools to be converted to charters, among other things.

SB 618 would essen-

tially declare open-season on the creation of new public school academies. Charters can be granted by local educational authorities, including school districts and intermediate school districts, as well as community colleges and K-12 universities.

In what sense has charter school expansion been capped? As the analysis for SB 618 explains, "Currently, the combined total number of contracts for PSAs issued by all state public universities may not exceed 150, and the total number of contracts issued by any one university may not exceed 50 percent of the maximum combined total number. (SB 618) would delete this provision."

Public education officials and advocates have been critical of the legisla-

tion, arguing that state leaders should be cautious about accelerating the expansion of an option that hasn't proven itself favorable relative to public schools.

Charter school enrollment has grown exponentially since 1995-96, according to the 2010 Public School Academy Report to the Legislature.

In 1995-96, the state had fewer than 5,000 students enrolled in charter schools; today, more than 110,000 students, or about 7 percent of the K-12 students in Michigan, are enrolled at more than 250 charter schools.

While the growth of charter schools is clear, their value-added is less so, according to the numbers. Michigan's charter schools underperform traditional public schools

on both the Michigan Educational Assessment Program and Michigan Merit Exam, and severely underperform the state's graduation average, according to the 2010 report to the Legislature.

And yet when the House Education Committee met recently, members weren't raising achievement rates at charter schools, or to consider a moratorium until the achievement disparities can be resolved.

They were meeting to consider whether to expand charter schools at an even higher rate.

In Washtenaw County, local educational leaders, including Ann Arbor Superintendent Patricia Green, Board of Education Trustee Christine Stead, and Steven Norton, executive director of Michigan

Parents for Schools, have submitted testimony to the House Education Committee opposing the passage of SB 618 in its current form. Public school officials from West Bloomfield to Wyandotte joined them in opposing the legislation.

"This is not invigorating competition," Norton testified, "it is simply a process of bleeding our public schools dry."

Charter school advocates see it differently.

"Parental choice is essential," reads a hand-out submitted by the Michigan Association of Public School Academies. "Parents must be free to choose the school that best fits their child's needs without arbitrary limitations or a lottery that decides their child's educational future," it

continues.

Parents are excited about charter schools, MAPSA says, citing the example of the South Arbor Charter Academy in Ypsilanti Township, which had 556 applicants for 26 open spots last year.

And according to reading and math MEAP scores from 2010, charters outperformed traditional schools in Detroit, Flint, Lansing and Grand Rapids.

That story changes when you compare charters to traditional public schools on a statewide basis; in that case, black students are the only cohort in the report that performed better in charter schools, and even then only slightly.

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## Four schools in county named top among peers

By James David Dickson  
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Four public schools in Washtenaw County have been named to the state of Michigan's "Beating the Odds" list for 2010-11. They join more than 100 schools across the state.

One of the schools is Chelsea High School, while the remaining three are Angell, King and Wines elementary schools in Ann Arbor.

There were two ways to make the list: Outperforming predicted performance, and/or by outperforming their 30 demographically-similar peers in the state; 20 of the 123 schools managed to make both lists. All four Washtenaw County schools on the list made it the second way, as did 79 others.

Julie Deppner, principal of Chelsea High School, was happy to see the high school on the list because it offers a fairer comparison than Chelsea's neighbors. She said that Chelsea has a wide range of socioeconomic diversity and was pleased to see how it compared to schools in the same boat.

Deppner, in her fourth year as principal, credited Chelsea's teachers for the accomplishment. Chelsea High School's teachers meet in professional learning communities, broken down by subject matter, Deppner said. These groups give teachers a forum to talk issues through and tweak their teaching practice regularly, Deppner said.

"More than going from semesters to trimesters or any little things like that, teachers have the greatest impact on a child's life," Deppner said. "They leave an impression on students."

Kathy Morhous, in her first year as principal of Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, gave all

the credit to King's teachers and staff, including former principal Kevin Karr, who is now in his first year at Mitchell Elementary.

Morhous mentioned the accolade in the Nov. 11 edition of the King Chronicle newsletter.

Last year, Morhous was principal at Burns Park Elementary when the school appeared on the 2009-10 Beating the Odds list. Seven schools from Ann Arbor made the list that year compared to three in 2010-11.

Two of the schools on the 2010-11 list, James Angell Elementary School and King Elementary, made it both this year and last year when the list debuted.

"Wines is Beating the Odds!" Wines Elementary


School's principal, David DeYoung, exclaimed in a recent blog post, explaining the honor to parents and what it meant.

DeYoung, credited the district's strong curriculum for Wines' success. He credited his teaching staff and said that Wines' teachers take pride in reaching students at their level, whether remedial or advanced.

Wines and the other schools also received congratulatory letters from the state. To see the full list of the 123 Michigan schools that are Beating the Odds, visit the Michigan Department of Education's website.

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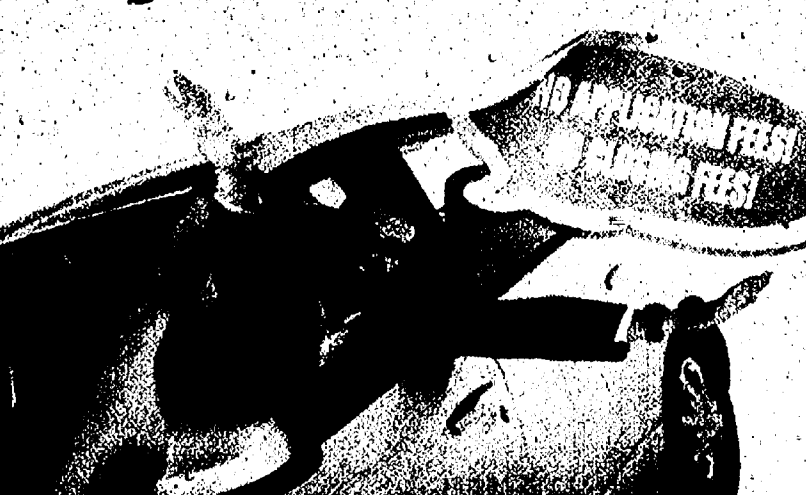
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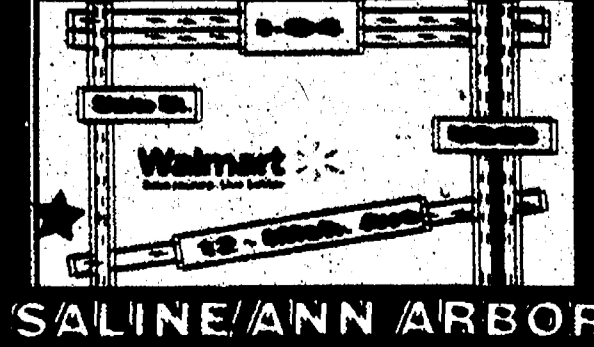
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# COMMUNITY

## St. Louis Center sees success with auction

The 24th Annual Fall Dinner Auction for St. Louis Center was a record crowd for the second year in a row Nov. 5.

Nearly 200 people filled the beautifully-decorated dining room of Chelsea Community Hospital and were treated to a great meal provided by the hospital staff. Silent and live auctions were featured as a part of the evening's entertainment, and Joseph Merkel Jr. donated his time and talents once again as this year's auctioneer.

Highlights of the evening included the presentation of a "Legacy Award" to Don and Larry Doll for more than 50 years of service to St. Louis Center by the Doll family, a "Recognition Award" to Father Enzo Addari for his efforts in leading a group of 50 pilgrims to Rome for the canonization of St. Louis Guanella, and a \$20,000 check was given to St. Louis Center by the Michigan Knights of Columbus to support its mission in caring for persons with intellectual & developmental disabilities. Some of the more interesting auc-

tion items included a one-week stay in an Italian Villa in Calvari, Italy, an Indianapolis 500 Guest Package in May 2012 with the KV Racing Team, and a sixty minute airplane ride from Ann Arbor to Jackson for a private wine tasting at Chateau Aeronatique.

Addari was pleased with the turnout and grateful to Chelsea Community Hospital for their support.

"We've been in a strong partnership with Chelsea Hospital for many years now, and we'd like to thank CEO Kathleen Griffiths, her wonderful staff and St. Joseph Mercy Health System for their continued dedication to our cause," Addari said. "We continue to be blessed with a great auction committee and many wonderful friends in the community who support what we do. We wouldn't be here without them."

For more information and photos from the St. Louis Center Auction, please visit [www.stlouiscenter.org](http://www.stlouiscenter.org).



Pianist Jerry Fenby plays Ragtime music to liven up the crowd.



Kathy Frisinger and Lee Booth help to sell four tickets for the upcoming Michigan/Nebraska football game.



Gloria Miller of LaJolla Jewelry holds court with Regina Caswell, Angie Merkel, and Ann Merkel.



Above, Enzo Addari and Joe Yekulis present the "Legacy Award" to Don and Larry Doll for over 50 years of service to St. Louis Center.

Above right, Lee Booth prepare to help Lisa Roberts sell her "priceless" hand beaded necklaces during the live auction.

At right, Michigan Knights of Columbus State Council members include: Sandy & Robert Fox (Treasurer), Michael (Secretary) & Maureen Malinowski, Fr. Enzo, Thomas (State Deputy) and Arlene Marcetti, and Ellie and Ken Unterbrink (Advocate).

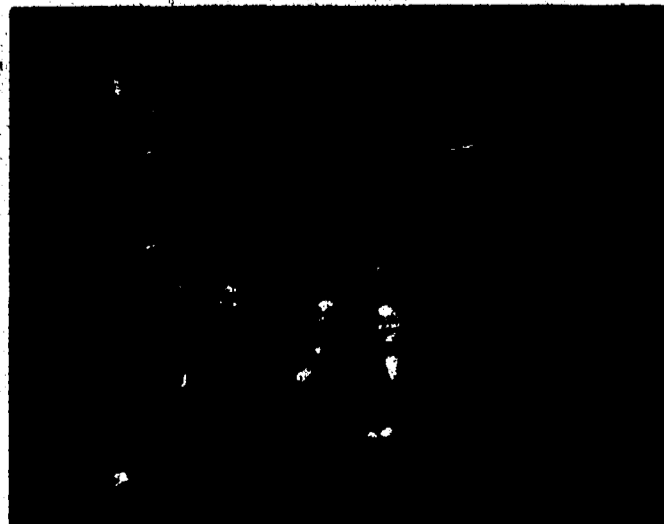


## FIDDLERS RESTRUNG

Holiday Hometown Concert  
 Sunday, Dec. 4 2:00 pm  
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Tickets: [www.fiddlersrestrung.com](http://www.fiddlersrestrung.com) or (734) 224-8725

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# ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, December 1, 2011

## Wild Swan Theater to present 'Little Women'

By Sheila Pursglove  
Special Writer

Wild Swan Theater will present an original stage adaptation of "Little Women," the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott about the March sisters, Meg, Jo, Amy and Beth, growing up in Civil War-era New England.

Performances are 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Dec. 8 and 9, and 2 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11, at Towsley Auditorium, Morris Lawrence Building, at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, in Ann Arbor.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and seniors.

For information or tickets call 995-0530 or visit [www.wildswantheater.org](http://www.wildswantheater.org).

Longtime Ann Arbor resident Hilary Cohen, co-artistic director of Wild Swan Theater and one of its founding members in 1980, will direct the production. She has adapted the script from Louisa May Alcott's famous novel.

"Almost all our scripts at Wild Swan are created by us, so I've had lots of opportunities to collaborate with our playwrights in the past but this is my first time writing the whole script myself," Cohen said. "I loved the process of the

writing. I wondered if I would feel more possessive of the script since I was the writer, but I found I could just change hats to being the director and make changes and do rewrites when I felt things weren't working.

"Little Women is a beautiful coming-of-age story that occupies a really special place in American literature. Many, many people have grown up reading this book and have a very special attachment to it. So it felt like an honor to work on it, but also a big responsibility to be as faithful as possible to what Louisa May Alcott created, but also make the play work in Wild Swan's style."

Writing challenges included what to choose from the novel, how to make the drama feel unified, and how to incorporate narration into the play, Cohen said.

"At Wild Swan, we see ourselves as storytellers and we usually combine storytelling in some way with the action. We settled on the strategy of having all the characters become narrators at different points in the play, and I think it works really well for the production and also helps us span to longer time frame than we could otherwise."

Music is very important in Alcott's novel. Beth March plays the piano and her sisters and mother sing together every day.

"Live music is also very important in all our productions, so we decided to have music in every scene, whether it was an off-stage live piano contributing to the atmosphere of the dramatic moments, Beth playing the piano onstage, or singing by the characters as part of their everyday lives," Cohen said. "All the actors are great singers and the audience will find the music a lovely part of the production."

John Patrick selected and will perform the period music.

Erin Schwartz and Jamie Fidler, who will provide American Sign Language interpretation, will be costumed members of the cast and part of the action.

"As a writer, I set almost the whole play inside the March's house—the interpreters became members of the March household and I think feel very naturally part of the bustling family," Cohen said.

Ann Arbor resident Jeremy Salvatori, who has appeared in many Wild Swan productions over the past six years, plays Laurie, Jo's suitor who eventually marries Amy.

"Little Women is a beautiful story about family and growing, and I'm honored to help share in this story's spirit," he said.

Madison Deadman portrays the youngest sister, Amy Deadman, who hopes to work on Broadway someday, has performed in more than 22 productions, both professional and community theater, including musicals with The Encore Musical Theatre Company in Dexter and performances with Stagecrafters of Royal Oak.

"I was hooked with the novel 'Little Women' when mom read it to me at a very young age," she said. "This role has been so fun and adventurous. I love everyone at The Wild Swan Theater and I'm enjoying this grand adventure. It's truly amazing, and I'm loving every minute of it."

Katie Terpstra, making her debut with Wild Swan Theater as Beth, graduated from Hope College in Holland with a bachelor's degree in theater in 2009.

After college, she moved to Chelsea to complete a yearlong apprenticeship with the Purple Rose Theatre Company, and has since enjoyed an acting career in Ann Arbor and Detroit.

"I'm enjoying working with all the wonderful peo-



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ple involved with the show and relishing the challenge of teaching myself how to play the piano for this role," she said.

Esther Jentzen portrays the oldest sister, Meg, and Stacie Hadgikosti plays Jo. Mark Hammell appears as Laurie's wealthy grandfather, Mr. Laurence. Wild Swan co-founder and co-artistic director Sandy

Ryder plays the girls' stern Aunt March, and company manager Michelle Trame Lanzi plays their mother, Margaret "Marmee" March. Suzanne Young designed the period costumes, and Beth Sandmaier is set designer.

Sheila Pursglove is a freelance writer. She can be reached at [bingley51@yahoo.com](mailto:bingley51@yahoo.com).

## 'Escanaba' still continues to delight audiences

With Jeff Daniels' "Escanaba In Da Moonlight"

getting extended through Dec. 31, audiences have been given a great Christmas present by the Purple Rose Theatre Company: a chance to see a Michigan original and one of the most solid live shows around.

Artistic Director Guy Sanville, in an interview earlier this month, highlights the rarity of seeing "Escanaba" on its home turf when he points out that the last Purple Rose showing occurred 14 years ago.

Daniels' deer hunting comedy centering on a group of "yoopers" holed up in a cabin under the magical glow of the Northern Lights, has gone through several revisions between its premiere in 1995, its 1997 showing, the production of the film version and now.

For another month, audi-

ences can see the show in its current revision, probably for the last time ever, as it likely will be tweaked further and feature different actors added to the core of "Escanaba" veteran cast members.

"The published version that everyone else is doing is kind of influenced by the movie," Sanville said. "We went back to the '97 script, which has some stuff in it that the movie doesn't... I think overall it's a more interesting script."

Among the current stage version's tweaks included adjustments to how the characters relate to each other in a more immediate fashion and to the plot, such as how Ranger Tom (played by Nate Mitchell) makes a grand gesture that is absent from the movie and altered from earlier iterations of the live show.

Some additions didn't make it into the comedy

during rehearsals.

"One thing that didn't make it that I thought was pretty fun was during my initial entrance... when the music starts playing, everyone starts dancing uncontrollably to the music, which gets slower as it goes on," Mitchell said.

It was kept as part of the show until the final rehearsal because of how uproariously hilarious the bit was, which involved Jim Porterfield and Matthew David continuing in faux unwilling fashion with their involuntary shuffle well after the music was over.

"We had a hard time not breaking for those rehearsals because of how hard it was to keep it together," Mitchell said.

Despite some pruning, there's still plenty of great comedy left in the final script for the current version of "Escanaba's" 2011 run.

The show is wickedly funny largely because of great material being channeled through great actors who somehow maintain their composure while handling jars of animal excretions in hilarious ways and engaging in other she-nanigans.

"We did shots of syrup; we drank onion juice," Sanville presented as proof of his cast's dedication to authenticity, while Mitchell and Michael Brian Ogden winced at the mention.

"That didn't feel too good," Mitchell said. "Guy's a sadist," Ogden added.

"These are things that these people really do and I wanted to have an idea of how bad this stuff was," Sanville said, as his actors lamented how badly onion juice burns.

"After everyone drank it, as we were sitting around the table to read (the script) you could see people for the next 30 or 40 minutes breaking into cold sweats and stifling burps," Mitchell said, with a half-amused and half-pained look on his face.

But everyone wanted to do whatever it took to elevate "Escanaba" to new heights.

Ogden reflected on being a newcomer to the show, which in its current iteration is roughly half "Escanaba" veterans and half younger actors like him.

"You've got people who were in both the '95 and '97

productions... my biggest concern was being able to slot into the rhythm of things and bring a little bit of our own personality or instinct to the process without stepping on these guys' toes," Ogden said.

Sanville shared his actor's drive to elevate the production to new heights, since his family once lived near the real-life municipality of Escanaba until moving "down south" when he was 2 years old.

"If you spend enough time in the U.P., you will see things that you just can't explain," he said in regard to some of the fantastical elements of the show, which is at its core a modern American fable.

"It's a gnarly place, and I mean that in the best way possible.

It's just a tough place to live, so hunting is literally a way of life up there," Sanville said. "It's about putting meat on your family's table."

He recalled the time he had the Sanville clan come down to Chelsea to view "Escanaba" in the 1990s and concluded that they would be just as pleased with the current iteration of the

show.

"I remember the reaction the first time that old man Soady said 'holy wah,'" Sanville said. "They loved it. It was the first time they had seen a play about a place that they knew or someone they knew."

The idea for the show came to Daniels when he was on a hunting trip near Marquette. When he got back, he mentioned his experience to Sanville and expressed a desire to use it as inspiration for a show, to which Sanville recommended taking a look at "Escanaba" for its unique representation of yooper culture.

"I told him to check out 'Escanaba' if he was looking for some weird stuff, and he did and he said that he's going to write a play about it," Sanville said. "The first time I read the script, I was like, 'Boy, you nailed it.'"

For more information and show times, visit <http://www.purplerosetheatre.org/onstage>.

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### PLAY REVIEW



SEAN DALTON

### THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

#### CHELSEA

##### Friday, Dec. 2

■ "Stand in the Place Where You Live" Art Reception

6 to 8 p.m. Friday: Chelsea Center for the Arts, 400 Congdon St. Free and open to the public.

■ Hometown Holiday: Tree Lighting

6 p.m. Friday: Santa's Workshop 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Chelsea Depot; Living Nativity 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Palmer Motor Sales; cookie decorating 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Chelsea Teddy Bear Co.; Common Chords handbell choir concert 7 to 8 p.m., Chelsea District Library.

