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3 longtime DDA members to step down

By Erica McClain
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Three of Chelsea's Downtown Development Authority board members will be replaced next month after a unanimous approval by Chelsea City Council Dec. 13.

Longtime board members Jim Myles, Paul Frisinger and Rob Winans, will be succeeded by Jason Povlich, Guy Sanville and

Jeff Holman.

Povlich is the owner of Jet's Pizza, 506 N. Main St., and co-owner of Back to the Roots, 115 S. Main St., while Sanville is the artistic director of the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St., and Jeff Holman is the vice president of property management for McKinley, which owns the Chelsea Clocktower development.

However, several people, including Councilmember

Cheri Albertson and Councilmember Rod Anderson, wanted to know just how the recommendations were decided.

The decision for recommending DDA appointments rests with Mayor Jason Lindauer, who in turn gives the Council his recommendations.

At the Dec. 13 Council meeting, Lindauer thanked the outgoing members, publicly recognizing them for

their hard work.

"These gentlemen were integral parts and still are integral parts of our community, but for the DDA, they were tireless workers and will always be appreciated."

As Lindauer recommended the three incoming men for the DDA board at the meeting, Albertson expressed an interest in having Council become more involved with the

selection process.

"Under the previous chairperson for the planning commission, Council was informed and Councilmembers had the opportunity to be there for the selection process to get to know the candidates," Albertson said, "and I'm sure that everyone here might feel good, but when it comes to Council after

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Resident honored as research professor

By Sheila Pursglove
 Special Writer

Chelsea resident Dr. Mack Ruffin was honored at the Nov. 21 installation ceremony of the Dr. Max and Buena Lichter Research Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Michigan Department of Family Medicine.

Established in 2007 through a gift from Dr. Allen and Evie Lichter and Dr. Paul and Carolyn Lichter, the professorship honors the memory of their father, Dr. Max Lichter, a family physician who practiced in Melvindale for five decades and their mother, Buena Lichter.

"Family medicine is a field that historically has not had a lot of endowed professorships established," said Allen Lichter, former dean of the U of M Medical School and now chief executive officer of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

According to Paul Lichter, chair of the U of M Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and director of the W.K. Kellogg Eye Center, it was important to both sons to establish a research-focused professorship specifically, as both parents appreciated the importance of solid research programs.

Dr. Ruffin, professor, completed his M.D. in 1984 from the Medical College of Virginia. He completed his residency at Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, N.C. in 1987, and his master's in public health in epidemiology at the University of Minnesota in 1989, before joining the U of M Department



Chelsea resident Dr. Mack Ruffin was honored at the Nov. 21 installation ceremony of the Dr. Max and Buena Lichter Research Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Michigan Department of Family Medicine. Pictured are Noah Ruffin (left) Kathy Carter, Mack Ruffin and Sean Ruffin.

of Family Medicine in 1990.

As associate chair for research programs, his research involves cancer prevention via primary and secondary strategies, chemoprevention and cancer screening.

An academic family medicine physician, he has held two consecutive five-year K24 mentor awards for patient-oriented research from the National Institutes of Health, and has numerous other projects funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and National Cancer Institute. He

is a leader of a health disparity center in collaboration with investigators at The Ohio State University focused on Appalachian women's health.

"This professorship is an honor for the department and our research unit. We are all humbled by the very generous gift of the Lichter family in honor of their parents," Ruffin said. "I will do my best to honor this gift with my efforts to promote research in health promotion and disease prevention."

Active in organizational and volunteer activities; institutionally, nationally and internation-

ally, Ruffin is a member of the Michigan Cancer Consortium and serves on several study section and journal editorial boards. He has published more than 100 articles and has been an invited speaker at over 40 venues.

"I love working in family medicine," said Ruffin, whose clinical practice is at the Briarwood Mall area in Ann Arbor. "I have the best job I could have ever imagined, allowing me to teach, see patients and pursue my

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Council adopts new health plan for employees

By Krista Gjestland
 Heritage Media

The Chelsea City Council voted Tuesday to adopt an 80-20 health insurance plan for city employees as part of Public Act 152 of 2011.

Act 152, or the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, is a law to "limit a public employ-

er's expenditures for employee medical benefit plans; to provide the power and duties of certain state agencies and officials; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for sanctions."

The law requires municipalities to choose between placing a cap on how much it will contribute to employee health insurance, or commit to a

percentage.

The 80-20 plan is in 80 percent contribution to health insurance premiums by the city, leaving 20 percent up to the employee. Currently, city employees pay between 10 and 16 percent of their premiums.

Administrative Director Kim Garland recommended choosing the 80-20 plan because it was more simple

for the city as well as the employees.

"When it comes to health care costs within the city, there is a large burden on us as the administrative team to help employees understand what those costs are," she said. "To the extent that we can keep things simple, keep the calculations simple for our employees and then

also for the public because we post those rates on our website. I think that's important in this period of transparency and accountability."

Garland also said the 80-20 plan gives the city more flexibility when rates vary. "When you set health care rates and when you receive the proposal back

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New road director looking at funding issues

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

This week Roy Townsend will take his place as the Washtenaw County Road Commission's managing director.

He says that he will almost immediately begin working on an answer to the road funding shortfalls that are underserving the needs of the county's roads.

A proposal for future funding could be presented as early as the spring, after the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners (<http://www.washtenaw.org/>) rejected the road commission's proposal to fund \$8.7 million in road projects via a 0.6-mill levy allowable by state law.

"Funding is our top priority," Townsend said Friday during an interview at the road commission's Zeeb Road offices.

Townsend has been around just as long as his soon-to-be predecessor, Steven Puuri, who started at the Washtenaw County Road Commission in February 1987. Townsend was hired the following fall.

In that time, both men have watched funding for county roads stagnate numerically and dwindle in terms of spending power.

Funding is numerically where it was at in 2000 in the current fiscal year budget, Townsend points out as a precursor to delving deeper into road funding.

The unleaded gas tax is at 19 cents per gallon, and the diesel tax rate is 15 cents. The tax on diesel increased in 1984 and the unleaded tax increased from 15 cents in 1997 under Gov. John Engler.

For some perspective, Ohio takes 28 cents per gallon, which would turn around stats such as how \$40 million paid for work on 150 bridges in 1992, but now only gets 40 to 27 repairs and 13 rehabilitations, according to county road commission data.

"Of that, 1 cent went to MDOT to pay off bonds and debt for their bridges," Townsend said. "So, basically, in the 24 years I've worked here the gas tax has increased 3 cents. That's our primary source of revenue and it hasn't kept up with inflation."

To top it off, people are driving less, SUV sales will likely never return to their peak and the vehicles that are on the road are generally more fuel efficient, which is great for the environment but bad for funding road maintenance through a consumption tax.

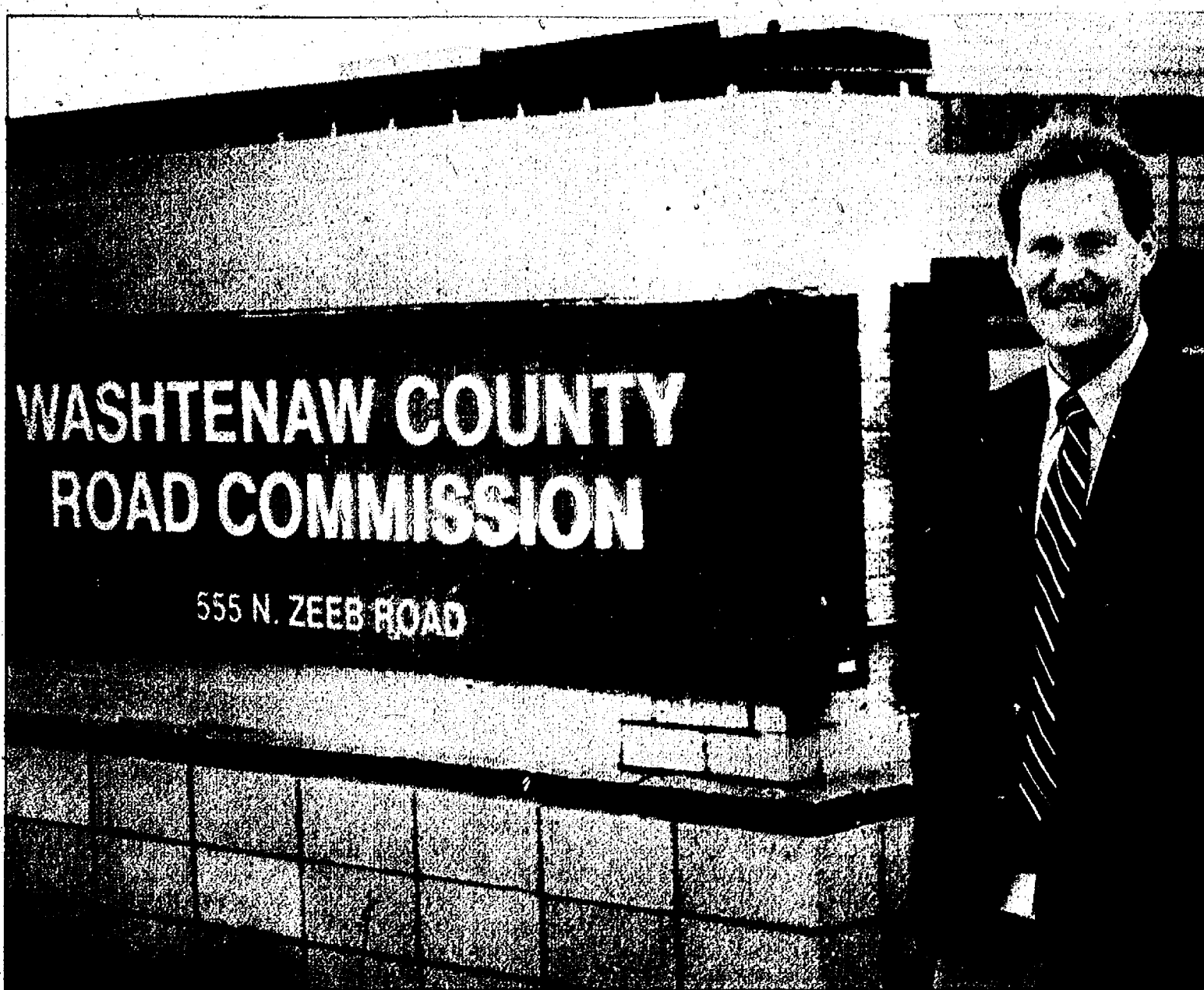
The reason this is such a sudden problem, Townsend says, is because there was no real impetus to raise the per gallon tax rates when economic and population growth were putting more people on the road in bigger, more luxurious vehicles for longer and more frequent trips.

"When gas went up to \$4 a gallon a couple of years ago, people simply started buying less gas," Townsend said. "In previous years, (fuel consumption) kept increasing 2 and 3 percent each year, so there was always more money coming into the formula, despite the formula remaining the same."

Federal road funds are in a similar bind, being at 18.3 cents per gallon and shrinking as a result of the dual financially entropic forces of inflation and reduced consumption.

One good example of inflationary pressure is fuel costs. Last year, the road commission budgeted nearly \$700,000 for diesel and unleaded, but ended up with a \$1.1 million bill, largely on diesel's rise to \$4 per gallon.

Townsend said that while he was disappointed that the county board rejected the plan, which would have amounted to taxpayers paying an additional \$60 per \$100,000 of taxable property value, he understood that issues of



Roy Townsend is the new Washtenaw County Road Commission's managing director.

poverty and public safety were larger concerns as the county budget deadline loomed.

"When we met with county commissioners and township supervisors, everyone liked the plan, but there were bigger concerns up for consideration," Townsend said. "But the county at large does have a responsibility for roads, so hopefully we can meet with everybody earlier than we did the first time."

Barring a second millage attempt, either by county commission vote or a referendum, Townsend said the road commission will continue to seek partnerships with townships on individual projects. He also cited the four Washtenaw County townships and other municipalities that levy their own road millages as something to expand to address the problem.

The townships alone contribute more than \$3 million to road projects currently.

Townsend was particularly proud of what the road commission had achieved in working with Lima and Sharon Township, which had four bridges that badly needed repair between them.

"At the end of the day, they paid 25 percent of that cost ... we got the bridges reopened for \$100,000 each," Townsend said. "Some people thought it would cost \$500,000 per bridge, but once we showed them what needed to be done and explained the process, we got to the end."

Special assessments, in particular, were an easy sell, in his opinion, since the money goes toward something that those pay-

ing the money can see.

Special assessment districts in Scio Township have been particularly successful, in Townsend's opinion. A mile of road in Scio Township costs \$3,000 per year per mile to maintain, with primary roads requiring \$10,000.

With needs as they are, special assessment districts are a likely way to address local road needs in subdivisions if a countywide millage doesn't survive a future approval process, and Townsend believes that convincing residents of the need is easier when it's right outside their front door.

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DDA

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the decision has already been made for the appointments, we don't really have a chance of reviewing any of it.

"And as one councilperson, I would like to have that opportunity."

Lindauer said councilmembers who wanted to be more involved with the DDA appointments should attend the DDA board meetings and be aware of which members are nearing the end of their terms as there is usually at least one per year. He added that councilmembers could speak directly with him about future appointments.

At the following DDA meeting Dec. 15, Anderson said he was concerned about what the criteria are for new board members to join.

While the three new members all conduct business within Chelsea, outgo-

ing board member Myles, who served on the board for 12 years, said at the DDA's recent meeting that he had a uniquely vested interest in the downtown's development as the only member to operate his business, Chelsea House Victorian Inn, and reside within the DDA district. Myles is also the only DDA member who is a charter member of Preservation Chelsea.

The state's Downtown Development Authority Act of 1975, which enabled the creation of authorities, only requires that 51 percent of the board, have a vested interest in the downtown district by being a property owner or employee of a business.

The act also indicates that one of the chief purposes of a DDA is to encourage historic preservation.

Myles, who indicated he did not wish to leave his position, encouraged the board to continue its preservation efforts because

the town is receiving an influx of heritage tourists, people who visit towns due to the historic character.

Board member Palmer Morrel-Samuels said that with the departure of Myles, he will be the lone consistent voice for historic preservation.

"There are many cases where DDA members have advocated for historic preservation, but very few of us have taken the initiative for that preservation," Morrel-Samuels said. "I'm very sad to see Jim go."

Morrel-Samuels said while the issue of how appointments are made is of critical importance, the process for board member selection is the same as a U.S. president's selection of a U.S. Supreme Court judge, whereby the potential judge would be voted up or down by Congress.

"The selection process, in my view, is now much improved," Morrel-Samuels said. "In previous years, the DDA reviewed letters of interest and then,

similar to what we see at some country clubs, the current members decided whose name they would forward to the mayor for consideration. Mayors, by law, are free to nominate whoever they chose; but now the DDA is completely removed from the nomination process; just as it should be."

Cathy Bean, chair of Preservation Chelsea, said Myles' leaving is unfortunate from a preservation standpoint because the DDA's budget is tax money that is supposed to safeguard the downtown's physical history.

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from the health insurance carriers, sometimes the rates can vary significantly," she said. "When those rates come back from your insurance provider you often don't have the flexibility to make sure your plans fall within these caps."

The act was the second step in the Economic Vitality Incentive Program, commonly referred to as the EVIP, which is a state incentive program for municipalities. The program encourages fiscal austerity and cooperation between municipalities through various steps. For each step

completed, the city gains state revenue.

The plan goes into effect Jan. 1 for nonunion employees, and July 1 for union employees.

Councilmember Frank Hammer expressed concern over the disparity between union and nonunion employees.

"I'm unwilling to say to the nonunion people, 'Oh, guess what? You get to pay more, but the union people get six months,'" he said. "If we pass it, it should be set up so that it becomes effective for every employee at exactly the same time."

Councilmembers Hammer and Bill Holmberg opposed the motion.

In other council news: The city approved \$70,000

for street light improvements at the intersection of Old U.S. 12 and M-52. The improvements will take place next summer, as the Michigan Department of Transportation upgrades 1.13 miles of M-52 in Chelsea.

The intersection will see new streetlights, as well as curb and gutter replacement, ramp reconstruction and sidewalk upgrades.

Hammer also requested that left turn lane lights be installed in both directions on Old U.S. 12.

Christine Linfield, city engineer and community development manager, told Hammer the idea has been discussed with the state, who is looking at traffic counts in that intersection

to determine if a turn light is necessary.

Funding for the improvements will come from the city's electric fund.

The council will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 10.

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RESIDENT

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research in cancer prevention and early detection."

Ruffin and his wife, Kathy Carter, have lived in Chelsea since late 1989.

"I grew up in small rural town in Virginia and North Carolina. Chelsea is a great small town that provides a community that has been vital to my success and the growth of my children," he said.

The couple has two sons: Noah, a freshman at Chelsea High School, and Sean, a 2009 CHS graduate, is a third year architecture student at the Illinois Institute of Technology in

Chicago. Ruffin, who has been involved in Scouting since he was 8, is Committee Chair for Troop 425 of Chelsea, where Noah is a member and where Carter volunteers. Ruffin and his son, Sean, are both Eagle Scouts.

"I enjoy Scouting because it allows me to help guide and develop boys into leaders in our community with skills and values that I find important," he said.

He also volunteers as a coach for Chelsea Soccer Club.

"Soccer to me is the best sport for youth to learn and take into their adult lives," he said.

He is a member of

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Resident arrested for drunken driving

A 59-year-old Chelsea man was arrested Friday at North Main Street and Sibley Road for drunken driving. Officers were in the area of the intersection in an attempt to locate the suspect of an incident that occurred outside the city.

Large plastic holiday decoration stolen off porch

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Leslie Science and Nature Center gets a new leader with wide range of experience

*U of M grad
Susan Westhoff
named director*

By Amy Bell,
Heritage Media

The Leslie Science and Nature Center in Ann Arbor is now under the leadership of a former musician with a love for the outdoors.

Susan Westhoff is the new executive director of the center at 1831 Traver Road in Ann Arbor.

Westhoff comes to the center from Chicago, where she worked for the Trinity Irish Dancers' nonprofit organization.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, she holds a degree in trumpet performance. Westhoff comes to the center with an array of experience in the nonprofit sector, ranging from her time spent in Bailey, Colo., where she worked for the Continental Divide Trail, which enabled her to have a career in backpacking, one of her hobbies.

Throughout her career, she has focused on nonprofit work on the arts and outdoors. Though it wasn't intentional, she doesn't at all regret her career choice, which she discovered while working for the University Musical Society in Ann Arbor.

"That's where I got started in nonprofit and I've never turned back. That's exactly where I belong," she said.

Though she enjoyed her time in Chicago, Westhoff and her husband had been looking for another community to raise their children, Eleanor, 4, and Sam, 1.

They had a community in mind, and when the opportunity came up at the nature center, she went for it because she was familiar with Ann Arbor and also had family in the Canton area, something they didn't have in Chicago.

As the new executive director, Westhoff sees her role as helping the organization find long-term funding and create a long-term plan.

"My goal as I start this new position at Leslie is to bring together all of

the amazing, cutting edge and inventive ideas that the phenomenal staff and board have, help them sculpt and shape these ideas and programs into short and long range goals and find the support to help make these come to fruition," she said.

A primary focus will be finding grants, corporate supporters and other resources to help continue to grow the center's programming for area schools, senior centers, community groups and families.

Westhoff said it's important for children to get out, explore and learn about nature and the center gives them an opportunity to do so in a safe environment.

"It gives kids a chance to be creative, to feel free, they just don't get that any other way," she said.

Information about upcoming events and the 2011 Annual Appeal Campaign for donations is available at the center's website at lesliesnc.org. Summer camps for children ages pre-K through high school will be announced in February.

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account; they can choose the bird center as their charity of choice.

The bird center, which is open May through August, at 926 Mary St. in Ann Arbor, is operated by a group of dedicated volunteers and interns.

The center is operated by donations and funds received from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, as well as the Mosaic Foundation of Rita and Peter Heydon.

"We get no money from the state, the federal government or the county," Akerlof said.

At its peak time in June, the center was overflowing with close to 120 birds, placed in buckets, clothes baskets and playpens throughout the city-owned facility.

Breeds that are housed at the facility run the gamut, from doves to black-capped chickadees to sparrows.

During the winter, many of the birds are cared for at the homes of the volunteers.



Carolyn Whipple, program coordinator at the Leslie Science and Nature Center in Ann Arbor, reads to Madeleine Hobson, 4, of Ann Arbor during the Full Moon Lantern-lit Walk at the Leslie Science and Nature Center Dec. 10. The center hosted the walk to give the public a chance to meet the new executive director, Susan Westhoff.



ABOVE: Graham Krasan reads to Kyle Krasan, 3, of Ann Arbor after taking part in the Full Moon Lantern-lit Walk held at Leslie Science and Nature Center Dec. 10. The center hosted the walk to give the public a chance to meet the new executive director.



LEFT: Susan Westhoff is the new executive director of the Leslie Science and Nature Center.

Bird Center partners with Kroger for donations

By Amy Bell,
Heritage Media

The Bird Center of Washtenaw County is participating in a new campaign where Kroger customers can donate a portion of their purchase to the charity.

By using their Kroger Plus Card, customers can donate to the organization. Every time the individual uses the card, the bird center receives a small donation.

"That's something that people can help us with in these times when they don't have extra money," said Carol Akerlof, the center's executive director. "It doesn't cost them any money but it helps the birds."

Akerlof said the center receives a small percentage of the purchase so what really makes the program work is when a lot of people sign up.

Once customers have registered their card online with a Kroger Awards



Volunteers Hannah Ahn and Dorothy Stock feed baby birds at the Bird Center of Washtenaw County Inc. at 926 Mary St. in Ann Arbor June 4.

Currently, Akerlof has a peacock living in her downstairs, walk-in shower. Someone had called her after finding it in Plymouth.

Officials from the center, which was started in 2004,

are currently in search of a permanent, year-round facility.

Because the center also serves as a polling station, volunteers must move the birds from the current facility when there is an

election.

A new building would allow room for food preparation, quarantine space and on-site storage.

Volunteers had considered the former Juvenile Detention Facility on Platt

Road in Ann Arbor, but soon discovered it was too deteriorated, she said.

Those with a Kroger Awards account can sign up at www.kroger.com. Those interested may choose the center as their community organization of choice by typing in the name or using the center's designated NPO number of 90972.

People who want to donate to the center can visit www.birdcenterwashtenaw.org or send a check to the bird center at 2229 Needham Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-4907.

Akerlof said those who find a bird in need of assistance should not drop it off at the facility but instead call 761-9640 to find an on-call volunteer.

Staff Writer Amy Bell can be reached at 429-7380 or abell@heritage.com. Text HERNews and HERWeather to 22700 to receive news and weather alerts to your cellphone. Msg and data rates may apply. Text HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel.

Order-taking for Girl Scout cookies under way

Girl Scouts in Washtenaw and Livingston counties are ready to take orders for Girl Scout cookies. The sales drive began Dec. 16 and continues through Jan. 20, 2012.

In Chelsea, Girl Scout Seniors in Troop 40507, comprising freshmen at Chelsea High School, are thinking big. They plan to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting in London, Paris and Switzerland next summer.

At 95 percent of their goal, the troop will sell cookies through pre-orders and booths to push their fundraising over the top.



Pictured are members of Girl Scout Senior Troop 40507 at Chelsea High School, including Megan Heydlauff (left), Fallon Mosier, Lynnise Cooley, Lindsay Smith, Katie LaRoy, Rachel Hastings and Lexi Ray. Anita Mosier is the troop leader.

Troop Leader Anita Mosier said it's only through Girl Scouting that her girls are able to plan a trip to Europe while still in high school.

During the historic centennial year, the group plans to visit Girl Scout World Centers Pax Lodge in London and Our Chalet in Switzerland.

In the past, they used

cookie sale proceeds to visit Mackinac Island and other Michigan locations. This is their first overseas trip.

Girl Scout cookies have also helped Troop 40507

help their community.

To achieve their Bronze Award, the Girl Scouts collected 3,000 books for "Reach Out and Read" and

the Chelsea Library. For their Silver Award, the girls spearheaded a recycling drive to help Beach Middle School achieve

"Michigan Green School" status.

Girl Scout cookie prices are again set at \$3.50 per box.

To commemorate the centennial of Girl Scouting in 2012, the girls are selling a new variety, a lemon cookie called Savannah Smiles. These cookies are so named because Juliette Gordon Low started the first Girl Scout troop with 18 girls in Savannah, Ga., on March 12, 1912.

Other popular varieties on sale are Thin Mint, Samoa, Tagalong, Trefoil, Do-Si-Do, Dulce de Leche and Thank U Berry Munch.

Girls will deliver pre-ordered cookies beginning Feb. 17 and will offer cookies at booths beginning Feb. 17 through March 18, 2012.

Scouting officials say that the Girl Scout cookie program teaches them

five key skills: girls learn how to set goals, make decisions, manage money, relate to others and follow ethical business practices.

They also learn how to work in groups as they decide together on community service projects and troop activities to support with sale proceeds.

Customers may also donate the price of cookies and have them sent to local food banks or to U.S. service members and their families through "Gift of Caring."

Girl Scout cookie proceeds support programs for girls through Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, which serves 22,000 girls through six regional centers in 34 counties in southwest, central and northeast Lower Michigan.

To learn more about Girl Scouting, visit www.gshom.org or call 1-497-2688.

BRIEFLY

Sheriff's office to crack down on drunken driving during holidays

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, U of M Public Safety, Pittsfield Public Safety, Milan Police, Saline Police, Northfield Township Police, Ann Arbor Police and Chelsea Police have stepped up enforcement and are the lookout for impaired drivers in Washtenaw County on and around the Christmas and New Year's Day holiday weekends. The special traffic enforcement period runs through Jan. 2, 2012. Law enforcement officers will put in more than 200 hours in Washtenaw County specifically for drunken driving enforcement. This special traffic enforcement is paid by the federal traffic safety funds administered by the Office of Highway Safety

Planning. Alcohol-involved crashes tend to be more serious than non-drinking crashes, and injuries are more serious for drivers and passengers who have been drinking. In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for drunk driving with a .08 blood alcohol content or higher. A drunken-driving conviction carries with it an assortment of penalties, including court costs and fines, increased car insurance rates, legal fees and \$2,000 in driver responsibilities fees. The sheriff's office urges residents to have a plan for holiday parties — celebrants who plan to drink alcohol should designate a sober driver or call a cab.

For more information on this special enforcement, contact Community Engagement Director Derrick Jackson at 973-4503 or Law Enforcement Commander Dieter Heren at 973-4949.

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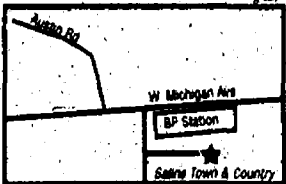
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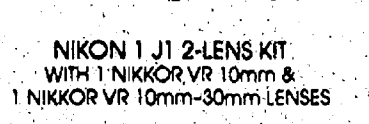
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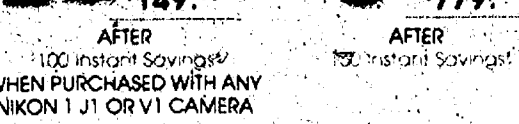
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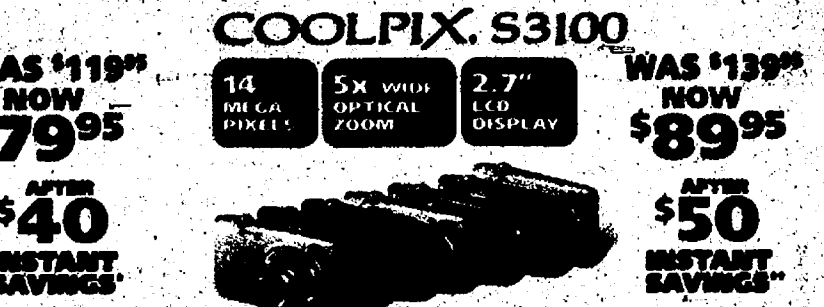
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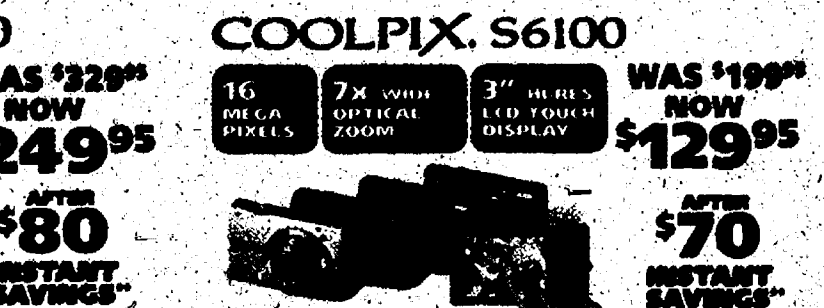
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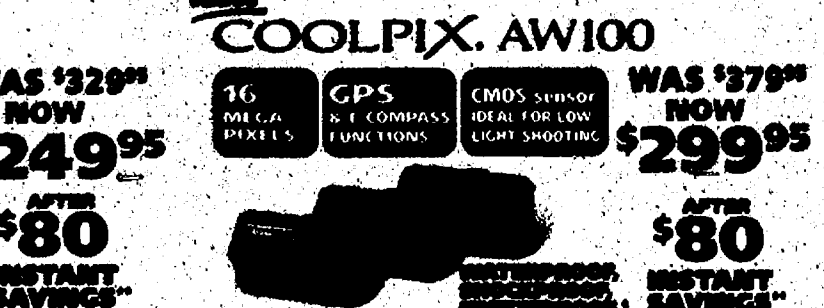
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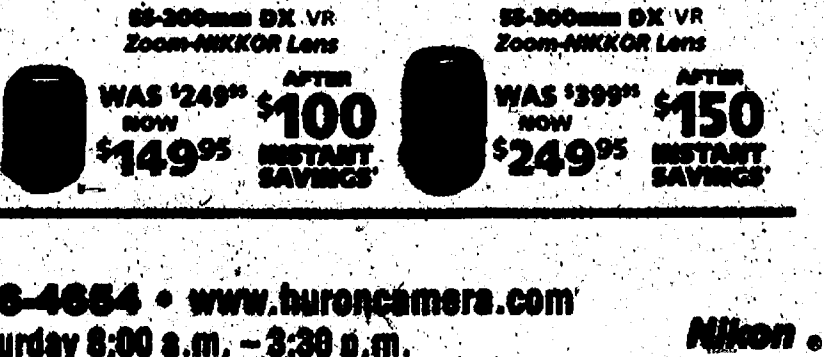
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What's your favorite Christmas tradition?

A. Attending special church services

B. Opening presents with family

C. Eating Christmas dinner with family

D. Decorating the Christmas tree

Democrats: Snyder isn't working with us

As this hectic and successful first year in office comes to an end, you won't see Gov. Rick Snyder taking any personal victory laps. Nope. Not this governor.

He is not a hog when it comes to sharing the spotlight with legislators. Well... not all legislators.

You see if there is a goose egg on the new governor's year-end scorecard, it is the lack of bipartisan cooperation with you know who.

Despite his upbeat rhetoric as a candidate and his pledge to work with Democrats as governor, there has been painfully little of that this year.

At the outset, the Democratic leaders were eager to get into the governor's office to begin this new era of bipartisanship, but it was months before they got in and when they did, they didn't like what they saw.

The pension tax on seniors was a nonstarter for the D's.

