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Students find new use for landmark

University class takes over Federal Screw Works for day

By Erica McClain
 Heritage Media

An emerging way to reuse old architecture, called "civic friche," opened the doors of Chelsea's Federal Screw Works building Dec. 11, if only for one day.

Civic friche, which directly translates from French as "civic wasteland," is a concept for architects and artists that involves taking a look at repurposing older buildings, especially ones like Federal Screw Works, 500 S. Main St., said U of M professor Anya Sirota, who teaches a design class on the concept.

Sirota, along with her students and fellow professors Steven Christensen and Jean Louis Farges,

spent the better part of Sunday traipsing through Federal Screw Works, which has been out of commission for roughly six years, with permission from John Langs and Rene Papo of Magellan Properties LLC, the property's owner.

Among shattered glass, discarded bolts and old office chairs and phones, the group put together several installations, varying from concepts for an atrium to an architectural soundscape. It was quite the challenge, Sirota said, considering the building is roughly 80,000 square feet and the group had a budget of \$6,000. But, she said, the building served as an incredible lab for their concepts.

"We've experimented

before, but to build at this scale - it's working on a project that is on a one-to-one scale," Sirota said.

The project represented the final work in the design for the University of Michigan students, who spent part of the summer in France studying civic friche as part of their research.

In Nantes, France, the students had the chance to see what artists did with the lieu unique, a former biscuit factory, which is,

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Photo by Burrill Strong

Leo Denoyer, a percussionist who studied at the Art Institute of Philadelphia, performs in the Federal Screw Works building as part of the civic friche study. Denoyer's performance was considered a way to fill part of the vacant factory with positive space.



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Boy takes action with faith

By Crystal Hayduk
 Special Writer

Twenty-five people in need will soon receive a brand new pillow with a custom-made pillowcase through Faith in Action, thanks to the inspiration of a 7-year-old boy.

Xander Willis had learned about Dorcas from his children's Sabbath school teacher, Karen Fellows of the Chelsea Seventh-day Adventist Group. The story of Dorcas, found in the Bible in Acts 9, says that she did good, helped the poor, and made clothing. Motivated by her good works, Fellows and Willis wanted to help others in a tangible, but unique way.

"We got the idea that sewing pillowcases would be something that he could easily help with, given his age," Fellows said.

Church members



Photo by Crystal Hayduk

Xander Willis and Karen Fellows at Faith in Action sit among 35 pillows they made and donated to the organization.

donated \$15 to "sponsor" a pillow. This amount covered the cost of about a yard of fabric and a brand new pillow to put into each pillowcase that Xander and Fellows made together, using the sewing

machine at her home. Xander's mother, Erin Willis, is very proud of her son's efforts.

"He was so happy to do it," she said. "He loved

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Sylvan settles lawsuit with developers

By Erica McClain
 Heritage Media

A four-year long battle between Sylvan Township and Norfolk Development Corporation and Magellan Properties LLC has ended in Washtenaw County Circuit Court.

Within the agreement, the court ruled that Norfolk "is entitled to develop up to 330 single-family dwelling units" on the Westchester Farm property. In addition, the court ruled Norfolk acquired 301 prepaid sewer taps for future use on the development "in consideration of amounts previously paid" for sewer assessments.

Those assessments, which were set to pay for

the water plant and sewer connections and totaled \$8 million, were previously ruled by the circuit court as void.

The township's legal woes are not finished, however, as the township has gone to court with its former attorneys, Foster, Swift, Collins and Smith, P.C., who represented the township during initial agreements with Norfolk and Magellan.

Township Supervisor Bob Lange said the township will be represented by Thomas H. Blaske, and the attorney has taken the case on "consignment," and will receive one-third of any settlement money. The initial evaluation for that case will be in May 2012.

Preservation Chelsea founder will be remembered

By Erica McClain
 Heritage Media

Jackie Frank, the founding member and first president of Preservation Chelsea, died Dec. 8 at home. She was 70.

Jackie was a consummate preservationist as well as a realtor for 10 years in Chelsea and, according to her husband, John Frank, she was the "spark" for many of the activities

the two undertook together.

The two married Nov. 27, 1980, in Wyoming before moving to Chelsea in the early '90s, where they purchased a historically-rich home at 138 E. Middle St.

The building, which was a chiropractor's office and apartments from George



Frank

Koffman. However, the building began as a home for George W. Palmer and his wife, Ida Collins Palmer, in 1888. Palmer was the town doctor and a village president at one point. It then passed

to the Daniel and Emma McClaren in 1905. Daniel became the president of Chelsea State Bank, and his

wife, Emma, was the grand-niece of President Millard Fillmore.

The building was also home to the Chelsea Hospital and Convalescent Center, owned by Nettie Notten, where 23 Chelsea residents were born between 1936-1942.

Jan Bernath, one of the 23 born there, remembered Jackie's work on the home as well as Jackie's "birthday party" in 1999 for all of

the people who were born at the house.

"I was thrilled to attend this special event, take a tour of the museum quality restoration and meet Jackie who saw the potential underneath the many layers of wallpaper and paint and behind the extra walls," Bernath said.

The home was also featured on HGTV's program

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Phone scammer claims to be with Chelsea police

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

The Chelsea Police Department is advising anyone receiving a call from someone claiming to be a detective about getting a prize at the city UPS store to consider whether it's a scam.

A resident received a call from a male subject with a

thick foreign accent offering a prize and claiming to be with the Chelsea Police Department, which police say is not legitimate. An advisory was posted on Nixle just before 11 a.m. Dec. 13.

The Police Department does not solicit over the phone or offer prizes.

The caller has such a thick accent that only

the words UPS, prize and Chelsea police detective were heard clearly, said Dan Whitesall, Chelsea police communications officer.

"We don't want residents to get involved with any kind of scam," he said, "especially if they believe it has anything to do with the police."

Residents may be more

trusting if they believe police are involved, he said.

"And that's not the case here," Whitesall said.

Anyone who receives similar calls should say they are not interested and then hang up, according to police. If the individual continues to call, then residents are advised to contact their local police agency and report it.

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"If Walls Could Talk" in 1999.

Bernath said it was Jackie's research and collaboration with Gina Jordan, who specializes in period interiors, that helped bring the Middle Street home back to its former glory.

"The Franks were the third family since 1888 to use the house as a home, and it is also the only single family residence on the National Register of Historic Places in Chelsea," Bernath said. "This is truly a tribute to Jackie's innovation, vision and preservation partnership with her husband, John."

All of Jackie and John's work on their storied home led Jackie to hold coffee talks with other preservation-minded Chelsea residents, and Jim Myles, the Franks' neighbor and a charter member of Preservation Chelsea, said

her knowledge of preserving period homes really launched a new sense of appreciation for Chelsea's history.

"She was the guiding light and the force behind getting (Preservation Chelsea) off the ground and moving," Myles said. "Both she and John have been very active in trying to preserve and protect the heritage of Chelsea. Since I've known them, they've heightened our awareness of the uniqueness of Chelsea. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't know half of what we know now."

In fact, Myles said the reason he and his wife, Kim, moved to Chelsea was because of the Franks. Though the couples already knew each other, it wasn't until a neighboring home was on the Chelsea City Council's agenda to purchase and demolish in 1994 that they decided to move.

"Jackie called me up and said, 'You have to buy (the house) and you have to buy it now,'" Myles said. "The Council was looking to

make it into a parking lot."

Jackie, who had a bachelor's degree in social work and a master's degree in industrial relations from Loyola University, was an active member at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Ann Arbor and a former member of the First Congregational Church in Chelsea. She was also an active member of the American Association of University Women and spent the last eight winters at her home in New Mexico, where she volunteered at the Silver City Museum.

She leaves behind

daughter, Jennifer (James) Hendrixson of Schoolcraft; a step-daughter, Jane Frank of Topeka, Kansas; five grandchildren, Austin Carlson, Georgia, Emily, Jonathan and Alexander Freundt; three sisters, Melissa (Ron) Blevins, Pat (Billy) Nave, LaVonne Korn; and one brother, Dan (Eloise) Montague.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Association of University Women, 1111 Sixteenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20036 or Preservation Chelsea, PO Box 63, Chelsea MI 48118.

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now a national center for contemporary arts.

Chris Reznich, a student of Sirota's and an undergraduate design major at U of M, said lieu unique was viewed as a well-loved and successful reuse of the factory that included a theater, bar and restaurant within its walls.

"We really learned about ways to approach these problems with older buildings like those," Reznich said. "The issue is public interest, and the community has to be behind it."

The case study of Federal Screw Works was an exercise in design for the students and is not meant to be a fully-realized project, Christensen said. However, he felt that Federal Screw Works potential for reuse is very viable, and if fully embraced by the community, has a chance at realization — unlike some potential projects in Detroit.

"We didn't want to be outsiders working in Detroit," Christensen said on the decision to work in Federal Screw Works. "We

were really interested in this building's proximity to Main Street. It's very different in that the building is about a block away from the downtown. It really could be repurposed, and it's a very good case study in the use of negative space."

Though Magellan Properties retains ownership of Federal Screw Works and according to Langs, has redevelopment plans for it, Reznich agreed with Christensen's sentiment and felt the building was a perfect example for positive artistic reuse.

"It's kind of incredible and perfect for what we wanted to do," he said. "I hope it's something that Chelsea can support because I would love to work on it."

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two are the same."

Fellows said that although she ran the fabric through the machine, Xander assisted with controlling the speed of the machine using the knee-lever. In addition to choosing the fabric, he also coordinated the colors for the pillowcase trims and pressed the pillowcases.

"I did it because I want to help homeless people to have a nice place to sleep," Xander said.

Willis said their church often helps Faith in Action.

"And it's so important for us as adults to provide a good example for the kids."

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Center for Michigan holds education forum

By James David Dickson
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If you had \$19 billion a year to spend on public education, how would you spend it? Would the system you create look anything like what we have now, and if not, what would you change?

Those questions were some of the many pondered by a standing-room only crowd of local parents, educators and taxpayers who packed into the Wolverine State Brewing Co., 2019 W. Stadium Boulevard, Dec. 6 for a panel discussion on "How Michigan Learns."

The discussion was co-hosted by Michigan Radio and The Center for Michigan, an Ann Arbor based, nonpartisan group described by the event's moderator, Jack Lessenberry, as a "think-and-do-tank." Among the attendees was John Austin, president of the State Board of Education and an Ann Arbor resident.

The panel featured Tom Watkins, who from 2001-2005 was Michigan's state superintendent of public instruction; John Bewow, executive director of the Center for Michigan; and Michelle Herbon, an education policy consultant with the Public Sector Consultants.

Lessenberry opened by asking the panelists to comment on Proposal A of 1994, which transitioned the state from a locally-funded education system to a



Jack Lessenberry (far right) moderated a panel on "How Michigan Learns." Michigan Radio co-hosted the discussion with The Center for Michigan.

state-funded system, while removing the power of local communities to pass operating millages, as they had done in the past.

Watkins said that Proposal A did good things when it was passed, but that even a good car from 1994 would need a tune-up. As state superintendent, Watkins was asked by the State Board of Education to offer such a tune-up, the Proposal A+ financing system, but the effort was in vain. One of the major issues missed in Proposal A was infrastructure spending, a Watkins-era report to the state board concluded.

At the time of the 2003 report, "Michigan (was) one of only eight states that provide no grant support

to local school districts for capital projects."

"The improved equality of resources for school operations brought about by the 1994 reforms stands in stark contrast to the uneven quality of public school infrastructure across our local communities," the report reads.

Herbon added that high-risk students cost more to educate than lower-risk students, but that the state's funding system doesn't account for that. Herbon also took up the infrastructure issue, in terms of school security.

Some school systems are so safe that metal detectors aren't necessary and security presence is at a minimum. Others require

much more security than that, but they receive no assistance from the state to provide it, forcing the systems to dip into money that should have been earmarked for children.

Watkins added that the state spends \$11 billion a year to educate children. Add in another \$8 billion from locally collected property taxes, as Bewow noted, and some \$19 billion is spent on public education in Michigan.

"If I locked you in a room and said, 'How can we spend this \$19 billion to educate the 1.6 million school children in Michigan, would you create what we have?' Watkins asked the audience.

What is job No. 1 of the

public school system? asked Lessenberry, a senior political analyst for Michigan Radio.

Herbon said that teacher training and development is essential in producing high-quality teachers. Bewow said that "reams of research" indicate that early childhood is a crucial time in a child's educational career.

Lessenberry also asked about the rise of charter schools, and whether it is a good thing for the state. Michigan currently has more than 250 charter schools and the Legislature is considering a package of bills that would eliminate existing caps on charter school expansion.

Watkins called the public school system the "Statue of Liberty" in every local community. But he has also helped establish charter schools. Watkins said that the only adjective preceding "schools" that he cares about is "quality." Whether it's traditional or charter matters less to Watkins than the quality of its teachers and its offerings.

"We have to be honest about what's working. We can't pretend all public schools are doing right by children," Watkins said.

Bewow spoke more broadly on the importance of school choice. Bewow lives outside the boundaries of Ann Arbor Public Schools, but has a student enrolled at Logan

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Benitos raises over \$1,500 for Caulk family

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

Benitos Pizza in Saline raised more than \$1,500 Dec. 6 to benefit a well-known local family.

The Caulk family lost Jaime Caulk, 27, Oct. 20, and 11-week old Lillian Caulk a month later on Nov. 20.

Jaime was a Saline native who graduated from Father Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor and was a student at Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn.

The car crash that took his life occurred just outside of Nashville.

Lillian, who was Jaime's niece, died unexpectedly in her sleep; the family is still waiting on an autopsy to find out more. Doctors have ruled out sudden infant death syndrome.

Benitos owner Nick Wallen knew the family and attended high school with



Jaime Caulk

Alyssa, Lillian's mother. After hearing of the two tragedies, Wallen wanted to help.

"Earlier in the year, we did a fundraiser for a family that lost a mother," he said. "We heard about this tragedy and we immediately thought to do this."

Wallen decided to help because he could, he said.

"Honestly, just the simple fact that I have the opportunity to (help)," he said. "It just gives people a place to help support someone in

need."

Twenty percent of the day's sales went to the Caulk family, plus the funds from a donation jar Warren left out.

"It was an awesome turnout," Warren said. "Just from our customers, over \$600 was put into donation jar. The customers just wanted to do what they could and help out. A lot of people knew the Caulk family."

Warren said more than \$200 came from the Automotive Components Holding plant, where his uncle works.

Christa Caulk Stewart, Jaime's sister and Lillian's aunt, said the family was beyond words with gratitude for the support the Saline community has given them.

"I can't articulate into words how much this has helped us," she said. "It's a wonderful community. It touches you so much

because you forget about wonderful people are."

Stewart says the prayers and donations have helped the family focus on grieving.

"You're dealing with emotional part of it then you realize you got to deal with the financial part of it," she said. "Because people have been so generous, it's allowed us to relax and be able to grieve and not worry about finances."

Along with the support of the community, the Caulk family has found solace in their faith and each other.

"Our family reads tons of scriptures," Stewart said. "You just cling to each other as a family. We know where they are and we know that we'll be united with them again. It's a very real pain, but you can't just quit living. This has just bonded my family closer together."

The family encourages

those who want to help to continue to pray for them, Stewart says.

"We want people to know there's so much power in prayer," she said. "Just keep praying for because the hardest part is that people go back to their normal lives. But our normal has changed. And we'll never go back to that normal. Just say a prayer for us."

The Caulks have also started a scholarship in Jaime's name, the Jaime Caulk Memorial Scholarship at Lee University, where Jaime was a senior.

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Public retirees asking for repeal of pension tax

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Retired public employees from across the state are now asking for the repeal of a law allowing taxation of pensions.

A recent 4-3 decision by the Michigan Supreme Court now allows the state to begin taxing public and most private pensions by the standard income tax rate of 4.35 percent as of Jan. 1, 2012.

The tax is part of Gov. Rick Snyder's Comprehensive Tax Reform, signed into law May 25, 2011, which includes \$1.8 billion in business tax cuts.

"We think our first avenue to try to get it changed is the repeal of the act," said Mary Pollock, legislative representative for the Michigan State Employee Retirees Association, one of the groups calling for the repeal along with the Retired Federal

Employees Michigan Federation Chapter, AARP Michigan and the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel.

Other options include getting an injunction to halt the taxation and filing a lawsuit in federal court on the grounds of violation of the U.S. Constitution Article 1 Section 10, which prohibits laws that impair contractual obligations. A third, but less viable option, would be to get a referendum to overturn the legislation, Pollock said.

In June, Gov. Rick Snyder requested an advisory opinion to determine if the law would be legal under the state's constitution after it was challenged by a number of groups saying it was unconstitutional.

Public employees charged the law violated the Michigan Constitution because it reduces the pension income they have already earned in addition to violating their consti-

tutional right to not have their contracts impaired.

Jim Drollet, retired Chelsea zoning administrator, said he believes the law is unfair because when people retired, they were told they were going to receive a certain amount of money and now that's being changed.

Also, if seniors aren't able to make ends meet, it's very difficult these days to go out and get a job when you're in your 60s, he said.

Those born from 1946 through 1952 can deduct \$20,000 in pension and retirement benefits if single or married filing separate or \$40,000 if married filing a joint return. Those born after 1952 will not be eligible for a deduction and all retirement pensions and benefits are eligible for taxation.

After age 67, the individual must choose whether or not to have their Social Security exempt from taxes or receive the \$20,000 single

filer exemption or \$40,000 joint filer subtraction.

The law exempts individuals born before 1946 or those receiving military pensions, Social Security and railroad retirement benefits.

Also eliminated in the law is an exemption of \$45,120 per year for a single filer and \$90,240 for a joint filer in private retirement and pension.

The court also ruled that assigning various pension exemptions based on age does not violate the constitution.

The court did rule that two parts of the law was unconstitutional when it ruled that ending the \$3,700 personal exemption for single taxpayers earning \$75,000 and joint taxpayers earning \$150,000 was unconstitutional because of a ban on a graduated income tax. It also overruled the part of the law that would have phased out the \$20,000 subtraction for

single filers and \$40,000 for joint filers for those taxpayers.

Michigan AFL-CIO President Karla Swift stated in a press release that the ruling is a partisan decision that will hurt the state's seniors and is yet another example of misplaced priorities of Lansing politicians.

"Raising taxes on pensions while continuing to protect the CEOs and big corporations that have been outsourcing Michigan jobs is going to further our state's jobs crisis," she said.

H.B. 4818 and S.B. 519 have both been introduced into the Legislature to repeal the act.

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Festive Affair raises \$154,000 to benefit emergency shelter for homeless families

The Builders and Remodelers Association of Greater Ann Arbor's recent 20th annual Festive Affair raised \$154,000 to support The Salvation Army of Washtenaw County Staples Family Center, a 35-bed emergency shelter for homeless families.

"We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our guests, sponsors and donors that helped make

the 20th annual Festive Affair a success," said TSA Washtenaw County Coordinator Maj. John Williams in a news release.

"We would also like to thank the BRAG Foundation for their continued support, which has allowed us to continue making a difference in the lives of these families in need."

Former University of Michigan Coach Lloyd Carr

served as the honorary chair of this year's event.

"Having Coach Carr on our sideline this year was a wonderful way to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Festive Affair," said Williams. "We were very fortunate to have his support to help us achieve such a successful event."

More than 260 people attended the Oct. 21 event at Weber's Inn in Ann

Arbor. Guests were treated to a strolling dinner buffet, desserts and a live and silent auction.

Highlights of the auction items included a South African safari vacation, an Indy Car racing experience, as well as a pedigreed puppy. Proceeds raised by the Festive Affair provide funding for The Salvation Army Staples Family Center. The center offers

support and guidance in a safe, drug and alcohol-free environment to help homeless families overcome the obstacles that caused their homelessness.

The 21st annual Festive Affair is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 26, 2012.

Operating in Washtenaw County for more than 100 years, the non-profit provides various programs and service centers

located in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

Services provided by TSA of Washtenaw County include a food pantry, soup kitchen, clothing, an emergency family shelter, transitional housing and counseling for veterans, character building for youth, camp programs, emergency and disaster relief, utility assistance and eviction prevention.

Innovation contest winners receive business funding

The Ann Arbor SPARK Foundation recently presented the winners of the Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition with cash awards.

The competition's grand prize of \$500,000 in cash was awarded to DeNovo Sciences, and the competition's \$150,000 prize was awarded to Fusion Coolant Systems.

"DeNovo Sciences and Fusion Coolant Systems highlight how having a strong entrepreneurial support system can help businesses successfully launch and advance towards attracting capital and commercializing products," said Paul Krutko, president and CEO of Ann Arbor SPARK, in a news release.

"Both companies are currently being incubated at Ann Arbor SPARK. DeNovo Sciences is a tenant at the Michigan Life Science and Innovation Center, and Fusion Coolant Systems is a tenant at Ann Arbor SPARK's SPARK East incubator (in Ypsilanti). Both companies have also benefitted from Ann Arbor SPARK's entrepreneurial services, including business planning."

DeNovo Sciences and Fusion Coolant Systems

plan to use the Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition prize monies to further their business development goals, including attracting additional capital investments and ramping up commercialization efforts.

"The \$500,000 Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition prize definitely helps us stay on track with our goals," said Kalyan Handique, chief executive officer of DeNovo Sciences.

"We will use the funding to test our prototype so that we are ready for big fundraising in the coming year; our goal is to raise \$6 million in venture capital."

