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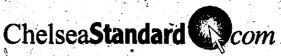
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# Groups partner on Longworth plan

By Sean Dalton

Members of Preservation Chelsea, the downtown development authority and Michigan Historic Preservation Network took another step as partners toward redevelopment of the Longworth properties at a meeting-Feb. 1.

Chelsea city officials issued the Request for Proposals this week, which will begin a 90 day process of receiving and reviewing propositions from private developers to spin the Longworth property and potentially some or most of the historic buildings into something positive for the community

DDA member Mark Hevdlauff, who accompanied City Manager John Hanifan in representing city officials, said that he and his authority peers are dedicated to the collective effort to make Longworth redevelopment a success.

"We're looking for the best thing that can happen for our community." Heydlauff said, explaining the way that the bids will be scrutinized.

Typically, municipalities lean toward low bids on projects, but the properties are up for sale at \$1 and have been packaged with several hundred thousand dollars in possible federal grant dollars and utility cost breaks (the latter of which will be provided by the city since it owns the utilities in town).

Heydlauff tempered his enthusiasm with some reality: "I don't know if (the chosen developer) is going to tear some of (the buildings) down, (or) all of them down," in light of Preservation Chelsea's desire to preserve as much of the historic structures as possible for the sake of the city's overall historic value.

"All I can do is get it and look at it and see ... we have a lot of very tough decisions," he added.

Hanifan told those in attendance that the city's



Tom Girard, a Preservation Chelsea volunteer, talks about the Longworth complex. At left, Tim Merkel, a DDA board member, and at right, John Frank, another Preservation

contact list will be mined extensively for contacts to notify about the published RFP, in light of the additional incentives and involvement with the Michigan Historic

Preservation Network. "If (the preservation

network) can get it in as many hands as possible (that would help), we want as many people as possible to have interest in it." Hanifan said, adding that this would probably be the point in the process where the network would be of

missed is

the greatest use in having the project realized.

Historic Preservation Network representative Ellen Thackery shared that there is a great deal of developer interest directed

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# Downtown to host Chocolate Extravaganza

ot since Lucy met Ethel has there been a better pairing than that of chocolate and shopping via Chelsea's Chocolate Extravaganza. The fourth annual event will take

place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 11. More than 30 local businesses will offer sales, discounts, freebies and, of course, chocolate in all kinds of shapes and sizes. While science continues to debate the actual benefits of chocolate on the human body, most can agree that eating chocolate increases the body's serotonin levels, making\_\_

you feel happier.

In addition to discounts and sales on

housewares, clothing, and jewelry, Chelsea's shops will be offering shoppers the opportunity to sam-ple chocolate in its many delicious forms - truffles, cookies, fruit filled, and freshly baked Jiffy Mix goodies, just to name a few

Chelsea's numerous cafés and restaurants will also offer delicious chocolate desserts and

Check out Page 3-8 for a listing of participating businesses.

> establishment in Chelsea that features beautifully-made baked creations from cupcakes to designer cakes.

> "We love being part of any day dedicated to chocolate," executive chef Glee Havens said. "We will be stocked with fresh pastries, cookies, cakes, and filled cupcakes (and a few new treats) with a special

chocolate theme." For those seeking calorie-free

Not to be options, the Chelsea Center for the Arts is again offering an afternoon Glee Caké & \_ of art and craft activities for families to drop in and enjoy between 1 Pastry, a new and 4p.m.

"This is such a fun event for us to hold here at CCA." said Sue Whitmarsh, external relations manager, "Something about families sitting creating beautiful expressions of love and affection, punctuated of course by some scrummy chocolate goodies, really warms the heart."

For more information about the event, please contact Maureen

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# Family flouts local chicken ordinance



Roen Montaiva and Tim Farmer stand in front of their backyard coop with two of their children, Sabina, 8, and Ezra, 1, and one of their Buff Orpington hens, Goldenbell.

# Homeowners will give up chickens after receiving letter

By Erica McClain

A Chelsea family will give up ownership of five hens after receiving an order from the city to remove the animals and their coop within 10 days.

Roen Montalva and Tim Farmer, who live on Harrison Street, said the letter stated they would be fined not more than \$500 and/or jailed for 90 days. The city currently has an ordinance banning chick-

'It's frustrating to me, and it pushes me to get them legalized in the city," Montalva said.

Farmer agreed, calling it

a violation of his personal

property rights.
"I thought this was a very draconian measure," Farmer said. "Not only is the ordinance draconian, which is something I've always taken exception to, but this is the penalty for having a piece of property against an ordinance. In my opinion, it's uncalled for and unnecessary. It's simply not a reasonable thing for a government entity to ask

The two were engaged in what they called "civil disobedience" due to frus-tration with Chelsea City

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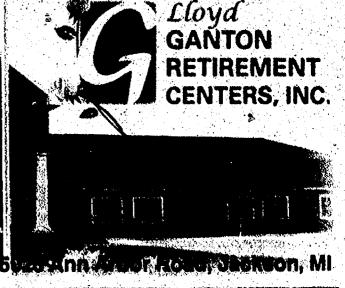
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# Chelsea Farmer's Supply to celebrate 86 years

n coordination with Chocolate Extravaganza taking place in downtown Chelsea on Feb. 11. Chelsea Farmer's Supply will celebrate its 86th anniversary.

Together with the Chocolate Extravaganza's activities, Farmer's Supply will be holding a huge sale of 5 percent to 25 percent off everything in the store.

There will also be free tastings of specialty old fashioned sweets: caramels, hard candies and the world's best chocolate malt balls. Everyone is invited to come downtown to the celebration and enjoy a piece of Chelsea's history in one of the most unique stores found anywhere.

There truly is a fascinating history to the store and the course it has taken over the last 86 years. The core building of Chelsea Farmer's Supply was constructed in 1855 as a single family, Greek Revival style house on Main Street.

In the late 1800s, the house was moved to its present location near the train station in order to be converted into the town's first hotel, the Chelsea House. A growing need for a hotel was presented by the newly established railroad stop in downtown. In 1888, The Chelsea House Hotel was moved into a new brick building and the old building continued to be used as a rooming house.

It continued to function as a rooming house for travelers coming off of the trains, as well as workers at the nearby Glazier Stove factory. Many of the Stove Company's skilled workers were from Detroit, and would take the train out to Chelsea and stay at the Chelsea House Hotel during the week. In 1925,

the building was purchased by Ransom Lewis and converted into a feed mill to supply the farms surrounding the growing town. Under Lewis and the following owners Vincent Ives and Anton Nielsen, the mill continued to play a key part in Chelsea's farming business.

By the 1970s, however, Chelsea's continued growth had led to a shift away from the livestock business, and technological growth had enabled many other farmers to grind their own crops or to cheaply buy commercial feed. Nielsen, who by 1970 had owned the store for 24 years, started diversifying his sales and began to branch out into selling seeds, fertilizers and pet foods. In 1989, after 43 years at the helm, Nielsen was going to retire and sell the feed mill to the owners of the plating company next door. Their plan

down and turn the land into a parking lot. Greg Raye and Helen Leonard thought that this would be a terrible loss of a piece of Chelsea's history. In order to prevent this demolition, they bought the building and business, renovated it, and still run it as a general store focusing on feed, seed, lawn and garden supplies. . In addition to the numerous additions and renovations that have taken place in the building over the past 150-plus years, the store itself has been constantly evolving. Though the name of the business has always included the term "farmers", the majority of the farmers who now come to the store are of the backyard or 10 acre variety.

was to tear the feed mill

old feed and farm signs decorate the walls, and the rough lumber speaks of a

long history, Chelsea Farmer's Supply now carries an impressive array of pet, wild bird, live \_\_ ioned atmosphere.

stock, and lawn and garden' supplies. Several things remain the same, however - the good value, friendly, helpful service and wonderfully laid back, old-fash-



# **CHICKENS**

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Council and are members of Chelsea Backyard Chickens, a group of residents who have been pushing to get Chelsea's chicken ban off the books. The group and City Council met for two work sessions a few months ago after addressing the Council during a public comment session, but work on the issue stalled.

"I don't think anyone is " against it personally on the council, but they are not interested in taking on the issue in any kind of priority nor are they willing to give their views on acceptance or denial," Farmer said. "The rhetoric is, 'Yeah, we're

going to listen,' but there is no commitment to work on the issue at all."

At a Feb. 6 mid-year review of the city's goals, the Council talked about how discussions with the group were handled.

Councilmember Cheri Albertson was concerned about how the issue had faded away

"We need to have some sort of process where we can continue discussion," Albertson said. "There was a lot of effort on behalf of these people that was made."

Several other council members said the Chelsea Backyard Chickens' representative Chris Felesky was, supposed to return with some proposals for Council but has not as of yet - indicating that the Felesky had agreed to return to a future meeting with more details.