The emergency manager law, even though it was drafted by a former Democratic speaker of the House, did not open to rave reviews, either.

Then there was the budget with its massive slashing of education in order to fund a hefty \$1.8 billion tax cut for business with no guarantee that it would create one stinking job.

The Democrats had little input and therefore voted no.

And to prove the point that they were abandoned in the process, they report that out of the 230 bills passed this year, Democrats sponsored a grand total of five.

That despite the fact that the year began on an upbeat note for the Democrats. The governor used his State of

the State address to embrace the top priority for the Democrats in 2011, i.e. the building of the bridge between Detroit and Windsor.

As Mr. Snyder embraced the notion in front of all the lawmakers, those Democrats leaped to their feet in wild applause and the picture is still frozen in everyone's mind of the Republicans sitting on their collective behinds and hands wondering to themselves, is this our governor?

Well, we all know now that there was no chance for the governor to work a deal with the Democrats because his own party stifled him on the issue, refusing to move it for a vote.

There was a perfect opportunity for the governor to work his bipartisan magic because all he needed to do was convince two Democrats on the Senate committee to vote the measure to the floor. He did not and they did not, and the bridge sits in limbo as a result of that failure.

Some Democrats are scratching their heads, wondering what went wrong this year given the

fact that the governor has surrounded himself with seasoned inside players who understand the importance of working with the other side.

"I want to like him," reflected one Democratic source who is still waiting for that reach across the aisle.

One Democrat who did reach got rebuffed.

Gretchen Whitmer, the Senate Democratic leader, wanted the governor to modify some of his cuts in the K-12 budget and she thought she had a deal, but the governor, she said, reneged. He denies the assertion, but the episode did little to foster a close working relationship between the two.

As 2011 rolls into 2012, the D's are still prepared to work with him, especially as more conservative Republicans move on their own to push items the governor might not like.

Mr. Snyder can improve on that goose egg, but the D's are wondering, will he?

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



GUEST OPINION

TIM SKUBICK

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Let's hope that politicians will stop politicizing climate change

Climate scientists, we imagine, are tearing out their hair at their failure to make large parts of the American population see the changing world as they do.

They must be agast at the way their message, seemingly so simple, has been politicized, how a call to preserve life on the planet more or less as we know it has been swallowed by disbelief in the science and claims that the fixes are, well, just too expensive.

But some communities aren't waiting for all the science to be settled. They don't believe they have time. And yet they're acting on what amounts to anecdotal evidence.

In an article in the current Scientific American, writer John Carey describes how city and state officials, buffeted by an increase in violent weather events, are spending some big bucks to prevent damage and death the next time.

In Dubuque, Iowa, a creek had been covered by 20th century development. In 1999, it reminded the community it was still there in a 5.6-inch rainfall that flooded hundreds of homes. It happened again in 2002. The city spent \$21 million to uncover the creek, add parkland and build two water retention basins. Was the heavy rainfall a product of climate change? That was unimportant. But the end result may cope with a 10-inch rainfall. Dubuque experienced one of those in July.

In San Francisco, sewage outfalls are being rebuilt to prevent backups into the sewer system from rising seas.

In Nevada, a water line deeper under Lake Mead than current intakes will transport water to Las Vegas if drying continues.

While forward-thinking communities and those which experienced serious damage from weather events are taking steps to reduce future problems, many communities aren't, Carey's article points out.

There are other players: Insurance companies are considering the impacts of severe weather events and ways to reduce damage. The federal government has asked agencies to report on their own climate adaptation plans by the middle of next year.

If weather changes continue, at some point our collective perceptions of disaster, calamity and prevention may percolate upward to lawmakers, including those who should have seen the changes for themselves.

Could we expect an apology if that happens? Perhaps an "oopsie"?

— Courtesy of The Macomb Daily



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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GUEST COLUMN: By Mark Hodesh

Health care tax credits are a huge boon to small businesses

With the economy still in a slump, small business owners like me are doing everything we can to keep our costs down. A particularly troublesome cost for my business is health insurance.

However, I recently learned there are tax credits in the new healthcare law specifically for small businesses that will help us pocket some extra cash.

In Michigan, 85.1 percent, or 126,300 small businesses were eligible for a credit in 2010; 39,600 small businesses qualified for the maximum tax credit that year.

Unfortunately, I saw a survey from Small Business Majority that said 57 percent of small business owners don't know about the credits. If more small employers took advantage of this opportunity

to save money, there would be more cash circulating in our community.

Here's how these tax credits from the Affordable Care Act benefit my Mom and Pop downtown business.

Our business strategy depends on stable, well-informed employees for us to compete with large national box stores. A comprehensive health care insurance plan is the best way for us to attract and keep the good people we need, but our insurance costs have risen 300 percent in 10 years, and competition won't allow us to raise prices enough to cover them.

Under the Affordable Care Act, our store will receive a \$15,000 tax credit. That's not all the money in the world, but it means a lot to us and costs the government little or nothing.

Here's how it worked for

us. Last spring, when the tea leaves of commerce were hard to read, the tax credit gave me the confidence to hire a new full-time employee.

That employee is now paying taxes. That means thousands of dollars going into government coffers.

After a couple of months, our new person had the confidence to buy a \$6,500 motorcycle that increased profits and tax revenue for the motorcycle shop. There's more.

Another employee had been paying nearly \$20,000 for his family insurance. Our tax credit gave me the confidence to encourage him to switch to our policy, which now saves that family more than \$8,000 per year.

That money is going right into a new roof on the house and education for their kids.

From my perspective as a

life-long, small, downtown business owner, a relatively small health care reform tax credit helped our company put tens of thousands of dollars into the economy. I see healthcare reform as powerful economic stimulus that really works.

Any cash boost, large or small, is welcome in this economy. We can use the money we save to invest in new equipment and new workers, so we can expand and help grow the economy.

I hope all small businesses owners in Michigan will look into these credits. We need all the help we can get.

For more information about how to claim a credit, small business owners are encouraged to visit <http://smallbusinessmajority.org/small-business-research/healthcare.php>.

Mark Hodesh is the owner of Downtown Home and Garden in Ann Arbor.

Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

Robbery from a gravesite is despicable

On Dec. 3, I took a grave blanket to my parents' grave in Marble Park cemetery in Milan. It was solidly anchored in the ground with a wire hoop.

I returned to the cemetery on December 10 and discovered it was gone. It could not have blown away because of the wire anchor. The only explanation for its absence was that it was stolen.

This is a completely despicable thing.

It is a crime to steal, but to steal from the dead is unthinkable.

If someone wanted to remember their dead relatives, this was a disgusting way to do it.

If they did not have enough money to buy a grave blanket, then they should have simply gone without. They certainly should not have taken one from someone else.

This is the second time we have had a grave blanket taken. We have also had flowers dug up after planting them on Memorial Day, but at a different cemetery than Marble Park.

This is a sad commentary on what people will do in today's society.

Catharine Butterfield Milan

Kiwanis Club thanks Milan for red kettle donations

Thank you Milan community for your generosity in giving to the Salvation Army holiday kettle drive.

The Kiwanis Club of Milan provides the personnel for the ringing, both members and members' friends.

Kröger provides a warmer interior location in their entrance for those ringing the bells and for donors' easy access to the collection kettle.

Holiday bell ringing is a service project of Kiwanis clubs throughout the state.

As an incentive to collect the maximum funds — funds badly needed in these downturn economic times — the state Michigan District of Kiwanis International, in collaboration with The Salvation Army, provides recognition and a plaque to the larger state Kiwanis Club each year with the largest total collection amount.

A second state award is given to a smaller-sized Kiwanis Club, less than 40 members, which also achieves the highest donor amount.

It is with pride that the Kiwanis Club of Milan, because of the overwhelming contributions made by the community, has won the smaller club award for eight of the past 13 years and has won consecutively for the past four years in a row.

Our community can look with pride on its repeated donations to aid the Salvation Army.

Gordon Parker
Kiwanis Club of Milan
President

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Streets should have four-way stops

We have a nice new sidewalk along the south side of Third Street in Dexter.

But, it is not safe for pedestrians to use! Why? Because northbound traffic on Hudson Street and Edison Street does not have to stop as they intersect with Third Street, but perhaps they should.

If these intersections were four-way stop streets, they would be safer for pedestrians,

including people pushing strollers with babies and small children, people walking with dogs, senior citizens and handicap people, and even vehicles traveling on Third Street. (I know of an accident with a car on Third Street at one of those intersections.)

If these two streets, Hudson and Edison, were to become four-way stop streets when they inter-

sect with Third Street, they would need warning signs "STOP AHEAD" for northbound vehicles because there is a small up-hill where the sign should be, then a short steep down-hill to Third Street.

At the intersection of Inverness with Third Street, it is the opposite problem. Southbound vehicles do not have to stop. Pedestrians cannot see these vehicles before

getting into the middle of Inverness. And I doubt that drivers going south on Inverness can see pedestrians and vehicles that are eastbound on Third Street, and closely nearing the intersection with Inverness.

When I commented to friends who live in these areas that I am writing a letter to the editor to the editor of The Dexter Leader about these intersections, the promptly

said, "Those are bad intersections."

If these three streets, Edison, Hudson and Inverness, were to become four-way stop streets as they intersect with Third Street, these intersections would be

safer for pedestrians and vehicles. Then people could enjoy the nice new sidewalk on the south side of Third Street.

Dorothy Blanchard Dexter

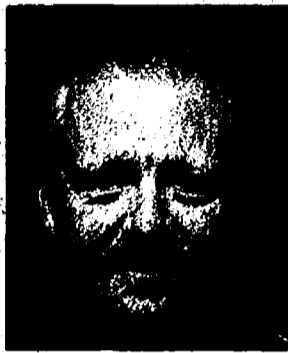
Give part of yourself with holiday gifts

Heaven knows, life is stressful enough without the extra pressure heaped on us by Retail Season. How many weeks and months have we endured the unrelenting push for things we should wear, cook, eat, drink and otherwise purchase, all to honor Yuletide? Thank goodness the holidays will soon be over.

How many "news" segments were about recipes for your next get together or fashion accessories to insure you'll look stylish at the office party? How many ads offering solutions to "last-minute gift shopping" have you endured since even before December, ramping up the nagging panic that you might not be everything to everyone this year? How many commercials implied your party will be a dud without a certain beverage, candy, or hors d'oeuvre? It's like some holly-jolly high explosive will go off if you do not defuse it with chic ensembles, great snacks, trendy libations, and perfect gifts for everyone.

With all our running around to live up to the image we're sold of what the holidays should be, it's hard to see what it really is. After all, depending on your faith or cultural traditions, this season is sup-

THE LONG VIEW



PAT GRIMES

posed to be about beliefs and symbols.

—Maybe you celebrate Kwanza and reflect on its principles of unity, self-determination, responsibility, purpose, creativity, family and faith. Or you recount the miracle of Hanukah, when the Temple was purified and the wicks of the menorah there burned for eight days even though there was only enough oil for one.

Perhaps you honor the winter solstice with meditation on the gradual lengthening of daylight and the coming rebirth of nature. Or maybe you joyfully observe, with glad tidings for all, humanity's redemption via the Prince of Peace's humble birth in a stable.

Whatever your season's reason, it isn't the parties,

the food, the drinks, the clothing, or the gifts that are important. Still not sure?

Okay, see if you can remember: what presents did you get last year? Which recipe tasted best? Whose gathering meant the most to you and what did you wear? You might have some decent answers to those questions. But I'll bet those events, refreshments and gifts were noteworthy not because of what they were, but who shared them with you.

So maybe we can ditch our devotion to what we are told the holidays should be. Maybe we can simply recognize this as a time to admire what is truly admirable, then thoughtfully select tokens to symbolize that admiration. And when you choose to bestow a gift on someone, be it your closest companion or a complete stranger, don't let it just be an item from the mall; be sure to add a part of yourself.

In this season of giving, they say it's the thought that matters. Keep that in mind, and you'll keep the holiday spirit all the year through.

For yourself or anyone else, there are few gifts nicer than that.

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Father of bullied boy would amend law

HOME FRONT



JAMES DICKSON

When Kevin Epling went looking for answers after his son, Matt, was subjected to a particularly brutal round of bullying, school and police officials in the East Lansing community were content to view Matt Epling's hazing as a rite of passage, Kevin recalls.

There was an attitude, Kevin remembers almost a decade later, that this is something that just happens to every eighth-grader at MacDonald Middle School; nothing more than a harmless, annual tradition in which older, bigger kids from East Lansing High School "welcome" rising ninth-graders to the big school.

But Matt wasn't inclined to view his treatment — eggs cracked over his head, syrup poured all over his clothes, not to mention the verbal taunting — as any routine he was interested in continuing. In summer 2002, the night before he and his parents were to go to the police station to press charges, Matt killed himself. He was 14 years old. Since Matt's death, Kevin has made the elimination of schoolhouse bullying a mission, a calling that has led him to crisscross the state advocating for "Matt's Safe School Law," Michigan's first anti-bullying legislation.

That journey transitioned into its second phase after Gov. Rick Snyder signed Matt's Safe School Law into the books Dec. 6.

Kevin, a video producer for Michigan State University, was there along Snyder and Senate Minority Leader Gretchen Whitmer, who represents East Lansing, to witness it.

Kevin says he is proud to see Public Act 241 of 2011 bear Matt's name. He could not have said the same of Senate Bill 137, which passed the upper House Nov. 2. Senate Bill 137 seemed to attempt to discourage bullying complaints by making the penalty for a false bullying claim equal with the punishment for a legitimate case of bullying. But what caught the most attention, both statewide and nationally, was the insertion of a clause allowing bullying, so long as it flowed from a "sincerely held religious belief or moral conviction."

Now that the anti-bullying law has been signed, without exceptions, Kevin is able to enjoy a laugh at the irony SB 137 represented.

"After all those years of the Republicans holding up the law because of 'protected classes,'" Kevin notes, "the first thing they did was introduce one of their own."

A cynic might guess that Republicans floated SB 137 to avoid criticism when they ultimately passed a bullying law that failed to mention the "enumerated classes" typical in civil rights legislation.

The State Board of Education's model anti-bullying policy, for instance, specifically prohibits bullying on the basis of "any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression; or a mental, physical, or sensory disability or impairment; or by any other distinguishing characteristic..." Naming specific groups does not deny protection to any groups not named. But Republicans, who hold all the cards in Lansing, wouldn't go for anything like that. Instead, Section 5C of the law requires that public school boards pass anti-bullying resolutions containing "a provision indicating that all pupils are protected under the policy and that bullying is equally prohibited without regard to its subject matter or

motivating animus." Days before Senate Republicans approved SB 137, a group called the Safe Schools Coalition produced a guide to "why enumeration matters," why the blanket protection of a broad anti-bullying measure isn't enough.

"If you don't list the forms bullying can take, then many students and some staff will assume that you must not mean XYZ (whatever is

most commonplace in their building)," the guide reads, in part. "Or they'll be afraid to apply the rules when the content of the graffiti (or whatever) is controversial. Naming even the controversial ones says to everyone involved, 'We aren't afraid to say that we value every single child.'"

Kevin says that whatever the law's shortcomings, it's easier to fix a law that's on the books than to get it

passed in the first place. He says that the state and individual school boards should view bullying as a living issue and revisit their policies regularly.

If he could change the law tomorrow, Kevin said that rather than list the enumerated classes, he would address the realities of cyberbullying. The word "cyber" only comes up once in the entire law, but with the commonality of smart-

phones, it's arguable that there's never been a better time to engage in cyberbullying — without using school computers, and outside of school hours — than now.

The heavy-lifting has been done. Matt's Safe School Law has passed. The second phase of Kevin's mission will take him back on the road, but this time to help communities craft their own anti-bullying policies.

Not only does the law

require that each of Michigan's 550-plus school boards pass its own anti-bullying policy, they must send their policy to the state within six months. Kevin wants to help communities get this done right.

Kevin Epling said that he will be giving a talk on bullying at Clague Middle School in mid-January.

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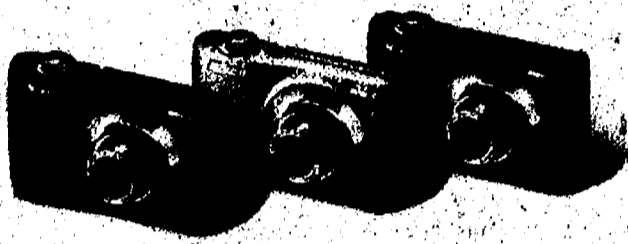


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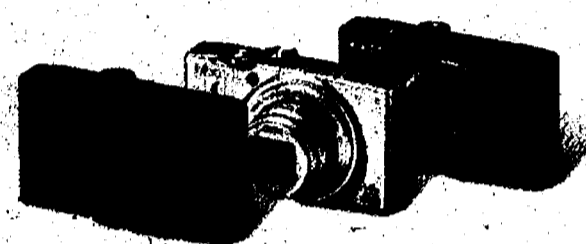
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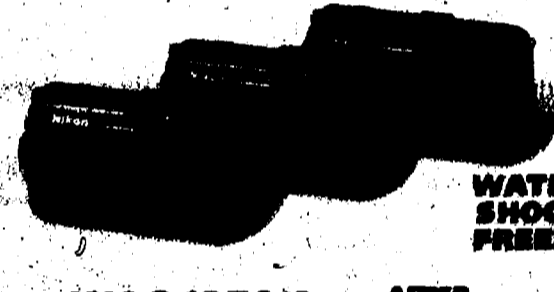
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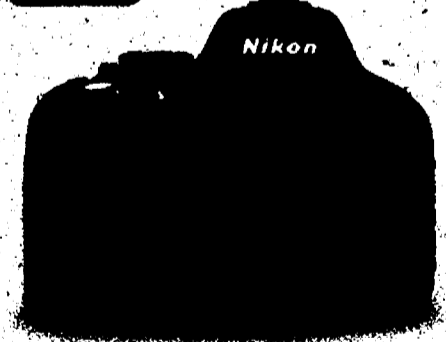
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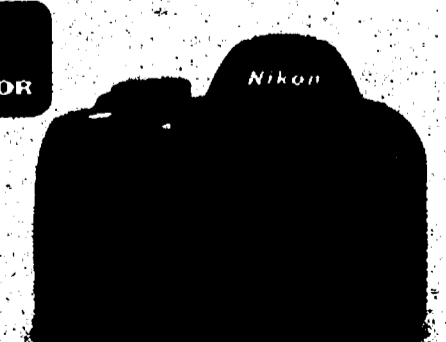
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FX50 boasts 390 hp, comparable to Mercedes

By Mike Covello
Journal Register Newspapers

When did 390 horsepower become a standard issue motor?

I understand that there's a modern horsepower race going on among manufacturers. As cars become more reliable, comfortable and filled with convenience items, it becomes necessary to find other ways to separate your product from the herd of competition; and go-fast horsepower has always been a magic ingredient to get the latest product quickly into the enthusiast's garage.

Infiniti's FX crossover is available in two flavors, reg-

ular and extra strength. The FX35 comes equipped with Nissan/Infiniti's award-winning 3.5-liter V6. Last time I looked, the FX35 was packing 275 hp.; now, though, it's up to 303 hp. When the previous Infiniti FX with a V8 was in my driveway, it had a 4.5-liter that made 320 hp. and 335 lb.-ft. of torque. This felt far more than adequate.

Now the FX packs a full 5.0-liter V8 and boasts 390 hp. and 369 lb.-ft. of torque, and the difference is noticeable. Instead of comparing the V8 FX to the V6 model, I found myself comparing it to the last AMG Mercedes Benz M-Class. Another contributing factor to my "Oh, gosh!" reaction when

I stepped on the gas pedal, was the seven-speed automatic transmission. Not only has the FX got more horsepower, but the seemingly conflicting truth is that the EPA mileage has improved from 13/17mpg to 14 city and 20 mpg on the highway. I realize that 20 mpg is not really something to brag about to your neighbor with the electric Nissan Leaf or hybrid Toyota Prius, but going from 17 to 20 is a substantial improvement.

Maybe the other reason I started thinking about "what is Infiniti's equivalent of BMW's M-badge or Mercedes-Benz's AMG sub-brand?" is that the blue slate FX50 AWD carried an

"S" badge on its rump. The \$3,000 sport package added some really useful goodies to the FX50's \$57,600 base price.

While the standard shock settings are nicely calibrated, the Continuous Damping Control allowed me to select between auto and sport. It was hard to separate out the effect that rear active steer had on the FX's performance without back-to-back comparison to the FX's normal rear end. The sport style seat with adjustable thigh support not only provided a very comfort-able throne, but the quilted pattern reminded me of Bentley's I've driven. But my favorite addition had to be the leather-trimmed magne-

sium paddle shifters.

When you're paying more than \$60,000 for a vehicle with sport aspirations, having the gear shift literally at your fingertips not only adds a measure of control but also fuels the F-1 racing fantasies. That is, if a 4,546-lb., high seat-position vehicle can be said to inspire those reveries.

I should mention that the \$1,650 Deluxe touring package not only adds some very attractive maple interior accents and aluminum pedals, but also upgrades the 265/50x20 inch rubber to 265/45x21 inch V-rated tires. While the standard intelligent all-wheel drive did shift the power around from

one massive tire to another, I never detected any sign of the tires not responding anything but diligently to my input. It's unlikely that anyone buys an FX50 because it's a sensible choice, yet the 24.8 cubic feet of cargo space can be expanded to 62 cubic feet by folding down the rear seat.

But the FX's highly styled shape is not about making efficient use of space; instead, it's about providing a driving environment that makes its occupants feel that they're equipped to handle whatever the road might dish up.

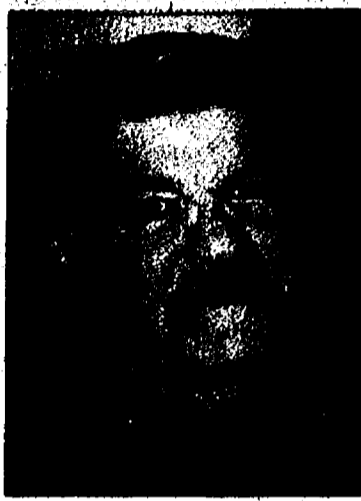
The all-wheel-drive is backed up with a snow mode for the transmission.



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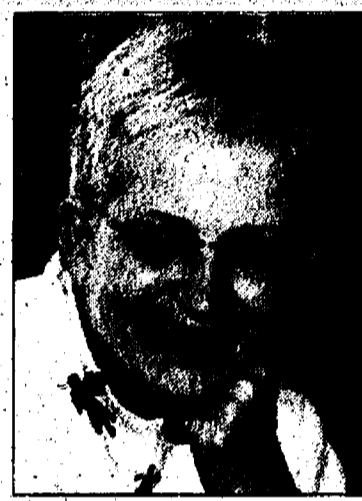
ALDRICH, SHIRLEY M. "Dee"; Pinckney, Michigan; age 74; went to be with the Lord Thursday, December 15, 2011, in her home. She was born April 3, 1937, in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Frank and Marguerite B. (Bourdeau) Hadden Jr. Shirley was a member of Dexter Gospel Church, where she served as Sunday School Teacher and Awana Leader. She loved working with children. Shirley also enjoyed fishing, the outdoors, and spending time with family and friends. On April 5, 1957, she married Robert E. Aldrich in Dexter, and he survives. Other survivors include two daughters, Elizabeth M. Aldrich of Pinckney and Patricia L. Birchmeier of Dexter; special nephew, Del (Grace) Sanders; three grandchildren, Corey, Garit, Alisha; two sisters, Patricia Todaro of New Port Richey, FL, Janet (Bud) Iley of Munnith; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral Services were held Monday, December 19, 2011 at Dexter Gospel Church, with Pastor John O'Dell officiating. Burial was at Pinckney Cemetery. The family received friends at Cole Funeral Chapel Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.



ARMBRUSTER, JOHN C.; passed away Sunday, December 18, 2011 ending his long battle with cancer. John was born in Three Rivers, MI on January 16, 1943. He passed away peacefully at his home with his family at his side. He was the loving husband of Carolyn; loving father of Pat (Ted) Bame, Kelly (Cletus) Ray, Don (Kathy) Pulver, Chris (Jen) Armbruster, Woody Wilson and Earl Duke (Trish) Wilson; 26 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; also his sisters, Sandra Adams and Crystal Thaxton, of Arizona. Preceding John's death was youngest son, Norman Wilson earlier this year. He graduated from Dexter Schools in 1961. He was a lifelong resident of the Ann Arbor/Dexter communities. He retired in 2003 after a long career in the automotive field as a service representative for Lamb Industries. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post #27 and Ann Arbor Eagles #2154. There will be a Celebration of his Life at 2 p.m. on Friday, December 23, 2011 in his hometown of Dexter, at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, 7610 Ann Arbor St., Dexter. Luncheon will follow at the Ann Arbor Eagles at 7551 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor. In lieu of Flowers the family is requesting all donations go to St. Joseph Mercy Home Care and Hospice, Washtenaw Medical Arts Building, 3075 Clark Rd., Suite 200, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.



FIDGE, WEYONA LEE "Pinky"; of Manchester, MI; age 76; passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at the Chelsea Retirement Community. She was born on October 13, 1935 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Doc and Lee (Rosentrater) Higgins. On September 17, 1955 she married Thomas J. Fidge, Jr. and he survives. Lee had lived in the area since 1985, coming from Plymouth. She had been a Plymouth Township Trustee, worked on the Rouge River Clean-Up Project, and was involved with local politics. She also had worked at the Manchester Gravel Pit, was a member of the Garden Club, had a cooking page in the Manchester Enterprise ("Thyme in the Kitchen"), and "raised cattle." In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children: Lawrence (Pamela) Fidge of Westland, Jeffrey (Deb) Fidge of Northville, and LesLee (David) Turner of Dexter; three grandchildren; and a half-sister, Kathleen Laderman of Florida. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral Services will be held Monday, December 19, 2011 at 11 a.m. from the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea with Rev. Kathy Schell officiating. Burial will follow at Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley.



PASSOW, CORALIE "Jean"; Saline, MI; age 73; passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2011; at the Saline Evangelical Home with her family by her side. She was born September 24, 1938, in Flagstaff, AZ, the daughter of Jarrod and Florence (Sprang) Webster. On October 10, 1959, in Dexter, MI, she married Marvin L. Passow and he preceded her in death, October 10, 1999. Jean served as President of the Saline American Legion Auxiliary Post #322 in 1986 and in 1991. She was a superfan of U of M Football and had a special place in her heart for her grandson. Survivors include daughters, Karen Court, and Teri King; and her grandson, Jared (Jessica) Isbell. Jean was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her daughter, Dawn Marie Passow. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at 5:30 P.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline, with Fr. William J. Stevenson, celebrant. A Celebration of her Life will follow the service at the Saline American Legion. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Saline Evangelical Home or to Arbor Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home where friends may begin calling on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, between the hours of 1 p.m. until the time of service at 5:30 p.m. To sign Jean's guest-book or to leave a memory visit <http://www.rbfhsalinelive.com/obituaries/announcements> or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsalinelive.com

EISELE, B. KATHERINE ADAMS; of Chelsea, MI; age 87; passed away on Monday, December 19, 2011 at her home. She was born on August 21, 1924 in Magoffin Co., KY, the daughter of Rolly and Addie (Cooper) Collinsworth. In 1943 she left Kentucky and came to Chelsea after high school graduation. She worked at Rockwell International, retiring after 30 years. In 1946 she married William J. Adams of Marion, OH and was married for 16 years with two sons before he preceded her in death on May 16, 1963. After three years of widowhood, she met and married Eldean J. Eisele on March 12, 1966 and they have always lived in Chelsea. For many years she was a member of the Chelsea First United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star where she held many offices; she was a life member at her death. She was also active in Cub Scouts, P.T.A., and Child Study Club at various times in her life. Her interests, outside of caring for her family and friends, have always included decorating, reading, and real estate. She is survived by her husband, Eldean; her two sons, William David (Mary Ann) Adams of Mississippi and John (Beth) Adams of Colorado; her step-daughter, Margaret A. Adams of Coldwater; her grandchildren, David, Jason, and Emma; her great-grandchildren, Cameron and Cooper; her siblings, Thomas Collinsworth of Chelsea, Harold (Barbara) Collinsworth of Kentucky, Mary (Arnold) Higgins of Tennessee, Jean (Bob) Castle of Indiana, and Luke (Molly Sue) Collinsworth of Chelsea; and many nieces and nephews whom she loved very much. In addition to her first husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Clifford Collinsworth Sr., Guy Roark, Anna Borders, Ben Roark, Wannie Allen, and an infant sister, Betty Lou. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 11 a.m. from the Chelsea First United Methodist Church with Rev. Joy Barrett and Ms. LeAnn Seto co-officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Chelsea First United Methodist Church, Faith-In-Action, or the Arbor Hospice Foundation. The family will receive friends at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.



EDWARDS, ROGER G. JR.; Saline, MI; age 89; passed away on Friday, December 16, 2011 at Brecon Village, in Saline MI. He was born in Springfield, MA on June 9, 1922. Roger was the eldest son of Roger G. and Lillian (Cable) Edwards. The family moved to Cape Cod, MA in 1933 to run the American Metallic Fabric Company in Bass River. Roger was salutariorian of the Yarmouth High School class of 1940 and attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute for two years before serving with the U.S. Army 310th Infantry in Europe from 1943 until 1946. Roger married Elaine Small Cash, also from Cape Cod, and the couple celebrated their 67th anniversary this past November. In addition to working at American Metallic, Roger worked in real estate, had a weekly radio program on WOGB, was a manager for the Cape Cod Gas Company and a title examiner for John Crenney. Over the years, Roger was active in the community as a coach and officer in Yarmouth Little League, as a member of Kiwanis, the Grand Lodge of Masons - Howard Lodge A.F. & A.M., U.S. Power Squadron and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary - Yarmouth Flotilla, and was a founding coach of the Cape Cod Aces travel girls' hockey team. He served as a Town of Yarmouth Water Commissioner from 1963 to 1985. He is survived by his wife; his son, Robert (Lydia) Edwards of Lenox, MA; his daughter, Susan (Stephen) McDowell of Ypsilanti, MI; his brother, Robert K. (Martha) Edwards of South Yarmouth, MA; and his sister, Muriel Hocking of Bradenton, FL. A Memorial Service is being planned for the Spring of 2012 on Cape Cod. Condolences may be sent to the family in c/o Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home, 301 East MI Ave., Saline, MI 48176. Donations in his memory may be made to the Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Rd., Saline, MI 48176.

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Of those killed, 995 of the accidents were related to cell phone distraction. That's 18 percent of the total of distracted drivers killed in vehicles. Another five percent of the 24,000 reports of injuries in distracted driving-related crashes involved distraction by cell phone.

Unfortunately, these numbers represent 16 percent of all fatal crashes and 20 percent of injury crashes for the same year, the latest year of thoroughly reviewed data.

The most dangerous age group overall - the under-20 segment - was involved in 16 percent of all distracted driving accidents. But the most surprising thing is that the age group with the highest fatal accident



Texting while driving has become a major concern in recent years.

rate involving cell phones wasn't the one you'd expect. That prize goes to the 30- to 39-year-olds, who had the highest proportion of cell-phone distracted fatal accidents.

This information shows enough clearly related death and injury from cell phone use that there should be a hue and cry against this.