Fusion Coolant Systems will use the \$150,000 Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition award to invest in marketing and sales materials, as well as product development design initiatives, according to company CEO Tom Gross.

"We are fortunate to have received a lot of support to get us here, especially from Ann Arbor SPARK," Gross said.

DeNovo Sciences is developing an instrument system and reagent kit that allows for the separation, detection and retrieval of circulating tumor cells from

peripheral whole blood, creating an alternative to traditionally painful and invasive biopsies. Fusion Coolant Systems provides an advanced coolant and lubrication system for use in manufacturing.

The three-day Accelerate Michigan Innovation Competition was held Nov. 15 through 17 at the Eagle Crest Conference Center in

Ypsilanti.

Ann Arbor SPARK, a nonprofit organization, is a regional economic development organization, representing all communities in Washtenaw County.

Ann Arbor SPARK collaborates with business, academic, government, and community investor partners, including the University of Michigan,

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- C. Christmas Eve
- D. Black Friday

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Web businesses should collect state sales tax

If Amazon is giving up its powerful resistance to collecting state sales taxes for its online business and affiliates, can the rest of the online retail world continue to resist?

We hope not. That Amazon and other sites weren't required to collect the taxes unless they had a physical presence in the state has been a thorn in the side of brick-and-mortar stores and state treasuries alike.

An expensive thorn, one worth perhaps \$12 billion annually that made the in-state stores a little less competitive, state treasuries that much less flush.

States attempted to recoup the lost tax revenue voluntarily from buyers. Michigan residents are expected to pay a "use tax" when they make a sales-tax-free purchase from another state. We haven't asked around lately, but we don't know anyone who has actually paid that tax.

And if that makes those we asked seem not quite honest, we've nevertheless been enthusiastic supporters of federal legislation to require online stores to collect and remit the taxes.

Amazon and its online competitors for years offered a flimsy defense: It would be expensive and complicated to collect rates which differed from state and from community to community.

In a computer age, that made no sense at all. What made much more sense was that collecting the tax would make the online retailers a little less competitive.

Amazon in a sudden turnabout agreed to support standardized federal rules for collecting the tax, as long as all of its online competitors are required to do the same.

And that may pose a problem: As written, a bill in the U.S. Senate would apply to businesses with a minimum of \$500,000 in online sales. Owners of those smaller stores complain that the costs of collecting and remitting taxes will be disproportionately expensive.

Is it a serious problem? Perhaps. Besides state sales taxes, apparently more than 9,000 communities also charge sales taxes.

A serious problem? Perhaps. Insurmountable? That's not so clear. Can service agencies, perhaps those yet to be created, deal with the collection/remittance task at an affordable cost?

Previous versions of the legislation exempted businesses with online sales of \$5 million or less. Perhaps that's a fairer rule.

But thousands of brick-and-mortar mom-and-pop stores and most states would beg to disagree.

— Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

Many people's knowledge of public affairs is sadly lacking

Men are smarter than women. Well, there goes half of the

readership looking for some day-old fish to wrap up in this column.

Hold on. Everyone knows that women are more intelligent than men, but in this one public affairs quiz, it is the other way around. On every question, men scored higher than women.

It's strange since women tend to be more involved politically and vote in larger numbers than their male counterparts.

Before you read on, take the quiz by going to pewresearch.org/interactive, and click on the IQ quiz of 13 questions, then return after you are finished.

(Pause for test.)
So how did you do?
Ashamed? If you are

like most, you should be. Yeah some of the stuff was pretty easy. Seventy-four percent of

the participants knew that the elephant was the GOP symbol, but when you break it down by party, 87 percent of the Republicans got it right, but only 69 percent of the Democrats were correct.

What's the old saying, "know thy enemy?"

Turns out the easiest question was identifying Brazil on a map, with 77 percent getting it right.

The real toughies included knowing the new head of Great Britain. Sixty-two percent got David Cameron wrong. Fifty-eight percent did not recognize Israel on a map and 57 percent did not know that the GOP controls one house of Congress.

OK. You can kinda understand the Cameron results. He is new to the job and unless you watch C-Span, you are not likely to see

his mug anywhere on the tube.

But there is no excuse for being unable to identify Israel, one of our strongest allies. It's on the evening news regularly and ground zero for all things Middle Eastern.

As for 43 percent of you not knowing that the GOP controls one House of Congress, points off. But then, many voters are not sure where Congress is located, let alone who is running the joint.

You'd be shocked by the number of well-meaning folks who often ask, "What's it like covering the Congress?" And then they sheepishly slither away when told the Congress is not in Lansing.

Really, gang. It is not. These lousy scores are nothing new. It's generally felt that most citizens could name Justin Verlander as the MVP of American League baseball, but three out of 10 did not recognize the guy responsible for your lousy 401(k), i.e. Ben Bernanke, who runs the Federal Reserve.

The Pew survey also validates a few more stereotypes. Those with a college

degree knew more than those with some college or a high school diploma. The higher-educated got more questions correct in every category.

Older folks, over 50, also scored higher than other age groups. The young voters did better on the Cameron, Brazil and Sonia Sotomayor questions than the seniors, but those 18 to 29 missed 10 of the 13 questions to secure their position as the least-informed and supposedly least-motivated to know anything about politics and public affairs.

They did do well on recognizing Steve Jobs, but then one would expect that, right?

Eight percent of the respondents had a perfect score, with the average being about nine correct and four wrong.

But if you took the quiz, give yourself three extra points for being interested enough to do it, and if you plodded through this column, add another 10 for not having a life.

Now go to your room and study.

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GUEST OPINION



TIM SKUBICK

GUEST COLUMN: By F.J. Pollak

Federal government should support subsidized mobile telephone service for needy families

Theories on how to fix the economy are everywhere. One of the latest comes from the United Nations — and involves telephones.

In this case, the UN is onto something. Released earlier this year, the UN study projects that regulators will have to update their approaches in light of the "generational shift from fixed telephones networks to mobile connections" if they hope to deliver economic growth. — The UN's data are new, but the potential for mobile phones to drive economic growth is not. And yet, here in America, some are advocating regulations that would diminish access to mobile phones in the low-income communities that would benefit most from the growth dividend they bring.

Until the mid-to-late 1990s, the vast majority of Americans relied on landlines whose plans were few and whose costs were relatively fixed.

As mobile devices became ubiquitous, so too did wireless competition, which made the new technology available to more consumers at lower cost.

That's led to substantial economic growth. A recent study from researchers at the London Business School, John Cabot University, and the University of Toronto helps explain why — and how much.

Developing countries provide a perfect sample

for measuring the impact of mobile phones on economic growth, as their landline networks are generally far less extensive than those in the developed world.

The researchers found that a developing country that had an average of 10 more mobile phones per 100 population between 1996 and 2003 would have enjoyed per capita GDP growth 0.59 percent higher than an otherwise identical country.

Consider the case of Morocco. In 1995, the North African country had just four landlines per 100 people — and zero mobile phones.

Fast forward to 2003, and while the landline rate remained the same, the mobile penetration rate jumped to 24 per 100 people — three times the average developing nation's rate.

If that penetration rate gap were sustained over time, Morocco would enjoy a dramatic 0.95 percent higher per capita growth rate.

The effect of mobile phones is similar in developed nations.

Take Sweden and Canada. The Nordic country posted the highest mobile penetration rate in the world between 1996 and 2003, at 64 per 100. Canada's rate languished at 26 per 100.

Average per capita GDP growth in Canada would have been 1 percent higher if mobile phone penetration rates

in the Great White North had mirrored those in Sweden.

The implications are clear: mobile telephony aids economic growth, particularly at the bottom of the economic ladder.

Federal officials should pay heed.

The Federal Communications Commission is considering a proposal that aims to rein in the Universal Service Fund, which helps ensure that all Americans have access to affordable phone service, including mobile phone

service.

At present, less than 16 percent of the USF goes toward a program called Lifeline, which provides up to \$10 per month to subsidize phone service for the poor — whether on a fixed line or a mobile device.

For more than 25 years, the program has been underutilized and has lived in relative obscurity. But with the inclusion of a pre-paid wireless option in the Lifeline program, significantly more low-income folks have been able to benefit

from it.

Of the 8.5 million people currently on Lifeline, it is estimated that more than 6 million have subscribed to wireless Lifeline services. Without it, they likely wouldn't be connected.

Curbing Lifeline by cutting funding for the USF would limit access to mobile phones — and therefore curtail the economic growth they generate.

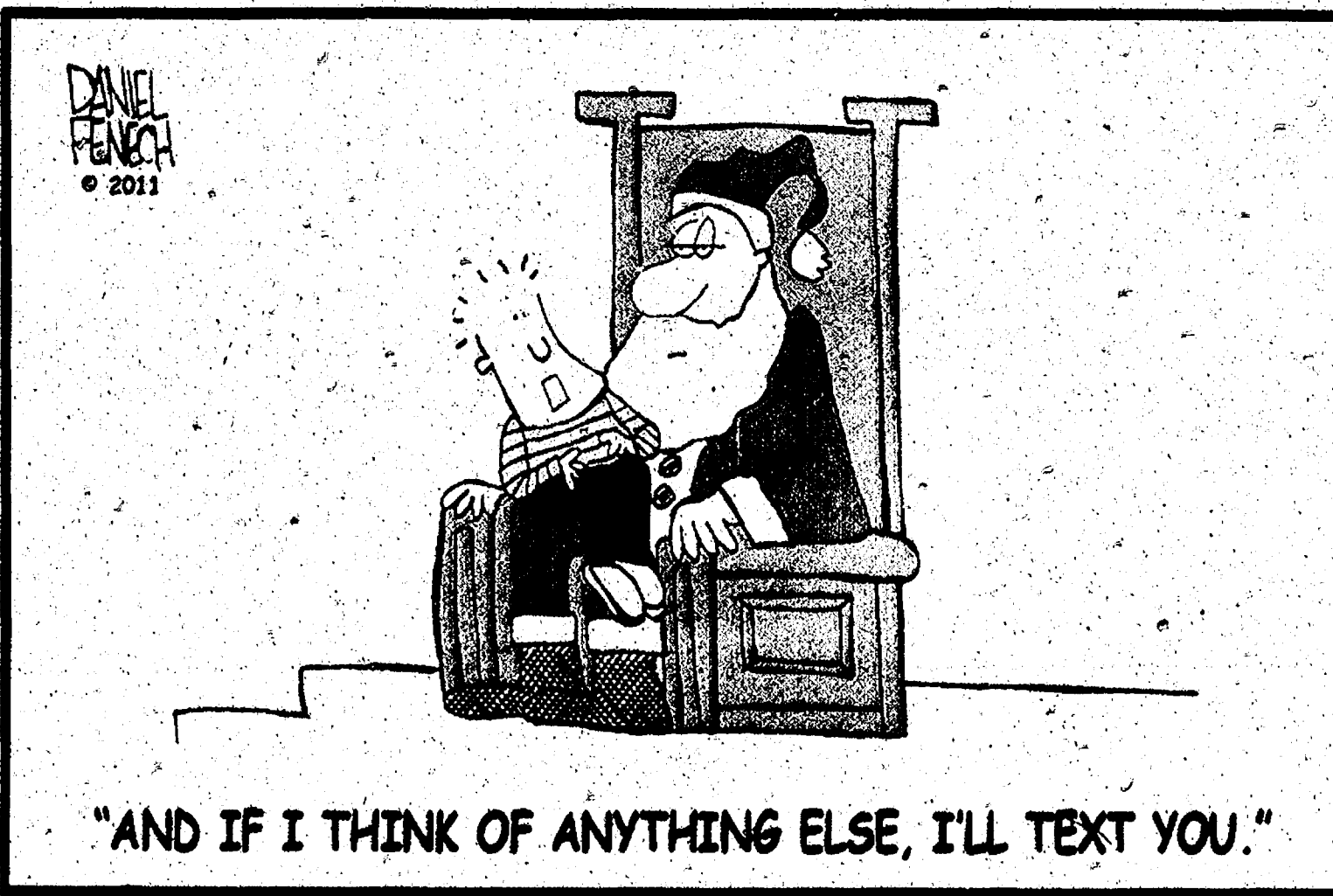
Investments in Lifeline can pay for themselves many times over in the form of higher levels of

economic growth.

By the same token, reducing spending on Lifeline and thus depriving the poor of mobile phone service could diminish economic activity by an amount much larger than any putative savings.

Now is not the time to hamstring the American economy. By bolstering Lifeline, regulators can make a solid investment in our country's long-term economic growth.

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The story centers around a young German girl, named Clara, who dreams about her nutcracker doll becoming a prince who battles against a mouse king with seven heads. The story was originally choreographed into a ballet by Marius Petipa and premiered in St. Petersburg in December 1892. The performance featured more than 60 performers, who spent countless hours rehearsing.



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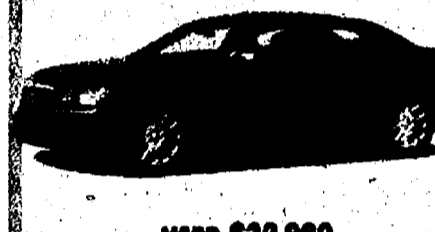
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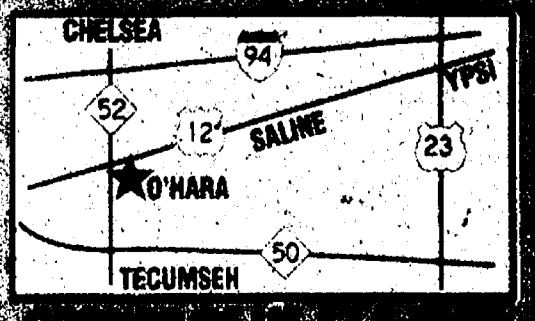
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Fiat's 2012 500C all about style, fun

By Mike Covello
Journal Register News Service

You know a car is all about style when one quarter of the available models include the phrase "500 by Gucci."

The Bianco Perta (pearl white) 2012 Fiat 500C sitting resplendent in my driveway provoked a wave of nostalgia. The last time an Italian car was delivered for a test drive, it was a 1994 Alfa Romeo 164. In 1977, I urged my then girlfriend/nov wife to buy her first car. The lemon yellow 1971 Fiat 850 Spider may have captured the look of the also-Bertone-designed Lamborghini Miura, but it also provided her with the opportunity to learn how to push start a car, and what happens when your engine allows the coolant and oil to mix. It's not a good thing.

Then there was my college roommate's French Blue 124 Spider with its looks-like-a-Ferrari-275-GTS sleek body. No wonder; they were both designed by design-icon Pininfarina. This was the car that introduced me to the joys of top-down motoring on brightly colored, crisp fall afternoons. Thanks, Doug.

All these memories came flooding back as I entered through the wide doors and plopped down on the bright red luxury leather seats.

The nicely sculpted steering wheel bore the familiar Fiat logo in its center, surrounded by an accent ring of piano-black trim. Reaching behind the big spokes, I got a first subtle hint that this car represents the marriage of Fiat and Chrysler. The right spoke contained the easy-to-use, but impossible-to-see volume toggle switch, and the left had the familiar seek up/down button.

It's nice that these audio controls were so handy, because the Bose premium audio system produced some surprisingly crisp sounds, even with the top down. And now we come to the part of the 500C that completely won me over — the roof. The soft-ish canvas top folds back to two default positions with a push of a convenient button. The first position motors the roof back to the top of the electric-defroster glass window. This proved to be my favorite position. I loved the feeling of open-air motoring, yet still had a substantial structure around me. Another touch, and the rear window slides down into the diminutive trunk area and stacks the roof up in a way that renders the interior rear view mirror useless. It did produce a one-of-a-kind roofline that added to its come hither looks.

Everywhere I went people asked about the car. One professional BMW-driving woman eagerly leapt at the opportunity to go for a ride. Most said the car was deliciously cute, but some found it nearly as ugly as a Nissan Juke. There's no accounting for some people's tastes.

Prices start at \$15,500 for the fixed roof 500 Pop. It's also available in the \$17,500 Sport and \$19,500 Lounge trim levels. The convertible 500C is \$19,500 for the Pop; the Lounge tester I drove started at \$23,500 and stickered out at \$26,500 thanks to the \$500 paint, and the \$1,250 preferred package that includes luxury leather, heated front seats and auto dimming rear-view mirror. The 15x6 inch aluminum wheels add \$300, and \$500 will cover the destination charge.

Not only will your neighbors covet your \$23,500 500 by Gucci, they might also applaud your efforts to cure breast cancer if you feel like getting decked out in a \$22,000 500 Pink Ribbon. The choices are up to you.

I was surprised to learn that the four-cylinder engine driving the front wheels only has 136cc of displacement, and is rated at a mere 101-hp. and a paltry 98 lb.-ft. of torque.

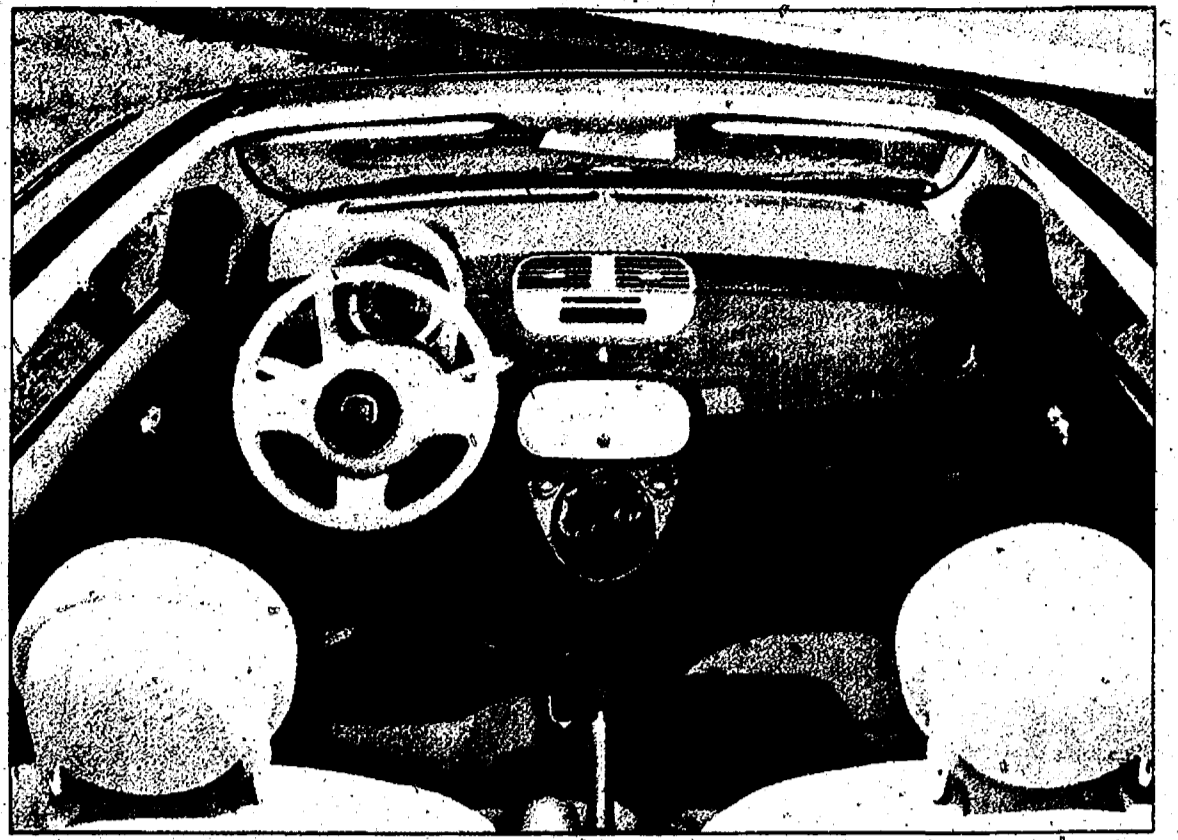
While the acceleration could never be called rapid, it did seem to approach peppy. The six-speed automatic did a very good job of selecting ratios whether in Eco or Sport mode. This transmission is light years ahead of the one they fit to the Smart car. I was surprised to learn just how much better the five-speed manual 500 scored at the EPA games. While my tester only achieved 27 in the city and 32 mpg on the highway, if you can use a clutch, the 30 in the city and 38-mpg ratings might give you some bragging rights.

The brakes worked exceptionally well. The ride was surprisingly good. Mini Cooper S owners would be overjoyed to enjoy

this type of compliance. Handling was not sportscar precise, but the 500C never felt overmatched when I stepped up from driving to decisive motoring speed. And, of course, parking is the driving feat at which the 500 excels.

Welcome back, Fiat. I realize now how much I missed you. I hope that this Chrysler marriage lasts longer than the last. Now, that Chrysler has had its decade of strict Teutonic engineering influence, it's time for it to let its corporate hair down and enjoy the flair a bit of style can add to driving pleasures.