During past Council sessions there had been concerns raised about how neighbors might receive chickens in a nearby backyard with potential noise

Montalva and Farmer said they asked their neighbors prior to purchasing the chickens, and no one had an issue. Some neighbors even asked for eggs from time to

Montalva said they were not the only household in the city to own chickens - there are three others, that she knows of.

While Farmer said he won't go to jail for the family's chickens because it was against his wife's wishes, he will fly a flag at the homestead in defiance.

Much of the interior and

are reminiscent of the feed

exterior of the building

mill that operated in the

1940s and 1950s. Historic

"We will construct a flag with the hen and crossbones to mark our home as a site where our property rights and our motivations to have chickens has been violated," Farmer said. "We seek freedom for our hens, and we're using it as a symbol to communicate our issue.'

The couple said they will pursue other means of staying within the ordinance while peacefully protesting as well as engaging in community outreach and advocacy.

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through her organization right now due to school building closures providing repurpose and reuse opportunities.

4 Through the Historic - Preservation Network's Historic Research Council. Thackery said that any prospective developer will have easy access to preservation professionals across the state and country for technical assistance.

Everything to tax credit attorneys to plasterers to ... masons and developers are available," Thackery said.

The group was positive-about her notice that five interested parties had already informally inquired about Longworth a word-of-mouth of th spread within Historic Preservation Network's community.

"I think we have a really attractive package here with the REUs and tax credits,' Thackery added.

Preservation Chelsea volunteer Tom Girard indicated that he and his colleagues would work with developers on grants and tax credits, as a means of

encouraging historic preservation of all or parts of the Longworth site structures.

He also called for continued collaboration on establishing a vision with concrete details, such as parking placement and shaping the redevelopment regardless of the shape that it takes as a means of correcting the disconnect created by the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks that many believe orphan the Clocktower and other aspects of Chelsea's downtown.

'What we really want to do is to flow downtown straight across the tracks," Girard explained. "One way that I personally think accomplishes that is have storefront at the Daniel's intact and have that vision

to regular DDA meetings where further discussions on scope will take place. Whether the city creates a design team on Girard's advice or decides to spend \$10,000 on a suggested site survey to provide potential developers more information remains to be seen.

In the meantime, Heydlauff says he has

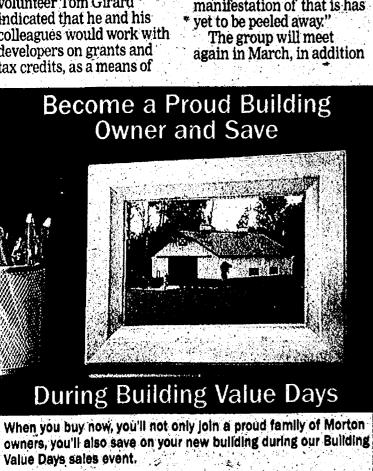
high hopes for this current attempt to make Longworth redevelopment a success: "If we don't get anyone with this RFP, we got really serious issues."

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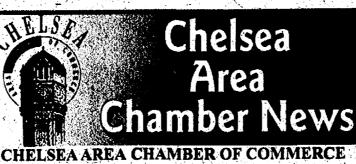
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Program helps improve public speaking skills

By Sarah Rigg Special Writer

Women incarcerated at the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti soon

will get a chance to hone their public speaking skills and increase self-confidence through a Shakespeare in Prison program launched by Detroitbased Magenta Giraffe Theatre

**Shepherd-Bates** 

Company The pilot program is set to begin this month and run for nine months, but Magenta Giraffe founder Frannie Shepherd-Bates hopes to make it an ongoing program, much like the national "Shakespeare Behind Bars" program that Magenta Giraffe's program is modeled after.

Shepherd Bates said that Magenta Giraffe was conceived as being serviceoriented from the beginning, and the Shakespeare in Prison program was a natural fit.

"When we founded the heater company, we wanted to focus on creating positive social change through productions and programs," she said. "When someone put me in touch with a contact at the Huron Valley facility and I approached them about doing this program, it was green-lighted pretty quickly. The program fits our mission in that it creates positive change for participants and helps themdevelop crucial life skills like creative problem solving and public speaking."

Inmates who volunteer for the Shakespeare in Prison program will work with Shakespearean monologues and scenes. Participants also will be given the option of staging a full play by Shakespeare.

Shepherd-Bates said there is an idea that only "great actors" can do Shakespeare, but the local program and others like it

aim to show that this idea is false.

"Many people go into reading or performing Shakespeare thinking that, but they get into it and realize, 'No, I can do this. Anyone can do this.' They feel empowered, and it increases their self-esteem." she said.

Bates said she expected the program to help pris-

oners develop self-confidence, as well as life skills such as thinking creatively and speaking in front of an audience. That would

give them great confidence and speaking skills, which are great for job inter-

views," she said. Shepherd-Bates said the program gives inmates a chance for self-discovery.

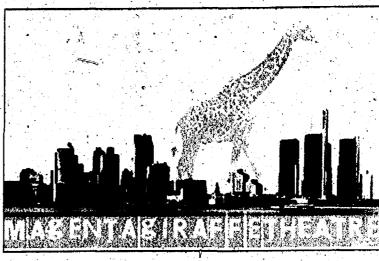
"In Shakespeare, the characters very archetypal," she said. "People are able to see themselves in the characters and re-examine their life decisions."

Shepherd-Bates said she has many years of experience in theater and teaching Shakespeare, though no previous experience working with prisoners. However, she said she has done a lot of research and talked to many people about prison arts programs, and she feels "very prepared.

She consulted with the University of Michigan Prison Creative Arts Program to see if there could be a partnership, but Sari Adelson, coordinator of membership and special projects for PCAP, said she felt the groups' projects were "two very different things," and more opportunities for prisoners to engage in art could only be

a good thing.
"No matter how many volunteers we have with PCAP, we'll never be able to give all the women on the grounds an opportunity to be part of live theater," Adelson said. "So, another organization doing something different is just another opportunity for inmates to engage in creativity and

Shepherd-Bates also received guidance from Curt Tofteland, the founder



The Detroit-based Magenta Giraffe theater company is bringing a Shakespeare in Prison program to the women's facility in Ypsilanti.

of a national Shakespeare Behind Bars program that, in some states, has been ongoing for 17 years.

Tofteland said his first question to Shepherd-Bates was how long she planned to have the program run.

"Too many times, people start a program in prison, and it runs for six weeks or six months or even a year, but then they disappear," he said. "That does more harm than good, because you've built a circle of trust and then abandon it, and many of the men and women who are incarcerated have already been abandoned by their families, by society. The hurt that happens... is really detrimental to their development."

Tofteland said his program has a radically lower rate of prisoners re-offending after release. Participants in Shakespeare Behind Bars have had only a 7 percent recidivism rate, as contrasted with the national rate of 67 percent.

"It has to do with that self-actualization,' Shepherd-Bates said, "getting more in touch with who you are, developing these life skills. That all helps individuals to function better outside of prison, contribute to the community. They have a better sense of self and know they can go out there and accomplish things that, before they went into prison, they thought they would not be able to accomplish."

When asked if it was specifically Shakespeare that helped with recidivism or if any arts and culture program would have the same effect, Tofteland said

it's hard to make that kind of comparison.

"You'd be hard pressed to find another (prison arts) program with 17 years of life," he said.

He admitted that statistics can be manipulated, but his program is using an extremely strict definition of recidivism.

 Some state statistics only count repeat offenses within two years of release, but SBB counts any re-offense as recidivism, no matter how long the offender was out of prison.

Tofteland said he thinks his program reduces reoffenses because it "really tries to get at what it means to be a human being."

He said the program has prisoners exploring the deep issues mai even many people "outside the wire" don't often contemplate.

Tofteland said that the idea of "rehabilitation" doesn't make any sense for most prisoners because the term means to return something to its previously whole state, and many of the prisoners came from

less-than-ideal situations, "How do you rehabilitate a human heart, a human soul?" he asked. "If you examine where people who are incarcerated come from, they're coming from poverty, socio-economic deprivation, violent homes, foster homes. They never had the opportunity to be human beings in the beginning. They're a reflection of the world they were born into. So, rehabilitate them back to what?"

Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti serves as the only

prison in Michigan that houses women prisoners. The facility includes 14 housing units for general population prisoners, as well as medical and substance abuse treatment facilities.

The Shakespeare in Prison program will be an addition to the many other programs the facility offers, from basic adult education to vocational training in auto mechanics, building trades, business education technology, horticulture and custodial maintenance.

'Many people out there believe the prison system should be largely punitive," Shepherd-Bates said. "That point of view has validity, but I think prison is not about just punishing people for crimes, but improving their chances of not offending again. If you're merely punishing people for crimes, you're not allowing these people to come back and contribute positively. So, because they help prisoners to make those contributions, programs like this are helpful."