■ Girls' Night Out

6 p.m. Friday: Age 21 and older. Tree of Life, 6065 Sibley Road. \$20. 433-0697.

■ Holiday Songs from the Cinema: Chelsea Senior Center Benefit

6 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday: Silver Maples, 100 Silver Maples Drive. \$35

Friday includes dinner and \$20 Saturday includes lunch. Tickets available at Chelsea Senior Center and Chelsea Pharmacy, and at the door. 475-9242.

■ "The Nutcracker": Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan

7 p.m. Friday, 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday: Chelsea High School, 740 N. Freer Road, Chelsea. \$18 (students and age 60 and older; \$12) at [youthdancetheatre.org](http://youthdancetheatre.org) and the door. 475-3070.

■ Sugar Plum Tea

12:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Chelsea High School Commons. \$12. 475-3070.

■ Christmas on the Farm and at Dewey School

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday: Waterloo Area Farm Museum, 9998 Waterloo Road, Chelsea. \$5 (ages 5 through 17, \$2; age 4 and younger, free). 1-517-596-2254.

■ "Night at the Wax

Museum": Chelsea Area Players Youth Theatre

7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday: Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. \$10 at the Chelsea Pharmacy and at the door.

##### Saturday, Dec. 3

■ Holidays at the Museum: Chelsea Area Historical Society

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday: Chelsea museum, 20650 W. Old US-12. Donation. 476-2010.

■ All the Trimmings Holiday Art Show

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday: Chelsea Fairgrounds, West Old US-12 at Manchester Road. Free admission. 475-2159.

■ Tween/Teen Gifts for the Holidays

2 p.m. Saturday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-8732.

■ Hometown Holiday:

Breakfast with Santa

8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday: Chelsea Comfort Inn and Village Conference Center, Gingerbread House decorating 1 to 3 p.m., First Methodist Church, Holiday Parade 6 p.m., Main Street. After-Parade Party and Community Sing 7 to 9 p.m.

##### Sunday, Dec. 4

■ Hometown Holiday Concert

3 and 7 p.m. Sunday: Chelsea Depot; Holiday Festival of Lessons and Carols 6:30 p.m., Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel, and more.

#### DEXTER

##### Saturday, Dec. 3

■ "Home for the Holidays"

8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.: Downtown and other locations. Free admission. 476-1175.

■ Holiday Bazaar: Dexter

Heritage Guild

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday: Dexter Area Historical Museum, 3443 Inverness St., Dexter. Free admission. 426-2519.

■ Bazaar: Dexter Area Girl Scouts

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday: St. Andrew's, 7610 Ann Arbor St., Dexter. Free.

■ Christmas at the Mansion: Dexter Area Historical Society

Noon to 6 p.m. Saturday: 8347 Island Lake Road. \$5 donation. 426-4961.

#### SALINE

##### Thursday, Dec. 1

■ "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer": Saline Area Players

7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 1 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Stone Arch Arts and Events, 117 S. Ann Arbor St. \$8 (age 65 and older and students. \$5; families, \$25) in advance at [salineareplayers.org](http://salineareplayers.org), and at

the door. 355-8898.

##### Saturday, Dec. 3

■ Holiday Parade

5:30 p.m. downtown Saline.

■ Pittsfield Open Band

3 p.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 994-9307.

##### Sunday, Dec. 4

■ Holiday Hometown Concert: Saline Fiddlers ReStrung

2 p.m. Sunday: Saline High School, 1300 Campus Drive, Saline. \$10 (students and seniors, \$5).

■ Gift-Fest 2011: Ann Arbor Artists' Collective Holiday Show

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free.

#### MILAN

##### Saturday, Dec. 3

■ Christmas Parade

6 p.m. downtown Milan.



# A different way to fundraise

## 100 Women Who Care chapter aids Ele's Place

By Christy Vander Haagen  
Special Writer

Local charities have a new partner in fundraising with 100 Women Who Care, a new and more streamlined way to help raise money for local causes.

100 Women Who Care was founded in Jackson in 2006 by Karen Dunnigan and has grown from 117 members at its inception to more than 240 today.

Washtenaw County chapter founders Debi Zahn of Dexter and Marge Farrand of Saline hesitate to call this group of caring-women an organization. For them, it's more like a club for local women who feel passionate about local charities.

This new method of helping charities to raise funds is not only more efficient, but it is also a lot more personal. Jackson founder Dunnigan, according to Zahn, enjoys sharing her concept with others.

"She (Dunnigan) was happy to have other groups spring up and replicate what she has done in Jackson," Zahn said.

The concept couldn't be more simple or the process more straightforward. The group meets twice per year, once in October and again in April, each time for just an hour. Every

woman who attends commits to donating \$100 to a local charity, which will be determined with a majority vote at the meeting.

Many women who attend come with a special charity in mind, hoping to get an opportunity to make a case for why the women in attendance should write their checks to that specific charity.

The women write the name of their charity on a sheet of paper, much like a nomination, and they place it in "the hat," Zahn said.

Three nominations are chosen, at random, and the members whose charities are drawn are asked to come forward and, for up to five minutes, make a case for why their charities should be the recipients of the total amount collected at the meeting that evening.

The members vote on the charity they believe to be most deserving of the funds collected at the meeting.

"Once the women vote, they are tallied right there," Zahn said. "We ask the women right there to make out their checks to whatever the selected charity is.

"This is a great way to bring women together who want to be charitable and augment their charitable efforts but who may not have the time to volunteer."

April's meeting of the Washtenaw area "100+ Women Who Care" consisted of more than thirty women, including approximately 13 who voted by proxy. The



Wendy Brightman, managing director of Ele's Place, and Allyson Lyons, a member of 100 Women Who Care, have entered a partnership, with Women Who Care donating to the nonprofit.

meeting raised \$4,300 for Ele's Place, a Washtenaw County-based healing center for grieving children. Ele's Place was nominated by member Allyson Lyons of Jackson.

Women interested in joining the charitable

group need only to commit to the cause and to writing two checks annually, each for \$100.

There is no contract to join, just an information sheet to complete with address and phone number. Those interested in

joining may contact Debi Zahn at ldzahn@comcast.net or Marge Farrand at mfarrand@comcast.net

"As we grow as a group, our contribution gets larger," Zahn said of the giving potential for the group. Zahn and Farrand are

hoping to double October's attendance to about 60 in April.

"We are called '100+ Women Who Care' because we aren't going to stop at just 100 women," Zahn said.

# 'The Descendants' funny, heartbreaking

One of the great dilemmas, I find, in composing film reviews, is exactly how large of a part I, the reviewer, should play in the text.

Am I to objectively review it, coolly and at a distance, as a supposed professional should do? Or, since cinema is a personal art medium, meant to provoke a reaction, should I make each and every film a personalized, individual experience, and every review a narrative reflective of that?

Being the fairly, passionate individual that I am, I naturally lean toward the second option.

The fact that I bring it up in this review is indicative of that. And another strong argument for this argument is my reaction to Alexander Payne's new work "The Descendants".

I am a Hawaiian. My white father (a "howlie," as natives call it) married my Pearl City-native mother 23 years ago, and have made it a point to get us out to that state as much as they possibly can. The result is my fairly deep knowledge of Hawaiian culture, and if not knowledge then a sentimental passion.

All the memories I hold there and will continue to make there carried over into my viewing of "The Descendants," set on the Hawaiian islands.

That alone would have made it an emotional trip for me, but the fact that the film itself is a raw, messy, unfiltered mess of emotions turned something poignant into something transformative. This is an amazing work.

"The Descendants" continues George Clooney's untouchable run as the premier, capital-M movie star of this generation. He plays Matt King, a man whose family is forced to sell a fairly unique generational heirloom — 250,000 acres of premium Ka'au'i real estate.

All the while, he's juggling trying to keep his troubled daughters' heads above water as his wife lay in a coma that, his doctors say, she probably won't ever wake up from. When his elder daughter,

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RYAN MICHAELS

Alex, casually drops the revelation that prior to the coma, the mother was cheating for quite some time, things really spiral out of control.

In a world soaked with animated films, sequels, films based on toys and films made to sell toys, experiences like "The Descendants" are hard to come by. It's a film without much flash or pizzazz to its direction, simply a faith that we, the audience, can connect with and be moved by the characters' experiences. It works.

Writer-director Alexander Payne has been biding his time since 2004's "Sideways," and working with such emotional material as this, I can see why.

"The Descendants," like all of Payne's work, strikes an uncanny balance between the humorous and the heartbreaking.

It would be a crime to undersell just how funny Clooney, his daughters, and Alex's imbecile boyfriend, Sid, are together. But at the same time, a lot of the humor stems from the imperfections and flaws these characters carry with them, giving every laugh a wounded resonance, bordering on discomfort.

It almost seems redundant at this point to praise Clooney. I feel like every year he drops a performance or two labeled as Oscar-worthy, ("Up in the Air," "Michael Clayton," this year's own "Ides of March") but it's only because he's willing to dig deeper and take on greater challenges than any of his contemporaries. This may be the first film I've

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seen where the guy actually begins to show his age — Clooney de-glamourized, if you will.

But where "The Descendants" really surprised me were the performances of his family. Clooney's younger daughter, Scottie, serves as both the film's comic relief and sense of purity. It seems everyone in this film is damaged but her, although her profanity-laden one-liners certainly suggest otherwise.

The pothead tag-along in the family, Alex's boyfriend Sid, is hysterical. Scenes where he interacts with his elders are

among the funniest of the year. But this being an Alexander Payne film, he too gets an exchange later in the film that strips us of our assumptions of his character.

But what may be the finest performance of the film is Shalene Woodley as Matt's hard-partying daughter, Alex.

She takes what could have been a whiny, one-note character and infuses her with life — yes, sarcasm and sass, but also warmth and humor, grace and intelligence. One scene where she learns her mother's condition and screams furiously underwater in a

pool is unforgettable.

And Hawaii in this film — I couldn't have asked for a more perfect representation. It's set more in the suburbs of the islands rather than the postcard-esque vistas, and I almost had a little mini-game going in the film to spot locations I knew (some included my aunt's apartment building, the hotel where my parents got married, and my burger-joint of choice).

It's a superb, but most importantly accurate realization of an amazing place. Simply put, "The Descendants" is one of the most unique, touching American films released in the time since I began

reviewing.

Through the eyes of one of the most glamorous men on the planet, it faces some very ugly truths dead in the eye — truths about dysfunction, jealousy, family, and how the three will always to some extent be intertwined.

I give it an "A" rating.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Thursday, Dec. 1

■ **The Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming** group meets at 4:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library. The group will be using the 3.5 edition of the game.

■ See "It's a Wonderful Life" at 7 p.m. at the Encore Theatre, 3126 Broad St. Tickets may be purchased online, theencoretheatre.org, or by calling the theater's box office, 268-6200.

■ The Chelsea chapter of

the **We Are the 99 Percent** meets at 7 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library in the McKune Room for a teach-in. The group will discuss what the country's current economic situation means for the local community, where Wall Street fits in and what plans to make for taking action locally. For more information, contact Colleen Verge, colleenverge@gmail.com or 475-1748.

■ See "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at 8 p.m. at the

Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., in Chelsea. Tickets may be purchased online, purplerosetheatre.org, or by calling the theater's box office, 734-475-7673.

## Friday, Dec. 2

■ Join the Chelsea District Library and the Chelsea Senior Center for **Great Books @ CSC** at the senior center at 1 p.m. The book for this month is "Rabbit, Run" by John

Updike. Reserved copies are available at the second floor information desk of the library.

■ Chelsea's **Hometown Holidays** festival starts today and runs until Sunday, Dec. 4. Please see the accompanying calendar on this page for information on specific events.

■ Create Christmas cards with **Helen O'Toole's Iris Folding Project** at the Dexter District Library at 2 p.m. This is an adult program and registration is required.

**Chelsea District Library** holds its monthly meeting at 10:15 a.m. at the women's club table on the second floor of the library.

■ The Chelsea District Library hosts a **Purple Rose Concert Reading** at 10:30 a.m.

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## Monday, Dec. 5

■ The **December Trivia Contest** begins for teens in sixth through 12th grade at the Dexter District Library. Visit the young adult room for details.

■ Build to your heart's content with **Legos @ McKune** at the Chelsea District Library at 3:30 p.m. Creations go on display in the library afterward.

## Tuesday, Dec. 6

■ The Chelsea District Library hosts **Senior Computing 1:1** at 10 a.m.

■ The **Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming** group meets at 4:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library. The group will be using the 3.5 edition of the game.

## Wednesday, Dec. 7

■ **MADLAB & Animanga Club** meets at the Chelsea District Library at 3:30 p.m.

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## HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS EVENTS

### Friday, Dec. 2

Kick-off Tree Lighting Ceremony and Santa Arrives

6-6:30 p.m. at Pierce Park, Main Street (FREE) Santa makes his appearance on the American Legion Voiture 957 Train and lights the Holiday tree to start the festivities. Music from CHS choir groups. Sit with Santa & Santa's Workshop

6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Depot, Jackson Street (FREE - there is a fee for photos with Santa) Kids bring your list and sit with Santa, have your photos taken, then make gifts in his workshop. Sponsored by the Chelsea Children's Co-op.

Live Nativity Scene

7-8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Park Street across from Purple Rose Theater, adjacent to the Library lot (FREE) Featuring live animals and a Christmas choir.

Common Chords Concert

7-9 p.m., at the Chelsea District Library McKune Room (FREE) The Common Chords hand bell choir will perform a holiday concert with refreshments.

Cookie Decorating

6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Teddy

Bear Factory (FREE)

Story Telling

6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Farmer's Supply on Jackson Street across from the Depot (FREE) Listen to Ms. Jackle tell some of her favorite holiday stories.

### Saturday, Dec. 3

Breakfast with Santa 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center (FREE) Located on Commerce Park drive (off M-52) Sit with Santa and enjoy a free pancake breakfast with other goodies. Sponsored by Lake Trust Credit Union.

Children's Christmas Bazaar 10:30a-2:30 p.m. at Chelsea First United Methodist Church, Park Street for kindergarteners to fifth graders, kids can shop for the holidays from the hundreds of affordable handmade and locally made items, all under \$5.00 available. By appointment only. Please register at www.signupgenius.com/go/201268

Gingerbread House Workshop (Two sessions) 11:30a-12:30 p.m. and 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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### Saturday, Dec. 3

■ The Friends of the Dexter District Library hold a **used book sale** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those interested in joining the group can contact Sue Smith at sueandbernie@aol.com.

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# HOMETOWN

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at Chelsea First United Methodist Church, Park Street (FREE) Decorate your very own gingerbread house for the holidays. Only 75 house available - reserve a house by calling the Chelsea Chamber at 475-1145. Sponsored by Lake Trust Credit Union. Holiday Tween & Teen Homemade Gifts 2-3:30 p.m. at Chelsea District Library McKune Room (Registration Required | Ages 10-15. FREE) Need a present for a

friend or family member? Who doesn't like a homemade gift? Make your own holiday presents here in the library! What we'll be making is a surprise, but we'll make it and wrap it today! Parents, this would be a great time for you to go shopping downtown, while your children make you a present! All supplies provided. All The Trimmings Artisan's Holiday Show 10a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Chelsea Fairground service building, corner of Old US12 at Old Manchester Road A wonderful artisans' show featuring unique local talent - woodcarvings,

bears, counted cross-stitch, pastels, tiles, folk paintings, textiles, jewelry, antiques and collectibles, rug hooking, punch needle, stained glass, photography, bread boards and fresh Christmas greens. Free refreshments, free admission and free parking. Chelsea Light Parade 6 p.m. along Main Street (street closed to thru traffic during the parade-FREE) Seventh annual parade featuring dozens of lighted floats and vehicles, marching bands, and the big guy himself, Santa! Parade starts at Chelsea State Bank south-end lot and ends at Chelsea Teddy

Bear Company for the free community afterglow party. Community Sing 7-9 p.m. at Chelsea Teddy Bear Company, Main Street in the Clocktower complex (FREE) Warm up after watching the light parade, enjoy free refreshments and sing holiday carols with Counterpoint. Sure to get you in the holiday spirit. Sponsored by Chelsea Teddy Bear Company & Chelsea Comfort Inn. Bear Cub Run 8:00p.m. at Chelsea Teddy Bear Company, Main Street in the Clocktower complex (FREE) Now an annual event, share in the

excitement as several local children run through the Chelsea Teddy Bear warehouse and grab as many bears as they can carry, most of which are donated to local hospitals or organizations. Sponsored by Chelsea Teddy Bear Company. **Sunday, Dec. 4** Chelsea Chamber Players Holiday Concert (2 shows) 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Chelsea First United Methodist Church, Park Street (FREE) A free Holiday performance by Chelsea's talented Chamber Players with students from the Chelsea

High School chamber orchestra. Free admission. Holiday Festival of Lessons & Carols 6:30 p.m. at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel, at the end of West Middle Street (FREE) The churches of Chelsea come together for a magical evening of holiday music: Giant Holiday Stocking Giveaway 11:30 a.m. McDonald's, M-52 and Main Street Drawing to win the 6-foot tall stocking packed with donated items from local merchants. Music provided by Chelsea choirs. Sponsored by the Chelsea McDonald's.

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



**DEXTER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**  
**Saturday Dec. 3rd - Music and caroling throughout downtown Dexter all day!**  
 8:30-10:30 am Breakfast with Santa at the Loran's Cafe on Main Street. Specially priced \$1.99 children's menu.  
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 6 pm - Community singing at Monument Park. Sing in the season while standing around the 12 trees and singing carols.  
 Businesses will be open until Lions Club trees for sale at Creekside on Baker Rd.



### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

**Tree Lighting Ceremony & Santa Arrives**  
 6-6:30pm @ Pierce Park, Main Street (FREE)

**Sit with Santa & Santa's Workshop**  
 6:30-8:30pm at The Depot, Jackson Street (FREE - there is a fee for photos with Santa)

**Live Nativity Scene**  
 7-8:00pm @ First United Methodist Church, Park Street across from Purple Rose Theater

**Common Chords Concert**  
 7:59:00pm @ the Library McKune Room (FREE). The Common Chords hand bell choir perform a holiday concert

**Cookie Decorating**  
 6:30-8:30pm @ Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory (FREE)

**Story Telling**  
 6:30-8:30pm @ the Farmer's Supply on Jackson Street across from the Depot (FREE)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**  
**FREE Breakfast with Santa**  
 8:30-10:30am @ Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center (FREE) Located on Commerce Park drive (off M-52)

**Children's Christmas Bazaar**  
 10:30am-2:30pm @ Chelsea First United Methodist Church, Park Street By appointment only

**Gingerbread House Workshop** - Sponsored by Lake Trust Credit Union  
 11:30am-12:30pm & 12:30-1:30pm @ Chelsea First United Methodist Church, Park St (FREE). Reserve a house at 475-1145

### CHELSEA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Holiday Tween & Teen Homemade Gifts**  
 2-3:30pm @ Chelsea District Library McKune Room (Registration Required | Ages 10-15)

**All The Trimmings Artisan's Holiday Show**  
 10am-4:00pm @ the Chelsea Fairground service building, corner of Old US12 at Old Manchester Rd

**7th Annual Chelsea Light Parade**  
 6:00pm along Main Street (street closed to thru traffic during the parade)

**Community Sing & Bear Cub Run @ Chelsea Teddy Bear**  
 7-9:00pm @ FREE refreshments, sing carols with Counterpoint. Sponsored by Chelsea Teddy Bear Chelsea Comfort Inn.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
**Chelsea Chamber Players Holiday Concert (2 shows)**  
 3:00pm & 7:00pm @ Chelsea First United Methodist Church, Park Street (FREE)

**Holiday Festival of Lessons & Carols**  
 6:30pm @ the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel, at the end of West Middle Street (FREE)

**Giant Holiday Stocking Giveaway**  
 11:30am @ McDonald's M-52/Main Street. Drawing to win the 6 tall stocking. Music provided by Chelsea choirs

**ALL WEEKEND EVENTS**  
**The Nutcracker Ballet (4 shows)**  
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# Leaders expected state's No. 2 economic health rank

By Amy Bell  
Heritage Media

Local government leaders are not surprised by a recent Bloomberg survey placing Michigan second in the nation in terms of economic health. However, they still have deep concerns for the future.

