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Santa greets the crowd during the Dec. 3 light parade.

## CCA to offer winter classes

The Chelsea Center for the Arts is pleased to announce its music and visual art offerings for the Winter/Spring 2012 term. Music classes and lessons for the winter and spring term include: Music Together with Tara Vesprini, weekly music classes for children, up to kindergarten age, and the adults who love them; 88 Fingers with Lester Castellana, beginning piano lessons for 5- to 8-year-old children; Parent & Child Music Lessons, for parents and their 4- to 12-year-old children to learn together; Youngest Singer with Sarah Price, mini private and group voice lessons for 5- to 9-year-old children; Chelsea Children's Choir with Sarah Price, for 6- to 12-year-old children; CCA Jazz Ensemble with Ben Jansson, for teens and adults; and, private music lessons with CCA's outstanding instructors in flute, guitar, percussion, mandolin, lap steel, electric bass, piano, violin, Suzuki violin, viola, double bass, voice, saxophone, or clarinet - for youths and adults. Please visit our website at [www.chelsea-centerforthearts.org](http://www.chelsea-centerforthearts.org) for more information, including about the CCA's highly qualified instructors. Visual art classes for the winter and spring term include: After School Art Clubs at North Creek for children in kindergarten through second grade and

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## Hometown lights up Chelsea

By Erica McClain  
Heritage Media

**H**ometown Holiday marked the beginning of the holiday season for many in Chelsea Dec. 2-4 with a bevy of family-friendly events for all who came to the community. With events like the All the Trimmings art show, a community sing, tree lighting, the light parade, gingerbread house making and much more, Hometown had something for just about everyone. For Denise, Tom and daughter, April, Dembinski, Hometown Holiday was a chance to experience Chelsea as an even more bustling community. "We live outside town, but today we wandered the shops that we're not normally in," Denise Dembinski said. The Dembinskis said they had never seen so many people line the streets of downtown for Hometown

Holiday light parade, which for the past few years has experienced a terribly inclement winter weather. "But we love coming every year," Tom Dembinski said. "We're like tourists in our town." For Kristine Murphy and her daughter, Isabella Murphy, both of Sylvan Township, the parade was a first. "We went to the fair parade, and we thought that was so much fun that we would come to this one," Kristine Murphy said. Murphy said the festival also encouraged the two to go out shopping and spend quality time together. At the community sing, which marked the end of Saturday's festivities at the Chelsea Teddy Bear Company first-time festival-goers, Anna and Tom Bristle with their son, Skylar, said Home for the Holiday was a great way to have some family fun. "The parade was great," Anna Bristle said. "It was fun to see all the lights and see the city get invested in the

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## First home geothermal unit installed in Chelsea

By Krista Gjesfland  
Heritage Media

With a tax credit for those who install geothermal heating and cooling systems, Haley Mechanical has been seeing a steady increase in interest in the technology. Geothermal systems use a series of underground pipes to convert the earth's natural heat energy to warm air distributed through conventional duct systems. The process is reversed for warmer weather, when the pipes remove warm air from the building, putting it back into the earth. In addition to a tax credit, the technology can save homeowners money on their gas bills and is a

renewable alternative to using gas to heat homes. According to Haley Mechanical owner Hank Haley, homeowners are only just starting to see that the technology is not just for big buildings, but homes too. "A lot of them think it's impossible in their homes," he said. "It wasn't until about five years ago that people thought they could have it in their homes." In fact, Chelsea residents Kristine and Rob Juergens are the first to apply for a geothermal furnace installation permit inside the city and finished installing their unit this week.



Photo by Krista Gjesfland  
Ken Whitley (center) and Jeremy Lafontaine work on installing the geothermal unit at the Juergens' home.

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The CCA is proud to be able to once again provide scholarships and tuition assistance to students in need who will be taking music and visual art classes and lessons in the winter and spring term, which is January-May 2012. There are no age restrictions, but applicants must complete an application,

demonstrating financial need and a passion for studying art and/or music.

This year, the CCA is also offering special tuition assistance for high school junior and senior year students who intend to pursue visual arts or music at the collegiate or professional level. The CCA understands the intensity of preparation for art and music school admission, or for professional careers, and the additional expense and mentoring required to prepare for auditions or to assemble portfolios. As such, new tuition assistance will be available for serious high school students, based on talent, achievement and motivation to pursue artistic achievement at the next level.

The Board of Directors of the Chelsea Center for the Arts established its scholarship program in 2008, with funds raised through special events, such as Autumn Jubilee, a Yellow Door breakfast,

and Jazz & Chocolates, as well as donations from the community. In 2009, the Moore Pediatrics Scholarship Fund was added, specifically to provide assistance for children, ages 5 and younger, who are just beginning their artistic exploration. Funds available through the CCA Scholarship and Tuition Assistance program are limited. For more information, please go to www.chelseacenterforthearts.org and see the Scholarship FAQ (pdf) and the Instructions for Applicants (pdf).

The hopes of increasing funds available for students in need, and to further foster the creation, understanding and enjoyment of the arts in our community, the CCA welcomes contributions to support scholarships and tuition assistance. Please email start@chelseacenterforthearts.org or call 734-433-2787, if you are interested in donating to this important program.

**HOLIDAY**

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holiday season, especially at the beginning of the month.

Tom Bristle said he appreciated just how unique the Chelsea com-

munity was to have celebrations for every season all year long.

"It's nice to have all these different things bringing the community together," he said.

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**CHS band members attend workshop**

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Chelsea Band Members Pictured are: Eighth grader Olivia Catherman (left), sixth grader Kia Newman, 12th grader Jennifer Craig and ninth grader Keaton Aldrich.

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Rob Juergens, who is a financial planner, was convinced to use the technology after crunching the numbers.

"The numbers came back and my husband was sold," Kristine Juergens said. "We like the fact that it's green, too."

The Juergenses expect to save \$1,400 a year heating and cooling their 1,800 square-foot home in the switch.

Haley said that the current 30 percent tax credit doesn't hurt, either.

"We were putting in 10 to 15 (units) a year before the tax credit, now it's 60 and 70 (units)," he said.

The tax credit is in place until 2016, but Haley is afraid what could happen to business if it goes away.

"We're afraid that if Republicans get in there we'll lose our tax credits," he said. "If we did 70 (units) a year, then I gave a million dollars in tax credits."

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# SECOND FRONT

Thursday, December 8, 2011

## House approves lifting cap on charter schools

By James David Dickson  
Heritage Media

The Michigan House Education Committee, in an 11-7 vote, has approved Senate Bill 618, which would lift the state's caps on charter schools, a clerk for the committee confirmed.

The vote went straight down party lines, except for Rep. Thomas B. Hooker, a Republican who represents the Wyoming area, who voted no.

The bill will now move to the full House of Representatives. If the House approves the bill, it will head to Gov. Rick

Snyder's desk to be signed. SB 618 is tie-barred to several other bills in the "parent empowerment package." All must become law for any to take effect.

Local educational leaders have opposed SB 618, which they believe would compromise public education funding. The Ann

Arbor Board of Education adopted a resolution opposing SB 618 and sent copies to Snyder, an Ann Arbor resident, and other political leaders.

Charter school advocates argue that the bill would expand school choice and that charter schools often outperform local, tradi-

tional public schools.

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The Senate voted in favor of the anti-bullying legislation, without the exceptions of its earlier version of the bill.



## Charter uncapping opponents promise reform

By Sean Dalton  
Heritage Media

With Senate Bill 618 heading for the House of Representatives in the near future, opponents to uncapping the number of privately operated charter schools in the state are gearing up to both oppose the bill and present new legislation that would "correct" what's wrong with Michigan charters.

Sen. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor, and colleague Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, presented an amendment to the Michigan Constitution banning for-profit charters outright earlier this week, in addition to promising multiple bills that would regulate charters regardless of who operates them, particularly if the cap is lifted and the ban fails.

"Some of the questions I'm asked often are: 'Are you banning charter schools or limiting charter schools,' and the answer is 'no and no,'" Warren said. "We're looking at a very specific sector where basically private companies have a line item for corporate profits in the state budget."

Michigan leads the way

in the number of privately operated charter schools, partly because the state offers more per pupil foundation allowance funds per student than some other states, which have capped the funding at half the full foundation allowance.

The field of charter schools in the state is run primarily by private companies: 80 percent of all Michigan charters are so.

"When voters passed Proposal A in 1994, citizens around the state said that they wanted to pay more into the School Aid Fund for better schools," Warren said. "And now we have that money going to private companies, many of which are out of



State Sen. Rebekah Warren

state. We're sending our School Aid dollars to other states."

Warren qualifies her statements by saying that she isn't against the idea of competition driving excellence and innovators making profit in return for adding value, but she believes that the value has not been achieved and Michigan children are being commoditized for monetary gain in an unregulated market where

private charters can pick and choose students, operate with little to no transparency or accountability, and skirt around standards and expectations that regulated public schools are held to.

Charter schools are required by law to accept all students they have space for, but when schools fill up, admissions is determined by a lottery system. Charter schools are also allowed to grant sibling preference in admissions. Charter schools are also called public school academies and are free-of-charge.

"When I was new to the Legislature (in 1993) charters first appeared as an idea where Intermediate School Districts would run them as small incubators where teachers lead innovations in techniques and curriculum," Warren said. "Instead we have 80 percent of charters as private, where 40 percent of teachers leave their jobs within the first year."

"What I've found is that these charters have more scripted curriculum, because when teacher 'A' leaves dissatisfied than teacher 'B' needs to be able to pick the lesson plan

up and keep reading as if nothing happened."

Warren promises to make public research that will flesh out these assertions about Michigan's private charter in January, as she, Hopgood and other state Democrats propose a package of bills that are intended to correct the oversights made in the 1990s.

Since then, the private charter market in Michigan has resulted in only 17.17 percent of private charters performing better than competing public schools, whereas the remaining majority is often at or more often below the performance of public school district equivalents, according to the research Warren is basing her position on.

Another troubling area, as Warren puts it, are privately operated "cyber charters" that function like online courses at the post-secondary education level.

Two such schools are serving 800 students in Michigan right now, and are as of now an unknown quantity to legislators and the public, Warren said.

"We haven't received a single report on how

cyber charters are doing," Warren said.

"One is due by the end of the calendar year, but my understanding is that these cyber schools have a teacher-to-student ratio ranging from 1:80 and 1:120," so her hopes for the report being good aren't high.

If no other charter has its funding reformed, Warren believes that cyber charters, if allowed to proliferate, should at least be considered for a 50 percent cap in the same way that half-day kindergarten is currently capped in the state.

"There is precedent in Michigan because we recognize that you only need half of the resources if you're only teaching kindergarteners for half of the day," she said. "It takes even less overhead for cyber charters, which don't have a school building, don't provide lunches or transportation, and have less faculty."

"Until we do something about this, these charters will be a money-making dream for private companies."

— Staff education reporter James Dickson contributed to this report.

## Senate passes anti-bullying bill; no religious, moral exceptions

By James David Dickson  
Heritage Media

The Michigan Senate has given its approval to House Bill 4163, the lower House's recently-passed anti-bullying bill. The bill will need to be signed by Gov. Rick Snyder to become law.

The Senate had passed its own bullying bill, Senate Bill 137, Nov. 2, but it was widely criticized by House members, school officials, parents and critics for a provision that would allow bullying that stemmed from a "sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction."

That exception would have given bullies a level of protection that they don't currently have in the absence of a bullying law.

HB 4163 offers no such exceptions. But it's what HB 4163 leaves out — namely, the protected or enumerated classes typically featured in civil rights legislation — that has drawn

criticism.

While HB 4163 was hailed by State Superintendent of Schools Mike Flanagan as a major improvement from SB 137, critics say the bill is still weak.

Sen. Glenn Anderson of Westland tried, just as he had tried earlier this month when the Senate approved SB 137, to amend the bill to include the so-called "protected classes" by name. But his motion failed.

The State Board of Education's model anti-bullying policy specifically prohibits bullying on the basis of "any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression; or a mental, physical, or sensory disability or impairment; or by any other distinguishing characteristic."

State Rep. Jeff Irwin and State Board of Education

President John Austin, when interviewed after the House's passage of HB 4163, were glad that it closed the loopholes of the Senate version, but disappointed that it didn't include the enumerated classes listed above. Both called the legislation weak, in so many words.

Senate Democrats were content to call HB 4163's passage a victory. They offered amendments that "would have required the state's anti-bullying policy to include specific motives for bullying... required schools to report all bullying incidents to the state so that the data can be properly tracked and measured; and included provisions in the policy that would also address cyberbullying via Facebook, Twitter and other Internet-based mediums," according to a release following the vote.

Those amendments failed.

Within minutes of the bill's passage, a statement was issued on the behalf of two Ann Arbor teens, Katy Butler and Carson Borbely, who have started an online petition encouraging lawmakers to adopt a tough anti-bullying law, both without exceptions and with reference to the enumerated classes.

In less than a month, the petition has gained more than 56,000 signatures. The petition started out by calling attention to the exceptions created by SB 137, but has evolved to include criticism of a non-enumerated bill. Butler believes that roughly 75 percent of the signatories have been Michigan residents.

Butler, 16, is a junior at Greenhills School. She spent the day in Lansing to see the Senate vote on the anti-bullying bill.

Butler said that as a seventh-grader in the Plymouth-Canton school

system, she was walking along when a group of eighth-grade boys approached her from behind. They said mean words, which were hurtful, but it didn't end there. The boys slammed her locker on her hand, breaking a finger. Butler said that no punishment resulted from it; that and other acts of bullying is why she left for Greenhills as a freshman.

The experience in Plymouth-Canton was "unbelievably awful," Butler said.

"I didn't feel safe or included. You have to make students feel included," she said.

The experience taught her why enumeration is important, why a broad anti-bullying policy isn't enough.

"We had 'No Bullying, No Tolerance' posters everywhere. It didn't do anything. A law that's written the same way will do

the same thing." The Senate's vote wasn't a total loss, Butler said. That the vote wasn't unanimous was a victory in and of itself, she said.

Sen. Mike Green, a Republican who represents Bay County, voted against it because he doesn't "believe that the state should be dictating such a policy," he said in a written statement.

Anderson, who advocated in vain for enumerated classes, made official his objection to the final bill by voting against it. Butler considers Anderson's vote an acknowledgment that someone in the halls of power agrees on the need to enumerate potential bullying victims, even if there aren't enough of them.

Snyder is reportedly happy with the way the bill turned out and is expected to sign.

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## Snyder vetoes limits on state's ability to adopt stricter rules than feds

By Amy Bell  
Heritage Media

Gov. Rick Snyder vetoed a House Bill on Dec. 1 that would have limited the state's ability to adopt rules stricter than federal guidelines.

The veto of House Bill 4326 is Snyder's first for an entire bill as he previously rejected specific items within state budget bills.

"I am concerned that Enrolled House Bill 4326 would inhibit the state's ability to work with businesses and citizens to ensure that our regulatory structure fits Michigan's unique profile," stated Snyder in his letter to the Legislature.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Jeff Farrington, R-Utica. Supporters stated

it was meant to reform government processes, which have allowed state agencies to make rules applying to the laws without any oversight from elected officials.

Environmental groups praised Snyder for vetoing the legislation.

Laura Rubin, executive director of the Huron River Rivershed Council, said the organization is thrilled with the veto as the legislation would have made safeguarding the Great Lakes more difficult for the state.

"I think that it's a great statement that he made that he doesn't strip state government of opportunity to act decisively and quickly to protect the Great Lakes," she said. "We felt that this was a flawed piece of legislation to begin with, it was very limited."

For many years, the state has had guidelines that are stricter than federal, which are considered the minimum standard.

In the 1970s, then-Gov. William Milliken addressed issues with phosphorous pollution and enacted stronger phosphorous regulations, which helped reduce phosphorous pollution, especially in Lake Erie.

Michigan is currently the only state that mandates ID on its cattle herd, which allows the state to maintain market access and achieve TB-free status in 72 counties. This requirement exceeds federal standards but is key to protecting Michigan's agricultural industry, Snyder said in a press release.

Michigan also regulates its own wetlands, when

most states use the Army Corp of Engineers.

Farrington was upset about the governor's implication that the Legislature might not do enough to protect the environment as the legislation contained exceptions for emergencies and lawmakers could vote for regulations tougher than federal standards if deemed necessary, according to the Associated Press.

"For him to assume that the Legislature would not protect the waters and the environment I think is not justified," Farrington told the Associated Press.

Jason Geer, small business advocate and Michigan Chamber of Commerce partnership manager, stated the veto was a hindrance to moving Michigan forward at a time when the

governor talks about rein-

venting the state.

"HB 4326 did not take away any executive authority; rather, it ensured that Michigan would remain competitive in this global economy by restricting non-elected bureaucrats from unilaterally imposing job-killing rules more stringent than federal standards," stated Geer in a press release. "HB 4326 did not endorse federal standards, but used that standard as a ceiling with the goal of not allowing rules to go beyond that point unless absolutely necessary."

James Clift, policy director with the Environmental Council of Michigan, said when promoting the state as Pure Michigan, it's important to be able to back it up with policies that pro-

tect those resources.

"Minimum (federal) standards in water may be able to protect New Mexico or Nevada but it's not going to be good enough to protect the Great Lakes," he said.

Clift said he hopes it's the end of the global approach with pieces of legislation like HB 4326 but he thinks that the legislature will identify areas program by program where the federal standards have been exceeded and try to roll those back.

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# Americans must get a grip on their finances

### GUEST COLUMN: By Cedric Dukes

Now that the super committee in Washington has not given us the confidence nor produced any savings for us Americans, we must take our finances in our own hands.

It must be surgical and a complete takeover, for the only entity that can help us now is God, himself.

There are secrets that we can glean from the Bible to get us the upper hand for our financial future.

I am reminded of a story from the Bible in 2 Kings 4:1-7 where the debt ceiling was in question. There was a certain woman whose husband died, and the creditors were coming to take her sons away. The creditors identified them as collateral.

She was distressed and really had given up hope until the prophet Elisha came into her life. Elisha gave her key instructions to immediately lower her debt ceiling.

He asked what she had in her house. She responded, "I only have oil in my house."

He told her to go and borrow as many pots as she could and pour the oil into them. She did exactly what she was told. She poured the oil into the pots until the oil stopped. The oil stopped because she had no other pots to pour into.

Afterwards, she came back to the Elisha and asked him, "What I shall do next with the pot of oil?"

Elisha said, "Go sell the oil, pay off the debt and live off the rest." These words changed her life forever.

The revelation from this story is this: there is something valuable in your house that will immediately lower your debt ceiling. The truth is, the breakthrough of debt is in your house.

You have to look at debt with a spiritual as well as a natural eye.

Let's look at it spiritually.

Proverbs 10:22 says: The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

What things in your house are causing you to have sorrow? Could it be your home, car, furniture,

clothing, credit cards, or expensive electronic items? If one of these items is causing an issue, sell it.

Now let's look at it naturally. Take an inventory of your net worth. Net worth not only determines your wealth; it determines the health of your financial future.

The net worth is composed of assets and liabilities. Assets include residences, automobiles, and items that have significant monetary value. Assets are those things that you own that should increase in value.

Liabilities are short term and long term debt which includes bills, credit cards, real estate and other property in your possession.

To get your net worth, subtract total liabilities from total assets. There are three types of net

worth: positive, negative and sum zero.

A negative net worth is the result of more liabilities than assets, which may mean too much debt. From the net worth picture, you can easily find what is giving you sorrow by identifying the specific item that impacts your budget.

We don't have the luxury like our government to raise our debt ceilings. Creditors will come after us quicker than the government.

The government has years to pay, and they can even raise the debt ceiling.

I say again: "The breakthrough of debt is in your house - find the oil!"

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of photographs that you've taken. You can talk about your favorite sports teams, movies, activities, etc.

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A blog doesn't have to even have a theme. Many still use blogs as personal, public diaries or journals.

If you're intrigued, contact the Saline Senior Center at 734-429-9274 and register for our free class. It will take fewer than two hours, and we'll look to schedule other blogging classes at other locations in Washtenaw County if you are interested.

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Do you have an interesting story to share with the world, but not sure how to share it? We can help.

I'll be at the Saline Senior Center, 7190 N. Maple Road in Saline, teaching a free blogging class to seniors and non-seniors in two sessions Monday. I'll be teaching from 1 to 3 p.m. and again later that night from 6 to 8 p.m.

I'll be teaching the basics of blogging, as well as showing attendees how to set up a blog and share their story, whether it be about a hobby, such as gardening; family stories and historical items; or photos, either recent or historical.

So, for some readers, they may be asking: What is blogging? Blogging is a great way to share your story, and many tools have made it simple to do. You can write short paragraphs of text, or share a stream

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- D. Yes, they provide parents with options

### OUR TAKE: Editorial

## Voter fraud bill has unintended consequences

In the interest of protecting Michigan elections from voting fraud, a bill introduced by a Republican state senator would require municipal and township clerks to verify that people seeking an absentee ballot are doing so legally.

The clerks are complaining: The requirement would have unintended consequences, including an unreasonable burden on clerks and voters that could discourage many from voting, especially the elderly and disabled.

Wait, voting fraud? What voting fraud? That's hard to say. It's harder to find, and not just in Michigan. A website that appears to track voting fraud in the state has no entries. And despite the hoo-hah about Acorn signing up voters fraudulently, there's little evidence of actual fraud in the voting process elsewhere.

In Michigan, the bill would require election officials to certify to the Secretary of State that residents on an absentee voter list claiming a disability such as blindness still suffer from those disabilities. The lists are maintained by clerks so that residents 60 and older or who suffer from a disability don't have to request an absentee ballot before each election.

If the list failed to be certified, the local government would be barred from maintaining an absentee voter list in future elections. Without such a list, residents would be required to request an absentee ballot before each election.

Large cities with long lists of absentee voters would have an almost impossible task, clerks say.

The bill's author, David Robertson of Grand Blanc, said he wants to maintain a "secure and fair elections process."

The clerks want Robertson to know that the process is secure and fair. It isn't broken.

The proposal runs counter to a trend in the state, endorsed by people from both parties, which favors a no-questions-asked issuance of an absentee ballot. Any voter could get one for any reason. Republican Secretary of State Ruth Johnson favors that, as well as keeping disabled voters on a permanent absentee voter list.

Similar legislation has been introduced in many states. Originators, to the best of our knowledge, have been Republicans. Those most likely to be inconvenienced, impeded and discouraged from voting, many believe, are likely to vote Democratic.

What does that suggest about the legislation? This bill should be scuttled, blown up and then sunk.

—Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

## Schools should emphasize more social studies to reduce apathy

Algebra II. Algebra II. couldn't care less.

Given all the hoopla accorded that course by the educational aristocracy, you would think it is the silver bullet to solve all our education challenges.

Phooey. The last guy to successfully use a silver bullet was the Lone Ranger.

Instead of mandating that, they ought to be mandating social study courses for every student.

Be honest. When was the last time you were confronted with a complex math problem at work? Engineers, etc. excluded.

But when is the last time you voted?

And did you cast an intelligent vote based on some data other than a political campaign ad?

Let's be candid. The citizen electorate today is uninformed, unmotivated, uninterested and turned off by political discourse.

Now if you are reading this column, you are unique, and probably don't need a lecture on why it is important for young people to get involved in politics. Sadly, many high school students

### GUEST OPINION



TIM SKUBICK

In reality, making the democracy work is more important than knowing how to solve a story problem. The democracy only works when all of the participants are intellectually engaged.

When state lawmakers debated the rewrite of the high school graduation requirements, they concluded that social studies was not that important. Of course, the last thing a politician wants is an informed electorate that might bounce them from office.

Nobody made the case for mandatory government courses. Hence, those who teach it are second-class instructors from the get-go, but many are not tossing in the towel. Many are trying to get students involved, and it's working.

A middle school teacher learned that a \$1,500 person fundraiser was being staged in her backyard featuring Gov. Rick Snyder... the same guy who sliced and diced the K-12 budget so he could fund a whopping business tax cut.

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The teacher asked her students if they wanted to protest the event after school. Parents were advised of this voluntary event and many signed off.

So off they went and strategically placed themselves at the only entrance into the building, and as the well-heeled crowd arrived, they were greeted with protest signs.

What did the students learn?

You have a voice and only you can use it.

You don't have to accept the status quo and can do something about it.

Just because you protest, you might still lose, but you lose even more if you don't.

And here is the most telling lesson. Not one of the attendees bothered to stop and talk to the students. And the governor did not come out and talk to them, either.

What a teaching moment that might have been, but alas, the children, the future of our country that all the politicians love to wax on about, were ignored, as in

stuffed! Students in Melvindale had better luck.

For the past 15 years, it had been illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to carry an electronic device without a note from mommy and a sales receipt. In other words, all of the high school students should have been in prison.

A middle school instructor got her class involved with a video public service announcement on the importance of those devices, they lobbied the local government and, much to their surprise, the ordinance was repealed.

Turns out the mom of one of the students was on the city council, which provided another valuable lesson about democracy: It's not what you know, but who you know.

They don't teach that in Algebra II.

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### GUEST COLUMN: By Richard Zeile

## School choice could be used as anti-bullying tool

The Michigan Legislature, media and education establishments have discussed two controversial subjects in recent weeks — namely, bullying policy and school choice.

Thus far, no one has connected the dots by relating these issues to one another.

This failure to relate issues and their implications is not unprecedented.

Back in 2006 there was a flurry of concerns in the media, legislature and education establishments regarding graduation rates, with the usual circulation of sound-bites ("Detroit's graduation rate is less than 20 percent") which turned out to be greatly exaggerated (think: Mark Twain's statement that "Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated").

This was followed the following year by the debate leading to the requirement of Algebra II to graduation requirements. Very few in that following debate felt the need to point out the implications of this latter policy proposal on the earlier concern.