Tofteland agreed that there's a "constant battle" between factions in corrections between the idea of punishment and the idea of rehabilitation.

"These ideas about punishment persist, even though a library of documented studies show punishment has no lasting effect on behavior," Tofteland said.

"The prisoners have to know within themselves that they have the ability to change, and programs like Shakespeare Behind Bars and others are the only way to do this. That's 2 really what our work is, fundamentally. We change the way they look at the world, give them tools to recognize the sort of impulses that lead them to prison. Our aim is to (help them) recognize those impulses, look at their lives and make a choice in the future not to act on those impulses."

For more information about Magenta Giraffe Theatre Company, visit www.magentagiraffe.org. For more information about the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility, visit www.michigan.gov/correc-

# Groups gather data for Huron River Watershed

# Presence of winter stonefly good/sign

By Amy Bell Heritage Media

Volunteers came out on a recent chilly Saturday morning to help the Huron River Watershed Council collect data to help determine the health of the Huron River watershed.

Jason Frenzel, the group's stewardship coordinator, said 150 people participated. Volunteers were sent to sites throughout the watershed in Washtenaw County, as well as Livingston, Oakland and Wayne counties, to help find winter stoneflies, which are a strong clue of a watershed's health.

"The presence of the winter stoneflies is a very good indicator that there is no contamination in the water," said Dave Wilson, a collector at the event.

Since winter stoneflies are sensitive to pollution, it's unlikely they will be present in polluted waters. Wilson, an 81-year-

old former chemistry



Lauren Swallow, formerty of Believille (left), and Sharon Eagle of Believille search through a water sample for winter stonellies during the winter stonelly search organized by the Huron River Watershed Council held Jan. 28.

another creek located in a

professor at Vanderbilt University, waded into the streams to collect the samples for a group taking part at Woods Creek, located in the Lower Huron Metropark in Belleville. Because the creeks were not frozen, Wilson didn't have to cut through ice to get samples, which is what usually occurs.

The group of nine found

about a dozen stoneflies

at the creek and one in

nearby neighborhood. Wilson said this could have been the result of several factors. Also, the bottom of the river was not stable, giving the insects fewer places to hide. Volunteers sifted

through the water samples, which also contained leaves and other natural debris from the river. Using tweezers and small filters, participants exam-

ined the water for the tiny insects. Employees at the watershed will again analyze the samples and send them to the state for further investigation. Results will be compared to last year's findings and used to assess overall water quality.

The council will also use the data to determine future programming.

Those who participated in the event ranged from

children to college students to older adults. Joshua and Lauren

Swallow, formerly of Belleville, were with their father, Dan Swallow to help with data collection.

"I think it's important to expose kids, in particular, in how to protect natural resources," he said.

Gary Fischer of Van Buren Township said he volunteered because he is passionate about a clean environment and heard the presence of the insect is a good indicator of the health of the watershed.

"I'm actually surprised at how active it is this time of year, with how many critters and bugs and everything, you'd think things would settle down, but they don't," he said. Groups will gather again

in the spring and fall to search for more insects within the watershed.

Those who are interested in an analysis of the data can visit www.hrwc.org or the group's Facebook page. A compilation of the data is available.

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# Study calls for permanent Asian carp barrier

Barrier would help restore natural divide

By Jim Bloch

A new study recommends building a barrier or series of barriers to stop Asian carp and other aquatic invasive species from migrating into Lake Michigan from the Mississippi River basin through the Chicago Area Waterway System — and to prevent invasive species from migrating the opposite direction, as zebra mussels have already done.

Such a barrier would restore what had been a natural divide between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River basins until the building of the 28-mile Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal in 1900.

It was designed to use water from Lake Michigan to flush sewage from the Chicago River into the Illinois River and eventually to the Mississippi River. More than a century later, the Chicago Area Waterway System is a 130mile system of locks, natural rivers and constructed canals that encompasses even a chunk of northwest Indiana.

The report, called "Restoring the Natural Divide" and released Jan. 31, was the joint product of the Great Lakes Commission and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.

U.S. Representative Candice Miller, who represents Michigan's 10th District and co-chairs the bipartisan U.S. House Great Lakes Task Force, praised the study.

'Today, we are encouraged by the release of this study outlining the full options for separating of the Chicago area locks, as well as other separation and modernization alternatives," said Miller in a

statement. "We all know there will be a negative impact that will have to be addressed within the Chicago area with closing the locks; however, that impact pales in comparison to the damage that will be done if the Asian carp becomes established in the Great Lakes."

The Asian carp were introduced intentionally in the Louisiana Delta in the 1970s to control plank- 🔸 ton and algae in catfish farms. Mississippi River floods in the early 1990s overwhelmed the farms, releasing the highly reproductive fish, which can grow to 100 pounds, into the big river.

The Asian carp are one of the most voracious of aquatic invasive species and may consume as much as 20 percent of their body weight in food per day. They quickly made their way upstream to Chicago. Electric barriers in the sanitary and ship canal have prevented an invasion of Lake Michigan.

"Asian carp threaten native fish populations because they grow rapidly, reproduce quickly, and consume vast quantities of phytoplankton and zooplankton, the foundation of the food chain in a healthy aquatic ecosystem," the report said.

"As a result, they outcompete native fish and disrupt the natural balance of the ecosystem.

"In addition, silver carp, one species of Asian carp, are easily startled by boat motors and leap out of the water, threatening recreational boaters and anglers."

Asian carp are not the only invasive threat to the

system. 'More than 250 nonnative species are already established in one or both of the basins, and invasive species cost the Great Lakes region alone an estimated \$200 million annually" the report quoted.

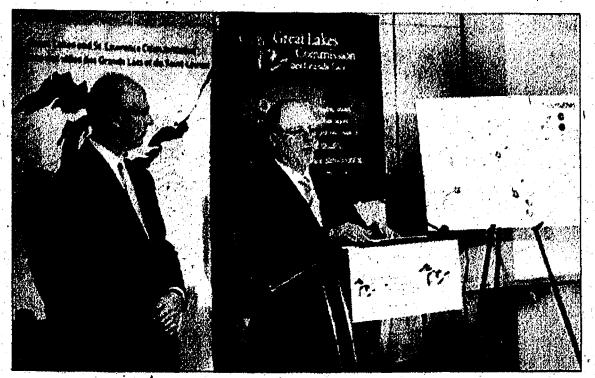


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David Ulirich, executive director of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities initiative. and Tim Eder, executive director of the Great Lakes Commission, unveil the study "Restoring the Natural Divide" last week in Chicago.

A number of other invasive species are at the doorstep of Lake Michigan, the document goes on to state.

The study proposes three alternatives for constructed barriers, named by their proximity to Lake Michigan: the Down River, Mid-System, and Near Lake alternatives.

The report emphasizes that to be successful, any alternative must sustain the Chicago Area Waterway System's "ability to support recreation, manage flooding and transport people and goods," in the words of the executive committee members Rahm Emanuel, mayor of Chicago, Pat Quinn, governor of Illinois, and George Heartwell, mayor of Grand Rapids.

The report doesn't recommend a specific alternative; but notes the Mid-System plan is the least expensive.

The Mid-System afternative would cost \$3.26 billion to \$4.27 billion

and would be rolled out in phases — a characteristic of each alternative

- through 2029. It would involve building four barriers — one on the South Branch of the Chicago River and one each on the Calumet, Grand Calumet and Little Calumet rivers.

The barriers would be the least expensive component of the project at \$140

Flood management, water quality and transportation — a system of lifts and intermodal facilities to allow existing commercial and recreation traffic to continue to flourish — could each top \$1 billion.

The costs likely would be spread out over a halfcentury.

If households in both the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins participated in cost-sharing, the price tag could be as low as \$4 per year levied on water bills.

In addition to cleaner water, better flood protection and state-of-the-art

shipping facilities, the project could save the Great Lakes region as much as \$10 billion in control efforts and overall damage from invasive aquatic species, the report said.

Because the separation project has the potential of affecting so many Americans — the Mississippi River watershed holds about 40 percent of the U.S. population and the Great Lakes provide drinking water for 35 million citizens - it's ideal for federal participation.

A U.S. Army Corps of Engineer study of the separation is to be completed in 2015.

The GLC and its partners hope to impact that study with theirs.

"It is my/hope that this study will be a useful tool in calling on Congress and the administration to support the separation of the waterways and ensure a permanent solution to preventing the Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes," said Miller. "This

action is necessary and achievable. The Great Lakes are an environmental treasure to both our economy and natural resources, protecting them

is of the utmost importance.'