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RANDALL, EARL "Bill" W.; 76; of Adrian; peacefully went to be with his Lord and Savior, Thursday, December 8, 2011. He was born October 13, 1935, in Minneapolis, MN, the son of Earl and Beatrice (Splittstoser) Randall. Bill graduated from Ypsilanti High School and went on to serve his country in the United States Marine Corps. On June 4, 1960, Bill married Roberta Burkley in Ann Arbor. Roberta, his wife of over 51 years, survives. Bill worked for the University of Michigan in various departments for 33 years, retiring in 1997. He is a former member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Saline, and also served on the Saline City Council. Bill was an active member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Adrian where he served as treasurer for 10 years. In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by their two daughters, Kim Randall of Grand Rapids; and Kathy (David) Westendorf of Tecumseh; two grandsons, Daniel (Jessie) Westendorf and Benjamin Westendorf; two brothers, Frank (Charlotte) Randall of West Palm Beach, FL; and Howard (Lois) Randall of Charleston, SC; a sister, Audrey Frank of Shelby Township, MI; and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepfather, Gerald Hepner; and brother-in-law, Ken Frank. The Funeral Service for Bill will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church with Rev. Brian Keller, officiating. Burial will be private. Visitation will be held at Wagley Funeral Home on Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Contributions in memory of Bill may be made to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. You may also sign the register book or send condolences at www.WagleyFuneralHome.com



FRANK, JACQUELYN; Chelsea, Michigan; age 70; died suddenly Thursday, December 8, 2011. She was born July 20, 1941 in Sherburn, MN, the daughter of Glen and Marvel (Robinson) Montague. Jackie earned a Bachelors Degree in Social Work, and a Masters in Industrial Relations from Loyola University. She spent most of her working life helping companies and government organizations comply with Title Nine and Civil Rights. She also spent 10 years working as a Realtor in Chelsea. She was a Founding Director and Past President of Preservation Chelsea and was active member and Board Member of American Association of University Women. For the last 8 years, she spent winters at her home in New Mexico, where she was an active volunteer at the Silver City Museum. She was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Ann Arbor, and former member of the First Congregational Church in Chelsea. On November 27, 1980, she married John L. Frank in Lander, WY, and he survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Jennifer (James) Hendrixson of Schoolcraft; a step-daughter, Jane Frank of Topeka, KS; five grandchildren, Austin Carlson, Georgia, Emily, Jonathan, and Alexander Fruendt; three sisters, Melissa (Ron) Blevins, Pat (Billy) Nave, LaVonne Korn; and one brother, Dan (Eloise) Montague. She was preceded in death by her parents, Glen Montague and Marvel Jones. A Family Service will take place at a later date. Jackie's ashes will be buried in Norway, Iowa. Memorial contributions may be made to American Association of University Women, 1111 Sixteenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20036 or Preservation Chelsea, PO Box 63, Chelsea, MI 48118. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel.

BUNNEY, BILL, died Sunday, December 11, 2011, ending his 18 month battle with cancer. He passed away peacefully at his home with his family. Wife, Dolores; daughters, Karen and Melissa; brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Marcia Bunney, and nephew, Bob Bunney were all by his side. He is survived by a host of family and friends, golf buddies, and neighbors. Bill was born in Lansing, MI on March 17, 1939 to the late Leonard Bunney and the late Hilma Tervo. He is the eldest of four boys and is survived by brothers, Bob and Richard Bunney and Wayne Tervo who all reside in Michigan. Bill raised his family in Manchester, MI, the town where both he and his wife of 49 years grew up. Bill had a rewarding 32-year career with Ford Motor Company which eventually took him and his family to El Paso, TX in 1984. El Paso agreed with Bill and he flourished there, learning Spanish, growing to love enchiladas and brisket, and continually working on his golf game. Bill retired from Ford in 1996 and moved with his wife to Aiken, finding a vibrant community and a new home on the 10th hole of a lovely golf course. Up until the very end, Bill remained an avid University of Michigan football fan, taking great pleasure in their recent victory over Ohio State University. He will be missed by many family and friends across both Michigan and South Carolina. There will be a Memorial Service for Bill in his hometown of Manchester at Emanuel United Church of Christ on December 21, 2011 at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m. An additional celebration will follow in Aiken at a date and time as yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or Emanuel United Church of Christ, 324 West Main St., Manchester, MI 48158. Expressions of sympathy for the Bunney family may be left at www.georgefuneralhomes.com

GIRBACH, JEANNE V. (LINDEMANN); Saline, MI; passed away Thursday, December 8, 2011; at the Saline Evangelical Home. She was born November 17, 1918, in Racine, WI, the daughter of Eugene and Hattie (Kettelle) Lindemann. Jeanne grew up on the Lindemann family farm in Dexter. After graduating from Dexter High School, she became a Registered Nurse, attending Mercy School of Nursing, Detroit, MI. She came to Saline to work at the Saline Hospital where she became reacquainted with a fellow Washtenaw County 4-H'er, Ernest Girbach. They were married on August 31, 1940, in Dexter, MI. Together Ernest and Jeanne continued to farm, creating what is now Girbach Farms in Saline. She was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Saline. She had been a member of the Pittsfield Twp. Grange, St. Joseph Mercy Saline Auxiliary, and Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 311. Jeanne, along with Ernest, were inducted into the Michigan Farmers' Hall of Fame in 1989. Jeanne loved to read and to travel, visiting all 50 states and four continents. Survivors include two sons, Gene and Gary (Pamela Tighe) and one daughter, Mary Alice (William) Smith, all of Saline; five grandchildren, Nathan (Sarah Yuhasz), Sara, and Melissa Girbach, Kelsey and Alex Smith; one great grandchild, Max Girbach; one step-granddaughter, Krissy (Ivan) Parra; one step-grandson Terry Gracie; two step-great grandchildren, Lilly and Rose Parra; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest, and daughter Marlene Girbach. Memorial services will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul U.C.C., Saline with Rev. Dr. Patricia Kenney, officiating. A Private Graveside Service will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in Saline. Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul United Church of Christ or to Saline Evangelical Home and envelopes will be available at the Church where friends may begin calling on Monday, December 12, 2011 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. To sign Jeanne's guestbook or to leave a memory visit <http://obits.nlm.com/obituaries/memorial/> For more information or directions please visit www.colefuneral.com Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-BahnMiller Funeral Home, Saline.

LAKE, EDWARD CHARLES; Chelsea, Michigan, formerly of Warren; age 98; died Friday, December 9, 2011, at his home in the Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born March 3, 1913 in Horton's Bay, Michigan, the son of John and Caroline (Koteskey) Lake. Ed was raised on a farm and worked as a laborer in Detroit when he was young. He served in the US Army during W.W.II. Ed worked for Packard Motor Company and then worked 30 years as a millwright. Later he went to Chrysler, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Chelsea First United Methodist Church and a former member of the Horton's Bay Evangelical United Brethren Church. He taught Sunday School for 40 years. Ed and Arley moved to Chelsea in 1991. On May 23, 1942, he married Arley Critchett in East Detroit, Michigan, and she survives. Also surviving are a son, Donald Lake of Ann Arbor; two grandchildren, Andrew (Carla) Rivard and Matthew Rivard; son-in-law, Michael Rivard; two great grandchildren, Christian Rivard and Aiden Rivard; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Edith Rivard and Carol Lake; and four brothers and two sisters. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at the Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel, with Rev. Cathy Rafferty and Rev. Joy Barrett officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to the Heritage Foundation at Chelsea Retirement Community. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel.

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Chelsea Antiques features artist Janet Alford

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

A selection of paintings by Janet Alford, 33 year Chelsea resident, will be on display throughout the month of December at the Chelsea Antiques Mall located at 1178 South M-52. Art has been a pivotal part of Alford's whole life. She recalled how even as a young child she loved using pencils, crayons, markers, or paints to reflect her feelings on paper.

Alford began formal art lessons when she was a young teen. The positive feedback of receiving blue ribbons for her exhibits helped her to gain the confidence to continue pursuing art.

Alford earned a degree in art education at the University of Georgia. Throughout her college years, she learned that her strengths included teaching children "how to look and see." Alford explained that "learning to see and study an image teaches students how to analyze, make decisions, and observe what is happening around them. My reward was seeing how students fall in love with their art and how art gives them confidence. That

confidence spills over into other aspects of their lives helping them to feel more secure in their decisions."

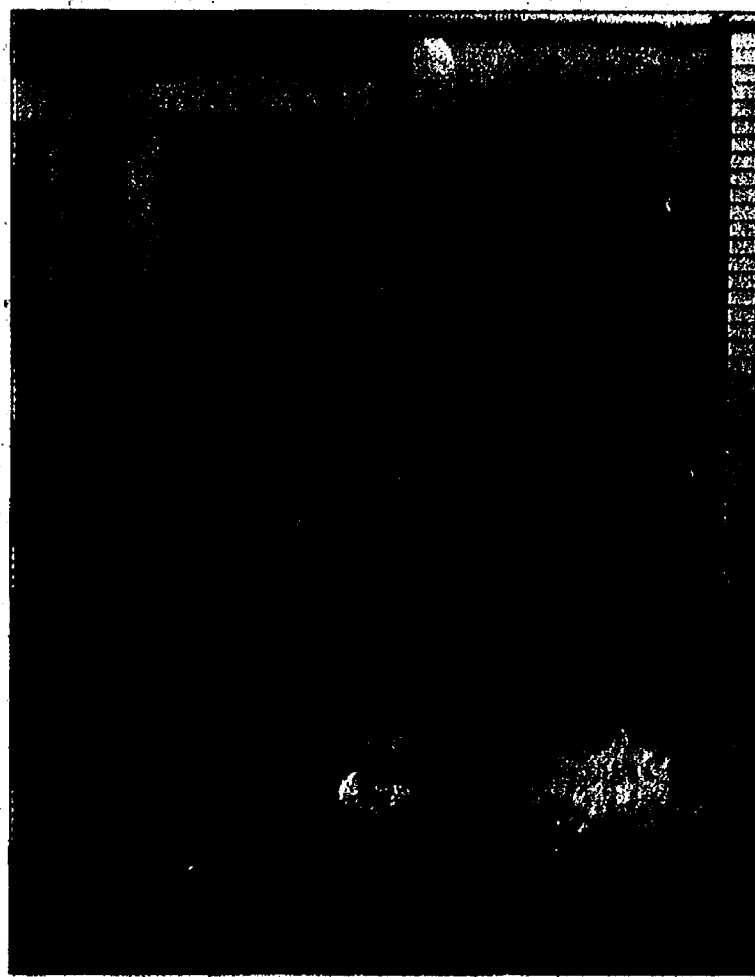
Alford used her gift for guiding children in the art world through her career as an art teacher for the Chelsea School District. She taught at North Creek and South Meadows Elementary Schools for 24 years.

Even though she is now retired, Alford worked with the Beach Middle School science classes to create nearly 600 tiles that are displayed on the pergola columns in the reading garden at the Chelsea District Library.

"Our sons and their wives have chosen to raise their children in Chelsea, so I find I am back in the schools volunteering and teaching after school art," Alford said.

For the last 16 years, Alford has been active at the Chelsea Center for the Arts (CCA), as a board member, volunteer and art teacher. She is the founder and one of the leaders of the Artists Teaching Artists group, an open studio class for CCA students that enables them to continue their experience.

Alford has worked with



Janet Alford's work will be featured at the Chelsea Antiques Mall, 1178 South M-52, for December.

acrylic paints, but finally invested in water colors to try something new. "Little did I know that I would find the challenge continued with each work I created and still does," she said. She believes that no piece

of work is ever fully complete. "Even pictures that have hung on the wall for years beckon more input."

Alford especially likes to paint scenes that combine architecture and nature to reflect the image of man

and nature working together. "I love the juxtaposition of the sharp angles used in architecture and the organic shape that nature provides," she said. Her challenge exists in trying to perfectly compose and blend the images to create flow.

One of her favorite artists is Georgia O'Keeffe, who has inspired Alford

with studies of individual flowers. "She wanted to paint a single flower to show the viewer the uniqueness of the image," she said. "I have studied her work and am influenced by her style."

Alford's work can also be seen at the New Chelsea Market, the Chelsea Center for the arts, and her home studio.

Chelsea Springs Condominiums requests annexation discussion

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

Chelsea Springs Condominiums, a Sylvan Township subdivision is appealing to Chelsea for annexation.

Deneil Harnery, president of the board of directors of Chelsea Springs, said the community is simply exploring its options.

"We are making an attempt to explore what options may be available to us," she said. "Annexation may not be one of them, but we won't know unless we ask."

Sylvan Township is, currently under a \$13.2 million financial strain due to county debts from its sewer and water systems. Last month, voters turned down a 4.75 millage that would pay off that debt as well as a \$1.25 million debt to the Washtenaw County treasurer. Harnery said the community is unhappy with the township, specifically in regard to the water and sewer charges.

"It's not any secret that our community is very unhappy with Sylvan Township, and it all comes back to that darn water tower," she said. "We didn't ask for that water tower; it was there when we all moved in."

According to Harnery, the residents are charged almost

as much as Chelsea residents are charged.

"In an attempt to recoup maintenance costs for the water tower, the township have assessed us such high water fees that even though our taxes are lower than in the City of Chelsea, with both (taxes and water/sewer) charges combined, we pay nearly as much as Chelsea residents do to live in the city," she said.

The Chelsea Springs residents want to live some place where they feel they are cared about, Harnery said.

"Chelsea Springs is a community of 51 homes; we are small but we matter, and we would like to live in a community that cares about us and wants us there," she said. "The township hasn't shown they care about us. In fact, it's been just the opposite."

Sylvan Township Supervisor Bob Lange said he was unaware of the annexation discussion until media reported it.

"They did not tell myself or the board they were going to do it," he said.

"The condo association didn't even give us the courtesy of letting us know they were going to."

If the subdivision were to be annexed by Chelsea, Sylvan Township would lose a large portion of their sewer and water revenue.

"They are half of our

water and sewer customers in the urban area," Lange said.

Lange said if discussions continue, he would attempt to block the annexation.

"I'm not going to allow them to be annexed by the city," Lange said. "We can tell the city we don't approve of it. I don't think the boundary commission would allow it. We provide services to that area. I don't think it's going to happen."

Chelsea City Manager John Hanifan told AnnArbor.com the city would gain \$30,000 and \$50,000 a year in revenue if the subdivision were annexed.

Hanifan was not available for comment at the time of printing.

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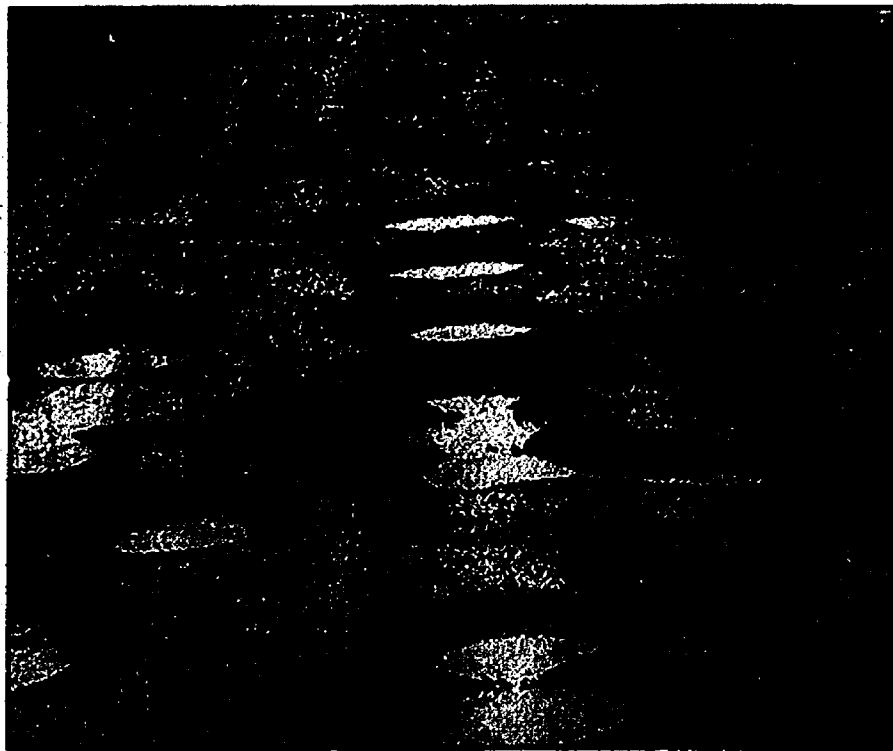
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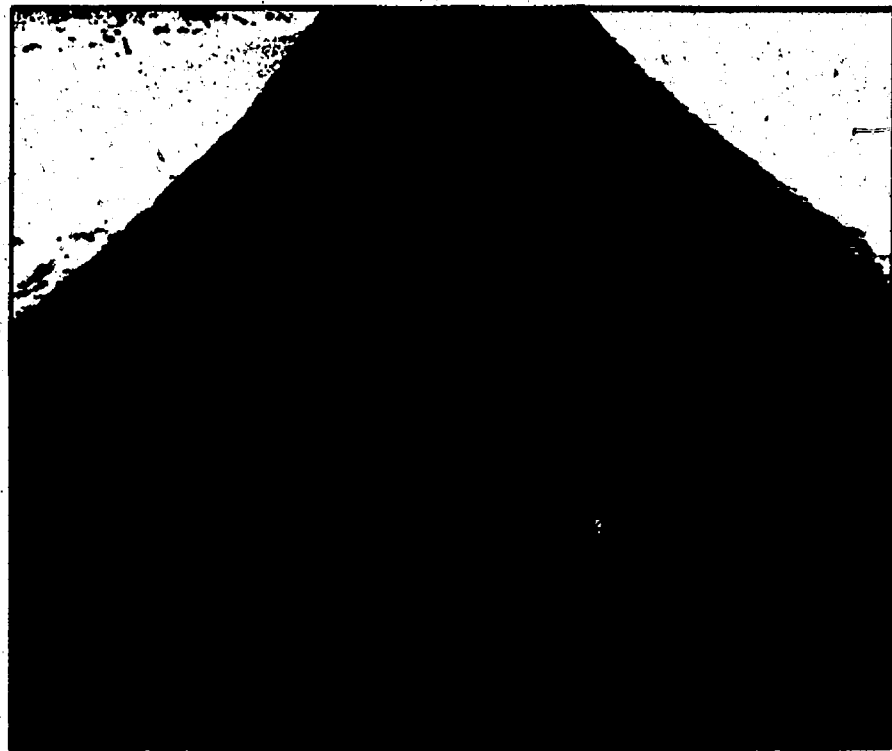
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Tis the season to reflect on 5 Healthy Towns' goals

The Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation is taking stock of 2011. It turns out taking stock of the CWF in 2011 means looking at what's happening outside our office, in the communities. As an organization, we're only as valuable as the impact we have on our service area. So we are reviewing our mission (to create a culture of wellness and sustainable improvements in the health of those in our service area) in light of what we see around us.

In 2011, we asked community volunteers in all 5 Healthy Towns, Stockbridge, Manchester, Grass Lake, Dexter and Chelsea, to come together to decide how to create a culture of wellness in their community. Even though they are volunteers, we developed a pretty demanding process and asked them to work hard. They met frequently in 2011, reviewed information about your community and determined what the community really needs. It's not about opinions or personal agendas. These volunteers are focused on real community need.

As an organization, we're pleased to be associated with the work-products of these volunteers. They spent 2011 securing the groundwork on which they'll begin to build plans to truly create that culture of wellness in your town. Once opportunities to connect with wellness efforts are all around us, it will be easier for each of us to make healthy choices. The downstream impact will be

GUEST COLUMN: Amy Heydlauff

sustainable improvements in our health. The volunteers' hard work up front means healthy opportunities for everyone, for years into the future.

There are other ways we hope we brought value to your communities in 2011. In Manchester, we signed a joint-use agreement with the schools to turn an underutilized school building into a wellness center for Manchester residents. The Manchester Wellness Center opened in October, and we've been stunned by the response. The place is packed! We're watching closely to determine if this experiment in Manchester can be replicated in other 5 Healthy Towns.

Heading into 2012, we need some help. In order for 2011's good work to grow into a kind of wellness revolution, we need

everyone to make a point to understand 5H. We'd love to have you learn what is happening in your town to make it one of the healthiest in the Midwest.

When you finish the paper, before you get caught up in whatever is waiting for your attention, please consider visiting our website at www.5healthytowns.org, joining us on Facebook, <http://www.facebook.com/5healthytowns> or calling us, 734-455-4599. We'll do whatever we can to increase your understanding or put your talents to work.

Imagine how wonderful it would be if everyone contributed, from school children to old curmudgeons. Your contribution may be as simple as deciding to serve fruits and vegetables to your family, taking a daily walk or pick-

ing up your neighbors' mail and checking in with them. It could also be as generous as joining the volunteers who are developing a wellness plan on your community's behalf. No matter how you decide to participate, the CWF staff and Board of Directors wish you a healthy, happy 2012.

Amy Heydlauff is the executive director of the Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation and opines monthly about the 5 Healthy Towns mission.