Earlier this month, Bloomberg released its first-ever Economic Evaluation of States, which calculated economic health in terms of foreclosures, personal income, tax revenue, employment, home prices and stock performance of companies based within the state.

Michigan came in second only to North Dakota, which is reaping the benefits from an oil boom. Wyoming was at the bottom of the index, a result of high unemployment rates and falling home prices.

In a press release, Gov.

Rick Snyder showed the evaluation states that Michigan's strategy for regaining its economic vigor is on track.

"Michiganders are pulling together to do what's best for our state and the results are paying off," he said.

"With the courage and leadership of our legislative partners, we've taken aggressive steps to get Michigan's fiscal house in order, create a fairer tax structure and put families back to work. The fact that our shared accomplishments are recognized by one of the country's premier financial information providers should reinforce our commitment to keep driving forward."

Ypsilanti Mayor Paul Schreiber said he doesn't agree with everything Gov. Rick Snyder is doing, but the state is getting its budget in order.

"It's not surprising, but we're certainly not out of the woods," he said.

Many credit Michigan's high ranking to the bailout of the automotive industry.

According to Bloomberg, the state lost 860,000 jobs between 2000 and 2009, with nearly 50 percent in 2008 and 2009.

Schreiber said if it wasn't for the bailout, the state would have gone belly up and it would have taken a decade or more for it to come back.

"I think it was a good business decision on the part of the government to keep the economy going and think it's paying off," he said.

Michigan has the infrastructure and the factories and were still able to produce goods even during a recession. Compared to states such as Florida and California that relied on the housing market, the

state is in better shape, he said.

Ypsilanti is dealing with its own financial difficulties as officials are now projecting a \$10.7 million shortfall in 2017 and is discussing ways to address the debt.

Overall, Saline is faring well in the economy, even after laying off more than 10 percent of the workforce and halting capital projects, said Mayor Gretchen Driskell, adding that Michigan had its recession before the rest of the country did.

"We've been slowing down, scrambling to get out of it a lot longer," she said.

Currently, Driskell is concerned with possible cuts in revenue, especially to revenue from personal property taxes, which account for 20 percent of Saline's budget. Funds from the taxes are used to pay bonds used to finance

infrastructure.

"We have over 300 acres of business parks, personal property tax is a huge revenue source for our community," she said.

If revenue from personal property taxes is eliminated, it would affect not only the city's ability to provide services, but the Saline school bond fund and the library's operating budget. Throughout the county, it would account for a \$43 million loss to organizations that receive personal property tax revenue, she said.

Schreiber said small businesses may be getting tax cuts, but local municipalities are receiving revenue cuts at the same time.

"We're right on the forefront of the big challenges Michigan faces," he said.

"I believe you have to have thriving cities in order to bring Michigan back. Right now, I believe the state is not giving the cities the

tools to do that."

Schreiber said Michigan has to have a long-term strategy for business development and mass transit.

The state has the ability to come back by capitalizing on its resources like the Great Lakes, its location, universities and skilled residents, he said.

To keep coming back, the state needs to keep giving tools to provide services to attract people to the state and keep people here, he said. To view the Bloomberg report, visit [www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/bloomberg\\_367747\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/bloomberg_367747_7.pdf)

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# Adam Zemke announces candidacy for state office

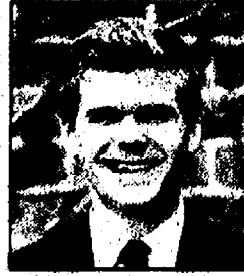
Adam Zemke recently announced his candidacy for State Representative in the new 55th district.

The 55th District includes the northern portions of the City of Ann Arbor, and all of Ann Arbor, Pittsfield, York and Augusta townships.

Zemke, 28, is an engineer in the auto industry.

Zemke graduated from Pioneer High School and earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan State University.

Zemke serves on the Washtenaw County Community Action Board, is a past chair of the Western Washtenaw Democratic Club, has worked for former 55th



Adam Zemke

district Representative Kathy Angerer and is active with the Society of Automotive Engineers Foundation to promote science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

"I'm running for the legislature to use my experience in the community and as an engineer to craft common-sense solutions to create good-paying jobs and move Michigan forward," said Zemke in a news release.

"We need to start investing in Michigan residents, because history has proven that we cannot cut our way to prosperity."

Michigan's future is in a technology-driven economy that requires a

top-notch educational system, but the Republican legislature is turning its back on public schools and universities, according to Zemke.

"It's time to invest in Michigan's residents. We need a new focus on STEM education — science, technology, engineering and math."

Zemke also supports investing in the state's transportation infrastructure, especially mass transit.

"Creating a 21st century transportation network is vital to a strong economy, but our roads and bridges are crumbling, including many in Washtenaw County," said Zemke.

"The business community, environmental groups, and organized labor are united in their support for an aggressive plan to create jobs by

investing in our transportation network.

"As state representative, I will work to build a strong transportation network that supports economic prosperity by investing in roads, bridges, mass transit and other forms of green transportation."

Zemke is pro-choice, pro-stem cell research and supports civil rights for all Michigan residents.

"As our next state representative, I will fight for — not against — Michigan families," said Zemke.

Zemke is challenging Rep. Rick Olson, R-York Township, who was elected in 2010 to represent the 55th District.

"My opponent and I have very different visions for Michigan," said Zemke.

Rick Olson has voted lockstep with the

Republicans to slash funding for public schools and universities, against choice, against stem cell research, against access to health care for Michigan families, against civil liberties and against common-sense environmental policies," said Zemke.

Zemke's emphasis on collaborative problem-solving has already attracted a long list of supporters, including former Congressman Mark Schauer; Washtenaw County Commissioners Barbara Levin Bergman, Felicia Brabec, Leah Gunn and Yousef Rabhi; former Washtenaw County Commissioner Kristin Judge; Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner Janis Bbbirin; Ann Arbor Township Supervisor Michael Moran; State of Michigan Board of

Education President John Austin; Ann Arbor City Council members Carsten Hohnke, Tony Derezhinski and Sandi Smith; the Michigan Democratic Party LGBT Caucus; and community leaders in the 55th District, including Martha Darling, Doug Kelley, Sumi Kailaspathy and Amy Seetoo.

"I am thrilled to support Adam Zemke to be Pittsfield Township's next state representative," said Kristin Judge, former Washtenaw County commissioner.

"I know Adam will represent us well in Lansing because he works hard, believes in honest and transparent government, and he knows that we must invest in our people. Adam is a true public servant who has earned my support."

## GUEST COLUMN

# How to make the most of a financial inheritance

Will you ever receive a sizable inheritance? You can't plan on it. But if you do get one, you can plan on using it to help achieve some of your key financial goals. Once you get word of an inheritance, what steps should you take? Above all, don't rush to act. If you are in the midst of the grieving process, it's hard to make good decisions about money. Consequently, you may want to consider "parking" your inheritance temporarily in a liquid vehicle, such as a cash or cash alternative investment. Don't fret if your inheritance isn't really growing much for a few months — you'll have time to put it to work later. After you've parked your money and some time has passed, you can think about what to do with your inheritance. Here are a few ideas:

Get rid of debts. Use

your inheritance to pay off as many debts as you can, especially those consumer loans that are not tax-deductible and that carry high interest rates.

Establish an emergency fund. This fund should contain six to 12 months' worth of living expenses. Without it, you may be forced to dip into your investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as an expensive car repair or a hefty medical bill.

Review and adjust your financial strategies. If your inheritance is large enough, it may be a "game changer" in terms of how you pursue your financial strategies. For example, you may now be able to speed up your timetable toward retirement, if that's what you want. Or you may be able to pay more of your children's college education, thus freeing up more funds

for your own retirement savings. In fact, by investing your inheritance in certain ways, you can influence many desired outcomes that you've identified in your overall financial strategy. Your financial advisor can help you make those moves that are most appropriate for your individual needs.

Plan for taxes. Unless you are "inheriting" your spouse's assets, you may be subject to some type of taxes when you receive an inheritance. Some types of inheritance, such as the proceeds from a life insurance policy, are tax-free. On the other hand, if you inherit a non-spousal 401(k) plan and are forced to take the money as a lump sum, which is likely because most 401(k) providers would prefer to remove the account from their books, your inheritance

will be subject to federal, state and local income taxes. However, thanks to recent tax law changes, as a non-spouse beneficiary you can now transfer an inherited 401(k) to an IRA, which allows you to avoid immediately paying taxes on your inheritance. You'll still be required to take annual withdrawals, which are taxable, but the amount will be based on your life expectancy, so you can spread out your tax burden. To make sure you're making the right moves with an inherited 401(k), consult with your tax advisor.

You may get only one inheritance in your life — so do whatever you can to make the most of it.

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consult with a qualified tax or legal professional for advice on your specific situation.

# Survey asks for responses from older state residents

The Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging and the State Advisory Council on Aging are reaching out to Michigan residents 50 and older to see if and how they are using technology in their daily lives.

People within this age group are encouraged to take a survey by Dec. 15.

There is a growing interest in what is commonly referred to as the "digital divide," meaning that some population segments use a wide variety of digital devices and others use little, if any.

As digital media grows in importance and devices become more intuitive, it is important that older age

groups understand how technology may enhance the quality of their lives.

"We know that many older adults are increasingly using the Internet to search for health information, and to communicate with their grandchildren," said Kari Sederburg, director of the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, in a news release.

"The survey results will give the Commission and Advisory Council a much clearer sense of where middle-aged and older adults fall in the continuum of technology use and in turn, help determine how best to serve those groups."

The survey may be completed at either of the fol-

lowing two sites:

[www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22DEAV46577](http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22DEAV46577) or [www.michigan.gov/miseniors](http://www.michigan.gov/miseniors). Click on: Take Web Survey on Technology and You!

Paper copies of the survey are available by contacting local Area Agencies on Aging. All survey responses remain confidential.

The Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging advocates for aging policy and approves funding for programs affecting older Michigan residents. The State Advisory Council on Aging offers guidance to the commission in the conduct of its work.

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FOOD

# Healthy holiday eating advice for diabetics

The holidays can be difficult for people watching their diet.

For those with health issues such as diabetes, the dietary minefield of holiday temptations can be especially troublesome.

In the United States, 8.3 percent of the population (nearly 26 million adults and children) has diabetes, according to the American Diabetes Association.

For these people, the usual holiday indulgences of sweets and rich foods can pose a serious health risk.

"People with diabetes must make significant dietary changes in order to manage their disease," says Dr. Donald Hensrud, preventive medicine and nutrition expert from Mayo Clinic. Dr. Hensrud is the medical editor-in-chief for the new "The Mayo Clinic Diabetes Diet." "Managing diabetes through diet isn't a fad; it's about changing your habits for the better."

Americans gain an average of just one pound over the holidays (far less than colloquial estimates) but most also keep that extra pound, according to a joint study by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). Over the years, those pounds add up, and collectively, it's fueling America's obesity epidemic.

"Family history, being overweight, inactivity, a poor diet — these are the reasons why millions of Americans have diabetes or are at risk," Dr. Hensrud writes in the introduction to "The Mayo Clinic Diabetes Diet."

"Weight loss can reverse the physical process that causes diabetes, and the effect can be dramatic."

If you or a loved one has diabetes, here's some

advice from "The Mayo Clinic Diabetes Diet," to help you stay on track through the holidays:

## How to handle holiday parties

The hors d'oeuvres table is a downfall for many of us, especially during the holidays when we're presented with treats that we don't see throughout the rest of the year.

Depriving yourself entirely can make cravings worse and increase your risk of bingeing.

So approach the hors d'oeuvres with these strategies:

- Make just one trip to the table and be selective. Decide ahead of time how much you'll eat and choose only the foods that you really want.

- Treat yourself with one or two samples of high-calorie or fatty foods, and then fill up on fruits and vegetables.

- Take small portions. You may be able to satisfy your cravings with a small taste.

- Eat slowly and you'll likely eat less.

- Don't stay near the food all night. As the saying goes, "out of sight, out of mind."

- Eat something healthy before you arrive so that you won't be as hungry. Being hungry will make you more prone to overeating.

## Tips for if you fall off the diet wagon

It's the holidays, and chances are you'll overeat at some point. It's very difficult to resist temptation all the time. A minor slip isn't the end of the world, but it can turn into a bigger problem if you view it as an excuse to give up altogether.

If you have a lapse, consider these tips to help get you back on track:

- Convince yourself that every day is a fresh opportunity to start over



again. ■ Have a plan to deal with lapses.

- Keep your response simple. Focus on the things you know you can do and stick to them.

"Good lifestyle habits, like losing weight, give you the best chance to treat your diabetes and prevent health complica-

tions," Dr. Hensrud says. "Losing weight takes work and planning, but

the rewards are great. With the right attitude, you can have fun and feel

great while adding years to your life." — Courtesy of ARAcontent

# Breakfast casseroles make entertaining easy

(Family Features) When the holidays, the main meal on the big day tends to get the most attention.

But with simple prep the night before, you can wake up your guests and their senses with a deliciously simple breakfast casserole for a welcome morning surprise.

Consider these simple tips before your house fills with guests this holiday season:

Shop in advance. By choosing the meal a few days prior, you can make a quick trip to the grocery store and stock up on the items needed to feed your guests.

Purchasing quality pre-packaged refrigerated foods like Bob Evans Original Recipe Sausage Rolls is a great way to have brunch and breakfast food items at the ready for last-minute occasions as well.

Set up the space. The day before your gathering, set out clean dishware, silverware and glasses. Use napkins, and place settings for small gatherings to add a special touch. For larger gatherings, consider preparing a buffet for guests to help themselves.

## Get cooking

Just because people will arrive in the mid-morning doesn't mean you have to be up the dawn.

Do your food prep the night before, using the delicious recipe for a breakfast casserole made with savory sausage, vegetables, herbs and cheeses below. Then simply pop the casserole in the oven an hour before

guests are set to arrive.

Finish the table. Set out pitchers of water with sliced strawberries, cucumbers or lemon for guests to enjoy, along with orange juice, milk, coffee and tea.

Dice fresh fruit to serve with your meal and get ready to enjoy your delicious brunch.

Don't forget to place butter, bread, jam and honey on the table.

For a special touch, add fresh cut flowers in vases as well.

## Make-Ahead Breakfast Casserole

Prep time: 20 minutes  
Cook time: 50-55 minutes  
Serves: 10 to 12  
2 1/2 cups seasoned croutons  
1 pound Bob Evans Original Recipe Sausage Roll  
4 large eggs  
2 1/4 cups milk  
1 can (10.5 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup  
1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry  
1 can (4 ounces) mushrooms, drained and chopped  
1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, shredded  
1 cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded  
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard  
Fresh herb sprigs, optional  
Picante sauce or salsa, optional  
Spread croutons on bot-

tom of greased 13 x 9-inch baking dish. Crumbl and cook sausage in medium skillet over medium heat until browned.

Drain sausage; spread over croutons. Whisk eggs and milk in bowl until blended. Stir in soup, spinach, mushrooms, cheeses and mustard. Pour egg mixture over sausage and croutons. Refrigerate overnight.

Preheat oven to 325°F. Bake egg mixture 50-55 minutes or until set and lightly browned on top. Garnish with herb sprigs and carrot, if desired. Serve hot with picante sauce, if desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

To download a coupon good for 40 cents off the sausage used in this recipe, visit [www.bobevans.com/save](http://www.bobevans.com/save).

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FOOD

Reconnect over food

(Family Features) Busy schedules leave families with little time to spend together, especially during the work and school week. But reconnecting can be simple if you think outside the box.

Professional chef, author and mother-of-two, Maureen Petrosky understands that spending quality time with your loved ones can be a challenge, especially when you're working to get a nutritious meal on the table each night. "But by adding a little creativity to your day — from play time to meal prep — you'll quickly find that reconnecting won't have to be yet another task on your list, it'll be part of your daily routine," says Petrosky.

Use these meal and family activity ideas from Petrosky to spend less time in the kitchen, and more time having fun as a family.

■ Dine in together. "Just because you don't have time to create a meal from scratch, doesn't mean you can't put something on the table that's wholesome and delicious. Choose foods your kids like, such as Weaver Chicken Nuggets, which are high in protein, and have zero trans-fat," says

Petrosky. She recommends keeping it simple and serving chicken nuggets alongside a big salad and some fresh bread from the bakery.

■ Spice it up. Petrosky recommends revisiting your pantry or spice drawer to avoid extra trips to the grocery store. "With simple ingredients such as rosemary, garlic, oregano or coriander, you can quickly transform your family's favorite meals into an array of dinner options. Get everyone involved in meal prep and use this time as an opportunity to catch up with one another."

■ Whip up delicious dips. "Use ingredients already in your kitchen and let your little ones do the whisking," says Petrosky. Whisk a 1/2 cup mayonnaise, 1/2 cup plain yogurt, 1 crushed

garlic clove, 1/4 teaspoon crushed oregano, 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper together. Refrigerate for one hour, and then serve as a dipping sauce with chicken nuggets and baby carrots.

■ Host Fiesta Fridays. Create a festive Santa Fe sauce using 2-1/3 cups thick and chunky salsa, 1-2/3 cups ranch dressing and 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice. Ask your kids to drizzle the sauce over chicken nuggets, shredded lettuce, diced cilantro, cheese and chips.

Washtenaw County Legal Notice

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Workers Compensation/Excess Insurance for Washtenaw County. Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Washtenaw County Finance/Purchasing Department located at 220 North Main Street, Room B-35, Lower Level, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. RFP 6655 Due: Thursday, December 15, 2011 by 3:00 PM local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or log on to our website at http://bids.ewashtenaw.org and click on "open bids". Publish December 1, 2011

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR AMENDED FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND SPECIAL USE

An application has been filed by Our Savior Lutheran Church of 1515 S. Main, Chelsea for a Special Use and an Amended Final Site Plan approval of a proposed Bus Garage on the following described parcel of land:

Tax Code: #06-06-13-400-002 1515 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI

The application for Special Use and an Amended Final Site Plan Approval will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI.

Signed, written comments, concerning the application will be accepted prior to the Planning Commission meeting, and will be read at the meeting. Comments should be addressed to the Chelsea Planning Commission, 305 S. Main St. Ste. 100, Chelsea, Michigan 48118.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Chelsea Planning Commission Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

CHELSEA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION George Kinzer, Chair Publish December 1, 2011

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LIGHTING STANDARDS FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS

THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 21, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, 5665 WEBSTER CHURCH ROAD, DEXTER, MICHIGAN, 48130.