In truth, raising the graduation requirements exacerbates the problem of drop-outs, though few in the debate seemed to feel that last year's concerns were relevant to this year's debate.

This approach to policy, driven by emotion of the moment, and characterized by sensationalized anecdotes which appeal to the emotions rather than to judgment, leads to incoherent policy-making.

Consider, for example, the Detroit City Council's recent measure which criminalizes bullying behaviors without holding the juvenile perpetrators criminally liable.

So how do bullying and school choice relate? Bullying is often a social system problem.

Bullies find that their negative behavior works for them. Their peers are intimidated, or actually supportive, of their harassing an unpopular or isolated student.

And the victim of bullying is often socially isolated, having established an identity which he or she cannot escape ("Oh, you're the one who exposed himself last year...").

Anti-bullying programs rightly address the social world and peer pressure of the school, equipping students to deal with these issues.

But the child who is overwhelmed and thinking of killing him- or herself because there is no escape needs a more immediate and drastic escape. Such a child (and family) needs school choice.



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Safety is one of the unacknowledged advantages of school choice, whether it is enrollment in a neighboring district or a nearby charter school.

When security is of paramount importance, the choice is often a private school (the time-honored choice of so many public officials, including recent presidents and governors).

School choice is not a cure-all for the bullying issue, but it may be an

option for a family or a student.

I speak from experience. I grew up in a Detroit-area urbanized suburb. The middle school I attended was out of control.

A friend of mine was more than once put upside down in the trash can by rowdy bullies who saw themselves as "just playing." I begged my parents at one point to move to where there were safer schools.

Fortunately, we belonged to a Protestant church that had a tradition of parochial schools; the church underwrote enough of the tuition so that I could attend a parochial school in Detroit.

I made a new start in a school where we students were more afraid of the teachers than we were of the would-be bullies. Had I not had this alternative school, I may have indeed dropped out of school, if only for my own perceived safety.

So the connection between the bullying concerns so vividly expressed of late, and school choice should be clear.

School choice, as a state policy, affords students and families an escape from what may be for them, a toxic social environment to make a new start else-

where. To be sure, one cannot just flee one's problems; but any school worthy of support will take note of why students leave, and why they enter, especially in mid-year.

As such, a school choice policy makes schools as institutions more attentive to the needs and well-being of the students they serve.

So let's connect the dots and recognize the relevance of school choice policy to the bullying issue. It may turn out to be a more effective step than a bullying law that merely requires more paperwork from overworked administrators.

Richard Zeile was elected last year to the State Board of Education after 20 years as teacher and administrator in private and public schools in Detroit.

# AATA sued over refusal to run advertisement

By Krista Gjestland  
A2 Journal

The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan filed a lawsuit against the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority Nov. 28 for its refusal to run an anti-Israel ad on AATA buses.

Ann Arbor resident Blaine Coleman submitted an ad that read, "Boycott Israel, Boycott Apartheid," in December 2010.

In February, AATA refused his request, saying the ad violated its advertising policy.

According to the policy, AATA can deny an ad if it "contains false, misleading or deceptive material, promotes an illegal activity, advocates violence or crime, infringes copyright, service mark, title or slogan or if it defames or is likely to hold up to scorn or ridicule a person or group of persons."

AATA also can deny an advertisement if it states or implies product or service endorsement, is a political ad, promotes

alcohol or tobacco, or if it contains obscene material.

In a complaint issued to AATA in August, Coleman's lawyers cite several advertisements that violated AATA policy, but were allowed regardless, including ads that advocated breastfeeding, HIV testing, domestic violence awareness and promoting Joan Lowenstein for 15th District Court judge in Ann Arbor.

ACLU-Michigan lawyer Dan Korobkin, who is representing Coleman in this case, said the ACLU got involved, asking for AATA to reconsider based on the complaint submitted.

"We contacted AATA and asked for them to reconsider their position and run the ad," he said. "The actual governing board of the AATA met to discuss the issue and ultimately decided to not run the ad."

After meeting, the bus authority reached the same conclusion, denying Coleman's ad. According to the ACLU's press release, "The ACLU

## Boycott "Israel"



Boycott Apartheid

of Michigan's lawsuit argues that AATA's policy is vague and overly broad and asks a judge to strike it down as unconstitutional for violating the First Amendment right to free speech and the 14th Amendment right to due process. The lawsuit asks for a court order requiring AATA to treat Coleman's ad the same way it treats all other ads.

"AATA should run Mr. Coleman's ad under the same guidelines and rules and policies that it applies to every other ad," Korobkin said. "AATA should not be allowed to reject the ad based on its content or the views expressed in the ad."

According to Coleman, it's "racist violence" in Palestine that he takes issue with, and inspired him to try to run the ad.

"It's my personal opinion that Palestinians are facing genocide," he said. "I believe that I have the right and the duty to ask for a boycott of Israel the same way that people asked for a boycott of apartheid South Africa."

Coleman said he could give three examples of why he believes as he does.

"The first example is that Israel massacred over 1,200 innocent, helpless Palestinians in Gaza three years ago," he said. "The second example is that Israel massacred over 1,200 innocent, helpless Lebanese people in 2006. The third example is that Israel was very closely allied with the apartheid state of Africa for many years."

The complaint issued to AATA cites a December 2010 Human Rights Watch Report, "Separate and Unequal: Israel's Discriminatory Treatment

of Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territories" as support for Coleman's opinions.

The complaint states: "The report states that the Israeli government is responsible for a 'two-tier system of laws, rules, and services' in the West Bank and East Jerusalem." It alleges that "(s)uch different treatment, on the basis of race, ethnicity, and national origin and not narrowly tailored to meet security or other justifiable goals, violates the fundamental prohibition against discrimination under human rights law."

Coleman said he is not against any group of people.

"Is it anti-anybody the demand an end to apartheid in occupied Palestine?" he said. "Of course not."

Korobkin said the ACLU took the case because it believes it's a violation of the First Amendment, and it often take cases it may not personally agree with.

"We're an organization that becomes involved

in cases committed that defend people's constitutional rights," he said. "Those include cases that protect people's First Amendment right regardless whether the views expressed by the person who wants to speak out are unpopular. Defending someone's speech is not defending the views express in that speech."

Korobkin also added that he, and the ACLU, encourages those who don't agree with Coleman's views to use their First Amendment right and run a counter-ad.

"We think everyone who has views about this topic has the right to speak," he said. "And if they don't like what Mr. Coleman has to say, they should run an ad against it."

The lawsuit requests AATA allow the ad to be run, and for Coleman to be awarded damages.

AATA CEO Michael Ford was unavailable for comment regarding this case.

# U of M, MedImmune partner to accelerate new therapies

Leaders from the University of Michigan Medical School and MedImmune, the global biologics arm of AstraZeneca, have signed a new agreement to work together on a broad range of projects over the course of a three-year strategic collaboration.

UMMS and MedImmune scientists will cooperate on studies that aim to translate scientific discoveries from the laboratory into new candidates for treating cancer, heart disease, digestive disease, lung disease and diseases caused by inflammation.

This type of translational and pre-clinical research is designed to identify and confirm the specific molecules

and genes involved in causing disease and potential molecules and cell-based therapies to treat or prevent them.

"We are thrilled to partner with MedImmune in a collaborative and creative way to bring new innovations to market," said Steven Kunkel, senior associate dean for research at the U of M Medical School and Endowed Professor of Pathology Research, in a news release.

"This strategic partnership, one of the first of its kind for our institution, speaks to our desire to collaborate with industry to accelerate translation of U of M's cutting-edge research to impact patients."

The new agreement goes beyond the traditional type of academic-industry research relationship, in which companies fund projects such as clinical trials or license patents on discoveries made by university scientists and develop them on their own.

In this new type of agreement, scientists from medical schools and industry collaborate closely on projects - while also preserving academic freedom, research integrity and both sides' rights to intellectual property for discoveries.

"This new horizon in industry-academic partnership ultimately benefits patients, who demand new and better options for treat-

ing diseases," said Norman Greenberg, MedImmune's vice president for oncology research and development.

"New types of partnerships between academic biomedical powerhouses such as Michigan, and industry leaders such as MedImmune, are needed to accelerate the search for those options."

The initial focus on oncology leverages the strength of the U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center.

U of M cancer scientists, led by center director Dr. Max Wicha, have won more research grant dollars from the National Cancer Institute than researchers at any other academic medical

center. "Working with MedImmune to explore new ways to target treatments is a natural progression of the basic scientific discoveries that our teams have made in the last decade," said Wicha, who is also the

Distinguished Professor of Oncology in the Department of Internal Medicine at the U of M Medical School.

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# Dexter church to present Christmas Odyssey

By Christy Vander Haagen  
Special Writer

Hundreds of people from Dexter and surrounding communities will have the rare opportunity to take a walk through the Bible tomorrow and Saturday during Dexter United Methodist Church's Christmas Odyssey.

Visitors will travel in groups of 10 and depart every three minutes on their journey in time through 12 live, interactive Bible scenes including the garden of Eden and a walk through the streets of Bethlehem. Visitors will even see Noah's ark and hear Moses make a proclamation. The men will be required to "pay taxes" to a census taker as well. This inspiring tour through the Bible



Mary, played by Alexandra Sly Elliott, and Joseph, played by Ryan White, look upon the baby Jesus in the manger. In the 2006 DUMC production of the Odyssey.

concludes in the manger with Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus.

Tourists are invited to stay after the Odyssey and enjoy fellowship and complimentary refreshments in the Atrium.

This year's Odyssey is DUMC's third. Organizing the event is daunting but incredibly

rewarding and worth all of the effort, according to Elsi Sly, Odyssey director and longtime DUMC member. Before committing to the event, Sly said she has to be sure she not only has the time in her already-busy schedule but also the mindset for such an important project. "I have to ask myself

if I can totally commit," Sly said. "Once I do, I'm full-speed ahead."

Sly wrote, directed and produced DUMC's first Odyssey in 2003 as well as the most recent one, in 2006. She said the event requires the commitment and hard work of more than 150 volunteers.

DUMC members John and Pat Daubenmier are two of the many actors involved in the production. Their stop on the tour is "No Room at the Inn."

Daubenmier said preparing for the production has given him time to really focus on his part of the Christmas story.

"Hopefully, we can show a compassionate side to the innkeeper," Daubenmier said. "Though, the inn was full, he found a warm, dry place for Joseph and

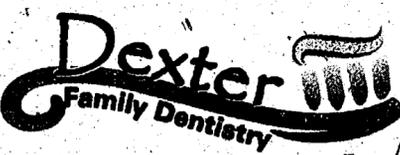
Mary to give birth to Jesus."

The Odyssey begins 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and ends at 8:15 p.m. It is free and open to everyone who would like to experience the magic of the season up close and personal.

This event is a gift from the church to Dexter and all surrounding communities, according

to organizers, and they encourage everyone to attend and take along a friend, family member or neighbor.

If you would like more information on the Christmas Odyssey, contact Dexter United Methodist Church, 734-426-8480.



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## Preparations begin for St. Joe's Holiday Ball

By Amy Bell  
Heritage Media

After a year and a half of preparation, St. Joe's Holiday Ball is almost set to go.

With 970 guests on the list, preparations for this year's event have taken hundreds of volunteers, a designer and a focused leader, event chair Julie Beer, to undertake such a task.

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

The ball is set to take place Dec. 3 at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center.

The event is also a tremendous fundraiser for the St. Joseph Mercy Health System, raising more than \$1 million to date, and the donations are still coming in. Proceeds will go toward building a new Outpatient Surgery Center on the hospital's campus.

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.

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

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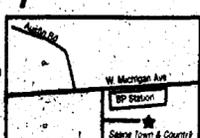
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# Autism experts to speak at WCC Jan. 19

The 10th annual Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads event will be held Jan. 19 in the Towsley Auditorium of the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College.

The event focuses on the 2012 Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads book selection, "Born On A Blue Day: Inside The Mind Of An Autistic Savant" by Daniel Tammet.

Featured during the event will be nationally-known autism consultant Julie Donnelly and via Skype Dr. Darold Treffert, one of the world's leading experts on Autistic Savant Syndrome.

The public program will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Doors will open at 6 p.m. to offer the opportunity to connect with community agencies and representatives that will be staffing information tables in the lobby.

Many of these organizations will center on autism and local related services.

There will also be time following the event to interact with these local organizations. Copies of the book will also be for sale.

Treffert will discuss Extraordinary Savant Syndrome, highlighting recent developments in research on this condition. He will also discuss and show videos from his interactions with Daniel Tammet, the author of "Born On A Blue Day," and Kim Peek, the original "Rain Man."

Treffert wrote the forward for the original U.K. version of "Born On A Blue Day," first published by Hodder & Stoughton in 2006. He also served as the consultant for the Oscar-winning film "Rain Man," starring Dustin Hoffman.

Treffert has appeared on numerous television and documentary programs including 60 Minutes, Oprah, Today Show, CNN and the Discovery Channel

in the U.S. and in foreign documentaries in Japan, Germany, Australia, Sweden, Korea and many other countries.

He met his first savant in 1962 after developing the child-adolescent unit at Winnebago Mental Health Institute in Oshkosh, Wis., and has been engaged in research on savant syndrome since that time.

His most recent book, "Islands of Genius: The Bountiful Mind of the Autistic, Acquired and Sudden Savant," was published in 2010, with a forward by Tammet.

Donnelly will focus on "A Mother's Story: The Account of Jean-Paul Bovee," her child who was born with classic autism in a time when the advice of medical professionals was to put the child in an institution. Donnelly was told that autism was "incurable by definition" and that his disability was her fault.

Despite these opinions, she worked with her son in her home and, with the help of his stepfather and three siblings, he progressed and attended school. His school years were difficult, but he continued to improve.

People were surprised when he graduated from high school, and he went on to finish college with two master's degrees. He later married and currently has a 2-year-old son to whom he is a devoted father.

His mother became a teacher of children with autism, and then an autism consultant. She is now a well-known speaker on autism and shares her perspectives from being a parent and professional.

Donnelly is currently associate director of the Missouri state autism agency for the Department of Education. She has helped to initiate an online master's degree in autism program for the University

of Missouri-Columbia and teaches the autism classes in this program.

She has taught and consulted in the public schools for more than 30 years and publishes and presents nationally and internationally.

"Born on a Blue Day" is a journey into a fascinating mind, guided by the owner himself. Tammet is unusual among people who have severe autistic disorders in that he is capable of living a fully independent life and able to explain what is happening inside his head.

He sees numbers as shapes, colors and textures, and he can perform extraordinary calculations in his head. He can learn to speak new languages fluently, from scratch, in a week. In 2004, he memorized and recited more than 22,000 digits of pi, setting a record.

He has savant syndrome, an extremely rare condi-

tion that gives him almost unimaginable mental powers, much like those portrayed in the film "Rain Man."

"Born on a Blue Day" explores what it's like to be special and gives us an insight into what makes us all human — our minds.

Tammet is a writer, linguist and educator. A 2007 poll of 4,000 Britons named him as one of the world's "100 living geniuses."

He is the creator of Optimnem, a website company that has provided language learning instruction to thousands around the globe.

His memoir was a Sunday Times (UK) and New York Times bestseller. It has sold more than half a million copies worldwide and has been translated into 18 languages.

For more information about Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Reads visit [aaypsireads.org](http://aaypsireads.org) or call 327-4555.

## State dairy scholarship program seeks applicants

Michigan high school and college students who are interested in pursuing a career in the dairy industry have until Jan. 6 to apply for the 2012 Michigan Dairy Ambassador Scholarship and Leadership Program.

The annual program, now in its seventh year, awards two scholarships, one to a junior winner and another to a senior winner.

The senior division is reserved for college students up to age 22, and the winner receives a \$1,500 scholarship.

The junior division is limited to high school students in grades nine to 12, and the winner goes home with \$1,000 that can be applied toward higher education or purchasing a dairy animal within the upcoming year.

Money raised during auctions held annually during the Great Lakes Regional

Dairy Conference funds the scholarship.

It is not mandatory that applicants come from or have experience working on a dairy farm, but they must plan to pursue a career related to the dairy industry, such as a farm owner, dietician, agribusiness person, veterinarian, food scientist or researcher.

Sara Long, founder of the scholarship program, said the program does not take a cookie-cutter approach to developing leadership skills, but instead offers sufficient flexibility so that leadership and learning experiences can be customized to meet the specific goals of the ambassador.

"This program provides the venue for young people to capitalize on their raw talents and develop new or enhance existing skills during the ambassador year,"

Long said in a news release.

"We witness a transformation in these young people as they take projects written on paper and bring them to life. Whether it's illustrating to daycare students how milk is produced or speaking publicly in front of a community group, the projects, media interviews and general education and promotion programs they participate in develop character, serve as a practical, professional skill-building opportunity and place them in front of many different audiences."

Currently, Lauren Bush, a junior studying animal science at Michigan State University and native of Swartz Creek, is serving as the 2011 senior Michigan Dairy Ambassador. Kelsey Casere, a freshman at Iowa State University, originally from Clare, is

the junior Michigan Dairy Ambassador.

In exchange for the scholarship, the ambassadors represent Michigan's dairy industry at a variety of educational, industrial and promotional events held across the state during the year. Ambassadors also have numerous opportunities to build leadership skills, begin focusing on career options and network with potential mentors and employers.

"Being Michigan Dairy Ambassador has given me a unique opportunity to expand my personal and professional networks and meet a lot of new people," Bush said.

"Anyone who is involved in the dairy industry or looking to be a part of the industry in the future should take advantage of the opportunity to run

for the Michigan Dairy Ambassador."

The willingness of former ambassadors to give back as volunteers is a testament to the impact of the program. Ashley Messing, the 2007 senior dairy ambassador, began her role as manager of the scholarship program in 2010. Messing coordinates the selection process, as well as the yearly activities of those selected to serve as ambassadors.

"My favorite part of the ambassador program is that each ambassador gets to customize their experience so they can learn skills that will be useful on future career paths or share promotions that are meaningful to them," Messing said.

"During my years as a youth participant in 4-H, FFA and other organizations, I received a great deal

of support from advisors and other industry people. This is a way for me to return the same support to today's youth."

Individuals interested in applying for the 2012 Michigan Dairy Ambassador Scholarship and Leadership Program can download an application from [www.glrdc.msu.edu](http://www.glrdc.msu.edu), or contact Megghan Honke at 517-353-3175.

Applications must be submitted electronically to [honkemeg@anr.msu.edu](mailto:honkemeg@anr.msu.edu) and will be accepted until Jan. 6.

The next Great Lakes Regional Dairy Conference takes place Feb. 9-11, 2012 at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mount Pleasant.

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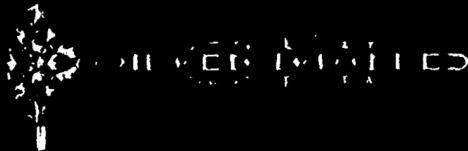
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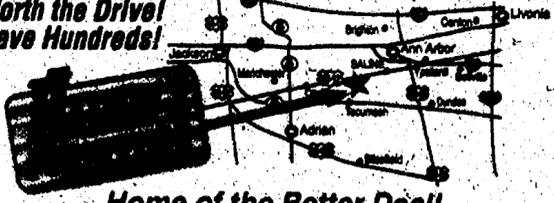
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# Program provides choice for high school students

By Krista Gjestland  
Heritage Media

The Early College Alliance at Eastern Michigan University is taking applications for next year's class.

Director David Dugger gave a presentation on the Early College Alliance to interested parents and students Nov. 30 at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor.

The Early College Alliance at EMU is an early middle college designed to immerse high school students in a college environment. Students take Early College Alliance and EMU classes, fulfilled their high school graduation requirements and obtaining 60 college credits at the same time.

Dugger said the current educational system is outdated.

"Current educational practices were developed for the industrial age, not the 21st century," Dugger said.

At the Early College Alliance, students are passed through the system based on their mastery of the material, not age.

"The ECA is not time centric," Dugger said.

"Learning is the constant;



Director David Dugger gives a presentation on the Early College Alliance to interested parents and students Nov. 30 at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor.

time is the variable." Dugger says they allow students to make their own choices, but hold them accountable at a college level, not high school.

"All students can succeed if they choose to learn how to become strategic learners," he said. "We respect your right to make any choice you want, but you to own that choice."

Students are held to the same standards most colleg-

es require, including attendance, responsibility and grades. Like most colleges, the Early College Alliance doesn't accept grades below a "C" as passing.

There is a huge learning gap between high school and college, Dugger says, and traditional high schools don't have the means to address that, which leads to students dropping out of college.

"Less than half of the

students who go to college finish," he said. "Going to college might be normal, but graduation is not."

For the first semester at the Early College Alliance, students take Early College Alliance courses in math, science, history, government and soft skills to prepare them for college-level courses.

As they progress through the program, more college classes are added and Early

College Alliance classes are taken away.

During the program, students are assigned a CORE adviser who helps them maintain their coursework, schedule classes and evaluates the student's progress.

"We will do everything we can to meet the needs of every student," Dugger said. "For us, every student matters."

The Early College Alliance is funded the same way public schools are. Ninety-five percent of the money for students is given to the ECA, while 5 percent stays in their home district.

"It's one state dollar going to two institutions — high school and college," Dugger said. "It's a win-win-win."

Students are eligible to participate in all of their home district's sports teams and clubs, but many choose not to.

Students from Ann Arbor, Chelsea, Ypsilanti, Milan, Lincoln, Whitmore Lake and Willow Run districts are eligible to apply. Students from other districts are also eligible, but they'll need to select one of the participating districts as their school of choice.

Current ECA student

Maureen McGord, 15, says she doesn't miss the high school experience.

"I feel like the community we have is more inclusive," she said.

Another ECA student, 16-year-old Rachael Kerr, agreed saying she struggled in traditional high school and was often bored.

"I hated high school," she said. "But I really do love going to school now."

Dugger says discipline issues are virtually non-existent and there has been one fight in the last five years.

"They love being there and appreciate the opportunity," he said. "They don't want to jeopardize it."

Students who wish to enroll at the Early College Alliance must go through an application process. Applications are due Jan. 13, and their names are put into a lottery. Each of the participating districts has a designated number of slots in the lottery.

Ann Arbor has 25, while Chelsea, Whitmore Lake and Willow Run have 10, Lincoln has 42, Milan has 26 and Ypsilanti has 35.

For more information on the ECA, visit [www.emich.edu/eca](http://www.emich.edu/eca).

# Snyder: State must align opportunities

Michigan must better align the talent of its people with the needs of job providers to ensure success in the new economy, Gov. Rick Snyder said in a special message Dec. 1.

The governor released his Special Message to the Legislature on Talent Development during a news conference at Delta College in University Center.

The message offers strategies to reinvent the way in which we prepare children for fulfilling careers, reshape how Michiganders look for work and redesign the way in which employers obtain the skills they need.

"Tomorrow's opportunities cannot be realized with yesterday's skills," Snyder said.

"It's time to develop the next generation of talent. Today's young employees will have multiple careers in their lifetimes. The skills they attain must be marketable and transferable. We need to align the aptitudes and career passions of job seekers with the current and evolving needs of employers."

Too few workers have the skills to meet employer demands in the new economy. Thousands of jobs remain unfilled despite Michigan's 10.6 percent unemployment rate. The state faces significant staffing challenges in areas such as agriculture, nursing, engineering and welding.

The governor also announced the launch of an online tool that will help ensure the state's economic development and talent enhancement are occurring in tandem.

Pure Michigan Talent Connect is a talent marketplace available at [www.MITalent.org](http://www.MITalent.org). Snyder said it eliminates the need for the multiple websites that now exist, many of which are duplicative or incomplete.

The site will feature tools that job creators and job seekers need to make better-informed decisions. Users will be able to assess their skills, evaluate the return on investment for an education or training program, browse careers and connect with mentors.

The site is being launched in phases for a June 2012 completion. The first phase, now available, features the Career Matchmaker and the Career Investment Calculator.

The Career Matchmaker helps individuals determine the industries and locations

where their skills are in high demand today and where they are projected to be. The Career Investment Calculator helps those who are pursuing training or retraining to make informed decisions.

Once completed, Pure Michigan Talent Connect will let Michiganders create an electronic talent portfolio early in their educational careers, driving everything from curriculum choices to career paths. It is developed by the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

The governor's special message also cites the need to:

■ Do a better job of connecting Michigan veterans with career opportunities. Despite their skills and transferable technical expertise, there was an unemployment rate of 29.4 percent among Michigan's Afghanistan and Iraq veterans in 2010. The national average was 11.5 percent.

The governor is directing the Workforce Development Agency, Michigan Works! and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to create a seamless delivery system for veteran benefits and employment services.

The governor also is challenging more businesses to reach out to veterans. He is asking the Detroit Regional Chamber to partner with

the state to promote the benefits of hiring veterans.

■ Focus on producing talent in areas where the state has a high occupational demand. State support for post-secondary education should concentrate on areas that enhance Michigan's economic development strategy and encourage students to stay in the state.

A recent Center for Michigan report concludes that the state graduated 20 percent too few computer and math professionals, 14 percent too few health care professionals and 3 percent too few engineers in 2009-10.

■ Address the critical need for computer programming talent. The MEDC is creating a program called Shifting Code that generates a supply of high-demand programmers while giving small businesses the technology assistance they need. The initiative launches in January 2012 with pilots in Ann Arbor, Detroit and Kalamazoo.

■ Bring greater flexibility to the nation's immigration laws so foreign investment and job growth is not impaired.

For example, Snyder will petition the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to renew, modify and make permanent the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Regional Center program, which is set to expire in September 2012.

The program gives international investors

the chance to live here by investing in Michigan's economy and creating jobs. He also is directing the MEDC and Michigan Department of Civil Rights to implement a Cultural Ambassadors program that leverages Michigan's natural, technological and human resources to integrate new talent into our communities.