In some states, it's illegal to hold a phone while driving (for more information about your state's laws,

see <http://www.distraction.gov/content/get-the-facts/state-laws.html>) But even the former wife of the California governor pooch-pooched the issue when caught on camera breaking that particular law. Naturally, the federal government, which doesn't even mandate seatbelt use, won't make a national issue of it.

Perhaps responsible drivers should. Perhaps talking on a cell phone while driving with your kids in the

car should result in being charged with child endangerment - it is certainly statistically more dangerous than many actions that are. Or perhaps someone should start a campaign to provide those who must talk while driving with a designated driver. If you wouldn't drive drunk, you shouldn't drive verbosely.

What is distracted driving?

(From <http://www.distraction.gov/content/get-the-facts-and-statistics.html>)

Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety. These types of distraction's include:

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But because text messaging requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver, it

is by far the most alarming distraction.

The best way to end distracted driving is to educate all Americans about the danger it poses. On this page, you'll find facts and statistics that are powerfully persuasive. If you don't already think distracted driving is a safety problem, please take a moment to learn more. And, as with everything on Distraction.gov, please share these facts with others. Together, we can help save lives.

Got questions? Visit the U.S. government's official website for distracted driving at <http://www.distraction.gov/content/get-the-facts/faqs.html>. Want even more information? Look at sample research reports at <http://www.distraction.gov/content/get-the-facts/research.html>

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PRINZING, MARJORIE ELAINE; Chelsea, MI; age 82; died Sunday, December 18, 2011 in her home. She was born May 29, 1929 in Three Oaks, Michigan, the daughter of Bert L. and Millie Mae (Rodgers) Stanage. Marjorie graduated from Three Oaks High School in 1947. She worked at South School cafeteria for 22 years. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church at Rogers Corners, and was active with Women of Zion. Marjorie enjoyed crocheting, cooking, and baking. On December 27, 1948, she married George Prinzing in Three Oaks, Michigan. They were the third generation married on this date. George preceded her in death on September 4, 2003. Survivors include her children, Paul (Marjo) Prinzing of N. Muskegon, Laurel (Douglas) McDonald of Grass Lake, Eric (Linda) Prinzing of Grass Lake, Marcia Schoening of Chelsea, Susan Prinzing of Laingsburg, Glenn (Caron) Prinzing of Hartland; 10 grandchildren, Adam McDonald, Martha Hammond, and Scott McDonald, Erica Rettig, Lela Prinzing, Annissa Brady, Teya Smashey, Alec, Madison, and Grant Prinzing; two great grandsons, Tyler Schoening and Austin Smashey; two sisters, Eleanor Desmond, and Shirley Ripley. She was preceded in death by brothers-in-law, John Desmond and Wendell Ripley. Funeral services will be held Friday, December 23, 2011, 11 a.m. at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea, with Rev. Doris Sparks officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea. The family will receive friends (today) Thursday 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church.

PRICE, MICHAEL ARTHUR; Saline, MI; age 51; died Friday, December 16, 2011 at his home. He was born July 15, 1960 in Monroe, MI the son of the late Art and Betty (Straub) Price and graduated from Monroe High School in 1978. He received a full scholarship to Eastern Michigan University where he played football for the Hurons and lead the team as their captain before graduating in 1983 with his teaching degree. He started his teaching and coaching career in Iowa before returning to Michigan to teach in the Saline Area Schools in 1997. Michael was a physical education teacher, as well as, the Middle School wrestling and track coach and also the defensive coordinator and Assistant Coach for the Saline Varsity Football team. Along with his love of sports, he was also an avid outdoorsman. He is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Merry; his children, Matthew, Renee and Amanda; his siblings, Kathy, Terry, Debbie, Gary and numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends. Memorial contributions may be made to the family and will be used for his children's secondary education. Funeral services were held 11 a.m., Monday, December 19, 2011. Please visit www.netfuneralhomes.com to sign Michael's memory page and leave a message.

AUTO NEWS BRIEFS

Next-gen Viper to be built at idled Detroit plant

Good news for fans of the Dodge Viper, or anyone who's interested in the revitalization of the City of Detroit: Chrysler announced this week that the next-gen SRT Viper, due-out next year as a 2013 model, will be built at the idled Conner Avenue Assembly Plant in Detroit. The plant's been shuttered since July 2010, when the last Viper rolled off the line, and first pick of the estimated 150 new jobs (salaried and hourly) will be offered to employees who left when the plant closed and want to return.

Once the plant re-opens and Vipers begin rolling off the line, Chrysler will become the only automaker with two active assembly plants in Detroit, something they're keen to promote.

Awesome skateboard stunt dude... In a Chevy Sonic

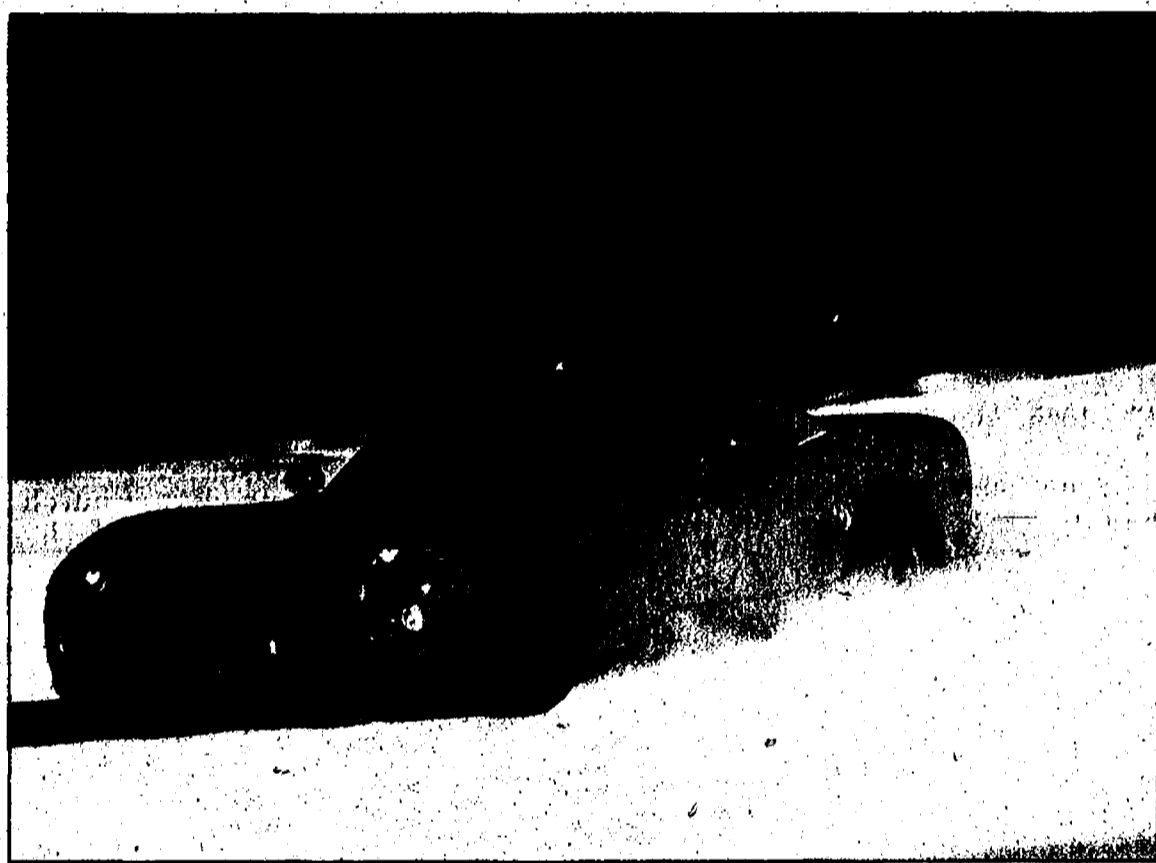
Move over, Evel Knievel; motorcycle stunts are so last week... now anyone who's anyone in the adrenaline-junkie world is doing your death-defying stunts off the world's biggest skateboard in a tiny Chevrolet.

This week, Rob Dyrdek, host of MTV's Fantasy Factory and Ridiculousness, performed a kick flip (forward roll-type maneuver) off a giant skateboard inside a new Chevrolet Sonic.

When you're a modern all-around action star, you don't worry about things like broken bones and dislocated joints, especially when you're performing stunts in a Sonic, with its 10 strategically placed airbags and its IIHS Top Pick designation. The stunt will air during the opener of season 5 of Fantasy Factory or you can see video of it here: <http://bcove.me/f3g5vvcz>

NTSB recommends ban on driver cell phone use

If you think that guy in front of you in rush-hour traffic, the one who's blatantly using his cell phone to send texts and surf the net, is an accident waiting to happen, you're not alone. This week, the National Transportation Safety



The Dodge Viper

Board (NTSB) made it clear that, according to their data, cell phone use, whether it's talking, texting, or browsing the Internet, is inherently dangerous and should be banned altogether.

The language of the recommendation isn't at all wishy-washy, either, leaving little room for interpretation: Ban the non-emergency use of portable electronic devices (other than those designed to support the driving task) for all drivers.

While it doesn't have the power to legislate a ban itself, the NTSB's recommendations are usually taken to heart by those who do, so it's likely only a matter of time before more municipalities jump on the cell phone-ban bandwagon.

Until then, it's not a bad idea to start weaning yourself off cell phone use while driving, if only for the extra personal safety.

Why not?

GM and BMW in collaboration talks

In a brief statement released early this week, General Motors confirmed that it's currently in talks with BMW to discuss the possibility of collaborating on certain technologies, "such as fuel cells." The statement didn't specify which fuel cell technologies, nor a time-line for sealing a deal.

The statement, which was a mere 23 words, came from Randy Fox, GM's Manager, Electric Vehicle Technology Communications, but rumors of what a deal would look like abound in Germany, where the business magazine WirtschaftsWoche reported that GM and BMW would likely collaborate on developing hydrogen fuel cells, with GM providing the

technology, and BMW providing sorely-needed investment dollars.

Encore crossover added to Buick lineup

This week, Buick announced that the all-new 5-passenger Encore crossover, set to debut on January 10, 2012 at the North American International Auto Show, will be added to their lineup starting with the 2013 model year.

The Encore joins the Enclave, LaCrosse, Regal, and Verano, rounding out the brand's luxury offerings. Buick is playing coy, releasing only detail shots of the Encore before its release in a few weeks; the images are available on Buick's Facebook page, with a final reveal to occur simultaneously with the unveiling at the Auto Show.

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Resident pens book on 1920s murder trial

More than 600 people use the Chelsea District Library each day. Some come in to check their email and some come in to check out a good book. Some visit a few times a week, some a few times a year. David Churchwell comes to the library every day. Each morning he heads upstairs and logs on to a computer. For the past 20 years he has been researching the trial of Ethel Nott and is writing a fictional account of a murder that took place in the 1920s, and public libraries have played a key role in his research.

Rheumatic fever put Churchwell in the hospital at 8 years old. Upon his release, he was encouraged to live with his grandmother and uncle because his mother lived in a home with stairs, which he was forbidden to climb while recovering. While living with his grandmother Churchwell would often overhear arguments between his grandmother

and uncle, one defending a woman named Ethel, the other defending a man named George. As time passed, Churchwell found newspaper clippings around the house reporting the murder of a husband by his young wife and an even younger man. Recognizing the names and intrigued by the photos, Churchwell started asking family members questions about the murder and found that everyone had their own version of the story.

According to family and local papers, George Nott, his mother's cousin, had been murdered by his wife, Ethel, and a local milkman, Elwood Wade. What he didn't know was why there wasn't a solid story and why certain family members sided with Ethel, while others with George.

Churchwell's research started at age 14 in Chelsea, Mass., where he and a friend would skip school, get sub sandwiches and then head to the Boston

Public Library to research the murder on microfilm machines. Churchwell found stories of the murder in newspapers not only locally but nationally and started collecting the information to take home to his family. Trips to the library to research the murder were infrequent as a child, but in his late 50s when he started attending memorials as family members passed away, he noticed there was always talk of the murder, and still, everyone had a different story. These conversations sparked an interest in genealogy and validating family stories, not in writing a book.

Churchwell started visiting the Boston Public Library again to continue his research, looking through hard copies of old newspapers and microfilm, and requesting documents through Inter Library Loan. As he researched the murder and the lives of George and Ethel Nott, he

found that the newspapers portrayed a one-sided version of the story. He also found that someone in Texas had written a book about the murder, which he felt was also inaccurate.

And so he set out to write his own book, titled, "Mrs. Nott's Moral Dilemma," a fictionalized account of real events that occurred in Bridgeport, Conn. during the 1920s and 1930s. A love triangle that ended in murder was shocking and inspired gossip in the 1920s. Add that the murder was witnessed by children who saw their father shot, brutalized and stuffed in a trunk - later to be submerged in a lake - and the story garnered national attention.

In 2004, Churchwell moved from Chelsea, Mass. to Chelsea, Mich. and continued his research at the Chelsea District Library. Using library computers and online resources such as Ancestry and Heritage Quest, he was able to

supplement his research gathered at the Boston Public Library with the information needed to write his book.

"If it wasn't for the staff at the Chelsea District Library, I would not have been able to finish my book," Churchwell said. "From help with research and copyright, to formatting my document and working with images, the library staff has been amazing."

"It's been wonderful to see David's research transform from what started with wanting to know

more about his family's history to an interest in writing a book," said Anna Cangialosi, marketing coordinator at the Chelsea District Library.

Churchwell does not have a computer at home and appreciates the access to high-speed Internet, scanners and software programs available to him through the library. Churchwell hopes to complete "Mrs. Nott's Moral Dilemma" by the end of December and will start looking for a publisher in the new year.

David Churchwell works on his book, "Mrs. Nott's Moral Dilemma," at the Chelsea District Library. He does not have a computer in his home and says his appreciation of the library's high-speed Internet, scanners and software programs available to library patrons.



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GUEST COLUMN: By Mike Laird

Make sure you understand your SS benefits

Social Security is as American as baseball and apple pie. Not everyone likes apples or baseball games, but almost every American who reaches retirement age will receive Social Security retirement benefits. In fact, 96 percent of Americans are covered by Social Security.

If you're ready to retire in the near future, this column is for you. We'd like to share with you a few important items about Social Security retirement benefits and how to apply for them.

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Also, your age when you retire makes a difference in your benefit amount. The full retirement age (the age

at which full retirement benefits are payable) has been gradually rising from age 65 to age 67.

You can retire as early as age 62, but if benefits start before you reach your full retirement age, your monthly payment is reduced.

Find out what your full retirement age is by referring to the convenient chart in our publication, Retirement Benefits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10035.html. It's in the second section.

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age to take advantage of a larger payment.

Your benefit will increase automatically by a certain percentage from the time you reach your full retirement age until you start receiving your benefits or until you reach age 70.

The decision of when to retire is an individual one and depends on a number of personal factors. To help you weigh the factors, we suggest you read our online fact sheet, "When to Start Receiving Retirement Benefits," available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10147.html.

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Mike Laird is the Social Security district manager in Ann Arbor.

GUEST COLUMN: By Frank Dalimonte

Leaders should put aside partisanship, special interests

Stay tuned to see what happens in Britain with the massive public employee strikes taking place and Europe's economic crisis in general.

That ocean isn't such a great divide when it comes to human nature.

Occupy Wall Street is basically a "citizen strike" by folks who are struggling financially and afraid it will only get worse.

In Detroit, and Ann Arbor too, unions concerned for

their own financial future also want their voices heard. Bus mechanics staged a work slowdown which resulted in a complete disruption in the lives of its hard-working bus riders. Now bus service has been terminated, leaving hard-working Detroiters no public options.

Union members in Ann Arbor are filling Board of Education meetings, lobbying for their share of the ever-shrinking pie.

Flint unions refused to renegotiate contracts, and now an emergency finance manager has been appointed.

Now Sen. Rebekah Warren wants to amend the state constitution to prevent private charter schools from taking up the slack of the failed Detroit schools. Inkster, Detroit, and the Muskegon Heights school district are on the short list for an EFM.

Warren might want to

concern herself with some more important issues like the \$54 billion shortfall in Michigan public pensions, instead of denying educational options for children of failed schools.

The State Supreme Court's recently ruled that part of that pension fund deficit targeted for public employee health care is "non-mandatory" under the state constitution and therefore does not have to be funded. That "non-manda-

tory" designation may mean public employees could possibly be denied future health care benefits.

Michigan retirees may soon join the other 48 million people in the United States without health care.

The Occupy Wall Street movement should be considered to be a statement that citizens are tired of leadership pandering to special interests of all kinds, and leadership should be concentrating on the big-

ger issues that have the potential to turn our United States into "disunited" states. Keep your eye on Europe. It may take a while for that wave to cross the ocean, but it is coming. No one seems to want to give up their piece of the pie.

There's still time for leaders to put party partisanship and special interest pandering aside and start prioritizing some of the issues that can make or break our economy.

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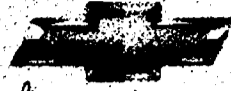
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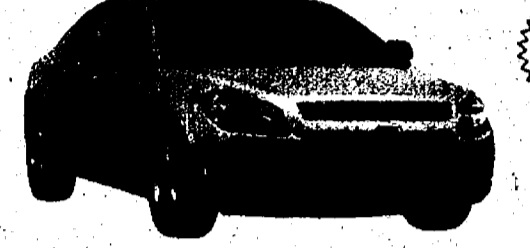
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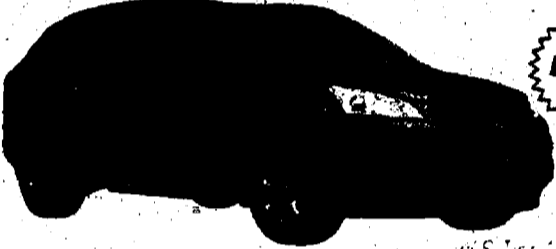


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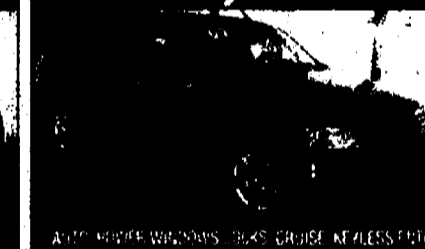





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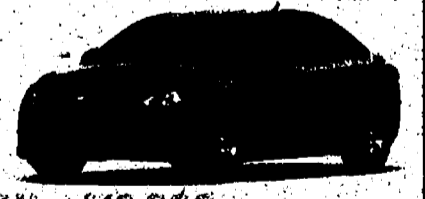
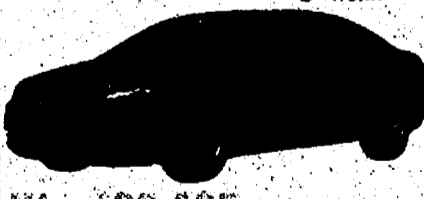
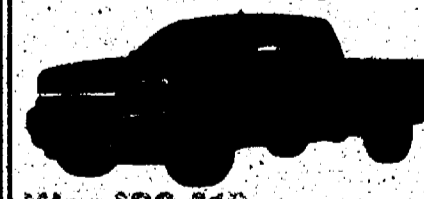


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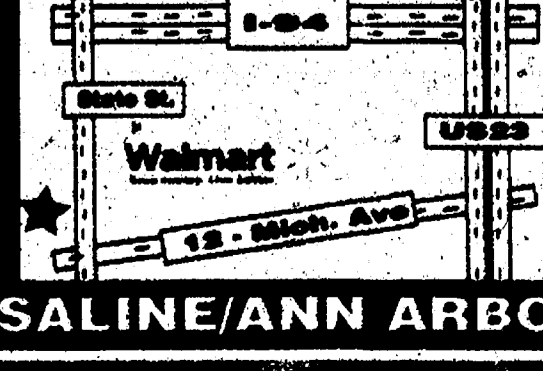
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MARRIED



Susan and Seth Gammon

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Susan Victoria Kattula of St. Louis and Seth Thomas Gammon of St. Louis were married 2 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis.

The maid of honor was Amanda Smith of Chicago, a friend of the bride. The bridesmaids were Ashley Stoffel, friend of the bride; Catherine Kattula-Klink, sister of the bride; Maria Julien, sister of the bride;

and Christa Gammon, sister of the groom.

The best men were Adam Gugelmeyer, friend of the groom, and Matt Leevy, friend of the groom. The groomsmen were Dave Alvarado, friend of the groom, and Abhishek Saharia, friend of the groom.

Many family members and friends from around the country came to the wedding, and the reception was held at the Forest Park Golf Course Clubhouse in

St. Louis.

The two honeymooned in French Polynesia.

The wedding had a bubble processional in place of a flower girl and ring bearer with nieces and nephews of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of George and Carol Kattula of Chelsea and graduate of Chelsea High School. She graduated from Alma College and Washington University's school of medicine in St. Louis. She is

an occupational therapist at Jordan Pediatric Speciality Hospital.

The bridegroom is the son of Jack and Eileen Gammon of Fairview Heights, Ill. He graduated from Belleville East High School in Belleville, Ill.; the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, Ill.; and Washington University's school of medicine in St. Louis. He is a WW in vivo product manager at Carestream Health.

BIRTHS



Silas Ruel Beck

Beck

Ruel Marcus Beck and Sherry Lee (Snellgrove) Beck of Dexter are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Silas Ruel Beck

Silas was born Nov. 23 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor and weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Silas' grandparents are Brian and Pam Snellgrove of Dexter; Ute Arnhold of Fremont; and Geoffrey Beck of Grass Lake.

Silas' great-grandparents are Evelyn Snellgrove of Dexter; John and Lois Rogers of Sebring, Fla; Hartmut Arnhold of San Antonio, Texas; and Christine Kirkconnell of Ypsilanti.

LeFurge

Eric and Amy (Shettleroe) LeFurge of Jacksonville, N.C. are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann LeFurge.

Elizabeth was born Sept. 15 at Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, N.C. and weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Elizabeth joins her 2-year-old brother, Andrew. Her grandparents are Rusty and Kay LeFurge of Chelsea and Toby and Linda Shettleroe of Whittaker.

Exchange students teach others about homeland

First graders at North Creek Elementary School shared a visit with five Chelsea High School students in November. Those five students are not from Chelsea though, they are from all over the world.

Each school year, Chelsea families are able to host students from abroad. Chelsea High School Principal Julie Deppner and her family are hosting a student from Spain. Julie facilitated the presentation, which was organized by first-grade teacher, Beth Ingall and Chelsea parent Dianna Kaue, who also hosted an exchange student two years ago.

Each exchange student used the world map to show the children where they came from and then

explained how long it took them to arrive in Chelsea. They also shared their observations of American culture versus their homeland culture. The first graders learned five new ways to say "hello" as each exchange student taught the children the greeting of their first language.

The high school exchange students this year are: Stefie Rommers from The Netherlands, Farida Laryea from Denmark, Laura Wojtala from Poland, Inigo Belloso Villanueva from Spain and Friederike Ludwig from Germany.

For more information about hosting a student go to the Youth for Understanding website at www.yfu-usa.org or Chelsea Rotary at chelsearotary.org.



Farida Laryea points to her home, Denmark, on the world map.



Stefie Rommers from the Netherlands, Farida Laryea from Denmark, Laura Wojtala from Poland, Inigo Belloso Villanueva from Spain and Friederike Ludwig from Germany speaks to students at North Creek.

Retirement community hires Janet Winright

United Methodist Retirement Communities, an independent and assisted senior living, has hired Janet Winright as Home for the Aged Administrator for Chelsea Retirement Community. Winright's primary focus will be overseeing Towsley Village Assisted Living and Glazier Assisted Living.

Prior to joining UMRC, Winright has worked in long-term care for 10 years.

Most recently, she has also spent some time as a nurse in the acute care setting. She joined UMRC in November 2010 as staff development coordinator.

She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Michigan and resides in Jackson.

She resides in Jackson. Building on a foundation of more than 100



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years of service, United Methodist Retirement Communities is a faith-based, nonprofit organization that promotes the wellness, dignity and independence of older adults, by providing high-quality, innovative and compassionate senior residential care services across Southeast Michigan.

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Representing area farmers

Representing Washtenaw County Farm Bureau at the Michigan Farm Bureau 2011 Annual Meeting were, in front, Nancy Thelen (left), Elizabeth Hinderer, Arlene DeForest, Linda Reilly, Diane Horning and Mary Sutherland; middle row, Mike Fusilier, Matthew Hinderer, Wayne DeForest, John Reilly, Earl Horning and Roger Sutherland; in back, Steve Thelen and Kenny Siler, John Ochs and Kathy Fusilier. Delegates from Washtenaw County were Arlene, and Wayne DeForest Ann Arbor; Elizabeth and Matthew Hinderer, Jackson; Diane and Earl Horning, Manchester; John Ochs, Ann Arbor; John and Linda Reilly, Gregory; Kenny Siler, Manchester; Mary and Roger Sutherland, Ann Arbor; Nancy and Steve Thelen, Saline; and alternate Kathy Fusilier, Manchester.

Debate over no-fault insurance rages

By Jerry Wolfe.
Journal Register News Service

Motorists who are seriously injured in accidents might face bankruptcy and not receive the medical care they need if the Michigan Legislature passes a bill to eliminate no-fault auto insurance, say defenders of the no-fault policy.

However, a spokesman for the insurance industry said the unlimited medical coverage provided under no-fault insurance since 1973 is unaffordable, noting there's a \$1 billion deficit in a fund managed by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association.

The \$145 each vehicle owner pays under no-fault coverage is allocated to the fund to cover medical costs for those permanently injured in crashes.

The proposed legislation will end lifetime medical coverage and allow motorists to buy additional coverage of \$500,000 to \$5

million. Beyond that, medical costs would be shifted to Medicaid. Proponents said eliminating no-fault would cut Michigan auto insurance rates from 15 to 30 percent.

One patient, Milissa Louwaert, 40, of Dryden, said it would be wrong to eliminate no fault.

Without the extensive medical treatment she received, "there is no way I'd be at the functional level I am at now," she said.

At 24, she incurred a fractured skull and was in a coma for 17 days when the pickup she was riding in on I-75 at Caniff Avenue in Detroit was hit by a semi-trailer carrying 37 tons of steel. Her friend, the driver, had a concussion and fractured pelvis. Both were taken to Detroit's Receiving Hospital for treatment.

"If we had been any farther from the hospital, I would not have made it," said Louwaert, a registered nurse who is married with

two children.

Her head was split open 6 inches from behind her left ear, exposing her brain, she said.

"I was in surgery with a neurosurgeon within an hour."

Four days after the initial Nov. 2, 1995, accident, she suffered a "major hemorrhagic stroke" on the right side of her brain.

A second brain surgery was necessary to save her life.

Louwaert said if it wasn't for Michigan's no-fault auto insurance and a mandatory lifelong insurance pool to care for those with devastating injuries she wouldn't have had a normal life.

Under the state's current mandatory auto no-fault insurance, an injured motorist or passenger is covered up to \$500,000 in medical bills. Then, the backstop is using money from the catastrophic claims fund for medical care.

The Dryden woman

said if her friend didn't have no-fault coverage "we would have gone bankrupt." After being released from Receiving Hospital, she received treatment at a Beaumont Hospital rehab facility in Birmingham. She had physical, occupational, recreational and academic therapy for months afterwards.

As a result of the crash, her left arm and hand are paralyzed, but she still works part time as a nurse. She also has several adaptive devices at her home so she can make cakes and mashed potatoes with bowl holders and an opener under her cabinet for bottles.

"The way I am set up, whatever Blue Cross doesn't pay, no-fault does," she said. "Just my two neurosurgeries after the accident cost \$125,000," she said.

"This coverage helped me to get back into nursing school and return to being functional," said Louwaert,

who graduated from nursing school at Oakland University.

She said medications for lingering spasticity on her left side from the accident do not work. She must have continuing therapy to retain her mobility and strength.

Michigan Insurance Commissioner Kevin Clinton doesn't think there's any problem with how the catastrophic claims association is managing the injury fund.

"... I believe the actuaries for the MCCA are doing an

outstanding job of trying to estimate these costs in a process that has a great deal of uncertainty," he said.

"And the (cost) uncertainty exists because of the length of time benefits are paid and because of the unlimited nature of the benefits. Imagine trying to estimate what healthcare costs will be decades from now."

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Cooley's Ann Arbor campus to open advocacy clinic

Thomas M. Cooley Law School's curriculum committee has approved plans to open an immigrant rights and civil advocacy clinic at its Ann Arbor campus. The pro bono clinic is scheduled to open in January.

This will be Cooley's eighth clinic that students have the option to participate in. In Ann Arbor Cooley has operated the Washtenaw County Public Defender's Clinic for 17 years. This will be the first in-house clinic at the Ann Arbor campus, 3475 Plymouth Road.

Thomas M. Cooley Law School, founded in 1972, is a private, nonprofit law school offering programs across Michigan in Lansing, Auburn Hills, Grand Rapids and Ann Arbor.

Under the supervision of Associate Professor Jason Eyster, Cooley students will meet with clients, who are immigrants in need of help with civil or immigration issues.

Eyster recently moved back to Michigan after working for Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Fla., where he supervised that school's immigrant

rights clinic. Before working for Ave Maria, Eyster specialized in immigration law in Ann Arbor.

"Jason Eyster brings a wealth of understanding in immigration law to Cooley," said Joan Vestrand, associate dean at Cooley's Ann Arbor campus, in a news release.

"His knowledge of immigrant law makes him the right fit for leading our efforts to serve the immigration population Washtenaw County. His hands-on approach will give our students exceptional experience in an underserved area of the law."

The clinic will address a wide range of issues facing area immigrants from civil issues, such as landlord/tenant disputes and unfair wage claims, to laws regarding immigration status.

"In the United States, all individuals have certain protections regardless of their immigration status," said Eyster.

"Here in Southeast Michigan, we have people from all over the world including Russia, China, Africa and South America. Immigration law is a field that needs attorneys, and

I'm excited to offer my skills, not only to clients but to the students who will gain valuable experience by working in this clinic."

Cooley officials met with lawyers, judges and community leaders in Washtenaw County to learn what pro bono legal services were most needed. After several discussions, it was decided that the community has a need for an immigration law clinic that can also help immigrants with civil law issues.

"It is a goal of Cooley to offer hands-on practical experience to our students," said Ann Wood, Cooley's associate dean of planning programs and assessment. "This clinic is designed to give students real life experience in an area of the law that is currently underserved locally as well as nationally."

Individuals wishing to contact Cooley's immigrant rights and civil advocacy clinic may do so by calling 372-4994



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Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011

North Pole Fantasy Flight for ill kids marks 24 years

By David Komer
Heritage Media

As a chime sounded Dec. 8, the airplane intercom came on with an announcement.

"This is your captain," a voice said. "Please lower your shades because it's very bright at the North Pole. We've got a nice tailwind, so sit back and enjoy the ride."

Clowns sat in first class, giving out balloon animals; happy elves bounced down the aisles; Christmas songs were sung; and 45 children who have life-threatening illnesses were all smiles.

In other words, it was a typical Fantasy Flight to the North Pole, this time marking the 24th year for the event sponsored by the Silverliners' Motown Chapter.

The Silverliners is a nonprofit organization made up of retired Eastern Airlines' flight attendants. They organize the event, which transports the children by airplane to a party at the Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

This year, the children, ages 2 through 8, are patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, St. John Hospital, St. John Hospital & Medical Center and Beaumont Children's Hospital.

For the flight, everyone got a ticket at a designated counter at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, and then settled onto the plane, which taxied on runways for about an hour.

After the plane slowed to a stop, the captain announced that it had landed.