Purpose: To consider proposed regulations regarding site lighting for proposed developments. Copies of the Ordinance are available at the Township Hall for review. They may also be viewed at www.twp.webster.mi.us

Written comments may be made in advance by mailing or delivering to the Township Hall at the above address.

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.

Paul Zalucha, Chairperson Webster Township Planning Commission Published: December 1, 2011

SCIO TOWNSHIP WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #2145 UNDER THE SCIO TOWNSHIP CODE, CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE VII

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO COREY WEAVER WHOSE POST OFFICE ADDRESS IS 177 S. ZEEB ROAD, ANN ARBOR, MI 48103 TO PERMIT THE USE OF THE PREMISES FOR A CARWASH. THE PROPERTY IS IN THE C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL, ESTABLISHED UNDER THE SCIO TOWNSHIP CODE, CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE VII, AS AMENDED. THE SAID LAND IS SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCIO, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND DESCRIBED AS:

Beginning at SW corner of Sec 22, T2S, R5E; th N 00-59-50 W 235 ft; th N 86-49-00 E 273.20 ft; th 00-59-50 W 235 ft; th S 86-49-00 W 273.20 ft to POB.

Parcel #: 08-22-300-024

The Scio Township Planning Commission after duly noticed public hearing upon the application for such Permit, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of said land use, and recorded its findings pursuant to Article 7 of said Ordinance, and having recommended to the Township Board that the Permit be granted, the Scio Township Board finds and grants the Permit subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Address the issues raised with regard to the Special Planning Area 2 designation in the Township's Master Plan; and
(2) Confirm compliance with Section 36-137(b) of the Township Zoning Ordinance dealing with auto washes.

The term of the Permit is without limitation excepting that the violation of said Permit shall be grounds for the Township Board to cancel and terminate this Permit provided that a final determination shall be made only after the Township Board has held a public hearing thereon preceded by notice of such hearing with notice to the Permittee and the persons to whom the said premises is assessed on the then current assessment roll. The notice shall specify the time and place of the hearing, the allegation of such violation, and shall state that said persons shall have the opportunity to be heard and show cause why such violation has not nor does not exist. Such notice shall be given not less than 10 days prior to the hearing. The Township Clerk shall cause notice of the time, place and purpose of such hearing to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Scio Township not more than 15 days, nor less than 3 days, prior to such hearing.

The Permit is issued pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Township Board duly assembled in a Meeting on October 25, 2011.

Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk E. Spaulding Clark, Supervisor Publish December 1, 2011

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

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing, as the statute in such case provides, for amendment of the Chelsea City Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 166). The requested change would revise the Zoning Text with the following change:

2.02 Definitions. Accessory Structure, Building or Use, is amended by the deletion of the Subsection A, Accessory Building and the following is substituted in its place and stead:

"A. ACCESSORY BUILDING: A detached, subordinate building, the use of which is clearly incidental and related to that of the principal building or use of the lot, and which is located on the same lot as the principal building or use."

The aforesaid hearing will be held in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St., Chelsea, Michigan on Tuesday December 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

The petition, as filed by the City of Chelsea is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Chelsea Planning Commission Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

CHELSEA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION George Kinzer, Chair Publish December 1, 2011

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SCIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS NOVEMBER 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Supervisor Clark at 827 N. Zeeb Road.

Present: Clark, Hedberg, Palmer, DeLong, Green, Knowles.

Absent: Read

Public Hearing on request by OptiFlow Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption (IFT).

Approved amendments to Township's Zoning Ordinance to permit large scale retail in the C-2, C-4 and I-1 districts.

Approved request by OptiFlow Inc. for IFT.

Approved rezoning request for property at 6033 Jackson Road to C-2.

Approved appointment of Barry Lonikas Township's representative in first phase of the Zeeb Road Parkway.

Approved appointment of Jada Kavanagh to Local Roads Committee.

Approved replacement of sewage pump in the Jackson Rd. Pump Station.

Approved proposal to contract for one day WAVE bus service on weekends.

Approved cancellation of Township Board meeting scheduled for December 27, 2011.

Approved 'opting out' of the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act for 2012.

Accepted 3 petitions for proposed improvements to Park Road.

Approved November invoices to be paid as presented.

Adjourned at 9:21 pm

Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk Scio Township Publish December 1, 2011

TOWNSHIP OF SCIO WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04

AN ORDINANCE SUMMARY AMENDING SECTION 36-74 OF THE SCIO TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES AS STATED.

The Board of Trustees of the Township of Scio hereby ordains that the following sections of the Codified Scio Township Zoning Ordinance be amended to add/revise the following sections to read as follows:

SECTION 1. CHANGES TO TOWNSHIP CODE.

Sec. 36-74. Intent; permitted uses and conditional uses within zoning districts.

The following subsections set forth the intent, permitted uses and conditional uses with each zoning district:

(1) through (11) [NO CHANGES]

(12) General Commercial District (C-2).

a. Intent. This district is established to provide suitable locations for general retail, service and office establishments. Retail establishments in this district are of the comparison shopping type serving the township. Therefore, it is important for the C-2 district to be located in areas which are centrally located and readily accessible to the majority of township residents.

It is the intent of this district to encourage consolidation of commercial uses, to lessen traffic congestion, reducing the number of driveways, and to ensure the efficient use of public utilities and services.

This district is to be used only in those areas of the township which are served by public water and sanitary sewer facilities, and where storm drainage is sufficient to handle an intense level of development.

b. Permitted uses.

- 1. Retail sales such as baked goods, groceries, produce and meat, hardware, drug, clothing, gifts, notions, and beverages.
2. Personal services such as barber and beauty shops, tailor, watch and shoe repair, laundry and dry cleaning establishments and similar establishments.
3. Business, professional, medical and dental offices, and medical emergency clinics.
4. Standard and carryout restaurants, and establishments that serve alcohol.
5. Government buildings.
6. Small appliance repair such as radios, televisions, clocks, etc.
7. Large appliance and furniture sales.
8. Funeral homes.
9. Church, synagogue, cathedral, mosque, temple or similar building used for religious worship, subject to the provisions of section 36-136.
10. Banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations.

c. Conditional uses.

- 1. Minor vehicle repair facility, subject to the provisions of section 36-137.
2. Commercial kennels, subject to the provisions of section 36-135.
3. Veterinarian hospital and animal clinics.
4. Sales of recreational vehicles subject to the provisions of section 36-139.
5. Garden centers.
6. Large appliance repair such as stoves, refrigerators, microwaves and washer and dryers.
7. Vehicle wash, subject to the provision of section 36-137.
8. Indoor theatres and performance space for artistic expression.
9. Crematoriums.
10. Community wastewater utility systems, subject to the provisions of section 36-318.
11. Multiple-family residential pursuant to subsection 36-74(10), when made a part of an overall mixed-use development. Multiple-family residential shall not be permitted as a stand-alone use.
12. Large scale retail establishment, subject to the provisions of section 36-134.

(13) Highway Commercial District (C-3) [NO CHANGES]

(14) Composite Commercial District (C-4) [NO CHANGES]

(15) Office Service District (OS) [NO CHANGES]

(16) Limited Industrial (I-1).

a. Intent.

1. This district is intended for limited assembly and manufacturing industrial operations and facilities. The district is designed to create a low density development with spacious yards to provide attractive settings as well as to help ensure compatibility with nonindustrial neighboring lots. This district is intended to permit only those uses which emit a minimum of noise, vibration, smoke, dust and dirt, gases or offensive odors, glare, and radiation. Uses which involve the storage or handling of explosive or highly flammable gases or liquids in other than de minimus quantities are not permitted in this district. Storage of materials, supplies, products, and equipment, shall be within the primary structure.

2. The I-1 district is so structured as to permit, along with any specific uses, the manufacturing, compounding, processing, packaging, assembly and/or treatment of finished or semifinished products from previously prepared material. It is further intended that the processing of raw material for shipment in bulk form, to be used in an industrial operation at another location, is not permitted.

3. The district is to be used only in those areas of the township which are served by public water and sanitary sewer facilities, and where storm drainage is sufficient to handle intense development.

b. Permitted uses.

- 1. All uses permitted as of right in the OS district.
2. Manufacturing, research, assembly, testing and repair of components, devices, equipment and systems of professional, scientific and controlling instruments, photographic and optical goods, and electronic and electrical equipment, including the following:
(i) Communication, transmission and reception and equipment such as coils, tubes, semiconductors, navigation control equipment and systems guidance equipment.
(ii) Data processing equipment and systems.
(iii) Graphics and art equipment.
(iv) Metering instruments.
(v) Optical devices, equipment and systems.
(vi) Phonographs, audio units, radio equipment and television equipment.
(vii) Photographic equipment.
(viii) Radar, infra-red and ultra-violet equipment systems.
(ix) Scientific and mechanical instruments such as callipers and transits.
(x) Testing equipment.
(xi) Electrical machinery, equipment and supplies, electronic components and accessories.
(xii) Office, computing and accounting machines.
3. Manufacturing, processing, packaging or assembling of pharmaceutical preparations, cosmetics, and toiletries.
4. Manufacturing, processing or packaging of plastic products such as laminate, pipe, plumbing products, and miscellaneous molded or extruded products.
5. Research and design centers where said centers are intended for the development of pilot or experimental products, together with related office buildings for such research facilities where said offices are designed to accommodate executive, administrative, professional, accounting, engineering, architectural, and support personnel.
6. Printing, publishing and related activities.
7. Artist, pottery and recording studios.
8. Employee services. Employee services such as a cafeteria, snack bar or exercise gym may be permitted as an accessory use to a permitted or conditional land use in this district, provided such services are contained wholly within the principal structure and are offered to employees only.
9. Office and warehouse of skilled trade contractor such as electrical, heating, and plumbing contractors.
10. Office and warehouse of service contractor such as cleaning services and home maintenance and repair.

c. Conditional uses.

- 1. Tool and die and machine shops.
2. Office and warehouse of skilled trade contractors such as electrical, heating and plumbing contractors.
3. Office and warehouse of service contractors such as cleaning services and home maintenance and repair.
4. Retail sales when conducted in conjunction with a principal permitted or a conditional use. Floor area devoted to retail sales shall not exceed ten percent of gross floor area.
5. Self-storage facilities, subject to the provisions of section 36-140.
6. Wireless communication facilities, subject to the provisions of section 36-143.
7. Private indoor recreation uses such as bowling establishments, gymnasiums, ice skating rinks, tennis clubs, roller skating rinks, court sport facilities, and similar recreational uses.
8. Warehousing, wholesaling, refrigerated and general storage.
9. Standard restaurants.
10. Indoor theatres and performance space for artistic expression, not including motion picture theaters.
11. Community wastewater utility systems, subject to the provisions of section 36-318.
12. Large scale retail establishment, subject to the provisions of section 36-134.

(17) through (18) [NO CHANGES]

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCIES REPEALED.

Any and all other ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

Should any section, clause or paragraph of this Ordinance be declared by court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part hereof other than the part declared to be invalid.

SECTION 4. SAVING CLAUSE.

That nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed, nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. AVAILABILITY.

The zoning code, Township Zoning regulations and the Official Township Zoning Map, including the full text of all amendments, are available for inspection in the Township Hall in the Office of the Township Clerk at the Township Hall. Copies of the Zoning Map or the Zoning Ordinance text, as amended, are available for purchase. The documents can also be viewed and downloaded from the Township website at www.twp.scio.mi.us.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect thirty (30) days following publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Scio in a meeting duly called and held on November 22, 2011.

TOWNSHIP OF SCIO, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN E. Spaulding Clark, Supervisor Nancy J. C. Hedberg, Clerk

ADOPTED: November 22, 2011 PUBLISHED: December 01, 2011 EFFECTIVE: December 30, 2011

CERTIFICATION:

I, Nancy J. C. Hedberg, Clerk of the Township of Scio County of Washtenaw, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Township Ordinance number 2011-04, an amendment to the Scio Township Zoning Ordinance, and was adopted by the Scio Township Board of Trustees on November 22, 2011 and given publication in the Dexter Leader, a newspaper of general circulation, on December 1, 2011, the following members of the Scio Township Board of Trustees voted as follows in connection with this resolution to adopt the above amendatory ordinance.

AYES: Palmer, Hedberg, Green, DeLong, Clark NAYS: Knowles ABSENT: Read

In witness hereof, I have hereunto affixed my official seal this 22nd day of November 2011.

Nancy J. C. Hedberg Clerk, Township of Scio Publish December 1, 2011



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Estate of Lawrence E. Murphy, Deceased  
Date of Birth: 1/25/1928  
Date of Death: 7/21/2011

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Lawrence E. Murphy who lived at 200 Silver Maple Drive, Apt. 1210 Chelsea MI died July 21, 2011. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Wanda K. Killips, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI 48107 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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FILE NO. PRP-11-916-DE  
Estate of David Richard Sheppard, Date of birth: 05/25/1961.

**TO ALL CREDITORS:**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, David Richard Sheppard, who lived at 3155 Fernwood Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan, died 01/27/2011.

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Maria Zagorski P44735  
2 East First Street  
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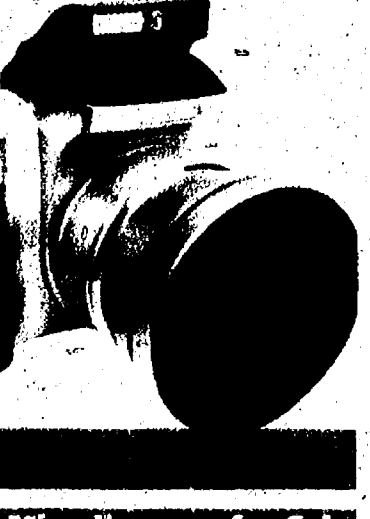
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| 6 Across  | 61 Newcomer to society                     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 7 Down    | 1 Peel                                     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 8 Down    | 2 Hebrew month                             |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 9 Down    | 3 Small plateau                            |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 10 Down   | 4 Bart, to Homer                           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 11 Down   | 5 Tend texts                               |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 12 Down   | 6 Wing it                                  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 13 Down   | 7 12-Down playwright                       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 14 Down   | 8 "CSI" evidence                           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 15 Down   | 9 Billboards                               |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 16 Down   | 10 Swab the deck                           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 17 Down   | 12 Comedy that debuted on Broadway in 1933 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 18 Down   | 19 Privy                                   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 21 Across | 25 Prima donna                             |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 22 Across | 26 Oklahoma city                           |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 23 Across | 27 Start over                              |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 24 Across | 28 Gets stuck                              |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 25 Across | 29 Divisible by two                        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 26 Across | 30 Verdi opera                             |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 27 Across | 31 Perched                                 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 28 Across | 35 "Wham!"                                 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 29 Across | 38 Hearty brew                             |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 30 Across | 40 Tier                                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 31 Across | 42 Honey bunch?                            |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 32 Across | 45 Verifiable                              |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 33 Across | 47 - the line (behaved)                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 34 Across | 48 Saskatchewan tribe                      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 35 Across | 49 KFC additive                            |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 36 Across | 50 Crow's cry                              |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 37 Across | 51 Have debts                              |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 38 Across | 52 CSA soldier                             |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| 39 Across | 54 Small barrel                            |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

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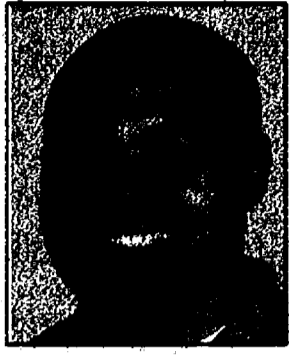
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## CASTRO'S CORNER



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## Lions don't look ready to handle primetime

Immature. Ridiculous. Ill-timed. Delusional. No, those aren't the ways I'd describe the worst of the Black Friday shoppers, I wouldn't know as I was tucked out on my sister's couch promptly after my fourth-and-fifth pieces of pie thank you very much; but rather, the above defines the actions taken by Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh during the third quarter of Detroit's 27-15 loss to Green Bay Thursday.

Suh, the second-year All-Pro who has earned a reputation as one of the NFL's dirtiest players, was ejected for stomping on the arm of Packers offensive lineman Evan Dietrich-Smith after the Lions earned a stop on third-and-goal with just over nine minutes to go in the quarter.

As a result, instead of holding Green Bay to a field goal, fullback John Kuhn scored on the next play to take a 14-0 lead, changing the entire complexion of the game.

Prior to Thursday's game, a certain writer said the Lions couldn't afford to shoot themselves in the foot if they hoped to knock Green Bay off its quest for perfection.

That's exactly what they did. Detroit committed 11 penalties for 82 yards and turned the ball over three times. That's not counting the dropped passes, missed tackles or mental miscues that led to a 24-0 deficit with just over a minute to play in the third quarter.

Granted a few of those 11 penalties were questionable at best, but to beat a team with a perfect record, Detroit would've needed to play its best game of the year. Thursday was far from that.

While the loss — Detroit's eighth straight on Thanksgiving Day — doesn't derail the Lions' playoff hopes, the aftermath surely may.

Early indications are that Suh will be suspended for two games, including next Sunday when the Lions visit the New Orleans Saints; a game moved into prime time due in large part to Detroit's NFL renaissance. Instead of a week's worth of story lines surrounding Saints quarterback Drew Brees against

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## ALL-AREA SOCCER: THE MVPS

# Ritchey helped put Splitters on soccer map

By Tom Perkins  
Heritage Media

Four years ago, Lincoln's soccer team hardly received any respect among their SEC counterparts.

But this past season saw the Splitters cement their spot among the league's elite and the evidence of their success has piled up. In 2010 they reached the regional quarterfinals, won their division, won their district and tallied a 19-5 record. This season, they logged 12 more wins and finished second in their division.

No small part of that success can be attributed to the play of keeper Jeremy Ritchey, who earned each of the team's wins over the last two seasons and was as reliable for the Splitters as any team could ask out of their goalie.

The senior departs next season for Lawrence Tech where he will join his brother, 2010 Lincoln grad and star striker Justin, at the next level.

But the turnaround at the Lincoln program Ritchey played such a large role in will last long beyond his departure.

"I'd like to think that in my junior year, when we went 19-5, won districts and went to the regional quarterfinal; we demonstrated that we are really a force to be reckoned with," Ritchey

said. "And then my senior year we showed it as much as possible, we topped Huron and played each game to the last minute."

The victory over Huron this season marked a high point for a Splitter team that graduated some of its top players in 2010, but still remained a threat in the SEC. Like many games over the past two seasons, Ritchey's play was one of the reasons Lincoln came out on top, head coach Bob Stowe said.

"He played on top of his head, he was doing flips, doing whatever he could to make saves that game," Stowe said. "He stopped everything Huron threw at us."

Ritchey described the game as "an out of body experience."

"I was making save after save. They must have had at least 40 shots," he said. "Beating them was exuberating because it was the first time we ever did."

Ritchey, who plays club soccer with the Novi Jaguars, compiled seven shutouts each of the last two seasons. In 2010 his goals against average was 0.7, while this year it was only slightly higher at 1.2 goals against.

The numbers indicate Ritchey has been a consistent last line of defense the last two seasons, Stowe



said. "Jeremy is a student of the game," he said. "He knows the game very well. He has good positioning, he can read the game - pretty much every aspect he's well versed on."