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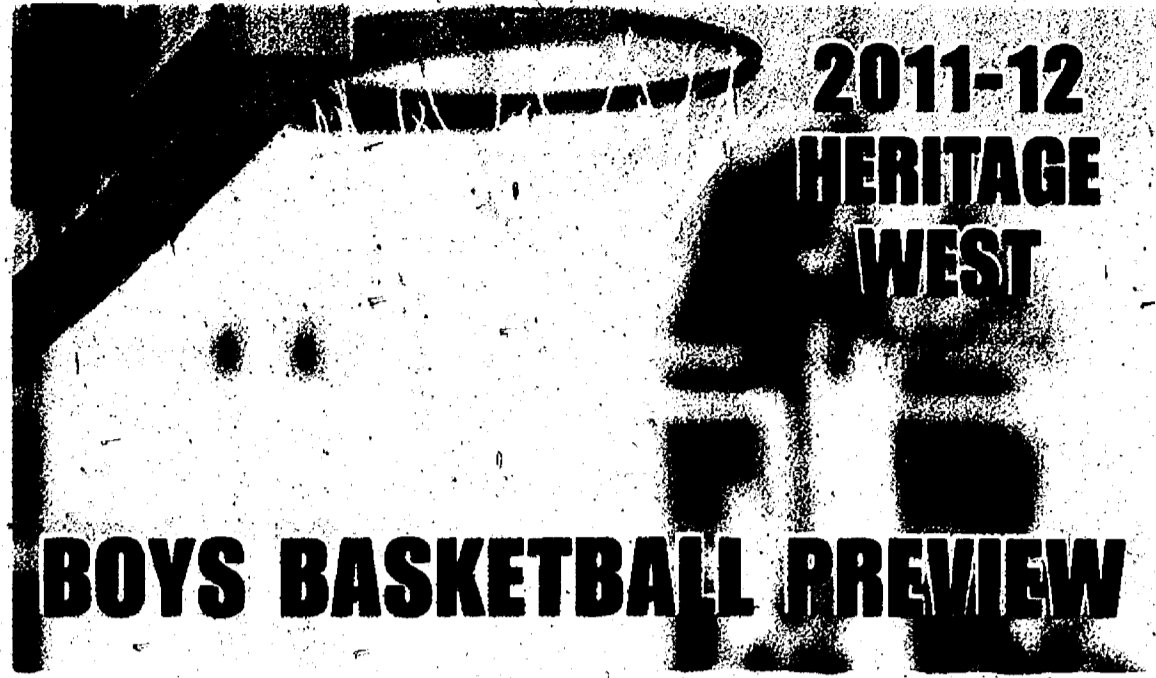
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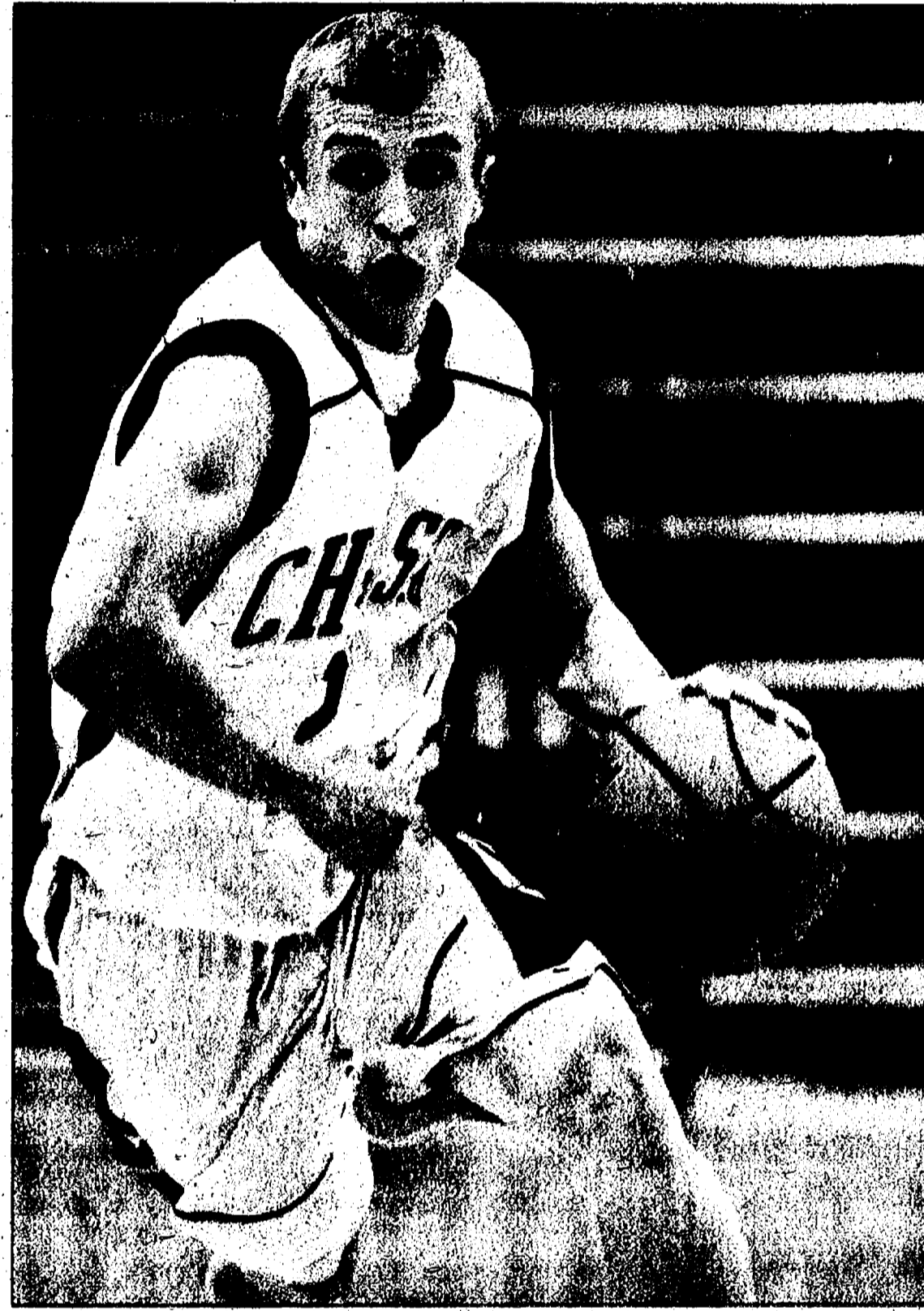
Ypsilanti, Skyline and Milan are among area's top teams



Ann Arbor Huron River Rats
Conference/League: SEC Red Division
Coach: Waleed Samaha
2010-11 Record: 22-2, lost in regional final to Detroit Catholic Central
Key departures: A.J. Mathew, Dante Williams, Kyle Baker, Matt Hastings, Jesse Buchsbaum, Jeff Hugaan, Andre Burch.
Key returnees: Mike Lewis, Andrew Bond, Kendall Thomas, Allen Thomas, Jared Weeks, Kamaron Haywood, Marcus Buggs
Areas of strength: Smart, tough, athletic and fast.
Areas of weakness: Size, experience.
Season outlook: "Goals never change at Huron," coach Waleed Samaha said. "We expect to win every time we take the floor. I am pleased with our early season progress," Samaha said. "We have a lot of room to improve. I am confident that we have the leadership and chemistry to get better every day."

Ann Arbor Pioneer Pioneers
Conference/League: Southeastern Conference Red Division
Coach: Rex Stanczak
2010-11 Record: 16-6, lost to Huron in district semifinal
Key departures: James Kelly, Jeremiah Strobe, Aaron Schoenfeldt, Anthony Hugaan, Nick Mrjojan, Mike Kielczewski, Darien Hill, Grant Grimard
Key returnees: Jimmy Holman, Ja'Korey Davis
Areas of strength: Basketball IQ, defense and effort
Areas of weakness: No size
Season outlook: Can compete for the league and district
Coach's Comment: "I like our team a lot," Pioneer coach Rex Stanczak said. "They are smart and have good natural chemistry. We are skilled and play very good defense. We just have to find a way to overcome our lack of size."

Ann Arbor Skyline Eagles
Conference/League: SEC Red Division
Coach: Mike Lovelace
2010-11 Record: 12-11 record, ended the season with two wins in the Class A state tournament over Pinckney and Dexter before falling in the district championship.
Key departures: None
Key returnees: Theron Wilson (sr.), Sakthi Sambandan (sr.), Jarius Mann (sr.) and Jordan Woods (sr.), Peter Bakker (jr.) and Jack Clark (jr.).
Areas of strength: Athletic, experienced, good shooting team. We now have senior leadership.
Areas of weakness: This will be the first varsity boys' basketball season with very high expectations and goals. There is no tradition to draw from although the team did have some great successes last year to build on. We are making the tradition.
Season outlook: This team will be able to compete with anyone in the state when it is playing at a high level. The team expects to have the opportunities to earn a conference title, district title and regional title.
Coach's comment: "It is been a lot of fun and lot of work the first three years to get to this point," Skyline coach Mike Lovelace said. "This is a very exciting time for Ann Arbor Basketball and especially an exciting time for us here at Skyline. "We are finally at full strength and we feel



Jack McDougall brings experience and scoring to the Chelsea backcourt.

we have done a great job with building a strong foundation to be able to have a lot of success and fun this year. We are looking forward to the challenges that lay ahead and achieving our goals."

Chelsea Bulldogs
Conference/League: SEC White
Coach: Robin Raymond
Last season: 15-6 record, lost to AA Gabriel Richard in districts.
Key departures: Spencer Mykala, Patrick Roberts, Mason Borders, Aaron Zynda and Charlie McCalla (playing at Hope College).
Key returnees: Jack McDougall (pt guard), Jake Fischhaber (wing), Jake Steinhauer (center), Cody Barber (guard), Dominic Davis (guard), Michael Steinhauer was on the varsity as a sophomore last year.
Newcomers: Truman Hadley, Luke Hollandsworth, Zach Rabbitt
Areas of strength: Half-court defense, rebounding, court intelligence and an excellent work ethic.
Areas of weakness: Overall team speed and depth.

Season outlook: The Bulldogs have plenty of depth and coach Raymond will use this to his advantage. McDougall and Fischhaber are excellent shooters who can take most players off the dribble. The Steinhauer brothers and Hollandsworth give the Bulldogs size and scoring inside.

Dexter Dreadnaughts
Conference/League: SEC White
Coach: Randy Swoverland
Last season: 9-12, lost in districts
Key departures: Dave LaMore, Matt Muchmore, Tyler Dunham
Key returnees: Jacob VanHoof, Jay Lewis, Mike Mioduszewski, Haden Quinn, Zack Byron, Steve Miller
Newcomers: Brandon Bellottie and Derek Seidl
Areas of Strength: Depth, versatility of lineups
Areas of Weakness: Go-to scorer, proven interior player.
Season outlook: This team must develop chemistry as players take on new roles and new players are added. Leadership is still a question mark. We must play solid defense

and find ways to generate points as this process takes place.

Lincoln Rallsplitters
Conference: SEC White
Coach: Mike Foley
2010-11 Record: 9-12 (lost in first round districts)
Key departures: Sidney VanArsdale (playing at WCCC); Demarcus Coleman (forward)
Key returnees: Chris Williams (forward), Tyler Hinton and Deloren Roberson (point guard), Demarcus Washington (all-conference guard), TJ O'Bryan and Cory Gray
Areas of strength: Going to be depth: very deep team. The Splitters can go 9 to 11 deep
Areas of weakness: "The past eight years we've always won, our tradition is a benefit as is our success from our football team this year," Coach Foley said. "I believe the success they had has created an atmosphere within the school that carries over to all other sports."
Season outlook: "I'm looking for success right away, I will be disappointed if we don't start strong," Foley said. "My goal is to improve every single week, but to make sure that we prepare these young men to be successful in society: that's my No. 1 goal. On the court we want to win and I think that we have the ingredients to do so."
Coach's comment: "The team will look very different. Last year we were a very inexperienced team, very big kids, but we just didn't have the experience to really compete. We're going to run a Princeton offense and some sets we got from Tom Izzo we'll try to work in. We have players on reserve because of transfers and after Jan. 16 we will be able to use them and they should contribute to our success."

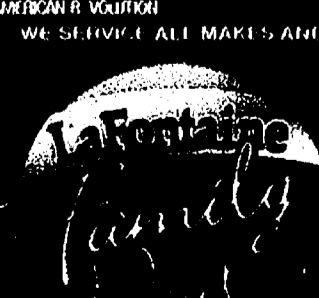
Manchester Flying Dutch
Conference/League: Cascade Conference
Coach: Dave Arnold
2010-11 Record: 9-15 (lost in regional semifinals)
Key departures: Josh Blades
Key returnees: Josh Finley, Nate Bossory, Matt Kemner
Areas of strength: The Dutch have an athletic team, with many carryovers from the football team. In order to succeed in Arnold's system, the Dutch's strength this season is going to have to be their three-point shooting.
Areas of weakness: Inexperience. Last year Dutch opponents saw a lot of offense run through Blades. This year however, Arnold's three-point shooting offense will see everyone get on the court. The problem is, none of the players are used to the new system - and that make take some time.
Season outlook: Arnold has made a name for himself at Whitmore Lake for his style of play being a constant full-court trap and shooting lots of threes. As of now, the Dutch do not have the system down, but if a few kids can step up and consistently knock down jumpers, they could be dangerous
Coach's comment: "We're getting there," Arnold said. "We've got the athletes to run the system, and now it's just about them getting used to it."

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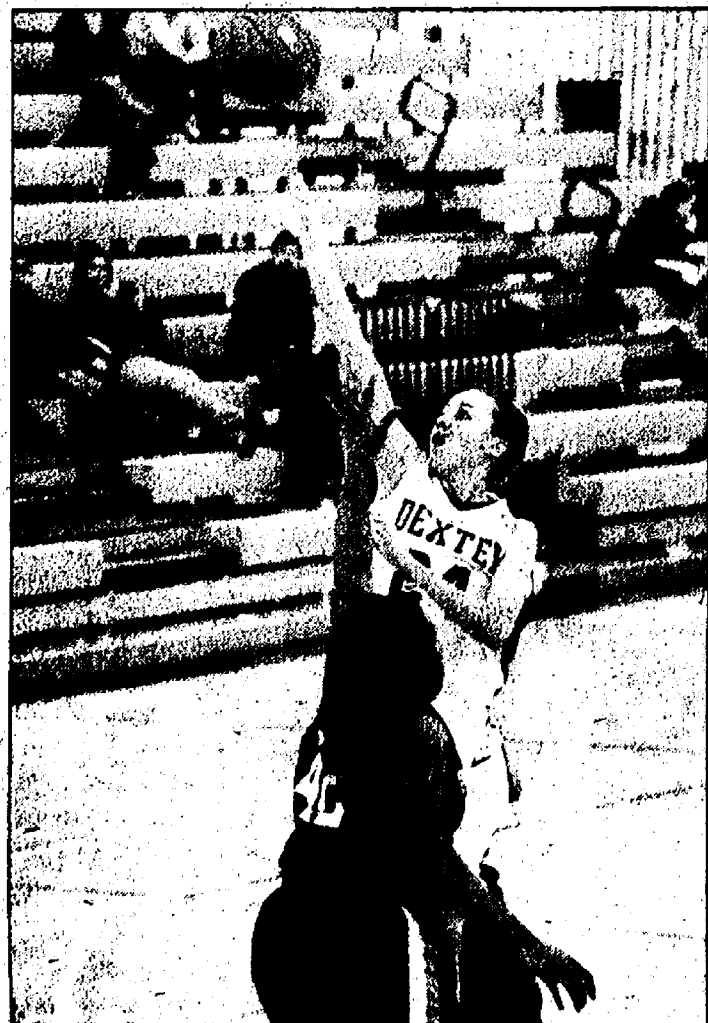
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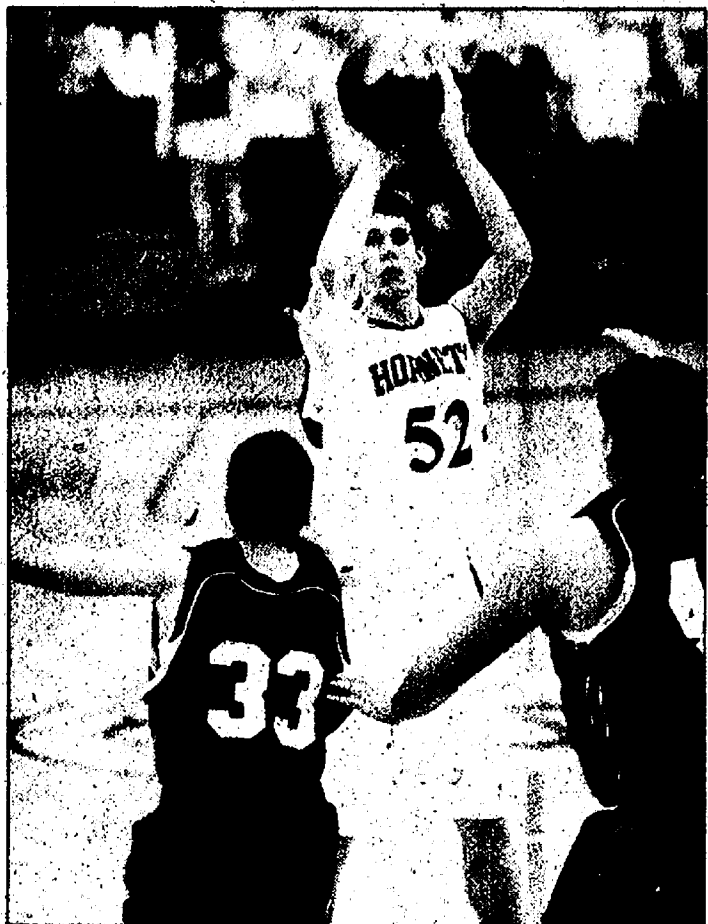
Megan Hall, Chelsea

Megan Hall led the Bulldogs with 19 points and eight rebounds in Chelsea's 57-38 win Friday at South Lyon. The senior also had 23 points in Chelsea's overtime win against Warren Fitzgerald last Tuesday.



Olivia Vollmers, Dexter

Olivia Vollmers led a balanced Dexter attack with 12 points in the Dreads' 58-17 win last Thursday over visiting Dearborn. The junior forward also led Dexter with 13 points in last Tuesday's 41-29 win over Plymouth.



Michael Smutney, Saline

The senior Hornet scored a Saline-high 26 points in Saturday's home-opening victory over Dearborn Fordson.



Austin Hamilton, Manchester

Austin Hamilton helped lead the Flying Dutch to a great start on the mat this weekend. The senior wrestler was the lone Dutch to go 4-0 and finish in the first place at the JAWS tournament in Jackson on Saturday.

Golf's Fab Five



Photo by Burrill Strong

The Kendall team: Tom Harding (left to right), Jeff Goble, Dave Kendall, Jack Seltzer and Paul Haase.

Five Kendall instructors among top 15 in Michigan

Representing one third of the top 15 teachers in the state as ranked by Golf Digest, Kendall Academy of Golf is feeling proud yet humbled by its success as one of Michigan's premier teaching centers.

In the November issue of Golf Digest, five Kendall Academy instructors are listed among the 15 Best-in-State teachers for Michigan as ranked by fellow PGA teaching professionals. They are Paul Haase (ranked No. 5); founder Dave Kendall (No. 8); Jeff Goble (No. 13); Jack Seltzer (No. 14) and Tom Harding (No. 15.)

"It's gratifying to be recognized again by Golf Digest," says Kendall, a two-time Michigan PGA Teacher of the Year. "But most of all, we're thankful to our students and customers who entrust their game to us. We share this recognition

with them knowing our success is really the result of their success out on the course."

Included in Kendall's packed lesson book are Matt Harmon, former All-Big Ten player from Michigan State and last year's Player of the Year on the Hooters Tour; and Henry Do, the 2011 Michigan State Junior champion and medalist at the Division 4 state high school golf finals.

Haase remains one of Kendall Academy's busiest instructors, highly regarded for his work with high school, college, and elite amateur competitive players. The Michigan PGA Teacher of the Year in 2008, Haase counts among his many students Bill Zylstra, the state's top-ranked senior amateur.

As Director of Instruction, Jeff Goble was especially active this past season as he oversaw the opening of a new Kendall

Academy center at the Great Lakes Golf Center - boasting the world's biggest golf dome - in Auburn Hills. "It's a terrific facility and one ideally suited for students wanting to improve their game over the long winter months," said Goble, who's also certified as a Titleist Performance Institute instructor.

Returning to Michigan only this past May from Florida where he had been managing a public golf course as well as teaching, Jack Seltzer promptly found a home at Kendall Academy and an eventual return visit to Golf Digest's prestigious rankings. This summer Seltzer was instrumental in the piloting of Kendall's Elite Junior Development Program that combines instructional offerings with a full mentoring program.

Rounding out the 'high five' of honored Kendall Academy teachers is Tom

Harding, a former Canadian and Michigan PGA champion who has taught at Kendall Academy for the past nine years. Harding enjoys working with a variety of players all striving to shoot lower scores while enjoying the game's challenges. As evidence of his teaching ability, Harding watched three of his students place first, second and fourth at this month's high school girls regional tournament.

Offering year round instruction and with ten instructors overall, Kendall Academy is located at Miles of Golf, a full-service golf operation offering a retail store, practice and teaching facility, and club-fitting center in Ypsilanti. Located on 3113 Carpenter Road, it can be reached at (734) 973-9004 or toll-free at (877) 973-9005. Additional information is available at www.milesogolf.com and www.milesogolf.com/lessons.

Wolverines shoot down Oakland University

By Mike Larson
Heritage Media

It wasn't necessarily a grand finale, but the Michigan Wolverines had plenty to be happy about Saturday when they defeated Oakland University at The Palace of Auburn Hills in what will likely be the teams' last match-up for a while.

No. 20 Michigan (7-2) shot

70 percent from the floor in the second half and 53 percent from three-point range for the game to take the game 90-80.

While Michigan's hot shooting was the story of the game in the second half, the team's fouls and turnovers were the story in the first half.

The Wolverines committed 10 turnovers in the first half while Oakland (6-4)

committed just four. The gaffs led to the score being tied at 32-32 at half-time.

However, in the second half, the Wolverines took control of the game and never really let Oakland threaten.

Michigan was dominant on offense, as three players scored over 20 points in the contest.