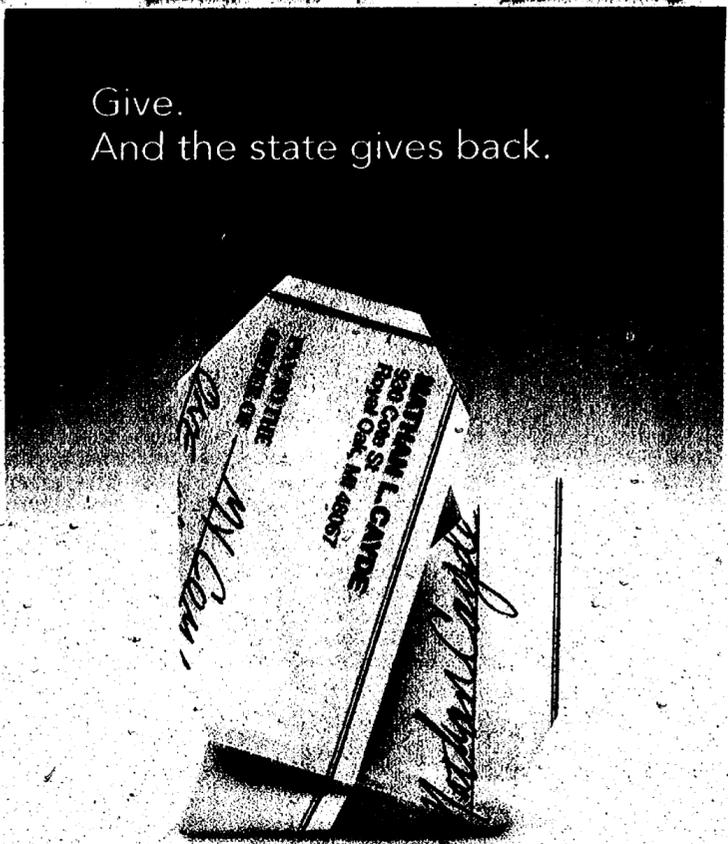
Other initiatives include promoting mentorship by asking the Michigan Jaycees to continue its leader-

ship through a collaboration with the state Community Service Commission's Mentor Michigan program; redesigning Michigan's Jobs, Education and Training (JET) program to include meaningful performance measures; and modernizing the Michigan Works! program.

Additional initiatives include urging greater flexibility in the federal Work Investment Act; creating a Governor's Talent Investment Board that will bring citizen

involvement and oversight to Michigan's talent enhancement effort; asking legislative partners to enact a work-sharing law that lets Michigan retain more of its talent; and asking lawmakers to allow the Unemployment Insurance Agency to let displaced Michiganders pursue entrepreneurship through self-employment assistance.

The entire Special Message on Talent Development may be read at [www.michigan.gov/snyder](http://www.michigan.gov/snyder).



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By David Schmidt  
Journal Register News Service

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But the first thing you notice about the Accent is that you notice it.

This class of car is not known for dynamic design, but this Accent continues Hyundai's very attractive styling cues from the car's bigger siblings. The car's lines flow nicely, and it doesn't have the rather stubby look common in little cars. My only complaint on the styling is that may look a little too much like the Optima and Elantra.

Then you'll notice that the Accent, far from being the "value" leader of the category, is somewhat the capability leader. It has the largest cargo space, the first use of a direct gasoline injection engine in a sub-compact and active hear restraints, also not common in this inexpensive segment of the market.

There are three trim levels on the Accent, beginning with the four-door GLS, the most affordable of the lineup. It may be the entry-level model, but it comes with plenty of features.

The car sits on 14-inch steel wheels with full wheel covers and low-rolling resistance tires. Inside, there are power door locks, the stereo has four speakers, there's a tilt steering wheel, driver's armrest, front door map pockets, a 60/40 rear folding seat, dual vanity mirrors and a six-way adjustable driver's seat. The wipers are two-speed intermittent, and the glass is tinted with a rear window defroster. While these may not seem to be a big deal, in this category of car, those are often extra-priced items.

Next in the model list is the five-door GS, which adds, among other things, a trip computer, tachometer; a six-speed manual or automatic transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM/Satellite Radio/CD/MP3 audio system with tweeters, iPod®/USB auxiliary input jacks, power-windows & mirrors.

Finally, there's the sport-oriented five-door SE, which adds cruise control, steering wheel-mounted audio controls, Bluetooth, a leather wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, pre-

mium cloth seats, chrome inside door handle with black accents, a sliding armrest storage box, 16-inch alloy wheels, front fog lights and a rear spoiler.

The previous generation's entry-level three-door model has been discontinued.

All of the models have the same safety and control features, including Hyundai's motor-driven power steering, as well as the same, new, aluminum 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine that uses direct gasoline injection technology to generate 138 hp. and 123 lb.-ft. of peak torque.

While it's doing this, the engine's clever technology still lets it earn an EPA rating of 30 mpg in the city and 40 mpg on the highway. Those numbers apply with both the six-speed automatic transmission and manual transmission.

Accents have a MacPherson strut front suspension with coil springs and twin-tube gas shock absorbers. The rear suspension is a torsion axle setup with coil springs and monotube shock absorbers. The result is a ride that's comfortable in spite of the car's short wheelbase, and it's got capable handling, too.

The power level is more than adequate—you'll never fear not being able to accelerate and merge onto your local interstate traffic. The engine pulls nicely and the six-speed automatic transmission was smooth and positive.

Remembering that this is the entry-level category of car in the U.S., I was pleased to find a great deal of attention paid to the Accent's safety capabilities.

This starts with six airbags, two in front, two front, seat-mounted side airbags and side-impact curtains in the front and back.

Unusual in the segment are the front seat active headrests, which snap forward in an rearward accident to reduce whiplash. Naturally, the car's designed to keep the energy of a collision away from the passengers, using high-strength steel and energy dispersion construction.

All Accent trim lines come with electronic stability control and traction control.

Hyundai's vehicle stability management uses these systems as well as the anti-lock brakes and motor-driven power steering to improve handling, especially in slick conditions, by working hard to get the car going in the direction the steering wheel is pointed,

regardless of physics.

The interior is modern and clean and I was pleased to have a tilting steering wheel. The seat had plenty of adjustment, including up-and-down.

I didn't mind that the seats are cloth; I personally prefer cloth interiors. But there may be a few people out there that feel that leather makes a statement and the fact that it's not available is a statement in itself.

One big thing I noticed while driving the Accent is that it is quiet. Since quiet requires spending money on things that reduce noise, this has often been a weakness with less expensive cars.

But Hyundai used sound-deadening materials to make the Accent's interior as comfortably quiet as all but the quietest cars on the road.

This may not sound important, but quietness is really a manifestation of quality. Cheap materials and shoddy production values produce noise and vibration.

Their absence means people worked hard to make them go away.

Although many people don't realize it, Hyundai is the big gun in the small car world.

They're the comers, the company that's taking the risks, making things happen, and scaring the big Japanese manufacturers. Naturally, the famous Hyundai warranty applies. This means that every Hyundai sold in the U.S. gets the five-year/60,000-mile fully transferable new vehicle warranty, Hyundai's 10-year/100,000-mile powertrain warranty and five-years of free roadside assistance.

People are catching on, as Hyundai is selling lots of cars and grabbing market share.

They're also showing the world what small, sub-compact cars can be. The best part is that the customer wins, as this forces other manufacturers to step up and offer better products, too.

If this trend of quality sub-compacts continues, perhaps more of us should be good citizens and buy these earth- and pocket-book-friendly cars. The Hyundai Accent certainly points the way, by eliminating a lot of the reasons why many of us still think that small means less when it comes to cars.

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**BLAIN, MARGARET McCALLA, GRACE;** A.; age 91; of LaGrange, Houston, TX, formerly of Chelsea; age 64; died Sunday, November 20, 2011 in St. Johns, M.I. 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 father, Robert E. Kushmaul, Sr.; and a brother, Robert E. Kushmaul, Jr., EN3 US Navy. A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with Rev. Jason Boyer officiating. A Private Burial will take place at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Sparrow Hospice.



**LITTLE, DAVID;** age 73; of Manchester; passed away suddenly on November 30, 2011. Mr. Little was born on January 15, 1938 in Detroit to Edgar and Elizabeth (Guy) Little. He married Janice Klager on August 27, 1960. In addition to his wife of 51 years, Janice, David is survived by his children, Craig (Jan-Coval) Little, Amy (Ken) Sussman; four grandchildren, Adam (Stephanie Huehl) Little, Emily Little, Ryan Little and Jay Sussman; brother, Edgar (Guy) Little. David was preceded in death by his siblings, Robert Little, Daniel Little and Ann Little Price. A Farewell Service has taken place at the Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Jenter Chapel. In David's honor, memorial donations may be shared with the Manchester Alumni Scholarship Fund or Emanuel United Church of Christ. Please sign Mr. Little's guestbook at [www.borekjennings.com](http://www.borekjennings.com) or leave a message of comfort for his family by calling 877-231-7900.

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**SANDERSON, LILLIAN E.;** Chelsea, MI; age 88; died Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Summit Park Assisted Living in Jackson, Michigan. She was born September 24, 1923 in Onsted, Michigan, the daughter of Floyd J. and Bertha (Berndt) Allshouse. Lillian has lived in the Chelsea area since she was in second grade. She graduated from Chelsea High School in 1942 and was a life-long member of the First Congregational Church of Chelsea. She worked at the Ford Plant in Chelsea, Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office and Veteran's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Lillian was a volunteer at Chelsea Hospital and also a Life-member of Order of Eastern Star Olive Lodge #108 and Grand Matron of the Rebecca's formerly of Chelsea. On July 21, 1945 she married Carl J. Sanderson in Chelsea, and he preceded her in death on November 20, 2001. Survivors include three children, Larry (Judy) Sanderson of Grass Lake, Judy (Chuck) Armstrong of Gregory and Trudi (Brian) Whitley of Chelsea. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Aimee (Brian) Byars, Erin (Rick) Chelotti, Bob (Christin) Armstrong, Kasey, Kelly and Kyle Whitley; as well as six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three brothers, George, Leo, and Robert Allshouse; and one sister, Doris Rymill. Funeral services will be held Friday, December 9, 11 a.m. at First Congregational Church of Chelsea, with Rev. Barb Edema officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea. The family will receive friends Thursday 10:4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Cole Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church.



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# The 2012 Mercedes SLK350

*This car is no longer considered a baby Benz*

By Mike Covello  
Journal Register News Service

**Y**ou always hope your children will grow up to be something special, but even the proud parents at Mercedes-Benz may be surprised by how well the SLK has matured.

The 1997 SLK launch was a memorable one for me. Right before the Chrysler "merger of equals," it was one of the last hurrahs of corporate spending. I liked the original, but found its 1.9-liter Kompressor engine to be not very exciting.

When Gen II arrived, it was apparent that the SLK had grown into its teenage years, and while the front end styling was more Formula One-oriented, somehow the car still wasn't "there."

Having just spent a week in a revised 2012 Mars Red SLK350, I'd like to say the SLK is now a young adult and ready to compete in the real world.

The styling is almost a direct copy of big brother, the Mercedes-Benz SL. (In case you were wondering, the K stands for Kurtz, or short in English.)

But because the styling is 2012 fresh, it comes across as even more handsome than its older sibling. The use of the hood and fender vents was nicely integrated.

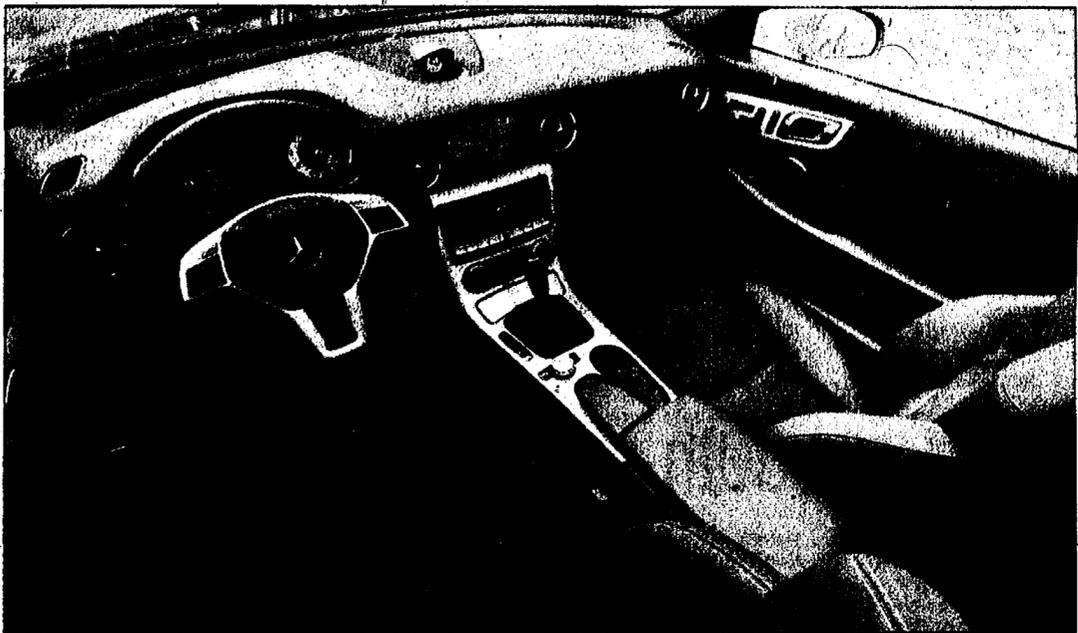
Viewed from straight on,

the nose is more massive and features a large MB emblem front and center. But the light clusters that flank the simple grille make use of projector beam-headlights, and LED accent/turn signal ribbons accent the front in a fashionable way. I enjoyed the fixed tint panorama roof that allowed plenty of light inside the cockpit when the folding steel roof was up.

I used to think of the Mercedes-Benz 3.5-liter V6 as sort of a family sedan engine. But after experiencing the thrust to the rear wheels, channeled through a clever seven-speed automatic, I'm ready to change my tune. Not only was the 302-hp and 273 lb.-ft. of torque good for a 0-60 time of 5.4 seconds, but it now sounded like a sportscar.

Also, the mid-range torque meant that even in the dry, it was possible to engage the standard traction control with too much throttle. The 225/40x18 front and 245/35x18 inch Pirelli tires provided plenty of grip while cornering. Also, I liked the simple five-spoke wheel on which they came mounted.

The new interior also did an excellent job of seducing me. Everywhere you looked, there was something to please the eye. The beige leather was nicely set off by black leather outboard armrests. Aluminum spokes graced the four



The steering wheel was a masterpiece of leather, wood and aluminum trim.

round dashboard vents. The steering wheel was a masterpiece of leather, wood and aluminum trim. The flat-bottom was racer inspired, and the "thumb hooks" at 9:30 and 2:30 made gripping the wheel a truly memorable experience. The paddle shifters were perfectly positioned, but their plastic touch seemed out of place with the rest of the high-class cabin. The bucket seats provided plenty of wrap-around support, but were

easy to get in and out of, once one got used to how low the SLK sits. Every passenger commented on how smooth the ride was in this Mercedes.

I kept finding new storage cubbies as the week progressed. The glove box is decently sized. The center console is big for a sports car. The door pockets are elegant but a bit on the small side (so are the cupholders, for that matter). There's a net pocket on the passenger side of the

console and one mounted up high between the seats. I even discovered small, net-covered recesses where the floor meets the bulkhead behind the seats.

The price of the SLK has also grown since its debut at around \$40,000. The car I drove started at \$54,800, and with options was \$63,325. The trip computer said the last 2,000 miles or so produced nearly 25 mpg; that's pretty good for a car with that much performance.

While I had occasion to

drive the SLK in the rain, (it did just fine, thanks for asking), it only took one warm August evening with the top down to become completely enchanted with this SLK. Effective wind management, composed chassis behavior, and a stirring exhaust note all coincided to make this SLK one to remember.

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# 70 years later, residents reflect on Pearl Harbor

By Sheila Pursglove  
Special Writer

President Franklin D. Roosevelt called Dec. 7, 1941 – when Japanese naval and air forces launched a surprise attack on the U.S. naval base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, launching the United States into World War II – “a date which will live in infamy.”

That Sunday, 70 years ago, certainly lives on in the memories of several local residents.

Dick Koester was an 8-year-old practicing for a Christmas program at his church in Iowa, when word of the attack came over the radio. “The next day, Germany declared war. So, then we were at war with both countries,” said Koester, a resident of Silver Maples of Chelsea retirement community. “As a boy, it was scary, the idea of war. My uncle left for the army and we all worried about him. And with a strong German heritage, we were worried about anti-German sentiment.”

Carlos Fetterolf, also a resident of Silver Maples, was a 15-year-old in Connecticut, walking to a friend’s house when he heard the news.

“I was so mad because I thought it would be over before I had a chance to fight,” he said. “It was amazing how quickly America mobilized from peacetime to wartime.”

“We all supported the war; we were all in it. All my friends felt the same way. We were gung-ho, we were all American

boys, we had just been attacked.”

Fetterolf went on to serve in the Pacific theater and was stationed there when the war ended.

Silver Maples resident George Sherman was an 11-year-old in Cleveland, hurrying home after a Sunday matinee to hear the next installment of “Jack Armstrong, All American Boy.”

“I remember feeling ‘put out’ when I got home, and it wasn’t on the radio,” he said.

Pat Martin of Chelsea, also a Silver Maples resident, was a college student at DePauw University when the news hit.

“We didn’t know what was going to happen to us,” she said. “All the guys were buzzing, talking about what they were going to do in the war.”

Martin and her sweetheart, Bob, tied the knot before he left for the Pacific.

Saline resident Joe Labuta was 10 years old and in the kitchen of his home in St. Louis when the radio announced the news.

“The adults were grim-faced. My older brother, who was in the European theater from North Africa to the end, was already in the army,” he said.

“I was one scared kid. From what I heard, I just knew the Japanese would soon be invading and devastating our country. That fear remained for some time.”

Alberta Sabin, a resident of the Chelsea Retirement Community,

was in junior high in a small community near Manistee.

“The thought of war so close to home was terrifying,” she said. “Every time a plane flew over our farm, I cringed with the thought we were going to be bombed.”

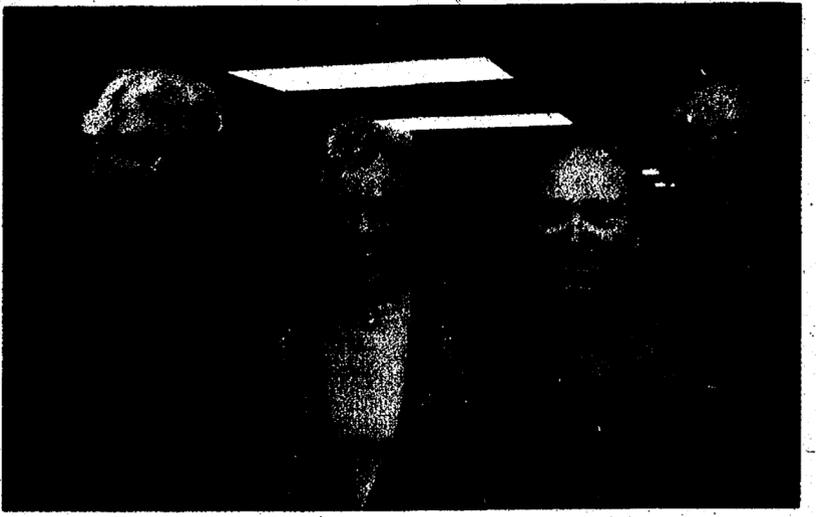
“Young men were being drafted into service. I worried my dad would be drafted and have to go off to war. I needn’t have worried because they weren’t taking anyone over the age of 40 – Dad was 41. My uncle Earl, my mother’s brother, was drafted and sent to Germany for active duty.”

“Things changed at school. Boys who were old enough signed up for the service and were leaving home. A favorite history teacher was drafted. Not long afterward, we got word he was killed in action. The brother of a close friend enlisted in the army, as did another of his classmates. They had been buddies all through school. Both were killed in action. The whole community mourned the loss. We were all ‘family.’”

Some young men in her farming community were exempt from active duty, as they were needed to run the farms.

Sabin and her mother worked on assembly lines.

“My job was to individually wrap parts that would later become a Jeep or some other war equipment. What the parts were to eventually become was kept secret,” she said. “Each item we wrapped was dipped in hot wax at



George Sherman, Pat Martin, Carlos Fetterolf and Dick Koester, all residents of Silver Maples of Chelsea, well remember what they were doing when word came that the Japanese had attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

least three times to ensure it would be waterproof, should the plane or ship that carried them be shot down by the enemy.”

Ypsilanti resident Evelyn Griffin was a 7-year-old from Flint, visiting her aunt in Manchester.

“I don’t know why the radio was on given that there were four children and four adults visiting, which meant noise and lively conversations going on,” she said. “The announcement came over the radio, and there was a stunned-silence of the adults that, in turn, silenced the children, who did not understand what was happening. The immediate decision was to get into the car and go home, with the adults knowing

our country was again at war, and worry for safety of family and country.

“This was the beginning of the time in all of our lives when the time marker would go by ... during the war.”

“That was a time when

patriotism was very high and no sacrifice was too great to save our freedom.”

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## CHS 50th reunion

Front row seated, left to right: Patricia (O’Neal) Roggenbuck, MaryAnn (Sorenson) Balmer, Nadine (Lentz) Koch, Alice (Webb) Zimmerman, Marilyn (Pajot) Robinson. Second row standing: Judy (Martin) Irwin, Jill (Berkeley) Dunlap, Lynn (Lippert) Berk, John Bauer, Patricia (Wardon) Hutton, Carol (Cameron) Lauhon, Kay (Rundman) Suffron, Kathy (Salsburg) Clark, Mary Ann (Steger) Snider, Irene (Wenk) Poley, Carolyn (Barets) Schuster, Janet (Bergman) Buku, Martha (Williams). Back row: Tom Dunlap, Daryl Keszer, Don Blalock, Richard Wood, Charles Koenn, Lana Cirtilli, Ed Brown, Kathryn (Kinde) McCreary, Peter Flintoft, Susan (Grossman) Urbanek, Alton Nixon, Larry Kramer, Alvin Homer Nixon, Charlotte (Harris) Bentley, and Ron Walter. Alice (Klink) Wahl was at the reunion, but not in present for the photo.

A milestone was celebrated this September as the Chelsea High School Class of 1961 gathered for their 50th Class Reunion. Many of the Class of 1961 attended one-room school houses. After consolidation in the 1950s, they moved to the old Union High School at Park and Harrison. In 1958 they finished their high school years in the newly built high school on Washington Street.

Out of 99 graduates, more than 40 classmates with their spouses or significant others warmed up and renewed acquaintances

at a Friday night casual cookout and potluck dinner held at Ed and Barb Brown’s house on West Old US-12. After dinner many stayed to view the latest DVD made with special effects by Alton Nixon. It was lively with background tunes of the era matching some of the classmates names, like “Charlie Brown,” “Donna,” “Kathy’s Clown,” “Susie Q.”

Saturday morning, after meeting for breakfast at Big Boy’s restaurant, several gathered at a “Rock” painting session in Pierce Park – “Class of 1961, 50th

Reunion” was painted on the rock in blue and gold.

Winding down the weekend reunion, the majority of 50th attendees were at the Saturday night dinner at the Comfort Inn visitor’s center. Many enjoying memories of so many years of schooling in Chelsea have settled in the Chelsea area. Twenty of the original class have passed away.

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Rita Fischer*



Finnbar Conroy Martin (left) holds a tractor he likes while friend Kal Goetz looks at a boat and horses pencil sharpener. Both boys are from Scio Township.



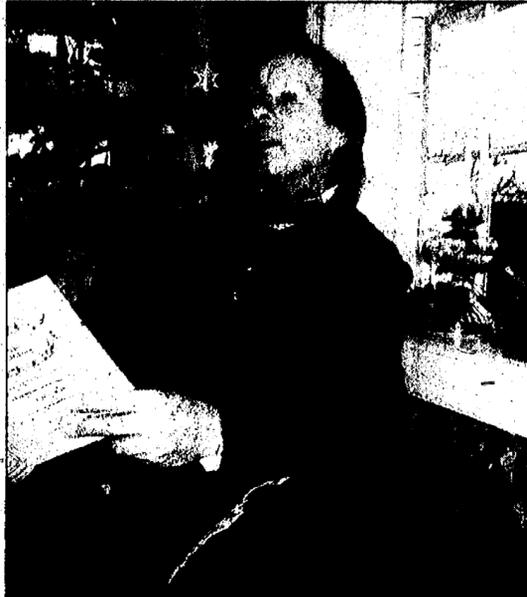
Marcos Carbery from Chelsea gets help from Mary Minney of Monroe as he learns to make an old time Christmas ornament.



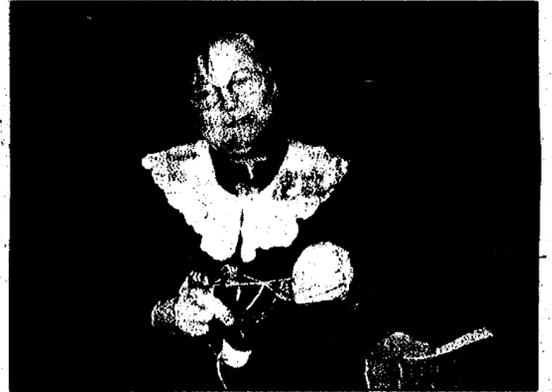
Kathy Moskal of Chelsea and Dan Hovater of Grass Lake enjoy judging and tasting the cookies at Waterloo.



Carrie Graber from Waterloo knits garters to hold up socks.