Growing up and training with Justin Ritchey, who was Lincoln's top goal scorer for four years, provided Ritchey with a built in advantage. Not many keepers get to have an all-state striker shooting balls at them daily while growing up.

"That really prepared me for playing at next level both at high school and

club," Ritchey said, adding that it also had advantages while the two were on the field at the same time in the 2010 season.

"I think it boosted morale for him and I. We had someone to trust on both ends of the field," Ritchey said.

Last year saw Ritchey earn all-state honorable mention honors, though this year, inexplicably, coaches in the SEC did not vote for him to receive any honors despite that he is a year older and that much better.

Stowe questioned how the coaches failed to do so. "I would easily rate him

in the top three in the SEC Red and White," Stowe said. "Put him on a Pioneer, a Huron - he's going to be a starting keeper for them too. He's just as good if not better than any of the keepers in the area."

But Ritchey, who is going to Lawrence Tech on a scholarship next season, is just pleased to have been the first junior at Lincoln to receive all-state honors and have been part of a group that accomplished so much.

"It was an incredible experience and we set a great precedence for the Lincoln soccer program for years to come," he said.



# St. Pierre stands out

## Senior keeps Dreads among area's elite teams

By Terry Jacoby  
Heritage Media

Some players just carry themselves a certain way. They possess confidence and poise that is evident at first glance. In other words, they stand out in a crowd.

Ian St. Pierre was one of those players. The Dexter senior, along with Lincoln's Jeremy Ritchey, was named Heritage Media's MVP for this year's All-Area Soccer team. Once again, St. Pierre stood out from the crowd.

"Ian is a fine young man that I was fortunate to coach for his four years in high school," Dexter coach Scott Forrester said. "He was truly a leader for our team, both by example and by guiding his teammates on and off the field."

The Dreads finished first in the SEC White Division, won a district title and ended up 10-7-5 overall. And the speedy, highly-skilled forward had a lot to do with that success.

"Our season went very well," St. Pierre said. "Midway through the season we became ranked seventh in Michigan. It was a great motivational boost for our team to go hard every practice and game to try and improve that. The team chemistry was great this year; every player on the team played an important role in our success this season."

St. Pierre, who played striker for the

Dreads, said he also was pleased with his own personal performance.

"I was named captain this year along with one of my good friends, Dylan Polley," St. Pierre said. "We enjoyed being captains along with the responsibilities it came with it. Out of all four years I have been on varsity, this year has been my favorite by far."

For the second straight year, St. Pierre was All-District, All-Regional and All-SEC. He also was named second-team All-State this past season and was named the Dreads' Offensive Player of the Year.

Despite missing three games because of two different injuries, St. Pierre led the team in scoring with eight goals and three assists.

"His determination, self sacrifice and composure during games helped this year's team succeed in a very demanding schedule," Forrester said.

St. Pierre is proud of what he sees looking in the rear-view mirror.

"I am proud about making varsity as a freshman," he said. "It gave me more experience and better competition to compete against. We also went to the state finals my freshman year and it was a great experience. I am also proud about making All-State. However, the one thing that I am most proud about was being named captain and being able to take a big role in my team's success."

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# Boys Soccer

**Phil Hammond, Belleville (Sr.)**

Phil Hammond was a Tiger who had a certain kind of roar to his game. "He was the one player we looked to when we needed to put it away," said his head coach Brent Held.



**Zachary Juchartz, Belleville (Sr.)**

Belleville senior Zachary Juchartz was one of the key players for this season's Tigers. "He was one of the guys I would call upon to do the unexpected," coach Brent Held said. He really is one in a dozen.



**Scot Chatfield, Lincoln (Sr.)**

Lincoln striker Scot Chatfield was the team's leading scorer on the season. "He was our main gun up front. Pretty much everything went through him, he controlled every aspect of our offense," said Lincoln coach Bob Stowe said.



**Jeremy Ritchie, Lincoln (Sr.)**

Ritchie was an all-state selection at the goalie position for the Railsplitters last year. "He's just an all-around consistent player," coach Bob Stowe said. "He goes to work every day and does his thing."



**Ryan Kukalis, Manchester (So.)**

The team's leading scorer, Ryan Kukalis played striker and some attacking midfield for the Dutch. Head coach Jim Kukalis said, "He's a complete player. He can create a lot of offense on his own, and he's also our best guy on set pieces." The Flying Dutch will have Ryan on the roster for another two seasons.



**Adam Arend, Manchester (Sr.)**

Adam Arend played the season at right back, a position he converted to from the wing. "We needed someone back there to shore things up against speedy wingers and he did an impeccable job," coach Jim Kukalis said.



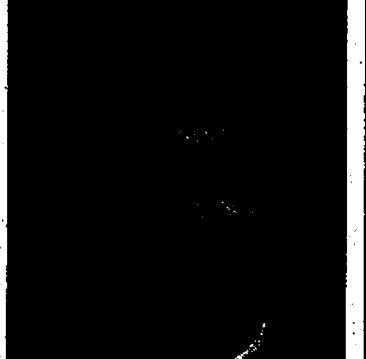
**Sellvester Kavetski, Ypsilanti (Sr.)**

At center defensive midfielder, Sellvester Kavetski's job was to shut down the opponent's attack before it got started. "He led by sheer determination and grit," said head coach Terry Collins. "He did not allow a team's best player to get into the game."



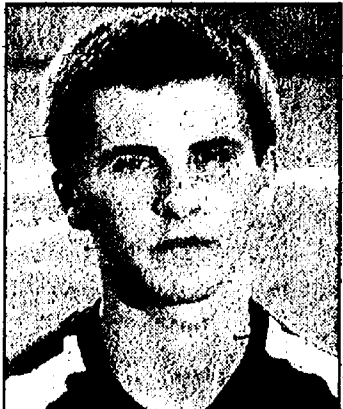
**Boon Sylvester, Ypsilanti (Sr.)**

Sylvester switched to his more natural position of attacking midfielder part-way through the season, which coach Collins said opened up their offense. "He played with great energy and as the season went on he became more of a force," Collins said.



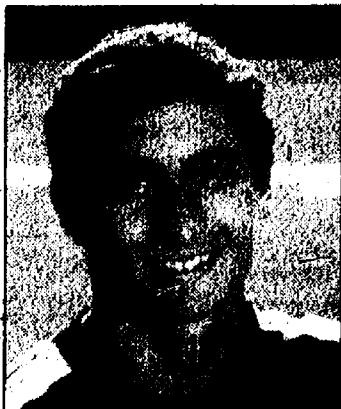
**Eric Williams, Saline (Sr.)**

The senior center midfielder was named Team MVP and co-Most Irreplaceable Player by his teammates. The two-year Hornet captain earned All-SEC, All-District and All-Region honors. "Eric has made a very big impact on the Saline soccer program with four years on the varsity team," coach Dana Restrck said.



**Mark Sulavik, Saline (Sr.)**

One of Saline's captains, Sulavik was given All-SEC, All-District and All-Region honors for his efforts during his final year with the program. "Mark is an incredible leader, motivator and player," coach Dana Restrck said.



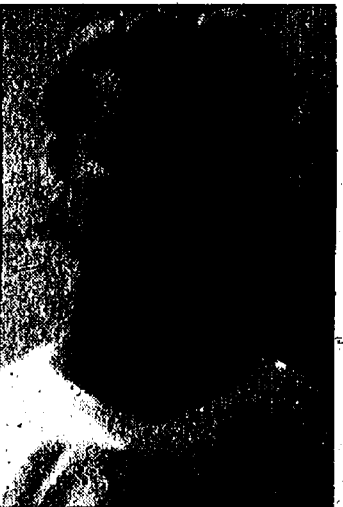
**Andrew Prince, Saline, (Jr.)**

The Hornet junior captain was voted "Player to Watch" by the outgoing seniors after earning All-SEC, All-District and All-Regional honors. "Andrew has already had a great career with his three years on varsity and he has one more to go," coach Dana Restrck said. "He truly is the full package as a soccer player."



**Matt MacLachlan, Milan (Sr.)**

The defender scored four goals and had four assists for Milan in 2011. He also ranked atop the team in "balls won" and was a versatile weapon in coach Simon Evans's attack. "Matt was a key part of our defense with the ability to win balls and transition quickly to attack," Evans said. "I encouraged Matt to make runs forward up the field and join the attack whenever he felt comfortable because of his ability to make things happen."



**Tyler Allum, Milan (Sr.)**

The senior had nine goals and six assists in his final season with Milan. Ranking second to MacLachlan in balls won, Allum was able to generate the attack in the midfield and turn the ball upfield. "Tyler is also a very creative player who is comfortable with the ball at his feet and not afraid to take risks, which I encouraged him to do in our attacking third of the field," coach Simon Evans said.



**Ben Valek, Chelsea (Fr.)**

The frosh had four goals and six assists. "Ben made his impact right from the get-go this season helping lead the team to their first tournament win at Carlson," Chelsea coach Shawn Hayes said. "Ben had two assists and a goal that weekend. Ben's ability to possess the ball while holding defenders off him and find the open targets or space to play into made a huge impact on our success."



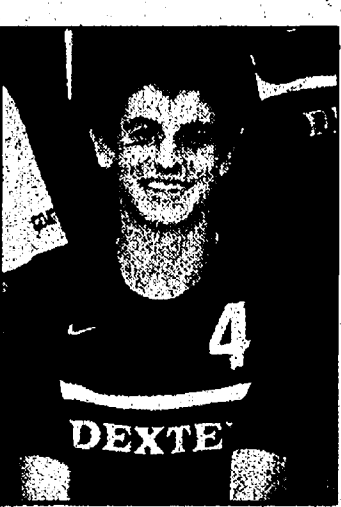
**Vincent Kause, Chelsea (Sr.)**

The senior had 10 goals and three assists for the Bulldogs. "Vince was a force to be reckoned with," Coach Hayes said. "Vince's ability to stay on his feet and win tackles left a void in the program to be filled for next season. His physical ability, knowledge of the game and desire to get the ball in the back of the net earned him the team MVP this season."



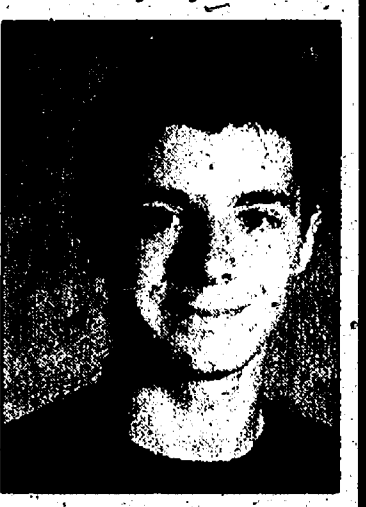
**Brett Kokkales, Dexter (Sr.)**

Senior Brett Kokkales was an All-SEC & All-District selection. He finished with three goals and three assists. "Brett was one of two center midfielders who added a dangerous punch in our attack. He could take control of a game with his penetrating passes and restart opportunities," said Dexter coach Scott Forrester.



**Will Peet, Ypsilanti (Sr.)**

Almost always one of the fastest guys on the pitch, Ritchie was a weapon at right wing for Stowe's Railsplitters. "He's quick on the ball, and he's got a really strong leg. When he got past people, he was always dangerous at taking a shot from distance."



**Dylan Polley, Dexter (Sr.)**

The Dexter co-captain was voted the team's Most Valuable Player and was All-SEC, All-District, All-Regional & All-State Honorable Mention. He finished with six goals and four assists this season for Dexter. "Dylan was by far the workhorse for the team. He contributed great energy on both sides of the ball," said Dexter coach Scott Forrester.



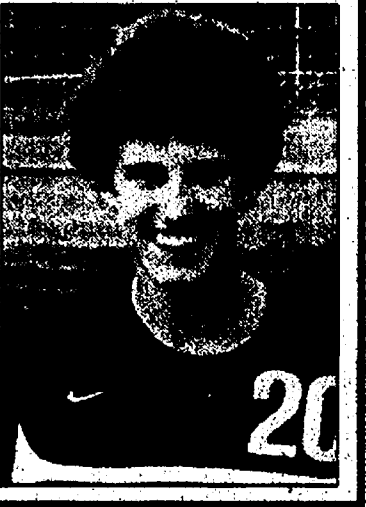
**Tony Pisto, Dexter (Soph.)**

Pisto received our Coaches Award and was All-SEC & All-District. He finished with two goals and three assists. "Tony played as an outside back, a center back, a wing mid, center mid and a forward at various points in the season. He gave me numerous tactical options against our opponents," Dexter coach Scott Forrester said.



**Bobby Toth, Dexter (Jr.)**

Toth was an All-SEC player finishing up with seven goals and two assists. "Bobby improved drastically from his sophomore year, taking balls down the run and attacking the goal. He became a much better finisher as the season progressed. As our second leading scorer, he helped our team to keep more of a balanced attack," said Dexter coach Scott Forrester.



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# Wolverines back in control of OSU

The seven-year nightmare is over. Michigan has reclaimed bragging rights in its rivalry with Ohio State.

Sure, it was only a matter of time, but the Wolverines needed this one, this year.

After the failed experiment that was the Rich Rodriguez Era, first-year coach Brady Hoke put his stamp on his rivalry in his first game at the helm, delivering on his promise of treating the Ohio State game as the "Most Important Game On The Schedule," as he referred to it during his initial press conference in January.

As a result, Denard Robinson and the Wolverines played arguably their most balanced offensive game of the season Saturday, scoring 40 points or more for the fourth time this season. Robinson ran for 170 yards, threw for 167 and account-

ed for five touchdowns in the victory.

And when the game appeared to take a turn into familiar territory, with Ohio State having a last-minute chance

to steal an eighth-straight victory, the Michigan defense stood tall, completing a second half of adjustments that swung the game into the Maize and Blue's corner.

Game over. Rivalry on.

Somewhere in Columbus, as Michigan fans swarmed the field in Ann Arbor for the first time in 2,926 days, that clock counting the days since the U-M beat OSU has been reset.

Fitting. Oh and by the way, it's been 369 days since the Buckeyes have beaten Michigan—but who's counting?

Of course, the rivalry got another shot in the

arm this week now that former University of Florida head coach Urban Meyer has agreed to be the head man in Columbus. Meyer, who left the Gators to focus on his health and to spend time with his family, returns to the college coaching scene after a one-year hiatus.

If this is any of his previous three, the Buckeyes will be back among the nation's elite in no time, assuming they endure their upcoming NCAA sanctions, that is. Meyer has accumulated a 104-23 mark as a head coach (.819).

Sure, Meyer has won wherever he's gone during his coaching career, but what the Buckeyes need most from the 47-year old coach is stability. Taking over a program mired in controversy with the worst still to come, Meyer brings a championship-caliber pedigree into the rivalry, something Hoke lacks, at least as a head coach.

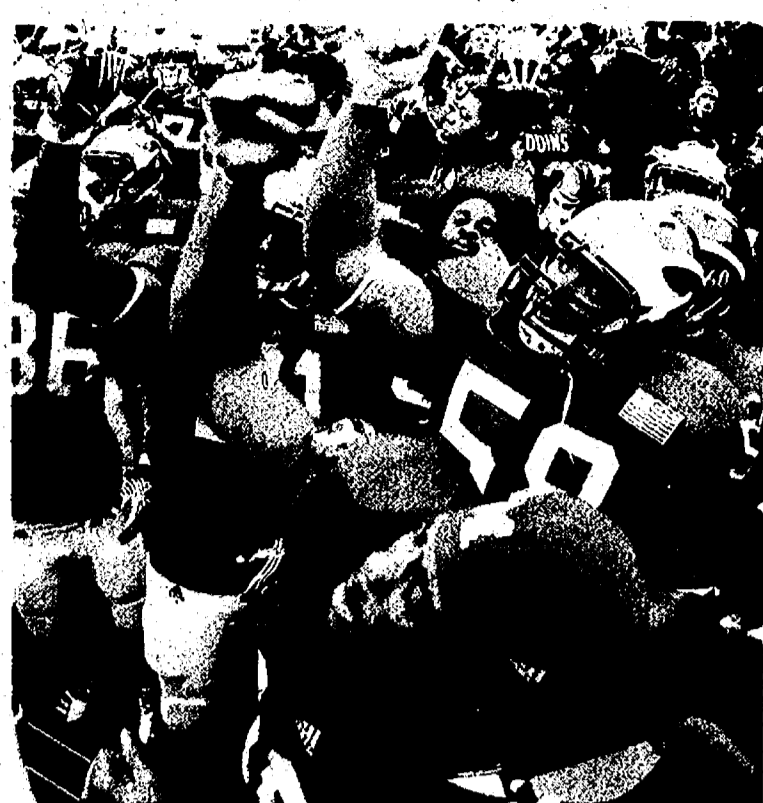
The future of the rivalry is now. The foundations laid in the Woody vs. Bo days have transformed into Hoke vs. Meyer. A pair

of coaches that seem to fit their current roles (Meyer is from Ashtabula, Ohio and played defensive back at Cincinnati) now get to square off for the foreseeable future.

With Michigan seemingly regaining its footing, looking like a program back on the rise, Meyer and Ohio State now face the same task.

For the first time in a long time — both on the field and off — the Buckeyes are chasing the Wolverines.

Just how much impact Meyer will bring to the rivalry and if it's enough to swing momentum back into the Buckeyes favor will have to wait. For exactly 359 days.



## CASTRO'S CORNER



RANDY CASTRO

## SOCCER

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St. Pierre is relentless on the field. He combines his never-quit attitude with incredible skills and great knowledge of the game.

"I never give up and go in to every tackle hard," he said. "I have the technical ability and speed to beat defenders and the mental composure to keep myself in line."

While he hasn't decided where he will go to college, soccer will be a part of his schedule next year.

"I am going to double major in Fine Arts and Graphic Design," he said. "I am being recruited for soccer in schools on the East Coast but have not chosen one or signed with a team yet. I have been going on official visits trying to find that one school that feels like a fit. Hopefully, I will find it soon."

St. Pierre started playing soccer when he was just 3 years old.

"From there I fell in love with the sport and continued to play," he said. "I have played for four different club teams, picking up different understandings of the game from each coach." And standing out along the way.

## CHELSEA HOCKEY

# Bulldogs split at holiday tourney

By Randy Castro  
Heritage Media

Behind a pair of explosive offensive outpourings mixed in with some critical lapses in discipline, Chelsea split a pair of games in the Thanksgiving Tournament.

The Bulldogs opened the tourney by rolling past an outmatched Waterford Kettering squad 6-1.

"We really dominated," Chelsea coach Don Wright said.

It's rare that the term "dominated" can be considered an understatement, but such was the case against the Captains. Chelsea outshot Kettering 45-6.

After a Joe Hewitt shorthanded goal got the Bulldogs on the board with 5:58 to play in the first period, Chelsea began to pour it on in the second period.

Starting with Kyle Whipple's goal less than a minute into the period (16:12), the Bulldogs scored four unanswered goals in the period.

Connor Carry (14:40), Jake Dobberstein (11:18) and Anthony Catalina (9:19) all scored for Chelsea in the second as the Bulldogs took a five-goal lead into the second intermission.

"In that sequence, we made some things happen," Wright said of the near-eight-minute span in the period. "For the game, we really controlled the play and dominated."

Kettering got its lone goal with 11:33 to play as Michael Nye beat Charlie Miller to cut the lead to 5-1.

Chelsea responded as Hewitt scored his second shorthanded goal of the game with 6:13 to play.