"We've landed at the North Pole!" Trista Kirby, 4, of Taylor yelled out, looking at her parents and ready to scramble from her seat. "I have to get out."

As they arrived at the party, the children and their parents were greeted by a receiving line of Santa's helpers and elves — and Santa Claus, as well.

Next up was a large party with visits with Santa and a magic show, while bags of gifts were given out.

A boy named Eli sat on Santa's lap with a page torn out of a catalog, pointing at a boat.

"Santa likes boats," said Santa, also known as Bill Neelsen Sr. of Taylor. "I like them in the bathtub. Ho, ho, ho."



Kristen Kirby of Taylor and her daughter, Trista, 4, settle in for the plane ride.

Neelsen plays a large role in gathering sponsorships for the yearly party, including gift cards from nearly every restaurant along Eureka Road in Taylor and Southgate, which are given to the families.

"It's always great," he said. "I look forward to this all year."

Trista's mother, Kristen, said that she heard about the flight at Children's Hospital, which treats Trista.

"It gives her a chance to get out and be with other kids that have illnesses like her," she said.

"It's amazing they do this for them. I've been extremely excited and she's had a little bit of an attitude like, 'I'm not going to go to the North Pole.' But she woke up today and she was ready to go."

Angelise Thornton whose son, Jaiden, 4, has brain cancer, said the outing was a special one.

"He's been really happy," she said, describing his mood after meeting Santa. "He loved it."

While Jaiden played with toys from his gift bag, Aiden McBrien of Lansing wanted to talk about his experience.

"It was good," he said. "He was nice."

A magic show featuring a live bunny that did tricks was one of the main attractions, while Santa took pictures with and requests from the children.

Madge McGoorty, a Silverliner, said the



Detroit Lions' mascot Roary is part of the Fantasy Flight event Thursday at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

decorating begins the day before the event, but planning for the next North Pole trip begins in January.

"Every year, we try to get as many children as possible," she said. "This is so special. It warms your heart, it really does."

For more information on donating to the Silverliners, visit silverliners.org or email Motown Chapter Chairwoman Kathy Laper at lapkat868@sbcglobal.net.

AT RIGHT: At the North Pole Fantasy Flight for ill children, Santa Claus and a young girl look at some special mail.



Santa Claus greets a youngster at the arrival gate at the North Pole.



Two boys play Thursday while waiting to see Santa at the North Pole party.



Some happy elves were on hand Thursday to help out Santa at the North Pole.

Sundance announces world premiere in Ann Arbor

The Sundance Institute has again selected the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor as an official venue of the 2012 Sundance Film Festival.

Sundance Film Festival USA introduces the Festival experience to film-loving audiences in Ann Arbor during the same timeframe as the

Utah festival, which runs Jan. 19-29 in Park City.

An official Sundance selection — "For A Good Time, Call..." — will screen at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26. A question-and-answer session with the film's director, Jamie Travis, will follow the screening.

The screenwriters of "For A Good Time,

Call..." are Katie Anne Naylon and Lauren Anne Miller. Miller (who is Seth Rogen's wife) also stars, along with Ari Graynor. Also featured are Justin Long, Mark Webber, James Wolk, Seth Rogen, Mimi Rogers and Nia Vardalos.

The storyline is about two frenemies, Lauren

and Katie, who move in together after a loss of a relationship and a loss of a rent-controlled home, respectively. When Lauren learns what Katie does for a living, the two enter into a wildly unconventional business venture.

A second Sundance event is being held this year at 7 p.m. Jan. 29.

The program is called Sundance Shorts 2011, and it features the best Sundance short films from the past year, including documentaries.

Reserved seats for "For A Good Time, Call..." are \$15. Sundance Shorts 2011 general admission tickets are \$15 (\$10 for Michigan theater members). Also

available is a package price for purchasing tickets to both events which is \$25, (\$20 for Michigan Theater members).

All tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster locations and by phone at 800-745-3000. For more information, visit www.michtheater.org/sffusa12.

ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, December 22, 2011

'Belles' rings in Christmas with laughs

Texas isn't exactly a winter wonderland, but PTD Productions' "Christmas Belles" delivers that holiday warm and fuzzy feeling with that trademark Texan attitude.

This farcical yuletide tale centers on the Futrelle sisters: Frankie, Honey Raye, and Twink (played by Angela Horste, Babara Bicknell and Pam Rickard respectively) as they come to terms with their relationships and lives while the town tries to pull off a holiday play at The Tabernacle of the Lamb Fellowship Hall in Fayro, Texas.

At first, the play is the project of Honey Raye, who succeeds Geneva Musgrave (Lois Kuznets Dowling) as producer, but soon the show spirals out of control as a local celebrity pulls out of making an appearance, a large number of the cast gets food poisoning and the Futrelle sisters' pasts come crashing through the doors of Lamb Fellowship Hall, resulting in hilarious ruin.

The three playwrights, Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooster, are, unsurprisingly, seasoned TV writers.

It all makes sense given the structure of the dialogue and the delivery of the jokes. For better or for worse, directors Janet Rich and Dennis Platte could have installed a laugh track and it would not have seemed out of place.

Once you get into the groove of those old 1980s/1990s sitcoms, the story begins to grow on you with its kitschy charm and pleasantly painful one-liners. It's important to understand going into "Belles" that everything is supposed to look and feel as tacky as Christmas lights on a cactus or an Elvis impersonator making an appearance at the birth of Jesus Christ.

Despite some standard TV structure and tropes, the script genuinely took me by surprise a couple of times, even going so far as to deliver some cleverly layered plot-surprises that were quite delightful.

PLAY REVIEW



SEAN DALTON



PTD Productions' "Christmas Belles" delivers holiday warm and fuzzy feeling with a trademark Texan attitude. The cast features Geneva Musgrave (Lois Kuznets Dowling), Honey Raye Futrelle (Barbara Bicknell), Gina Jo (G.J.) Dubberly (Jamie Limbriht), John Curtis Buntner (Rick Katon), Twink Futrelle (Pam Rickard), Dub Dubberly (Richard Heberlein), Frankie Futrelle Dubberly (Angelle Horste), Rhonda Lynn Lampley (Pamela L. (Tia) Thomas), Justin Waverly (Chris Emerson), Reynard Chisum (Jim Dowling) and Patsy Price (Lynn Heberlein).

The cast is very good at hamming it up. Rick Katon as Sheriff's Deputy John Curtis Buntner ought to be considered as a Boss Hog henchman for whatever the "Dukes of Hazard" intellectual property owners have planned next.

Jamie Limbriht as Gina Jo Dubberly and Chris Emerson as Justin Waverly play off of each other well, as their char-

acters' comedy of errors relationship is one of the more elaborate punch lines.

Pamela L. Thomas gets the medal for "most obviously having fun on stage," which is the difference between a good stage comedy performance and a great one.

Jim Dowling as Reynard Chisum plays a believable lovable idiot, despite look-

ing like a very intelligent man and coming across as such in his shining moment toward the end of the show, where he touchingly speaks to the Tabernacle audience in a play-within-a-play moment that probably should have been the final scene before the curtain dropped.

The only major criticism of PTD's "Belles" was the constant set changes. God

bless Debbie Ederer and Liz Greaves-Hoxsie, both of whom played a pair of "elves," who were really disguised stage-hands added to camouflage the numerous set adjustments between scenes.

The pair did a cute job of performing their "role," doing little hops, spins and dancing jigs while shoving tables off stage and carrying away chairs.

But toward the end of the show, I could hear people around me groaning and otherwise exclaiming mild frustration at both the umpteenth scene change and/or the shared sense that "Belles" two hour and 40 minute duration, including 15 minute intermission, should have elapsed a bit sooner than it did.

All in all, people around me were discussing the show in positive terms and generally seemed happy coming away from the experience after the cast had taken its final bow.

Even a great play or musical has a hard time sticking around for such a lengthy period of time, but "Belles" is still a cute piece of theater that's worth seeing if you're the kind of person who fires up "Elf" to enjoy some Will Ferrell silliness to get pumped for the holiday season.

Step Afrika! comes to Mendelssohn Theatre Jan. 19

The dance company Step Afrika! will perform at the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre Jan. 19 as part of the University of Michigan's 25th annual MLK Symposium.

Step Afrika! is the first professional company in the world dedicated to the tradition of stepping, where the body is used as an instrument to create intricate rhythms and sounds through a combination of footsteps, claps and spoken word.

The tradition grew out of the song and dance rituals practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities in the early 1900s.

Stepping comes from a

long and rich tradition in African-based communities that use movement, words and sounds to communicate allegiance to a group.

Based in Washington, D.C., Step Afrika! has been featured on CNN, BET, PBS and NPR as well as in numerous books, documentaries and articles that explore the tradition of stepping.

The company is critically-acclaimed for its efforts to promote an understanding of and appreciation for stepping and the dance tradition's use as an educational tool for young people worldwide.

"Members of our MLK Day committee saw Step

Afrika! perform, and they were absolutely raving about it," said Darlene Nichols, librarian for diversity initiatives and programs at the U of M Library, in a news release.

"It's lively and fun, and we are thrilled to be bringing them to Ann Arbor. Make an effort to see them."

The Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre is located in the Michigan League, on the campus of the University of Michigan.

The performance, which is free and open to the public, is at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19.

For more information about Step Afrika, visit <http://www.stepafrika.org/home.htm>.



The University of Michigan Library presents Step Afrika! Jan. 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

'Carnage' a biting deconstruction of societal norms

MOVIE REVIEW



RYAN MICHAELS

To see director Roman Polanski's "Carnage" is to watch a biting deconstruction of societal norms, manners and fake gestures to others for the purpose of "pleasing" them. I am a high school student, therefore I identify with these themes more than most others.

Do you feel me? "Carnage" sports four wonderfully talented actors — John C. Reilly, Jodie Foster, Christoph Waltz and Kate Winslet playing

respectively married couples. The four, cooped up in a Brooklyn apartment, are there to resolve a dispute regarding their young sons, one of which took a weapon to the other's face.

"Carnage," at a mercifully short-yet-just-right 79-minute length, is simply a chronicle of their initially cordial, but progressively aggressive conversation, which begins with smiles and drinks yet turns into total insanity.

Although Polanski's

bit have been leaning a bit toward the large-scale recently, one only need look at his 1960s' output to see that this man tells tightly-focused, one-location stories exceptionally well.

Be it a yacht in "Knife in the Water" or an apartment in "Repulsion," he paints his environments dynamically — never dull, but always on edge.

I can't think of any other people who could out-perform this cast. So distinct

are their personalities yet priceless their interactions.

It makes my heart warm that Christoph Waltz has still got it, given that his largely uninspired post-"Inglorious Basterds" work.

John C. Reilly embodies the lovable-dunce-of-a-father archetype exceptionally well.

The women in this film, however, give "Carnage" its heart, soul and chaos. Jodie Foster and Kate

Winslet begin the film on flip-sides of the coin, one much more sympathetic than the other.

But as the film progresses, all their little niceties and mannerisms crumble away, revealing what's really at their soul.

It isn't pretty. "Carnage" is a work razor-sharp in observation and humor, although it's hard not to wonder if it's an afterthought for its legendary participants.

I give it a B+ rating.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Dec. 22

■ "Dungeons & Dragons"

4:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. 475-8732.

Friday, Dec. 23

■ Classic Musicals
12:30 p.m. Friday: Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Free, but donations accepted. 475-9242.

Saturday, Dec. 24

■ Chelsea Teddy Bear

Co.

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

■ Chelsea Chess Club
3 p.m. Saturday: Wendy's, 1640 Commerce Park. Free. 475-1583.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

■ "Ancestry Aficionados"
10 a.m. Tuesday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-8732.

■ "Dungeons & Dragons"

4:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. 475-8732.

DEXTER

Thursday, Dec. 22

■ Clarinet Continuum
7 p.m. Thursday: Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St. Free. 426-7737.

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

Friday, Dec. 23

■ "It's a Wonderful Life"
3 and 7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Encore, 3126 Broad St. \$28 (members and seniors, \$25; groups of 10 or more, \$22). 268-6200.

Saturday, Dec. 24

■ Marathon Skate
11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Saturday: Veterans Ice Arena, 2150 Jackson Road. \$6 (age 17 and under and age 60 and older, \$5). Skate rentals \$3. 794-6235.

Tuesday, Dec. 27

■ "Wil Smash Bros. Brawl"
11 a.m. Tuesday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. 426-4477.

Wednesday, Dec. 28

■ "Fancy Nancy Party"
11 a.m. Wednesday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. Pre-registration required. 426-4477.

SALINE

Thursday, Dec. 22

■ Christmas Crafting
3 p.m. Thursday: Saline

District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. Free. Pre-registration required: 429-5450.

Chanukah Wonderland:

Chabad of Ann Arbor
■ 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday: Briarwood Mall Sears wing. \$3. 994-9832, ext. 5.

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Thursday, Dec. 22

■ Washtenaw Toastmasters
7 p.m. Thursday: Washtenaw Community College, Crane Liberal Arts Room 238, 4800 E Huron River Drive. 995-8500.

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Consider gifting an e-reader this holiday season

Thinking of buying a Nook or Kindle for someone on your holiday shopping list? With many new devices on the market, dropping prices and increasing availability of downloadable books, e-readers are expected to be a popular gift this season.

Take some of the confusion out of your shopping experience by learning about available models.

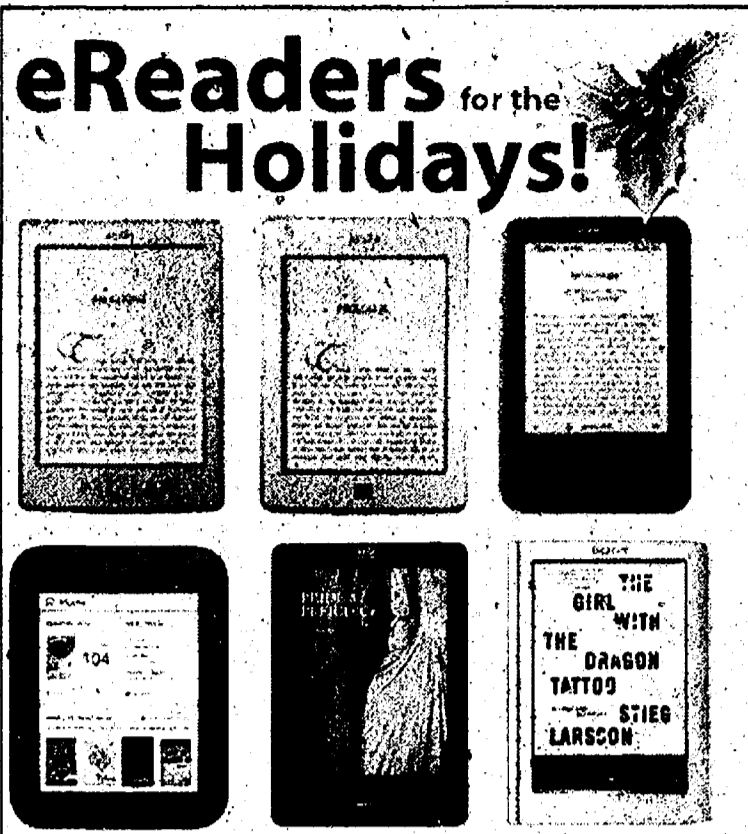
Which e-reader should I buy?

What do you plan on using your e-reader for? If you want to just read books, choose a simpler device such as the Kindle (\$79), Kindle Touch (\$99) or Kindle Keyboard (\$139), the Nook Simple Touch (\$99), the Kobo eReader Touch (\$99) or the Sony Reader (\$129).

If you plan on reading magazines and newspapers, browsing the Web, prefer multimedia (music, audio-books, video) and can't live without the internet, a tablet is for you. Choose from multi-function devices such as the Kindle Fire (\$199), the Color Nook (\$199), or the iPad (\$499).

Above costs are starting prices that can vary with options such as ads, connectivity (Wi-Fi vs. 3G) and other accessories such as power adapters, covers and warranties.

Consumer Reports offers



other helpful shopping tips:

Consider screen size

Screens range from about 5 to 10 inches. A 6-inch screen offers a good combination of adequate size and moderate price for most people.

Consider cost versus connectivity

A model with wireless 3G access offers the most flexibility for obtaining new content anytime, but models with Wi-Fi-only access generally cost less.

Consider display and performance differences

E-readers vary in the clarity of type on their screens, and in the contrast between the type and the screen background—both important to readability. Some models take noticeably longer to complete page turns than others. Try out various devices to find what model is most comfortable for you physically and is visually clear.

Consider versatility and flexibility

Books ordered from the e-reader's dedicated e-book store will come formatted for the device. Some readers, including the Barnes & Noble Nook, can also accept books from other e-book stores natively, such as ePub — that is, without the need to convert to their format. Some models, including the Nook and Sony, accept formats with digital rights management capabilities, which allows you to borrow e-books from some public libraries. Keep reading for information on the library's download service and compatible devices.

Other useful buyer's guides:

E-book Reader Buying Advice (Consumer Reports)

E-Readers Reviews of the Kindle, Nook and other E-Readers (PC World)

E-Book Readers (CNET)

Tale of the Tablets: Comparing New Devices (Publishers Weekly)

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Woman with cancer cherishing holidays

By Michelle Pafford Helms
Special Writer

Stephanie Davis, 56, is a mother of seven children, a grandmother of nine, and recently became a great-grandmother this December.

Davis is also a cancer survivor who is looking forward to celebrating Christmas with her family — a gift she believes was largely made possible through the care she receives from the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit.

"I just thank God for every day that I wake up because it is a blessing — it is a gift," Davis said.

Davis' youngest son, Keiwhan SL, who recently accompanied her to Karmanos along with his 4-year-old nephew, Jayden, said that he has had too many good holiday memories to choose a favorite. For his mother, her favorite times have involved simple pleasures like playing games, eating food and "just being together."

With her life full, Davis is determined to battle a rare form of cancer of the bile ducts called cholangiocarcinoma. There are one to two incidences of the disease per every 100,000 patients. With no screening

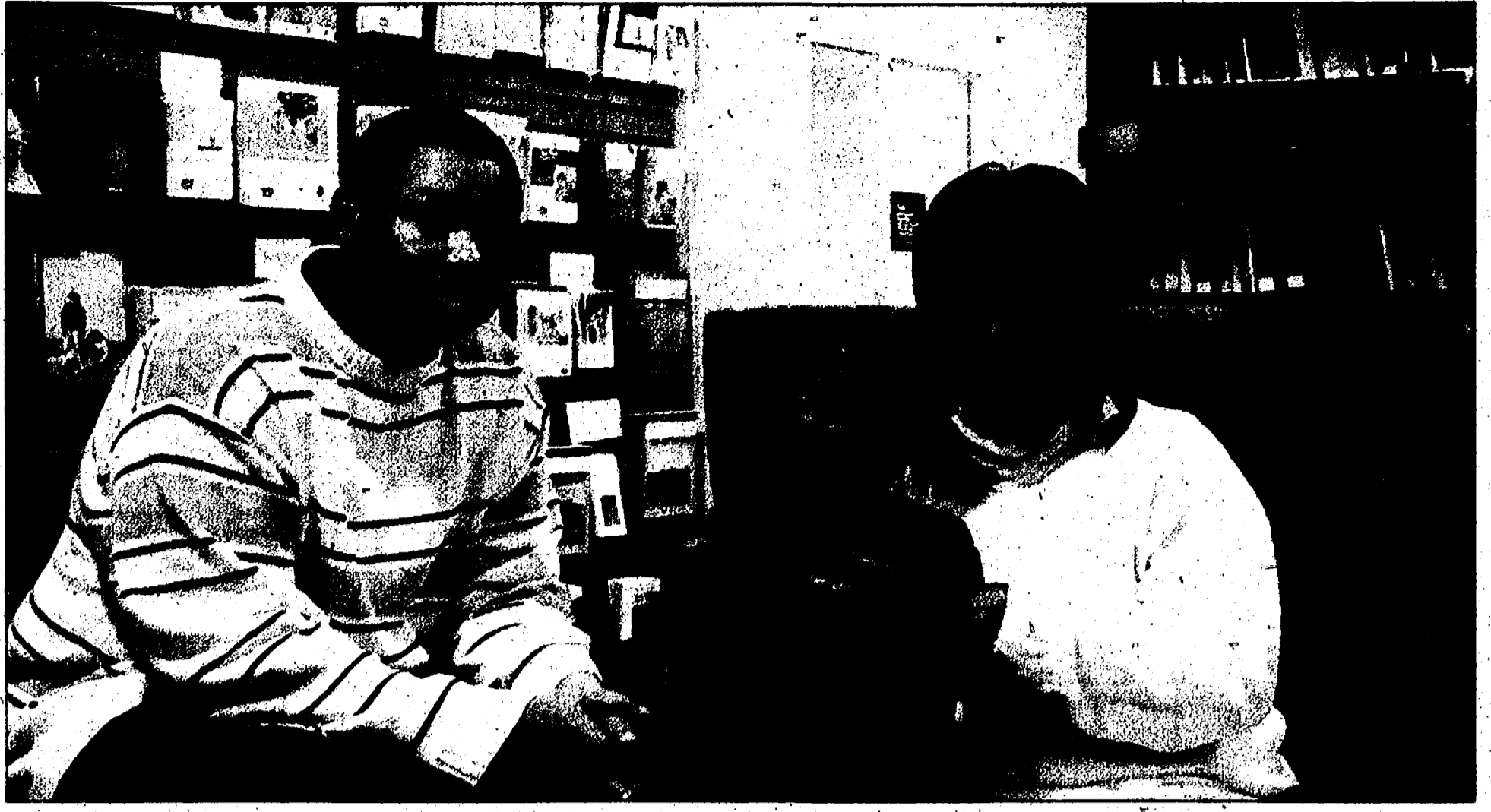
test available, the prognosis for persons diagnosed with it is usually poor as it is often detected too late.

Looking back, Davis said she first realized something was wrong with her body when she was unable to dance — something she loved to do — without discomfort in her abdomen.

Doing battle with cancer

The 30-year resident of Ypsilanti was first given her cancer diagnosis at the University of Michigan in the fall of 2010 after being admitted to the hospital for heart problems. Upon her discharge with stage-four cancer and heart problems, Davis said she was given two months to live and a recommendation to seek Hospice care.

A self-described fighter, Davis later sought a second opinion at Karmanos in



January 2011, where she met with oncologist Dr. Minsig Choi. Choi, who typically sees five to 10 cases of the rare cancer each year, asked her if she could successfully walk into the building and climb a flight of stairs. Based on Davis'

positive answers, her age, and his observations, Choi decided to re-test her heart's performance.

While the previous test had indicated her heart was functioning at 15 percent, the updated results showed her heart to be operating at 50 percent (with 60 percent being normal). Choi then decided to treat Davis with chemotherapy.

"We at Karmanos see about half of our patients on a second opinion basis just like Stephanie... because either they didn't like the doctor, they wanted something different, or wanted some different options. And we have a lot of clinical trials here at Karmanos," said Choi. "As an oncologist, as a medical doctor, the key thing is to make the quality of life better without doing any harm."

Keiwhan SL Davis (top photo left) offers support to his mother, Stephanie. Mother and son are pictured with Davis' 4-year-old grandson, Jayden. Karmanos oncologist Dr. Minsig Choi (photo right) and patient Stephanie Davis take a moment to connect this holiday season at the Karmanos library.



While Davis' cancer initially shrank from the chemotherapy, at four months the cancer grew and left her feeling fatigued. Choi then began treating her with a targeted therapy drug called Tarceva (Erlotinib) that Karmanos had experience with through a clinical study. Davis also underwent a procedure this month at the cancer center to numb her nerves and help control her pain.

A strong will to live

Beyond her medical

treatment, Davis attributes her perseverance to a strong will to live that emerged when she was a teenager. At 17, she was in a car accident where her mother, cousin and a friend all died. The accident put her in a coma and left her temporarily paralyzed.

"I was told in 1972 that I'd never be able to walk again, go to school, have children — do anything.

"But I was determined... I rose through that barrier," Davis said. "When I woke up out of that coma, I couldn't move or do anything.

"And it was like a prayer. Something came to me.

I don't know if it was a dream or what, but it said that I had a purpose; there was more in life for me."

Beyond having a family, Davis said she enjoyed earning an associate's degree from Washtenaw Community College and attended Eastern Michigan University. Davis also opened a restaurant in Ypsilanti called "Mommies Soul Food," formerly at 2300 Washtenaw Ave.

A member of the Metropolitan Memorial Baptist Church, Davis believes she draws strength through her faith, and that she shares a special connection with her 4-year-old grandson, Jayden.

Jayden, who had sickle cell anemia and underwent a bone marrow transplant last winter, coded on the operating table and has since talked to her about the experience, Davis said.

"My grandson and I, we shared something together," Davis said. "When I was in that coma, I could see myself. It happened to me and it happened to him when he coded.

"He inspired me. I'm a fighter and he is too."

Educating the next generation

Davis is now focused on spreading the news about cholangiocarcinoma. One of seven daughters, she has two sisters with cancer — one of whom was recently diagnosed with the same

disease.

While genetic testing for the disease is limited, Davis is vocal about telling her family about prevention through proper diet and exercise. Choi said less red meat, exercise, a holistic approach and a good social network are his best advice to combat cancer.

Going into the holidays, Davis said she feels empowered to continue her fight.

The last scan for this mother, grandmother and great-grandmother showed that her cancer is under control.

"They (Karmanos) educated me and let me know every step of the way what is going on. They shared with me the information. And by the knowledge, I have power over the decisions that I am making and the doctors are making for me," Davis said. "I'm here."

Information about Karmanos can be found at Karmanos.org or by calling 1-800-KARMANOS. Davis and her family also started an organization called 4 U 2 Outreach to help seniors, veterans and people in need. To learn more or to donate, contact the following address: 4 U 2 Outreach, 100 North Hewitt Road, Suite 104, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

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Dr. Choi meets with Ypsilanti resident Stephanie Davis in his office at Karmanos in Detroit. Davis is grateful to be spending time with her family this holiday season after battling a rare form of cancer.

It's Coming Dec. 22nd... A Chance to Win \$2500

the BIG event

CALENDAR

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Thursday, Dec. 29

The Dexter District Library will host a Family Movie and Popcorn at 11 a.m. The library will show the film "Rango," rated PG with a runtime of 107 minutes.

It's Teen Crafternoon at the Dexter District Library for youths in fifth through 12 grade from 1-2 p.m. Registration is required.

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

See "Escanaba in da Moonlight" at 8 p.m. at the Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., in Chelsea. Tickets may be purchased online, purple-rose-theatre.org, or by calling the theater's box office, 734-475-7673.

Ongoing

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

Kate Mulligan from TCF Bank in downtown Dexter will provide free notary services on the second Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at

Dexter Township Planning Commission Meeting Notice. Tuesday, December 27, 2011. AT 7:00 P.M. AT DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD., DEXTER, MI 48130. AGENDA: 1) Meeting Canceled. John Shea, Chairperson, Dexter Township Planning Commission. Publish December 22, 2011.

Washtenaw County Legal Notice. Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Paving Maintenance & Repair Services. Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Washtenaw County Finance/Purchasing Department located at 220 North Main Street, Room B-35, Lower Level, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. RFP 6652 Due: Wednesday, January 11, 2012 by 3:00PM local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or logon to our website at http://bids.ewashtenaw.org and click on "open bids". Publish December 22, 2011.

the Dexter Senior Center. You will need to bring a valid ID. If you don't need anything notarized, just stop in and meet Kate and receive a free coin counting coupon. This coupon will allow non-account holders to have

loose coins counted free of charge at the TCF Bank in downtown Dexter.

Washtenaw County Legal Notice. Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Concrete Services. Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Washtenaw County Finance/Purchasing Department located at 220 North Main Street, Room B-35, Lower Level, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. RFP 6662 Due: Monday, January 9, 2012 by 4:00 local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or logon to our website at http://bids.ewashtenaw.org and click on "open bids". Publish December 22, 2011.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE LIMA TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Notice is hereby given that the Lima Township Board of Trustees, pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, will conduct a public hearing to consider amendment to the Lima Township Master Plan to add Village Commercial and potential Village Commercial uses. The Public Hearing will be held at Monday, January 9, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Lima Township Hall, 11452 Jackson Road, mailing address P.O. Box 56, Chelsea, MI 48118. All are welcome to attend the public hearing to comment on the proposed revisions. Those wishing to submit written comments may do so by submitting them to the Township Clerk at the address noted above, prior to the hearing. Ariens R. Bareis, Clerk, Lima Township. Publish December 22, 2011.

SCIO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES SYNOPSIS DECEMBER 13, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Supervisor Clark at 827 N. Zeeb Road. Present: Clark, Hedberg, DeLong, Green, Knowles, Read. Absent: Palmer. Approved a 2012-2015 Washtenaw County Police Services Contract. Approved amendments to the Township's Zoning Ordinance regarding vehicle repair facilities. Approved expenditure of funds from the Land Preservation millage proceeds to purchase easement interests from Jerry and Ruthann Helmer. Approved a ballot initiative to renew the Land Preservation millage for the General Election in November 2012. Did not approve proposal to proceed with the construction of a Township owned and operated sewer treatment facility. Approved the Zeeb Road Rightway schematic design. Approved appointment of Will Hathaway to fill term on the Planning Commission. Approved transfer of Polo Fields Class C liquor and dance/entertainment license to Polo Fields East, LLC. Approved December invoices to be paid as presented. Adjourned at 7:53 pm. Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk, Scio Township. Publish December 22, 2011.

SYNOPSIS OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laier. Also present several residents. Motion by Unterbrink supported by Bareis to amend the agenda to add to new business, Lima Township Board meeting dates. Motion carried. Motion by Laier supported by Havens to approve the minutes of the work session of November 14, 2011, the regular meeting of November 14, and the work session of November 28, 2011 as submitted. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report was received. Motion by McKenzie, supported by Laier to schedule a public hearing to incorporate Village Commercial Zoning into the Lima Township Master Plan, on January 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried. Motion by McKenzie supported by Havens to authorize payment for a full session, plus mileage, to the MTA Educational Conference in Detroit, January 25 through January 27, 2012, for the Supervisor. Motion carried. Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to adopt Resolution #2011-014 Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority Added Fee For New Dwelling Units. Motion carried. (Resolution on file at the Lima Township Office). Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to adopt Resolution #2011-015 Lima Township Resolution for poverty Exemption, dated Rev. November 2, 2011, and related application as drafted. Motion carried. (Complete copy of Resolution and application on file at the Lima Township Office). Motion by McKenzie, supported by Laier to table any action on FEMA letter dated October 3, 2011, and authorize the Supervisor to request assistance to develop a floodplain management model ordinance that meets minimum Federal requirements of Section 60.3(d) of the National Flood Insurance Program and Related Regulations. Motion carried. Motion by Laier supported by Bareis that the Lima Township Board of Trustees table any action on the Civil Infractions Procedures Policy to the January 9, 2012 meeting. Motion carried. Motion by Unterbrink supported by McKenzie to table for review, to the January 9, 2012 meeting Item #14, Temporary Dwellings in the Lima Township Fee Schedule. Motion carried. Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to adopt the proposed Lima Township appointments, as outlined in the document Lima Township Appointments 2011. Motion carried. (On file at the Lima Township Office). Motion by Laier supported by McKenzie to approve the proposed meeting dates for the Lima Township Board of Trustees, 2012, being the second Monday of the month at the Lima Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried. Motion by Laier supported by Havens to pay bills as submitted and any others as required. Motion carried. Motion by Laier supported by Havens to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried. Respectfully submitted, Ariens R. Bareis, Clerk. Publish December 22, 2011.