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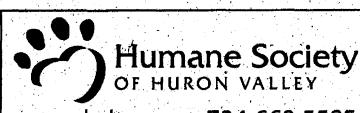
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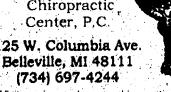
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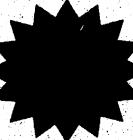
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What was the best part of the Super Bowl?

A. The game

B. The commercials

C. Madonna's performance

D. The food

# Strong passwords a must for all online

Passwords, passwords, passwords. This topic is so important I wanted to repeat it. One of the easiest and most impactful things you can do to protect yourself and your information online right now is to use good passwords.

Just a few years ago, we probably visited a handful of websites each month that needed a

user name and password. It was standard to have the same password for each site you visited and even more standard that the password was the name of your dog or first-born child, for example. Today some people can visit up to dozens of sites a week that require identifying information.

The old methods of using the same password for all the sites you visit and using an easy password, such as a word found in the dictionary just don't work anymore. The hackers-have something called a "Rainbow Table" that can guess an easy



KRISTIN JUDGE

password in approximately 1.3 seconds. To help protect against a Rainbow Tables attack, a password needs to be complicated and long.

You may be thinking, "How am I supposed to remember a password with 10 characters much less manage 20 different

complex passwords?" Well, how important is your financial information to you? How much effort would you put into preventing identity theft? Getting into the habit of developing strong passwords, and using a different one for each account, has to become second nature.

In the past month, five of my friends have sent me an email explaining that their email account has been hacked. Actually, I had already guessed when I received the emails with a link to sites none of us visits. When hackers break into your email account and get your password, they have

a program that can match up your profile with the top 100 sites you may visit. They then attempt to log into those sites using your information looking for ways to access personal data, credit card information and access to money.

With one compromise, the "bad-guy" can get access to your checking account, investments, work account, online shopping accounts and social media accounts, to name a few. That can happen only if you have the same user name password for all accounts.

So, what are the most common bad passwords we are still using? This article looks at the top 20 from a list of millions of stolen passwords from the last year, www. smartplanet.com.

"Password," "123456" and "iloveyou" are in the top five. One of my favorites is "monkey." How did "monkey" become a favorite password? We can bet the top baby names in the past 15 years were Nicole, Daniel, Michael, Jessica and Ashley since they come up in the top 20. Easy to remember is also easy to hack.

The top 500 worst pass-

words can be an interesting read, www.whatsmypass. com. Check out this list today to make sure your passwords are not in the top 500.

Do you leave your front door open at night when you go to bed? Probably not. Choosing strong passwords for your online valuables is the same as locking your front door and taking the car keys with you into the store. Let's make it second nature to use a strong password to protect our online identity. Your identity is invaluable and worth more than any material possession you have.

Today's Quick Tip: Choose strong passwords and use different passwords for each site you visit.

Next, I will share tips on how to store those great new passwords. Don't wait, go lock your door today before someone breaks in to your online house.

Kristin Judge is the director of Partner Engagement for the Center for Internet Security, Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center. She can be reached at kristin. judge@msisac.org.

# OUR TAKE: Editorial Support law allowing drunk teens to get help

icture this: A couple of teens are drinking. One drinks too much and passes out. The other, rec-ognizing the risk to health and life, is ready to call 911.

But, wait, it's a crime to consume alcohol or to have imbibed if you're younger than 21. Does the teen really want to make that call on behalf of a friend?

The adult response, the answer from most adults, would be, "Of course."

Teens don't always think that through. Nor do all-

adults.

A bill pending in the Michigan House of Representatives would remove the hesitation. Introduced by Harrison Township Republican Anthony Forlini, it would waive prosecution, grant amnesty to minors who have been drinking but who contact authorities seeking help, for themselves or another person.

Waiving prosecution for a greater good seems

uncommonly smart.

"Underage drinking," Forlini said, "is prevalent on our college campuses and through the communities, "Dangerous situations can occur when a minor drinks too much. Students put their classmates in danger because nobody wants to call for help because they fear a minor in possession charge." The bill makes it quite clear that they wouldn't get in trouble making that call.

Forlini said he doesn't "want to see any parent lose a child because a teen was afraid to call for help."

And he doesn't want to see a minor punished for doing the right thing, regardless of who is being helped.

It appears to us a legal chink in the false protection of zero tolerance, and that's all to the good.

We're not sure what the limits of Forlini's bill will

turn out to be.

Will a drunk teen be in trouble if he seeks help for an entirely sober stranger? Will kids somehow learn to game the new law? Will

the law operate differently if someone in a group of drinking teens calls 911? Surely not all would merit The bill, Forlini's office tells us, has advanced to

the House floor. However, it deals with the questions above, it deserves to become law.

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"CAN I HAVE MY ALLOWANCE IN FACEBOOK STOCK?"

# Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

# **Unknown man who** paid for breakfast was kind to 2 vets

At 9 a.m. Jan. 27, we were having breakfast at the reopened Downtown Diner in Saline, behind Dan's Tavern. When it came time to ask for the check, the staff said the gentleman who just left paid for both meals. He commented that we both looked like veterans and he'd like to do that.

It must have been the. USMC/USN logo we both had worn, as usual, that day

We never had a chance to ask his name or thank him. Pete and I would like to thank the anonymous restaurant patron and it such a welcome thought to know that such acts of kindness exist in today's world.

Pete Belaire, USMC, Vietnam Veteran George Perrault, USN Vietnam Veteran

**GUEST COLUMN:** By Harold T. Muir

# Why is health care so costly in America?

am always puzzled when I hear experts speculating about why America spends so much more money for healthcare than other advanced countries do. The reason is obvious: We are the only advanced country that finances health care the way we do.

To understand our system, suppose that we financed the other necessities of life the way we finance health care:

Here is how it would work.

Most Americans with full-time jobs would get coverage from their employers to pay for their food, clothing and shelter. The government would provide similar coverage for the poor and the elderly.

It would be up to you and your grocer to decide what kind of food you needed and how much.

You and your haberdasher would choose your wardrobe. And what kind of house should you have? That would be for you and your real estate agent to decide.

What effect would a

system like that have on prices?

Within a few years, a loaf of bread would cost \$100 and a pair of shoes

\$1,000. That might be tolerable for the fortunate majority with coverage. But the sizeable minority who are not well enough employed and are not poor enough or old enough to qualify for gov-

ernment coverage would be

out of luck. Last year, I wrote a guest column for Heritage Media in which I argued that Medicare has actually made things worse for seniors because their 20 percent responsibility is greater than the entire cost of their healthcare before Medicare — even after accounting for inflation.

I used the illustration that when I had my appendix out in 1960, the hospital bill was \$10 a day, while a recent one-day hospitalization cost \$6,500.

I have since learned that I understated the facts. In response to that column I heard from a friend who had his gall bladder out, and the hospital bill alone was \$23,000 for a one-day stay.

Another friend told me that his wife had her appendix out, also a oneday stay, and the hospital bill was over \$28,000 -again, hospital only, not

including doctors' charges. Why have healthcare prices skyrocketed at such

an astonishing rate? The question isn't why have they, but rather, why wouldn't they? What is to stop them?

When there is unlimited money available from insurance companies and the government for providers to spend with little control or accountability, what would restrain the prices from going up?

I visited a hospital emergency room recently and noticed that the gurneys look quite new and fancy. I wrote down the brand and model number and did an internet search on it.

The manufacturer's catalog listed the price at nearly \$4,000. That was not an exam table or hospital bed but simply a wheeled stretcher used to transport a patient from one room to 

In a sane healthcare financing system, a manufacturer wouldn't make a \$4,000 gurney because no one would buy it.

Given the magnitude of the financial crisis our healthcare system is facing, the need for reform seems obvious.

It would seem logical to model reform after one of the systems that is working successfully elsewhere, such as in England, Canada, Japan, Europe or Scandinavia. All of those systems have two vital ingredients that America's lacks: universal coverage and cost control.

But instead of such reform, we have opted instead for "overhaul" in the form of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that is currently being implemented. This is quite possibly the only plan we could have come up with to make the problem worse instead of better.

What does the PPACA actually do? First, it makes health

insurance more expensive so that fewer people can

afford to buy it. Since it requires insurers to include more expensive benefits in every policy they sell, they cannot help but charge more.

Second, it penalizes you if you cannot afford the new higher premiums, giving you the double whammy of having no coverage but having to pay a tax penalty.

Theoretically there will be a government subsidy to help pay the new higher premium, but that comes in the form of a tax credit that you won't receive until you get your income tax refund.

Third, it creates a powerful incentive for employers to terminate their employee health insurance plans and tell their employees to buy their own coverage through the new "exchanges."

This is because the penalty that employers will pay for not covering their employees is far less than the cost of covering them.

So in these and other ways the PPACA is moving -further away from universal coverage. It is as if

the Congressional staffers who wrote the plan wanted better coverage for fewer people.