"The key was Joe's two shorthanded goals," Wright said of the deciding factor in the game. "After the first one, things opened up."

Along with his goal, Whipple added an assist on Hewitt's first goal. Joey Olmsted had two assists on the night, on Dobberstein's second-period goal as well as Hewitt's third-period tally.

Charlie Miller stopped five of six shots in net to pick up the victory.

## EGR downs Chelsea in tournament final

Chelsea had put on another offensive

clinic Saturday in the tournament finals against East Grand Rapids. Unfortunately, a few bad penalties proved costly in a 7-6 loss in five overtimes.

Jordan Sanford scored a power play goal less than a minute into the fifth overtime as the Pioneers completed their comeback.

"We're playing pretty well," coach Don Wright said. "We're taking more penalties than I want to see."

Nursing a 6-3 lead with just under a minute to go in the second period, Chelsea gave up the first of four straight power play goals as penalties limited the Bulldog offense.

"We just can't take that many penalties," coach Don Wright said. "They allowed them to gain momentum."

"Those penalties put us in a bad situation."

After Sanford scored his first three goals with 14:26 to play in the second period to give the Pioneers a 3-2 lead, Chelsea took over.

Anthony Catalina began a four-goal assault, scoring after taking a goal from Joe Hewitt with 13:47 top play in the second to tie the game at three. Kyle Whipple (10:38, from Hewitt and Kody Johnson) and Caleb Bentley (6:30, from Whipple) and Caleb Bentley (4:44) all scored as the Bulldogs opened up a 6-3 lead.

Another bad penalty led to Sanford's second goal at the 0:48 mark of the second period cut the deficit to two. Sam Alkema scored on the power play at 14:10 and Josh Keller scored a 12:48 to force overtime.

After three eight-minute overtimes playing five-on-five, the two teams began playing four-on-four in the fourth overtime. A penalty late in the fourth period led to Sanford's game winner in the fifth OT.

The Bulldogs were able to erase an early two-goal, first-period deficit in less than a minute as Taylor Atchley (4:43) and Kyle Whipple (4:15) scored goals to force a two-all tie going into the second period.

"We made a couple of mistakes and they capitalized," Wright said. "After that, we settled down and carried play."

In all, the Bulldogs committed nine penalties as they fell to 2-1 on the year. Chelsea will look to rebound Wednesday against Grosse Ile.

being ejected—one in which he defiantly denied any intent on the play in question—suggests this team doesn't truly understand how it's being perceived across the league. Instead of perceiving the blame for this actions, he shifted the blame towards the media for creating a story out of the incident.

If that's the case, he certainly made our jobs easy Thursday, and even easier Friday as he doubled back and half-heartedly owned up the error of his ways.

The reality is that a 7-4 mark certainly doesn't spell doom in a tightly-contested NFC playoff race. With injuries piling up, suspensions looming and an unforgiving schedule down the stretch, the Lions will have plenty of opportunities to show what its made of.

Hopefully, it leaves the fanbase with something other than buyer's remorse after buying into what has the makings of a promising season.

## CASTRO

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the Lions vaunted front seven, the national media will have yet another chance to dig at Detroit and it's "dirty" style of play.

Here's the kicker—after Thursday, all of it is justified.

Suh's ejection and soon-to-be suspension eradicated the last line of defense in Detroit's case against being the new-era Oakland Raiders. So the Lions are dirty, fine. They're also in the playoff hunt.

The problem is, whether the Lions embrace the fact that they play dirty or not, the league is clearly targeting them as such.

Just ask Kyle Vanden Bosch who was flagged for a personal foul for what can only be characterized as a "reputation foul."

On the other hand, Suh's reaction to

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# Rec passports raise money for local parks

## New DNR program gives almost \$600K to give boost

Fall colors may have faded from most of Michigan's state parks, but the Department of Natural Resources is helping many community parks at the local level see some green - thanks to a boost in revenue from the successful launch of the DNR's Recreation Passport program.

Earlier this month, the DNR announced nearly \$600,000 worth of Recreation Passport Local Community Grants awarded to 24 cities and townships seeking to use those dollars to provide better public outdoor recreation opportunities for their communities.

"In the process of developing the Recreation Passport, it became evident to us that local parks were facing the same challenges as state parks in terms of the need for renovation and upkeep," said DNR Director Rodney Stokes. "Through the Recreation Passport grant program, we're able to help make some good things happen at the local level."

The DNR reports that the Recreation Passport - which, in October 2010, replaced motor vehicle permits for entry into Michigan's state parks, recreation areas and state-administered boat launches - saw an uptick in participation that exceeded initial expectations and netted close to \$6 million in new revenue for these facilities.

Ron Olson, chief of the DNR's Parks and Recreation Division, said that the Recreation Passport program was

structured so that the grant program would receive 10 percent of the net Recreation Passport revenues - helping to provide needed funding to improve public outdoor recreation opportunities, facilities and infrastructure at the city, county and township levels.

That's good news, not only for the DNR's 99 state parks and recreation areas, but also for the two dozen community parks and recreation facilities statewide that were selected to share in that Recreation Passport funding.

This year's grants ranged from a minimum of \$7,500 to a maximum of \$30,000. The DNR expects that, in future years, the maximum grant amount will increase as revenue from sales of the Recreation Passport also increases. Winners ranged from large metropolitan cities like Detroit to its tiny, 4.4-square-mile neighbor, the city of Riverview in Wayne County.

According to Todd Dickman, recreation director for the city of Riverview, the city's \$22,500 award will go toward the construction of a fishing pier in the city's Young Patriots Park, which is situated on a former Cold War-era Nike missile launch site.

Dickman said the fishing pier will add a new dimension to Reflection Pond, a man-made pond within the park where children often spend their summers fishing along the banks.

"The new fishing pier will provide Riverview residents a better place to fish and will be a nice added attraction to the scenic

park that often is used for both senior class pictures and wedding photography," Dickman said. He expects the grant will allow work on the 10-by-20-foot structure to begin in the spring.

For Alicia Minter, director of recreation for the city of Detroit, the \$30,000 Recreation Passport grant means long-needed repairs and improvements to the 3-acre, inner-city Lorwyn E. Peterson Playfield located on the northwest side of Detroit.

Minter said the Peterson Playfield is "a huge athletic and community hub, used by all ages for everything from tennis and Little League to walking."

According to Minter, the grant will allow for repairs to the black glass windows at the comfort station, improvements to the spray park cooling area, remarking the distance markers on the walking paths and repairs to the handicap-accessible picnic tables.

"The grant will definitely keep the park up to standards and allow us to maximize our dollars by building on what we already have," Minter said.

Recreation Passport Local Community Grants were awarded to communities across the state, including Arcadia Township, Belvidere Township, Coldsprings Township, Detroit, East Lansing, Eaton Rapids, Escanaba Township, Flushing Township, Grand Rapids(2), Ironwood, Marshall, Mount Pleasant, Norwood Township, Owosso, Portage Township(3)\*, Riverview, Sherman Township, Springport Village, Sturgis,



Kids around the state will be happy to know that the DNR was able to spend almost \$600,000 on updates to local parks.

Three Rivers and Unadilla Township. (\*Portage Township in Mackinac County received two grants; Portage Township in Houghton County received one grant.)

The winning entries were chosen from a field of 50 grant applicants seeking some \$1.2 million in funding for a broad range of public recreation projects including playground equipment, picnic tables and shelters, renovation of bathroom facilities, tennis and basketball courts, skate parks and improved access for those with disabilities.

"Installing a basketball court, adding outdoor grills, renovating a rest-

room ... these may seem like small projects, but the impact they can have on a community gathering spot is huge," said Steve DeBrabander, manager of the DNR's Grants Management section. "We're excited about this first round of Recreation Passport grants, because we know the good they'll do for years to come."

Application materials for future Recreation Passport Grants are available at [www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants), by calling Grants Management at (517) 373-9125 or by writing to: Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Grants Management, P.O. Box

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The Recreation Passport program, which is coordinated in conjunction with the Secretary of State's office, gives Michigan residents the option of paying an additional \$10 per car or \$5 per motorcycle when renewing a vehicle registration each year. The Passport, symbolized by the letter "P" printed on the renewal sticker, entitles that vehicle to access all state-run park facilities for the year the sticker is valid.

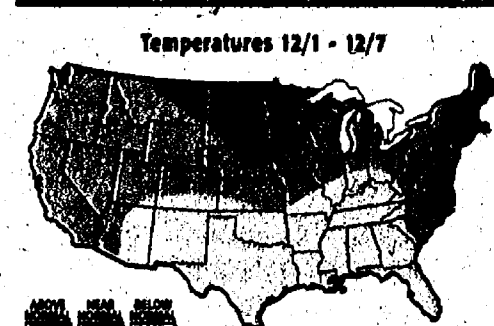
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| 35° to 41° | 22° to 28° | 35° to 41°<br>18° to 24° | 38° to 44°<br>27° to 35° | 39° to 45°<br>25° to 29° | 33° to 39°<br>16° to 22° | 29° to 35°<br>21° to 27° | 34° to 40°<br>24° to 30° |

### SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

### NATIONAL OUTLOOK



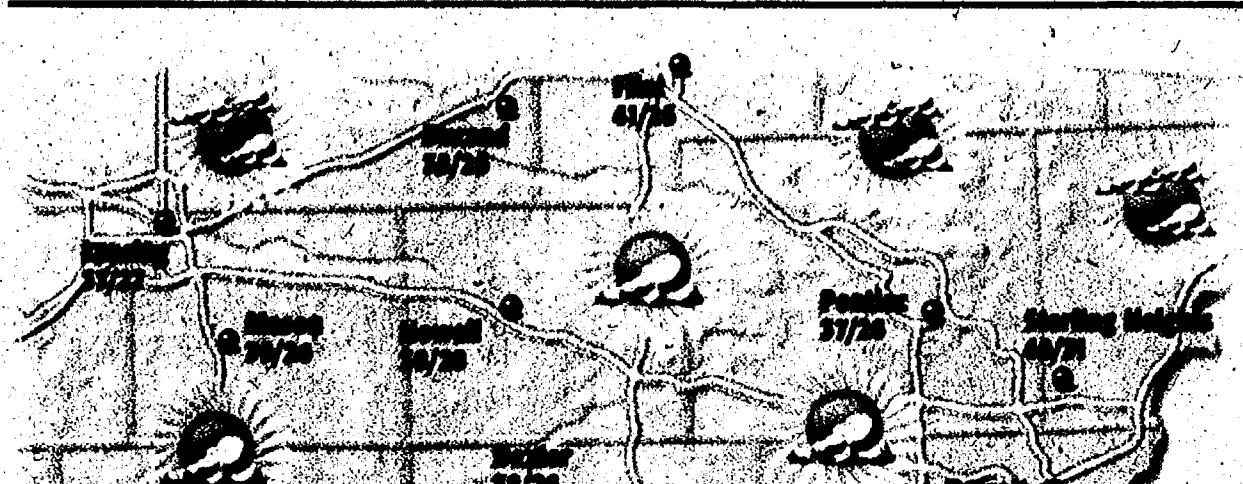
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Statistics for the week ending Monday, Nov. 28

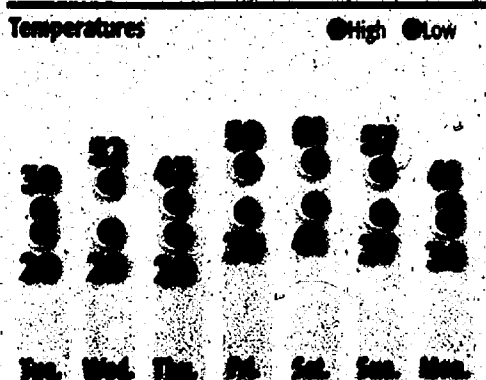
**Temperatures:**  
 High/low for the week: 61°/28°  
 Normal high/low: 44°/27°  
 Average temperature: 42.0°  
 Normal average temperature: 35.6°

**Precipitation:**  
 Total for the week: 2.35"  
 Total for the month: 3.55"  
 Total for the year: 42.82"  
 Normal for the month: 2.55"  
 Normal for the year: 30.56"

### THE REGION

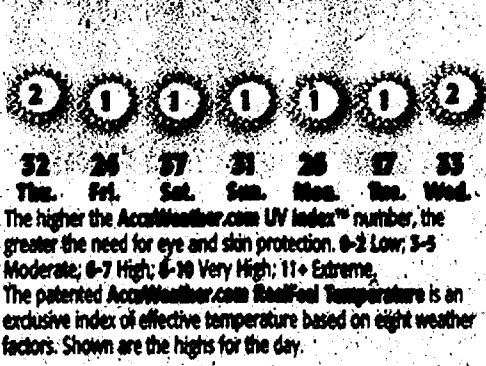


### PAST WEEK'S TEMPS



### THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature\*



### RIVER LEVELS

| As of 7 a.m. Monday | Flood stage | Current stage |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Escarpment          | 5.0         | 7.87 ft       |
| Huron River         | 16.5        | 14.75 ft      |
| Maumee Creek        | 6.12        | 6.12 ft       |
| St. Clair           | 12.0        | 9.88 ft       |
| St. Joseph          | 5.54        | 5.54 ft       |

### LAKE LEVELS

| Lake           | Normal    | Current   |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Lake Erie      | 570.91 ft | 572.89 ft |
| Lake St. Clair | 575 ft    | 574.16 ft |

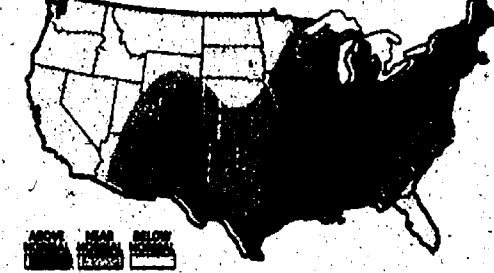
### REGIONAL CITIES

| City         | Wed      | Thu      | Fri      | Sat      | City             | Wed      | Thu      | Fri      | Sat      |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Adrian       | 40/24/pc | 38/25/pc | 35/23/pc | 41/30/pc | Marquette        | 42/29/pc | 44/28/c  | 34/23/pc | 38/29/pc |
| Ann Arbor    | 40/21/pc | 38/25/pc | 38/21/pc | 41/30/pc | Midland          | 41/25/pc | 38/26/pc | 34/22/pc | 38/29/pc |
| Battle Creek | 41/24/pc | 38/26/pc | 38/24/pc | 38/30/pc | Muskegon         | 42/29/pc | 42/28/c  | 36/26/pc | 39/31/c  |
| Bay City     | 42/24/pc | 38/28/pc | 34/22/pc | 38/30/pc | Pontiac          | 40/24/pc | 37/26/pc | 36/22/pc | 38/31/pc |
| Detroit      | 39/23/pc | 40/28/pc | 37/26/pc | 41/32/pc | Port Huron       | 40/23/pc | 38/26/pc | 34/22/pc | 38/31/pc |
| Flint        | 42/25/pc | 41/26/pc | 34/22/pc | 40/30/pc | Saginaw          | 41/24/pc | 39/26/pc | 34/22/pc | 38/29/pc |
| Grand Rapids | 40/23/pc | 38/28/pc | 34/23/pc | 40/31/pc | Sault Ste. Marie | 37/28/pc | 38/28/pc | 28/22/pc | 38/24/c  |
| Kalamazoo    | 42/25/pc | 39/28/pc | 36/24/pc | 39/30/pc | Sturgis          | 40/20/pc | 37/27/pc | 36/24/pc | 39/30/pc |
| Lansing      | 43/24/pc | 37/27/pc | 34/28/pc | 39/30/pc | Traverse City    | 42/28/pc | 41/24/c  | 33/28/pc | 42/30/c  |
| Livonia      | 41/26/pc | 41/29/pc | 39/27/pc | 41/33/pc | Warren           | 40/31/pc | 40/31/pc | 36/28/pc | 40/34/pc |

### SUN AND MOON

| The Sun   | Rise      | Set       | The Moon  | Rise       | Set        |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Thursday  | 7:24 a.m. | 5:04 p.m. | Thursday  | 12:23 p.m. | 12:06 a.m. |
| Friday    | 7:45 a.m. | 5:04 p.m. | Friday    | 12:48 p.m. | 1:06 a.m.  |
| Saturday  | 7:46 a.m. | 5:04 p.m. | Saturday  | 1:32 p.m.  | 2:05 a.m.  |
| Sunday    | 7:47 a.m. | 5:03 p.m. | Sunday    | 1:37 p.m.  | 3:04 a.m.  |
| Monday    | 7:48 a.m. | 5:03 p.m. | Monday    | 2:25 p.m.  | 4:03 a.m.  |
| Tuesday   | 7:49 a.m. | 5:03 p.m. | Tuesday   | 2:32 p.m.  | 5:02 a.m.  |
| Wednesday | 7:50 a.m. | 5:03 p.m. | Wednesday | 3:04 p.m.  |            |

### Precipitation 12/1 - 12/7



### NATIONAL CITIES

| City          | Thu      | Fri      | Sat      |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Atlanta       | 54/34/s  | 62/38/pc | 62/45/s  |
| Boston        | 51/39/s  | 50/36/s  | 46/35/s  |
| Chicago       | 43/29/pc | 57/23/pc | 49/28/pc |
| Cincinnati    | 47/29/pc | 46/29/pc | 49/35/s  |
| Cleveland     | 44/31/pc | 34/34/pc | 44/39/pc |
| Dallas        | 63/42/pc | 52/47/pc | 57/36/sh |
| Denver        | 23/10/pc | 42/15/s  | 28/12/pc |
| Honolulu      | 82/70/sh | 82/70/pc | 82/69/s  |
| Houston       | 80/54/pc | 66/49/pc | 70/49/pc |
| Kansas City   | 47/20/pc | 36/33/s  | 49/22/r  |
| Las Vegas     | 56/41/c  | 54/41/c  | 57/40/pc |
| Los Angeles   | 76/48/pc | 74/48/pc | 71/47/s  |
| Miami         | 79/62/s  | 79/64/pc | 79/68/pc |
| Minneapolis   | 30/14/c  | 30/17/s  | 33/16/pc |
| New Orleans   | 62/42/s  | 63/48/s  | 71/50/s  |
| New York City | 51/39/s  | 53/37/s  | 48/38/s  |
| Orlando       | 70/49/s  | 73/54/s  | 75/57/s  |
| Philadelphia  | 51/39/s  | 54/34/s  | 49/36/s  |
| Phoenix       | 64/48/pc | 60/44/c  | 62/44/pc |
| Pittsburgh    | 46/28/s  | 49/29/pc | 46/30/s  |
| St. Louis     | 50/30/pc | 42/31/pc | 48/32/pc |
| San Francisco | 64/41/s  | 60/41/s  | 61/41/s  |
| Seattle       | 43/28/pc | 44/31/s  | 46/32/r  |
| Wash., DC     | 52/38/s  | 56/38/s  | 52/37/s  |

### WORLD CITIES

| City           | Thu      | Fri      | Sat      |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Ahmedabad      | 61/47/s  | 62/50/s  | 61/50/s  |
| Berlin         | 46/44/c  | 52/58/pc | 41/37/c  |
| Buenos Aires   | 72/52/s  | 75/59/s  | 68/44/s  |
| Cairo          | 68/49/pc | 68/48/s  | 68/49/s  |
| Calgary        | 40/23/pc | 30/23/s  | 40/23/s  |
| Hong Kong      | 68/57/s  | 66/59/s  | 68/61/s  |
| Jakarta        | 29/40/s  | 33/42/s  | 38/38/s  |
| Johannesburg   | 72/57/r  | 74/57/r  | 71/55/r  |
| London         | 54/41/r  | 49/39/pc | 52/42/pc |
| Mexico City    | 75/43/s  | 75/40/s  | 76/41/s  |
| Montreal       | 36/25/pc | 37/28/pc | 37/28/pc |
| Moscow         | 28/25/sn | 29/22/c  | 28/25/r  |
| Paris          | 52/40/pc | 47/35/pc | 40/44/r  |
| Rio de Janeiro | 80/65/r  | 72/65/r  | 73/66/pc |
| Rome           | 59/47/s  | 62/49/s  | 62/49/pc |
| Seoul          | 48/34/s  | 48/36/c  | 46/30/sh |
| Singapore      | 26/77/r  | 26/77/r  | 26/77/s  |
| Sydney         | 68/57/pc | 66/55/pc | 72/57/pc |
| Tokyo          | 48/43/r  | 54/49/r  | 43/39/r  |
| Warsaw         | 42/29/c  | 47/38/c  | 42/33/r  |



Total Bottom Line Savings

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**LIMIT 4, SAVE \$1.64 w/4**  
**4/88¢**

CHICKEN BREASTS A LOCAL PRODUCT SINCE 1957  
**JIFFY CORN MUFFIN MIX & PIZZA MIX**  
 6.5 - 8.5 oz.