Tim Hardaway Jr. led the

way for Michigan with 21 points, while freshmen Trey Burke and Evan Smotrycz each added 20.

Oakland guard Reggie Hamilton led all scorers with 28 points.

Smotrycz grabbed nine rebounds and Burke dished out nine assists in the effort.

Michigan will be back in action on Tuesday when the team hosts Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Crisler Arena.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Local athletes honored at Albion College

Albion College claimed its 34th Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association football championship this fall as the Britons posted a 6-0 record against their league rivals. Albion was the league's representative to the NCAA Division III Football Championship.

The following Britons will receive awards when the team gathers Jan. 22 for its awards banquet.

Jeffrey Adams, the son of Donald Adams and Michelle Adams of Chelsea and a graduate of Chelsea High School, will receive a blanket designating his senior-year award.

Chelsea High School graduates Logan Kelly, the son of Brent Kelly and Christine Kelly of Chelsea, and Brian Paulsen will receive certificates designating their first-year awards.

Lorenzo Reese, the son of Tamara Thomas of Ypsilanti and a graduate of Belleville High School, will receive a fleece jacket designating his second-year award. Reese was an all-MIAA second team performer at defensive back. He finished the season with five interceptions, including three in the Britons' 12-3 victory over Hope.

Mark Sheridan, the son of Bill Sheridan and Jaycine Sheridan of Ann Arbor and a graduate of Saline High School, will receive a fleece jacket designating his second-year award.

Basketball tryouts

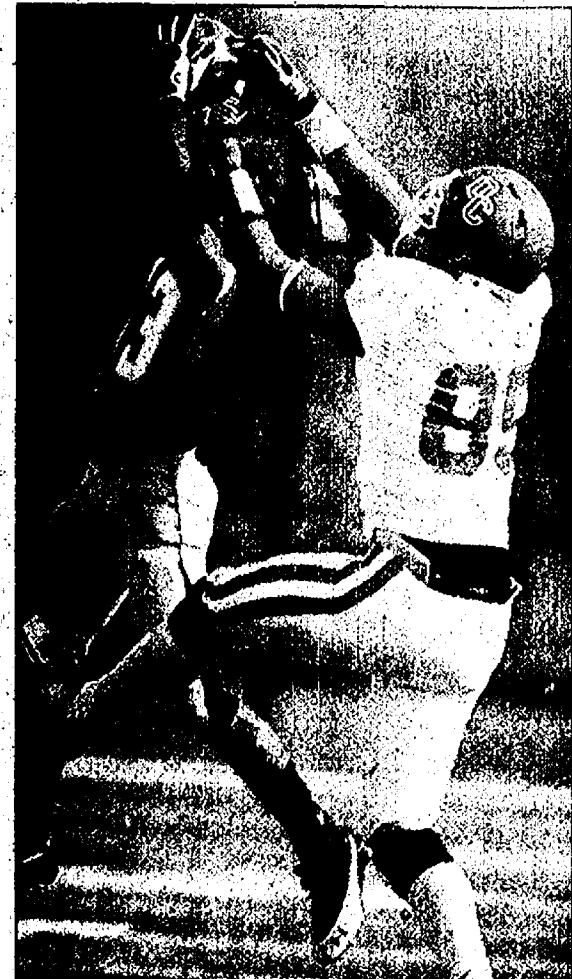
Tryouts for this year's seventh and eighth grade Dexter boys' travel basketball teams will be on Saturday, Dec. 17 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Dexter High School.

Teams will be selected shortly after the tryout. All other information/questions will be handled at this tryout.

'Holiday Hoedown'

The Coliseum Figure Skating Club and Learn to Skate present "Holiday Hoedown" at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Arctic Coliseum in Chelsea. Join our country skaters from Tennessee, Alabama and Texas as they join us in Michigan for a

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Lorenzo Reese, a graduate of Belleville High School, makes a play for Albion.

Tigers head home with only a veteran reliever

So the biggest signing in Detroit this week had nothing to do with the Tigers?

Well, so much for the frantic action at the Winter Meetings. While the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim—assuming that's still what they're calling themselves—vastly improved by signing Albert Pujols and C.J. Wilson, the Tigers were content to ink 38-year-old reliever

Octavio Dotel and call it a day. But, hey, at least the Pistons are bringing back Tayshaun Prince! All kidding aside, well most of it anyway, Dotel is a good fit for the Tigers whose lack of bullpen

depth was exposed in the post-season. As good as the back end of the bullpen was in 2011—with Phil Coke, Joaquin Benoit and Jose Valverde—essentially making up the entire playoff bullpen, it needed help.

Enter the 13-year veteran Dotel; a right-hander that posted a 2.61 ERA in 12 post-season appearances, helping the St. Louis Cardinals to a World Series championship. Dotel allowed just five hits over 10.1 innings of work, striking out 14 and walking two. While his regular-season numbers were a bit more pedestrian (a 3.50 ERA over 54 innings in 65 appearances), Dotel should serve

as a versatile piece in the Tiger bullpen, likely sharing seventh-inning duty with Coke.

Even with the signing of Dotel, there are plenty of holes to fill. I'm not calling for GM Dave Dombrowski to follow in the footsteps of the likes of his former organization, the Florida Marlins, but anyone thinking the current roster is in a position to get any further than it did in 2011 is simply kidding themselves.

Sure, Brennan Boesch will be back and the rotation looks much more formidable with an entire season of Doug Fister on the roster, but let's not be foolish.

It's highly unlikely, if fact almost certainly impossible, to expect another Cy Young and MVP-caliber season from Justin Verlander. That's not saying he's

going to fall from the game's elite, but to assume he'll just waltz out to the mound and earn 24 wins on an annual basis does nothing but diminish the special season we were all fortunate enough to witness last time around.

Speaking of expectations, is there anyone else out there that expects Valverde to blow a save in 2012?

Going 49-for-49 is unprecedented for a Tigers closer for a reason: It's not likely to happen again anytime soon.

Even if the Tigers' water finds its level—which should still certainly be good enough to compete for a Central division title—the goal isn't to win the AL Central, it's to win the World Series.

With Brandon Inge at third and Ryan Raburn platooning with Ramon Santiago at second,

it's hard to imagine the Tigers accomplishing that goal.

While they may not need a fifth starter as badly as some people may think—Jacob Turner and Duane Below are closer to major-league-ready than most are aware, there are glaring holes in the infield.

At least for now, the offseason feels a little hollow and a little disappointing. The Tigers showed up to the Winter Meetings and came home with what feels like a consolation prize.

But as long as there's snow on the ground and bats and gloves are put away for the winter, there's still time for Dombrowski and Co. to make a move.

And if the Tigers GM track record is any indication, it's a safe bet that there are still a few moves to be made.

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Milan Big Reds

Conference/ League:

Huron
Coach: Josh Tropea, 3rd year

Last season: 16-7, lost Gabriel Richard in district final

Key departures: N/A
Key returnees: Andre Duffin, CJ Turnage, Jiles Neely, Tory Martinsen
Strengths: Athleticism, Senior Leadership, Size of Quickness of our Perimeter Players

Areas of weakness: Perimeter shooting, prepping for the four-month grind of the season

Season outlook: Milan looks poised to make a third straight run to a district title game, and have the pieces in place to do so. The uptempo Big Red offense will look to get to the rim and convert from the out-work their opponents and get to the free throw line. Milan's pressure defense should only serve to help the transition offense in which the Big Reds thrive.

Coach's comments: "If we can get healthy, become tougher on the glass and control tempo, then we have an opportunity to compete for a Huron League title and contend for a Class A District Title," Tropea said. Jalen Johnson and the Phoenix will be one of the top teams in the area.

Saline Hornets

Conference/ League: SEC Red

Last Season: 8-13, lost in District Opener to Ypsilanti

Key departures: David Hendrickson (graduation), Derek Owings (injury), Reece Dills (injury).

Key returnees: Mike Smutny, Garrett Stark

Areas of Strengths: Perimeter shooting

Areas of weakness: Defensive rebounding, health. We are not where we need to be on the defensive boards. We need to be more competitive on the glass if we're going to be successful.

As for health, the loss of Derek Owings hurts, while Reece Dills and Max Recknagel (6'6" sophomore center) are not ready at this point either.

Season outlook: Saline was bitten by the injury bug before the season got underway. As the younger players on the roster gain experience and gel with the veterans, the Hornets should only get better as the season wears on.

Coach's comment: "If we get healthy and find a level of consistency, I feel we

have a chance to be pretty good," Seidl said. "There are going to be some ups and downs early on as a result of a new system, but we're excited nonetheless. Although the SEC is filled with quality teams, we're not conceding anything."

Willow Run Flyers

Conference/ League: Michigan Metro Athletic Conference

Coach: George Woods
2010-11 Record: 7-13; lost in first-round districts against Napoleon

Key departures: Aaron Richmond, Desmond Brown.

Key returnees: NyShaun Marks, Jalen Lloyd, Anthony Davis, Jawan Nelson

Areas of strength: The Flyers are very athletic and play with a high energy level and it is spread across the floor, including center Jamal Poplar at center. A sophomore Poplar is long and athletic, and is not afraid to step out behind the arc and shoot the three. His quickness will be dangerous in the post and his shooting ability will spread out teams as well.

Areas of weakness: The Willow Run team is waiting on a few transfers to get cleared for the beginning of the season, so they may be a little short on the bench at first. The team is also young; but look for some of the young players to develop quickly.

Season Outlook: Once the transfers come through, and pending on the development of players like Poplar, Willow Run should have the capabilities of being a tough team to beat throughout the course of the season, and coming down the stretch.

Coach's comments: Our goal is to do something more than we did my first year at 13-8; and also to get past the second round of playoffs. We also want to win the conference, because we think that no one thinks we can, or think we are competitive.

Ypsilanti Phoenix

Conference/ League: SEC White

Coach: Steve Brooks
Last season: 22-2 (lost in regional semifinals to Taylor Kennedy)

Key departures: Aaerion Alan (forward), Carlos Williams (guard)

Key returnees: Heritage Media Player of the Year Tristan Simmons (shooting guard), Derrick Richardson (point guard)

Areas of strength: Backcourt should be their strength. "We've asked Richardson to score a lot

more, and he's a real good scorer," Brooks said. "The games that he scores in, we win by a wider margin than the games that he doesn't."

Areas of weakness: "I've noticed that maybe we are not as quick as we would like to be," Brooks said. "I think that we may struggle against some really quick teams."

Season outlook: "We're really looking to see if we matured and learned from last year," Brooks said. "We got smacked pretty good by Huron, and Kennedy we were maybe looking ahead to the next game. They got caught looking ahead. See where they can take the ownership. We want to win every game, but I can take various outcomes as long as you can compete. But we think we can make a real good run."

Belleville Tigers

Conference/ League: Western Wayne Athletic Conference (Blue)

Coach: Tyrone Hjcks
2010-11 Record: How season ended? Lost in district finals against Romulus

Key Departures: Jeff Burroughs, Marquise Saulsberry, Emmanuel Igbawua, Deante Isom

Key Returners: Jamie Pearson (point-guard)

Areas of Strength: Our strengths are that we're small but aggressive. We shoot the ball very well, better than last year's team. We've got a defensive IQ.

Areas of Weakness: One of the big issues is with Isom not playing, he was our leading scorer rebounder and assist man. We have to learn to play without the best player, and to find an identity. We got to put a lot of pressure on Pearson to handle the ball.

Season Outlook: Belleville should be a fun team to watch. They will play aggressive and should be interesting to see if the height will be an issue or whether the Tigers can overcome the size differential to win some games.

Coach's Comment: Overall, guys are gelling well. I am starting five seniors, so these guys have known each other for a while. We are a small team; we're basically starting four guards at a time.

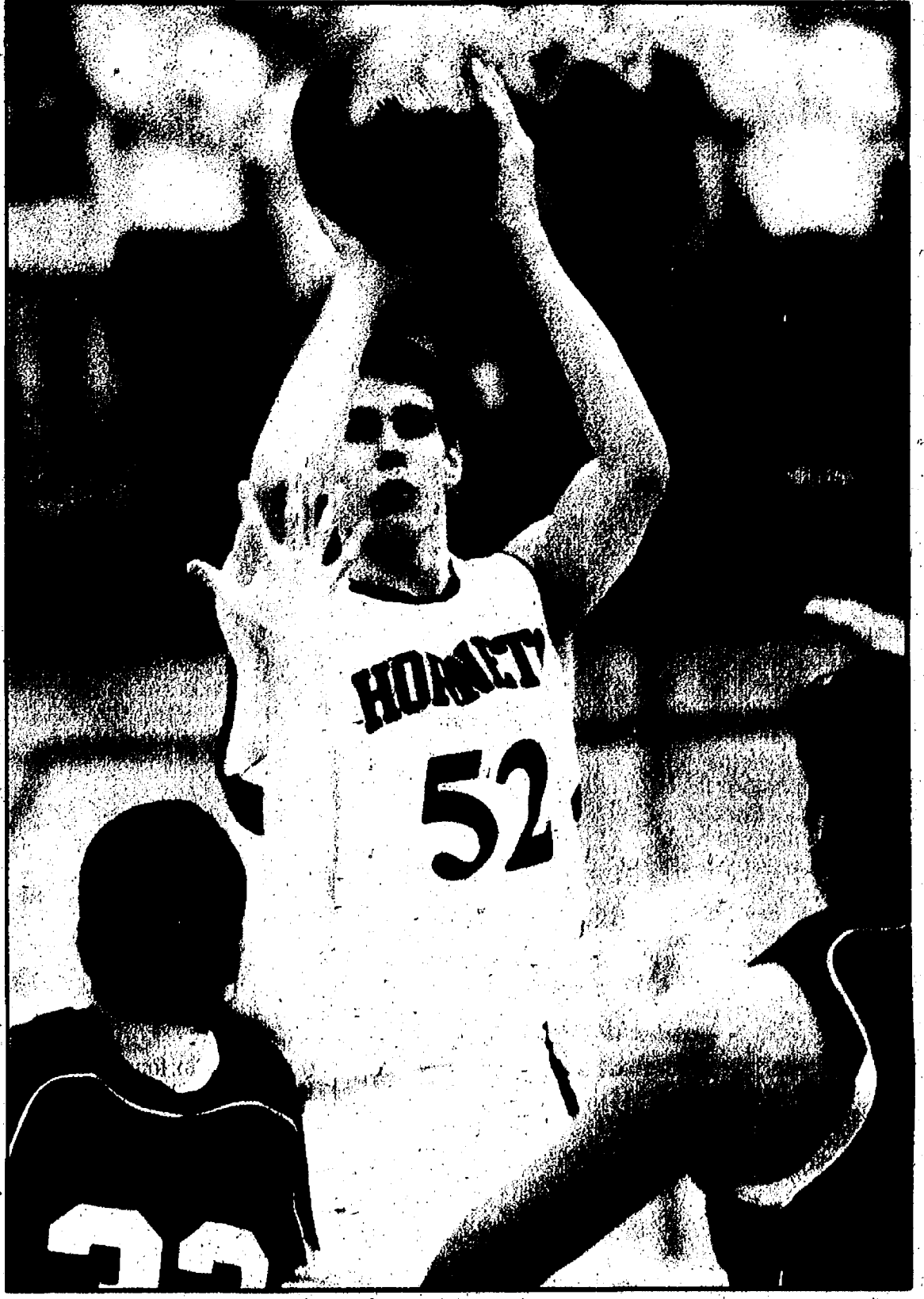
Gabriel Richard Fighting Irish

Conference/ League: Catholic High School League

Coach: Pete Schoch (seventh year)

2010-11 Record: 8-14, won district, lost in regional final

Key returners: Kamari Davis (jr.), Evan Fosha (so.),



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Saline's Michael Smutney (above) and Manchester's Jacob Korican (below).



Ashton Hunley (jr.)

Key newcomers: Jason Houle (jr.)

Strength: Guard play

Weakness: Rebounding

Ann Arbor

Greenhills Gryphons

Conference/ League:

MIAC

Coach: Andrew Wright

2010-11 Record: 13-8, lost

to Manchester in District

Key departures: Matt Jong (on varsity at Kalamazoo), Al Braun

Key returners: Andrew Khouri (jr.), Andikan Archibong (jr.)

Areas of strength: Depth, height

Areas of weakness: Experience

Season outlook: The Gryphons will have several

returning players, and hope to compete of the MIAC title.

Coach's comment: "We are the tallest and deepest team we have had in years," Greenhills coach Andrew Wright said. "But we are also the youngest team we've had since the 99-00 season. We have all the elements of a good team we just need the experience."

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Opening Statement

Girls Basketball Bulldogs keep on winning

The Chelsea girls' basketball team dribbled off two wins last week.
The Bulldogs knocked off host South Lyon 57-38 on Friday night. Senior Megan Hall led the Bulldogs with 19 points and eight rebounds.
Last Tuesday, Chelsea won 62-58 in overtime over Warren Fitzgerald.
Hall had 23 points to lead Chelsea in scoring. Mackenzie Cole scored 19 points in the win.

Bulldogs win home opener vs. South Lyon

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

Jack McDougall had trouble all night getting his shot off against a tough South Lyon defense.

But just before the clock hit zero at the end of the third quarter, the senior guard found his shot - a few steps over the midcourt line.

"There were 3 seconds left, so I just pump-faked and let it launch," McDougall said. "I think I got a little lucky and it went in."

McDougall's long three beat the clock and helped the Bulldogs beat visiting South Lyon 55-51 Friday night in Chelsea's home opener. But it was anything but easy.

McDougall's triple gave the Bulldogs a 40-33 lead in a game that Chelsea led almost all night but could never pull away from the aggressive Lions.

That shot seemed to fire up the Bulldogs who came out strong to start the fourth quarter. Luke Hollandsworth became the center of attention as he scored six points in the first 3 minutes to help Chelsea build a 48-36 lead. The junior made a great catch of a hard pass for a layup during the run.

But South Lyon kept coming. Behind Luke Short, who scored 15 points in the final 5:30 of the game and finished with a game-high 24, South Lyon cut it to a one-possession game with more than 1 minute to go.



Photos by Burrill Strong

Students greet Chelsea's Cody Barber before Friday night's game against visiting South Lyon.

South Lyon's Joseph Remsted had two open looks from beyond the arc to tie the game but missed both. On the second miss, Short got the rebound to cut Chelsea's lead to 52-51 with 40 seconds to go in the game.

Chelsea called a time out with 23 seconds left and set up the perfect late-game play. Dominic Davis threw a pass to McDougall who cut back door and was wide open for a layup to give

Chelsea a 54-51 lead. Short missed a forced three-pointer to tie it and Davis hit a free throw with 7.4 seconds left to seal the win.

"We've been running that play for 31 years," Chelsea coach Robin Raymond said of the inbound pass that gave the Bulldogs a three-point lead. "We don't run it very often, but when we do it's usually successful."

McDougall first stepped to the ball calling for it, then cut back towards the basket. Hollandsworth set a back screen and Davis lobbed the ball to McDougall right under the basket for the easy layup.

The South Lyon players got confused on who was supposed to stay with McDougall off the screen. The result was neither one of them did, creating the open layup.

"I really wanted us to get the clock down to 10 seconds before I called the time out, because that way they would have to go for the steal," Raymond said. "But I was thinking, I can't wait any longer and had to call it."

Jake Fischhaber led Chelsea with 15 points. McDougall finished with 10 points, Luke Hollandsworth had nine points and Davis finished with seven.

South Lyon is a solid team with quick players who love to attack all over the floor.

"With their pressure, it almost became like a scramble," Raymond said. "We told our guys to step to the ball and make quick passes, but there were several times where guys stood around and watched the trap and didn't come to help."

"When we made the quick pass and beat the trap it created some open shots underneath."

The Bulldogs were far from perfect, which is to be expected in only their second game of the season. But Raymond saw plenty of good things from a team that lost five key seniors from last season.

"Our defense played really well," he said. "Our rotation was good. We reached a couple of times, but overall I think our defense won the

game for us."

The Bulldogs came out strong in the early going of the first quarter. After South Lyon took a 2-0 lead, Cody Barber stole the ball and converted a layup for Chelsea's first points. Barber then scored again after a nice steal and pass from McDougall.

After two free throws by South Lyon, Davis scored on a layup after another steal.

Fischhaber then hit back-to-back triples - although they were a few minutes apart - to give the Bulldogs 12-4 lead with 3:20 to play in the quarter.

After a basket inside by the Lions, Fischhaber scored on a nice drive to the basket with 2:36 left. South Lyon's Remsted knocked down a three before Hollandsworth finished the first-quarter scoring with a free throw as Chelsea led 15-9.

The first quarter was a fast paced and foul-filled free for all. There were seven fouls in the first 2 minutes and almost as many turnovers. Both teams were in the bonus by the end of the quarter.

The first part of the second quarter was spent at the free-throw line. South Lyon scored on a layup then hit two free throws to cut the Chelsea lead to 15-13.

The Bulldogs didn't score their first basket until the 2:50 mark when Michael Steinhauer scored on a rebound to give Chelsea an 18-13 lead.

Fischhaber scored on a tough shot inside before Short hit a three.

Fischhaber answered with a three-point play and then hit a shot from the corner to finish the first half as Chelsea led 25-16 at the break.

The Lions scored the first five points of the third quarter to cut the Chelsea lead to 25-21. Davis scored inside off a nice pass by Fischhaber and Alex Maloney knocked down a jumper to help Chelsea answer.