What about cost control? Unfortunately, the cost control features in PPACA are pretty much illusory. There will be "pilot pro-

grams" and a new commission charged with finding ways to bring down costs. But these efforts have been going on under well-funded federal agencies for decades with no discernible results.

So there is no reason to expect anything but continued cost escalation contributing further to the already-out-of-control federal budget deficit.

Add to that the fact that few if any states will be able to finance the expansion of Medicaid that is mandated under the plan, and it is clear that PPACA spells chaos for America.

Perhaps that will force our lawmakers to consider genuine reform.

Harold T. Muir has lived in Chelsea since 2003. He retired in 2008 after 35 years as a medical practice administrator.

# **GUEST COLUMN:** By Amy Heydlauff

# Chelsea area is rich with healthy resources

Do you remember any. thing about the Chelsea Wellness Coalition? They are the group of community members putting together a wellness planfor Chelsea. One of the first tasks the Wellness Coalition undertook was "resource mapping" of the Chelsea area.

Resource mapping is the technical term for making a list of all the program and projects that already exist in Chelsea. Our resources. The coalition specifically made a list of everything that exists and addresses resident's needs & desires to eat better, move more, avoid unhealthy substances and connect with others in healthy ways.

When the Wellness Coalition began their resource mapping there were two or three dozen people working on the list. They started by shout-ing out the programs of which they are aware. It was astounding how many programs and projects they could name in Chelsea. This is a community rich with opportunity. It was a positive and affirming activity for the participants.

In Chelsea we have the Community Kitchen, two farmers markets, access to a CSA, a full service grocery store, specialty grocery store and a commu-nity,garden. That's just the beginning of the list of 54 "eat better" resources.

Chelsea has access to amazing walking/skiing trails in Waterloo. We have many sidewalks in town. We have an ice rink - rare for a town our size. There are sports leagues for adults and kids, tennis courts and dance classes.

"Without a committed community of funders and volunteers, much of this treasure would be lost."

The list has 47 opportunities for residents to "move more."

SRSLY is a groundbreaking program for youth substance use prevention. It's a model program and has been extremely successful. We also have access to Chelsea Community Hospital's outpatient treatment programs. The list has several opportunities to assist residents 'avoid unhealthy substances."

Then there is connect with others. The connect list seems endless. Our schools provide opportunities and clubs. The Chelsea District Library hosts events and book clubs and

does the Community Read. We have service clubs, such as Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions; euchre clubs, historical clubs, community education classes and a vibrant, interesting senior center that hosts lunches and travel and many other opportunities. The Adult Learners Institute is a model program for adult education for our seniors. The resource map has 136 opportunities for "connecting with others" and probably barely touches the

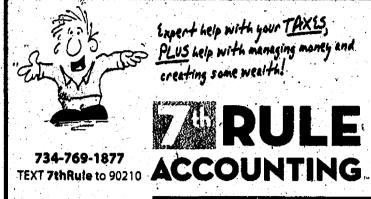
One of the Wellness Coalition goals is to develop a resource guide about all these wonderful opportuni-

surface.

ties. What a great idea. And thanks to all of you who are part of the fabric of these many programs and projects. Without a committed community of funders and volunteers much of this treasure would be lost.

Remember - if you'd like to attend a Wellness Coalition meeting we can help. Call Matt Pegouskie, 734-433-4599, or email him at Matt@5healthytowns.org.

Amy Heydlauff is the executive director of the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation and opines monthly for Heritage Media.



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# **Chelsea City** Council is no better than the **U.S.** Congress

I write this letter in response to an article that was reported in Ann Arbor. com on January 27,2012. I assume that the article was factually correct.

As reported, Councilman Rod Anderson presented the Council with background information on the problem, provided a unanimous Supreme Court ruling giving religious groups the right to use public property and provided a succinct amendment to city regulations.

At least one city councilwoman thought, "This is fraught with significant inherent complexities and it's a complicated issue."

Another councilman suggested, "Let's kick this to the Planning Commission to review." (I believe the Planning Commission is supposed to deal with building design, construction and zoning issues, which are prescribed by city ordinances. They do not write city regulation, they are appointed-not elected by the people.)

This is a straight-forward issue that should have been passed on the

It would appear that we have a council made up of less-than-intelligent people who would have trouble managing an outhouse. They appear to be as effective as the U.S. Congress, whose approval rating has gone so far south it no longer registers in the polls.

Since recalls are expensive and time consuming,

let's just keep this in mind when the next election roles around.

Russell Reister Chelsea

## THE EDITOR LETTERS TO

## Consider giving to **Cheisea Education** Foundation in memory of Capt. Joel C. Gentz

The Chelsea Community has and continues to wrap itself around my family. While it may take a village to raise a child, it truly takes a city to heal the wounds of war. I thank all of you for that. When my son Joel was killed in Afghanistan June 9, 2010, we set up a memorial fun at Chelsea State Bank.

We were overwhelmed by the generosity our community, friends and family showed us.

In the late fall of 2010, Steve and I met with our financial planner and made arrangements for the Joel C. Gentz Memorial Scholarship to be managed and presented by the Chelsea Education Foundation. This letter is to explain why we chose CEF

Joel was indeed raised by Chelsea. Teachers, Scout leaders, pastors, friends, parents of friends, neighbors, CRC residents on his paper-route ... all of you played a part in the development of this bright and energetic young man. Joel

was the proud recipient of the Wagner Engineering Scholarship for three years, and also received other scholarships his senior year

at CHS. This helped him offset the costs of his out-of state college choice. Applying for those scholarships was not just about the money. Young people have to participate in a process of asking teachers and other references to write letters of recommendations. The applicants must write essays about how their life experiences speak to the specific scholarship. And, often, the applicants must have maintained a grade average deemed as worthy by the scholarship guide-

The applications come at a busy time for High school seniors, and I admit that in our house, there was some prodding. In the end, the experience and the scholarships make a difference in the development of young people who can identify their accomplishments, hopes and dreams. The process helps to build confidence and the skill of identifying strengths and talents in a humble manner.

I am honored to have Joel's memorial scholarship

given through the Chelsea **Education Foundation** because the grants and scholarships provided each year acknowledge and award hard work, dedication and potential. Those are the same qualities that Joel emulated during his life of 25 years. There are many fantastic organizations to support in energy, time and money. My belief is that giving to the Chelsea Education Foundation is a way of giving to the whole of Chelsea because our young people are the future of Chelsea. Please consider supporting this organization during the week of the annual Gala, Feb. 11. www. chelseaeducationfoundation.org

Thank you Chelsea. Judy Gentz, mother of 6/9/2010

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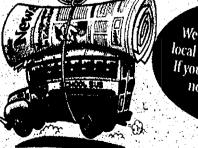
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# Church hosts 'Letters Home' art installation

Holy Faith Church, 6299 Ann Arbor-Saline Road in Saline, is hosting "Letter's Home," an art installation about homelessness in America, through Friday

The exhibit is the creation of area artist Susan Clinthorne and her sister. Sally Thielen, who together have been photographing and getting to know their homeless subjects in such places as Ann Arbor, Flint, Chicago, New York and along the West Coast. The two artists show the installation for free, making no money from the project.

The purpose of "Letters Home" is to raise awareness of the problem of homelessness and to break down an us-versus-them distinction for the viewer. It features life-sized, cutout, black-and-white-photo portraits, as well as framed cardboard signs, a shopping cart, a cardboard "shelter" and a light box with a list of of famous people who have been homeless - from entertainers like Kelly Clarkson

and Halle Berry to religious figures like the Buddha and Jesus of Nazareth.

In its current installment at Holy Faith, the life-sized photos of varying races and ages populate the walls throughout the building, including the sanctuary, where the images become part of the worship experi-

One woman leans forward in a strong wind with a sign that asks for help and wishes God's blessing on the viewer. Other signs read. "Need cell phone for job apps - anything helps," or "Celebrating 1 full year of total sobriety 1 day at a time. Homeless: old, ugly, in my 60s and sober."

Several signs announce that their bearers are veterans, a reminder that a disproportionate number of those who have served in the armed forces struggle with homelessness.

For more information, email ian@holy-faith-church org or Susan Clinthorne at sclint55@email.com.

# Winter Concert held



Photos by Lori Maranville



Sixth-graders from Milan Middle School held their winter concert recently at the school. Participants in the band played tunes including "Frere Jacques" and "Aura Lee" under the direction of instrumental music teacher Alicia Upton. Choir members, under the direction of choral music teacher Shayla Powell, sang a mix of songs, including "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and the Hebrew folk song "Hine Ma Tov." Corky Landis was the accompanist.

# Bill aims to improve road, infrastructure funding

Michigan House and Senate members from both sides of the aisle introduced a diverse legislative package in late January to revamp Michigan's roads and infra-

structure. "Properly maintaining our roads and bridges is something we all agree on," said state Rep. Rick Olson, D-Saline, in a news release.