ORDINANCE NO. 166-2011-06 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 166, KNOWN AS THE CHELSEA CITY ZONING ORDINANCE AS IT RELATES TO THE RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL DISTRICT C-4 REGULATIONS OF THE ZONING TEXT. The City of Chelsea Ordains: SECTION 1. Article IV of the Chelsea City Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 166, as amended, is amended by the addition therefore of the following provisions. Section 4.16.B. "7. Sales, rentals and services of recreational vehicles. Display of recreational vehicles shall comply with the regulations in Section 4.16.B.1 preceding." SECTION 2. All remaining provisions and any amendments thereto of Ordinance No. 166 be the same as hereby reaffirmed and ratified. SECTION 3. The within amendments shall be effective twenty (20) days after adoption and publication as provided by law. STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WASHTENAW I, Teresa Royal, Clerk of the City of Chelsea, hereby certify that above Ordinance, was offered after public hearing and recommendation by the Chelsea City Planning Commission at a regular meeting of the Chelsea City Council held on the 13th of December 2011, at 7:00 p.m. o'clock and that the following members were present: Lindauer, Hammer, Feeney, Albertson, Holmberg, Martinez-Kraft, Anderson. The upon motion made by Holmberg and seconded by Hammer said Ordinance was adopted on the following vote: AYES 7 NAYES 0 I further certify that on the 22nd day of December 2011, I caused a true copy of said Ordinance to be published in the Chelsea Standard, a newspaper circulated in the City of Chelsea, and that said Ordinance and the record of publication was duly recorded in the Book or Ordinances of the City of Chelsea and is available for public use and inspection at the offices of the Chelsea City Clerk. Teresa Royal, City Clerk, Jason Lindauer, Mayor. Dated: December 14, 2011. Publish December 22, 2011.

TOWNSHIP OF SCIO WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 2011-06 AN ORDINANCE SUMMARY AMENDING SECTIONS 36.5, 36.74(1) AND 36.137(c) OF THE SCIO TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES AS STATED. The Board of Trustees of the Township of Scio hereby ordains that the following sections of the Codified Scio Township Zoning Ordinance be amended to add/revise the following sections to read as follows: SECTION 1. CHANGES TO TOWNSHIP CODE. Sec. 36-3 Definitions. Vehicle collision repair facility includes any procedure that is employed for the purpose of repairing, restoring, replacing, or refinishing, whether wholly or partially, any structural, life safety, or cosmetic component of a motor vehicle to a condition approximating or replicating the function, use, or appearance of the component prior to a collision. Vehicle repair facility, major, means a facility which offers and provides for, repair of mechanical, electrical, cooling, exhaust, brake, and power system repairs, including transmission repair shops, shops used for the internal repair or engine components and drive train repair, and radiator repair shops. Sec. 36-74 (14) Composite Commercial District (C-4). c. Conditional uses. 1. Major vehicle repair facilities and vehicle collision repair facilities, subject to the provisions of section 36-137. 2 through 10. (no changes) Sec. 36-137. Vehicle filling stations, vehicle wash, truck stop facilities, and major and minor vehicle repair facilities. (c) Vehicle repair facilities and collision repair facilities shall be subject to the following. (1) through (6) (no changes) (6) Vehicle service shall not take place in required loading areas or in required parking spaces, aisles and drives. (7) There shall be no retail sales of salvaged auto parts. (8) The parking of tow trucks shall be permitted only in designated areas and shall not be permitted in the corner clearance area. SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCIES REPEALED. Any and all other ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. Should any section, clause or paragraph of this Ordinance be declared by court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part hereof other than the part declared to be invalid. SECTION 4. SAVING CLAUSE. That nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed, nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance. SECTION 5. AVAILABILITY. The complete codified Township Zoning regulations and the Official Township Zoning Map, including the full text of all amendments, are available for inspection in the Township Hall in the Office of the Township Clerk at the Township Hall. Copies of the Zoning Map or the Zoning Ordinance text, as amended, are available for purchase. The documents can also be viewed and downloaded from the Township website at www.twp.scio.mi.us. SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect thirty (30) days following publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Township of Scio in a meeting duly called and held on December 13, 2011. TOWNSHIP OF SCIO, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN E. Spaulding Clark, Supervisor Nancy J. C. Hedberg, Clerk. ADOPTED: December 13, 2011 PUBLISHED: December 22, 2011 EFFECTIVE: January 22, 2012 CERTIFICATION: I, Nancy J. C. Hedberg, Clerk of the Township of Scio County of Washtenaw, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Township Ordinance number 2011-06, an amendment to the Scio Township Zoning Ordinance, and was adopted by the Scio Township Board of Trustees on December 13, 2011 and given publication in the Dexter Leader, a newspaper of general circulation, on December 22, 2011, following members of the Scio Township Board of Trustees voted as follows in connection with this resolution to adopt the above amendatory ordinance. AYES: Clark, Hedberg, DeLong, Green, Knowles, Read NAYS: None. ABSENT: Palmer. In witness hereof, I have hereunto affixed my official seal this 13 day of December, 2011. Nancy J. C. Hedberg, Clerk, Township of Scio. Publish December 22, 2011.

NOTICE OF TIME CHANGE VILLAGE OF DEXTER PLANNING COMMISSION. Due to the holiday the Village of Dexter Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00 pm. Agendas and minutes are available at www.villageofdexter.org or contact the Village for additional information regarding meetings and/or minutes. Publish December 22, 2011.

MEETING NOTICE Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet On Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd. Dexter, MI 48130. Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. Written comments may be sent to Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI 48130, and must be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item #1: Appeal Number: 10-ZBA-734. Applicant Name(s): Eugene & Phyllis Mills (owners)/Mills (applicant). Property Tax ID: 04-03-226-010. Property Address: 9385 Añne Drive, Pinckney, MI 48169. Purpose of Variance Request: To reconstruct a deck that was previously damaged by a fire. Also, to further expand the deck into the required 50-foot setback from Silver Lake and into the required 5-foot setback from the eastern lot line. Deck expansion was constructed without variances or a Zoning Permit. Agenda Item #2: Appeal Number: 12-ZBA-749. Applicant Name(s): Township of Dexter. Property Tax ID: 04-16-200-010. Property Address: 12068 N. Territorial Rd., Dexter, MI 48130. Purpose of Variance Request: To allow an extension of the 12-month time period permitted for the temporary fire sub-station trailer approved in Zoning Permit 10-ZP-4993. Publish December 22, 2011.

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2011 CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan. ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Motion Smith: support Fisher to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 14, 2011. Unanimous voice vote for approval. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. Motion Smith: support Tell to approve the agenda as presented. Unanimous voice vote for approval. PUBLIC HEARINGS. DAPCO Industries - Industrial Facilities Tax-Exemption Request. Hearing opened at 7:32 PM by Village President, Shawn Keough. President Keough read the details of the tax exemption. DAPCO Industries President, Ron Tupper, thanked Council in advance for the exemption stating that it was necessary in order to grow the business and create jobs. The hearing was closed by President Keough at 7:34 PM. Motion Cousins: support Fisher to approve the Industrial Facilities Tax-Exemption. Request from DAPCO Industries for a period of 12 years with respect to real property investment of \$879,180 and new personal property investment of \$1,288,780 at their facility located at 2500 Bishop Circle, Dexter, Michigan. Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough. Nays: None. Motion carries. CONSENT AGENDA. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$275,469.59 and 2012 Meeting Schedule. Motion Fisher: support Smith to approve item 1 and 2 of the consent agenda. Unanimous voice vote for approval. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of: Motion Semifero: support Carson to set a Public Hearing for December 12, 2011 on proposed amendments to the General Code of Ordinance - Chapter 18, Addition of Sections 18-35 and 18-38. Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough. Nays: None. Motion carries. CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING LITIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268 Sec. 8. Motion Fisher: support Cousins to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268 Sec. 8 at 9:35 PM. Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough. Nays: None. Motion carries. ADJOURNMENT. Motion Smith: support Fisher to adjourn at 9:59 PM. Unanimous voice vote for approval. Respectfully submitted, Carol J. Jones, Clerk, Village of Dexter. Approved for Filing: December 12, 2011. NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org. Publish December 22, 2011.

Webster Township Regular Board Meeting December 13, 2011. The Webster Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, by Supervisor John Kingsley on December 13, 2011 at the Township Hall, 5669 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130. Members present: Supervisor: John Kingsley, Clerk: Mary Dee Heller, Treasurer: Carol Whitney, Trustees: Gary Koch, Charles Estleman, Richard Kleinschmidt, John Westman, Zoning Administrator Bruce Pindata and 2 citizens. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Approve Minutes. Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to approve the minutes of the Webster Township Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting November 8, 2011. All ayes and carried. Supervisor Remarks. Approve Agenda. Motion Estleman second Koch to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes and carried. Call to Public Reports. A. Treasurer's Report: Motion Heller second Estleman to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented as well as those anticipated bills received before January meeting. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. B. Planning Commission: Report received. C. Parks & Recreation Committee: No report received. D. Zoning Inspectors Report: Report received. E. Sheriff's Report: No Report received. F. Zoning Board of Appeals: No Report received. G. PDR Committee: Report received. H. Fire Department: Report received. Old Business: A. Interlocal Agreement. Discussion took place. New Business: A. ZBA Board Appointments: Motion Kleinschmidt second Westman to renew the appointments of Jennifer Simmonds, Laurie Hunter and Randall Krull to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term. Randall Krull being the alternate. All ayes and carried. B. Planning Commission Board Appointment: Motion Heller second Estleman to renew the appointment of David Lovell to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term. All ayes and carried. C. Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board Appointments: Motion Heller second Estleman to renew the appointments of John Westman, Erica Perry & Jean Cares to the Farmland & Open Space Preservation Board for a 2 year term. All ayes and carried. D. Compensation Commission Appointment: Motion Kingsley second Heller to renew the appointment of Ross Martin to the Compensation Commission for a 5 year term. All ayes and carried. E. Poverty Exemption Guideline 2012: Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to adopt the 2012 Poverty Exemption Guideline Resolution. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. F. Purchase of Computers: Motion Heller second Kingsley to purchase 6 new computers at a price not to exceed \$5251.31. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. G. Police Service Contract: Motion Whitney second Westman to authorize Supervisor Kingsley to sign the Police Service contract for law enforcement. Roll call vote: Koch Aye, Kleinschmidt Aye, Estleman Nay, Kingsley Aye, Heller Aye, Whitney Aye, Westman Aye. Motion carries 6-1. H. PDR Expenditures: Motion Westman second Koch to expend \$119,350.00 for Purchase of Development Rights for parcel C-03-19-100-001 in Section 19 owned by Jason Wylie. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. Motion Westman second Koch to expend \$78,500.00 for Purchase of Development Rights for parcel C-03-30-30-008 in Section 20 owned by Jason Wylie. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. Motion Whitney second Westman to accept Resolution No. 11-16 to approve a loan from the General Fund to the Purchase of Development Rights Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00 plus 3% interest. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried. I. 2012-13 Township Operations Policy: Motion Estleman second Whitney to accept the 2012-2013 Webster Township Operations policy with a friendly amendment to add the Sun Times as an additional secondary publication for the township. All ayes and carried. Correspondence. Call to Public Adjourn. Motion Kleinschmidt second Heller to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm. All ayes and carried. Respectfully submitted, Mary Dee Heller, Clerk, Webster Township. Publish December 22, 2011.

Daycroft pupils sing carols for seniors, shoppers

Students from Daycroft Montessori's show choir — self-named The Treble Makers — joined with the school's hand chimes ensemble Dec. 9 to carol for seniors at a local assisted living facility and for shoppers at Briarwood Mall.

In the morning, the students sang and played for residents of Brookdale Place, an assisted living facility for elderly and memory-challenged people on Ann Arbor's southwest side. The seniors heard "Deck the Halls," "Jingle Bells," and other winter favorites. A highlight was a spirited new twist on a classic: "Frosty the Snowman Hand Jive."

Then the Daycroft crew dashed over to Briarwood Mall, where they entertained holiday shoppers with mid-day musical offerings near the Sears store's entrance.

The students performed as part of "Beyond Bells," the mall's fourth annual program benefiting the Salvation Army. Donations collected from shoppers there will help families in need.



Daycroft Montessori students entertained senior citizens at a local assisted living facility in Ann Arbor.

A total of 18 Daycroft pupils from grades three through six now take part in The Treble Makers. The hand chimes ensemble currently is made up of 14 fifth- and sixth-graders. Marlene Inman-Reilly, Daycroft's music teacher, leads both groups.

For several years running, the hand chimes ensemble has taken one day each December to decamp from school

grounds and conduct pre-holiday performances for seniors and shoppers. The Treble Makers have participated for the past two years.

On Dec. 15, Daycroft pupils carried on another of the school's holiday music traditions. They put on Winter Songfest, a program of instrumental, singing and dancing performances for an audience of Daycroft parents, family and friends.



Students sang and played for residents of Brookdale Place, an assisted living facility for elderly and memory-challenged people on Ann Arbor's southwest side.

Daycroft Montessori began as a preschool program in 1968 and has since grown to include a full-day kindergarten program, an elementary school program through

sixth grade, before-school and after-school care, summer camp programs and enrichment classes.

Daycroft Preprimary School is located at 100 E. Oakbrook Drive in

Ann Arbor. Daycroft Elementary School, for pupils in kindergarten through sixth grade, and Daycroft's administrative offices are at 1095 N. Zeeb Road.

Charles Reinhart Co. Realtors welcomes four new agents to staff

Ann Arbor-based real estate broker Charles Reinhart Co. Realtors recently added four real estate agents.

Joining Reinhart are Oraibe Bready, Elise Dunn, Scott Courtney and Jackie Scheller.

A lifelong resident of Ann Arbor, Bready has previous real estate experience in the Plymouth-Canton area. Bready will work out of the Ann Arbor East Office, 2452 E. Stadium Blvd.

Dunn, a graduate of Albion College, is a Chelsea native. Prior to becoming a full-time real estate agent, Dunn worked as an office assistant for a Chelsea area Realtor. Dunn will work out of the Chelsea Office, 800 S. Main St.

A graduate of William Woods University, Courtney will work in the Ann Arbor West office, 2355 W. Stadium Blvd. Prior to becoming a Realtor, Courtney worked with the University of Michigan Health Systems, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and the surrounding colleges and universities as an American Sign Language Interpreter.

A resident of Stockbridge, Scheller is a third generation entrepreneur. Before making the move to Reinhart, Scheller was involved with land acquisition and development as President of JS Properties. Scheller will work out of the Chelsea Office.

"Each of these individuals bring talents to the Charles Reinhart Co. that will help them in providing

the highest level of service to their clients," said Charles Reinhart General Manager Bill Miller in a news release.

"They have positioned themselves well to meet the upcoming spring market, as we believe real estate has turned the corner in our local market area and is in an upward trend. Our congratulations to each of them."

The Charles Reinhart Co., founded in Ann Arbor in 1971, now has more than 170 associates in six offices.

IHA appoints doctor to department chair

Regional physicians group IHA recently created a new position, the internal medicine department chairman, and appointed Dr. Thomas Shehab to this new medical leadership role, effective Jan. 3, 2012.

"Dr. Shehab brings significant training, experience and credentials to this position," said Dr. Mary Durfee, executive vice president and chief medical officer for IHA, in a news release.

Shehab is currently a gastroenterologist specializing in liver disease with Huron Gastroenterology, a position he will maintain, but at a reduced commitment level. Among his many other roles, Shehab will also serve as the chief of staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, effective Jan. 1, 2012.

Shehab is a summa cum laude graduate of Bowling Green State University. He received his medical degree from Wayne State University Medical School, graduating with high distinction.

His internship and internal medicine resi-

dency were completed at the University of Michigan Medical Center, where he served as chief resident in internal medicine.

Shehab then took advanced training, also completing his gastroenterology fellowship at the University of Michigan.

He has been on the medical staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital since 2002.

The IHA internal medicine department chair will have principal responsibility for overseeing the clinical and professional aspects of divisions within the IHA Internal Medicine Department.

These divisions currently include General Internal Medicine, Hospital Medicine, Cardiology, Neurology and Hematology-Oncology. These responsibilities are likely to grow in the future, and Shehab is expected to play a key role in these integration and transformation efforts.

Google launches new web portal for Michigan veterans

Google has joined with the Michigan American Legion and Marine League and other top veteran service organizations to launch the Google for Veterans and Families website in Michigan.

The new Google initiative — created by veterans at Google — pays tribute to veterans and active duty troops and brings together various free communication and career tools for veterans and their families.

"The Google for Veterans program is all about bringing the very best of what we do to the Veteran community," said Harry Wingo, Navy SEAL veteran and senior

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policy counsel at Google, in a news release.

"This single interface brings together Google products and platforms for service members and their families. It will be valuable to all veterans, whether still in the service, transitioning out or on a new journey in their civilian lives."

Some examples of what you'll find on the site, www.googleforveterans.com, include the following:

•VetConnect.— This tool helps servicemembers connect, communicate and share their experiences with others who have served using the Google+ platform.

•Google Veterans Channel — A YouTube channel for discussion about military service for veterans, their families and the public. Veterans can share their experiences with each other as well as with civilians to help shed light on the importance and complexity of service. It's also a place for civilians to offer thanks by uploading a tribute video.

•Resume Builder powered by Google Docs — Docs can be a particularly helpful tool to transitioning service members seeking employment. Resume Builder generates an auto-formatted resume that can be easily edited, saved and

downloaded to share with potential employers.

•Tour Builder powered by Google Earth (coming soon) — A new way to tell your military story. Today, you can view some sample "tours" — 3D maps of veterans' service histories, complete with photos and videos.

Michigan citizens are encouraged to upload their tribute videos on Google's Veterans Channel at: www.youtube.com/veterans. Citizens are encouraged to choose Michigan for their video, as states are vying for the most tribute videos.

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IN THE MATTER of USAMA MOHAMMAD

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TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. at 22nd Washtenaw County Court, 101 E. Huron, Ann Arbor before Judge Darlene O'Brien for the following purpose:

Hearing for Petition to Change Name from Usama Mohammad to Adam M. Khalid. December 15, 2011.

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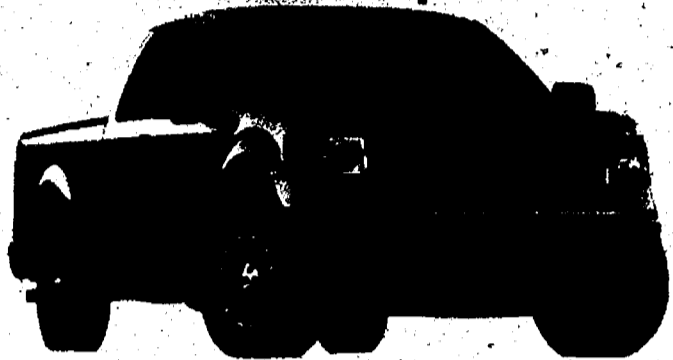
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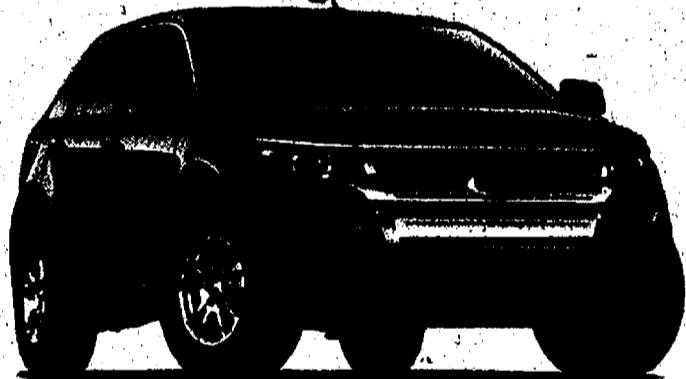


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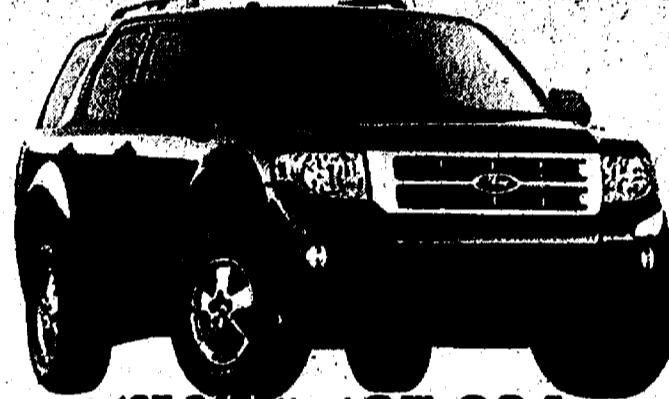


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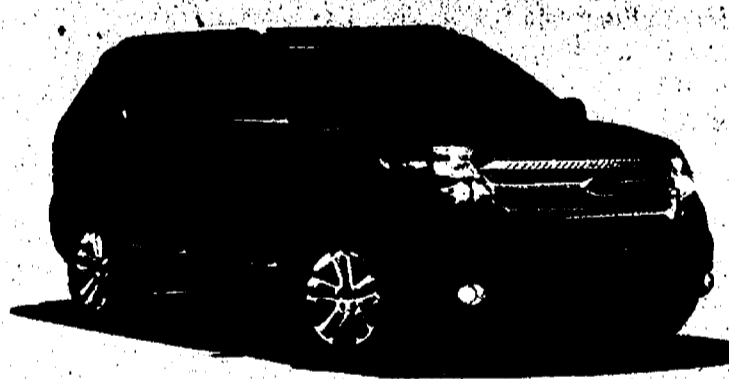


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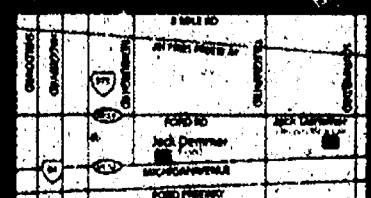
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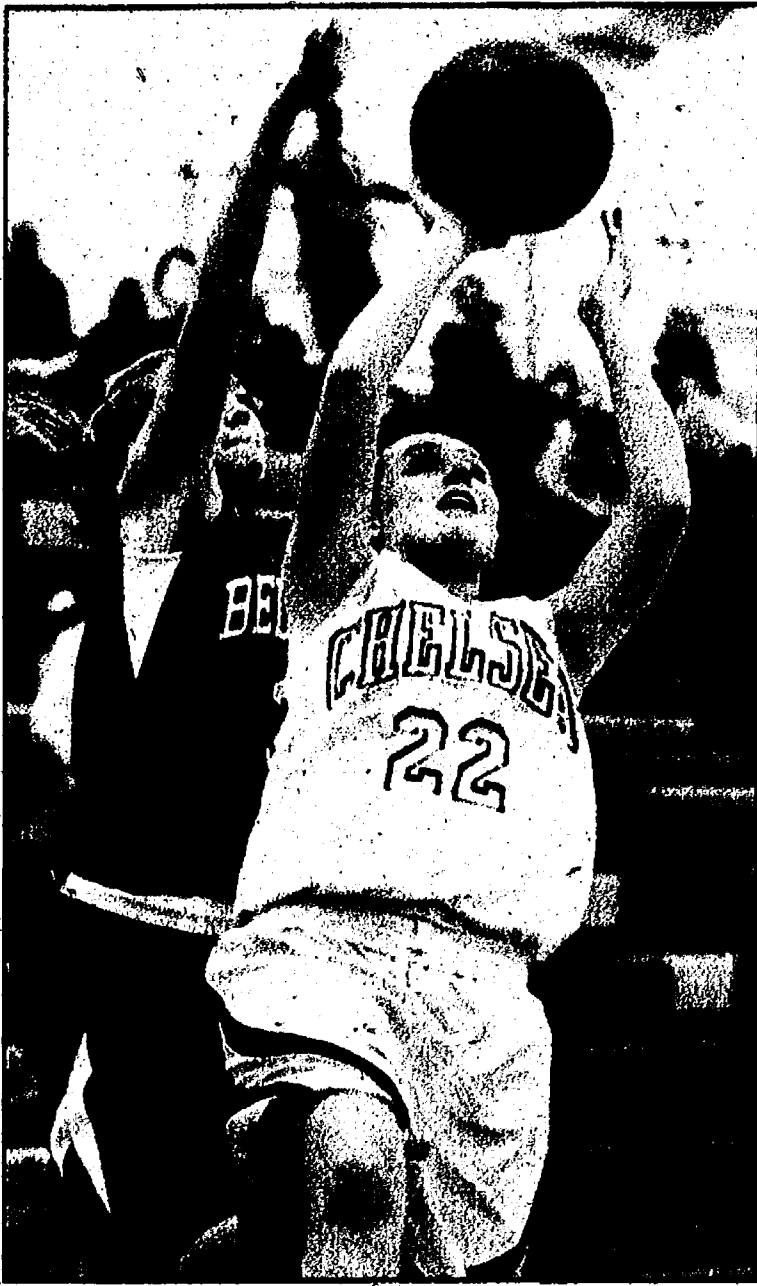


Photo by Burrill Strong

Mackenzie Cole goes in for two of her six points Friday.

Bulldogs climb to 4-0 overall

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The Chelsea girls' basketball team improved to 4-0 after a defensive struggle Friday night against visiting Temperance Bedford.

The Bulldogs outscored the Kicking Mules 12-9 in the final quarter to pull off a 30-29 victory in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

The Bulldogs shot 10 of 27 from the floor but missed seven of eight three-point attempts. They only scored two points in the third quarter, but Bedford only scored three points.

Bedford led 11-9 after one quarter and 17-16 at halftime.

Chelsea senior Katelyn

Girls hoop

Kingsley scored six points on 3 of 4 shooting. Megan Hall and Mackenzie Cole also had six points apiece for the Bulldogs. Grace Sauers had five points and Riley Singleton scored four.

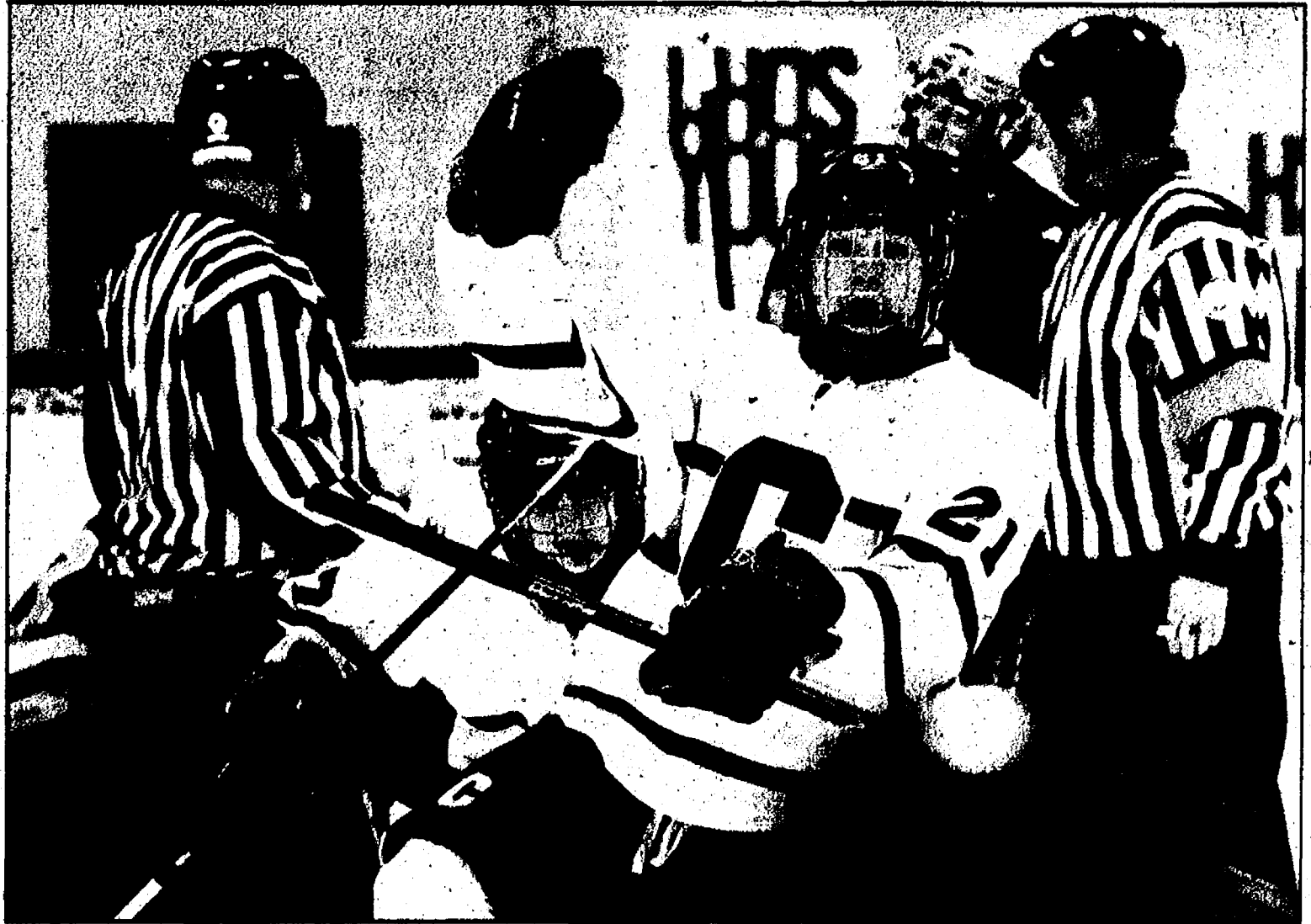
Cole and Grace Martin each had five rebounds and Lisa Keene had five assists for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea was 9 of 16 from the free-throw line. Bedford shot just 10 of 40 from the floor.

Earlier in the week, the Chelsea offense was clicking much better. The Bulldogs outscored visiting Flat Rock 25-8 in the second

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Great start!



Bulldogs topple Lumen Christi

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The first part of the Chelsea hockey season is in the books. And it's pretty good reading.