South Lyon came right back to cut it to 29-25 with 4:40 left in the quarter. Davis drove baseline and

dropped it in for another bucket but South Lyon answered at the other end.

Michael Steinhauer scored on a layup and Hollandsworth knocked down a jumper to give Chelsea a 35-27 lead with 3:15 left in the quarter.

Two trips to the free-throw line resulted in four points for the visitors and Chelsea's lead was down to 35-31 with 1:35 to play in the third quarter. Logan Brown hit two free throws but Short answered with a layup to make it 37-33.

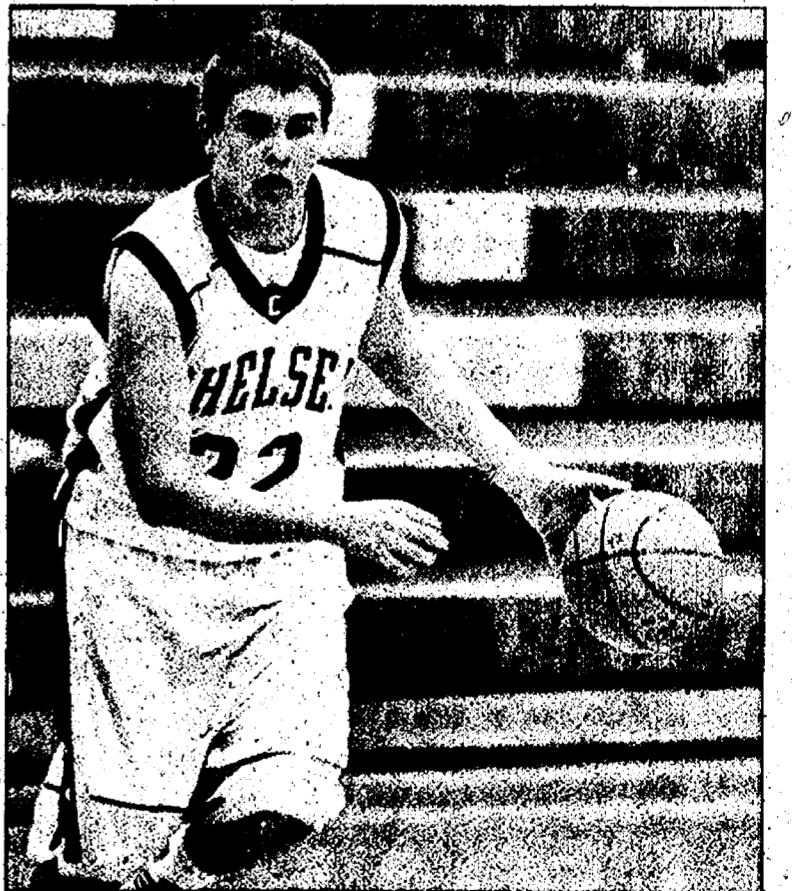
McDougall's triple at the buzzer gave Chelsea a 40-33 lead after three quarters. Earlier in the week, Chelsea knocked off host Stockbridge, 68-58. After a fairly even first quarter, the Bulldogs outscored the Panthers 21-16 in the second quarter to take a 36-29 lead

at halftime.

Fischhaber led a balanced Chelsea attack with 17 points. Jake Steinhauer had 11 points, Truman Hadley scored 10 and Barber had eight as the Bulldogs won their season opener last Tuesday.



Jake Fischhaber led the Bulldogs with 15 points in the win over South Lyon.



Luke Hollandsworth had nine points for the Bulldogs in their victory Friday night over visiting South Lyon.

GAME NOTES

Alex Maloney had a nice steal in the first quarter. ... Truman Hadley showed great hustle in the first quarter, diving on the floor for a loose ball. ... Zach Rabbitt took a charge in the first quarter for the Bulldogs. ... Cody Barber delivered a nice pass inside for a layup in the fourth quarter. ... McDougall's basket off a rebound early in the fourth quarter gave Chelsea its first double-digit lead at 44-34. Luke Hollandsworth's bucket inside gave the Bulldogs their biggest lead of the night at 46-34. ... South Lyon's Luke Short scored nine consecutive points to cut the Chelsea lead to 52-51 with 40 seconds left.



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Explore the state's pristine, snow-cushioned forests and vast trail system in snowshoes, hiking boots or cross-country skis during Shoe Year's Day, and welcome the new year like never before. Hot chocolate, toasty bonfires and warm cabins await!

Hike, ski and walk your way to a fit new year at Michigan State Parks

Eager to make a resolution for a healthy, new tradition in 2012? Consider swapping out those party shoes for a pair of snowshoes or cross-country skis and opt for "Shoe Year's Eve" - an alternative to the indoor celebration scene, compliments of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

This year, the DNR invites guests to ring in the new year in a cozy cabin surrounded by quiet woods, starry constellations and friends and family. Gather in one of the state parks' many winterized cabins, yurts or lodges and spend the afternoon trekking through miles of pristine trails, warm up with a homemade potluck dinner, and then toast good fortune around a blazing campfire.

"Just picture that scene," said DNR recreation programmer Maia Stephens. "No predictable TV shows, no crowds, no dangerous driving - just a chance to relax, reflect and reconnect in Michigan's beautiful outdoors."

Stephens said a lack of snow won't spoil Shoe Year's Eve. Michigan state parks offer miles of hiking or biking trails, opportunities for ORV or horseback riding, and amazing spaces for time spent watching native wildlife. A list of parks offering lodging over the holiday season is available at www.michigan.gov/gogetoutdoors.

"We are all looking for ways to save money, but still have a great time," Stephens said. "Spending Shoe Year's Eve in one of our state parks or recreation areas is a unique and very affordable way to close out the year on a fun note."

She added that Shoe Year's Eve is just the start of a year's worth of fun, active state park programs and events - perfect for ensuring those well-intentioned New Year's resolutions don't lapse at the stroke of midnight.

"The DNR wants to help folks start out the year on a healthful note," Stephens explained. "On Jan. 1, everyone's invited to join park staff and health professionals for Shoe Year's Day walks,

hikes and snowshoeing events taking place around the state. What an easy way to start reaping the benefits of outdoor exercise!"

Jerry Cannon agrees. Cannon, a licensed and registered occupational therapist and director of Mercy Hospital Grayling Rehabilitation Services, said walking or hiking outdoors benefits the body physically as well as mentally.

"It's almost as if Mother Nature has a hypnotic effect that can put you in a meditative state," Cannon said. "When we are immersed in the outdoors, it can have a positive effect on such things as stress, which has a direct effect on our body physiologically by causing such things as increased blood pressure or heart rate."

While praising the benefits of outdoor activity, Cannon also cautioned those beginning a new exercise program to take it easy at the start.

"Always consult your physician prior to any vigorous exercise program and always keep your outdoor activity at a sub-painful level during and after the activity," he explained. "In regard to exercise, there can be too much of a good thing."

Cannon's advice?
 • Listen to your body.
 • If you have any aches or pains, respect them and proceed perhaps at a lesser intensity or duration the next time.

• The bonus of getting outdoors is that you're surrounded by beautiful distractions and often gaining the benefits of exercise without even realizing it!

Beating the Mid-Winter Blahs

Beyond New Year's Eve, Michigan state parks are a terrific resource for banishing the winter doldrums. In January - when driving seems impossible and the harsh weather gets old - the snow seems to fall a little softer inside Michigan state parks, with picture-perfect scenes waiting around every bend in the trail.

"Our park staff is busy preparing programs and activities for visitors

throughout the winter months," said DNR Parks and Recreation Division Chief Ron Olson. "With 99 parks throughout the state there's usually one close to home."

Olson added that with the \$10 Recreation Passport making it easy and affordable to get into every state park and recreation area, there's every reason to get outdoors and take in the fresh air and beautiful winter scenery.

"One of the DNR's top priorities has always been to foster a love of the outdoors and the healthy activities that we offer in our parks," Olson said.

"Winter isn't a time to sit inside and wish it would go away. It's a time to explore new activities like skiing, snowshoeing or snowmobiling across our thousands of acres of parkland," he said. "It's a time to check out the world-class luge run at Muskegon State Park, or get some tips on sled dog racing or snowshoe building during one of our Recreation 101 events."

"Spend this winter in Michigan state parks and you might just find yourself dreading the start of spring."

For a list of New Year's Day hikes, more 2012 winter activities, groomed ski trails and winter lodging (more than 50 cabins, yurts and lodges) available in the parks, visit <http://www.michigan.gov/gogetoutdoors>. For reservations, call (800) 447-2757 or visit www.midnrreservations.com.

Getting in the Gate

A Recreation Passport (which in 2010 replaced the motor vehicle permit) is needed for entry in Michigan state parks, recreation areas and state-administered boat launches. This new way to fund Michigan's outdoor recreation opportunities also helps to preserve state forest campgrounds, trails and historic and cultural sites in state parks, and provides park development grants to local communities.

Learn more about the Recreation Passport at www.michigan.gov/recreation-passport or by calling (517) 241-7275.

Is Michigan afraid of Oakland University?

On Saturday, the Oakland University basketball team took its best shot at Michigan. And for the sixth time in a row, the Golden Grizzlies limped away in defeat.

The latest game though, a contest played in front of a mostly pro-Michigan crowd at the Palace of Auburn Hills, the Oakland squad may have just squandered their last chance at taking down the mighty Wolverines.



MIKE LARSON

At least for a long time. After meeting four years in a row, Michigan has elected not to renew the series.

Why? Why stop playing an in-state, nonconference team? According to Michigan coach John Beilein, it's simple. "It's been a great four-year series," he said. "It's been great. We had a good thing going here today. But we have a lot of schools here in this state. We have two extra games in the Big Ten to play (because of adding Nebraska to the league). I'm glad that we did it for four years, and now you just move on."

OK. Maybe that wasn't so simple. It's hard to really know why Michigan took Oakland off

of its schedule. Beilein brings up the other schools in Michigan as well as playing two more Big Ten games, but is that really the reason?

Oakland can make a pretty convincing argument that it is the best Division 1 basketball program in the state after Michigan State and Michigan.

Why wouldn't the best teams want to play each other? Perhaps the Wolverines are hoping to bolster their schedule with tougher competition, and Oakland just isn't in that top tier of teams it wants to play.

Then again, this is a team that played games against Ferris State, Towson (a school I had to Google to even find out where it was), Western Illinois, Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Alabama A&M.

It's hardly a group of bracket busters. So it has to be wondered, at least by Oakland fans, if Michigan dropped them out of fear.

Oakland has had three 20-win seasons in a row. The Golden Grizzlies are back-to-back Summit League champions and have the nation's best league record over the past three years (36-2).

They're a good little basketball program. And they have played to the level where Michigan has little to gain from playing them.

When Michigan beats Oakland, it's looked at as almost a throw away win. But if Oakland beats Michigan, it would be a mini-disaster in Ann Arbor.

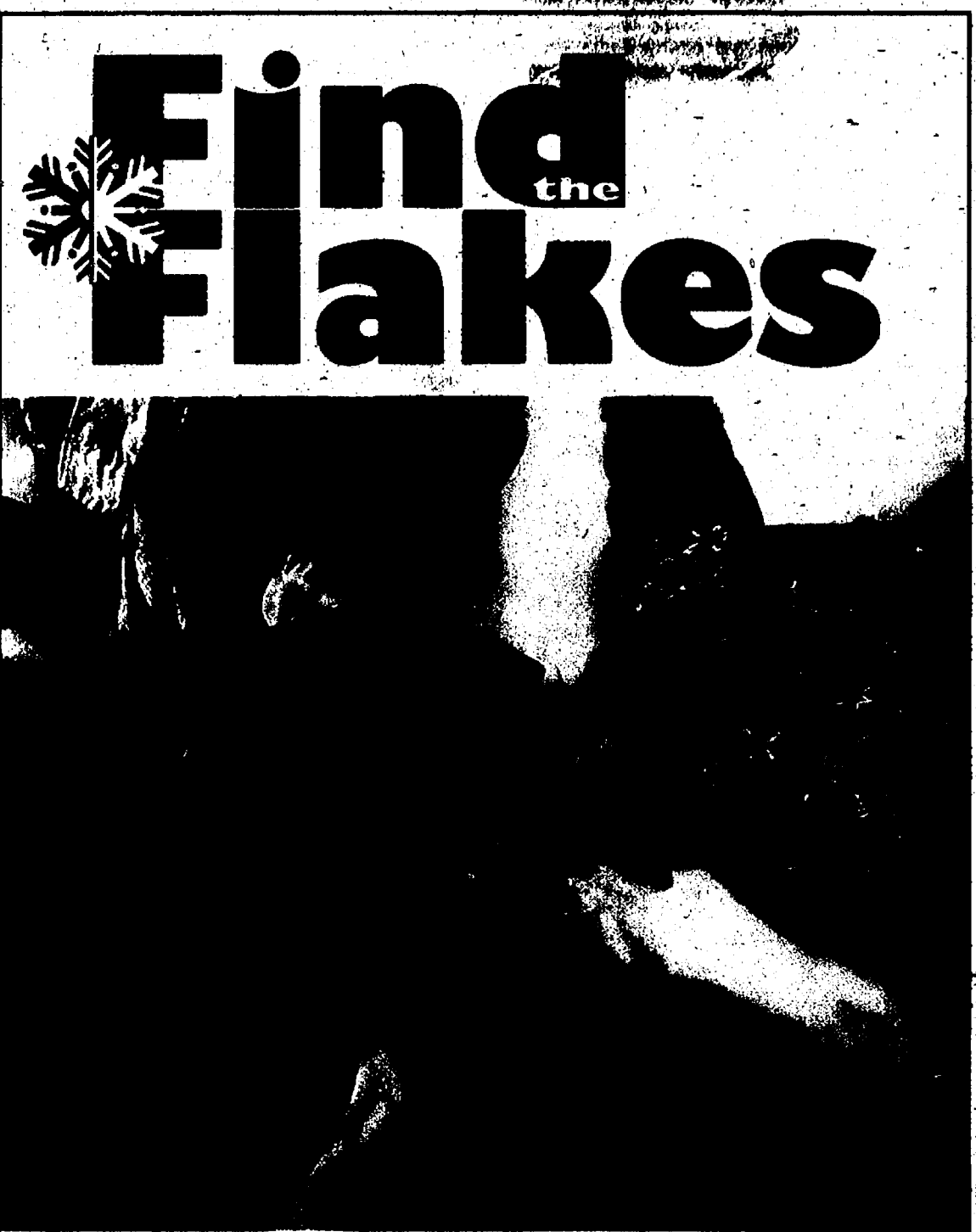
And the Grizzlies came close on Saturday. Oakland had the game tied at half-time, and forced Michigan to shoot over 50-percent from 3-point range to take the game 90-80.

I don't blame Michigan for dropping Oakland, I think it's the smart play. While I think it would be entertaining to see Michigan State and Michigan play more games against teams like Oakland, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan and the other state schools sometimes it just doesn't work out.

Michigan was in a no win situation in this one. When they decide not to keep Oakland, the Oakland fans cry that Michigan's scared, if they renew the series they are committing to continue to play a team that has yet to beat them this decade.

Oakland had its chances to take down the mighty block "M." They should have taken advantage of them, because now they are gone.

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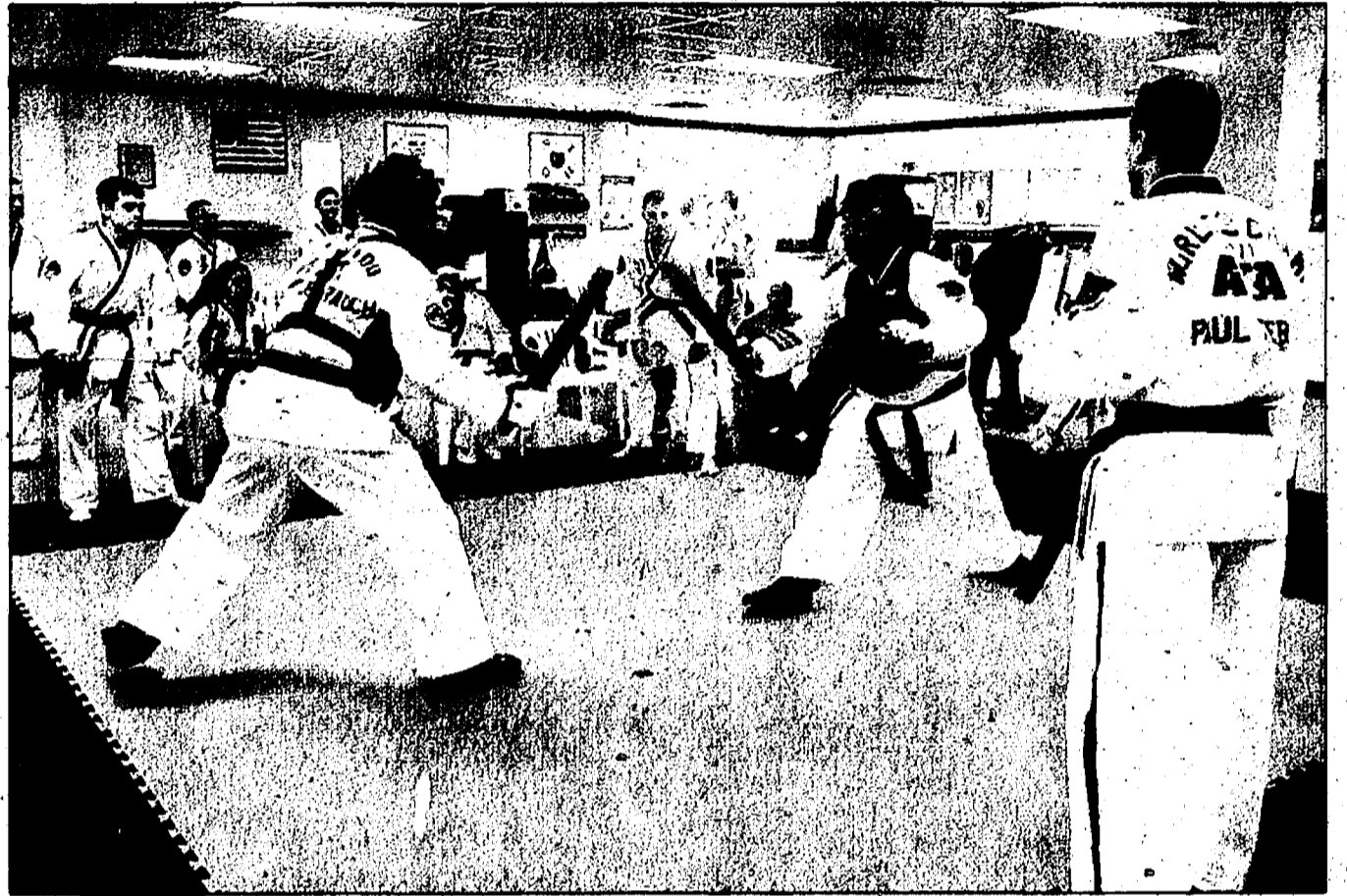
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Mike Burke from Saline studies up his competition for Combat Weapon Sparring.



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The Chelsea swimming and diving team celebrate its first place at the SMISL Relays.

What a start!

Chelsea wins SMISL Relays to open season

The Chelsea Bulldogs swimming and dive team got its season off in flying colors as they dominated the SMISL relays over the past weekend.

Chelsea won the meet with 398 points. Tecumseh was second with 294 points, Adrian third (280), Milan fourth and Bedford fifth.

Friday saw the Chelsea divers earn 3rd and 5th place points. Senior captain Robby Everard and freshman Jake Burris led the way for the Bulldogs. Burris set a freshman record with 204.85 points for his six dive total.

"I have been here a long time," coach Dave Jolly said, "and I never had a diver as a freshman dominate as Jake Burris did in his very first meet."

Other top diving scores

were turned in by Rob Everard (158.95 points), Joe Smith (155.95) and David Trimas (86.40). Trimas and Smith both earned career best performances.

On Saturday, the fun began early.

Nick Deppner, Zach Ousley, Logan Simpson and Nick Burris won the 200-yard medley relay with a solid time of 1 minute, 50.48 seconds.

The freshman trend continued as Jacob Hartman, Ben Thoms, Max Lonnemo, and sophomore Will Wickens scored fourth in 1:55.18.

Chelsea took 2nd place in the 200 freestyle relay as David Alday, Aunic Goodin, Johnny Mangner and Will Wickens cruised to a 1:42.77. Jake Burris, Trave Ray, David Trimas and Chris Barnes combined for

7th place in 2:04.04.

In the 3x100 individual medley event, Nick Deppner, Ben Thoms and Max Lonnemo took second in 3:17.34. The B relay of Austin Horn, Zach Ousley and Miles Fischer was sixth in 2:46.43.

Chelsea won its third event of the meet in the 500 freestyle relay. Jacob Hartman, Nick Burris, David Alday, Logan Simpson, and Will Wickens lapped the field in the impressive win.

Their time of 4:36.02 was a surprise with its speed so early in the season. Chelsea's B relay also scored well as Chris Barnes, Tommy Olsen, Austin Horn, Johnny Mangner and David Trimas was fifth in 5:23.94.

Chelsea came right back

in the 300 backstroke and dominated again winning its fourth event of the meet. Jacob Hartman, Nick Deppner, Logan Simpson and Robby Everard stopped the clock at 3:01.17.

Another fifth place was scored by the B relay as Joey Ingall, Aunic Goodin, Miles Fischer, and Noah Hinderer went a solid 3:52.17.

Could Chelsea win another event?