"We introduced this legislative package to get the discussion started on a solution. We look forward to input on this topic from all sources and hope to hear from as

many people as possible on their thoughts and solutions as we move forward."

The bipartisan, bicameral package aims to improve and maintain roads across the state, implement numerous reforms to the Department of Transportation and establish a funding source to be used only to directly improve roads, bridges and key infrastructure.

The legislation also would create a regional transit authority in Southeast Michigan.

"Almost all of the econom-

ic news out of Michigan during the past few months has been positive," Olson said.

"Our economy is growing and as we make upgrades to our infrastructure, we are turning short-term growth into long-term growth that will benefit our state for years to come."

The legislation gives counties more flexibility to provide the best roads possible while bringing additional revenue into the mix.

An MDOT report from 2011 showed that Michigan has 883 "functionally

obsolete" bridges, and an additional 429 were deemed "structurally deficient."

Other bills in the package include a measure to allow MDOT to audit local road agencies, sponsored by Rep. Pat Somerville, R-New Boston; a bill authored by Rep. Jud Gilbert, R-Algonac, which increases vehicle registration fees based on vehicle type and price; and a Senate bill to reform the Act 51 distribution formula, allocating more money for roads that are the most heavily traveled.

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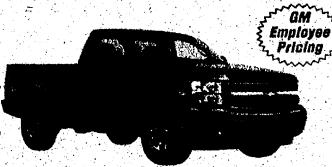


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# FIA honors volunteers

More than 100 people gathered Jan. 28 to celebrate the work accomplished at Faith in Action through the work of volunteers with an annual recognition dinner at

Chelsea Community Hospital.
"Our volunteers are a rough and ready group that have responded positively to every task we ask of them, said Doug, Smith, volunteer coordinator for FIA. "They sort clothes, they fill food orders, they clean refrigerators and they welcome every person who comes into contact with our agency."

Additionally, the event serves as an opportunity to honor the people who drive meals with the Senior Nutrition Program, or "Meals on Wheels. Each of the two organizations pick a volunteer of the year to highlight remarkable service.

Joan Gordenier, who has delivered meals for over 12 years, was one of the honorees. Through years that included raising kids amd running a family business, Joan has remained loyal to her commitment to the seniors who need a volunteer show up daily with a hot meal.

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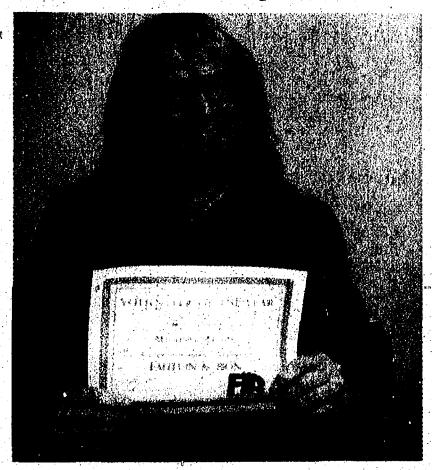
Mike Stoker, FIA's Volunteer of the Year, worked more than 900 hours last year. He told the gathered audience of his family's need for services when his dad died unexpectedly when he was only 13 years old.

"I figure it's an odd twist of fate that I got sick and now have a chance to help other families get through rough spots in their own lives," he said.

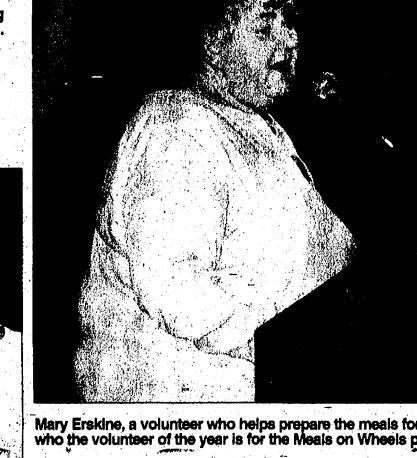
Faith in Action clocked more than 12.000

Faith in Action clocked more than 12,000 hours in volunteer hours in 2011.

# Photos by Rita Fischer



Mike Stoker holds his Volunteer of the Year award for the many hours he has put in helping the community handing out food or clothing.



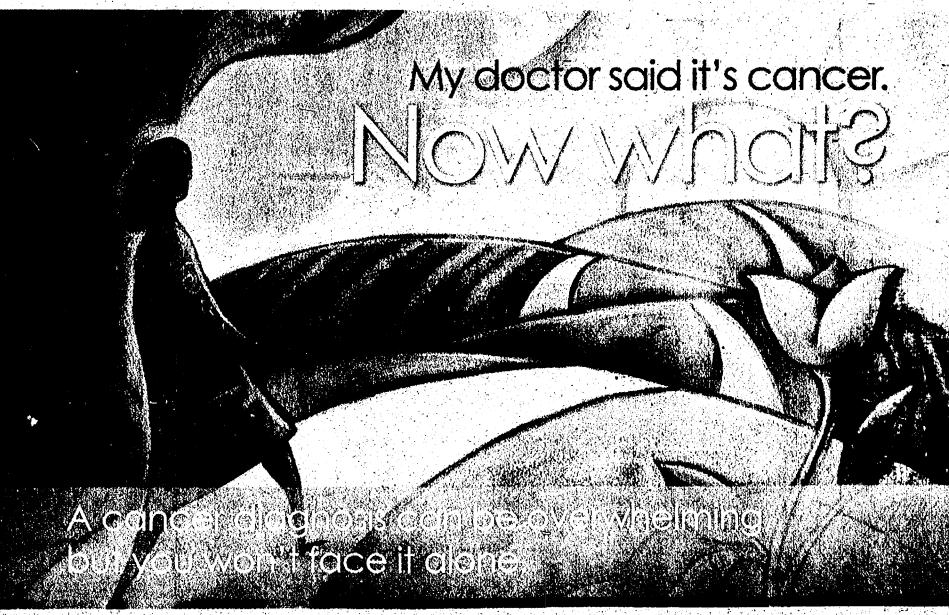
Joan Gordenier holds her award that she received from Mary Erskine,

Mary Erskine, a volunteer who helps prepare the meals for the seniors announces, who the volunteer of the year is for the Meals on Wheels program.



Britany Vermeylen from Chelsea (left), Cindl Noppe from Jackson, Maria Stapish from Chelsea and Meg McKenna of Jackson from the hospital served up a wonderful meal to the volunteers.

"Our volunteers are a rough and ready group that have responded positively to every task we ask of them." DOUG SMITH, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR FIA

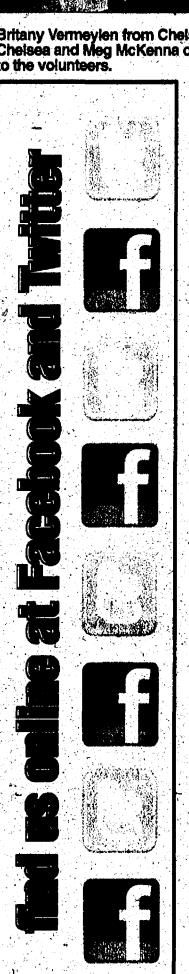


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# Saline's Houle is 2012 'Distinguished Young Woman'

Chrissy Houle, the Distinguished Young Woman finalist from Saline, is the 2012 Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan.

The 54th Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program was held Jan. 28 at Saline High School, and 13 contestants from across the state of Michigan were awarded a total of \$10,000 in college scholarships.

Houle received a total of \$3,550 in cash scholarships and was also announced as a Talent Award winner, an Interview Award winner, a Self-Expression Award winner and a Scholastic Award winner.

She will represent Michigan at the Distinguished Young Woman of America Scholarship Program in Mobile, Ala. on June 30. A fully paid two week trip to Mobile is also given by the Distinguished Young Women of America organization.

Houle is also eligible for many full ride scholarships at various colleges around the country through the national program..

"This was the most talented group of young women we have ever had participate in the state: scholarship program, and we are so excited with the new Distinguished Young Woman of Michigan,' said State Director Angela Bobo ni a news release.

"She will be an excellent representative at statewide functions throughout the year and also at the nationals in Mobile." Houle is a senior at



Saline High School. She is part of the Saline High School Marching Band as the majorette

captain. She is also the secretary of her school's National Honor Society, the president of the Business Professionals of America and a

**Chrissy Houle** member of the Students Re-Investing in a Valuable Education.

Houle is a baton twirler with the Saline Twirlettes under the direction of Susan Usher. She has been an award-winning twirler for the past 13 years and is a member of the 13-time National Champion Saline Twirlettes.