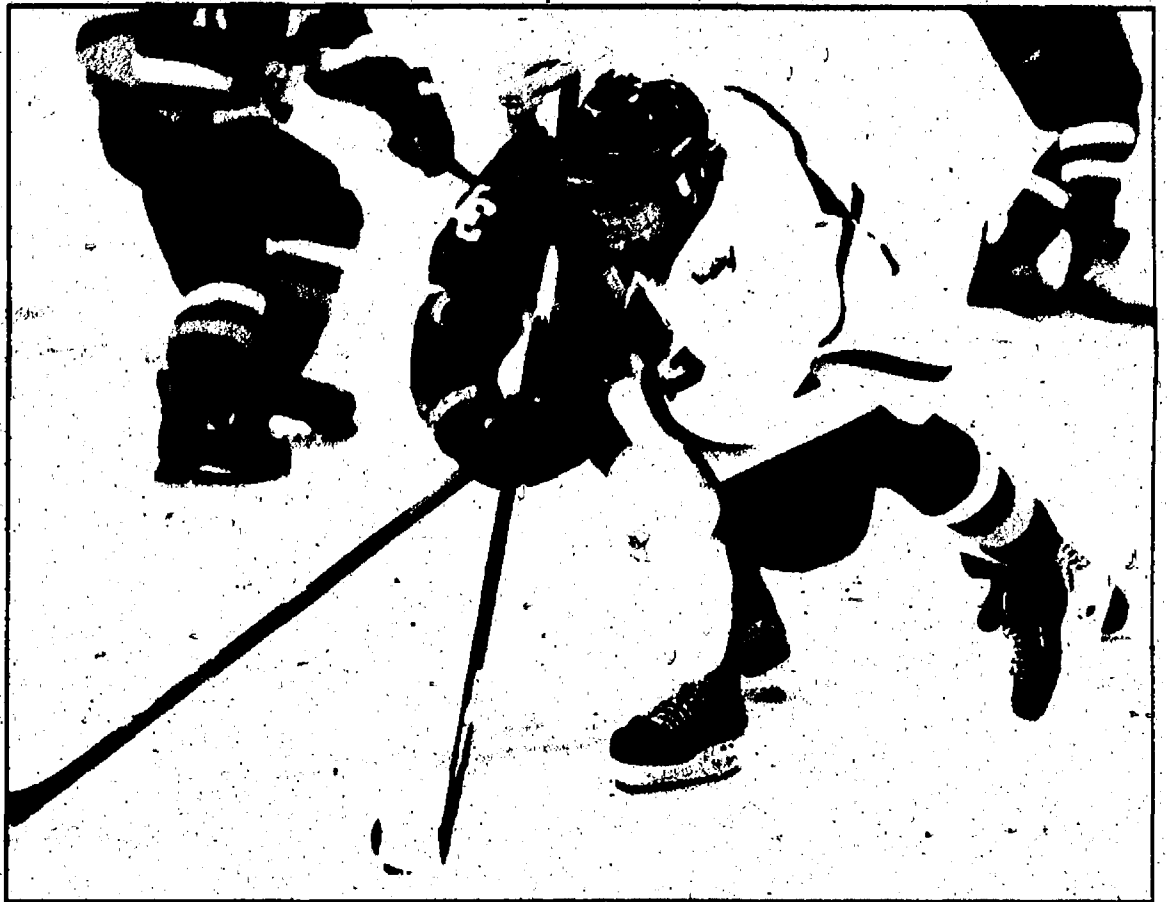
The Bulldogs are 7-1-2 after their first 10 games and will take a few weeks off to enjoy the holidays and rest up for the rest of what could be a special season.

"I like where we're at," Chelsea coach Don Wright said. "Offensively, we are doing some good things but we need to get better as a team defensively. We have to become more disciplined on the defensive end."

The Bulldogs had the offense clicking in Saturday's easy 14-1 win over a young and inexperienced Belleville-Lincoln team. Jacob Ryan had four goals and Jacob Dobberstein and Austin Sullens each scored twice to lead the Bulldogs in a game called after the second period.

It wasn't as easy on Wednesday night for Chelsea as the Bulldogs welcomed rival Jackson Lumen Christi to town. Wright was pleased with the final score but not the way in which his club finished the game.

"They're a strong team and they're having a pretty good year," Wright said after the Bulldogs' 6-5 win. "I thought we played really well on the offensive end,



Photos by Burrill Strong

Chelsea's Taylor Atchley (top photo) and the Bulldogs have plenty to celebrate after starting the season 7-1-2. Jacob Ryan battles a Lumen Christi player for the puck.

But we got sloppy on the defensive end in the last few minutes of the game and you can't do that against good teams."

Lumen Christi took advantage of a 5 on 3 midway through the first period to take a 1-0 lead. Ryan tied the game up with a goal at 15:02 of the first period.

The Bulldogs came out strong in the second period. Just 1:44 into the period, Taylor Atchley scored with assists from Mack Sullivan and Eric Newman. And 2 minutes later, Chelsea went ahead 3-1 on a goal by Kody Johnson with assists from Kyle Whipple and Joe Hewitt.

At 8:03 of the second period, Lumen Christi scored to cut Chelsea's lead to 3-2. Once again, Chelsea

started strong in the third period and regained the momentum. Hewitt's shorthanded goal at 5:50 made it 4-2. Johnson scored on the power play at 8:21 (with assists from Ryan and Anthony Catalina) to give Chelsea a 5-2 lead.

But no lead is safe when these two teams meet. With less than 4 minutes remaining in the game and Chelsea on the power play, Lumen Christi scored a shorthanded goal. Whipple answered with a power-play goal at 14:45 to make it 6-3. Lumen Christi then scored at 15:10 and again at 16:17 to get within a goal.

Chelsea had an impressive showing at the Division 3 Showcase event in Gaylord.

"It's the seventh year we have gone and it's great fun

against good competition," Wright said. "The showcase game on Saturday against Gaylord is always a big deal."

The Bulldogs opened the tournament with a 6-5 win over Jeffers. Whipple scored the game winner with 59 seconds left in the third period. Atchley had two goals and Hewitt, Newman and Tyler Fullerton also had goals in the win.

"We were down 5-3 after two periods and scored two quick goals in the third period to tie the game," Wright said.

The Bulldogs also fell behind the next night against host Gaylord in a game that ended in a 3-3 tie. Sullens scored Chelsea's

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Lisa Keene led Chelsea with five assists in Friday's win.

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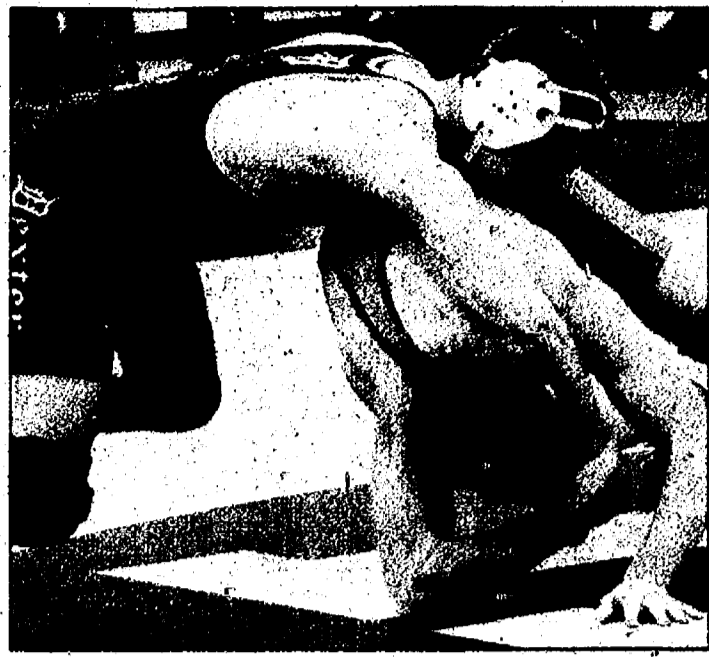
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Athletes of the Week



JP Birmingham, Dexter

The Dreadnaughts participated in the Napoleon Wrestling Invitational and placed ninth overall. JP Birmingham took second at 135 pounds for the Dreads.



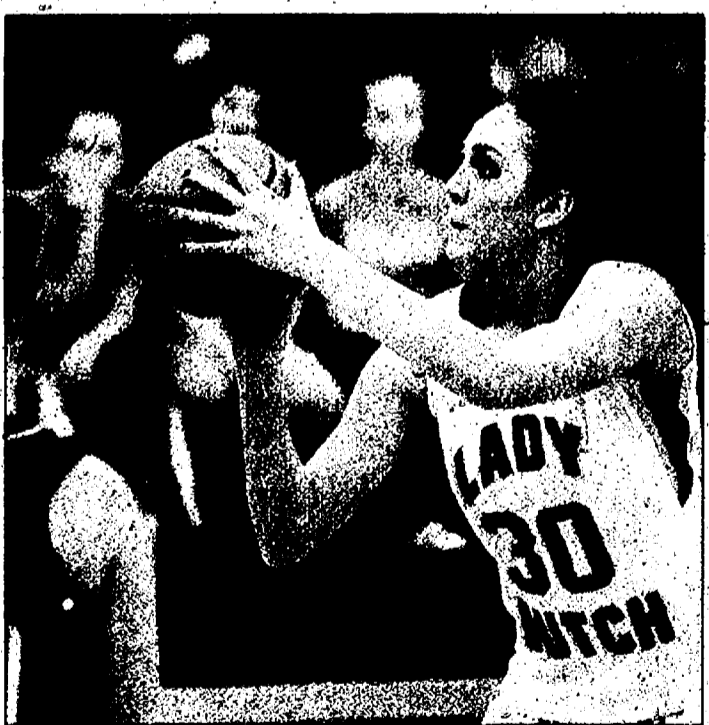
K.C. Borseth, Saline

The Hornet sophomore hit five 3-pointers on a 15-point night to help Saline past Tecumseh Friday. With the sophomore's help, the Hornets improved to 3-0.



Taylor Atchley, Chelsea

The junior forward had two goals in Chelsea's 6-5 win last week over Jeffers in the Gaylord Showcase. He also scored in the 3-3 tie with Gaylord the next night and had a goal in Chelsea's 6-5 win over Lumen Christi.



McKenna Erkfitz

The forward had 19 points and 12 rebounds to help lead the Flying Dutch to a 51-34 victory over Addison.

Chelsea, Dexter host holiday tournaments

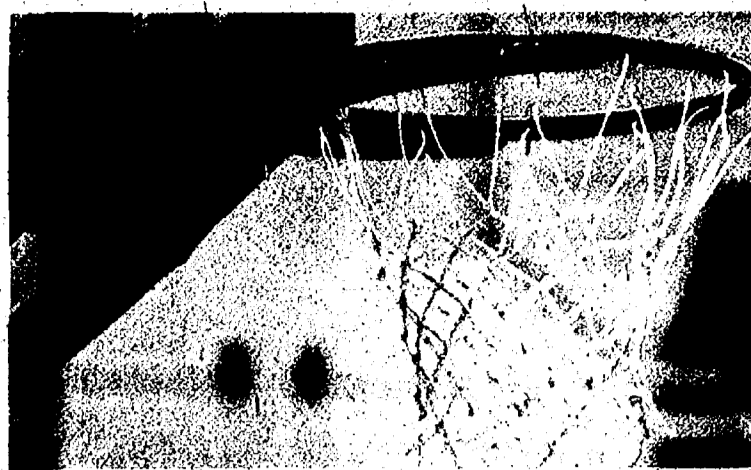
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5:30 Brighton v Salem
7:00 Chelsea v Pinckney
Friday, Dec. 30
6:00 Salem v Pinckney
7:30 Chelsea v Brighton

Dexter

Tuesday, Dec. 27
Dexter High School
Gymnasium - 2200 North
Parker Rd. Dexter, MI 48130
9:30am - Dexter Freshmen
Girls vs. Gabriel Richard
Freshmen Girls
11:15am - Dexter
Freshmen Boys vs. Willow
Run Freshmen Boys
1:00pm - Howell JV Girls
vs. South Lyon JV Girls
2:45pm - Saline JV Boys
vs. Walled Lake Northern
JV Boys
4:30pm - Dexter JV Girls
vs. Lincoln Park JV Girls



6:15pm - Dexter JV Boys
vs. Willow Run JV Boys
Creskide Intermediate
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9:30am - Howell
Freshmen Girls vs. South
Lyon East Freshmen Girls
11:15am - Saline
Freshmen Boys vs. Walled
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Wednesday, Dec. 28
Dexter High School
Gymnasium
9:30am - Girls Freshmen

Consolation Game
11:15am - Boys Freshmen
Championship Game
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Creskide Intermediate
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Consolation Game

Thursday, Dec. 29
Dexter High School
Gymnasium
1:00pm - Howell Varsity
Girls vs. South Lyon Varsity
Girls
2:45pm - Saline Varsity
Boys vs. Walled Lake
Northern Boys
4:30pm - Dexter Varsity
Girls vs. Lincoln Park
Varsity Girls
6:15pm - Dexter Varsity
Boys vs. Willow Run Varsity
Boys

Friday, Dec. 30
Dexter High School
Gymnasium
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Consolation Game
4:30pm - Varsity Girls
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St. Paul wins title



St. Paul Lutheran School, in Ann Arbor hosted its annual invitational Middle School Basketball Tournament Dec. 9 and 10. Eight teams from Southeast and Western Michigan gathered to compete. This year's winner was the host team, St. Paul Crusaders. They defeated St. Mary-Pinckney in the title game. Pictured standing are coach Tony Love (left), Nathan Helberg, Gavin Otto, Daniel Jablonski, Max Bell, Spencer Orlando and Micah Penhallegon; kneeling John McMorris (left), Tim Runstadler Jr., Patrick Bates and Matt Reddeman.

Phoenix hold off Huron

By Mike Larson
A2 Journal

Two down, one to go. Last week the Ypsilanti boys' basketball team defeated Pioneer and on Friday, the team downed Huron, leaving Skyline as the only Ann Arbor basketball team that hasn't fallen to the Phoenix.

While Ypsilanti defeated Huron 66-57, the River Rats put up a big fight. After coming out sluggish and slow, the River Rats gave Ypsilanti quite a run.

Huron scored just seven field goals in the first half, falling behind 33-21 by the break.

At one point, the Phoenix went on a 15-0 run, and in the second quarter, the team actually led by as many as 22 points.

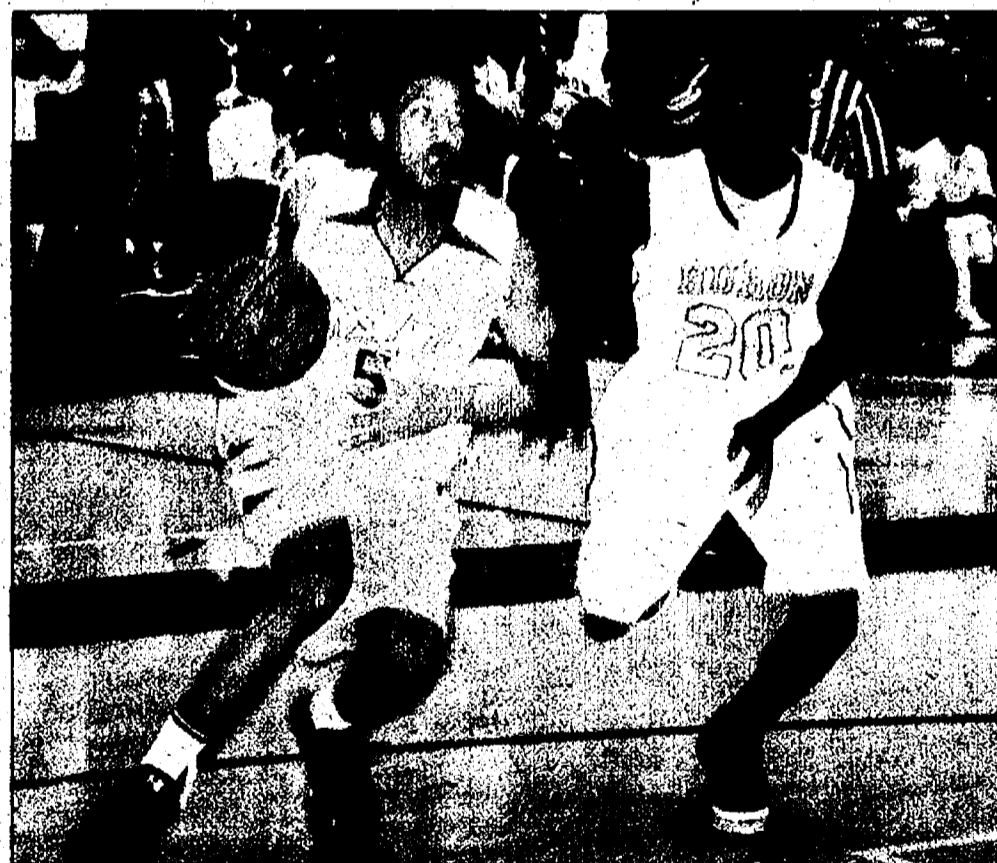
However, in the second half, Huron came alive, using its trademark trapping defense to close the gap.

In fact, with just 3:57 left in the game, Huron took its first lead of the contest, going up 55-54.

It was short-lived though as the Ypsilanti team roared back, eventually winning the game.

"We knew what we were going to get," Ypsilanti coach Steve Brooks said. "Late in the game I had the chance to call some time outs to regroup, but I chose not to. I wanted our players to play through it. They needed to step up and play through that trap. And they did."

Ypsilanti had four players score



Photos by Mike Larson/A2 JOURNAL

Ypsilanti's Derrick Richardson (above) drives to the basket.

in double digits as Tristan Simmons scored 16 points, Levonte Davis and Mamadou Ba each added 14 and Derrick Richardson scored 11.

Even though River Rats clawed their way back into the game, Huron coach Waleed Samaha wasn't impressed. "There are no moral victories here," Samaha said. "It's nice to

come back, but that's not enough for Huron. I don't care if we lose by one or lose by 30. It's all the same to me."

Despite the loss, there were some offensive bright spots for the River Rats.

Kendall Thomas led the way with 18 points while Mike Lewis added 12 and Yante Jackson scored 10.

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Regional Basketball Dreads rally vs. Monroe

By Terry Jacoby
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Going to see the Dexter boys' basketball team? Here's a tip. Don't leave early.

The Dreadnaughts trailed host Monroe 27-17 at half-time and were still down by six points heading into the fourth quarter during their Southeastern Conference opener on Friday night.

Dexter outscored Monroe 25-6 in the final quarter, winning 49-36 to improve to 2-1 on the season.

Monroe, which opened the season with easy wins over Fordson and Wyandotte, falls to 0-1 in the league and 2-1 overall.

"Unlike our game with Canton, we were getting good looks in the first half," Dexter coach Randy Swoverland said. "The problem was we weren't making them. But there was really nothing for us to change going into the second half."

What changed was the shots started falling, especially in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore Derek Seidl started things off, scoring six points at the end of the third quarter to cut the lead to 30-24. The Dreads held Monroe to just three points in the third quarter.

Jacob Van Hoof took over from there. Van Hoof finished with a team-high 22 points, 14 coming in the fourth quarter. He hit one perimeter jumper, five free throws and the rest coming from drives to the basket and layups.

Dexter took care of business at the free-throw line, knocking down an impressive 12 of 15 attempts in the fourth quarter compared to Monroe's 2 of 8.



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first goal on the power play. Down 2-1 after two periods, Atchley and Sullens scored 14 seconds apart in the third period to give Chelsea a 3-2 lead.

But Gaylord netted the tying goal later in the third period.

"Again, I didn't think we played well defensively but we did a lot of good things offensively," Wright said. On Dec. 7, Chelsea defeated Skyline 9-3. Atchley and Sullens each scored twice for Chelsea. Hepler, Johnson, Joseph Olmsted and Brody Layher also scored for the Bulldogs.

Charlie Miller earned the win in goal.

The Bulldogs don't play again until Jan. 7 at Flint Powers Catholic HS.

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Chelsea goalie Chris Boyd (top) makes a save for the Bulldogs. Joseph Olmsted (below) makes a play during Saturday's game.

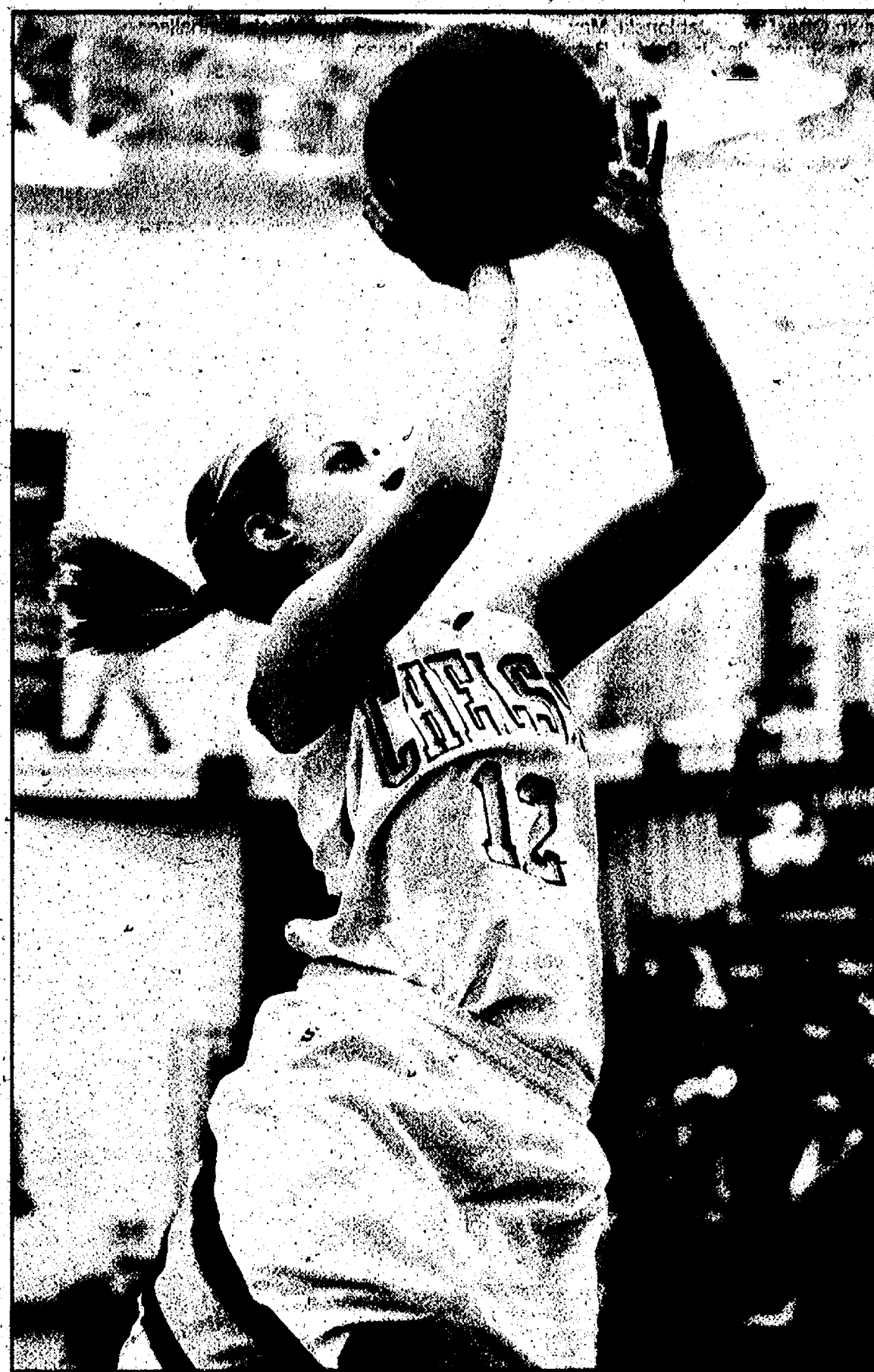


Photo by Burrill Strong

Grace Sauers takes the rock to the basket for the Bulldogs against visiting Bedford.

GIRLS

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half and won the non-league game 52-31.

Chelsea trailed 15-13 after the first quarter and led only 27-23 at halftime.

The Bulldogs made 19 of 46 shots from the floor

(41.3 percent) and hit 12 of 18 free throws.

They had 16 steals to only three for Flat Rock.

Sauers had a huge game for the Dawgs. The junior finished with 18 points, four rebounds and three steals. Cole had 11 points and a team-high four

Hall scored 10 and Singleton eight in the victory. Martin had a team-high seven rebounds, four assists and four points.

The Bulldogs will host Pinckney on Tuesday, Dec. 27. The JV game begins at 5:50 p.m. followed by the varsity game.

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Whitetail population inexplicably comes and goes

The following column is dedicated to my mother. The 2011 whitetail deer hunting season, was fruitful for some and highly disappointing for many. I've heard the same story of disappointment from a multitude of hunters in our area and across the state.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



RICK TAYLOR

So, what happened to all the deer this year? Some farmers say they're still here living and feeding in the standing corn yet to be harvested.

Other local farmers say they haven't seen many deer at all this entire year. Matt Koenn, a local farmer, saw so few deer this year on his farm that he didn't apply for a "Crop Damage" permit this summer. Periodic phone calls to Matt only verified the low deer numbers on his farm.

So, is this bad or good news for Matt and farmers like him? Well, it's all in the way you look at it. Hunters will certainly be frustrated by low deer numbers but farmers like Matt will have less crop damage leading to higher profit margins for a change.

I've often written about my Dexter "Honey Hole" over the years and how it consistently produces deer. Well, this year has proven to be amazingly unproductive. I haven't seen a single deer the last four times I've been out there this fall.

Furthermore, there isn't a rhyme or reason for this. There are very few hunters in the area, the weather patterns are similar and their food source remains unchanged.

If you take anything away from this article then remember this: "There's a reason why the DNR needs an accurate accounting

of harvested deer in your area." I strongly believe that hunters need to let their local DNR office know harvest numbers so they can more accurately forecast deer numbers the following year.

These numbers will help determine the number of antler-less deer permits given to hunters.

I have worked hard to ensure many hunting locations in our area. This gives me greater opportunity to increase my odds of success. I'd recommend that all hunters should have at least three different hunting locations to increase your odds. Opportunity did knock on opening morning of the 2011 firearm season, in which, I shot a dandy 8-point buck. It would have been a 10 point but two tines were snapped off from fighting with other bucks.

The reason for my success on this hunt came from never hunting this location during the archery season whatsoever.

I drove to my hunting location and slowly walked to my treestand without the use of a flashlight. I slowly climbed to my treestand and secured my safety harness. Trickle of light slowly turned the darkness into a glorious sunny morning. Black and white hues were slowly replaced by color, and shooting light was upon me.

I saw many squirrels but no deer to speak of. I began to see the fog brew over the swamp and watched the wind bring it in my direction. It was such a beautiful morning.

A spike horn buck finally came into view and meandered in front of me at only



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15 paces away. Soon thereafter, I could hear the sounds of a deer coming from behind me but knew any movement on my part would spook the spike that had its eyes locked on me. I don't know what I did to get "busted" but I was caught.

Curiosity was killing me and I knew I had to see if it was a buck or not getting closer and closer. I finally turned my head and saw a monster buck with antlers

the size of baseball bats. Unfortunately, the spike bolted from my movement which made this buck take off as well.

The monster buck was already 50 yards from me by the time I swung my 12 gauge and pulled the trigger. Boom! I shot two more times and was angry with myself for not turning sooner to see that majestic buck.

I had to get down and see if I hit this buck because it was the right thing to do.

I gave it about 10 minutes and slowly made my way to where I last saw this brute of a deer. No blood. I missed him clean as I thought.

I stood there at near the edge of a swamp catching my breathe and being thankful for the opportunity even though it didn't work out. I tilted my head back and let the sun warm my face and took a couple of slow deep breaths.

"Braaah, Braaah" the loud grunt of a buck erupted less than 50 yards in front of me. I snapped into hunting mode again and frantically looked for my grunt call but it was nowhere to be found.

I couldn't see the buck through the Russian Olive trees but knew this buck was amazingly close. I loosely put my hand over my mouth and grunted twice in the direction of the deer.

Without hesitation,

the sound of breaking branches erupted as the buck charged towards me. I leveled my shotgun in the direction and flipped off the safety waiting and hoping for a shot.

The buck made it through the brush and almost ran me over before he put on the brakes at 20 yards.

Slow motion takes over at this time and I don't feel the recoil or hear the report as my shotgun slug drops the buck in his tracks.

Holy cow! Or, should I say Holy buck—what a morning. My dad always said "I'd rather be lucky than good."

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you and your family.

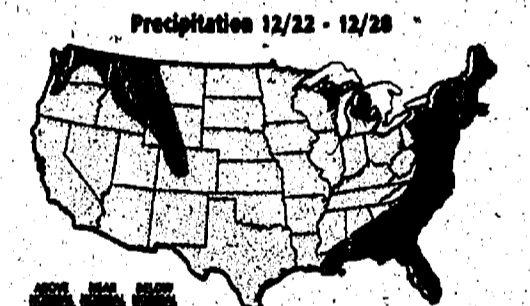
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Cairo	65/48/s	63/49/s	61/47/s			
Hong Kong	64/54/s	63/52/s	61/50/s			
London	50/77/r	50/77/r	50/77/r			
Johannesburg	75/61/r	71/56/r	69/57/r			
London	50/77/r	50/77/r	50/77/r			
Mexico City	75/43/s	78/40/s	76/40/s			
Moscow	30/18/sn	20/8/c	21/17/c			
Rio de Janeiro	90/75/r	90/76/s	89/73/pc			
Seoul	23/14/s	25/19/pc	27/18/s			
Singapore	82/77/r	82/77/r	82/77/r			
Sydney	75/63/c	77/64/c	79/64/pc			
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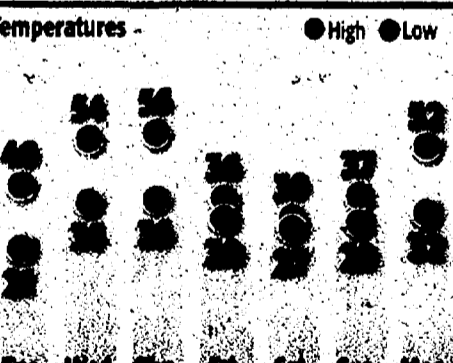
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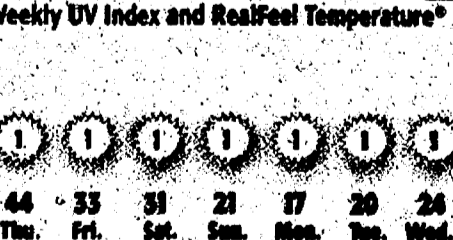
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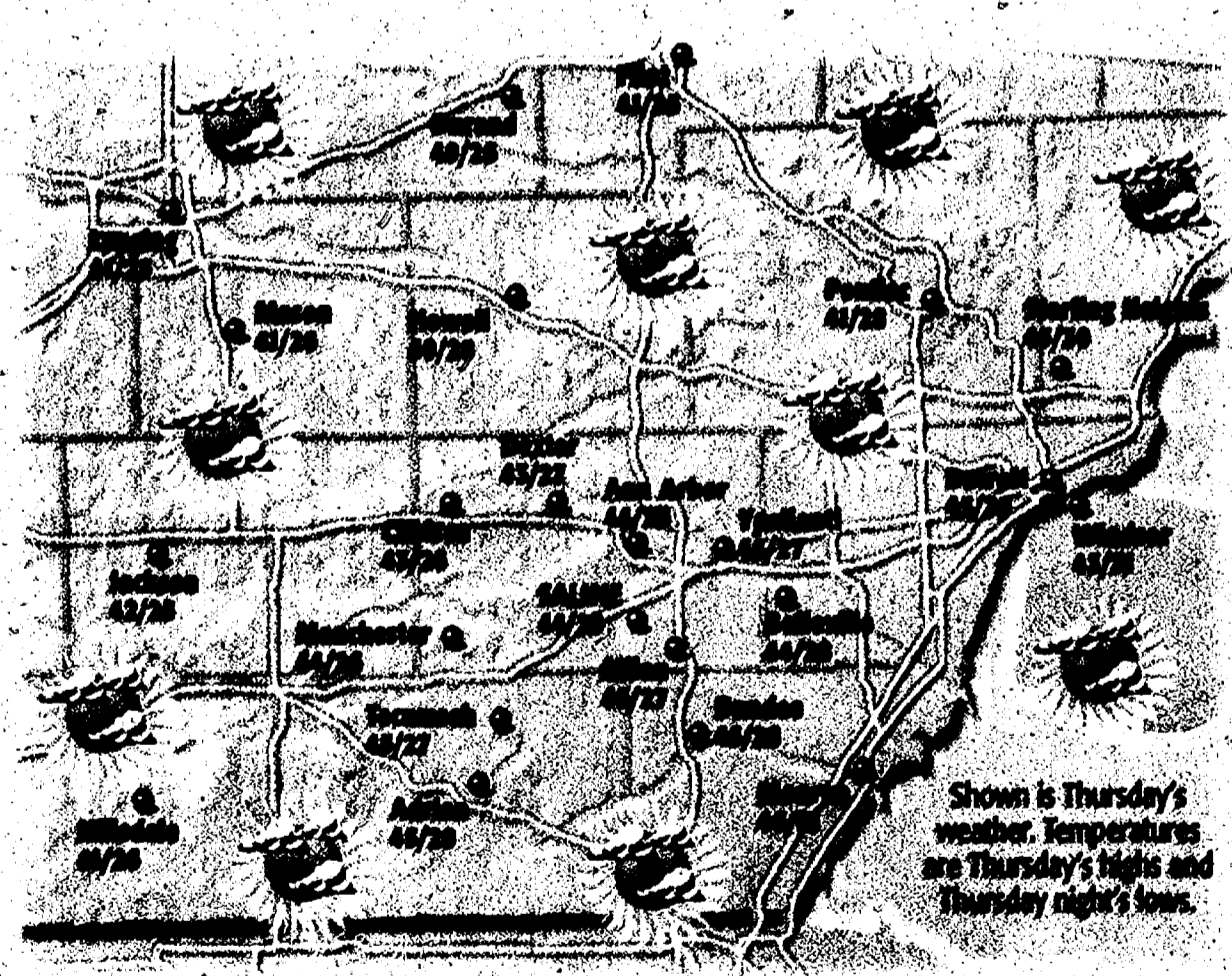
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Deer Creek	12.8	7.78 ft	
River Raisin		4.96 ft	
Manichewick			

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	560.11 ft	572.27 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	574.26 ft

THE REGION



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City	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	City	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ann Arbor	46/30/r	44/26/pc	36/23/pc	35/24/pc	Midland	59/29/c	41/25/c	36/23/pc	35/25/pc
Ann Arbor	46/30/r	44/26/pc	36/23/pc	35/24/pc	Monroe	48/32/r	41/28/pc	36/23/pc	33/26/pc
Bay City	43/30/c	41/25/c	36/23/pc	34/26/pc	Port Huron	47/30/c	37/24/pc	34/23/pc	34/23/pc
Flint	44/29/r	41/25/pc	35/22/pc	38/26/pc	Saginaw	44/29/c	41/23/c	36/24/pc	34/25/pc
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SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set	The Moon	Rise	Set
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Monday	6:02 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	Monday	9:39 a.m.	7:28 p.m.
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Wednesday	6:03 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	Wednesday	10:23 a.m.	9:51 p.m.