Max Lonnemo, Logan Simpson, Nick Burris, and Will Wickens believed they could.

The foursome sprinted off to yet another victory in the 300 butterfly relay.

The group combined for a 2:56.33 in the event, a length ahead of the nearest competing team. The B relay took yet another fifth place relay

as the B squad dominated the B relays from the other teams. Joey Ingall, Noah Hinderer, Johnny Mangner, and Drew Deppner stopped the clock at 4:01.74.

The wins kept on coming as the team of Nick Burris, Max Lonnemo, David Alday, Nick Deppner, and Jacob Hartman lapped the field again as they dominated the 700 freestyle relay. The group stopped the clock at 7:10.52.

Tommy Olsen, Robby Everard, Austin Horn, Joey Smith and Drew Deppner cruised to a sixth-place finish in 8:06.96.

Chelsea's first places came to an end for the day but the fate of the meet had been sealed.

The 300 breaststroke relay placed third with Aunic Goodin, Zach Ousley, Ben Thoms and Tom Olsen

swimming a combined 3:41.50.

Chelsea's 600-yard 3x200 relay also earned third-place honors as David Alday, Aunic Goodin and Ben Thoms, paced themselves to a 6:25.79.

The B relay of Drew Deppner, Joey Ingall and Noah Hinderer took another fifth place in 7:55.34.

The last event for the meet was the infamous 200-yard under-over relay where each swimmer does a length under water without surfacing and then an all out sprint back. Johnny Mangner, Tom Olsen, Austin Horn and Zach Ousley took fifth.

The B relay was close behind for sixth with Jake Burris, Drew Deppner, Miles Fischer and Robby Everard closing out the meet for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea softball players make their pitch for college

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

Having athletes continue their athletic careers in college is always a special accomplishment. Recently, three Chelsea softball players hit home runs, announcing that they would be taking their games to the next level after their senior years.

Of course, first things first.

The girls hope to help lead the Bulldogs to another spectacular season on the softball diamond this spring.

Here is a look at the three girls who recently signed to play college softball:

Taylor VanRiper

Taylor VanRiper, 17, is the daughter of Patti and Bill VanRiper. The first baseman, outfielder will be attending the University of Findlay where she plans on studying sports and event management.

Her decision where to spend her next four years all came down to where she felt most comfortable.

"It's far enough for me to be my own person, but close enough to still come home sometimes," she said. "And I felt really comfortable on campus."

Still, it wasn't an easy choice. "It was the most stressful situation I've been in but in the end it was all worth

it," she said. "I know my next four years will be great at Findlay. I'm looking forward to being more independent, meeting new people, and going through new experiences."

Like her Chelsea teammates, she has some unfinished business to take care of before she heads south.

"My goals are to be a great senior leader and to win states this year," she said.

VanRiper can certainly "rip" it. She had three home runs including a grand slam over the course of last year and had the highest batting average and on-base percentage on her summer travel team last year.

Taylor Hansen

Taylor Hansen, 17, is the daughter of Ryan and Nancy Hansen. The Bulldogs' starting pitcher the past two seasons will attend the University of North Dakota where she plans on studying physical therapy.

"I really enjoyed the campus and all the players on the team," said Hansen, discussing her reasons for choosing North Dakota. "They seem to bond very well with each other. I also previously knew the head coach and I liked the way he went about coaching his softball team."

"All of the coaching staff was personable and



Photo courtesy of CHS

Chelsea softball players Taylor Hansen (University of North Dakota), Taylor VanRiper (University of Findlay) and Alyssa Smith (Ferris State University) recently signed letters of intent. They are pictured with (back row, L-R) Jeff Connolly (assistant coach), Mike Kopolka (Chelsea athletic director) and Bob Moffatt (head coach).

fun, but knew when it was time to be serious. They had a competitive softball schedule that would travel around the United States."

Selecting a college is never an easy proposition, even when schools are knocking on your door.

"The whole process in general was tough, finding the right place that I knew I would fit in at," said Hansen, who also is an outstanding golfer. "UND had everything that I was looking for from field

of study to competitive softball schedule and great atmosphere of people."

She said she is looking forward to the travel schedule and the opportunity to play teams such as Arizona, Washington, and possibly the University of Michigan.

But before she packs her bags and heads west, there is work to be done right here in Chelsea.

"My goals are to start making key corrections on little habits that I have

done my whole life," she said. "I want to become a more consistent power hitter and have more speed on the base paths."

Hansen was All Area, All District and All Conference as a sophomore and junior. She also was All Region last season.

Alyssa Smith

Alyssa Smith, 17, is the daughter of Darwin and Nancy Smith. The outfielder has decided to take

her great athletic skills to Ferris State University and study forensic science.

Her choice of school came down to what she wanted to pursue as a career.

"I had other offers, but I decided to attend Ferris because I could see myself living there for four years," she said. "They also were one of the only schools that had a forensic-science degree."

Finally making the tough decision was a huge relief. "Well, it's very stressful and a bit scary," she said of the process of deciding where to attend college. "At first it was scary trying to make these decisions so early, trying to decide what you want to do with your life and taking steps to make it happen."

"Then it got stressful when it came to the decision deadline. I had to put pros and cons on paper and try to figure it out for myself and not let others influence me too much. But when I finally got it all figured out, it was such a relief."

She said she is most looking forward to "meeting new people." Her goals for this coming season include "helping everyone put the team first so we can get to the state finals."

Smith was All Conference, All Area, All Region and All District last season.

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Children, deputies bond over holiday shopping

By Ben Baird
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When a child is given a free gift card and paired with a sheriff deputy to do some holiday shopping, certain behaviors are expected. Meijer store employees are familiar with the mad dash from the door into the aisles the children typically perform to begin the annual Shop with a Cop at Meijer, 5645 Jackson Road, in Ann Arbor.

One behavior that might be surprising to some is how generous the children can be with their shopping, said Ben Negron, Ann Arbor Meijer store director. He came across a boy in a checkout lane watching what his purchases were ringing up as, he said. He said the boy explained he had enough to get his brother the Christmas gift he wanted, the gift their mother was unable to afford.

"He squealed in delight," Negron said. "You can see these kids had the giving spirit."

Lt. Troy Bevier was paired with 8-year-old Madison Bentley Beal, who he said prepared a list beforehand of all the items she was interested in buying.

"She was bound and determined to get as much for her family as she could," Bevier said. "It was clear she was thinking about her family a lot."

She would go down one aisle saying she had to get something for her brother, he said, then down another aisle to get something for her mother.

The children are given the gift cards, Negron said, but they aren't told how to spend the money. He said they get around to getting things for themselves, but it is surprising how often they find gifts for others.

Each child receives about \$50 to \$150 to spend in the store based on their need, Negron said. He said Meijer leaves it to the law enforcement agencies involved to select the children.

At least 21 children and their siblings paired up with deputies of the Washtenaw County



Participants of this year's Shop with a Cop gather together.

Sheriff's Office for their holiday shopping Dec. 7, sponsored by Meijer with \$2,500.

Sgt. Beth Gieske said the community and Meijer should get the credit for the event. She said the deputies are happy to play a part.

Susan Sutton, court appointed special advocate, was at Shop with a Cop as a representative of the courts.

"It's fantastic for the kids," she said. "It's a highlight of the year."

The night started at Creekside Intermediate School, part of Dexter school district, with some activities for the children before moving on to Meijer, Gieske said.

There was a visit from Santa Claus, craft projects, a meal, and entertainment by Colors the Clown, she said. Colors performed magic tricks, made balloon animals and did face painting, she said.

"Shop with a Cop is an incredibly unique and enjoyable experience for everyone involved," Gieske said.

It's great seeing the children enjoy Christmas and get some gifts for the people in their lives they typically wouldn't be able to get, Bevier said.

By the time the night ended, Bevier said he had the chance to bond with Madison. She got to know more about him and he got

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to know more about her, he said.

Children and deputies had more time to bond than last year, he said.

"I think that was real special for both the kids and us," Bevier said.

Generally, the event benefits underprivileged children.

There are no specific criteria for choosing the participating children, Gieske said. She said this year the sheriff's office attempted to reach children that for whatever reason could benefit from a night of activities and positive interaction with law enforcement.

Some of the children involved are in foster care, Sutton said. She said for these children they can associate a police officer with something bad that's happened in their life, but Shop with a Cop gives a positive experience with law enforcement.

"It's really given them a good feeling toward police officers," she said.

That's a benefit of Shop with a Cop, Bevier said. He said children who may only have had negative experiences with law enforcement get a different perspective on the police.

"Maybe they'll take that for the rest of their lives," he said.

The Ann Arbor Meijer store is one of about half of 197 Meijer stores that regularly provide an event like Shop with a Cop, Negron said.

As a company, he said Meijer recognizes the economic pains communities are suffering. He said he feels Shop with a Cop is a good way to connect with the community and partner up with local law enforcement.

Meijer isn't just interested in saying it's a good store, he said.

"Here's a way to say we want to be a good neighbor in the community," he said.

Bevier said he praises Meijer and the Dexter area community for making Shop with a Cop possible every year.

The Ann Arbor Meijer has hosted Shop with a Cop for 10 years, Negron said. He said the \$2,500 the store provided this year is high among similar events.

The sheriff's office conducts two Shop-with-a-Cop events annually, Gieske said. She said last week's was considered the event for the western county communities.

Children between the ages of 5 and 12 were chosen from Dexter and the surrounding communities for the event, she said. She said the sheriff's office chooses the children by coordinating with different help agencies and pro-



Sgt. Keith Flores helps the boy he was paired with to pick out toys while on a holiday shopping spree at Meijer.



Madison Bentley Beal, 8, considers a pair of pajamas to get her brother for the holidays with the help of Lt. Troy Bevier during Shop with a Cop at Meijer in Ann Arbor.

grams. The primary responsibility of the sheriff's office is to uphold laws and ordinances, she said, which generally focuses on responding to crisis.

Shop with a Cop allows deputies to reach out to children and families to have interaction with law enforcement in a different environment, she said.

In the past, Gieske said police have brought

together children who have had some traumatic experience in their lives or some significant medical event in their family.

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Veterans take road trip to WWII National Military Center

By Krista Gjestland
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To remember the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, one group of volunteers is taking local veterans a road trip.

The Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard decided to take World War II and Korean veterans to the World War II National Military Center in Auburn, Ind.

Honor guard member Milton Wood, 67, initiated the idea up after visiting the center.

"I stopped at the museum and liked it," he said. "I brought it up and everyone liked it."

Wood, who lives in Chelsea, is a Vietnam veteran and has been involved in the honor guard for the past 12 years.

The honor guard primarily provides military honors at veterans' funerals. Military honors include playing taps by a bugler and presenting the American flag to the deceased's next of kin. They also perform the 21-gun salute.

Ralph Harris, 76, plays the bugle for the Washtenaw County Veterans Honors Guard. He decided to become involved after seeing how few buglers were available for military funerals.



Photo by Krista Gjestland

Twenty-four veterans boarded a Golden Limousine bus to head to the WWII National Military Center in Auburn, Ind. in an event sponsored by the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard to remember the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Top row are Ralph Harris of Ann Arbor, Neil Lindemann of Saline, Malcolm Powers of Ann Arbor, John Wrasash of Dexter, Karl Hauser of Ann Arbor, Dale Burgess of Ann Arbor, Michael Vencil of Dexter, George Perrault of Saline, Jim Wilbur of Belleville, Milton Davis of Manchester; middle row, Jim Woods of Saline, John Kinzinger of Ann Arbor, Bill Nicholas of Ann Arbor, Carl Hecht of Grass Lake, Paul Scheffler of Ann Arbor, Bob Stevenson of Ann Arbor, David Royer of Chelsea; bottom row, Fred Chase of Ann Arbor, Mary MacDonald of Saline, Earnest Sadler of Dexter and B.K. MacDonald of Saline.

"I was watching television and the newscasters was showing military funerals," he explained. "The music was recorded. He said there wasn't enough volunteers."

Harris then felt compelled to volunteer with the

honor guard. "The least I can do is play taps," he said. "I want the grandkids and the loved ones to feel special on that day."

Harris also was instrumental in setting up transportation for the day's event.

He reached out to Golden Limousine, who donated a bus that would have cost the organization \$800.

Golden Limousine CEO Sean Duval said he was happy to be able to help out the organization.

"We are proud to partner with the honor guard to provide this tour to those who gave so much of themselves for our country," he said in a press release. "We count it a great privilege for Golden Limousine

and it's staff to support those who are still giving of themselves to this day."

Harris also mentioned that two Ann Arbor-area businessmen, Mike Leone and Tony Werderitsch, donated money toward gas and food for the trip.

Honor guard coordinator John Kinzinger said the event is important because the veterans won't always be with us.

"We do a lot of burials," he said. "A lot of our veterans, their numbers are dwindling."

Kinzinger said the organization relates to the veterans because of their shared experiences, so they try to help out in any way possible.

"A vet knows what a vet goes through," he said. "You're going through something the protected will never know. We know each other by the service we've done."

The group also regularly sends packages to current military members serving overseas, most recently 200 scarves handmade by the Pittsfield Senior Quilters Club.

"It's all vets helping vets," Kinzinger said.

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Lima Township tree farm has continued growth

By Tanya Wildt
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When Susan Urquhart and her husband, Brian, purchased their Lima Township farm in 1979, it came with 23 heifers and dairy farming equipment.

"We didn't know what a heifer was," Urquhart said. She and her husband quickly decided dairy farming wasn't for them. Her husband, a retired attorney, spent most of his day at work, so Urquhart mostly worked the farm herself.

"We started doing some hay and we started planting some trees," she said.

What started as planting a few trees in the 1980s has turned into a successful Christmas tree growing business, which offers six types of trees you can cut yourself or buy pre-cut.

The first year, Urquhart planted Fraser Firs, a tree native to North Carolina that typically doesn't grow well in Michigan's climate.

"I didn't realize it, but it was just good luck it grew the first year," she said. "I thought 'OK, this is easy.'"

Urquhart sold 49 trees the inaugural year on 240 acres of land. Last year, the business sold 3,000 trees on 340 acres of land and planted 11,500 trees as a member of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association.

Michigan generates more than \$41 million in sales each year, according to the Michigan Department

of Agriculture and Rural Development.

"In terms of growing the trees, it was just a real learning curve," Urquhart said.

Urquhart purchases 3-2 trees, 3-year-old trees that have been transplanted in the seed bed twice, and replants them on her land. It takes about seven or eight years to fully mature for sale.

Throughout her journey, Urquhart has accumulated a vast array of tree-growing knowledge, including how the soil affects the growth, how much watering is needed, insect and disease prevention, how to stay competitive and keep customers coming back. She also believes the hills on her land provide an adventure feel to the farm.

"I think it's one thing if you have the trees, but you also have to have a business plan," Urquhart said. "It takes awhile to get established. I think one of the ways I've built my business is just accommodating people."

People experience a high level of customer service as soon as they set foot on the farm as staff members quickly greet them, ask what they're looking for and offer suggestions. Staff members then guide shoppers with a map to the area where the tree is grown or will drive

them out if the walk is too far.

Urquhart has tried to make the shopping experience easier by tagging

each tree available for sale with a price tag with a flat price. Trees run \$7 or \$8 per foot, depending on the type.

After sawing down the tree, shoppers return to the barn where loose needles are shaken off and the tree is tied up. Urquhart also sells Christmas wreaths and decorations inside the festive barn they converted into a store.

"We took this barn and turned it into something magical," she said.

Inside, it won't be uncommon to find Urquhart pouring hot chocolate for guests.

Dave Kangas of Ann Arbor came out to Urquhart Tree Farm with his wife, Jen and children Nathan, 8, Allie, 6, and Hannah, 4, and picked up a Blue Spruce.

"It's like an event for us," Dave said. "We own a small farm so we like to support local businesses."

Urquhart Tree Farm, 10050 Jerusalem Road, is open Wednesday through Friday 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closes for the season at the end of the day Dec. 18. Information can also be found on the business website www.urquharttreearms.com.



Photos by Tanya Wildt

Employee Dan Sparks-Jackson (top photo) feeds a tree through the baller, which will tie it up for easy transport. Susan Urquhart and her husband Brian (right) purchased their Lima Township farm in 1979. It was originally a dairy farm and the Urquharts converted it into a tree farm.



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Officials to use survey results for transit improvement

By Amy Bell
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A newly released report is aimed to provide data to improve the region's public transit system.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments recently released preliminary results of its 2010 On-Board Transit Survey Preliminary Findings report.

Results will be used for future planning by SEMCOG and its partnering agencies that also took part in the survey, which include the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority and University of Michigan bus line.

For the survey, 14,000 active bus stops were surveyed, resulting in nearly 19,000 complete responses.

"We're really trying to use this to improve transit as well as to support it, especially when funding becomes available," said Tom Bruff, spokesman for SEMCOG. "We have to have all our ducks in a row and provide proper information in order to go after the limited money (for transit improvement) that is available."

When applying for federal grants, accurate ridership numbers are a major requirement, he said.

According to the results,

more than 222,000 boardings occur on the region's bus systems every day with nearly half of transit usage occurring on just 10 percent of the system.

Bruff said SEMCOG conducted the survey for a number of reasons.

For one, the economy has changed since 2002, the last time the survey was conducted. In addition, gas prices have also increased, which has impacted the travel patterns throughout the region, especially when it comes to transit, he said.

SEMCOG invested in the survey with the goal of understanding current trends as a means of improving transit ridership.

"SEMCOG and its transit partners really needed to gather more recent information on these travel patterns, as well as information or background on who is riding the buses to give a better perspective in our planning," he said.

Bruff said the next step

is to take the survey results, apply them to the entire ridership within the region, and use the information for planning.

Such planning tools include a Travel Demand Forecast Model, which estimates the amount of travel on a particular transportation system.

Other agencies involved in the survey include the Detroit Department of Transportation; Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation; University of Michigan Transit Service; Detroit People Mover; Blue Water Area Transit; and Lake Erie Transit.

Some of the findings:

- The vast majority of transit trips (85 percent) either begin or end at home.
- 54 percent of the trips were work/university related.
- 84 percent of respondents walked to/from the bus stop; 75 percent of transit riders were frequent riders (three

to seven days per week).

• 52 percent of riders reported no transfer to complete their trips; 36 percent made one transfer.

• Young people use transit. More than one-third of the riders were between ages 18 and 25.

• 90 percent of the riders did not get any fare subsidy.

• 20 percent of riders are unemployed.

• 46 percent of riders did not have a valid driver's license; nearly 52 percent did not have access to a vehicle.

• 86 percent of riders were from households with annual income less than \$50,000; 40 percent were from households with less than

\$10,000 income.

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Survey: U of M hospitals among the nation's safest

The University of Michigan hospitals are among the safest and most effective hospitals in the country, according to a new national ranking from the independent health care quality rating organization, The Leapfrog Group.

This is the second year in a row, and third year overall, that Leapfrog named the U of M Hospitals and Health Centers a top hospital.

The announcement was made in early December at Leapfrog's 11th annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

The U of M Hospitals

and Health Centers ranks among 65 institutions named 2011 Leapfrog Top Hospitals, based on a rating system that provides a detailed assessment of a hospital's safety and quality.

The top hospitals list includes university and other teaching hospitals, children's hospitals and community hospitals in urban, suburban and rural settings. U of M is one of five Michigan hospitals on the list.

Only four U of M are in the nation ranked by both the Leapfrog Group and U.S. News & World Report,

another top health care quality rating organization.

"It is an honor for the University of Michigan to receive this national award for safety and quality," said Doug Strong, chief executive officer of the U of M Hospitals and Health Centers, in a news release.

"The award is a very nice recognition of how we put our patients and families first."

Dr. Darrell A. Campbell Jr., chief medical officer of UMHC and the Henry King Ransom Professor of Surgery at the U of M Medical School, leads the patient safety program.

"At the University of Michigan, we live quality 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year," Campbell said.

"Our goal is to be the safest hospital in the country. An award such as this shows that every day we come closer to our goal."

Some recent successes include the following: Reduction in infections at the site of surgical procedures; Reduced medication errors; Improved hand hygiene by clinical staff; Required flu shots for clinical staff, et cetera.

Campbell emphasizes that effective lines of com-

munication between patients and their doctors is a crucial part of a patient safety environment.

"Safety is a team effort at the University of Michigan," said Margaret Calarco, senior associate director of Patient Care and chief of Nursing Services for UMHC. She is also an adjunct professor of nursing in the School of Nursing.

"We all work closely together as a health care team in partnership with our patients and families to make the greatest difference in our patient safety efforts."

The 2011 Top Hospitals list is based on the results from nearly 1,200 hospitals that responded to the Leapfrog Group's Hospital Quality and Safety Survey.

The survey focuses on four critical areas of patient safety: the use of computer physician order entry to prevent medication errors; standards for doing high-risk procedures such as heart surgery; protocols and policies to reduce medical errors and other safe practices recommended by the National Quality Forum; and adequate nurse and physician staffing.

Prevent, manage diabetes during winter holidays

Each winter, the cold weather and holiday festivities can bring special challenges to the nearly 26 million Americans living with diabetes - and the 79 million with prediabetes who are at greatest risk of developing it.

With the season fast approaching, experts caution people with diabetes and prediabetes to take extra care to avoid cold-related illnesses, stay physically active and maintain a proper diet during holiday gatherings and the long winter months.