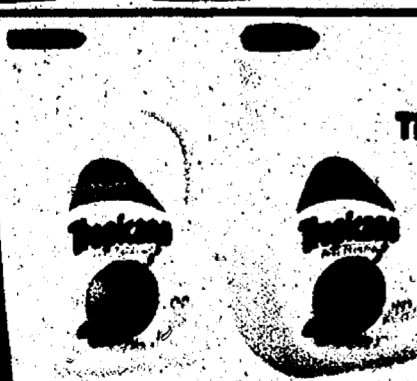
**SAVE \$3.10 WITH 2**  
**KETTLE BRAND ALL NATURAL POTATO CHIPS**  
 15 oz. Selected Varieties  
**2/\$4.88**



**SAVE \$1.60**  
**1855 All Natural Premium Pork BONELESS PORK SIRLOIN CHOPS**  
**\$1.69** Lb.



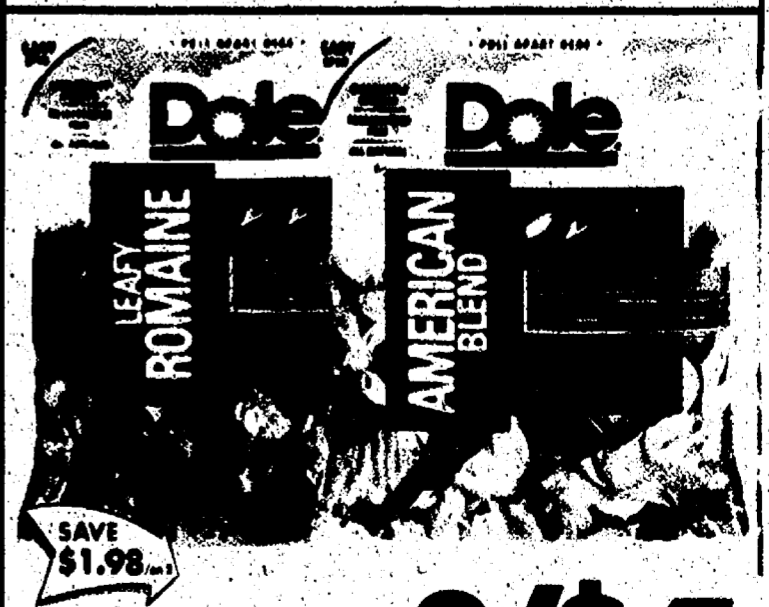
**SAVE \$1.90**  
**USDA Choice Premium Beef BONELESS BEEF CHUCK ROAST**  
**\$2.99** Lb.




**LIMIT 2 SAVE \$2.44**  
**TROPICANA PURE PREMIUM OJ**  
 89 oz. Family Size Selected Varieties  
**\$2.88**



**HEALTHY SNACK!**  
**SAVE 15¢**  
**Dole PREMIUM BANANAS**  
**39¢** Lb.



**SAVE \$1.98**  
**Dole SPECIAL BLEND SALADS**  
 5 - 12 oz.  
**2/\$4**



**Country Market offers a wine with variety at the best prices in the market. We carry over 100 wine & beer selections. Samples on every beverage.**  
**SANTA MARGHERITA PINOT GRIGIO, CHIANTI, CABERNET SAUV & MERLOT**  
 750 ml  
**SAVE UP TO \$8.72**  
**\$17.77**



SAVE \$1.96 **NATURES PATH OPTIMUM CEREALS & INSTANT OATMEAL**  
11 - 14 oz. Selected Varieties  
**\$1.99**

SAVE \$1.40 **UDI'S GLUTEN FREE GRANOLA**  
12 OZ. BAG 12 oz. Selected Varieties  
**\$3.99**

SAVE 61¢ **ANNIES ORGANIC SALAD DRESSING**  
8 oz. Selected Varieties  
**\$2.88**

SAVE 96¢ **LAKWOOD ORGANIC JUICES**  
32 oz. Selected Varieties  
**\$2.99**

SAVE \$1.51 **KING ARTHUR FLOUR**  
5 lb. Selected Varieties  
**\$2.99**

SAVE 96¢ **EZEKIEL ORGANIC & GLUTEN FREE FROZEN BREADS & MUFFINS**  
16 - 24 oz. Selected Varieties  
**\$2.99**

SAVE \$1.08 **HOSTESS DUNKIES**  
11.25 - 11.75 oz. Selected Varieties  
**\$1.99**

SAVE \$1.14 **PILLSBURY BROWNIE MIX**  
19.5 oz. Selected Varieties  
**\$1.11**

SAVE 86¢ **PILLSBURY CAKE MIX**  
18.25 - 18.9 oz. Selected Varieties  
**99¢**

SAVE UP TO \$1.16 **KELLOGGS SPECIAL K BARS & FIBER PLUS BARS & 8 CT. POPTARTS**  
4.4 - 6.3 oz. Selected Varieties  
**\$1.99**

SAVE 41¢ **BIGELOW FLAVORED TEAS**  
18 - 20 ct. Selected Varieties  
**\$1.88**

SAVE UP TO \$1.53 **KELLOGGS CEREALS**  
Crispix 12 oz.  
Rice Krispies 12 oz.  
Apple Jacks 12.2 oz.  
Froot Loops 12.2 oz.  
Corn Pops 12.5 oz.  
Frosted Flakes 14 oz.  
Cocoa Krispies 16.5 oz.  
**\$2.44**



BAKED FRESH IN MICHIGAN

SAVE UP TO \$1.26

**AUNT MILLIES FAMILY STYLE BUTTERTOP & ITALIAN BREADS & HAMS & HOTS**  
22 - 24 oz. & 8 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.33**



BAKED FRESH IN MICHIGAN

SAVE \$1.27

**AUNT MILLIES PREMIUM DELI BUNS**  
8 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.88**



GREAT VARIETY AT A GREAT PRICE

SAVE UP TO \$1.65

**NATURES PRIDE 24 OZ. PREMIUM BREADS & BEEFSTEAK RYE VARIETY BREADS**  
16 - 24 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.44**



SAVE 78¢ WITH 3

**DEI FRATELLI TOMATO SAUCE**  
8 oz.

**3/99¢**



COMPARE THE PREMIUM QUALITY TO HUNT'S & SAVE!

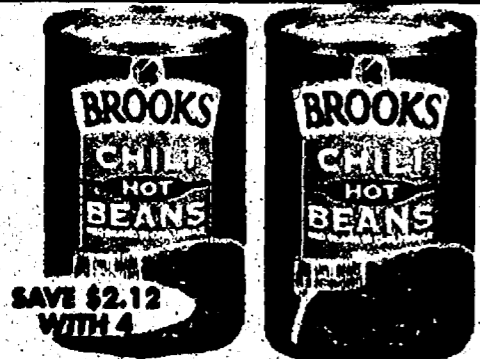
SAVE 45¢

**DEI FRATELLI FRESH CROP TOMATOES**  
14.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**88¢**



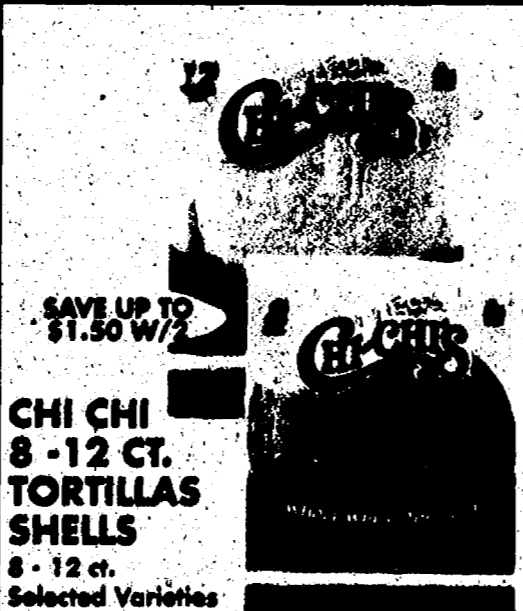
COMPARE THE PREMIUM QUALITY TO HUNT'S & SAVE!



SAVE \$2.12 WITH 4

**BROOKS CHILI WITH BEANS & JUST FOR CHILI TOMATOES**  
14.5 - 15.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**4/\$2.88**



SAVE UP TO \$1.50 W/2

**CHI CHI 8-12 CT. TORTILLAS SHELLS**  
8 - 12 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$2.88**



SAVE 94¢

**CHI CHI 16 OZ. PREMIUM SALSA**  
16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**

**DEI FRATELLI PREMIUM PIZZA SAUCE & SLOPPY JOE SAUCE**  
15 oz.

**4/\$2.88**



WOW! THAT'S ONLY 72¢ A CAN

**DEI FRATELLI FRESH SALSA**  
15.5 - 16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$2.88**



SAVE \$1.62 WITH 2

**DEI FRATELLI VEGETABLE JUICE & NEW TASTY SPICY TOMATO JUICE**  
46 oz. can

**2/\$2.88**



COMPARE QUALITY TO V-S & SAVE!

**Back Bottom Pricing**

SAVE \$1.53

**JUICY JUICE 100% FRUIT JUICE**  
64 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.44**



**DEI FRATELLI PREMIUM PASTA SAUCE**  
26 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$2.88**



COMPARE QUALITY TO RAGU & SAVE!



**SWISS MISS**  
MILK CHOCOLATE

SAVE UP TO \$1.53

**SWISS MISS COCOA MIX**  
8 - 10 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**96¢**

SAVE 39¢

**Hunts**

**HUNTS SPAGHETTI SAUCE**  
26 - 26.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**96¢**

SAVE 54¢

**MANWICH**

**HUNTS MANWICH**  
15.5 - 16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**96¢**

SAVE UP TO \$3.61 W/3

**WOLF BRAND CHILI**  
15 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**3/\$3.96**

WOW! THAT'S ONLY \$1.32 PER CAN THIS NEW YEAR!

**Blue Bonnet**

WOW! THAT'S ONLY 74¢ PER PACK

SAVE \$2.04 WITH 4

**BLUE BONNET MARGARINE**  
1/4'S  
16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**3/\$3.96**

SAVE \$2.79 WITH 3

**HEALTHY CHOICE SOUP**  
15 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$2.96**

SAVE \$2.74 WITH 2

**HEALTHY CHOICE MICROWAVE SOUP BOWLS**  
14 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$2.96**

SAVE \$1.01

**PETER PAN PEANUT BUTTER**  
16.3 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.96**

**Blue Bonnet**

**4/\$2.96**

SAVE 54¢

**Hunts Snack Pack**  
4 pk.  
Selected Varieties

**96¢**

SAVE 37¢

**CRUNCH N' MUNCH**  
4 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**96¢**

SAVE \$1.03

**ACT II MICROWAVE POPCORN**  
3 pk.  
Selected Varieties

**96¢**

**BANQUET VALUE MEALS**  
5.75 10.25 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**96¢**

SAVE UP TO 53¢

**BOYARDEE CANNED PASTA WITH MEAT & MICRO CUPS**  
7.25 - 14.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**96¢**

SAVE 63¢

**Hunts DICED TOMATOES**  
14.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**96¢**



SAVE 46¢

**DUTCH FARMS PREMIUM BAGELS**  
14 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**99¢**



SAVE 76¢

**BAYS ENGLISH MUFFINS**  
6 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



SAVE UP TO 40¢

**NUEVO LEON AUTHENTIC 8-10" FLOUR TORTILLA SHELLS**  
14 - 16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**99¢**



SAVE 85¢

**DUTCH FARMS AMERICAN SINGLES**  
12 oz.

**\$1.44**



**Rock Bottom Pricing!**

SAVE UP TO 75¢

**BAREMANS 1/2 GALLON MILK & OJ SALE**  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.44**



SAVE 81¢

**BAREMANS FRESH COTTAGE CHEESE**  
16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.44**



SAVE \$1.19

**CRYSTAL FARMS PREMIUM CHUNK & SHRED CHEESE**  
16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$3.44**

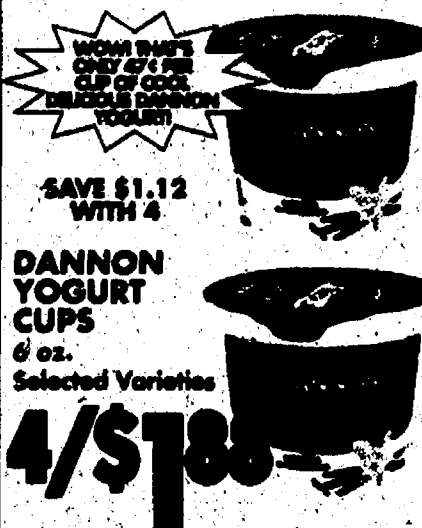


WOW! SAVE ONLY 47¢ PER CUP OF COOL UNUSUAL DANNON YOGURT!

SAVE \$1.12 WITH 4

**DANNON YOGURT CUPS**  
6 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**4/\$1.88**



SAVE \$1.05

**NESTLE READY TO BAKE COOKIE & BAR DOUGH**  
16 - 16.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.88**




**Rock Bottom Pricing!**

**Prairie Farms**

SAVE UP TO \$1.71

**PRAIRIE FARMS 1/2 GALLON & BAREMANS HOUSE OF FLAVORS 1.75 QT. ICE CREAM**  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.88**



SAVE UP TO \$4.24 W/4

WOW! SAVE ONLY \$1.22 PER BREAKFAST!

**AUNT JEMIMA BREAKFAST ENTREES & WAFFLES**  
5.2 - 12.3 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**4/\$4.99**



SAVE 75¢

**FLAV R PAC FROZEN FRESH VEGGIES**  
16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**88¢**



SAVE UP TO \$1.00

**PEPPERIDGE FARMS GARLIC BREAD & TOAST**  
9.5 - 11.75 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



SAVE \$1.47

**BIRDSEYE VOILA ENTREES**  
21 - 23 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$3.88**



SAVE 53¢

**SWANSON HUNGRY MAN DINNER**  
13.1 - 16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.44**



SAVE \$1.57

**RED BARON PREMIUM PAN PIZZA & FAMILY SIZE PASTA MEALS**  
26.2 - 30 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$4.88**



SAVE UP TO \$1.50

**NORTHSTAR LOTTA POPS**  
24 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**



SAVE UP TO \$1.00

**NESTLE DRUMSTICKS, PUSH UPS, DIPS & EDYS FRUIT BARS**  
6 - 12 pk.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.99**





|                                                                                     |                                                                                                |                                                                                     |                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     | <b>KRETSCHMAR CHICKEN BREAST</b><br>lb.<br><b>\$6.99</b>                                       |     | <b>KRETSCHMAR BABY SWISS</b><br>lb.<br><b>\$7.39</b>                                                   |
|    | <b>KRETSCHMAR TAVERN HAM</b><br>lb.<br><b>\$6.99</b>                                           |    | <b>KRETSCHMAR BRAUNSWEIGER</b><br>lb.<br><b>\$5.49</b>                                                 |
|    | <b>GRANDMAS SALAD POTATO, MUSTARD POTATO, COLE SLAW &amp; MACARONI</b><br>lb.<br><b>\$2.19</b> |    | <b>LEONS SPINACH DIP</b><br>lb.<br><b>\$4.79</b>                                                       |
|   | <b>SANDRIDGE PUMPKIN ROASTED APPLE SOUP</b><br>lb.<br><b>\$3.69</b>                            |   | <b>MADE IN SALINE, MI</b><br><b>FLATOUTS</b><br>11 - 14 oz. Selected Varieties<br>ea.<br><b>\$2.79</b> |
|  | <b>ESSENHAUS NOODLES</b><br>12 oz. Selected Varieties<br><b>\$2.69</b>                         |  | <b>DEVALLO HICKORY SMOKED, HONEY &amp; VIRGINIA HAM</b><br>lb.<br><b>\$4.99</b>                        |
|  | <b>DEVALLO TOP ROUND ROAST BEEF &amp; CORNED BEEF</b><br>lb.<br><b>\$6.99</b>                  |  | <b>DEVALLO EXTRA SHARP CHEESE</b><br>lb.<br><b>\$4.99</b>                                              |