DNR

All 'Pure Michigan Hunt' winners harvest bull elk

It's a big-game trifecta! All three winners of the 2011 Pure Michigan Hunt drawing scored on bull elk during the 2011 hunting season.

John Martin of Linden and Bruno Brun of Ann Arbor both took bull elk during the early days of Michigan's traditional December elk hunt.

The third Pure Michigan Hunt winner, 56-year-old Randy Willis, a registered nurse from Augusta, was the first of the trio to score an elk. Willis took his bull during the second half of the first elk season, back in September.

The Pure Michigan Hunt allows hunters to participate in every limited-license hunt in Michigan. The winners, who purchase chances on the hunt (\$4 apiece) and are chosen by lottery, can hunt elk, bear, antlerless deer, and turkey, as well as get the first choice for a hunting area at one of the daily drawings at one of the Department of Natural Resources' managed waterfowl areas.

Martin, a 41-year-old stay-at-home dad, killed his 5-by-5, 450-pound (dressed) bull on the second day of the December season. He'd hunted in August and September - and had several near opportunities - but either passed on them or couldn't quite get the shot he wanted.

In December, that changed. Martin was hunting with another fellow when he saw three bull elk walking along a ridge.

When they came into an opening, the other hunter squeezed the trigger just a micro-second before Martin did, causing Martin to pull his shot a bit, he said. The elk swapped ends - but didn't spook - and Martin made a successful shot seconds later.

Martin, who is a waterfowl hunter by inclination, said the Pure Michigan Hunt gave him an opportunity to explore big-game hunting.

"I had wonderful experiences," he said. "Just awesome."

Earlier in the year, Martin killed a 250-pound bear in the Dead Stream Swamp to fill his bear tag. Now, he said, he hopes to volunteer to help out next year's Pure Michigan Hunt winners.

"I feel like I have to give a little bit back because I've been given so much."

Bruno Brun, a 51-year-old plant manager, had an experience similar to Martin's.



Pure Michigan Hunt winner Bruno Brun shows off his elk, taken in December.

He passed up one opportunity and had another close call during the early elk season, but scored on the second day of the December hunt with a 5-by-5 bull that field dressed at 660 pounds.

Brun was hunting in the Gaylord area when his party noticed a group of elk working through the woods. Brun picked out one of the animals and began stalking it.

"It took a while but eventually he presented a shot," Brun said.

Brun said the 5-by-5 had a broken tine, but otherwise was a very nice trophy.

"I'm sure you can get a bigger one, but it was a good animal," he said.

Earlier in the year, Brun killed a 360-pound bear, hunting behind hounds.

Brun said the Pure Michigan Hunt was both "a great opportunity and a great experience."

Martin and Brun took advantage of the reserved waterfowl hunting opportunity, too. Both hunted at Fish Point State Game Area and reported enjoyable, productive hunts.

Willis, of course, didn't need the December elk season. He hunted elk the first four days of the season in August and saw one small bull, but decided to pass on it.

"One of the advantages of the Pure Michigan Hunt is you get a chance to come back later," Willis said.

When the early season resumed in September, he came back.



Pure Michigan Hunt winner John Martin harvested this bull elk in December.

The elk were bugling and responding to the call and Willis, who had hoped to take his bull with a bow, had a close encounter on the second evening when a 5-by-7 bull came within 45 yards of him.

"He was bugling, just screaming at us," Willis said. "It was storybook."

But 45 yards wasn't close enough for him to try to take with an arrow, Willis said, so he let the bull walk.

Later that evening, he saw a nice 6-by-6 moving through an opening at 250 yards.

Willis put down his bow, picked up his .300 Mag., and when the elk stopped, he shot him. Willis also took a bear during his Pure Michigan Hunt adventure.

Willis hunted for 12 days over bait in the western Upper Peninsula. He said he saw a lot of bears, but was holding out for a record book-quality animal. But

on the last day of his hunt, he took what he called "an average bear," and was happy with that.

Willis hunted opening day of waterfowl season at Shiawassee State Game Area. All three hunters are good advertisements for the Pure Michigan Hunt, which will be held for the third year in 2012.

The \$4 applications help build the DNR's Game and Fish Protection Fund while

providing the opportunity of a lifetime to the three lucky winners.

Pure Michigan Hunt applications are on sale at all license vendors or online at www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt through Dec. 31. Winners will be announced in January.

And, in case you're interested, all three 2011 winners said they plan to purchase chances for the 2012 hunt, too.

Phoenix are the real deal with three big wins

Fox Mulder, a main character on the sci-fi cult classic, "The X-Files," used to have a poster in his basement office.

It was a picture of a UFO with the caption, "I want to believe."

For some reason, I remember thinking of that poster last week after watching the Ypsilanti basketball team defeat Pioneer in dominant fashion.

I wanted to believe that the Phoenix had what it took to become a state title contender.

I wanted to believe that beneath the flash and the run-and-gun style that put up 70 points against the Pioneers, there was a solid, fundamentally sound basketball team.

I wanted to believe in a team, a school and a city that deserves something good to happen.

But I wasn't convinced. Sure, it was a big game, but Pioneer is a rebuilding team. Outside of Jimmy Holman, the Ann Arbor team doesn't have a lot of experience, and Ypsilanti got to play in front of their

fans at home. A great win? Sure. But did it convince me of greatness? Nope. But I wanted to believe.

And I have to tip my hat to Steve Brooks and the Ypsilanti basketball team, because on Friday evening, the team proved to everyone that they are the real deal.

This time the Phoenix went on the road to one of the toughest places in the Southeastern

Conference to play: the Riverdome at Ann Arbor Huron.

The team took on the River Rats, a team that lost a lot of seniors from last year, but still a squad that is looking to be one of the conference leaders.

But it wasn't that. Ypsilanti beat Huron that was convincing, but rather, how the team barreled through adversity to steal a game on the road.

Ypsilanti started the game on a tear, taking a 22-point lead in the first half. Many in the stands won-

dered if it would turn into a running-clock embarrassment for the River Rats.

But, like all good teams do, Huron rallied.

In fact, the River Rats took a lead late in the game. It looked as if Ypsilanti was going to fold.

It looked as if the Phoenix would shoot themselves in the foot and give the game away.

Turnovers and mental

mistakes piled up as it appeared the Ypsilanti team's composure was melting like a snow cone in July. A few missed shots here, a dumb technical foul there and the Phoenix were doing their part to help Huron complete one of the best comebacks in program history.

But then, Ypsilanti did something that only a great team is capable of doing.

It slowed down, it limited the mistakes and held on to take the lead back and win the game.

It blocked out the noise, which was deafening. Despite the fatigue that sets in late in games, the Phoenix ignored it all and persevered.

Good teams don't do that. Only the great ones do.

I wanted to believe in the Ypsilanti Phoenix. And

now I do. I think the rest of the teams in the SEC need to do the same.

In a year where this conference might be the most competitive league in the state, teams need to be ready for Ypsilanti. The Phoenix are the real deal.

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THE BACK PAGE

Thursday, December 22, 2011

Bedford too strong for visiting Bulldogs

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

Chelsea played in too small a gym against too big of a player on Friday night.

The Bulldogs headed to Bedford to face the Kicking Mules, one of the better teams in the Southeastern Conference. They got a first-hand look at Bedford's Jackson Lamb, a 6-1 junior who Division 1 schools are already coveting.

The smaller Bulldogs just didn't match up well as Lamb was too big and too good on the offensive end, leading the home team to a 65-36 win in an SEC opener for both schools.

The Bulldogs fall to 1-2 on the season and 0-1 in the SEC.

Lamb finished with 30 points to lead all scorers. Michael Steinhauer led Chelsea with 11 points. It didn't take Lamb long to get going.

He scored Bedford's second basket as the Kicking Mules scored four points within the first 28 seconds of the game forcing coach Robin Raymond to call a time out. Dominic Davis answered the challenging, scoring on Chelsea's next possession and drawing a foul for a three-point play. But Lamb scored inside and then hit two free throws to give Bedford a 8-3 lead with 5:10 left in the opening quarter.

Chelsea's Jake Steinhauer scored two baskets - the first coming on his own rebound - to make it 10-7 and the Bulldogs were showing some spark.

Lamb converted a three-point play and Bedford hit two free throws to push the lead to 15-7. Luke Hollandsworth scored



Photos by Tressie Davis.

Bedford's Jackson Lamb, a 6-1 junior, goes up for a block on Chelsea's Jake Fischhaber on Friday night. Lamb was called for a foul on the play. Chelsea's Dominic Davis lines up a free-throw attempt.

off a nice jumper inside for Chelsea but Bedford scored the next six points to make it 21-9.

Logan Brown hit a triple in the final seconds of the first quarter as the Bulldogs trailed 21-11 after one. Lamb had 13 points in the first quarter to lead the Kicking Mules.

Bedford started the second quarter on a 9-2 run to take a 30-13 lead with

3:46 left in the first half.

Mike Steinhauer scored inside and then hit a free throw as Chelsea hung around, cutting the lead to 30-16. Bedford scored the next four points before Logan Brown nailed a triple to make it 34-19.

Lamb hit one of two free throws with no time on the clock and Bedford led 35-19 at halftime.

Jake Fischhaber and



Davis started the third quarter with baskets but the Kicking Mules went on a 15-0 run and led 50-23. The Bulldogs didn't score again in the quarter until a basket by Hollandsworth with less than a minute remaining.

Bedford led 51-25 after three quarters.

The Bulldogs deserve plenty of credit for playing hard all game. They

Game Notes

Jack McDougall had a nice pass for a basket in the first quarter. ... Dominic Davis and Truman Hadley were among the brave souls trying to defend the much taller Jackson Lamb (6-6). ... Jake Fischhaber had a nice steal and a nice block in the second quarter for Chelsea. ... Davis had a nice strip for a steal at one end and then stole the ball again at the other end in the fourth quarter.

didn't give up, battling until the end. Michael Steinhauer

scored six points in the fourth quarter off rebounds.

Chelsea dunks Pinckney in dual-meet opener

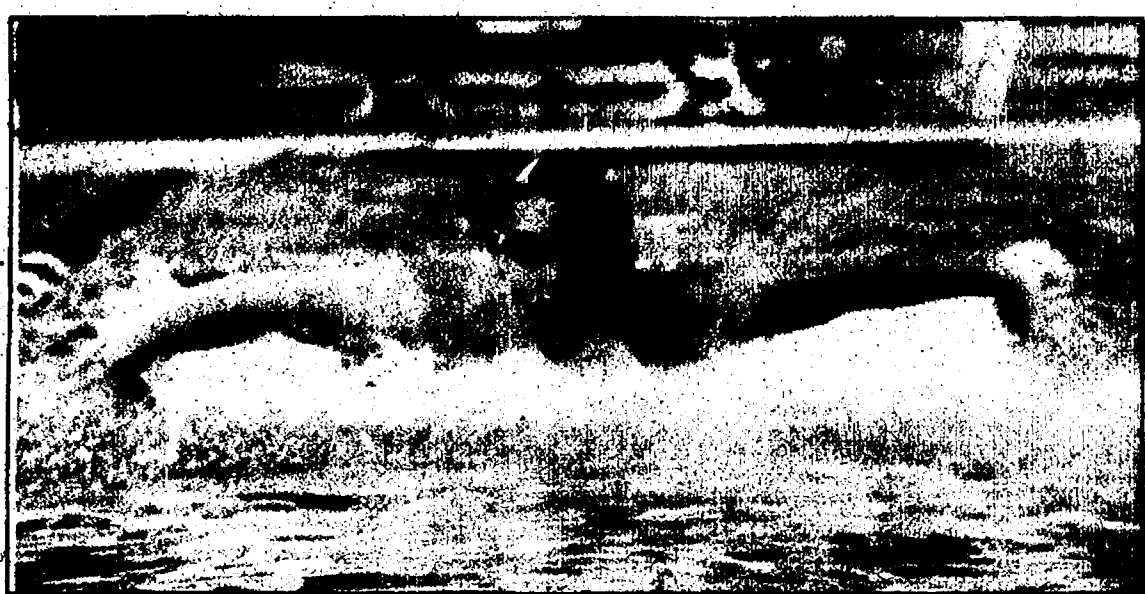
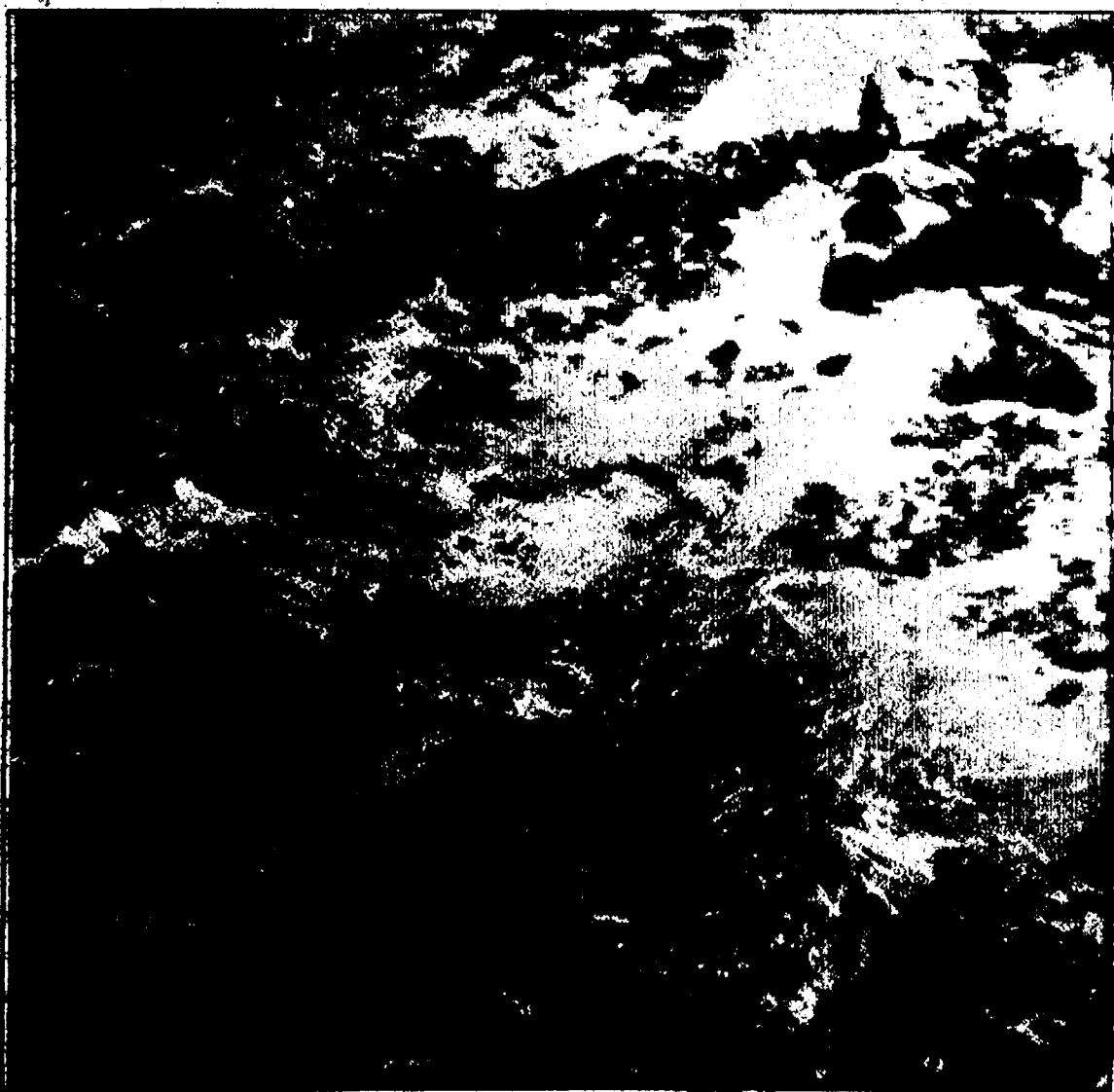


Photo by Cathy Burris.

Nick Burris (above) and Nick Deppner (below) compete for the Bulldogs.



After an exciting beginning to the season, winning the SMISL relays, Chelsea boys' swimming and diving team gathered for its first dual-meet victory of the season defeating Pinckney 111-74.

"This year's team has a wonderful blend of experience and raw talent freshmen which promises great things throughout the season," said coach Dave Jolly.

Chelsea got off to a good start on Thursday evening placing second and third in the 200-yard medley relay. Nick Deppner, Zach Ousley, Nick Burris, and Will Wickens combined for a solid 1:50.78 to take second. Robby Everard, Ben Thoms, Max Lonnemo, and Jake Burris captured third in 1:57.34.

David Alday led the way for the Chelsea 200 freestylers taking first place with a time of 1:58.06.

"What makes the performance more impressive is that Alday is starting his races from in the water as he recovers from a back injury," Jolly said.

Freshman Jacob Hartman took second with a solid 2:02.61. Chelsea out scored Pinckney 10-4 in the event which put the Bulldogs into the lead which they would hold for the rest of the meet.

Junior Logan Simpson was the top scorer for the dawgs in the 200 IM with a good time of 2:17.60. Simpson is one of the most versatile swimmers the Bulldogs have on this year's roster.

Nick Deppner was third in the event with a solid early season time of 2:21.45. Freshman Max Lonnemo was a scorer taking fifth for the Bulldogs with a 2:28.60.

Junior captain Nick Burris won the 50 freestyle with a blazing 23.69 which is his best early season swim of his career in the event. A much improved Will Wickens was close behind with an impressive 24.73 which also marked his best early season performance in the event.

Freshman star Jake Burris won his second 1 meter diving competition of the season taking the event with a score of 171.90 points. Freshman Joey Smith tallied his best score of his young career putting up 170.60 points. Robby Everard took fourth with a solid score of 148.50 points.

Nick Burris was back up in the 100

butterfly and clocked his career best time of 59.47 to take second overall. Burris is starting off this season where he left off. He looks to make a significant mark this season in the SEC and at the state level. Max Lonnemo was third with a 1:05.20 and Will Wickens was third with a 1:05.31.

"The depth we are showing this year is quite exciting," Jolly said.

Logan Simpson led the way for the Bulldogs in the 100 freestyle winning the event with a great 54.54 clocking. Johnny Mangner was third overall with an impressive early season time of 59.72. Tom Olsen took fourth in the event clocking a 1:00.07 to help the team win another event for the Bulldogs.

David Alday from a push once again impressed the crowd winning the 500 freestyle with a near state cut time of 5:23.00. Hartman was second pacing his way to a 5:44.77.

Austin Horn was third for the Bulldogs to complete the first 1,2,3 sweep of an event this season at 5:50.54.

Wickens, Lonnemo, Mangner, and Simpson took second in the 200 freestyle relay clocking a 1:44.02. The B relay of Chelsea comprised of Olsen, Thoms, Ousley, and Jake Burris which took third at 1:48.27.

Nick Deppner won the 100 backstroke at 1:02.17 and Sam Almhiemid in his first meet of the year took second at 1:02.25.

"This pair of backstrokers promises to be quite a force in the Southeastern Conference," Jolly said. Joey Ingall earned his first varsity points as a freshman taking fifth at 1:30.28.

Zach Ousley improved from a week ago to drop his best time to 1:13:10 to take second place. Ben Thoms another of the super freshman group took third place with a 1:13.33 clocking. Tom Olsen was fifth in the event at 1:20.25.

In the last event of the evening Chelsea took first-place honors in the 400yd freestyle relay with Nick Burris leading the way Simpson, Hartman, and Deppner finished strong to win the event at 3:44.02. Almhiemid, Drew Deppner, Horn, and Mangner finished third in the event to end the meet and the first victory of the young season.

Chelsea win next compete against Bedford on Jan. 5 at Bedford.

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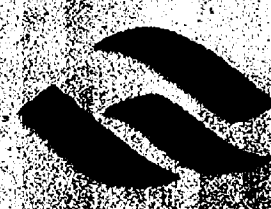
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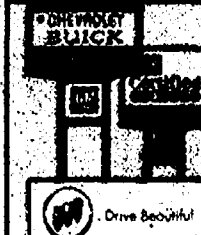
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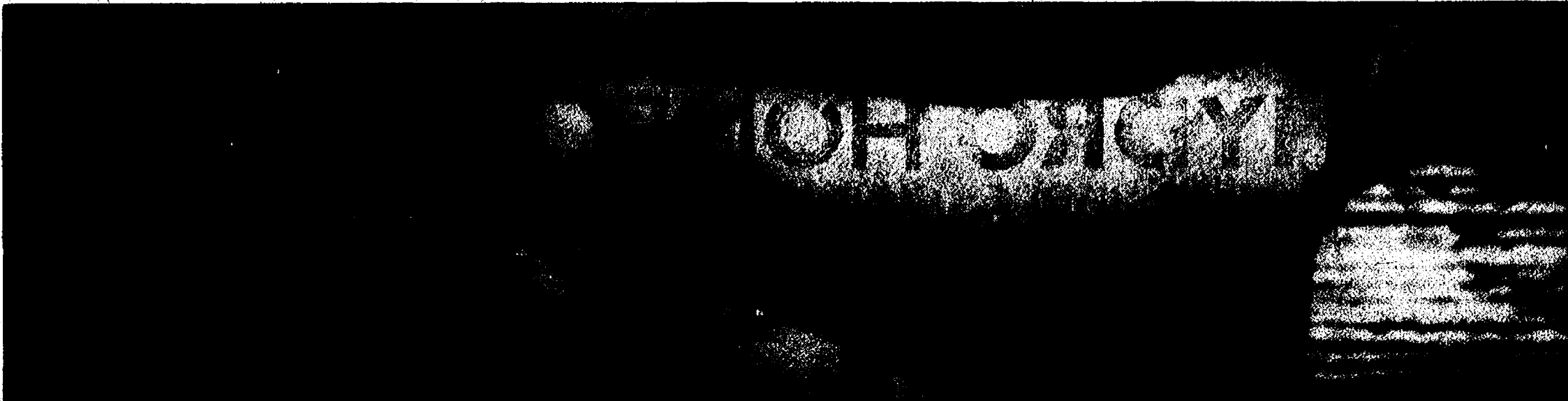
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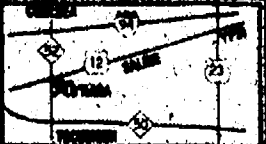
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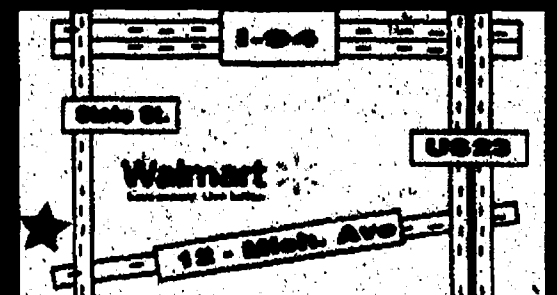
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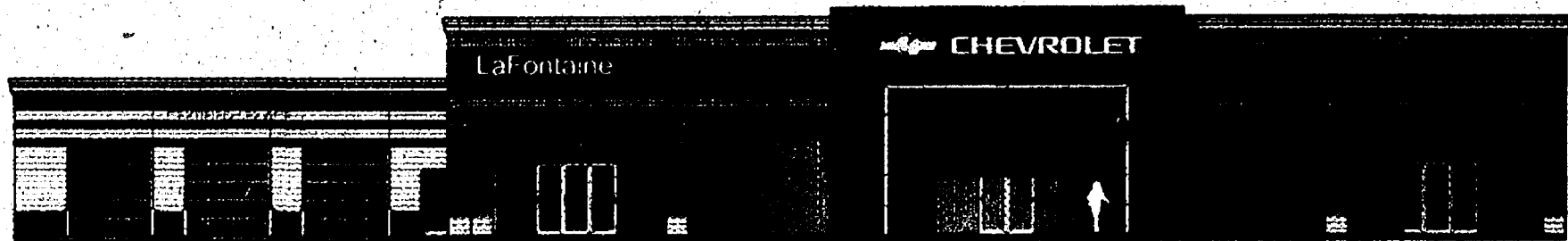


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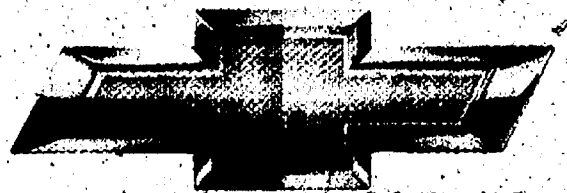
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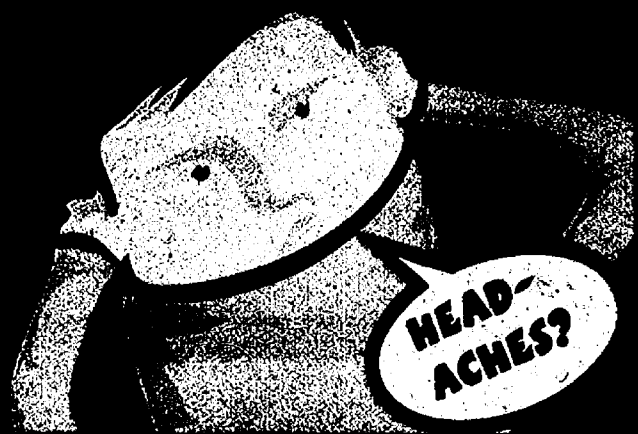
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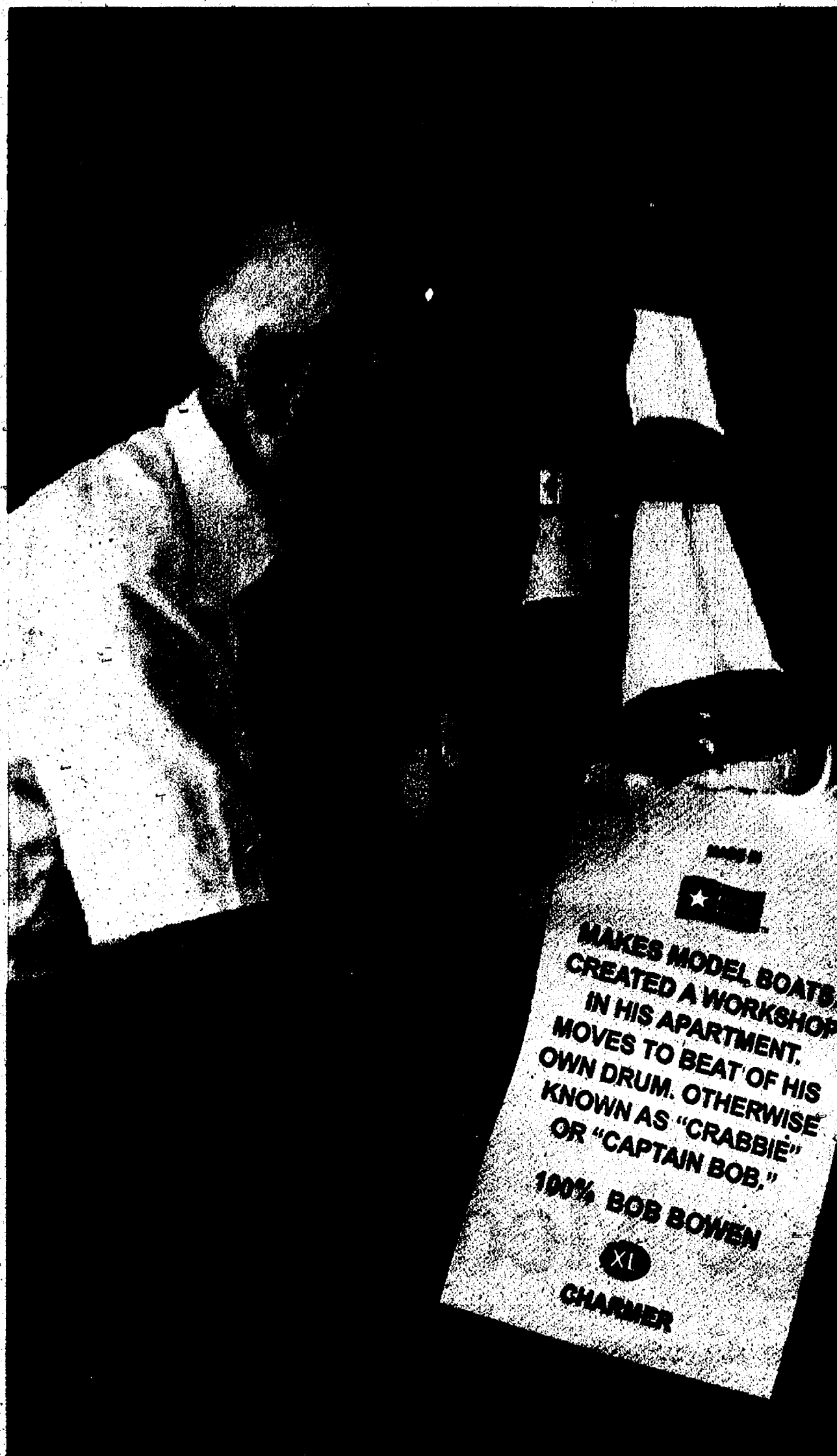
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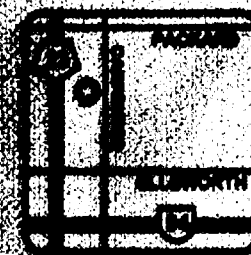