Ankita Nallani, the Distinguished Young

Women of Troy, was announced as first runner up and was awarded \$2,300

> in college scholarships. Sarah Baker, the Distinguished Young Woman of Irish Hills, was announced as the second runnerup and received \$1,750 in college schol-

arships. Payton Reilly, the Distinguished Young Woman of Howell, was announced as third runnerup and received a \$1,150 college scholarship. Eberechi Ogbuaku, the Distinguished Young Woman of Inkster, was awarded \$550.

Additionally, Bethany Ehardt, the Distinguished

Young Woman of Milford, received a \$300 Physical Fitness Award.

The Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program awards college scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities.

It is part of the Distinguished Young Women of America, which is the oldest scholarship program for high school seniors in the country. Since the scholarships program first began in 1958, more than \$90 million dollars in college scholarships have been awarded.

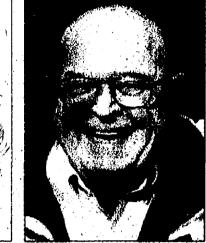
More information on the scholarship program is available at www.distinguishedyw.org.

Chrissy Houle (center) was named 2012 "Distinguished Young Woman" of Michigan, She is pictured with Ankita Naliani, Sarah Baker, Payton Reilly and Bethany Ehardt.



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LINN, ANN L., Pitts QUIRK, DANIEL G., field Twp., MI; age 75; "Punk"; Ypsilanti, MI; passed away January age 85. Died peacefully 20, 2012 at her resi- on Monday, January 30, dence with her loving 2012 at his residence affamily around her. She ter an extended illness. was born April 17, 1936, He was born December ways be remembered Michigan, the son of for her love of family. Daniel T. and Jeanne Survived by her hus- H. (Grover) Quirk. He band, Jesse Linn: Anna (Gregory) Tome- Army Air Corp where Barbara Green he (Reuben Torres), Ro- W.W.II in Germany. On nald Sams (Diana Ham- January, 13, 1951, he Tomecek, Tomecek,

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> and Kathryn C. "KC" Trujillo) (Heather Quirk; one brother, Harrison P. "Hoddy' (Dee) Quirk; one sister, "Poochie Shepley; several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was held Friday, February 3, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the Janowiak Funeral Home with Rev. Gerald S. Hunter of New Hudson United Methodist Church officiating. Private Entombment will follow in the Quirk Mausoleum at Highland Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, or the Gilbert Residence. Envelopes were available

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# Joe Carnahan's 'The Grey' better than expected

Despite what marketing may have you believe,

'The Grey" is not about tough men punching wolves in the face. "The Grey" is about God, man's weakness, nature, grappling with death and fear; and yeah, a wolf or two are slain in the process. · This is a great

film; one that asks big questions and scores big thrills.

There's no question, it's one of the most bleak, philosophically challeng ing films to come out of the Hollywood mainstream in quite some time. Directed by Joe Carnahan, whose output has largely consisted of competent if inconsequential actioners, it's a complete reinvention, from a hack to something resembling an auteur.

Liam Neeson, giving his best performance since

1993's "Schindler's List," plays John Ottway. He's a suicidal sharp-

shooter whose MOVIE gig in desolate REVIEW Alaska is to RYAN

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protect oil-drillers from raging wolves. When his plane-ride home crashes horrifically in Alaska, Ottway and six other survivors find themselves in the middle of nowhere, with the blistering cold, inner clashes, and ravenous

wolves all conspiring to make sure they never get home.

"The Grey" is a perfect blend of generally incongruous elements: pulpy survival tale, intimate character study, thrilling adventure and - here's the shocking part - spiritual exploration.

It tackles incredibly weighty themes with grace and wisdom. Why doesn't

God answer people's cries for help? Who is the film's malicious force — the wolves for attacking the humans or the humans for intruding on their habitat and upsetting the natural order? Can man and nature ever truly co-exist? (Stay after the credits for the disturbing resolution to this particular issue). It does all this in a totally natural, moving way. It never sits us down and holds our hand through it.

It's certainly a thriller first and thinker second. Its structure is a constant alternation between moments of unbearable horror and satisfying action. Carnahan really nails the portrayal of wolves as totally unpredictable forces.

Their presence is always felt, but rarely seen, save for the moments where they're, you know, ripping a character's throat out.

Carnahan's greatest strength lies in the subtle character development, both in between and during the moments of intensity.

Many of these characters are blank slates for the film's first half, and these guys' unpredictability is yet another asset to movie's considerable tension. It's also a gorgeously shot movie. Masanobu Takayanagi's compositions stare into icy brutality and

find, of all things, genuine January, as a rule of

thumb, is a studio's dumping ground; a place to offshoot whatever embarrassments don't fulfill their already-low standards. So it's almost with suspicion that I regard "The Grey," but also with elation. It's a triumph for all involved, save for those darned characters.

I give it an "A-" rating. Film critic Ryan Michaels, a sophomore at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor and two-time winner of the Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest, can be reached at misterryanmichaels@gmail. com. All his reviews are at www.ryanthemoviecritic.

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# Ouimet named Legislator of the Year

The Michigan Township Association has contentious, Anderson

named state Rep. Mark Ouimet its Legislator of the Year, citing the decorum with which Quimet led a Michigan House committee during a time when the Legislature dealt with potentially controversial legislation.

The MTA, which represents more than 1,200 Michigan townships, honored Ouimet for the way he guided key legislation through the House Local, Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committee.

MTA Legislative Liaison Bill Anderson noted that Ouimet's first\_ assignment was to holdhearings on reforms to Michigan's emergency manager laws. Although of the day he still realizes

the issue was potentially

said Ouimet immediately set a courteous and respectful tone. "Every

person who testified was given complete respect and Mark Oulmet attention," Anderson said

in a news release. "Every now and then

there would be signs of tempers flaring, but it was the demeanor of the chairman that resulted in decorum quickly return. ing to the room.

"Rep. Ouimet's door has always been open, and courtesy and respect have been offered to all who come before his committee," Anderson continued.

"He responds to a solid

argument, but at the end

his chief responsibility is to get the job done." Anderson said 29 pieces

of legislation have passed through Ouimet's committee and have been enacted into law

Legislative initiatives have included property tax collection, library operations, local government cooperative services, and public employee relations.

"I am deeply honored 🦠 with this award, and truly appreciate the great working relationship I have with Michigan's township officials to ensure the best quality of life for residents," said Ouimet, R-Scio Township.

Giving everyone a voice in the process is especially important to me, and I look forward to continuing the committee's work in the months... to come."

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# Chelsea House Orchestra hosts annual show Feb. 11

The Chelsea House Orchestra will host its annual Hometown show 7. p.m. Feb. 11 at Chelsea High School.

The Chelsea House Orchestra was started in 1996 by Jed Fritzemeier with about 10 students. Today's group features 26 students in ninth through 12th grades, and its reputation earns it invitations to Celtic festivals across the country

Over a two-day period in May 2011 during the Highland Games in Alma, CHO gave four performances at the main tent, each one drawing standingroom-only crowds of fans who came from all parts of the festival to hear them

play. CHO's reputation goes beyond the borders of Michigan. Last summer

they spent a week in Indiana, rehearsing and giving performances at festivals, fairs and at local performance venues.

"This group always plays with energy but you can't beat playing in front of a live crowd who is feeding the energy back to you", said Zoe Proegler, a junior who plays cello.

"The music itself is really fun to play, and the crowds are infectious. We love what we are doing."

The orchestra's biggest stage to date has been at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina. The group has performed there the last two years sharing the stage with the biggest names in Celtic music.

CHO's motto is "Celtic With a Kick." Besides traditional Irish and Scottish

ballads and reels, the group regularly performs Celtic renditions of American folk songs, current pop hits and even the occasional 1970s rock 'n' roll classics.

CHO will return to Alma, Indiana and North Carolina this summer, but before they make those trips, they will be playing in Chelsea in one of the two local performances they give each year, the annual hometown show set for Feb. 11.

Also performing will be the Beach Middle School Fiddle Club and Crossbow, which is comprised of CHO alumni and other students from Grand Valley State University.

Tickets are currently on sale at the Chelsea Pharmacy and will be available at the door the night of



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# Galileo's Daughters brings 'Perpetual Motion' to U of M

The group Galileo's Daughters will perform "Perpetual Motion: Revolutions in 17th-Century Science &
Music" in the University
of Michigan Hatcher Graduate Library Gallery 7

p.m. March 7.

Music, narration and a video create an entertaining window into one of the most exciting periods in the history of western civilization. Galileo's Daughters, an ensemble based in New

York City, is inspired by thelives and works of Galileo Galilei, his daughter, Maria Celeste, and the musicians and scientists of their time.

Their story is told in a multimedia program, with four performers combining storytelling, songs, instruments and visual images.

The program is narrated by Dava Sobel, author of the book "Galieo's Daughter.'