"The winter holidays bring family and friends together to celebrate, but, for some, this time of the year means a decrease in

physical activity, tempting 'no-no foods' and an increase in weight gain, all of which can make blood sugar more difficult to manage," said Dr. Deneen Vojta, executive vice president and chief clinical officer of the Diabetes Prevention and Control Alliance.

Here are 10 simple ways Dr. Vojta and the DPCA say people enjoy the holiday season without risking their health.

1. Keep yourself and your gear warm. Dress appropriately for the cold weather, which means wearing layers and keeping your head and extremities covered. And be sure to keep your diabetes

medications and supplies insulated and well-protected.

2. Avoid winter weight gain. Watch your caloric intake, look for holiday treats that are lighter in sugar and carbohydrates, and make sure to keep exercising during the cold winter months.

3. Don't get cold feet. Keep your toes covered and warm in the cold weather.

4. Get vaccinated. Studies have shown that people with diabetes are three times as likely to die from influenza or pneumonia, and five times more likely to be hospitalized due to flu complications. So be sure to get vaccinated at the very start

of cold and flu season.

5. Wash your hands. Another good way to avoid getting colds or respiratory viruses over the holidays is to wash your hands regularly with hot water and soap and/or an antibacterial product.

6. Eat thoughtfully and be merry, but watch the drink. Alcoholic beverages dilate blood vessels and accelerate the loss of body heat. Alcohol can also mask the signs of low blood sugar, which can be dangerous for people with diabetes. Be mindful of alcohol intake, especially at office holiday parties and family gatherings.

7. Seek counseling if you're feeling blue. Several studies suggest a correlation between diabetes and depression, a disease which is also known to spike each year around holiday time.

If you're feeling low, sluggish, devoid of energy or sad, do not be afraid to reach out for help.

8. Check in on the elderly. Seniors are even more susceptible to succumbing to the effects of the cold due to a reduced ability to control body temperature and a decrease of subcutaneous fat. Check in on your elderly friends and neighbors this holiday season, especially those that live alone.

9. Stay hydrated. Alternating exposure to outdoor cold weather with indoor heating systems is a recipe for dehydration, which can raise blood glucose levels and cause dry skin and eyes. Drink lots of water and liberally apply alcohol-free moisturizing lotion throughout the winter months.

10. Strive for a stress-free season. Stress has been shown to affect blood sugar levels, so find ways to make your holiday season a little less hectic whether that means managing your social calendar or making detailed shopping lists in advance.



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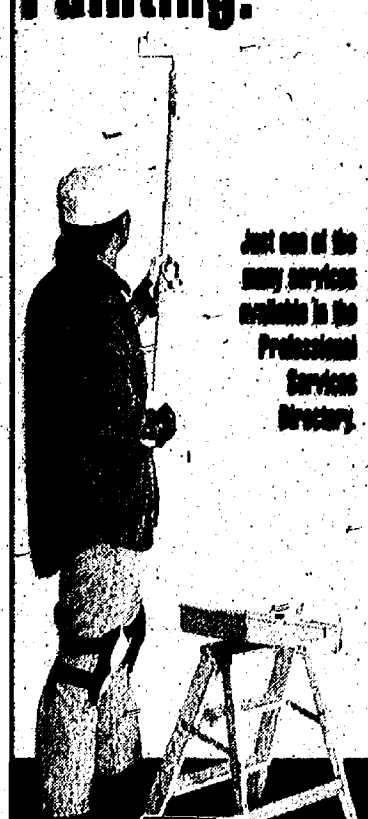
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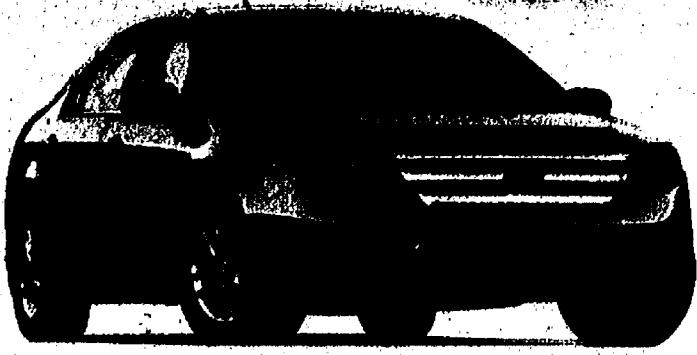
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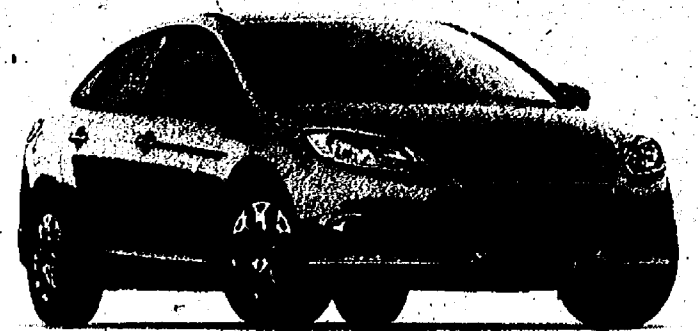


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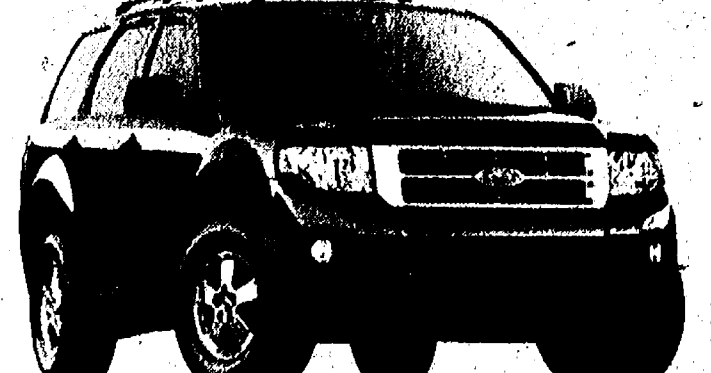
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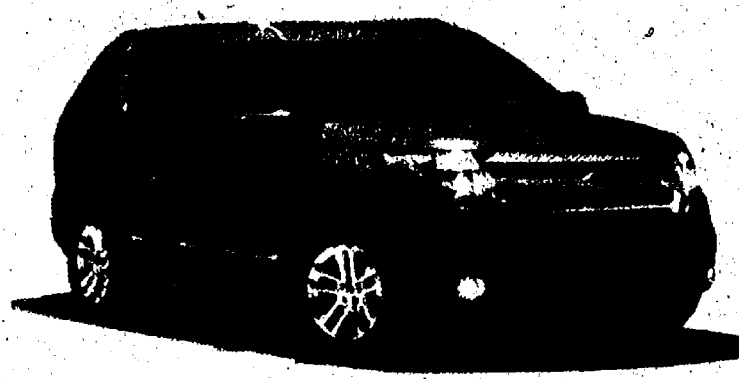
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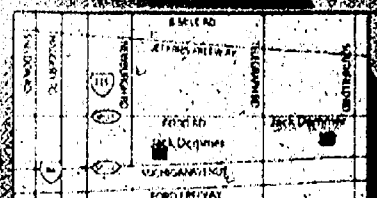
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Diabetes Share Group

2nd Monday of the month, 3-5 p.m.

CCH White Oak Center

• Jan. - Kim Campbell:

"New Years Resolutions"

• Feb. - Kim Campbell:

"Heart Smart Month"

• Mar. - Emily Nease:

"Nutrition Month"

Improving Your Memory: A Course for Older Adults

Wednesdays, Jan. 18-Feb. 8, 2-4 p.m.

A fun, informative class for people
experiencing age-related memory changes.

CCH Behavioral Health Services Clinic

- Clocktower Commons

(Downtown Chelsea)

Fee: \$50

Call 734-475-4103 to register

Bottom Line on Kegels

Learn exercises and tips on how to control
or stop urinary leakage.

Feb. 8, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Chelsea Wellness Center Conference Room

Instructor: Pam Bennett

To register call 734-475-4103

Support Groups:

- **Chelsea Brain Injury Support Group**
For survivors, families, and friends
Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m.
CCH Woodland Rooms
Call 734-475-4138 for information
- **Chemical Dependency Treatment**
800-328-6261
- **Alcoholics Anonymous**
Open Meeting, Sundays, 7-8 p.m.
CCH Main Dining Room
- **Sunshine Group**
Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m.
CCH Outpatient Behavioral Health
- **Narcotics Anonymous**
Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.
CCH Private Dining Room B
- **Second Chance**
Fridays 9-10 a.m.
CCH Outpatient Behavioral Health
- **Al-Anon Only**
Fridays, 12:30-2 p.m.
CCH White Oak Center Atrium
Call 734-475-6051 for information

Chelsea Stroke Support Group

11 a.m.-12 p.m. first Thursday of the month
Chelsea Community Hospital, PDR B
New and longer-term survivors and their families/caregivers meet for friendship, support, and education in a light-hearted atmosphere. In addition to focused discussions, we hold parties, picnics, dine out, and have scheduled speakers on the topics at the request of members.

Janice Collins Shamraj, CTRS
Call 734-475-1064 to register

"I Can Cope" Cancer Support Group

Free support group for cancer patients and their loved ones and friends. Participants do not have to come every week.

Free yoga class immediately following.
Mondays, Jan. 11- Apr. 11 (14 weeks)
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Chelsea Wellness Center
Conference Room

Register by calling 800-227-2345

Guiding Good Choices

A free adult education program sponsored by SRSly and the Chelsea District Library for parents of 9-14-year-olds, proven to reduce youth drinking and drug use. Five weekly two-hour workshops led by trained presenters cover communication, strengthening bonds with kids, teaching them refusal skills, and empowering them to make independent responsible decisions.

Childcare available upon request.

Tuesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 8, 6-8 p.m.

Chelsea District Library

Please register at 734-475-8732



Public Lecture Series

- **"Staying Well Through the Winter: Learn about Seasonal Affective Disorder"**

Feb. 13, 7-8 p.m.

Frank Pavlovic, MD, CCH Behavioral Health

Discussion on this common disorder and a variety of treatments and tactics for beating wintertime blues.



- **"Skin Cancer and Prevention"**

March 8, 7-8 p.m.

Angela Rondina, MD, Chelsea Dermatology

An informational session about common types of skin cancer; skin cancer detection, diagnosis and treatment; skin cancer prevention; and discusses Vitamin D.



Both lectures are held in the Chelsea Wellness Center Conference Room.

Registration is requested by calling 734-214-0220.

SRSly Coalition Meetings

Open to adults and youth ages 10 and up who want to make a difference in their community, and help prevent destructive behavior in youth.

Thursdays

- Jan. 12: 6:30-8 p.m.

Chelsea District Library

- Feb. 2: 3:15-4:45 p.m.

Beach Middle School

- Mar. 1: 6:30-8 p.m.

Chelsea District Library

Visit www.srslychelsea.org for more info.

Chelsea Wellness Center Classes

Registration required for all classes.

www.chelseawellness.org

or call (734) 214-0220

*Chelsea Wellness Center Members

- **Gentle Yoga - Natalie Nirdlinger**
Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30pm
Session 1: Jan. 2-Feb. 20
Session 2: Mar. 5- Apr. 23
Fees: \$56, \$50 (55+), *Members \$39
- **SOS Stretch Out Stress Yoga - Natalie Nirdlinger**
Fridays, 10:15-11:30 a.m.
Session 1: Jan. 6-Feb. 24
Session 2: Mar. 9-Apr. 27
Fees: \$72, Seniors \$65, *Members Free
- **Pilates Healthy Spine Intro Class - Gwyn Jones**
Jan. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Free, 10-person maximum.
- **Pilates Healthy Spine Program - Gwyn Jones**
Mon/Wed, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Jan. 23-Feb. 29
Fee: \$160
- **Tai Chi - Greg Knollmeyer**
Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Session 1: Jan. 3- Feb. 21
Session 2: Mar. 6- Apr. 24
Fees: \$80, Seniors \$72, *Members \$56
- **Aquacize with Arthritis - Gina Frankhart/Stacy Sheets**
Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m.
Session 1: Jan. 4- Feb. 22
Session 2: Mar. 7- Apr. 25
Fees: \$64, Seniors \$58, *Members Free
- **Line Dancing - Susan Bauer**
Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m.
Session 1: Jan. 3-Feb. 22
Session 2: Mar. 6-Apr. 24
Fees: \$56, Seniors \$50, *Members Free
- **Zumba - Jeanna Ruikka/Dawn Lyons**
Session 1: Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Jan. 4-Feb. 22; or Fridays, 9:15-10 a.m., Jan. 6-Feb. 24
Session 2: Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Mar. 7-Apr. 25; or Fridays, 9:15-10 a.m., Mar. 9-Apr. 27
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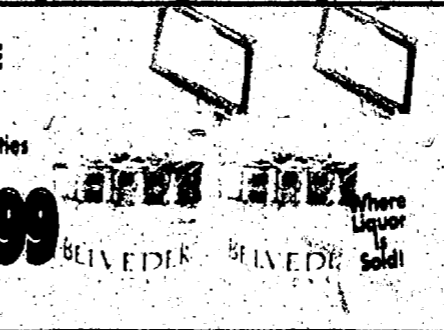


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750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)
\$29.99

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JACK DANIELS BLACK & HONEY
750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)
\$22.95

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1.5 Liter Bottles Value Selected Varieties (plus tax)
\$11.88
SAVE \$4.11



LOUIS MARTINI SONOMA CABERNET
750 ml Bottles (plus tax)
\$11.88
SAVE \$7.11



BAILEYS
750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)
\$19.95

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JAGERMEISTER
750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)
\$21.95

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THE BREWERY

FOUNDERS & BELLS PURE MICHIGAN CRAFT BEERS
6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)
\$7.88
SAVE UP TO \$2.41




GUINNESS BEER
6 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)
\$6.88
SAVE \$1.61



HEINEKEN & AMSTEL LIGHT
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)
\$11.99
SAVE \$2.30



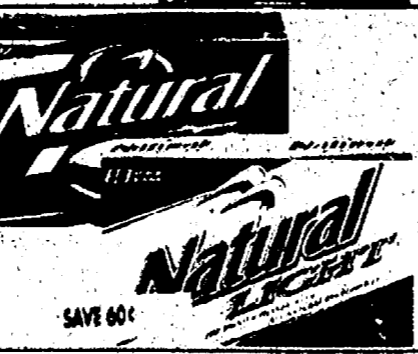
SAMUEL ADAMS BEER
12 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)
\$12.88
SAVE \$2.57



KILLIAN RED & STELLA ARTOIS
20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)
\$13.88
SAVE UP TO \$2.61



NATURAL LIGHT BEER
18 Pk. 12 oz. Cans Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)
\$7.88
SAVE 60¢



LABATT BONUS BEER
20 Pk. 11.5 oz. Bottles Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)
\$12.88
SAVE \$1.49



BUDWEISER BEER
24 Pk. 12 oz. Cans Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)
\$15.88
SAVE \$1.51



BABY CARE SAVINGS

NEW TO COUNTRY MARKET

Beech Nut
Beech Nut
BEECH NUT STAGE 2 BABY FOOD 4 oz.
SAVE \$1.14 ON 6

\$2.88

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Beech Nut
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BEECH NUT STAGE 3 BABY FOOD 6 oz.
Selected Varieties

77¢

TOTAL BOTTOM LINE SAVINGS!

Gerber
Gerber
Fruit Medley Dessert
Peach Cobbler Dessert
GERBER 2ND FOODS 2 ct. & 7 oz.
Selected Varieties

88¢

Pedialyte
Pedialyte
Pedialyte
PEDIALYTE 4 ct. - 16 ct. or 33.8 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$4.88

SAVE 87¢

Baby Wipes
Baby Wipes
OUR FAMILY BABY WIPES Unscented 216 ct.

\$5.88

SAVE 97¢

OUR FAMILY DIAPERS & TRAINING PANTS 19 - 36 ct. Varieties

ULTRA DIAPERS
ULTRA DIAPERS

\$8.88

SAVE \$1.05

HEALTH & HOME CARE SAVINGS

SAVE 80¢

ORIGINAL ROUND STICK FORMULA

Old Spice
CLASS DEODORANT

INVISIBLE

Secret

\$1.99

Dove MEN + CARE
Dove MEN + CARE
Dove MEN + CARE

EXTRA FRESH
BODY AND FACE WASH

WOMEN'S BODY WASH

\$3.99

SAVE 90¢

SAVE \$1.60

Head & Shoulders
SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
13.5 - 14.2 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$3.99

SAVE 80¢

Dimetapp
Cold Allergy

200

Cold & Allergy

Dimetapp
Cold Allergy

200

Cold Allergy

DIMETAPP 4 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$4.99

SAVE UP TO \$1.26 EACH

Triaminic Syrup

Cough & Sore Throat

Theraflu
THERAFLU & TRIAMINIC
Syrup

\$3.99

SAVE \$2.09

BATHROOM TISSUE

OUR FAMILY ULTRA DOUBLE ROLL BATH-TISSUE 12 ROLLS

12 DOUBLE ROLLS SAME AS 24 REGULAR ROLLS

\$5.88

Rock Bottom Pricing!

SAVE UP TO \$1.27 EACH

GLAD LOCK STORAGE & FREEZER BAGS & CONTAINERS 3 - 100 ct. Selected Varieties

\$4.88

GLAD
Freezer
40

GLAD
Sandwich
100

HOME & HEALTH CARE SAVINGS

SAVE UP TO \$1.31 EACH

DIXIE

DIXIE BRAND DISPOSABLE PAPERWARE & VANITY FAIR NAPKINS
14 • 200 ct.
Selected Varieties

\$1.88

Vanity Fair

JIFFY BRAND FOIL PANWARE
Selected Varieties

\$1.99

Reynolds **SAVE 50¢** **75**

Reynolds Wrap Heavy Duty **50**

Reynolds Wrap **75**

Reynolds Wrap Heavy Duty **50**

REYNOLDS WRAP FOIL
50 & 75 ft.
Selected Varieties

\$3.89

DADS BETTER THAN BONES DOG TREATS
6.4 - 6.9 oz.
Selected Varieties

2/\$4.99

SAVE \$1.02 ON 2

DADS ECONOMETS DOG FOOD
17.6 lb. Bag

\$5.99

SAVE \$1.98

SAVE UP TO 76¢ EACH

Lysol

LYSOL TOILET BOWL CLEANERS & MULTI-PURPOSE CLEANERS
22 • 32 ct.
Selected Varieties

\$1.99

AA **SAVE \$1.30**

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AAA • 10 **BETTER VALUE!**

DURACELL COPPERTOP

DURACELL BATTERIES
1 • 10 ct.
Selected Varieties

NOW 10 FOR 8

\$5.99

SAVE \$3.85

SOFTER & THICKER PREMIUM PERFORMANCE

BRAWNY

BRAWNY PAPER TOWELS
6 • 8 Rolls
Selected Varieties

\$6.88

DADS DRY GOURMET BLEND CAT FOOD
16 lb. Bag

\$7.99

SAVE \$2.36

NUNN BETTER DOG TREATS
5.6 • 6 oz.
Selected Varieties

2/\$2.99

SAVE \$1.10 ON 2

NUNN BETTER DOG BISCUITS
4 lb.
Selected Varieties

2/\$6.99

SAVE \$1.90 ON 2

Rock Bottom Pricing!

SAVE \$1.40

ERA 2X LAUNDRY DETERGENT
50 oz.

\$2.99

ERA

NUNN BETTER GOLDEN NUGGETS MINI CHEESE DRY DOG
16 lb. Bag

\$5.99

SAVE \$1.64

DEER SAVINGS

BAKERS SPECIAL

Fresh Baked RYE BREADS
Caraway, Rye, Pumpernickel Rye or Marble
16 oz.
\$1.49

Fresh Baked KAISER ROLLS
WHITE & WHEAT
6 ct.
\$1.69

BISMARCKS
Bavarian or Raspberry Filled
4 ct.
\$2.19

CAKE ROLLS
Carrot, Chocolate, Strawberry or Red Velvet
22 oz.
\$5.49

MINI MUFFINS
Assorted Varieties
12 ct.
\$3.59

Fresh Baked COOKIES
Assorted Varieties
12 ct.
\$2.99

FRESH CUSTOM MADE FRUIT BASKETS \$10.99 & UP
WE CAN ALSO MAKE FRUIT BASKETS TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS **WIDE VARIETY OF IN SHELL NUTS AND NUT MEATS!**

MARZETTI SALAD DRESSING
15 oz.
2/\$5

CALIFORNIA NAVEL ORANGES
8 lb. Bag
\$3.98 EA.

Jumbo Red Ripe HOT HOUSE TOMATOES
SLICING SIZE!
98¢ LB.

IDAHO RUSSET POTATOES
10 lb. Bag
\$2.88 EA.

ROUND LAKE CHRISTMAS TREE FRUIT TRAY
18 oz.
\$10.99

DOLE SPECIAL BLEND SALADS
5 - 12 oz.
2/\$4

CHOPPED ROMAINE
2/\$4

Golden PINEAPPLE
\$2.68 EA.

Whole Snow White AUNT MID'S MUSHROOMS
12 oz.
\$1.88

Sweet Colorful RAINBOW PEPPERS
4 Pack
\$2.99 EA.

Red Extra Large SWEET CHERRIES
\$3.99 LB.

Fuji, Gala, Braeburn Red or Golden Delicious or Granny Smith WASHINGTON APPLES
\$1.18 LB.

WASHINGTON BARTLETT D'ANJOU OR BOSS PEARS
\$1.18 LB.

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May not be exactly as illustrated
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EA.

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