**1855 All Natural Premium Pork BONELESS PORK SIRLOIN ROAST**  
SAVE \$1.30  
**\$1.69** LB.

**USDA Choice Premium Beef BONELESS BEEF CHUCK STEAK**  
SAVE \$3.69  
**\$3.69** LB.

**USDA Choice Veal VEAL LOIN CHOPS**  
SAVE \$3.00  
**\$7.99** LB.

**Ground Fresh Several Times Daily GROUND BEEF FROM CHUCK (FAMILY PACK)**  
SAVE \$1.30  
**\$2.69** LB.

**USDA Choice Premium Beef NEW YORK STRIP STEAK**  
SAVE \$5.00  
**\$6.99** LB.

**FRESH SEAFOOD SALAD**  
SAVE \$1.80  
**\$4.59** LB.

**1855 All Natural Premium Pork BREADED BONELESS PORK CUTLETS**  
SAVE \$1.10  
**\$2.49** LB.

**USDA Choice Premium Beef STEW MEAT**  
SAVE 30%  
**\$3.99** LB.

**USDA Choice Lamb LAMB LOIN CHOPS**  
SAVE \$3.00  
**\$7.99** LB.

**1855 All Natural Pork BONELESS PORK TENDERLOIN**  
SAVE \$2.00  
**\$3.99** LB.

**Wild Caught ALASKAN SOCKEYE SALMON FILLET**  
SAVE \$2.00  
**\$8.99** LB.

**Wild Caught JUMBO SCALLOPS**  
SAVE \$3.00  
**\$11.99** LB.

**U.S.D.A. CHOICE BEEF**

**WAYNE IQF CHICKEN WINGS**  
4 lb. bag  
**\$5.99** lb.

**KOWALSKI NATURAL CASING STADIUM KIELBASA & FRANKS**  
15 oz.  
**\$3.99**

**BARS JUMBO & BUN SIZE HOT DOGS**  
1 lb.  
**99¢**

**BARS BOLOGNA**  
Selected Varieties  
12 oz.  
**99¢**

**SMITHFIELD SMOKED SAUSAGE, POLISH KIELBASA & ANDOUILLE**  
1 lb.  
**\$2.99**

**LAND O FROST BISTRO FAVORITES**  
Selected Varieties  
6 oz.  
**BUY ONE GET ONE FREE**

**SMITHFIELD SLICED BACON**  
Selected Varieties  
1 lb.  
**\$3.49**

**LAND O FROST HICKORY SMOKED BACON**  
7 oz.  
**\$1.99**

**GOURMET DINING FROZEN ENTREES**  
Selected Varieties  
28 - 32 oz.  
**\$4.49**

**PAVONE SLICED PEPPERONI**  
Selected Varieties  
2.25 - 3 oz.  
**\$1.19**

**CENSEA 31-40 CT. COOKED SHRIMP**  
1 lb. bag  
Save \$2.00 lb.  
**\$6.99**

**BARS CORN DOGS**  
3 lb. pk.  
**\$4.99**

**Back Bottom Pricing!**

SAVE UP TO \$1.50



**BETTERMADE BRAND POTATO CHIPS, PRETZELS & TORTILLA CHIPS**  
10.5 - 15 oz.  
Selected Varieties

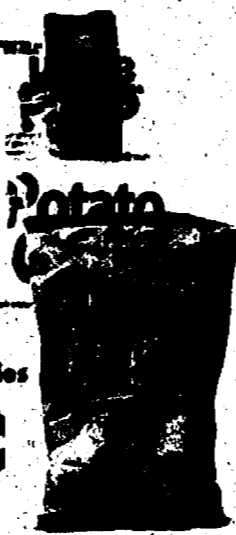
**\$1.99**



**UNCLE RAYS POTATO CHIPS**

4.75 - 5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

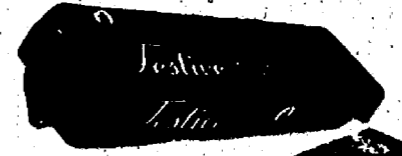
**99¢**



SAVE UP TO \$1.11  
**KETTLE TIAS NACHO TORTILLA CHIPS & OOGIES ALL NATURAL FLAVORED POPCORN**

5 - 8 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.88**



SAVE 59¢

**VOORTMANS CHRISTMAS COOKIES**

8.8 - 10.6 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.88**

SAVE UP TO \$1.51

**NABISCO PREMIUM SALTINES & CHIPS AHOY COOKIES**

9 - 16.5.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.88**

SAVE \$1.53

**HOSTESS SNACK CAKES & MINI MUFFINS**

8 - 20 ct.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.44**



SAVE UP TO \$1.53

**CARR'S PREMIUM CRACKERS & SUNSHINE CHEEZ ITS**

4.25 - 13.7 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.44**



SAVE \$1.41

**FRITO LAY BRAND DORITOS**

11 - 11.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.88**



SAVE \$2.10 WITH 2

**FRITO LAY BRAND FRITOS & CHEETOS SALE**

9.75 - 10.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$4.88**



SAVE 19¢

**BAREMANS PREMIUM WATER**

1 Gallon  
Selected Varieties

**66¢**



SAVE 37¢

**SOBE LIFE WATER & SOBE JUICE**

20 oz. plastic  
Selected Varieties

**88¢**



SAVE \$4.10 WITH 2

**FRAPPUCINO**

4 pk./9.5 oz. glass  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$8.88**



SAVE \$3.84 WITH 8

**7-UP & VERNORS BRANDS**

2 LT  
Selected Varieties

**8/\$8.88**



WOW! THAT'S ONLY 72¢ PER BOTTLE OF POWER!

SAVE \$1.12 WITH 4

**POWERADE ISOTONIC SPORTS DRINK**

32 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**4/\$2.88**



SAVE \$5.76 WITH 3

**AQUAFINA WATER**

24 pk./16.9 oz.

**3/\$9.99**



SAVE \$2.62 WITH 2

**MONSTER ENERGY DRINK**

4 pk./16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$10.88**



SAVE \$4.77 LIMIT 3

**PEPSI BRANDS**

12 pk./12 oz. cans,  
8 pk./16.9 oz. btl.  
Selected Varieties

**3/\$10.98**

**Back Bottom Pricing!**



**COCA COLA BRANDS BONUS PACK**

20 pk./12 oz. cans  
Selected Varieties

**\$5.44**



**ST. JULIAN FRUITS OF MICHIGAN WINES**  
750 ml Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

**\$4<sup>99</sup>**



SAVE \$1.80

**JOHAN KLAUS PIESPORTER**  
750 ml Bottle  
(Plus Tax)

**\$4<sup>99</sup>**



SAVE \$1.00

**SCHWEPPE'S PREMIUM MIXERS**  
1 L.  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

**99¢**

**SCHWEPPE'S PREMIUM MIXERS**  
6 pk / 10 oz. brl.  
3/\$10.98  
SAVE \$2.99



SAVE 26¢

**NEW! CUPCAKE VODKA**  
750 ml Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

**\$15<sup>99</sup>**

ONLY THE FINEST AMERICAN GRAIN & THREE TIMES DISTILLED & CONDENSED W/ PURE MOUNTAIN WATER FROM THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS!



**BERINGER CALIFORNIA COLLECTION**  
750 ml Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

**\$5<sup>88</sup>**



SAVE \$1.07

**CARELLI ARGENTINE WINES**  
750 ml Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

**\$7<sup>88</sup>**



SAVE \$3.41

**KAHLUA**  
750 ml Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

**\$19<sup>97</sup>**



**E&J SUPERIOR RESERVE VSOP AMERICAN BRANDY**  
750 ml Bottle  
(Plus Tax)

**\$11<sup>95</sup>**



**GLEN ELLEN CALIFORNIA WINES**  
1.5 L.  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

**\$6<sup>99</sup>**



SAVE \$3.96

**ESTANCIA CHARDONNAY**  
750 ml Bottle  
(Plus Tax)

**\$8<sup>88</sup>**



SAVE \$5.51

**JOSE CUERVO TEQUILA**  
750 ml Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

**\$19<sup>97</sup>**



**UGLY DOG PREMIUM VODKA**  
750 ml Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

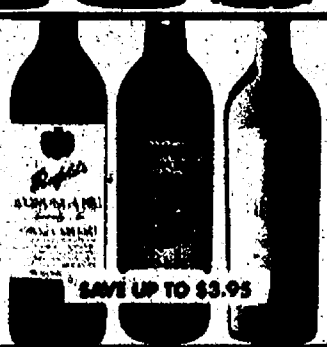
**\$19<sup>97</sup>**

MARTINIS & DISTILLED FROM INDIAN CHIEFS MICHIGAN!



**PENFOLDS KOONUNGA HILL, RAVENWOODS & BLACKSTONE WINES**  
750 ml Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

**\$8<sup>44</sup>**



SAVE UP TO \$3.95

**MONDAVI WOODBRIDGE CALIFORNIA WINES**  
1.5 L. BOTTLE  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

**\$9<sup>99</sup>**



SAVE \$5.40

**KETEL ONE PREMIUM VODKA**  
750 ml Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

**\$22<sup>95</sup>**

NEW LOW PRICE!



**DISARONNO**  
750 ml Bottle  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax)

**\$27<sup>43</sup>**



**ARCADIA CRAFT BEER**  
6 pk. / 12 oz. brl.  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax & deposit)

**\$7<sup>99</sup>**

HANDCRAFTED ENGLISH STYLE ALE FROM BATTLE CREEK, MI



SAVE \$1.76

**DARK HORSE CRAFT BEER**  
6 Pk. / 12 oz. brl.  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax & deposit)

**\$7<sup>99</sup>**

HANDCRAFTED PREMIUM BEERS FROM MARSHALL, MI



SAVE \$1.60

**LEINENKUGELS CRAFT BEER**  
12 Pk. / 12 oz. brl.  
(Plus Tax & deposit)

**\$11<sup>11</sup>**



SAVE \$1.88

**BLUE MOON & CORONA**  
12 Pk. / 12 oz. brl.  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax & deposit)

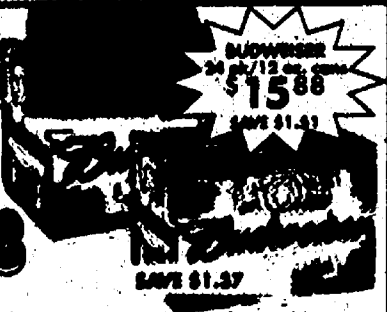
**\$12<sup>44</sup>**



SAVE UP TO \$1.55

**BUDWEISER BONUS PACK**  
20 Pk. / 12 oz. brl.  
(Plus Tax & deposit)

**\$12<sup>88</sup>**



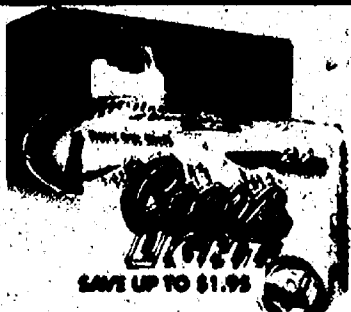
BUDWEISER 24 pk / 12 oz. cans \$15.88

SAVE \$1.51

SAVE \$1.37

**MILLER, MGD & COORS BRANDS**  
24 Pk. / 12 oz. cans  
(Plus Tax & deposit)

**\$15<sup>44</sup>**



SAVE UP TO \$1.95

**MOLSON & LABATT'S**  
24 Pk. / 12 oz. cans  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax & deposit)

**\$15<sup>44</sup>**



SAVE UP TO \$1.95

**GENESSEE**  
30 Pk. / 12 oz. cans  
Selected Varieties  
(Plus Tax & deposit)

**\$13<sup>99</sup>**



WOW! THAT'S ONLY 47¢ PER BEER

SAVE \$1.38

**PHURITY GLASS CLEANER**  
24 oz.  
SAVE 50¢  
**\$1.99**



**PHURITY MULTI PURPOSE & HEAVY DUTY CLEANERS**  
24 oz.  
SAVE UP TO \$2.62 W/2  
**2/\$4.88**



**PHURITY FOAMING HAND WASH**  
8 oz.  
Selected Varieties  
SAVE 74¢  
**\$2.99**




**PHURITY HAND WASH**  
16 oz.  
GREAT FOR DISHES TOO  
SAVE 60¢  
**\$3.33**



**PHURITY REFILL HAND WASH**  
33.8 oz.  
Selected Varieties  
SAVE 29¢  
**\$4.99**

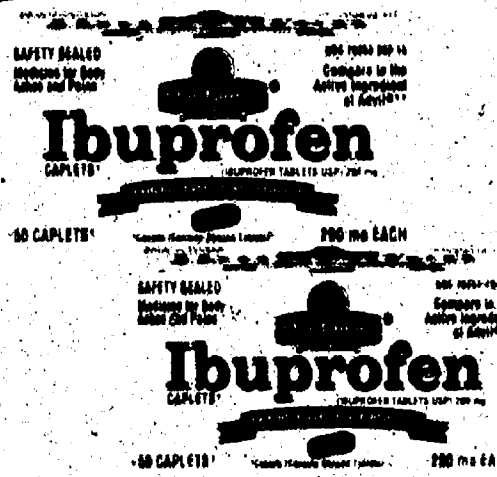


**PHURITY PREMIUM LAUNDRY DETERGENT**  
64 oz.  
Selected Varieties  
SAVE \$2.05  
**\$6.44**



SAVE 90¢  
**OUR FAMILY IBUPROFEN**  
50 ct.  
Selected Varieties  
**\$1.99**

**Ibuprofen**  
CAPLETS  
50 CAPLETS  
200 MG EACH




SAVE 50¢  
**DIAL COMPLETE FOAMING HAND WASH**  
7.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties  
**\$1.99**

**Dial**  
COMPLETE  
ANTIBACTERIAL

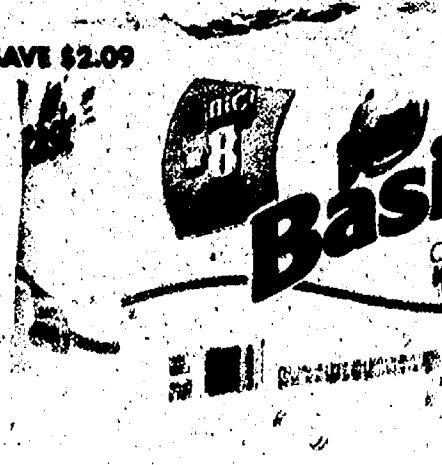


SAVE 91¢  
**PANTENE SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER**  
12.6 oz.  
Selected Varieties  
**\$3.88**



**Back Bottom Printing**  
SAVE \$2.09  
**BOUNTY BASIC PAPER TOWELS**  
6 - 8 ct.  
Selected Varieties  
**\$4.88**

**Basic**  
Cleans Up  
HOLD UP



SAVE 70¢  
**CREST TOOTH PASTE**  
6.4 oz.  
Selected Varieties  
**\$1.99**

**Crest**  
CAVITY  
PROTECTION



SAVE \$1.20  
**PEPTO BISMOL**  
4 - 8 oz. or 24 - 30 ct.  
Selected Varieties  
**\$2.99**

**pepto BISMOL**



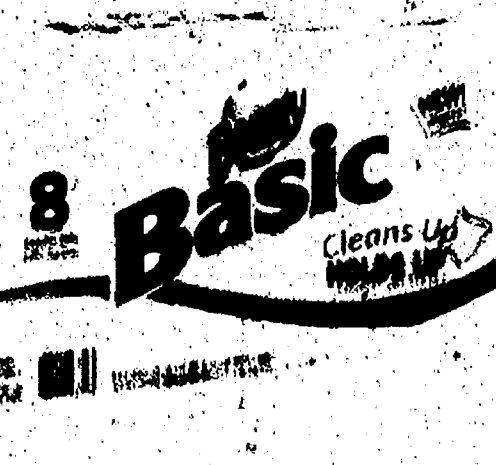
SAVE \$1.00  
**ENSURE HEALTH DRINK**  
6 pk.  
Selected Varieties  
**\$6.99**

**ENSURE**

STOCK UP ON ENSURE & STAY ENERGIZED DURING THE BUSY HOLIDAY SEASON!!



**Basic**  
Cleans Up  
HOLD UP





**ZIPLOC  
STORAGE  
& FREEZER  
BAGS**  
15 - 24 ct.  
Selected Varieties



**\$2.44**

SAVE 53¢

**ZIPLOC  
CONTAINERS**  
2 - 6 ct.  
Selected Varieties



**\$2.44**

**FRISKIES  
CANNED  
CAT  
FOOD**  
3.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**6/\$2.88**

**MEOW  
MIX  
CAT  
FOOD**  
3 - 3.5 lb. Bag  
Selected Varieties



**\$4.88**

SAVE 86¢

**JOY  
DISH  
SOAP**  
30 oz.  
Selected Varieties



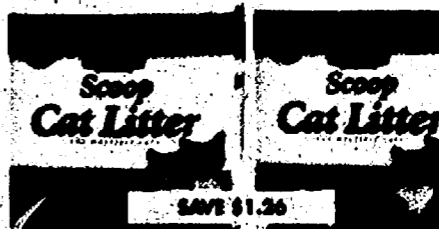
**\$1.99**

**COMPARE  
& SAVE**  
**CLOROX  
DISINFECTING  
WIPES, FORMULA  
409 SPRAY &  
MR CLEAN  
LIQUID CLEANER**  
28 - 32 oz & 35 ct.  
Selected Varieties



**\$1.99**

**OUR  
FAMILY  
CAT  
LITTER**  
14 lb.  
Selected Varieties



**\$3.99**

SAVE \$1.28

**ERA 2X  
LAUNDRY  
DETERGENT**  
50 oz.  
Selected Varieties



**\$3.11**

SAVE \$1.88  
**GLAD KITCHEN,  
GARBAGE,  
OUTDOOR  
TRASH,  
FORCE FLEX  
BAGS**  
15 - 80.  
Selected Varieties



**\$5.99**

**DADS  
ECONOMY  
DOG  
FOOD**  
22.25 lb. Bag



**\$10.88**

**PURINA  
BEGGIN  
STRIPS  
VALUE  
PACK**  
25 ct.  
Selected Varieties



**\$8.88**

**Back Bottom  
Packaging!**  
SAVE \$2.09  
**CHARMIN BASIC  
DOUBLE ROLL  
BATH TISSUE**  
12 ct.



**\$4.88**

**PURINA  
DOG  
CHOW  
DOG FOOD**  
17.4 - 20 lb.  
Selected Varieties



**\$11.88**

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|  | <p>FRESH BAKED<br/><b>JUMBO MUFFINS</b><br/>4 ct.<br/>Selected Varieties<br/><b>\$2.99</b></p> |  <p>HEALTHY SNACK!<br/>SAVE 15%<br/>DOLE PREMIUM BANANAS <b>39¢</b> Lb.</p>                   |  <p>SAVE \$1.98...<br/>DOLE SPECIAL BLENDS SALADS <b>2/\$4</b><br/>5-12 oz.</p>                     |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|  | <p>FRESH BAKED<br/><b>CINNAMON RAISIN BREAD</b><br/>20 oz.<br/><b>\$2.89</b></p>               |  <p>SAVE \$2.98...<br/>CALIFORNIA SEEDLESS NAVAL ORANGES <b>2/\$5</b><br/>4 lb.</p>           |  <p>LARGE AVOCADOS <b>98¢</b><br/>SAVE 81¢<br/>RED-RIPEN ON THE VINE TOMATOES <b>\$1.48</b> Lb.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|  | <p>FRESH BAKED<br/><b>ROUND PUMPERNICKEL RYE BREAD</b><br/>16 oz.<br/><b>\$1.99</b></p>        |  <p>SAVE \$2.98...<br/>BLUEBERRIES, RASPBERRIES &amp; BLACKBERRIES <b>2/\$5</b><br/>6 oz.</p> |  <p>SAVE 71¢<br/>AUNT MIDS SLICED MUSHROOMS <b>\$1.58</b> Ea.</p>                                   |  <p>SAVE 11¢<br/>FRESH GREEN CABBAGE <b>38¢</b> Lb.</p>                                           |
|  | <p>FRESH BAKED<br/><b>GLAZED YEAST RING DONUTS</b><br/>12 ct.<br/><b>\$3.99</b></p>            |  <p>SAVE 38¢<br/>SUPER SELECT CUCUMBERS <b>2/\$1</b></p>                                      |  <p>SAVE 31¢<br/>JUMBO SWEET ONIONS <b>68¢</b> Lb.</p>                                              |  <p>FRESH FLORAL DEPARTMENT<br/>May not be exactly as illustrated<br/>CHRISTMAS CACTUS \$2.99</p> |
|  | <p>MINI TURNOVERS<br/>6 ct.<br/>Selected Varieties<br/><b>\$2.99</b></p>                       |  <p>SAVE 38¢<br/>DANISH RING COFFEE CAKES <b>\$4.29</b><br/>16 oz. Selected Varieties</p>     |  <p>SAVE 31¢<br/>HOLIDAY POINSETTIA <b>\$6.99</b> Ea.</p>                                           |  <p>SAVE 31¢<br/>PRETZEL SUB BUNS <b>\$1.99</b><br/>4 ct.</p>                                     |

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