Ken Giorlando from Waterloo reads "A Christmas Carol" to those who stand to listen in the farm house's living room.



Ginger Watson of Grass Lake holds an ancient tool called a jucet that was used during medieval times to lace interlocking loops.



Lisa Lava-Keller of Ann Arbor has been volunteering for around 20 years. She enjoys playing the reed organ.



Brian Dewey of Gregory adds more wood to the fire to keep the little log cabin warm.

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# Medical schools bring in billions, boost economy

By Amy Bell  
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According to a recent study, medical schools and teaching hospitals not only work to improve the health of millions of people, they also bring in billions of dollars to the U.S. economy. A Tripp Umbach study, conducted for the Association of American Medical Colleges, recently showed federal- and state-funded research performed at the nation's medical schools and teaching hospitals in 2009 added nearly \$45 billion to the nation's economy. And Washtenaw County is no exception. Researchers at the University of Michigan Medical School were awarded \$319.7 million in funding

from the National Institute of Health in federal fiscal year 2011. From all sources, including industry, foundations and other federal and state agencies, the school received \$490.5 million in fiscal year 2011, according to a press release. In addition, a new national study cites the "ripple effect" of funding to academic medical centers. The spending of each research dollar results in about \$2.60 of direct economic activity. With \$458 million of funding spent by medical school researchers in fiscal year 2011, the total results in a nearly \$1.2 billion in economic activity, according to a U of M press release. "Roughly a billion dollars comes to the southeastern Michigan region based

upon the success of medical school facilities," said James Woolliscroft, dean of the U of M Medical School. Funding is used to perform studies on a broad spectrum of conditions, including cancer, neurological diseases, heart disease and orthopedic issues. Additionally, faculty researchers address problems that patients may come from long distances to receive care for, Woolliscroft said. AAMC President and CEO Darrell G. Kirch said the study also shows the importance of research as an economic driver, funneling billions to the economy and providing hundreds of thousands of high-skilled jobs as well as indirect employment in communities around the country.

"The value of research has always been clear—medical research means hope to patients and improves the health of all Americans," stated Kirch in a press release. The study also found that medical research—conducted at AAMC-member institutions supports nearly 300,000 or one in 500 U.S. jobs, according to the AAMC press release. In terms of jobs provided by the school, Woolliscroft said the medical school has more than 6,000 employees, with nearly 2,500 faculty members, thousands more staff, research associates and technicians. In addition, it has roughly 670 students, 1,100 residents or fellows who are receiving further training and nearly 500 graduate

students. The medical school has grown considerably within the past decade, especially the last six years, and it has continuously moved up in the ranking of receipt of National Institute of Health funding. The school rose to sixth among all medical schools in terms of NIH total funding and second among medical schools affiliated with public universities. "That's a real tribute to how much work and how competitive our faculty is in the research arena," he said. The researchers are also known throughout the world for their work. Faculty members publish 3,800 peer-reviewed papers a year, more than 10 papers a day in hundreds

of journals such as the Journal of the American Medical Association and the New England Journal of Medicine, he said. "It's pretty impressive, the impact they have," he said. Though the school receives a majority of its funding from national agencies, it has received some funding from state agencies for research in care of special needs children and automotive safety, he said. Staff Writer Amy Bell can be reached at 429-7380 or abell@heritage.com. Text HERNews and HERWeather to 22700 to receive news and weather alerts to your cellphone. Msg and data rates may apply. Text HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel.

# Students invited to submit to film festival

The Meijer Great Choices Student Film Festival is seeking entries from Michigan students. The film festival is sponsored in part by the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation. In its fourth year, the student film competition is designed for Michigan high school student film makers and audio/video students to showcase their creative talent in A/V communications.

Participants must submit a 30-second public service announcement promoting positive choices in the areas of building character, promoting healthy lifestyles or celebrating diversity. There are two different audiences that the A/V students target in their PSAs: kindergarten through sixth or seventh through 12th grades. Deadline for submission is Feb. 10, 2012, with a \$10

registration fee; a reduced fee of \$5 is available to those who submit by Jan. 18. Students and their teachers can download registration materials and guidelines at meijergreatchoices.com. Audio/visual students and professors from Compass College of Cinematic Arts, Delta College, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University

and Western Michigan University are the preliminary judges and choose the finalists based on specific criteria. The top three winners from each category will receive prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000 or \$500 in the form of a gift card to a merchant of their choice (Meijer or Apple). There will be 18 winners total. More than \$20,000 in cash prizes will be awarded at a ceremony and reception on

June 9, 2012 at Celebration Cinema North in Grand Rapids. The top winners will also be invited to an open house at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids on June 8. President Ford's son and actor, Steven Ford, plans to be a part of the awards ceremony. Next summer, the winning PSAs in each category will be reproduced on DVDs and distributed to

schools across the state to use as tools for their character, health and diversity education programs for the 2012-2013 school year. DVDs will also be made available to all of the film festival's partners for airing and to the media. For complete details, guidelines, registration information, or to view the 2011 winning PSAs, go to www.meijergreatchoices.com.



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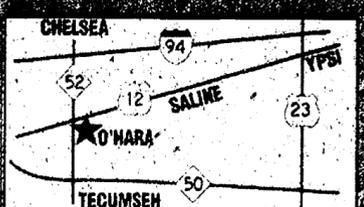
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Thursday, December 8, 2011



Robin Linkoweld, a youth and teen librarian at the Chelsea District Library, reads to kids at the Chelsea Farmer's Supply.



Santa and Mrs. Claus pose with kids at the depot after the tree lighting.

## *Hometown Holiday brings cheer*

Chelsea's Hometown Holiday brightened the city of Chelsea with the beginning of the holiday season with some cheer, a light parade and a bevy of family-friendly activities Dec. 2-4.

Photos by  
Burrill Strong



The Chelsea Antiques Mall greeted parade spectators with their antique truck.



Alex Wickman, 6, and Katie Wickman, 8, work on their gingerbread house.



Santa and Chelsea fair queen Hannah Lintasu light the tree.



Alesia Sidots could barely hold onto the bears she collected at the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory for local children's hospice Saturday night.



The Common Chords handbell choir performs at the Chelsea District Library.

# ENTERTAINMENT

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Thursday, December 8, 2011

## 'Ain't Misbehavin'' upbeat introduction to holiday season

**Musical shows off composer 'Fats' Waller**

By Angie M. Lai  
Guest Writer

Last year, Performance Network's Drowsy Chaperone provided Ann Arbor audiences with a cheerful musical as a lead into the holiday season.

This year, they do the same with their presentation of "Ain't Misbehavin'," which runs through Jan. 1, 2012.

Much like "Jacques Breil is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," which was featured at the Stratford Shakespeare

Festival a couple of seasons ago, this cabaret-style musical features a small cast, not an ensemble, and hardly any plot.

Musicals like these are often designed to showcase the music of a particular composer, in this case the

early 20th century jazz musician Thomas "Fats" Waller.

Lyrics were provided by various writers Waller worked with throughout his career. Some music, which Waller did not write, but recorded, is also included in the score.

Set in the Prohibition era, the cast of five singer/actors, comprised of Darrian Ford, Jennifer Cole, Kron Moore, K. Edmonds and James Bowen, are joined by several jazz musicians in a small, cellar-like room where performers

would go after hours to entertain themselves.

In musicals such as these, where there is so little plot, it's left to the songs to tell the story. Though this may seem a daunting task, it seemed to take little effort

for this cast.

The enthusiasm never seemed to fade onstage with this group and it carried over into the audience.

Some numbers were comedic, while others dealt with more sensitive

issues. But all were skillfully



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### PLAY REVIEW

**If you need a break from the same Christmas carols being played over the airwaves, there's none better than "Ain't Misbehavin'."**

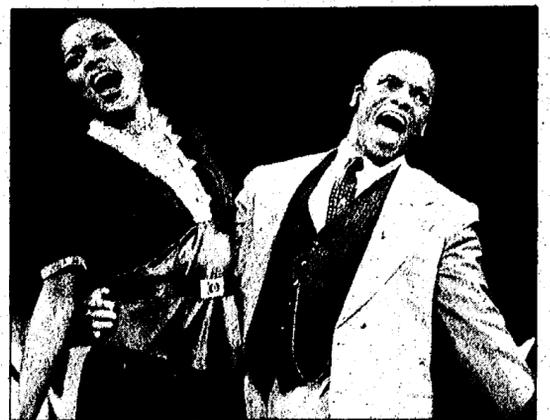
delivered through the combined efforts of the actors, director Tim Rhoze and choreographer Robin Wilson.

The tastefully designed costumes by Suzanne Young and realistic set design by Daniel C. Walker are both strongly evocative of the time period, and a few audience members even will be treated to sitting onstage, where they have the opportunity to witness the action up close.

This interaction with the actors further adds to the affirmation that there's nothing like live theater.

If you need a break from the same Christmas carols being played over the airwaves, there's none better than "Ain't Misbehavin'" at the Performance Network.

It's a surefire good time for the entire family, and just the right thing to kick off the holiday season. "Ain't Misbehavin'" runs at Performance Network, 120 E. Huron St. in Ann Arbor, now through Jan. 1. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.



## A2SO's Sing Along with Santa set Saturday

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra will present Sing Along with Santa Dec. 10 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ.

Santa Claus will be in attendance, as well as a musician from the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, during this hour-long Saturday afternoon concert.

"Santa travels from the

North Pole every year to attend our Sing Along," said A2SO volunteer and event chair Kris Groh in a news release.

"He loves visiting Ann Arbor to sing his favorite carols with piano with the children.

He also loves the homemade cookies and cider provided at the event." Santa is joined for this

festival of holiday songs and storytelling by A2SO Business Manager Lori Zupan at the piano.

Always a highlight of the concert, Santa will read "Was the Night Before Christmas, with all the children gathered around him.

The concert will end with The Twelve Days of Christmas.

After the concert, Santa will take time to meet with the children so he can update his holiday list.

A photographer will be on hand, and free photos will be sent to families in time for Christmas.

Sing Along with Santa begins at 4 p.m. Dec. 10 at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. 4th Ave.

Ann Arbor.

Admission to the performance is \$10 per person. Family tickets are available for \$35 for up to six family members.

Preferred seating patron tickets are also available for \$50.

Tickets are available by calling 994-4801, visiting the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, online at www.

a2so.com, or by email at a2so@a2so.com.

If not sold out, tickets will be sold at Bethlehem UCC starting at 3 p.m. on the day of the concert.

For concert or educational programming information, contact the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra by phone at 994-4801, or by email at a2so@a2so.com.

### THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

#### CHELSEA

##### Thursday, Dec. 8

###### "Escanaba in da Moonlight"

8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays; 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. 433-7673.

###### Chelsea High School Band and Orchestra Concert

7:30 p.m. Thursday. Chelsea High School auditorium, 740 N. Free Road. Free. 475-4524.

##### Friday, Dec. 9

###### Choirs Holiday Concerts

7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Beach Middle School, 445 Beach Drive.

###### Wassail: Chelsea High School Choirs

6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Downtown Chelsea. \$15 (students, \$8) in advance at 433-2201, ext. 1400.

##### Tuesday, Dec. 13

###### Senior Supper Club

4 p.m. Tuesday. Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Pre-registration required. 475-3913.

##### Wednesday, Dec. 14

###### 'Twas the Week Before Christmas Storytime

6 p.m. Wednesday. Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Pre-register at 475-8732.

###### Evening Primrose Garden Club

7 p.m. Wednesday. Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson

St. Free. 634-1954.

#### DEXTER

##### Thursday, Dec. 8

###### Fellowship Dinner

5:30 p.m. Thursday. Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 Huron River Drive. \$6 (families, \$24; age 5 and younger, free). 426-8480.

##### Friday, Dec. 9

###### "It's a Wonderful Life"

7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday and Sunday. Encore, 3126 Broad St. \$28 (members and seniors, \$25; groups of 10 or more, \$22). 268-6200.

###### Christmas Odyssey

6 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 Huron River Drive. Free. 426-8480.

##### Saturday, Dec. 10

###### Draw Doubles 101 Disc Golf

Noon Saturday. Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8901 North Territorial Road. (\$7 per player; free for spectators. \$5 vehicle entrance fee. 449-4300.

###### Bluegrass Gospel Jam Session

6 p.m. Saturday. Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St. Free, but donations accepted. 878-1078.

##### Sunday, Dec. 11

###### Holiday Concert: Dexter Community Band

3 p.m. Sunday. Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road. Free. 426-2734.

#### SALINE

##### Thursday, Dec. 8

###### "Rockin' for the Hungry": Food Gatherings

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 11. Kroger, 400 S. Maple Road. Westgate Shopping Center. 761-2796.

###### "PJs & Stories with Santa"

6 p.m. Thursday and Friday 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. Saturday. Saline Recreation Center, 1866 Woodland Drive. \$8. 429-3502.

##### Friday, Dec. 9

###### Saline Varsity Blues

7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday. Saline Middle School, 7190 N. Maple Road. 944-3162.

##### Saturday, Dec. 10

###### Ann Arbor Antiques Market

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$6 (age 12 and younger with an adult, free). 429-3145.

###### Christmas Bazaar

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. St. Paul, 122 W. Michigan Ave., Saline. Free admission. 429-7716.

###### Bag of Books Sale

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. 944-0625.

###### Treasure Trail to Santa

10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. 549 E. Michigan Ave. at Busch's Plaza. Free. 429-4494.

###### Young Contra Dancers

5 p.m. Saturday. Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. \$9 (members, \$6; students, \$5). 248-417-7968.

###### Ballroom Dancing Night

8 p.m. Saturday. Pittsfield Township Recreation Hall, South State Street at Ellsworth Road. \$5. 822-2120.

###### David Mosher

8 p.m. Saturday. Interfaith Center, 704 Airport Blvd. \$8 (\$15 for two). 665-0409.

###### "Great Expectations": 19th-Century Ball

8 p.m. Saturday. Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. (\$30 (includes workshops). Pre-register at vintagedance.com. 769-0041.

##### Sunday, Dec. 11

###### Special Needs Family Movie

1 p.m. Sunday. Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. Free. 429-5500.

###### "The Nutcracker": Dance Alliance

2 and 7 p.m. Sunday. Saline High School, 1300 Campus Pkwy. \$13. 429-9599.

###### Michigan Marching Band Concert

2 p.m. Sunday. Crisler Arena. \$10 (age 11 and younger, \$3) at U of M Credit Union branches, and at the door. 764-0582.

###### Tour: Zingerman's Creamery

2 p.m. Sunday. 3723 Plaza Drive. \$5 (includes a \$5 coupon). 929-0500.

###### Figure Skating Exhibition

Noon Sunday. Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 2121 Oak Valley Drive. Cash or canned food donation for Food Gatherers. 213-6768.

##### Monday, Dec. 12

###### Line Dancing

6 p.m. Monday. American Legion Hall, 320 W. Michigan Ave. \$7. 429-4840.

##### Tuesday, Dec. 13

###### New Horizons Band

6 p.m. Tuesday and 1 p.m. Thursday. Liberty School band room, 7265 Saline-Ann Arbor Road. Free. 429-1742.

##### Wednesday, Dec. 14

###### Saline Woodcarvers

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

#### YPSILANTI

##### Thursday, Dec. 8.

###### "Fugue": New Theatre Project

8 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Mix Performance Space, 130 W. Michigan Ave. \$15. 645-9776.

###### "Go, Dóg, Go"

10 a.m., Thursday, 7 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and 10 a.m. Wednesday. EMU Quirk Theater, Ford Street. \$15 (students, \$12; age 12 and younger, \$7). 487-2282.

###### "Little Women": Wild Swan Theater

10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence

Building, Towsley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Drive. \$12 (children admitted for \$8). 995-0530.

###### "Christmas Belles": PTD Productions

8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti. \$18 (students and seniors, \$12; Thursday: pay what you can) in advance at showtix4u and by phone. 483-7345.

##### Friday, Dec. 9

###### Chamber Choir and University Choir

8 p.m. Friday. Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University campus, West Cross at College Place. Free. 487-2255.

###### Holiday Art and Craft Market

5 to 9 p.m. Friday; noon to 7 p.m. Saturday; and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St. Free admission. 480-2787.

###### Professional Volunteer Corps for Singles

7 p.m. Friday. NEW Center, 1100 N. Main St. Free. a2pvc.org.

##### Saturday, Dec. 10

###### Military Family Support Forum

Noon to 2 p.m. Saturday. Rachel Upjohn Building, U of M EAAHC, 4250 Plymouth Road. Free. 763-4904.

##### Sunday, Dec. 11

###### Puppet Show

3:30 p.m. Sunday. Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St. \$5 (age 3 and younger admitted for free). 657-2337.



## LIBRARY LINKS

## DDL releases winter events lineup

Dexter District Library will offer a lineup of wonderful winter events for children of all ages beginning in December. Come in from the cold and enjoy all the warm programs we have planned this winter.

Celebrate the holidays with three special programs Dec. 17. A Drop-In Story Time and Craft - just for kids - will be held at 11 a.m. on the lower level. Children of all ages are invited to listen to and participate in stories and songs about Santa Claus, Jack Frost, winter and the holidays. A simple craft will be offered following the program. Also, at 11 a.m., a Teen Holiday Craft and Snacks will be held for kids and teens in grades five through 12 in the Story Time Room. This is an opportunity to make a last-minute gift for a friend or family member. Because space is limited, registration is required for the teen craft. Following both of these programs, the library will be hosting a very special guest. A live reindeer from Carousel Acres will be stopping by from 11:30

to 12:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring your camera.

Dec. 23 brings another presentation of Family Movie and Popcorn to the library at 11 a.m. Get into the Christmas spirit with your friends, neighbors and family by watching a wonderful holiday classic and enjoying a bag of fresh popcorn. Please call the library at 426-4477 for more information.

The library will be closed Dec. 24-25 for Christmas and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Dec. 26. Dexter Community Schools will be closed until Jan. 6 and the library has plenty of programs planned to keep kids and teens occupied during their break.

Teens in grades six through twelve are invited to "Wil Smash Bros. Brawl & Snacks" 11 a.m. to noon Dec. 27. Come play this video game favorite with your friends while enjoying some light refreshments. Registration is not required - just a winning attitude.

Calling all 4- to 8-year-old fancy girls. You are cordially invited to rejoice in the holiday season Fancy

Nancy-style 11 a.m. Dec. 28. Based on the New York Times bestseller "Fancy Nancy" by Jane O'Connor, attendees should come dressed up as fancy as they can - tiaras welcome - to enjoy a tea party, crafts, games and participate in a fun fashion show. Space is limited so registration is required for this event.

The library will present another family-favorite for the Family Movie and Popcorn afternoon 11 a.m. Dec. 29. Bring your pillows, get out of the cold and enjoy an afternoon of popcorn and entertainment. Please call the Library at 426-4477 for more information. "Teen Crafternoon" is also planned on this day from 1-2 p.m. Teens in fifth through 12th grade are invited to come by and do a little creating for fun. Registration is required for this event.

The library will once again host a blood drive by the American Red Cross 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 30. Please consider a stop on our lower level and give the gift of life. Anyone who is interested in preregistering

can go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code: dexterlibrary.

The library will be closed Dec. 31-Jan. 1 and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Jan. 2 when registration will begin for Winter Story Times. Parents or caregivers of children may register at the library or by calling 426-4477. Story Times will begin on Jan. 16 and run for eight weeks until March 8.

Children 18 months to 3 years old may sign up for Toddler Story Times 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. Children 3 to 5 years old may sign up for Preschool Story Times 11:30 a.m. Mondays or Thursdays or 1 p.m. Tuesdays.

A combined Toddler/Preschool Story Time will again be offered 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays. Parents are encouraged to attend all the sessions which last approximately 30 minutes. These popular programs fill up quickly, so be sure to call early to register. Winter Story Times for children include books, flannel-board stories, songs, fin-

gerplays, crafts and other activities that bring the fun of reading to your child.

Mario Kart fans, show off your skills on Tuesday, January 2 at 11:00 a.m. when you are invited to a special Mario Kart Wii Tournament on the big screen! Kids ages six to twelve will compete with old and new friends, for a variety of prizes as they work their way to higher levels of achievement. Snacks will be served during this intense competition and registration is not required.

A library favorite will return 11 a.m. Jan. 4 for children 6 years old and up, "Bingo for Books!" will again be offered to all school-aged children and teens. The game is simple: Get a "Bingo!" and pick out a new paperback book from our display tables. There are always plenty of winners and everyone has fun.

The library's January Family Movie and Popcorn afternoon will be 11 a.m. Jan. 5. The library will be showing a recently-released sequel to a popular animated movie. Please call the

library at 426-4477 for more information.

Two special events will be at the library Jan. 6. At 11 a.m. Randy Baker with Naturalist Endeavors will present "Wildlife of the Americas," an educational, live animal program for all ages. Discover the wonderful, fascinating and unique world of North and South America's reptiles, amphibians, birds and mammals. Learn about their characteristics, habitats, what they eat and what eats them. Randy will be on hand to answer any questions following the program.

At 1 p.m., the library has scheduled its popular Duct Tape Art for Teens drop-in workshop. Stop by and create a variety of objects out of brightly colored duct tape. Instructions will be available or teens can let their imagination run wild and create something totally unique. All supplies will be provided by the library. Another Drop-In Story Time for ages 6 and under will be 11 a.m. Jan. 14.

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## Kickathon benefits SafeHouse Center

Family Martial Arts held its second annual Kick-A-Thon fundraiser to benefit SafeHouse Center in August. Participating students had 15 minutes to kick a Wavemaster standing target as often as they could, using any of the Tae Kwon Do kicks they had learned during training at this martial arts studio.

Instructors kept track of time and counted each student's kicks while fellow participants cheered each other on. Once the kicking was completed, students then collected pledges - either a per-kick rate or a flat donation - from family and friends.

Through students' kicking efforts, Family Martial Arts beat last year's total funds raised, bringing in close to \$1,000 for SafeHouse Center.

"We appreciate Family Martial Arts' support of SafeHouse Center," said Julaine LeDuc, SafeHouse Center's director of resource development. "Our program survives donation by donation, gift by gift. Every contribution is another support for a survivor ... another statement against domestic violence and sexual assault."

For participants, the Kick-A-Thon not only allowed



them to support a worthy cause but also gave them the chance to test their physical endurance. While all students - some back for their second Kick-a-Thon

- set new personal records, the top kicker for the 2011 event was 8-year-old Jaeson Hotaling of Chelsea, who completed 1,002 kicks in 15 minutes.

Grass Lake resident Patrick Brown takes aim at the Wavemaster standing target with a low-45 round kick.

"Next year, I'm going to do 1,500 kicks," Hotaling said.

The top adult kicker was first-time participant and intermediate-ranked student Amy Brown of Grass Lake, who also had the distinction of being the top fundraiser.

All Kick-A-Thon-ers received a certificate of participation, a thank-you letter from SafeHouse Center, and a patch for their martial arts uniform. Both Hotaling and Brown received special prizes in recognition of their Kick-a-Thon achievements.

"This year's event surpassed last year's in all areas: number of participants, number of kicks completed, and amount of funds raised," said Master Ana Hotaling, Family Martial Arts' master instructor. "We're hoping that we'll have even more students take part next year. It's a goal of ours not only to raise funds for SafeHouse but also to raise awareness about this worthy organization and the vital work they do for the Washtenaw community."

SafeHouse Center provides advocacy, support, and shelter to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and to those impacted by their assault. Services include counseling, legal advocacy, support groups, response teams, a 24-hour Help Line, and shelter for those who are in imminent danger of assault. For more information, contact the SafeHouse Center at 734-973-0242.

For more information about Family Martial Arts, visit their web site at <http://www.familymartialarts.us>, find them on Facebook, or call 734-475-3622.

"We appreciate Family Martial Arts' support of SafeHouse Center,"

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Director of Resource  
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-Christmas At The Mansion committee

## Dexter Community Band to host holiday concert

The Dexter Community Band, under the baton of William W. Gourley, will host its traditional holiday concert 3 p.m. Dec. 11. The concert will be held in the Dexter Center for the Performing Arts, located at 2200 N. Parker Road in Dexter.

The band goes all out for this concert with Christmas trees, stage decorations, cookies and punch.

The concert will open with a new work, "A Christmas Carol Fantasy," arranged by Takashi Hoshide. "Carol of the Bells" for symphonic band will delight the ear. "Overture to a Winter Celebration" is another new work purchased by the band especially for this concert.

"The Eighth Candle" by Steve Reisteter is a unique work that starts simply and builds to an exciting climax. "Overture to Miracle on 34th Street" by Bruce Broughton celebrates the classic 20th Century Fox film by the same name. By popular demand, Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" will precede "The Polar Express," which is from a

newer holiday movie. The concert will end with the traditional band and audience Christmas Sing-A-Long.

It is rumored there will be a surprise visitor from the North Pole bringing candy canes for the children in the audience. After the concert, audience members are invited to join the band for cookies and punch. Handicapped access is available. For more information call 734-426-2734.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 8

■ Create a **Holiday Wreath** at the Chelsea Senior Center from 10 a.m. to noon.

■ 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](http://theencoretheatre.org), or by calling the theater's box office, 268-6200.

Friday, Dec. 9

■ See **"It's a Wonderful Life"** at 8 p.m. at the Encore Theatre, 3126 Broad St. Tickets may be purchased online, [theencoretheatre.org](http://theencoretheatre.org), or by calling the theater's box office, 268-6200.

■ 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](http://purplerosetheatre.org), or by calling the theater's box office, 734-475-7673.

Saturday, Dec. 10

■ Join the **Chelsea High School Choirs for Wassail**, a strolling choral event, at 6:30 p.m. at Chelsea's First United Methodist Church, 128 Park St. Share Wassail, holiday sweets and treats while enjoying beautiful holiday music. Tickets are \$5 at [www.chelseachoirs.com](http://www.chelseachoirs.com) or at door.