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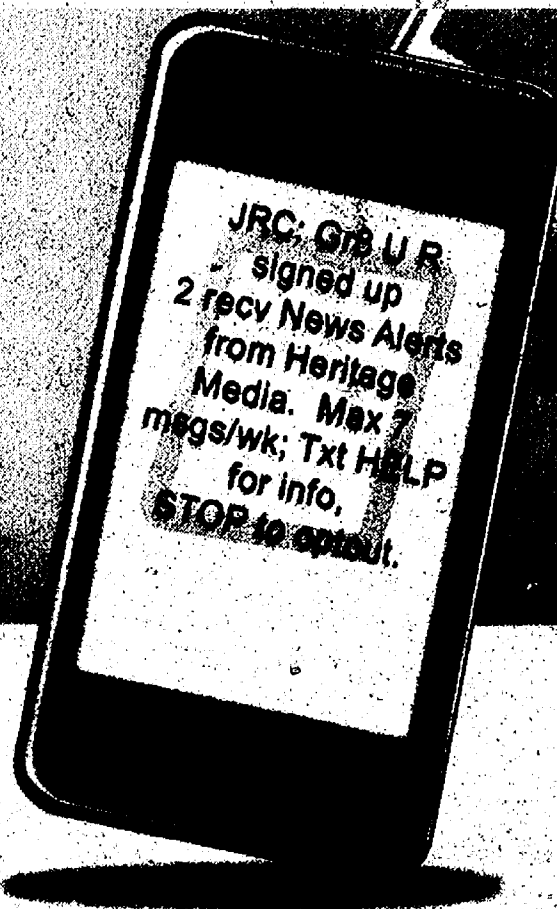
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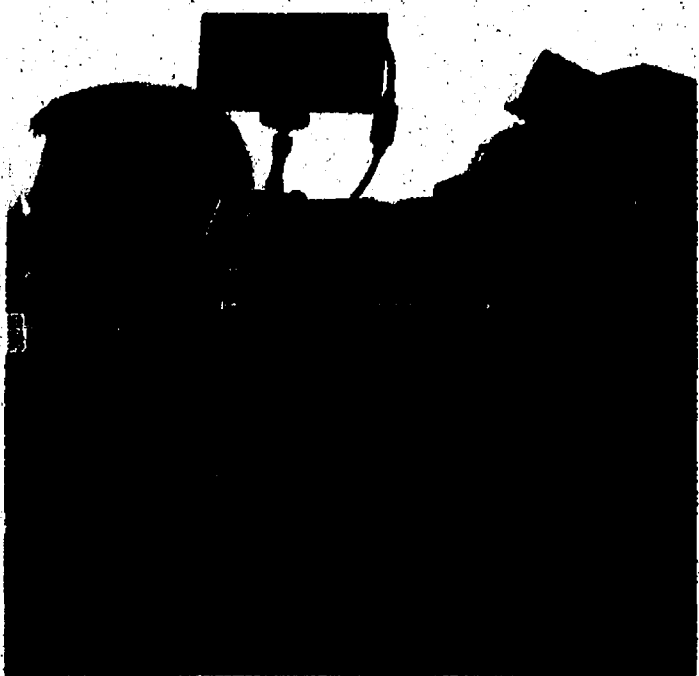
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	JACKSON 201 PARK AVENUE 517-783-4228 STORE HOURS 7 AM - 11 PM	JACKSON 1710 W. PARKHALL RD. 517-796-6066 STORE HOURS 7 AM - 11 PM	JACKSON 1811 SPRING ARBOR RD. 517-787-5328 STORE HOURS 7 AM - 11 PM	JACKSON 7110 FERGOUSON RD. 517-787-6090 STORE HOURS 7 AM - 11 PM	PHARMACY AVAILABLE	CHELSEA 1255 S. MAIN ST. 734-433-0130 STORE HOURS 6 AM - MIDNIGHT	PHARMACY AVAILABLE	BROOKLYN 11301 BROOKLYN RD. 517-597-4060 STORE HOURS 6 AM - MIDNIGHT	PHARMACY AVAILABLE	SALINE 1325 E. MICHIGAN AVE. 734-944-7878 STORE HOURS 7 AM - 11 PM	PHARMACY AVAILABLE	ADRIAN 1535 W. MAUMEE 517-265-4190 STORE HOURS 6 AM - MIDNIGHT	ADRIAN 1192 S. ADRIAN HWY 517-263-0569 STORE HOURS 7 AM - 11 PM	DEXTER 7001 ANN ARBOR/DEXTER RD. 734-474-9600 STORE HOURS 7 AM - 11 PM

PURE MICHIGAN HOLIDAY FAVORITES

SLEEPING BEAR FARMS PURE HONEY BEARS
12 oz.
\$2.99
SAVE \$1.00

DOODLES SUGAR BUSH PURE MICHIGAN JAMS
10 oz.
Selected Varieties
\$2.99
SAVE 90¢

DOODLES SUGAR BUSH PURE MICHIGAN MAPLE SYRUP
8 oz.
\$4.99
SAVE \$1.80

VELVET BRAND PREMIUM PEANUT BUTTER
18 oz.
Creamy & Crunchy
\$1.99
SAVE \$1.00

ACHATZ PURE MICHIGAN UNBLEACHED FLOUR
5 lb. Bag
Selected Varieties
\$1.99
SAVE 80¢

MCCLURES PURE MICHIGAN PREMIUM PICKLES
32 oz.
Selected Varieties
\$6.99
SAVE \$1.40

MCCLURES PURE MICHIGAN BLOODY MARY MIX
32 oz.
Selected Varieties
\$5.99
SAVE \$1.70

SELECT GREAT SERVICE... SELECT COUNTRY MARKET

SAVE \$1.48
AUNT MILLIE'S BROWN & SLIVE
12 ct.

AUNT MILLIE'S DINNER ROLLS
12 ct.
\$1.99
SAVE \$1.50 EACH

SAVE \$1.50
SMUCKERS JELLYS, JAMS & PRESERVES
18 oz.
Selected Varieties
\$1.99

SAVE \$2.31
OCEAN SPRAY CRANBERRY COCKTAIL
64 oz.
Selected Varieties
\$1.99

SAVE 55¢
DEL MONTE CANNED PINEAPPLE
15.25 oz.
Selected Varieties
88¢

SAVE 87¢
PRINCELLA JET PUFFED MARSHMALLOWS
10 - 10.5 oz.
Selected Varieties
\$1.11

PRINCELLA PREMIUM YAMS
40 oz.
\$4.99

SAVE UP TO \$1.20 EACH
COMSTOCK ORIGINAL CHERRY FILLING
20 - 21 oz.
Selected Varieties
\$1.99

COMSTOCK ORIGINAL CHERRY FILLING
20 - 21 oz.
Selected Varieties
\$1.99

DUNCAN HINES DARK CHOCOLATE FUDGE
12 - 16.2 oz.
Selected Varieties
2/\$3
SAVE 86¢

PILLSBURY'S DUNCAN HINES CAKE MIX
18.25 oz.
Selected Varieties
99¢

SAVE UP TO \$4.11 EACH
DONUT HOUSE

KEURIG SINGLE COFFEES
\$5.99

Rock Bottom Pricing!
MAXWELL HOUSE ORIGINAL ONLY COFFEE
23 oz. Can
\$4.99
LIMIT 2 PLEASE SAVE \$3.00

COFFEE-MATE FLAVORED CREAMER
12 oz.
Selected Varieties
\$3.33
SAVE 1.00 EACH

BRING OUR FAMILY HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

polar
 I Just Love You 1976

POLAR-SMOKED OYSTERS
 3.75 oz.
88¢ SAVE \$1.05

POLAR WHOLE BABY CLAMS
 10 oz.
88¢ SAVE \$1.37

POLAR SARDINES IN OIL OR MUSTARD
 3 oz.
3/\$1.98 SAVE \$1.08 ON 3

POLAR WHITE CRAB MEAT
 6 oz.
\$1.98 SAVE 61¢

POLAR PREMIUM FANCY LUMP CRAB
 6 oz. Can
\$2.88 SAVE \$1.11 EACH

POLAR TINY SHRIMP
 4.25 oz.
\$1.98 SAVE 87¢

POLAR ARTICHOKE HEARTS
 6 oz.
88¢ SAVE 77¢

POLAR QUARTERED ARTICHOKE HEARTS
 13.75 oz.
\$1.44 SAVE \$1.41

Wheat Biscuits
 10.5 oz.
 SAVE \$1.09

OUR FAMILY BISCUIT CEREALS
 12 - 14 oz. Selected Varieties
\$1.88

OUR FAMILY CREAM STYLE BEANS
 14.5 - 15.25 oz. Selected Varieties
 SAVE 29¢
44¢

OUR FAMILY GREEN BEANS
 14.5 - 15.25 oz. Selected Varieties
44¢

OUR FAMILY BEEF
 12 oz. Jar Selected Varieties
 SAVE 66¢
77¢

OUR FAMILY CHICKEN
 12 oz. Jar Selected Varieties
77¢

OUR FAMILY KETCHUP
 36 oz. - PREMIUM KETCHUP
 SAVE 99¢
88¢

OUR FAMILY KEN BROTH BRANDS BROTHS
 14 - 14.5 oz. Selected Varieties
 SAVE 58¢ ON 2
2/88¢

OUR FAMILY BRAND CREAMY COOKING SOUPS
 10.5 - 10.75 oz. Selected Varieties
 SAVE 34¢
66¢

OUR FAMILY BAKING SUGARS
 2 lb.
 SAVE 68¢
\$1.11

OUR FAMILY PURE GRANULATED SUGAR
 5 lb.
 SAVE 82¢
\$2.11

OUR FAMILY ALL PURPOSE BLEACHED PRE-SIFTED FLOUR
 5 lb.
 SAVE 66¢
\$1.33

Rock Bottom Pricing
ROYAL BRAND GELATINS
 1.4 oz. Selected Varieties
3/99¢

Royal Lime
Royal Orange
Royal Cherry

ROYAL PUDDING
 1.5 - 3.11 oz. Selected Varieties
2/88¢ SAVE 76¢ ON 2

SAVE 42¢ ON 3

HOLIDAY FAVORITES FROM POLAR

TROPICANA
PURE PREMIUM
ORANGE JUICE
& TROP 50
CHILLED ORANGE JUICE
59 oz.
Selected Varieties

SAVE UP TO \$1.28 EACH

\$2.47

Tropicana

SAVE 44¢

DUTCH FARMS CREAM CHEESE
8 oz. Bar
Selected Varieties

\$1.44

SAVE 53¢

DUTCH FARMS BUTTER
16 oz. Quarters
Selected Varieties

\$2.22

SAVE 95¢

PRAIRIE FARMS SOUR CREAM & CHIP DIP
16 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.44

SAVE 51¢

PRAIRIE FARMS HOLIDAY MILK & EGG NOG
Quart
Selected Varieties

\$1.88

SAVE UP TO \$1.45 EACH

DUTCH FARMS CHEESE CHUNKS & SHREDS
8 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.44

SAVE UP TO 87¢ EACH

SIMPLY BRAND MASHED POTATOES, MAC & CHEESE & HASH BROWNS
20 - 24 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.88

SAVE UP TO \$1.52 EACH

FLEISCHMANN'S MARGARINE
11.4 - 16 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.11

FARM FRESH DAIRY

FROZEN FRESH FAVORITES

SAVE 87¢

MONKEY BREAD
CINNAMON
MONKEY BREAD
16 oz.
GREAT FOR CHRISTMAS MORNING!

\$2.00

SAVE 61¢

RHODES PREMIUM FROZEN FRESH ROLLS & BUNS
8.5 - 11.5 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.88

RHODES FAMILY PACK FROZEN FRESH ROLLS & BUNS
17 - 48 oz.
Selected Varieties
\$2.99
SAVE UP TO 28¢ EACH

SOFT DINNER ROLLS
READY IN

SAVE 75¢

FLAV R PAK FROZEN FRESH VEGGIES
14 - 16 oz.
Selected Varieties

88¢

Classic Vegetables
16 oz.
Selected Varieties
\$1.33
SAVE UP TO 9¢

SAVE \$1.05

BANQUET FAMILY ENTREE
24 - 28 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.88

EASY FIXINS!!

SAVE 85¢

COOL WHIP WHIPPED TOPPING
8 oz.
Selected Varieties

88¢

LIMIT 2
SAVE \$2.81

MARIE CALLENDER'S FRUIT PIES & CREAM PIES
28 - 45 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$4.44

SAVE \$1.09

PRAIRIE FARMS SHERBET
Half Gallon
Selected Varieties

\$2.88

SAVE \$8.79 ON 3

FRESCHETTA PREMIUM FROZEN FRESH PIZZA
14.62 - 29.62 oz.
Selected Varieties

3/\$10.99

MERRY CHRISTMAS

IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

**TRANSOCEAN
IMITATION CRAB
& LOBSTER CLASSICS**
8 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.99

**CENSEA
COOKED SHRIMP**
26 - 30 ct. 1 lb. Bag

\$7.99
LB.

**CENSEA
RAW EZ PEEL
SHRIMP**
31 - 40 ct. 2 lb. Bag

\$5.49
LB.

**ECKRICH
L'I' COCKTAIL
SMOKIES**
14 oz.

2/\$5

**PARTY TIME
PLATTER**
CUBES OF ASSORTED
MEAT & CHEESES
LARGE SERVES 22 - 30

\$45.99

**VERY VEGETABLE
DELIGHT PLATTER**
LARGE SERVES 22 - 30

\$34.99

Crab Cla Crab Cla

Lobster Classic

Crab Cla
Cooked, Tail-On
SHRIMP
CENSEA

Crab Cla
Cooked, Tail-On
SHRIMP
CENSEA

Crab Cla
Cooked, Tail-On
SHRIMP
CENSEA

Crab Cla
Cooked, Tail-On
SHRIMP
CENSEA

Crab Cla
Uncooked
SHRIMP
CENSEA

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Uncooked
SHRIMP
CENSEA

Crab Cla
Uncooked
SHRIMP
CENSEA

Crab Cla
Uncooked
SHRIMP
CENSEA

ARMOUR

Italian Style
MEATBALLS

ARMOUR

Original
MEATBALLS

**OUR FAMILY
SEAFOOD
SEASATIONS
SHRIMP RING**
10 oz.

\$4.99

**CENSEA
COOKED SHRIMP**
31 - 40 ct. 1 lb. Bag

\$6.99
LB.

**ARMOUR
MEATBALLS**
Original & Italian
14 oz.

2/\$5

**GEORGE'S
HOT B-52
PARTY WINGS**
5 lb. Bag

\$9.95

**CENTER STAGE
PLATTER**
SLICED MEAT & CHEESES
LARGE SERVES 22 - 30

\$44.99

**ROUND LAKE
CHRISTMAS TREE
FRUIT TRAY**
48 oz.

\$10.99

ECKRICH
L'I' Smokies

**CENSEA
PEELED & DEVEINED
RAW SHRIMP**
26 - 30 ct. 2 lb. Bag
\$6.99/lb

B-52

B-52

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

**VISIT YOUR
LOCAL DELI FOR A
FULL VARIETY OF
HOLIDAY TRAYS**

**FOUND IN
THE PRODUCE
DEPARTMENT**

DELI DEALS

KRETSCHMAR CHICKEN
Casserole or Buffalo
Per lb. **\$6.99**

KRETSCHMAR PEPPERJACK CHEESE
Per lb. **\$6.39**

KRETSCHMAR PINEAPPLE HAM
Per lb. **\$6.99**

SANDRIDGE GRANDMA'S KETTLE BEANS
Per lb. **\$3.99**

LEON'S CRANBERRY RELISH
Per lb. **\$2.99**

WISCONSIN ORIGINAL PATE
8 oz. **\$2.99**

LADY CREEK CHEESE & SAUSAGE TRAY
16 oz. **\$7.99**

HOLIDAY CHEESEBALLS
10 - 12 oz. Selected Varieties **\$3.59**

GARDEN FRESH CHIPS & SALSA
16 oz. Selected Varieties **2/\$6**

DELALLO TURKEY
Oven Roasted & Smoked
Per lb. **\$6.99**

DELALLO CORNED BEEF
Per lb. **\$6.99**

COLBY MINI LONGHORN & COLBY JACK MINI LONGHORN
Per lb. **\$4.99**

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM COUNTRY MARKETS MEAT DEPARTMENT

Premium Beef SEMI BONELESS RIB EYE STEAK
LB. **\$7.99**
SAVE \$4.00 LB.

Dearborn FIRE GLAZED SPIRAL SLICED HAM
LB. **\$3.99**
SAVE \$1.00 LB.

1855 Natural Choice ASSORTED PORK CHOPS Family Pack
LB. **\$2.29**
SAVE 70¢ LB.

USDA Choice Premium BONELESS BEEF BOTTOM ROUND ROAST
LB. **\$3.39**
SAVE \$1.00 LB.

Honeysuckle Frozen Self Basting TURKEYS WITH POP-UP TIMER
10 - 24 lb. Average
LB. **\$1.19**
SAVE 40¢ LB.

Farm Raised CANADIAN SALMON
LB. **\$6.99**
SAVE \$2.00 LB.

CUMBERLAND GAP HALF SEMI BONELESS HAM
LB. **\$2.29**
SAVE 80¢ LB.

Black Diamond BONELESS HALF HAM
LB. **\$2.19**
SAVE \$1.20 PER LB.

AMISH COUNTRY FRESH TURKEY
LB. **\$1.79**
SAVE \$1.00 PER LB.

Cumberland Gap WHOLE SEMI BONELESS HAM
LB. **\$2.19**

1855 Natural Choice PORK CROWN ROAST
LB. **\$2.49**
SAVE \$1.20 LB.

1855 Natural Choice STUFFED PORK CHOPS
LB. **\$3.79**
SAVE \$1.00 LB.

Black Diamond WHOLE BONELESS HAM
LB. **\$1.99**
SAVE \$1.20 LB.

Ground Fresh Several Times Daily GROUND BEEF FROM ROUND
LB. **\$2.99**
SAVE \$1.00 LB.

Chesapeake Bay SELECT OYSTERS
8 oz. **\$6.49**

JOHNSONVILLE FRESH BREAKFAST SAUSAGE LINKS & PATTIES
12 oz. Selected Varieties **\$2.99**

BOB EVANS PORK SAUSAGE ROLL
1 lb. Roll Selected Varieties **\$2.99**

BUDDIG THIN SLICED LUNCHEAT
7 - 10 oz. Selected Varieties **2/\$5**

KOWALSKI SLICED BACON
1 lb. Pack **\$3.99**

KOWALSKI SPIRAL GLAZED HAM
Per lb. **\$3.29**

ECKRICH SMOKED POLISH SAUSAGE
14 - 16 oz. Selected Varieties **\$2.99**

OUR FAMILY SMOKEHOUSE SUMMER SAUSAGE
12 oz. Excluding Beef **\$2.99**

PAVONE PATRICK CUDAHY PEPPERONI
2.25 - 3 oz. Selected Varieties **\$1.99**

ALEXANDER & HORNUNG HONEY GLAZED SPIRAL HAM
Per lb. **\$2.99**

KOWALSKI SMOKED HOLIDAY SAUSAGE
1 lb. Pack **\$4.99**

KOWALSKI FRESH HOLIDAY KIELBASA
1 lb. Pack **\$4.99**

KENTUCKY LEGEND WHOLE BONELESS DOUBLE SMOKED NATURAL JUICE HAM
Per lb. **\$3.49**
KENTUCKY LEGEND HALF BONELESS DOUBLE SMOKED NATURAL JUICE HAM **\$3.59/lb**

LUNCHEAT MEAT SPECIALS

SNACK SHACK

KETTLE TIAS NACHO TORTIL CHIPS & OOGIES
 8 oz. ALL NATURAL FLAVORED POPCORN
 5 oz. Selected Varieties
SAVE UP TO \$1.00 EACH
\$1.99



KEEBLER TOWN HOUSE CLUB, WHEAT THINS TOASTED CRACKERS
 4 - 16 oz. Selected Varieties
SAVE UP TO \$1.70 EACH
\$1.99



NABISCO RITZ CRACKER SALE
 6 - 16 oz. Selected Varieties
SAVE UP TO \$1.48 EACH
\$1.99



NABISCO SNACK CRACKERS
 5.5 - 10 oz. Selected Varieties
SAVE \$1.44
\$1.99



FRITO LAY BRAND POTATO CHIPS
 10 - 10.5 oz. Selected Varieties
SAVE \$2.18
\$2.11

WOW! THAT'S LESS THEN 1/2 PRICE. BETTER THEN BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!




FRITO LAY BRAND TOSTITOS
 9 - 13 oz. Selected Varieties
SAVE 91¢
\$2.00



KETTLE BRAND ALL NATURAL POTATO CHIPS
 13 oz. Selected Varieties
SAVE \$1.11
\$2.00



SNYDER OF HANOVER SPECIALTY POTATO CHIPS, KRINKLE CUT POTATO CHIPS, OKE DOKE POPCORN
 8 - 9 oz. Selected Varieties
SAVE UP TO \$4.08 ON 3
3/\$6.99



THIRST QUENCHERS

GLACEAU VITAMIN WATER, GOLD PEAK TEA & FUZE
 16.5 - 20 oz. Selected Varieties
SAVE 26¢
99¢




FAYGO PURE MICHIGAN BRANDS SODA
 2 Liter Bottles Selected Varieties (plus deposit)
SAVE 20¢
99¢



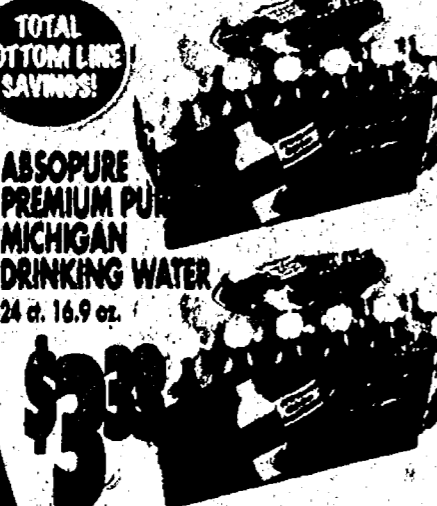
PEPSI BRANDS
 2 Liter Bottles Selected Varieties (plus deposit)
SAVE 76¢
\$1.11



POWERADE ISOTONIC SPORTS DRINK
 8 ct. 20 oz. Selected Varieties
SAVE \$1.07
\$3.88



TOTAL BOTTOM LINE SAVINGS!
ABSOPURE PREMIUM PURE MICHIGAN DRINKING WATER
 24 ct. 16.9 oz.
\$3.33



DR. PEPPER, VERNORS, 7-UP BRANDS
 12 ct. 12 oz. Cans Selected Varieties (plus deposit)
SAVE \$3.78 ON 3
3/\$9.99



PEPSI BRANDS BONUS
 20 ct. 12 oz. Cans Selected Varieties (plus deposit)
SAVE 56¢
\$5.88



COCA COLA BRANDS
 12 ct. 12 oz. Cans, 6 ct. 24 oz. Bottles, 8 ct. 12 oz. Bottles Selected Varieties (plus deposit)
LIMIT 8 PLEASE SAVE UP TO \$7.12 ON 4
4/\$11.99

COCA COLA MINI CANS 3/\$0.99



WINE CELLAR

LIQUOR

SPIRITS

WE SELL LIQUOR AT THE LOWEST PRICE THAT THE STATE WILL ALLOW

YELLOW TAIL AUSTRALIAN WINES
750 ml Bottles (plus tax)
\$5.88
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH THIS DOWN UNDER SAVINGS!
SAVE \$2.37

DANCING BULL CALIFORNIA WINES
750 ml Bottles (plus tax)
\$7.88
SAVE \$4.51

CANADA DRY MIXERS
1 Liter Bottle Selected Varieties (plus deposit)
\$4.11
CANADA DRY Selected Varieties plus tax \$3.33
Where Liquor is Sold
SAVE 39¢

FIREBALL CINNAMON WHISKY
750 ml Bottle (plus tax)
\$13.95
Where Liquor is Sold

MENAGE A TROIS & CUPCAKE CALIFORNIA WINES
750 ml Bottles (plus tax)
\$8.88
SAVE UP TO \$4.11

BAREFOOT CELLAR CALIFORNIA VARI
1.5 Liter Bottles Value \$5.99 Selected Varieties (plus tax)
\$9.99
SAVE \$3.76

JAMESON IRISH WHISKEY
750 ml Bottle (plus tax)
\$23.99
Where Liquor is Sold

KRAKEN BLACK SPICED RUM
750 ml Bottle (plus tax)
\$19.97
Where Liquor is Sold

MONDAVI WOODBRIDGE CALIFORNIA WINE
1.5 Liter Bottles Value \$15.94 Selected Varieties (plus tax)
\$9.44
SAVE \$5.95

KENDALL JACKSON & RODNEY STRONG CHARDONNAY
750 ml Bottles (plus tax)
\$10.88
SAVE UP TO \$5.11

BELVEDERE VODKA
750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)
\$29.99
Where Liquor is Sold

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

CAVI PINOT GRIGIO & PINOT NOIR ITALIAN WINES
1.5 Liter Bottles Value \$15.11 (plus tax)
\$11.88
SAVE \$4.11

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

BAILEYS
750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)
\$19.99
Where Liquor is Sold

JAGERMEISTER
750 ml Bottle Selected Varieties (plus tax)
\$21.99
Where Liquor is Sold

BEER & 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 \$2.50

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

KILLIAN RED
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

COORS & MILLER BRANDS
20 Pk. 12 oz. Bottles Selected Varieties (plus tax & deposit)
\$12.88
SAVE \$1.49

BABY CARE SAVINGS

GERBER GRADUATES FINGER FOOD
1.48 - 6 oz.
\$1.44
SAVE 81¢

GERBER GRADUATES LIL ENTREES
5.3 - 6.6 oz. Selected Varieties
\$1.99
SAVE 66¢

GERBER GRADUATES FRUIT & CEREAL, YOGURT & FRUIT SNACKS
1 - 4.8 oz. & 4 ct. Selected Varieties
\$2.44
SAVE UP TO 55¢

ENFAMIL AR LIPIL RTU & PROSOBEE WITH LIPIL RTU
32 oz. Formulas Selected Varieties
\$4.99
SAVE UP TO \$1.76

SIMILAC ADVANCE CONCENTRATED FORMULA
13 oz.
\$3.99
SAVE 19¢

HUGGIES SUPREME NEWBORN, SNUG & DRY JUMBO & SUPREME LIL MOVERS JUMBO PACK
23 - 50 ct. Selected Varieties
\$9.33
SAVE \$1.14

HEALTH & HOME CARE SAVINGS

SAVE 27¢

VO 5 SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
15 oz. Selected Varieties
88¢

SAVE 58¢

OUR FAMILY COUGH COUGH DROPS
30 ct. Selected Varieties
77¢

SAVE \$1.27

Ibuprofen

OUR FAMILY IBUPROFEN
24 ct. Selected Varieties
88¢

SAVE 60¢

RIGHT GUARD

RIGHT GUARD
2.8 - 3 oz. Selected Varieties
\$1.99

SAVE 95¢

HEAD & SHOULDERS SHAMPOO
14.2 oz. Selected Varieties
\$4.44

SAVE 80¢

DIMETAPP Cold & Allergy
4 oz. Selected Varieties
\$4.99

SAVE 81¢

Robitussin Nasal Relief

ROBITUSSIN COLD
16 - 20 ct. Selected Varieties
\$5.99

SAVE 81¢

Kotex

KOTEX
14 - 64 ct.
\$2.99

Rock Bottom Pricing!

GLAD LOCK STORAGE & FREEZER BAGS & CONTAINERS
2 - 100 ct. Selected Varieties
\$1.88

SAVE UP TO \$1.27 EACH

GLAD
Sandwich

GLAD

Freezer

GLAD
Sandwich

DOUBLE LOCK

40

100

HOME & HEALTH CARE SAVINGS

SAVE \$2.59

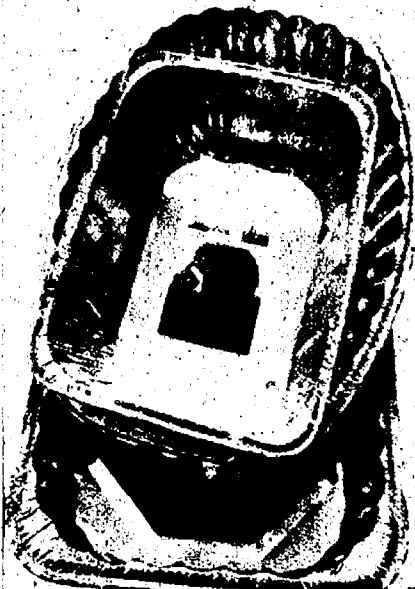
QUILTED NORTHERN
Soft & Strong

50% OFF

QUILTED NORTHERN
Soft & Strong

NORTHERN BATH TISSUE
9 ct. Mega Rolls
or 12 Double Rolls
Selected Varieties

\$6.88



JIFFY BRAND FOIL PANWARE
Selected Varieties

99¢

SAVE UP TO \$1.31 EACH

Vanity Fair

Dixie
ULTRA-STRONG

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

\$1.98

SAVE 50¢

Reynolds Wrap 75¢

Reynolds Wrap Heavy Duty 50¢

Reynolds Wrap 75¢

Reynolds Wrap Heavy Duty 50¢

REYOLDS WRAP FOIL
50 & 75 ft.
Selected Varieties

\$3.89

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

2/\$4.49

SAVE \$1.02 ON 2

DADS ECONOMETS DOG FOOD
17.6 lb. Bag

\$5.99

SAVE \$1.98

DADS DRY GOURMET BLEND CAT FOOD
16 lb. Bag

\$7.99

SAVE \$2.36

SAVE UP TO 76¢ EACH

Lysol

LYSOL TOILET BOWL CLEANERS & MULTIPURPOSE CLEANERS
22 - 32 oz.
Selected Varieties

\$1.99

SAVE UP TO \$1.26 EACH

OUR AUTO DETERGENT
20 ct.
Selected Varieties

\$1.99

EFFICIENT BATTERED

EnergySaver

\$2.99

BRAWNY

SAVE \$3.85

BRAWNY

BRAWNY PAPER TOWELS
6 - 8 ct.

\$6.88

EXTRA LARGE LOW COST SALE

\$11.99

SAVE 70¢

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Gallon

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Selected Varieties

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Selected Varieties

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1.6 lb. Bag

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20 oz. **\$1.69**

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8 Inch **\$3.99**

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40 oz. **\$12.99**

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CLYDES GLAZED YEAST RINGS
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WE CAN ALSO MAKE FRUIT BASKETS TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS

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