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Sunday, Dec. 11

■ See **"Escanaba in da Moonlight"** at 2 p.m. at the Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., in Chelsea. Tickets may be purchased online, [purplerosetheatre.org](http://purplerosetheatre.org), or by calling the theater's box office, 734-475-7673.

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Monday, Dec. 12

■ The Dexter District Library hosts the **Somewhere in Time History Book Club** at 7 p.m. The book up for discussion is "The Warrior Queens" by Antonia Fraser. Registration is required.

Tuesday, Dec. 13

■ The Chelsea Senior Center hosts a **Reflexology Class** at 9:20 a.m.

■ Join the Dexter District Library for the **Literaries Fall Art Series Presents: "The Power of Myth"** with Dan Plesko from the Detroit Institute of Arts at 2 p.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.

■ Join the Chelsea District Library for the **International Book Club**, a book discussion that makes us think about the world from a global perspective at 6:30 p.m. This month's book is "The Basque History of the World" by Mark Kurlansky.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

■ See **"Escanaba in da Moonlight"** at 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. at the Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., in Chelsea. Tickets may be purchased online, [purplerosetheatre.org](http://purplerosetheatre.org), or by calling the theater's box office, 734-475-7673.

■ **Super Stories and Book Snackers** will hold a **Holiday Party** at 4:30 p.m. The group will have stories, book discussion, crafts, snacks and fun. This program is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade, and registration is required.

■ The Chelsea District Library hosts **"Twas the Week Before Christmas"**

**Storytime** at 6 p.m. Join Miss Jackie and Rosie in the McKune Room for stories, songs, fingerplays, crafts and snacks for the holiday season. Sign up by calling the library at 475-8732.

Thursday, Dec. 15

■ **Chelsea's Downtown Development Authority** meets at 7:30 a.m. in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library.

■ Join Michaelina Brown for a lively, friendly book discussion with **Books & Banter** at the Chelsea District Library at 1:30 p.m. This month's book is "Grand River & Joy" by Susan Messer. Reserved copies are available at the adult information desk.

■ The Dexter District Library hosts the **Better of Read Book Club** for adults at 2 p.m. The group will discuss "Holidays on Ice" by David Sedaris. Registration is required.

■ **One-on-One Small Business Counseling with SCORE** takes place 3-7 p.m. at the Dexter District Library.

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Ongoing

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

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

LIBRARY

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"Bears Bears Bears!" is this month's theme and children are encouraged to bring their favorite Teddy Bear or Fuzzy Friend. A simple craft will be offered following story time.

Dexter Community Schools will be closed Jan. 16, but the library will be open, and we're planning a spectacular event. Comedian-Magician Joel Tacey will be presenting "The Wacky Winter Comedy Show!" for all ages. Join us for this hilarious, hands-on, audience participation performance as this extremely talented performer returns to the Library.

The Dexter District Library and the University of Michigan's Exhibit of Natural History are proud to present our 10th annual Winter Family Reading

Program. This year's theme is "Vital Signs: How Health Works". Starting in January, families set reading goals for three months and record their reading time on records provided by the library. Special Hands-On Science Fun Workshops at the library are also scheduled from January until March. The first program, scheduled for 10 a.m. Jan. 28, is titled "How You Work." This workshop will include hands-on education and crafts. The hands-on science programs are limited to children ages 6 and up, accompanied by an adult and registration is required. Additional workshops are scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 11 and March 3.

The library is pleased to offer these free events to everyone in the community. The library is located at 3255 Alpine St. in Dexter. For further information, please call the library at 426-4477.

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Rita Fischer, volunteer, photographer and former police officer.

"Around Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche.

The show airs daily on Channel 18 at 7:30 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

A new interview begins every Friday evening and

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

Previous shows are available to view at McKune Memorial Library or online at <http://storiesofchelsea.org>.

**Sign up for Heritage's e-newsletter**

Sign up for The Chelsea Standard and Dexter Leader's e-newsletter to get

the latest headlines delivered directly to your e-mail box, as well as breaking news and community alerts. Sign up on the newspaper's home page at [www.heritage.com](http://www.heritage.com), on the right side of the page.

**Senior passes available for Dexter athletic events**

Senior passes are now available for SEC home and away high school sporting events. This pass is only

good for conference games. These passes are free. If you are interested in a pass, please contact the Dexter Senior Center at 426-7737 or the Dexter High School athletic office at 424-4170.

To have an item placed on the bulletin board, e-mail information to Erica McClain, at [emcclain@heritage.com](mailto:emcclain@heritage.com), by 5 p.m. Friday for the following week's edition with the keywords "Bulletin Board" in the subject line.

BULLETIN BOARD

WEDDING

Marshall-Dehn

Katie Marshall of Waterloo and Bill Dehn of Waterloo were married Oct. 22 at Cobblestone Farm in Ann Arbor.

The bride wore a tea-length gown with a sweetheart neckline purchased from Gina's Bridal in Milford. The gown featured sparkling Swarovski crystals and sequins at the neckline. The waist was embellished with a pleated silk band while delicate beaded lace appliques cascaded all over the gown. A birdcage veil was worn.

The bouquet was designed by Hearts and Flowers of Dexter, using orange and dark red roses, seeded eucalyptus, burgundy hypericum berries, orange mini calla lilies and white status.

The bride's maid of honor was her sister, Megan Smith, of Grass Lake.

The bridegroom's best man was his brother, Sgt. Fred Dehn, who is currently stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico.

The bride is the daughter of W. Scott and Denise Marshall of Dexter and a

2003 graduate of Chelsea High School. She is a 2008 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, earning her bachelor's degree in business administration. She is currently an office assistant at Drew Technologies in Ann Arbor.

The bridegroom is the son of Tom and Edie Dehn of Gregory and a 2002 graduate of Chelsea High School. He is a graduate of Washtenaw Community College, earning his associate's degree in automotive mechanics. He is currently employed as a mechanic at Side Street Garage in Chelsea.

The wedding was held outside on the Cobblestone Farm's grounds on a beautiful sunny day with 60-degree temperatures.

The reception was held inside the historic barn with catering provided by The Moveable Feast of Manchester. Delicious cupcakes were provided by the bride's cousin, Erin Olberg of Chelsea. Photography was provided by Nicole Ladonne Photography of Ann Arbor. Music for the ceremony was performed



by the bride's brother, John Marshall. Homemade pretzels made by the bridegroom's mother, Edie Dehn, were served to guests later in the evening. Many friends and family came to enjoy the couple's day.

The couple will be headed to Orlando, Fla. in early April 2012, and currently reside in Waterloo.

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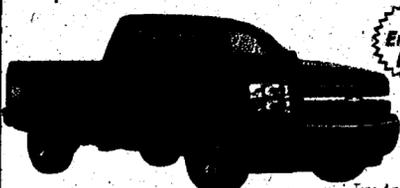
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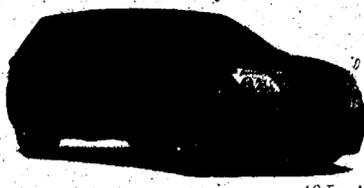
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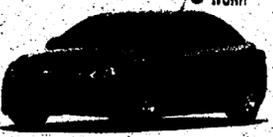
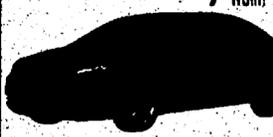
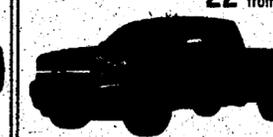
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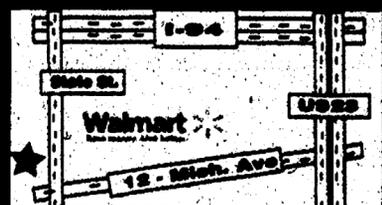
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## 2011-12 HERITAGE WEST GIRLS BASKETBALL PREVIEW

### Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard

Conference/ League: Catholic High School League

Coach: Matt Carroll (6th season)

2010-11

Record: 11-11, lost in district finals to Chelsea

Key Returners: Sarah Falvey (sr., G), Taylor Hinkson (sr., G), Mary Yocum (sr., G), Angela Broggi (sr., G/C)

Key newcomer: Corra Dreffs (so., C)

Areas of Strength: Experience. The Fighting Irish have four returning seniors (Sarah Falvey, Taylor Hinkson, Mary Yocum and Angela Broggi) who will all be major contributors.

Areas of Weakness: Size. The Irish are not particularly tall, especially at the center position. Sophomore Corra Dreffs will have to step up immediately at center. Season Outlook: Gabriel Richard has the strong combination of experience, speed and athleticism. That should translate into wins for the squad.

### Ann Arbor Greenhills Gryphons

Conference/ League: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference

Coach: Lisa Mack (8th season)

2010-11 Record: 12-7, won MIAC Red Division, lost in first round of district.

Key Returners: Marissa Thompson (sr., F), Jackie Oestreich (jr., G)

Key newcomers: Zainab Bhurgri (so., G), Hadra Bhurgri (so. G)

Areas of Strength: Confidence. Last season, the Gryphons went from the bottom of the MIAC standings to winning the conference. This team is aware of what it needs to do to win, and should be able to.

Areas of Weakness: Playing as a team. The Gryphons have a lot of strong individual players, and will need to get better at playing together.

Season Outlook: Greenhills is coming off of a strong year last season and returns senior Marissa Thompson, who averaged 12.5 points and 11.2 rebounds per game. The team should pick right back up where it left off last season.

### Ann Arbor Huron River Rats

Conference/ League: Southeastern Conference Red Division

Coach: Steve Vinson (9th season)

2010-11 Record: 17-5, won SEC Red, lost in district semifinal to Dexter 44-41.

Key Returners: Logan Sims (sr., C), Devin Talley (sr., G), Alexis Garner (jr., F/C), Sarah Goliday (jr., G), Bianca Williams (jr., F/G), Micah Robinson (so., G)

Areas of Strength: Speed and depth. With a bench of about 12 people, the River Rats will boast one of the deepest teams in the area. And coach Steve Vinson expects every player to be able to run the squad's trademark pressing defense.

Areas of Weakness: Height. The River Rats have a slew of talented guards, and will keep teams off balance with defense. However, with the graduation of center Kelcy Barott, the Rats will need to find a different option at the position. Logan Sims, who transferred last year from Gabriel Richard will look to fill that void.

Season Outlook: The Huron team has consistently been one of the best girls' basketball teams in the area. With the return of senior guard Devin Talley (led the team last year with 13.5 points per game) and junior Bianca Williams (10.5 points per game) the River Rats should have plenty of offensive firepower.

### Ann Arbor Pioneer Pioneers

Conference/ League: Southeastern Conference Red Division

Coach: Crystal Westfield (21st season)

2010-11 Record: How season ended? 20-4, won district, lost in first round of regional

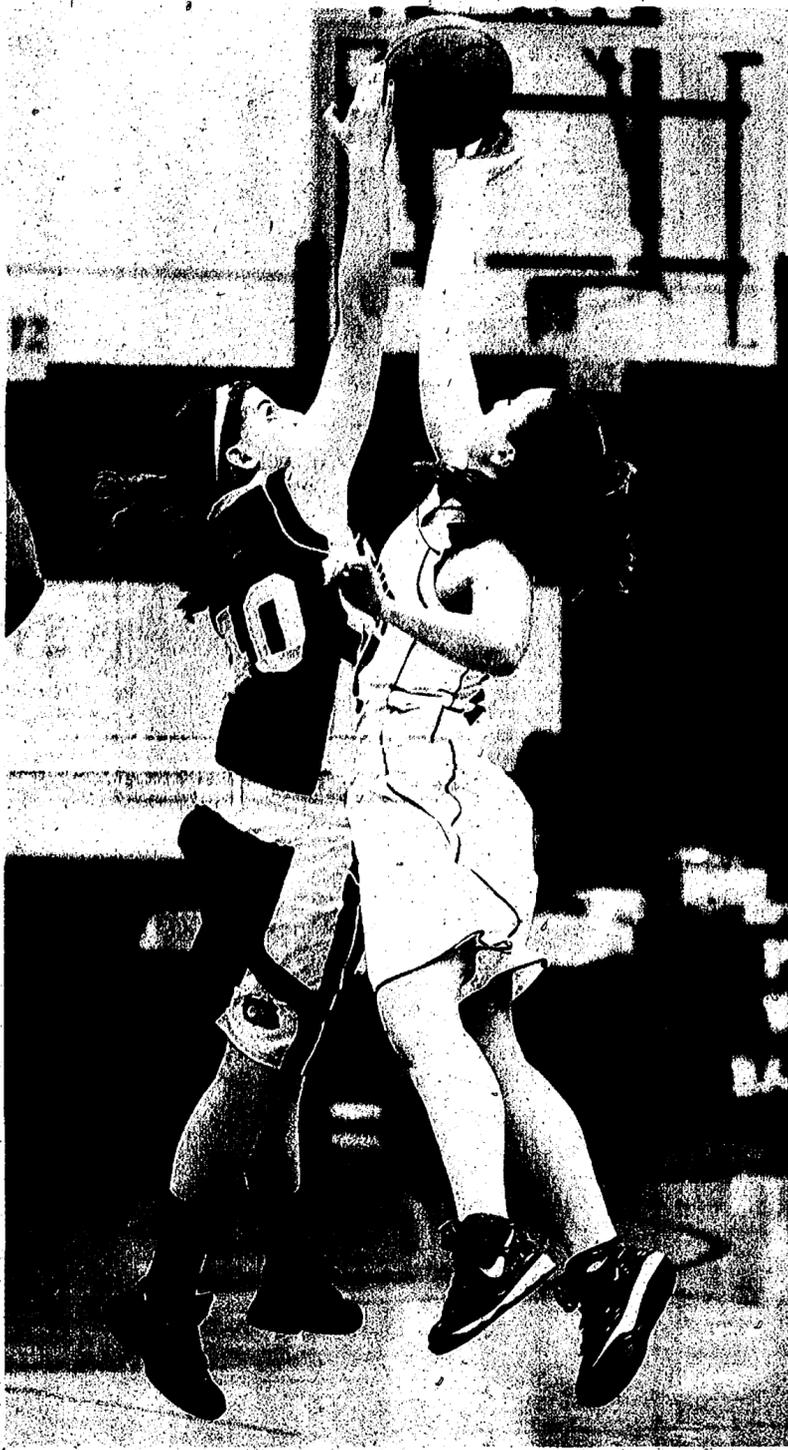
Key Returners: Janese Honeycutt (sr., G), Brittany Kaplan (sr., G), Alexis Pace-Patterson (sr., G), Emma Perpich (sr., C), Jennifer Fichera (jr., G)

Key newcomers: Emily Turner (so., G) Brianna Worthing (jr., G)

Areas of Strength: Speed, athleticism

# TIP OFF

## A team-by-team look at the upcoming season



Above/below left by Tressie Davis / Below right by Tom Perkins

The Chelsea Bulldogs and the Pioneers from Ann Arbor tipped off the season last Friday. Chelsea had an easy time against the young Pioneers. See Page 6-C

and intensity. In the recent past, the Pioneers have had the luxury of relying on one or two players to help them win. However, this year, the team will need more balance. Instead of one or two great athletes, the Pioneer roster is full of good athletes. The team will have to use that as an advantage.

Areas of Weakness: Experience. Although the Pioneers have a lot of returning seniors, none of them got a lot of experience as a key scorer last year. However, with the graduation of Kamilah Carter

and Maya Long, a new group of scorers will have to emerge for Pioneer. Season Outlook: There is no doubt that losing Carter and Long is a big blow, however, Westfield said she thought she had a great group of athletes. "We aren't going to have a player step in and score 25 points," she said. "But we do have girls who can score. We'll just need more balance."

### Ann Arbor Skyline Eagles

Conference/ League: Southeastern Conference Red Division

Coach: Keith Wade (1st year)

2010-11 Record: How season ended? 0-21, lost in first round of district.

Key Returners: Melissa Valentine (sr., C), Monica Ybarra (sr., F), Allison Young (jr., G), Zena Shunnar (so., F/G), Anita Vander Meulen (so., G)

Key newcomers: Paige Wint (sr., F), Troi Owens (jr., G), Janae Sims (jr., G), Tori Norris (jr., F)

Areas of Strength: Defense. This season, the Eagles bring back several talented athletes who are very defensive-minded. Skyline should be able to match up well with almost every team in the SEC Red.

Area of Weakness: Winning experience. The Eagles went winless last season, losing 21 straight games. The team, playing in its first year as a varsity program, looked out-matched in almost all its games.

Season Outlook: It didn't take the Eagles long to get the losing out of their system. The team won its first game against Whitmore Lake. Now that the team doesn't have to spend time worrying about a double-digit losing streak, the Eagles should be able to put basketball first. This squad could surprise a lot of people this season.

### Belleville Tigers

Coach: Ryann Kilgore

2010-11 Record: 14-6 (lost to Inkster in first round of districts)

Key Departures: Jessica Green (Guard); Kamilla Price (forward)

Key Returners: Diajah Russin (guard); Kaylyn Counts (forward); India Purdue (point guard)

Areas of Strength: Biggest strength is that seven out of 10 girls are returning varsity players. Hopefully it will lead to a lot smarter play, and have less defensive breakdowns and on offense be more mature with our play and decision making. Areas of Weakness: Our biggest weakness is losing Jessica. She was 50 percent of our offense last year.

Season Outlook: "I can't base my goals on what I think, I base them off of what the girls want to do," Kilgore said. "I can't drive them to do more than what they want to do. I'm pretty sure at this point they want to win their league and their district and I think that's a reasonable goal for them to achieve. Everyone on the team has to know that they have to come to play every night. We can't just rely on one person to provide the offense for us."

### Chelsea Bulldogs

Conference/ League: SEC White

Coach: Todd Blomquist

2010-11 record: 18-6, lost in the regional semifinals to Olivet

Key Departures: Rachel Cooperrider and Hannah Fitzsimmons

Key Returners: Megan Hall, Grace Martin and Mackenzie Cole

Areas of Strength: Experience

Areas of Weakness: Rebounding

Season Outlook: This team returns 14 seasons of varsity basketball experience spread amongst the eight returning players. Ninety percent of Chelsea's scoring and 90 percent of the Bulldogs' rebounding returns from an 18-6 team that won the SEC White and District 39.

### Dexter Dreadnaughts

Conference/ League: SEC White

Division

Coach: Mike Bavineau

2010-11 Record: 15-7, lost in the District Finals to Pioneer

Key Departures: Lost three senior starters, Serena Bidwell, Zaryn Jennings and Sarah Moir

Key Returners: Dexter has eight players from last year's team that saw significant playing time last year, while adding five juniors from a 17-3 JV team. Key contributors will be Riley McDonald; Olivia Cares, Polly Washabaugh, Emma Kill, Sirah Camara, Annalise Dobbs, Teia McGahey and Olivia Vollmers.

Areas of Strength: This year's team will

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**Megan Brockett, Chelsea (Sr.)**

The senior had 387 kills, a .220 hitting efficiency, 70 aces and 305 digs this season for the Bulldogs. One of the team's captains and a third-year varsity player, Brockett was a primary passer and digger for Chelsea and improved her efficiencies throughout the season.

**Olivia Cares, Dexter (Sr.)**

The Dexter senior was a 2011 all-conference selection who racked up 114 kills and 73 blocks. "Olivia really came into her own this year and was a stand-out for us on the court," Dexter coach Erin Penn said. "Both offensively and defensively, she was a cornerstone for our team."



# 2011 ALL-AREA HERITAGE Volleyball Team

**Jesse Coltre, Manchester (Jr.)**

Manchester's setter, Coltre was the Lady Dutch's leader on the floor in their run to a district title. "Her maturity and knowledge of the game is just outstanding," said head coach Jennifer Caszatt.

**Brianna Davis, Lincoln (Sr.)**

Davis was the setter and captain for the Lincoln team this year, making her a leader on and off the court. She was the team's defensive MVP. She led the team in digs with 309, with the next highest on the team having 216. "She was one of the biggest hustlers out there," said head coach Kayla Dillon. "She was the heart and soul of this team."

**Tessa Elwart, Chelsea (Sr.)**

A three-year varsity player and one of the team's captains, the senior led the Bulldogs with 361 kills on the season. She also had a .210 hitting efficiency and 281 digs. Elwart was one of Chelsea's jump servers, adding a great element to the team, as was her experience and leadership.

**McKenna Erkfitz, Manchester (Jr.)**

In her second year on varsity, Erkfitz, one of the best players at the net in the area doubled her kills from last year from 270 to 531. She led the team in kills and blocks with 174 blocks on the year. When Manchester needed a big spike Erkfitz was the one they went to. "She has gained control and confidence at the net," said head coach Jennifer Caszatt.

**Destiny Hudson, Belleville (Sr.)**

Belleville's star player, Hudson was a force to be reckoned with at the net. "Destiny was able to hit over anybody in the league," said head coach Mike Musser. "She led by example and was always one of the hardest working players during any game." Destiny will be playing D1 volleyball at Bethune-Cookman in Florida next year.

**Sydney Lammers, Milan (Sr.)**

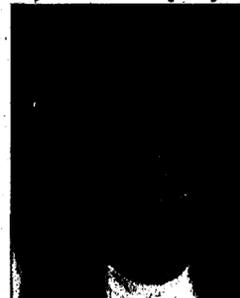
The Milan senior had a standout year for a rebuilding Milan program under first-year coach Hai Hoang. Lammers boasted a 93.33 serve percentage with 21 aces. She also totaled 106 kills, 20 blocks. "Sydney is versatile enough where I can move her all over the court and she still can produce offensively for me, front row or back row," Hoang said.

**Mackenzie Shand, Saline (Jr.)**

One of Saline's captains, Shand earned All-Region and All-SEC First Team honors this year with the Hornets. Shand had a team-high 379 kills and boasted a .460 hitting percentage, 128 blocks and a 96 percent serve efficiency. "She sees the court better than anyone who has played for me as a head coach," Saline coach Lisa Shea said.

**Samantha Sheets, Lincoln (Sr.)**

Sheets was valuable for her ability to play all around the rotation. Her defense set ether apart from many others, with a great ability at receiving serves and getting the ball where it needed to go. "She was very consistent, and usually very powerful with her hits," said head coach Kayla Dillon. "If things were out of whack for us she was always one of the girls I could trust to get a good down ball in for us."

**Mackenzie Schumborg, Saline (Sr.)**

Schumborg finished second on the team with 306 digs, 200 kills and a team-high 93 service aces in her senior season. Hornet coach Lisa Shea said Schumborg was instrumental in setting the tone for the team early in the year. "Mackenzie has a natural athletic competitiveness that is unmistakable," Shea said.

**Megan Winkelseth, Ypsilanti (Jr.)**

While it was a tough season for the Phoenix, junior Megan Winkelseth played well throughout the season for the Ypsilanti team. The multi-sport athlete was consistently the best player during a weak Ypsilanti season. "She was a great asset to our team and we are very lucky to have her. She was definitely one of the top players in the league," said head coach Shannon Murphy.

**Talia Wood, Dexter (Jr.)**

Wood, a junior, was an SEC all-conference pick this season after recording a .278 hitting percentage and 52 kills for the Dreads. "This year was challenging for Talia since she spent so much time rehabbing and getting healthy again," Dexter coach Erin Penn said. "Once she made her return though, she was again a force to be reckoned with on the court. I only wish she had more season so we could see more of her on the court."

**CO-MVP: MARISSA OWEN**

## All-around awesome

By Randy Castro  
Heritage Media

Saline's Marissa Owen has quite a résumé following her to Hillsdale next year.

The Hornet senior has committed to Hillsdale College, where she will continue her volleyball career with the Chargers, one of the best Division II programs in the country.

As a senior, and one of coach Lisa Shea's captains, Owen was consistently one of the best players on the floor on any given night. Owen had a team-high 926 assists and also led the Hornets with 93 service aces. She added 178 kills and 204 digs, helping Saline to a 37-16-3 mark this past season.

"It's not hard to see that Marissa has been our best all-around players for two years running," Shea said. "She has great game sense and has the rare ability to change the pace of the game when necessary—slowing down the tempo when we need it or by picking it up when we are on a run."

Owen was named to the All-Region (Class A) First Team as well as the All-SEC First Team in the Red Division for her accomplishments on the volleyball court. Additionally, she was named as a Scholar-Athlete Award winner by both the SEC and by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

As a team, Saline held

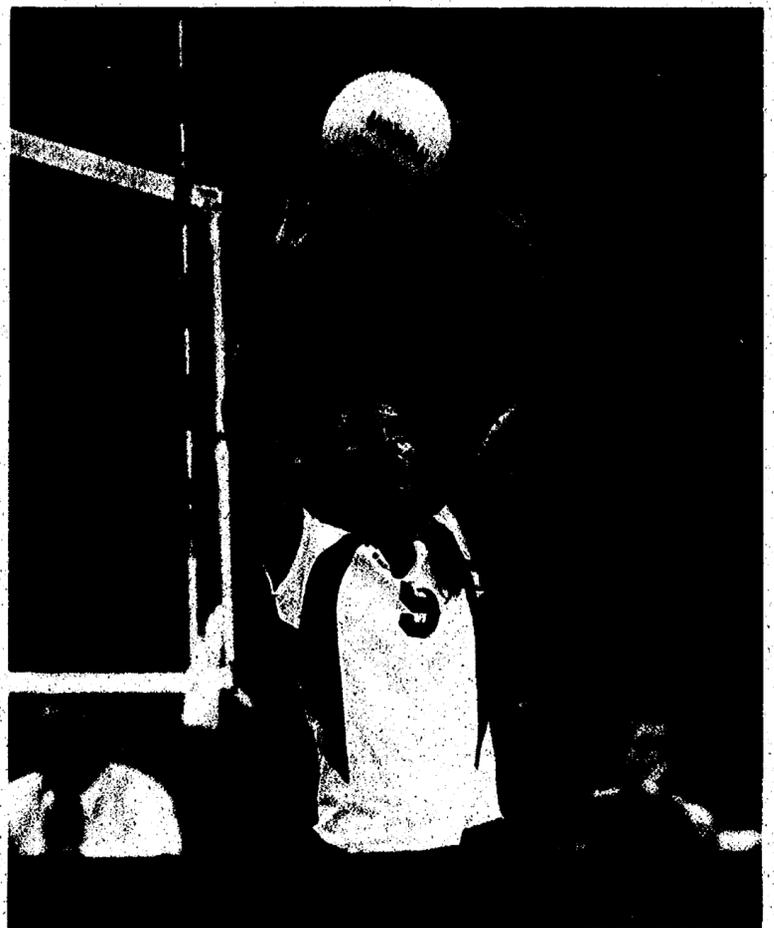


Photo by Hiroshi Onuma

Marissa Owen will take her talents to Hillsdale College next year.

a 3.73 cumulative grade point average.

With her high school playing career over, Owen has helped lay a foundation for the future of Saline volleyball.

"As seniors in the program, we try to set an example for the younger players," she said earlier this year. "By working hard and being responsible on and off the court,

we are setting up the underclassmen for successful senior seasons."

She also said she plans on coaching some of the younger players in the community, as she will do her part in ensuring the program is in good hands for years to come.

"Last year, I had the opportunity to coach a fifth (and) sixth-grade team, and had a great

season with the girls," she told Heritage Media earlier in the year. "I am looking forward to coaching again this year." Before taking the court for Hillsdale College, Owen will play for the A2 Volleyball Club's 18 National team.

After college, Owen said she intends to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

**ALL-HERITAGE ROSTER**

**Coach Of the Year: Jennifer Caszatt**

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ALL-HERITAGE VOLLEYBALL TEAM CO-MVP

# Foote helps lead Dexter

Senior 'fantastic from every angle'

By Terry Jacoby  
Heritage Media

It didn't take more than a point or two for Caitlen Foote to stand out on the volleyball court.

The Dexter senior, named co-MVP of this year's Heritage All-Area team, was one of those special players who don't come around too often.

"Caitlen is a fantastic player from every angle," said Dexter coach Erin Penn, herself a standout volleyball player in high school and at the University of Michigan.

"She can serve, she can pass, she can swing, she can dig. She's worked hard to be able to make the biggest impact possible, and this year she really did that for our team.

"She was on the court all the time, and she was always a driving force for this team."

Foote, who hopes to take her game to the next level, was named all-region and all-conference for the past two seasons.

She had 337 kills, 72 aces and 214 digs for the Dreadnaughts.

And she enjoyed every minute of her time with coach Penn and the Dreads.

"It was an amazing experience," she said. "I am so happy that I had the opportunity to play with such an amazing team and such a wonderful group of girls. Out of my four years at Dexter, this year by far was the best.

"We may not have finished with the record we had hoped but I am confident in the fact that we grew stronger as a team.

"I have learned so much this year and I am so proud of Dexter volleyball."

Foote, 17, looks back at



Dexter senior Caitlen Foote certainly has the talent and desire to play volleyball in college.

her career with great pride and accomplishment.

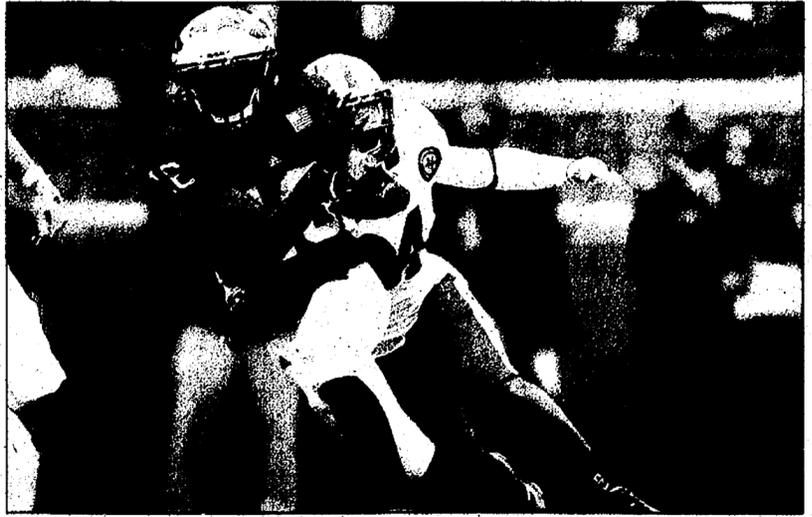
"I am proud of what Dexter volleyball has become and how hard we have worked to get here," said Foote, who not only could play the game at a high level but had the ability to pick up her teammates when things weren't

going well.

"I would say my strengths on the court are picking the team up when we are down and helping to power through those tough situations," she said.

"The key to our success over the years was the incredible support we received from our coaches."

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# Winning the Sugar Bowl would be a sweet finish

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This game means something. It's not the cherry

on top of the sundae. It's not the dotting of the I or crossing of the T. It's none of that nonsense. The Wolverines need to beat Virginia Tech on Jan. 3 if they want to stand out on the corner of Stadium and Main and scream, "We're back."

Sorry, but we're almost back.

For the Wolverines, "back" doesn't mean getting to a bowl. It means winning a bowl. Beating a higher-ranked team in the Sugar Bowl would be a sweet finish to an amazing season under first-year coach Brady Hoke.

Michigan went 10-2 on the season with the loss at Iowa the only real disappointment. They knocked off the likes of Notre Dame, Nebraska and capped off the turnaround season with

a memorable 40-34 victory over Ohio State at the Big House.

That one victory erased plenty of embarrassment, finally ending a dreadful seven-game losing streak to that team down south. It was a huge step in restoring the roar to the Wolverines and their passionate and plentiful fan base.

But another step comes on Jan. 3. And that step would mean walking through to the other side. Back to where Michigan belongs and closing the door on three seasons of head hanging, denial and disappointment.

"A 10-win team out of the Big Ten Conference, I think that speaks for itself," Hoke said after the Wolverines knocked off Ohio State. It speaks plenty. And so will a victory over Virginia Tech.

Michigan (13th) was the lowest-ranked at-large BCS

team to receive a bid. And that's a credit to Hoke and the incredible success they achieved after the brutal Rich Rodriguez years. Rich Rod led the Wolverines to just one bowl in three seasons to forget - and I already forgot the score against Mississippi State in the Gator Bowl.

Virginia Tech (11-2) claimed its BCS bid after losing 38-10 to Clemson in the ACC championship game. It will be the Hokies third trip to the Sugar Bowl, including a 46-29 loss to Florida State in 2000 that determined the national championship.

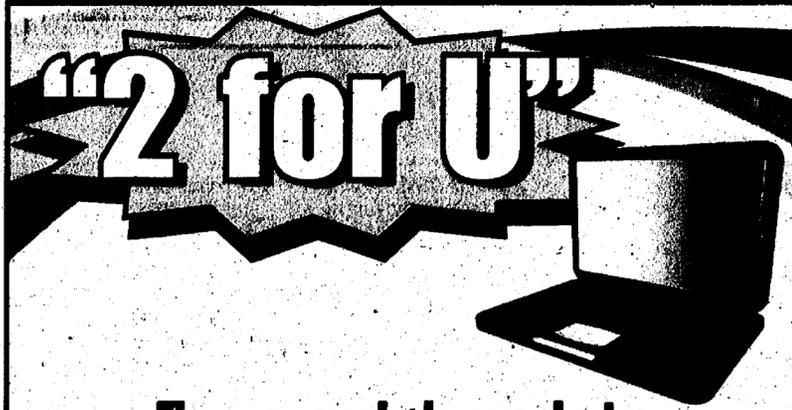
A national championship won't be on the line this time. But a victory for the Wolverines could set the stage for next season, where the maize and blue might just be in that discussion once again.

That's what this game means. Don't buy into the notion that a victory here is just gravy. If Michigan football really, truly is back, talk like that is no longer accepted.

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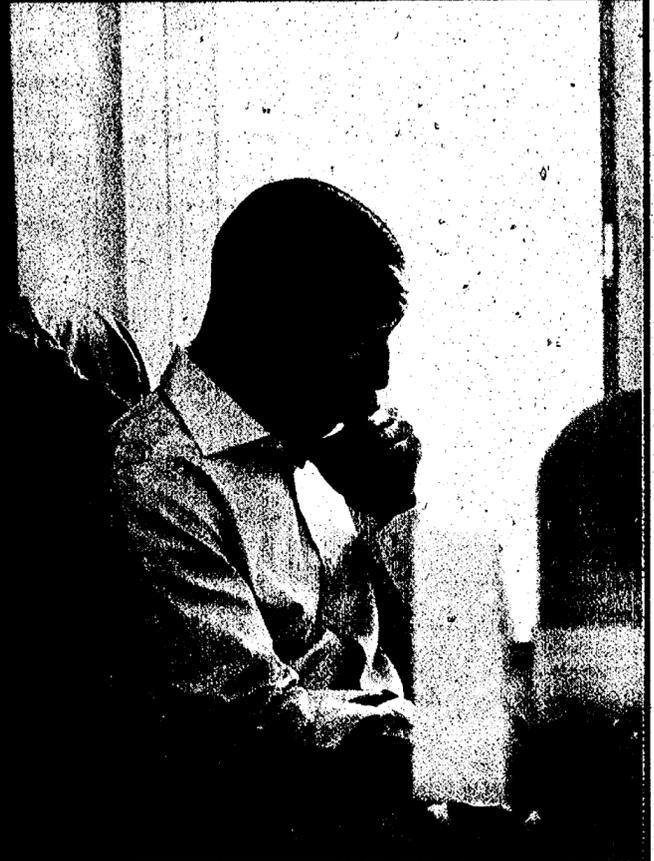
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# HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

## Bulldogs skate past Dreads in SEC opener

By Terry Jacoby  
Heritage Media

The Chelsea Bulldogs brought their veteran lineup into Dexter's home arena Saturday night for an early season backyard brawl between rival hockey teams.

Everyone in Veterans Memorial Arena in Ann Arbor - including the Dreadnaughts - knew that Chelsea was deep and loaded and highly skilled. In fact, the Dreadnaughts may have paid them a little too much respect.

"They do have a good team and part of that is that they believe they have a good team," said Dexter coach Brian Sipotz. "I think we came into this game believing that they were really good too. We came out trying to hang in there instead of trying to win the game. In the past, we have gotten down by a goal or two and been able to come back. But (Saturday) we just didn't have the spark."

Or the belief. The Bulldogs didn't exactly storm out of the blocks, but slowly wore down the host Dreadnaughts. Chelsea led 1-0 after the first period and 3-0 after two periods before breaking the game open with a goal early in the third period on the way to a 6-1 win.

Chelsea improves to 3-1-1 overall on the season while Dexter falls to 5-1.

"We continue to improve every game and that's important," Chelsea coach Don Wright said. "I thought the one game we lost, we should have won. I hope we learn from that. We certainly aren't where we want to be but we're getting there. We are working hard and getting better."

Chelsea certainly is getting better at killing penalties.

"The guys are following the plan, and I thought we did a good job of limiting their chances and taking away what they were trying to do," Wright said.

Chelsea's Chris Boyd didn't exactly face a shooting gallery, but the senior goalie made some big saves throughout the night before losing the shutout late in the game.

"Overall, it was one of our better team games," Boyd said. "It's going to help us as we move along during the season."

Boyd gave plenty of kudos to the guys standing in front of him.

"They got my back the whole time and they're fighting for me," Boyd said. "They keep guys out of my way and that's all I can ask of them. We're all doing our part and trying to play as a team."

Brad Hepler, one of the big guys up front for Chelsea, said the Bulldogs are at their best when they play team-orientated hockey.

"We passed the puck around and took less penalties (Saturday)," Hepler said. "We capitalized on all of our opportunities. Everyone has to put in their all and keep working hard in practice."

Like Chelsea, the Dreadnaughts have plenty of talent. They just need to believe more in themselves.

"We need to get to a point

where we believe we can play with teams of that caliber," Sipotz said. "They're a good team with a lot of depth and a lot of solid players. But we didn't play as a team tonight."

Sipotz did see some good things from his club. "We had a couple of guys do exactly what we need them to do," he said. "Evan Morrison is a guy whose name doesn't always show up in the scoring column but he plays hard and does what we need him to do. And I thought (goalie) Cameron Rooks played hard all game and did a good job for us in goal."

The Bulldogs opened the scoring at 12:49 of the first period when Cody Fojtik delivered a sweet pass to Joe Hewitt who fired a shot past Rooks for a 1-0 lead. Chelsea kept the pressure on but a few nice saves by Rooks and a solid defensive play by Brian Lim kept the Bulldogs out of the net.

At 9:12 of the first period, the Bulldogs went on the power play but came up empty after a few more nice saves and some good defense by Ben Grover and the Dreads. With 5:45 left in the first period, Boyd made a big save on a shot by Dexter's Jake Waldrup to keep it 1-0.

The Dreads went on the power play with 3:26 left in the first period but Boyd continued to knock away any chances. With just 11 seconds left in the first period Boyd made another big save on a hard shot from Dexter's Joey Barlett.

Rooks made a huge save in the first minute of the second period to keep it a one-goal game. And Boyd made another stop on Waldrup, who came in down the center of the ice on a breakaway during a Chelsea power play a few minutes later.

The Bulldogs scored their second goal of the game on the power play from Hewitt at 13:57 to give Chelsea a 2-0 lead after a tripping call at 14:41. Right after the goal, Chelsea's Tyler Fullerton let one fly that Rooks somehow was able to keep out of the net.

The Dreads started to crank up a little pressure. They had a nice scoring chance set up by Tommy Finn and then Boyd had to make a nice glove save on a hard shot by Patrick Gronvall.

The Bulldogs killed another penalty after they were called for hooking at 8:36. And then killed another penalty after an obvious unsportsman-like call at 5:21.

After a couple more nice saves by Boyd - including one off a rebound shot by Jimmy Lewandowski - the Bulldogs took a 3-0 lead with 2:33 left in the second period. Hepler scored his first of the game with assists from Fojtik and Jacob Ryan.

Early in the third period, the Bulldogs went up 4-0 on Hepler's second with an assist from Kody Johnson. Tempers flared right after that goal, resulting in two Chelsea roughing penalties and one on Dexter.

Still, the Dreads couldn't capitalize on the man-advantage.

Less than a minute after killing the penalty, the Bulldogs took a 5-0 lead on



Photos by Tressie Davis

Joe Hewitt (above) gets Chelsea on the board with this first-period goal on Saturday night. Dexter's Tucker Brust (below) and Chelsea's Tyler Fullerton fall to the ice. The Bulldogs (right) celebrate a goal in front of the Dexter students during their 6-1 victory.



a goal by Johnson, with assists from Hewitt and Anthony Catalina.

With 6:53 left in the game, Waldrup scored Dexter's first goal with assists from Lewandowski and Ian Wiesenberg.

Johnson scored a power-play goal for Chelsea with 2:49 left to finish the scoring. The big checks of the

game went to Chelsea's Catalina and Dexter's Wiesenberg.

Earlier in the week, Chelsea tied Grosse Ile 1-1. Hepler scored the Bulldogs' goal.

Earlier in the week, Dexter beat Woodhaven 8-6 to extend its winning streak to five games. The Dreads were out-



played in the first two periods, including giving up six goals in the second frame. They rallied with four goals in the third to overcome a 6-4 deficit. The team showed great resolve to stick together and get the win.

Ian Wiesenberg led the team in goals with four, and he also tallied one assist. Jake Waldrup led the team

in points with six (one goal and five assists), the second game in a row he has put up that point total. Sophomore Tristin Rojeck scored two goals and added an assist, and sophomore Evan Morrison scored his first of the year.

Garrett Weng was strong in net and helped give the team a chance to win.

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# GIRLS

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rely on its depth and experience.

**Areas of Weakness:** Blending the new team members with the returning experience will be vital for the success of this year's team. Development of trust and team chemistry will be the key to Dexter's success.  
**Season Outlook:** "We hope to build on last year's success and compete for the SEC White Division Crown," said coach Bavineau.

## Lincoln Ballsplitters

**Conference/ League:** SEC White  
**Coach:** Mike Hotchkiss  
**2010-11 Record:** 4-16; first round of districts  
**Key Departures:** Rikki Scherdt (guard)  
**Key Returners:** Arelle Carjor (guard); Katelyn Morris (forward); Jaslynn Rollins (center); Asia Youngblood (guard)  
**Areas of Strength:** Speed, experience, defense  
**Areas of Weakness:** Depth, and we struggle running our sets right now  
**Season Outlook:** "Our goal is to make history in girls basketball," Hotchkiss said. "Lincoln has never had a team above .500 and never won a district championship."  
**Coaches Comment:** We're gonna have to work hard in practice every day, work hard on defense and offense.

## Manchester Flying Dutchmen

**Conference/ League:** Cascade  
**Coach:** Cori Kastel  
**2010-11 Record:** How season ended? 13-8; first round district vs napoleon  
**Key Departures:** N/A  
**Key Returners:** Mckenna Erkitz, Taylor Manders, Jesse Coltre(guard), Nicole Jackson (fourth yr on varsity)(guard), Lindsey Hassett(forward)

**Areas of Strength:** "One of the biggest strengths is a lot of experience, even though it's young they've had a lot of court time," said Kastel. "For some players this is their third or fourth team. They were a part district champion in 2010."

**Areas of Weakness:** "The more time they play together the better," Kastel said. "The chemistry is starting to gel, but its just not complete."

**Season Outlook:** "Last year was a bit of a letdown, did not accomplish what we wanted," said Kastel. "This year is different, we have higher expectations. 13-8 isn't a bad record, but this year is totally different."

**Coaches Comment:** Have some newcomers that are gelling well with the team. This is year talent is definitely going to show what they are made of. We have two freshmen and one sophomore.

## Milan Big Reds

**League:** Huron  
**Coach:** Jeff Scott, 4th year  
**Last season:** 2-19-lost to Ida in District Opener  
**Key returners:** Corinna Schneider (Sr.) Sam Coon (So.) Allie Sotomayor (Sr.)  
**Key Departures:** Sarah Ramsey, Kaitlin Mitchell, Jaylynn Smiley  
**Strengths:** Speed, ball movement, sense of team  
**Areas of concern:** Lack of experience, youth  
**Season Outlook:** The Big Reds will be athletically better than last year, but will have to deal with youthful mistakes and turnovers. They will win what they deserve to, but play hard every night.  
**Additional coaches comments:** "We look forward to a fun and competitive year," Scott said. "With new comers freshman Sierra Scott and Junior Makenziw Mitchell, we should be deeper on the bench."

## Saline Hornets

**League:** Southeastern Conference, Red Division

**Coach:** Jeff Waltz, 1st year  
**Last season:** 6-15, lost in District Opener to Monroe  
**Key Departures:** Emily Everett, Jessica Brown

**Key Returners:** The returning seniors are Britten Clark, Katie Cryslor, Alison Rentschler, Alli Cope, Kelsey Pelletier, Cera Smart, and Amanda Price. Emily Reyst and Caitlin Ellis will return as juniors.

**Strengths:** Playing solid defense; rebounding, taking care of the basketball, and executing on offense.

**Areas of weakness:** "We need to have confidence in our abilities and translate that confidence into a winning mentality," Waltz said. "Last year is over."

**Season Outlook:** "Our expectations are high no matter what," Waltz said. "No matter what we deal with, we don't make excuses and we come to play every night, maximum effort. If we do those things, the rest should take care of itself."

**Coaches comments:** "I'm very excited to start this season," he said. "We've been working hard and I hope the seniors will be able to take away a positive experience in their last season of basketball. I'm honored to coach this team and be a part of these kids' lives."

## Ypsilanti Phoenix

**Conference/ League:** SEC Red  
**Coach:** Chris Slater  
**2010-11 Record:** How season ended? 13-8; Second round to Bedford by one point, two shots rimmed out  
**Key Departures:** Velisia Morris (guard; at Concordia), Allante Larkin (forward); Tyler Richardson (Middle Eadst Tennessee for vball)  
**Key Returners:** Jasmine Jones (junior pg); Kara Easley (junior forwards)  
**Areas of Strength:** "So far we've been working a lot harder and rebounding well," Slater said. "Didn't



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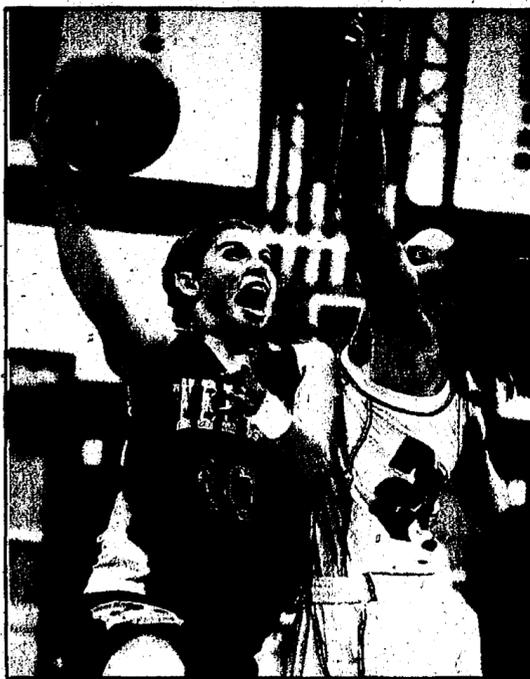
**Taylor Manders (above)** brings the ball up the floor for Manchester during the team's season opener. **Grace Martin (below)** goes strong to the hoop for Chelsea.

think we'd bounce back as well losing fws who pulled in 18 rbd's a game. Defense is always a strength, but were smaller."

**Areas of Weakness:** Limit Turnovers. If Ypsi can limit turnovers and score points they will be good. Last year the Phoenix struggled with turnovers, so they've been working hard on that in practice.

**Season Outlook:** "First and foremost we want to win the conference," he said. "Ultimately we want to bring a district title home. It's been since 1980, so we want to try and bring that back around."

**Coaches Comment:** "We have to play Ypsilanti basketball," Slater said. "We are not going to worry about what the other teams bring to the table. Just got to focus on Ypsilanti basketball and we'll accomplish those two goals easily."

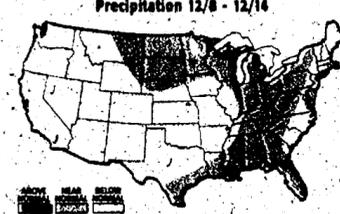


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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Times of clouds and sun	A snow shower late	A snow shower possible	Periods of sun, chilly	Sunny to partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Low clouds	Mostly sunny
34° to 40°	20° to 26°	30° to 36° 12° to 18°	26° to 32° 15° to 19°	31° to 37° 21° to 27°	37° to 43° 21° to 27°	35° to 41° 23° to 29°	40° to 46° 23° to 29°

## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

## NATIONAL OUTLOOK



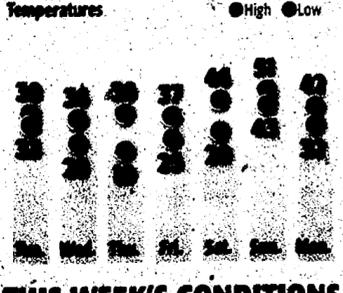
## ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending Monday, Dec. 5

**Temperatures:**  
 High/low for the week: 51°/19°  
 Normal high/low: 41°/25°  
 Average temperature: 35.3°  
 Normal average temperature: 32.8°

**Precipitation:**  
 Total for the week: 2.62"  
 Total for the month: 0.70"  
 Total for the year: 45.44"  
 Normal for the month: 0.43"  
 Normal for the year: 31.20"

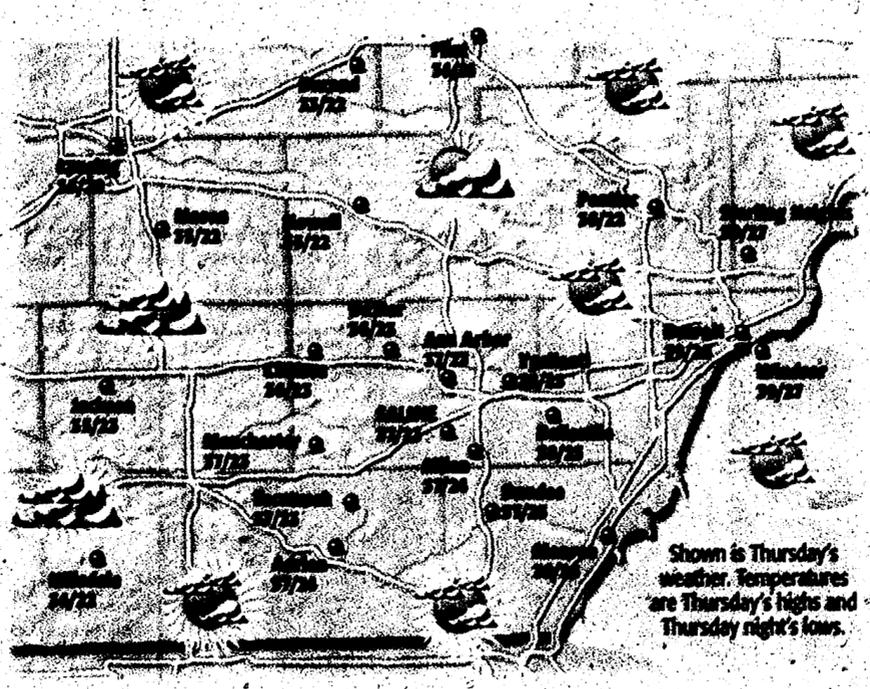
## PAST WEEK'S TEMPS



## THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS



## THE REGION



## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W		H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W
Ann Arbor	36/21/pc	37/23/pc	33/15/c	29/16/pc	Ann Arbor	36/21/pc	37/23/pc	33/15/c	29/16/pc
Bay City	37/25/pc	34/21/pc	30/17/c	29/21/pc	Bay City	37/25/pc	34/21/pc	30/17/c	29/21/pc
Flint	36/21/pc	34/21/pc	30/15/c	26/18/pc	Flint	36/21/pc	34/21/pc	30/15/c	26/18/pc
Kalamazoo	36/22/pc	36/21/pc	31/18/c	27/18/s	Kalamazoo	36/22/pc	36/21/pc	31/18/c	27/18/s
Livonia	39/26/pc	39/26/pc	34/19/c	28/21/pc	Livonia	39/26/pc	39/26/pc	34/19/c	28/21/pc

## SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set	The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	7:50 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	Thursday	4:22 p.m.	6:58 a.m.
Friday	7:51 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Friday	4:26 p.m.	6:58 a.m.
Saturday	7:52 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Saturday	4:30 p.m.	7:02 a.m.
Sunday	7:53 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Sunday	4:34 p.m.	7:06 a.m.
Monday	7:54 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Monday	4:38 p.m.	7:10 a.m.
Tuesday	7:55 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Tuesday	4:42 p.m.	7:14 a.m.
Wednesday	7:56 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	Wednesday	4:46 p.m.	7:18 a.m.

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W
Atlanta	52/35/s	56/37/s	55/34/s
Boston	46/31/sn	46/33/pc	42/27/s
Chicago	34/19/pc	26/16/pc	29/18/s
Cincinnati	41/26/s	43/20/pc	33/17/s
Cleveland	38/28/pc	35/22/pc	31/21/c
Dallas	57/32/s	53/33/s	50/33/s
Denver	34/19/pc	37/19/s	40/19/s
Honolulu	82/69/s	82/69/s	81/69/pc
Houston	60/35/s	61/37/pc	60/40/pc
Kansas City	40/21/pc	35/21/pc	43/25/s
Las Vegas	56/40/s	56/40/s	56/40/s
Los Angeles	67/46/s	69/49/s	68/49/s
Miami	74/57/pc	70/50/pc	66/49/pc
Minneapolis	20/2/pc	14/4/pc	27/20/s
New Orleans	43/38/s	40/39/pc	38/30/s
New York City	43/33/pc	45/34/pc	42/30/s
Orlando	60/34/pc	56/38/pc	56/37/pc
Philadelphia	46/32/pc	48/33/pc	42/26/s
Phoenix	64/42/s	64/44/s	67/40/s
Pittsburgh	38/26/pc	40/23/pc	33/20/pc
St. Louis	42/28/s	37/23/pc	36/28/s
San Francisco	56/42/s	57/44/s	55/45/s
Seattle	44/31/pc	44/32/pc	45/30/pc
Wash., DC	46/33/pc	49/35/pc	46/28/s

## WORLD CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	H/L/W	H/L/W	H/L/W
Athens	63/47/s	57/47/s	63/39/s
Berlin	37/36/c	41/28/r	34/32/pc
Buenos Aires	39/39/pc	39/39/pc	42/40/s
Cairo	68/48/s	66/45/s	66/45/s
Calgary	27/22/pc	30/22/s	41/32/r
Hong Kong	70/59/pc	63/55/r	63/55/c
Johannesburg	63/46/s	56/46/s	61/47/r
Kansas City	78/57/r	66/52/r	72/55/r
London	52/39/r	45/36/pc	46/37/pc
Mexico City	73/41/pc	78/41/s	76/41/pc
Moscow	38/22/pc	38/16/w	27/17/pc
Moscow	28/21/pc	27/20/s	27/20/sn
Paris	40/34/pc	40/28/pc	41/32/r
Rio de Janeiro	84/73/r	82/71/r	79/70/r
Seoul	37/23/pc	34/23/s	37/27/s
Singapore	84/77/r	86/77/r	86/77/r
Sydney	72/61/r	75/63/c	77/64/r
Tokyo	54/48/c	54/48/c	53/48/pc
Warsaw	35/24/sh	41/31/r	38/30/pc

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Bulldogs bust out of the blocks with easy win over AA Pioneer

By Terry Jacoby  
Heritage Media

The Chelsea girls' basketball team busted out of the gate with an impressive 48-30 victory over host Ann Arbor Pioneer on Friday night in the season opener for both Southeastern Conference teams.

Chelsea ended the second quarter with a 12-2 run and opened the third with a 12-0 run to take 35-10 lead and never looked back.

Like most first games, coaches always see areas that need improvement. But Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist was pleased with what he saw from his experienced team.

"They lost most of their starters from last year, but this is always a tough place to play," said Blomquist. "We were pretty focused early on and were able to get the lead. Our defense is what we will hang our hats on this season and our full-court press caused them some problems and got us some easy looks in the first half."

"On offense, we were just a little off. But we are real close to making plays off our half-court offense."

Pioneer coach Crystal Westfield will have to deal with some growing pains after graduating a talented group last season.

"Our turnovers were more the result of us throwing the ball away," Westfield said. "We are young and inexperienced."

The Bulldogs made 15 of 40 shots from the floor. They were 12 of 19 at the free-throw line while Pioneer was 6 of 17 from the charity stripe.

The Bulldogs had three players in double figures, led by Grace Martin with 12 points. Mackenzie Cole and Grace Sauers each had 11 points for Chelsea.

Jenny Fichera had 10 points and Emily Turner scored eight to lead the Pioneers.

After both teams had turnovers on their first possession, Martin gave Chelsea a 2-0 lead off a well-executed inbound play under the basket.

Jane Vilorio-Santos got the Pioneers on the board with a basket inside.

The Bulldogs created a steal off the press which resulted in a layup by Cole to give the visitors a 4-2 lead. After two free throws by Hall, the Bulldogs took an 8-3 lead on a put-back by Martin.

Pioneer's Jenny Fichera hit two free throws to cut Chelsea's lead to 8-5 with 59.7 seconds left in the first quarter. But Sauers nailed a triple from the right wing in the final seconds to give the Bulldogs an 11-5 lead after one quarter.

The Bulldogs started to pull away with an impressive second quarter, which car-



ried over to the third quarter.

The Pioneers got a pair of free throws from Fichera to cut the Bulldogs' lead to 11-8 early in the second quarter. It was all Chelsea from then on as the Bulldogs turned turnovers into easy baskets and suffocated Pioneer's offense with solid man-to-man defense.

Martin started a 10-0 Chelsea run with a basket off a rebound. Sauers scored the next six points, including four free throws. Cole created her own steal and went in for the layup to give Chelsea a 21-8 lead late in the quarter.

Fichera hit a long jump shot to end the scoring draught for the home team. It was only Pioneer's second field goal of the first half. Katelyn Kingsley ended the first-half scoring with a basket off another well-executed inbound play from under the bucket and the Bulldogs led 23-10 at halftime.

The Bulldogs came out in the second half with great intensity and quickly pulled away. Megan Hall knocked down two free throws and Sauers scored inside to get the party started.

Then, Cole took over. The senior wasn't too pleased with an offensive foul she was called for - and neither was Blomquist. Both argued their case, but to no avail.

Cole responded by scoring

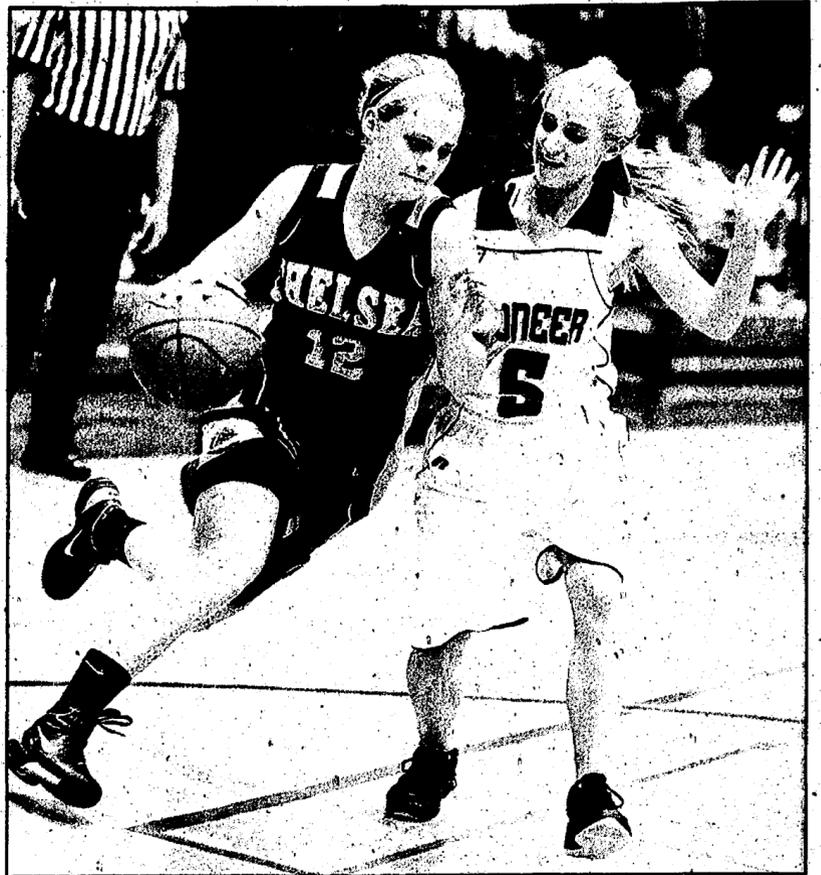
the next seven points, including two off a steal and layup immediately after the questionable call.

Cole's triple gave Chelsea a 35-10 lead.

Fichera ended the run with a layup for Pioneer.

### GAME NOTES

Jenny Fichera and Emma Perpich both had nice blocks in the first quarter for Pioneer. ... A nice steal by Chelsea's Katelyn Kingsley led to a layup in the second quarter. ... An outstanding pass by Lisa Keene led to a Chelsea layup in the third quarter. ... Mackenzie Cole made a nice heads-up play by knocking the ball out of bounds off a Pioneer player. ... A nice pass by Alexis Pace-Patterson led to a Pioneer layup in the third quarter. ... Fichera had a nice block to force a jump ball for the Pioneers.



Photos by Tressie Davis

ABOVE: Chelsea's Grace Sauers drives to the basket against Pioneer. LEFT: Nicole Robbins makes a play for the Bulldogs.

### Washtenaw County Legal Notice

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Painting and Drywall Services. 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 6856 Due: Wednesday, December 21, 2011 by 4:00pm local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or logon to our website at <http://bids.ewashtenaw.org> and click on "open bids".

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**WEBSTER TOWNSHIP**

**WEBSTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SPECIAL USE APPLICATION**

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 an application for a special use for a commercial dog kennel located at 7464 Jennings Road. Copies of the application are available at the Township Hall for review.

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

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**WEBSTER TOWNSHIP**

**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](http://www.twp.webster.mi.us).

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**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL**

**SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

**ROLL CALL:** President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**  
Motion Smith: support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 24, 2011 with corrections. Unanimous voice vote for approval.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**  
Motion Smith: support Semifero to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of a new cityhood map for Item K-1. Unanimous voice vote for approval.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
QED Environmental Systems - Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Request Hearing opened at 7:33 PM by Village President Shawn Keough. QED Environmental Systems President, Dave Mioduszewski, introduced himself and gave a background of the company and the manufacturing emphasis of the company. The hearing was closed by President Keough at 7:36 PM.

Motion Carson: support Smith to approve the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption request from QED Environmental Systems for a period of 10 years with respect to real property investment of \$758,043 and personal property investment of \$104,488 at their facility located at 2355 Bishop Circle West, Dexter, Michigan.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough  
Nays: None

Motion carries

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
Consideration of Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$788,136.90, Proclamation in Support of Small Business Saturday, November 28, 2011, and Holiday Hustle on December 3, 2011 - Closure of Central from 12:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. and streets along the race route intermittently from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Motion Fisher: support Semifero to approve Item 1, 2 and 3 of the consent agenda.  
Unanimous voice vote for approval.

**NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:**  
Motion Semifero: support Cousins to approve the Sidewalk Installation Deferral Policy.  
Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough  
Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Cousins: support Semifero to approve the Tap Fee Payment Policy.  
Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough  
Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Semifero: support Fisher to approve the 2011-2012 1st Quarter Budget Amendments.  
Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough  
Nays: None

Motion carries

**ADJOURNMENT**  
Motion Smith: support Fisher to adjourn at 9:26 PM.  
Unanimous voice vote for approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Carol J. Jones, Clerk,**  
Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: November 28, 2011  
NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at [www.villageofdexter.org](http://www.villageofdexter.org)

Publish December 8, 2011

**TOWNSHIP OF SCIO**  
**WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED SCIO TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE BY INCORPORATING AN AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO CHANGE A CERTAIN LAND AREA IN SECTION 21 OF SCIO TOWNSHIP FROM PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT TO C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL.

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

**SECTION 1. ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO OFFICIAL ZONING MAP.**

Whereas, a proposed rezoning amendment from PUD, Planned Unit Development, to C-2, General Commercial, has been submitted by the Township pursuant to Article XV, Section 38-480 of the Codified Township Zoning Ordinance, and

Whereas, this proposal has been reviewed by the Township Planning Commission and recommends approval to the Township Board of Trustees, and

Whereas, the proposed zoning classification amendment has been duly advertised and presented at a public hearing held by the Township Planning Commission pursuant to requirements of Public Act 410 of 2006 as amended,

Whereas, said proposal affects a land area with the current tax parcel ID numbers:

Property Code: H-08-21-300-002  
Commonly known as: 6033 Jackson Road  
Owner on Tax Roll: David J. Fichera and Christopher J. Fichera

Be it therefore ordained that the Township Board of Scio Township does hereby adopt C-2, General Commercial, as described above, as an amendment to the official Zoning Map.

Be it further ordained that this amendment shall be made to the Official Township Zoning Map.

**SECTION 2. AVAILABILITY.**

The Official Zoning Map is available for inspection at the Township Hall. Supporting documentation for each zoning district designation is available 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 at Scio Township Hall. The Scio Township Hall is located at 827 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI, 48103. Normal business hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

**SECTION 3. INCONSISTENCIES REPEALED.**

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

**SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The provisions of this map amendment are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days following its 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 22 day of November, 2011.

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

ADOPTED: November 22, 2011  
PUBLISHED: December 8, 2011  
EFFECTIVE: December 15, 2011

**CERTIFICATION:**

I, Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk of the Township of Scio, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Ordinance that is an amendment to the Scio Township Zoning Ordinance, adopting an updated Official Zoning Map of the Township, and approved by the Scio Township Board of Trustees on the 22 day of November, 2011, and given publication in the Dexter Leader, a newspaper of general circulation, on the 8 day of December, 2011.

Ayes: Palmer, Knowles, Hedberg, Green, DeLong, Clark  
Nays: None  
Absent: Read

In witness hereof, I have hereunto affixed my official seal this 1 day of December, 2011.

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

Publish December 8, 2011

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**VILLAGE OF DEXTER**  
**GENERAL CODE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding amendments to the Village of Dexter General Code, Chapter 18, Environment. Sections 18-35-Village Abatement and 18-36-Report of unpaid rates and charges; assessment against the property for Public Nuisances. Amendments include adding the following sections:

**Section 18-35 - Village Abatement**  
In addition to or in lieu of charging a violation of this section, if any violation remains uncorrected after expiration of the time period in the notice, then the Village may remove the items or items identified in the notice or have it removed in any reasonable manner. The cost to the Village for the removal plus a \$100 fee for staff time shall be charged to the responsible person and, if the responsible person is a property owner, then any such unpaid costs may be assessed against the property in accordance with Section 18-36.

**Section 18-36 - Report of unpaid rates and charges; assessment against the property.**  
All unpaid fines and charges which are reported by the Zoning Office to the Village Manager as having been unpaid for a period of 3 months or more on May 1 of each year, which remain unpaid on May 31, shall be transferred to the Village tax roll, assessed against the property to which the Village was required to remove/abate the violation, to be collected within and in the same manner as village taxes are collected, and if charges shall remain delinquent and unpaid after the expiration of the time limited in the warrant for collection of taxes levied in such roll, such charges shall be returned to the county treasurer to be collected in the same manner as the lien created by the village taxes on the delinquent tax roll of the village.

Information regarding the proposed text amendments is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., by phone at (734) 428-8303 Ext. 15, or online at [www.villageofdexter.org](http://www.villageofdexter.org). Written comments regarding the proposed ordinance amendments should be submitted to the Village Offices, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 5, 2011. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website, [www.villageofdexter.org](http://www.villageofdexter.org).

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Hess paces Albion

The Albion College women's cross country team finished third in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and 10<sup>th</sup> out of 35 teams in the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Region Championship.



Hess

Abby Hess, the daughter of Gary Hess and Sandy Hess of Dexter and a graduate of Dexter High School, received a plaque designating her third-year award.

Hess served as one of the team's captains for the 2011 season, and she will continue as a captain for the 2012 campaign.

### NCAA Cross Country Championships

Her team took third place overall and Vickers earned All-American honors for her third straight year.

While at Grand Valley State University, her cross country, indoor and outdoor track teams won the conference championships every year.

Her cross country team took third place at the national meet for three years and last year was the national champion as Jessie was a contributing factor earning All-American honors.

Vickers' indoor track team also was team national champion.

### Basketball tryouts

Tryouts for this year's seventh and eighth grade Dexter boys' travel basketball teams will be on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Dexter High School. Teams will be selected shortly after the tryout. All other information/questions will be handled at this tryout.

### Vickers leads GVSU

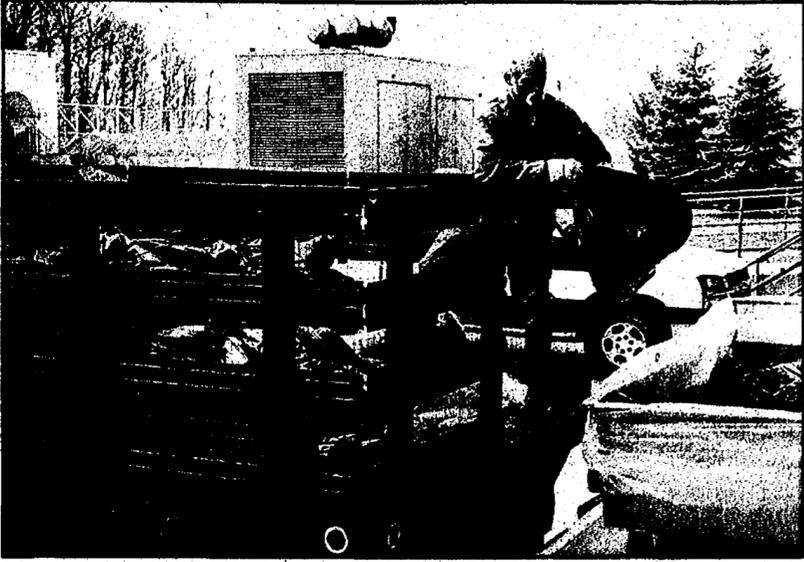
Jessie Vickers, a 2007 Dexter High School graduate, completed her collegiate competition in Spokane, Wash., at the Division II

## Water Polo honors



The Dexter High School boys' water polo team recently celebrated the end of their most successful season with their team banquet on Nov. 18. Dexter finished in sixth place at the Michigan State Water Polo Association tournament in Saline on Nov. 11-12. Award winners for the season were, in photo from right to left: Rookie of the Year, freshman Andrew Pek; Most Improved Player, senior tri-captain Matt Munzel and junior Michael Garcia; Most Dedicated Player, junior Max Merriman; Most Valuable Player, senior tri-captain Ian Wilson; and the Coaches' Award which recognizes the player that has made consistent outstanding contributions throughout the season, was presented to senior John Eber. Also named as Co-captains for the 2012 season are Max Merriman and Michael Garcia. Dexter Water Polo Head Coach is Brian Semple; Assistant Coach is Andrew Leonard and Team Manager is Kourtney Sattler.

## THE OUTDOORS



Photos courtesy of David Kenyon, Michigan DNR

DNR pathologist Tom Cooley unloads a truck carrying deer heads for disease testing.

## DNR is busily testing deer heads for disease

One of Department of Natural Resources' biggest, yet least publicized, operations is cranking at high gear right now as deer season heads into the home stretch.

The DNR's Wildlife Disease Laboratory is processing deer heads, examining lymph nodes and checking for signs of bovine tuberculosis and chronic wasting disease in the herd.

"We'll process about 6,000 heads, a little over 5,000 for TB and about 1,000 for CWD," said Steve Schmitt, a veterinarian with the Wildlife Division. "That's our goal."

"That's down from the peak; at one time we were doing about 25,000 for TB and 4,000 to 5,000 for CWD."

The DNR is able to get adequate information about the diseases by concentrating its efforts on deer killed in geographic areas where the problems have occurred.

"We can do fewer now by concentrating our efforts," Schmitt said. "We're still looking all over the state, but our intensive surveillance is obviously where we found TB and CWD in the past - the northeast Lower Peninsula for TB and basically Kent County and the surrounding counties for CWD."

Most of the heads that make it to the "head shed" - as DNR staffers have nicknamed the facility located at Michigan State University's Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health - come to the DNR from deer check station.

"At check stations we get basic biological information that we use to manage deer - age, sex, beam diameter of the antlers - but depending on where it's coming from in the state, we may want the head for CWD or TB testing," Schmitt explained.

"It's all voluntary - both checking the deer and letting us have the head for disease testing," he continued. "If a hunter's willing to give us the head and it's from a county we want, our folks scan the hunting license and the CWD or TB tag, linking them together in the electronic data base - with all the information, like township, section and range where the deer was taken - and we've got all that information before we see the deer head."

DNR staffers collect deer heads from check stations and truck them to East Lansing for testing. The first step in the process to age the deer - by looking at tooth wear, just as is done at the check station, to see if they have the same age estimate. (Most of the time, they do.)

"It's very important to have an accurate age for our disease models to make estimates of disease transmission rates," Schmitt said. "For example, the percent of positive heads among 1 1/2-year-old deer gives you an indication of the transmission rate, because we know they got the disease within the last year and half."

All heads are tested for TB while a smaller subset is tested for CWD.

Other deer that the DNR obtains in other ways, however, are also tested for CWD. For instance, if someone calls and reports a deer exhibiting neurological systems indicative of CWD, the DNR will either send a staffer to dispatch the deer or ask the landowner to shoot it and then will collect the carcass.

"Those are by far the most important animals to test for CWD," Schmitt said. "In states like Colorado, where they have a lot of CWD, deer that are showing neurological systems are 11 times more likely to be positive for CWD than an ordinary hunter-harvested deer."

Road kills are often tested for CWD, too.

"A deer that has CWD is more likely to walk out in front of a car and get hit than a healthy deer," Schmitt said.

After the deer are aged, lab workers cut into the six lymph nodes (three pairs) in the head, and examine the lymph nodes for abscesses, pus, lesions - any abnormality.

"If we don't find anything, it's negative," Schmitt said. "But if we find something, the lymph node is collected and parts of it are sent to the MSU Diagnostic Center and the Department of Community Health."

The suspect nodes are subjected to a number of tests. "And even those that appear negative on further examination are cultured for six to eight weeks because bovine TB is caused by slow-growing bacteria."

Most of the work at the shed is performed by

full-time DNR lab staffers, though the USDA's Wildlife Services division sends folks over to help, too.

The upshot? "We're seeing about the same number of suspects as we have in the past from the same places we've seen them in the past," Schmitt said. "TB prevalence has been just under 2 percent for the last seven years."

"To a lot of people, it's not that big an issue - the prevalence rate is not that high and it doesn't kill a lot of deer. But to the cattle producers and the Michigan economy, it is a big deal."

Models indicate that Michigan's TB prevalence rate in the infected area is likely to remain static for decades, Schmitt said.

"If deer numbers stay where they are and feeding and baiting remains under control, it shouldn't get any worse," Schmitt said. "But if we want to bring prevalence down, we're going to have to be much more aggressive with our management - we'll have to bring deer numbers down and get more aggressive on the feeding and baiting bans."

"We're still the only place in the world where bovine tuberculosis has become established in the wild deer herd."

To learn more about the health and management of Michigan's deer herd, visit [www.michigan.gov/deer](http://www.michigan.gov/deer).

### sudoku solutions

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### INTERMEDIATE

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### INTERMEDIATE

## Great kicks



Chelsea's Zach Rabbitt was named to the Division 3 All-State High School Football team as a kicker. The junior was a perfect 7 for 7 on field-goal attempts and made 16 of 18 extra-point attempts for the Bulldogs.

## Discipline issues must be fixed—fast

You have got to be joking. For what seems like an eternity now, the Lions have been scrutinized for being a non-disciplined, hot-tempered and downright dirty team. They certainly didn't help themselves in that regard Sunday Night Football.

In a 31-17 loss to New Orleans Sunday night - the second Lions' loss in front of a national audience in as many weeks - Detroit was flagged 11 times for 107 yards. And that was without suspended bad boy Ndamukong Suh out of the lineup.

When yellow hankies weren't muddling the action between the whistles, the Saints simply outclassed the Lions throughout the game. Make no mistake about it, while Detroit is still very much mathematically in the postseason hunt, the Lions are looking less and less like a playoff-caliber team with each passing week.

New Orleans has the look of a team that gets "it" and is ready to make a postseason run.

### CASTRO'S CORNER



RANDY CASTRO

Conversely, when faced with adversity against a better-than-average team, Detroit mentally folds up camp and heads for the hills. Penalties, missed assignments, post-whistle tantrums. Playoff teams simply don't do any of that.

For a city that embodies toughness more than any other, its football team has answered the bell time and again. No one's questioning the Lions being a soft team anymore. The next step in transforming into a top-tier team? Learning how to keep its composure.

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blueprint to beat the Lions: Frustrate them. Annoy them. Make them angry. From that point, Detroit tends to take matters into its own hands.

Whether it's shoving an official, stomping on an opposing lineman's forearm or offering up an enthusiastic postgame handshake, the Lions have proven to be an emotional bunch that lets the pressure of a big stage get in the way of winning games.

The Lions are a product of their head coach, for better or worse. The fiery leader with the headset, Jim Schwartz has put his stamp on this organization and has changed the culture of losing in the process.

Now, the next task facing the third-year head coach is getting his players to rein in the emotion they have only let loose until now.

Reports are that Schwartz and the Lions team captains had a meeting on the flight home from New Orleans regarding discipline.

That's a nice first step, but it at this stage, there is a need for more than a postgame meeting.

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18.25 - 18.9 oz. Selected Varieties

**2/\$3** **SAVE 86¢ ON 2**

**99¢**

**CHI CHI'S PREMIUM SALSA**  
16 oz. Selected Varieties

**\$1.99** **SAVE 94¢**

**DINTY MOORE BEEF STEW OR CHICKEN & DUMPLING**  
24 oz.

**\$1.99** **SAVE 84¢**

**Rock Bottom Pricing!**

**LIMIT 2 PLEASE SAVE 95¢ EACH**

**VALUE CHOICE SUGAR**  
4 lb. Bag

**\$1.44**

**VALUE CHOICE Sugar**

**SPAM LUNCHEON MEATS**  
12 oz. Selected Varieties

**\$2.49** **SAVE 43¢ EVERYDAY!**

**WINTER TRADITIONS FROM HORMEL**

# Bring **Our Family**® home for the **HOLIDAYS!**

Quality Since 1904



**OUR FAMILY TURKEY GRAVY**  
12 OZ. JAR CHICKEN, BEEF OR TURKEY

**77¢**

SAVE 65¢



**OUR FAMILY TOMATO KETCHUP**  
36 oz. BOTTLE

**88¢**

SAVE 9¢



**OUR FAMILY CHICKEN BROTH**  
14-14.5 OZ. CHICKEN, BEEF OR REDUCED SODIUM CHICKEN

**2/88¢**

SAVE 58¢ ON 2



**OUR FAMILY CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUPS**  
10.5 TO 7.5 OZ. VARIETIES

**66¢**

SAVE 24¢



**OUR FAMILY PREMIUM BAKING SUGAR**  
2 LB. POWDERED, LIGHT OR DARK BROWN

**\$1.11**

SAVE 65¢



**OUR FAMILY GRANULATED SUGAR**  
5 LB. BAG

**\$2.11**



**OUR FAMILY FLOUR**  
5 LB. BAG ALL PURPOSE OR SELF RISING

**\$1.11**

SAVE 88¢

**OUR FAMILY BISCUIT CEREAL**  
12 - 14 oz. Selected Varieties

**\$1.98**

**COEN COEN Biscuits**

SAVE \$1.09

**OUR FAMILY FRESH PRESSED APPLE JUICE**  
64 oz.

**\$4.44**

SAVE \$1.31

MADE WITH FRESH PRESSED MICHIGAN APPLES!

**OUR FAMILY MAC & CHEESE DINNER**  
5.5 - 7.25 oz. Selected Varieties

**2/88¢**

SAVE 44¢ ON 2

**OUR FAMILY CANNED TOMATOES**  
14.5 - 15 oz. Selected Varieties

**77¢**

SAVE 16¢

**OUR FAMILY PREMIUM CHICKEN BREAST**  
5 oz.

**\$1.11**

SAVE 52¢

**OUR FAMILY RIPE BLACK OLIVES**  
5.75 - 6 oz. Selected Varieties

**\$1.11**

SAVE 32¢

**OUR FAMILY BRAND BISCUITS**  
4 Pack Selected Varieties

**\$1.98**

SAVE 31¢

OUR FAMILY BISCUITS

**OUR FAMILY WHIPPED TOPPING**  
8 oz. Selected Varieties

**88¢**

SAVE 51¢

**OUR FAMILY PIE CRUST**  
2 Pack Selected Varieties

**\$1.98**

SAVE 71¢

PIE SHELLS

**SAVE 49¢**

**CRYSTAL FARM**  
SOFT CREAM CHEESE  
8 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.44**

**SAVE \$1.07**

**FLORIDA'S NATURAL**  
ORANGE JUICE  
59 oz.  
Selected Varieties

Squeezed from Our Fresh Florida Oranges

**\$2.08**

**SAVE 85¢**

**PRAIRIE FARMS**  
PREMIUM YOGURT  
6 oz. Cup  
Selected Varieties

**44¢**

**SAVE 85¢**

**PRAIRIE FARMS**  
MILK  
Gallon  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.44**

NEW AT POLLY'S COUNTRY MARKETS!  
NOW COUNTRY MARKETS OFFERS YOU TWO GREAT VARIETIES OF GALLON MILK!!

**FARM FRESH DAIRY**

**SAVE \$1.29**

**KRAFT**  
CHUNK & SHREDDED CHEESE  
8 oz.  
Selected Varieties

THESE PRICES GOOD THRU OUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON

**\$2.44**

**SAVE \$1.41**

**PARKAY**  
MARGARINE  
41 oz. Value Size Tub

**\$2.08**

**SAVE 70¢**

**DUTCH FARMS**  
CHEESE SHINGLES  
8 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**

**SAVE \$1.70**

**DUTCH FARMS**  
CHEESE SHREDDS  
2 lb. Value Pack  
Selected Varieties

**\$5.99**

**SAVE UP TO \$1.64 EACH**

**MARIE CALLENDER**  
DINNERS, AL DENTE STEAMERS & POT PIES  
10 - 16.5 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**

**SAVE \$2.31 ON 3**

**NESTLE BRAND**  
HOT POCKETS  
9 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**3/\$4.98**

**SAVE 75¢**

**ORE IDA**  
FROZEN POTATOES  
19 - 32 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.44**

**GREAT FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON!**

**MR. DEE'S**  
CLUB PACK AMORE RED POTATOES  
5 lb.

**\$5.99**

ROASTED REDS

**SAVE UP TO \$4.15 EACH**

**STOUFFER'S**  
FAMILY SIZE LASAGNE WITH MEAT  
57 oz. or PARTY SIZE MAC & CHEESE  
76 oz.

**\$8.99**

STOUFFER'S PARTY SIZE LASAGNE \$10.88

**SAVE \$2.42**

**RED BARON**  
PREMIUM FROZEN FRESH PIZZA  
15.8 - 22.63 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$3.33**

**SAVE \$2.18**

**PRAIRIE FARMS**  
OLD RECIPE ICE CREAM & HOMESTYLE CHURNED PREMIUM ICE CREAM  
56 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$3.47**

**SAVE UP TO \$1.11 EACH**

**NORTH STAR**  
PREMIUM ICE CREAM BARS & SUNDAE CUPS  
6 Pack  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.99**

**FROZEN FRESH FAVORITES**

PROUDLY SERVING KRETSCHMAR DELI PRODUCTS

**KRETSCHMAR HAM**  
Black Forest or Brown Sugar  
Per lb. **\$6.89**

**KRETSCHMAR CHEESE**  
Colby or Colby Jack Cheese  
Per lb. **\$6.39**

**KRETSCHMAR LOAVES**  
Old Fashion, Pickle or Olive Leaf  
Per lb. **\$4.99**

**SANDRIDGE GREEK FETA PASTA**  
Per lb. **\$3.49**

**SANDRIDGE GRANDMA'S BAKED BEANS**  
Per lb. **\$3.99**

**SANDRIDGE TOMATO TORTELLINI SOUP**  
Per lb. **\$3.39**

**KAMMERUDE CHEESE CHUNKS**  
Assorted Varieties  
8 oz. **\$4.59**

**LAUGHING COW MINI BELS**  
Assorted Varieties  
4.5 oz. **\$3.99**

**DELALLO ROSEMARY HAM**  
Per lb. **\$7.99**

**DELALLO SMOKED TURKEY OR HEART SHAPED ROASTED TURKEY**  
Per lb. **\$6.99**

**SWISS & BABY SWISS CHEESE**  
Per lb. **\$5.99**

**HOT PEPPER CHEESE**  
Per lb. **\$4.99**

We Carry Only USDA Choice Beef, The Best in Town. Don't Be Fooled By Select Beef or Lower #1 Grades.

USDA CHOICE MEATS AT LOW LOW PRICES

We Carry 1855 Premium All Natural Choice Pork

USDA Choice Premium **BONELESS CHUCK ARM STEAK**  
**\$2.99** LB.

USDA Choice Premium **BEEF STEW MEAT**  
**\$3.29** LB.

1855 All Natural Premium Pork **STUFFED PORK CHOPS**  
**\$3.29** LB.

1855 All Natural Premium Pork **BONELESS BREAKFAST PORK CHOPS**  
**\$2.99** LB.

1855 All Natural Premium Pork **BONELESS BUTTERFLY CHOPS**  
**\$2.99** LB.

Fresh Seafood **CANADIAN COLD WATER LOBSTER TAILS**  
4 oz. **2/\$10**



**Seafood Road Show**  
Fri., Dec. 9, 11 am - 7 pm  
Sat., Dec. 10, 10 am - 6 pm  
Sun., Dec. 11, 10 am - 6 pm  
Brooklyn, Ferguson, Dexter, Chelsea & Maumee!

Butterball **93% LEAN GROUND TURKEY**  
**\$2.19** LB.

Butterball Assorted Varieties **LINK SAUSAGE**  
**\$2.19** LB.

Butterball **TURKEY BURGERS**  
**\$2.49** LB.

USDA Choice Premium Beef **T-BONE STEAKS**  
**\$16.79** LB.

USDA Choice Premium Beef **PORTERHOUSE STEAKS**  
**\$16.99** LB.

**CENSEA COOKED SHRIMP**  
31 - 40 ct. 1 lb. Bag **\$6.99** LB.

**ALEXANDER & HONEY SPIRAL GLAZED HAM**  
per lb. **\$2.99**

**ECKRICH SMOKED SAUSAGE**  
48 oz. Family Pack  
Selected Varieties **\$6.99**

**OSCAR MAYER DELI SHAVED LUNCHMEATS**  
7-9 oz. Selected Varieties **\$3.69**

**ARMOUR LUNCH MAKERS & WRAPS**  
2.6-2.8 oz. Selected Varieties **10/\$10**

**FAST FIXIN' BREADED CHICKEN B.**  
26-36 oz. Value Pack  
Selected Varieties **\$4.99**

**OUR FAMILY SEAFOOD SENSATIONS SHRIMP RING**  
10 oz. **\$4.99**

**ARMOUR MEATBALLS**  
5 lb. **\$8.99**

**KOWALSKI SMOKED SAUSAGE**  
1 lb. pkg. Selected Varieties **\$3.99**

**BAR S SLICED BACON**  
12 oz. **2/\$5**

**ECKRICH ALL MEAT FRANKS BOLOGNA OR GOTTO SALAMI**  
1 lb. • Selected Varieties  
Excluding Beef Franks & Beef **\$1.99**

**TYSON STRIPS**  
Grilled & Ready  
6 oz. Selected Varieties **\$2.79**

**OUR FAMILY SEAFOOD SENSATIONS TOP CRUSTED FILLETS**  
10 oz. Selected Varieties **\$3.99**

SNACK SHACK

SAVE 21¢

**Holiday Snack Cakes**

LITTLE DEBBIE HOLIDAY SNACK CAKES  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.44**

SAVE \$1.91

KEEBLER FUDGE SHOP COOKIES, E.L. FUDGE COOKIES  
6.6 - 15 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$1.44**

SAVE 75¢

PEPPERIDGE FARMS HOMESTYLE COOKIES & MILANO COOKIES  
Selected Varieties

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS WITH PEPPERIDGE FARMS

Pepperidge Farm **Ginger Man**  
Pepperidge Farm **Milano**

**\$2.88**

SAVE \$1.11

TWO OF NABISCO'S BEST FOR HOLIDAY BAKING!!

NABISCO NILLA WAFERS & HONEY MAID GRAHAMS  
11.1 - 14.4 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.88**

**Nilla wafers**

SAVE 50¢

PIK NIK SHOESTRING POTATO SNACKS  
9 oz. Canister

**\$1.99**

SAVE \$1.27

KEEBLER ZESTA & SUNSHINE KRISPY SALTINES  
16 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**Zesta Original**  
**KRISPY ORIGINAL**

**\$1.88**

SAVE \$1.88

JAYS BRAND POTATO CHIPS  
11.5 - 12 oz.  
Selected Varieties

CAN'T STOP EATIN' THOSE POTATO CHIPS!

Jays **BARBECUE**  
Jays **ORIGINAL**

**\$1.99**

SAVE \$1.10

FRITO LAY BRAND TOSTITOS & RUFFLES SALE  
8.5 - 13 oz.  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.88**

THIRST QUENCHERS

SAVE 37¢

SOBE LIFE WATER & SOBE JUICE  
20 oz. Plastic  
Selected Varieties

**88¢**

SAVE UP TO \$1.31

GATORADE  
32 oz., 4 oz. Packs or 16.9 oz. Ready To Drink  
Selected Varieties

**88¢**

DAYTRADE  
All 20 oz. Selected Varieties  
**\$4.88**  
SAVE 12.99 EACH

SAVE 61¢

HAWAIIAN PUNCH DRINKS  
128 oz. Value Size  
Selected Varieties

**\$2.88**

SAVE \$3.84 ON 8

7-UP & VERNORS BRANDS  
2 Liter Bottles  
Selected Varieties (plus deposit)

**8/\$8.88**

WOW! THAT'S ONLY \$1.11 PER POP!

SAVE UP TO 98¢ EACH

COCA-COLA BRANDS  
12 ct. 12 oz. Cans, 6 ct. 24 oz. Plastic & 8 ct. 12 oz. Plastic  
Selected Varieties (plus deposit)

**\$3.77**

MIX & MATCH

WE'VE GOT YOUR PACKAGE AT YOUR PRICE!!

SAVE 67¢

PEPSI COLA BRANDS BONUS  
20 ct. 12 oz. Cans  
Selected Varieties

**\$5.77**

SAVE \$5.76 ON 3

AQUAFINA WATER  
24 ct. 16.9 oz. Bottles

**3/\$9.99**

SAVE \$2.62 ON 2

MONSTER ENERGY DRINK  
4 ct. 16 oz. Cans  
Selected Varieties

**2/\$10.99**

MONSTER JAVA  
All 16 oz. Cans  
Selected Varieties  
**\$5.99**  
SAVE 2.99 EACH

# WINE CELLAR

COUNTRY MARKET OFFERS THE WIDEST VARIETY WINES AT THE LOWEST PRICES IN THE MARKET. THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE!

# SPIRITS

WE SELL LIQUOR AT THE MINIMUM PRICE THAT THE STATE WILL ALLOW.

**ST. JULIAN FRUITS OF MICHIGAN WINES**  
750 ml Bottle (plus tax)  
**\$4.99**  
SAVE \$1.80



**JOHAN KLAUSS PIESPORTER MICHEL**  
750 ml Bottle (plus tax)  
**\$4.99**  
SAVE \$1.00



**SCHWEPPE'S PREMIUM MIXERS**  
1 Liter Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)  
**99¢**  
SAVE 26¢

3/\$10.98



**NEW ITEM**  
**CUPCAKE VODKAS**  
750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)  
**\$15.99**

ONLY THE FINEST AMERICAN GRAINS & TRAPES DISTILLED & COMBINED WITH PURE MOUNTAIN WATER FROM THE SIERRA NEVADA MOUNTAINS



**BERINGER CALIFORNIA COLLECTION**  
750 ml Bottle (plus tax)  
**\$5.88**  
SAVE \$1.07



**CARELLI ARGENTINE WINES**  
750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)  
**\$7.88**  
SAVE \$3.41



**CAROLANS IRISH CREAM**  
750 ml Bottle (plus tax)  
**\$10.99**  
Where Liquor is Sold



**KAHLUA**  
750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)  
**\$19.99**  
Where Liquor is Sold



**GLEN ELLEN CALIFORNIA WINES**  
1.5 Liter Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)  
**\$6.99**  
SAVE \$3.96



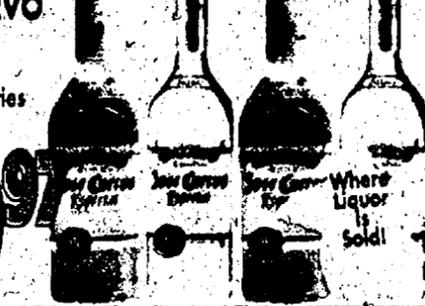
**ESTANCIA CHARDONNAY**  
750 ml Bottle (plus tax)  
**\$8.88**  
SAVE \$5.51



**E&J SUPERIOR RESERVE VSOP AMERICAN BRANDY**  
750 ml Bottle (plus tax)  
**\$11.99**  
Where Liquor is Sold



**JOSE CUERVO TEQUILA**  
750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)  
**\$19.99**  
Where Liquor is Sold



**PENFOLDS KOONINGA HILL, RAVENWOOD & BLACKSTONE WINES**  
750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)  
**\$8.44**  
SAVE UP TO \$3.95



**MONDAVI WOODBRIDGE CALIFORNIA WINES**  
1.5 Liter Bottle Value Size Selected Varieties (plus tax)  
**\$9.99**  
SAVE \$5.40



**UGLY DOG PREMIUM VODKA**  
750 ml Bottle (plus tax)  
**\$19.99**  
Where Liquor is Sold

MADE IN MICHIGAN NUTURED & DISTILLED HERE IN CHELSEA MICHIGAN!



**KETEL ONE PREMIUM VODKA**  
750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)  
**\$22.95**  
NEW LOW PRICE! Where Liquor is Sold

DI SABORIO AMARITTO 40 ml Bottle (plus tax) \$27.43



# THE BREWERY

**ARCADIA CRAFT BEER**  
6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)  
**\$7.99**  
SAVE \$1.76

MADE IN MICHIGAN HAND CRAFTED ENGLISH STYLE ALES FROM BATTLE CREEK MICHIGAN



**DARK HORSE CRAFT BEER**  
6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)  
**\$7.99**  
SAVE \$1.60

MADE IN MICHIGAN HAND CRAFTED PREMIUM BEERS FROM MARSHALL MICHIGAN



**LIENENKUS CRAFT BEER**  
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles (plus tax & deposit)  
**\$11.11**  
SAVE UP TO \$1.88



**BLUE MOON & CORONA**  
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)  
**\$12.44**  
SAVE \$1.55



**BUDWEISER BEER BONUS**  
20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)  
**\$12.88**  
SAVE \$1.37

BUDWEISER BEER \$15.88



**MILLER MGD & COORS BRANDS**  
24 Pk. 12 oz. Cans Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)  
**\$15.44**  
SAVE \$1.95



**MOLSON & LABATT'S BEER**  
24 Pk. 12 oz. Cans Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)  
**\$15.44**  
SAVE UP TO \$1.95



**GENESSEE BEER**  
30 Pk. 12 oz. Cans Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)  
**\$13.99**  
SAVE UP TO \$1.38

WOW THAT'S ONLY 47¢ A BREW



**BABY CARE SAVINGS!**

**NEW TO COUNTRY MARKET**

Beech/Nut Beech/Nut **BEECH NUT STAGE 2 BABY FOOD** 4 oz. **\$2.88**

SAVE \$1.14 ON 6

**NEW TO COUNTRY MARKET**

Beech/Nut Beech/Nut **BEECH NUT STAGE 3 BABY FOOD** 6 oz. Selected Varieties **\$1.77**

**TOTAL BOTTOM LINE SAVINGS!**

Gerber Fruit Medley Gerber Peach & Custard **GERBER 2ND FOODS** 2 ct. & 7 oz. Selected Varieties **88¢**

pedialyte pedialyte **PEDIALYTE** 4 ct. - 16 ct. or 33.8 oz. Selected Varieties **\$4.88**

PRICE GOOD ALL WINTER LONG!

SAVE 87¢

Baby Wipes Baby Wipes **OUR FAMILY BABY WIPES** Scented & Unscented 216 ct. **\$5.88**

SAVE 97¢

**OUR FAMILY DIAPERS & TRAINING PANTS** 19 - 36 ct. Selected Varieties **\$3.88**

**ULTRA DIAPERS** FOR BOYS & GIRLS

SAVE \$1.05

**HEALTH & HOME CARE SAVINGS**

SAVE 37¢

**KLEENEX FACIAL TISSUE** 68 - 184 ct. **\$1.88**

SAVE 60¢

**Q-TIPS** 375 ct. **\$2.39**

Q-TIPS VALUE PACK SAVE \$2.99 SAVE \$0.1 EACH

SAVE \$1.00

**PANTENE SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER** 12.6 oz. Selected Varieties **\$3.79**

SAVE UP TO 70¢ EACH

**AXE DEODORANT BODY SPRAY & INVISIBLE SOLID & STICK** 2.7 - 4 oz. Selected Varieties **\$3.99**

**AXE SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER & SHOWER GEL** 12 & 30 oz. Selected Varieties **\$4.88**

SAVE UP TO \$1.26 EACH

**Triaminic Cough & Sore Throat**

**THERALU & TRIAMINIC** .5 - 8.3 oz. & 4 - 16 ct. Selected Varieties **\$3.99**

SAVE \$1.00

**DAYQUIL & NYQUIL** 8 oz. & 16 ct. Liquid Selected Varieties **\$4.99**

SAVE \$2.50

**SCOTT'S EXTRA SOFT BATH TISSUE** 12 Roll **\$4.99**

**Rock Bottom Pricing!**

**ANGEL SOFT PREMIUM BATH TISSUE** 12 Rolls 20% Free Bonus Pack **\$5.44**

**Angel Soft** 12 REGULAR ROLLS

# HOME & HEALTH CARE SAVINGS

**WAX PAPER**  
OUR FAMILY WAX PAPER  
75 ft.  
**\$1.00**

**PARCHMENT PAPER**  
OUR FAMILY PARCHMENT PAPER  
30 ft.  
**\$2.44**

**Forks**  
OUR FAMILY DISPOSABLE CUTLERY  
24 ct. Selected Varieties  
**3/\$1.00**

**ALUMINUM FOIL**  
OUR FAMILY ALUMINUM FOIL  
50 & 75 Selected Varieties  
**\$2.11**

**FRISKIES CANNED CAT FOOD**  
5.5 oz. Selected Varieties  
**6/\$2.00**  
SAVE 48¢ ON 6

**PURINA CAT CHOW**  
16 lb. Bag  
**\$12.00**  
SAVE 61¢

**DISH SOAP**  
OUR FAMILY DISH SOAP  
26 oz. Selected Varieties  
**\$1.00**

**PAPER TOWELS**  
OUR FAMILY ULTRA PAPER TOWELS  
8 ct.  
**\$6.44**

**Snuggle**  
SNUGGLE PREMIUM FABRIC SOFTENER  
20 oz. Selected Varieties  
**\$3.39**

**all**  
all 2X LAUNDRY DETERGENT  
50 oz. Selected Varieties  
**\$4.00**

**FRESH STEP SCOOPABLE LITTER BOX**  
14 lb. Selected Varieties  
**2/\$10.00**  
SAVE \$6.10 ON 2

**NUNN BETTER DRY DOG FOOD**  
16 lb. Bag Selected Varieties  
**\$6.99**  
SAVE \$1.94

**NUNN BETTER DRY CAT FOOD**  
16 lb. Bag  
**\$7.44**  
SAVE \$1.51

**Rock Bottom Pricing!**  
TIDE 2X LAUNDRY DETERGENT  
50 oz. Liquid & 56 oz. Powder  
**\$6.44**  
SAVE UP TO \$3.49 EACH

**NUNN BETTER WILD BIRD SEED**  
20 lb. Bag  
**\$6.99**  
SAVE \$1.99

PET CARE SAVINGS!

**BAKERY SPECIALS**

**Fresh Baked WHITE BREAD**  
16 oz. **\$1.29**

**Fresh Baked SOUR DOUGH ROLLS**  
6 ct. **\$1.59**

**Bill Knapp's CELEBRATION CAKE**  
**BILL KNAPP'S CHOCOLATE CELEBRATION CAKE**  
27 oz. **\$8.99**

**Give & Go MINI-PIES**  
Pecan & Pumpkin  
11 - 12 oz. **\$2.89**

**AWREY'S CORN TOASTUMS**  
Blueberry & Cornbread  
14 oz. **\$4.49**

**LOTHOUSE CHRISTMAS COOKIES**  
10 - 13 oz. Selected Varieties **\$2.99**

**KICK OFF THE SEASON WITH THESE SAVINGS!**

**CLEMENTINE MANDARINES**  
5 lb. Box **\$4.98**

**Dole GREENER SELECT OR CLASSIC ROMAINE**  
9 - 12 oz. **2/\$3**

**Extra Large SWEET CHERRIES**  
LB. **\$3.98**

**Jumbo Sweet CANTALOUPE**  
**2/\$4**

**Dole BABY CARROTS**  
1 lb. Bag **98¢ EA.**

**Red Ripe GRAPE TOMATOES**  
Pint **2/\$4**

**YELLOW ONIONS**  
3 lb. Bag **\$1.18 EA.**

**Texas Red GRAPEFRUIT**  
5 lb. Bag **\$2.88 EA.**

**Michigan White POTATOES**  
5 lb. Bag **2/\$4**

**FRESH FLORAL DEPT.**  
May not be exactly as illustrated  
**Holiday POINSETTIAS**  
**\$6.99 EA.**

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