The relationship between science and the arts was

taken for granted in the 17th century. Galileo was a mathematician, physicist, and astronomer; but he was also an accomplished lutist, studied fine art, and taught perspective and chiaroscuro.

Even today, experts say, talents in math and music often overlap.

The event will take place in the Hatcher Graduate Library Gallery. Enter from the Diag.

The event is free.

# Entrepreneurship conference to be held Feb. 11 at EMU

Michigan-based business owners will share their success with aspira ing entrepreneurs as the Eastern Michigan University College of Business presents the Sesi Midwest Entrepreneurship Conference on Saturday at the EMU Student Center.

The conference will focus on Innovation and Green entrepreneurship in Michgan.

The keynote speaker will be Elizabeth Redmond. founder and president of

POWERleap Inc., a cleantech company based in Ann Arbor that developed floor solutions that generate electricity from pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Redmond created POWERleap while at the University of Michigan and was recently featured in Forbes and The Discovery Channel. She will speak during lunch.

"The Sesi Conference is where the passion for entrepreneurship is instilled in us," said Melissa

Heatlie, president of the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization at EMU, in a news release. "Each speaker and ses-

sion is designed to offer a different take on being an entrepreneur, at different stages, including students." Also scheduled to speak is Chris Kondogiani, director

of Adaptive Materials Inc., a provider of power systems. The company was recently acquired by UK-based Ultra Electronics Holdings

PLC. AMI will continue to

develop and manufacture its propane-powered fuel cell systems at its Ann Arbor facility. All EMU faculty staff and students are invited to attend, as well as other community college and high school students and faculty that have cur-

preneurship or business. Networking along with refreshments starts at 8:30 a.m., followed by opening remarks. Two break-out sessions precede a sit-down lunch, and the conference

riculum centered on entre-

concludes with the keynote speaker. The Skandalaris **Business Plan Competition** concludes after lunch as high school and university or community college students compete for cash prizes totaling more than \$5,000.

Break-out sessions are scheduled that also feature innovation and green entrepreneurs. The event his hosted by the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization at EMU. Students in CEO gain real

world experience by working on club projects involving real products for sale.

Projects have included software solutions, creating new apparel, training videos, new market products and promotion techniques.

The event is free but. registration is required. Visit the Center For Entrepreneurship website or call Melissa Heatlie at 644-6663 for details.

The Student Center is located at 900 Oakwood St. in Ypsilanti. 📑

# Sieloff-Schneider

Rachel Lynn Sieloff, and Derrick Ryan Schneider are engaged and planning a Sept. 29 wedding in Bonita

Springs, Fla.
The bride's parents are
Kenneth and Karen Sieloff of Clarkston and Gary and Deborah Ley of Plymouth. The groom's parents are Richard and Deborah Schneider from Ann Arbor.

The bride-elect earned a master's degree from Michigan State University and works as an information systems auditor for Ernst & Young in Detroit.

The groom-elect earned his bachelor's degree from James Madison College at Michigan State University and works as an insurance adviser with Farm Bureau Insurance-Schneider Agency in Ann Arbor.



Rachel Lynn Sieloff and Derrick Ryan Schneider

## Karpo-Render

Mandy Karpo of Saline, Mandy Karpo of Saline, daughter of Virginia and Toby Karpo of Tipton, and Karl Render of Saline, son of Sieglincle and Gunter Render of Saline, are engaged and plan to marry April 21at St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Onsted High School and Madonna University She is employed by Meijer in Ann Arbor.

The groom-elect is a grad-uate of Saline High School. He is employed by Lenawee Fuels.



Mandy Karpo and Karl Render

# WEDDING

# Payeur-Waltz

Melissa Payeur of Saline, daughter of Daniel and Susan Payeur of Saline, wed Jeffrey Waltz of Saline, son of Daniel and Patricia Waltz of Saline, Oct. 8, 2011, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

The maid of honor was Sarah Henry of Ann Arbor, friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Katy Loy of Saline, friend of the bride; Kelly Waltz of Saline, sister of the groom; Amy McGovern of Saline, cousin. of the groom; Ashley Hoeft of Saline, friend of the bride; and Lindsay Wilcox of Saline, friend of the bride.

The best man was Todd Waltz of Saline, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen were Ryan Sheets of Saline, friend of the groom; Jon Fleszar of Saline, cousin of the groom; Ryan McGovern of Saline, cousin of the groom; Sean Payeur of Saline, brother of the bride; and Matt Ceo of Saline, friend of the

Ushers were Tom Bianchi of Saline and Adam Wilcox of Saline, both friends of the couple. The flower girls were

Melissa and Jeffrey Waltz

Jane and Kate McGovern of Saline, cousins of the groom. The ring bear-ers were Joe and Jack Wilczynski of Saline,

friends of the couple.
The bride is a 2002 graduate of Saline High School and a graduate of Eastern Michigan University. She is a kindergarten teacher at Central Academy in Ann Arbor.

The groom is a 2004

graduate of Saline High and a graduate of Albion College. He is a recreation and enrichment specialist at Saline Community Education and the Saline varsity girls' basketball coach.

After a reception at the Atrium Ballroom at the Inn at St. John's, the couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. They now make their home in Saline.

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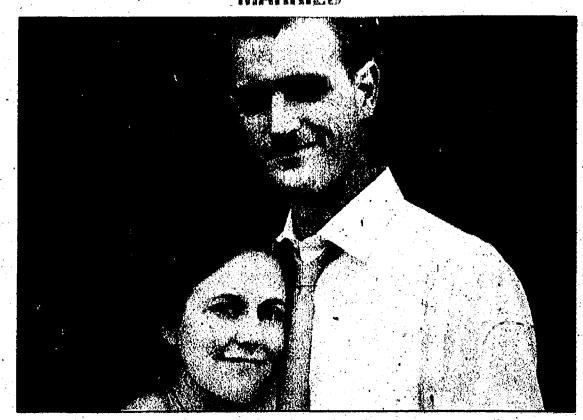
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The bride is the daughter of Duane Fraver and Mira Mattern and step-daughter of Jim Mattern of Waynesboro, Penn.

The groom is the son of John Deikis and Garol Blotter of Chelsea and a 1998 graduate of Chelsea High School.

Guests included the groom's brother, Jeffrey Deikis of Bishop, Calif. and his maternal grandmother, Barbara Blotter, of Chelsea.

Four generations of the immediate families of the couple, 70 friends and neighbors. and three dogs were in attendance.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Sarah Lawrence College and have been farming organically in the upper Hudson River Valley for the past four years.

They plan to live and work on their farm in Easton, N.Y.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Patterson of Plymouth are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Julie Ann to Robert (Jake) Jacobs, both of Corvallis,

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# Media company has new publisher

Journal Register Co., a leating local news and information company managed by Digital First Media, announced Wednesday the appointment of Kevin Haezebroeck as the company's senior vice president of sales and Jerry Bammel as publisher of the Michigan group, which includes Heritage Media and seven weekly newspapers in Washtenaw County and the website Heritage.

Haezebroeck, who has most recently led the company's Michigan and Ohio publishing groups, will directly oversee all sales -local and national - on all iauorins.

"Kevin is a terrific leader and a skilled sales executive. He has a deep knowledge of multi-platform advertising and is very customer centric," said John Paton, CEO of Digital First Media. "Kevin will be a key leader in our company's transformation from print to digital."

Haezebrock, 54, joined Journal Register Co. in 1999 as advertising director in Fall River, Mass. He has served as publisher of The Saratogian in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; The Morning Journal in Lorain, Ohio; and has held multiple publisher appointments in Michigan, including publisher of The Oakland Press. Haezebrock also previously served as president of Journal Register Newspaper Network, the company's national sales

division. "I am confident that my experience in our local markets, mixed with the strength of our sales leaders across Journal Register Co. will allow us to continue to drive sales, Haezebrock said. "Our strength is our local audience and our local connections, and we will continue to expand that digitally and we will continue to maximize opportunities in

print." Haezebrock's appointment follows the promotion of Adam Burnham from vice president of sales at Journal Register Co. to senior vice president, local digital sales at Digital First Media.

In his new role as publisher, Bammel will oversee The Oakland Press, The Macomb Daily, The Morning Sun and the company's 44 non-daily titles throughout Michigan.

including Heritage Media. 'Jerry has demonstrated over the years, not just in his knowledge of our Michigan operations but also his considerable leadership skills, that he will be a great publisher," Paton

said. Bammel, who previously served as vice president of finance and general manager for the Michigan group, joined Journal Register Co. in 2003 as controller for



## Haezebroeck

**Independent Newspapers** Inc. in Mount Clemens, and previously spent 17 years 🦤 with Gannett Newspapers in Detroit, New-Jersey and Wisconsin.

"I welcome this new opportunity and challenge," said Bammel, 53. "We will continue to grow



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Bammel, who holds a bachelor's and master's

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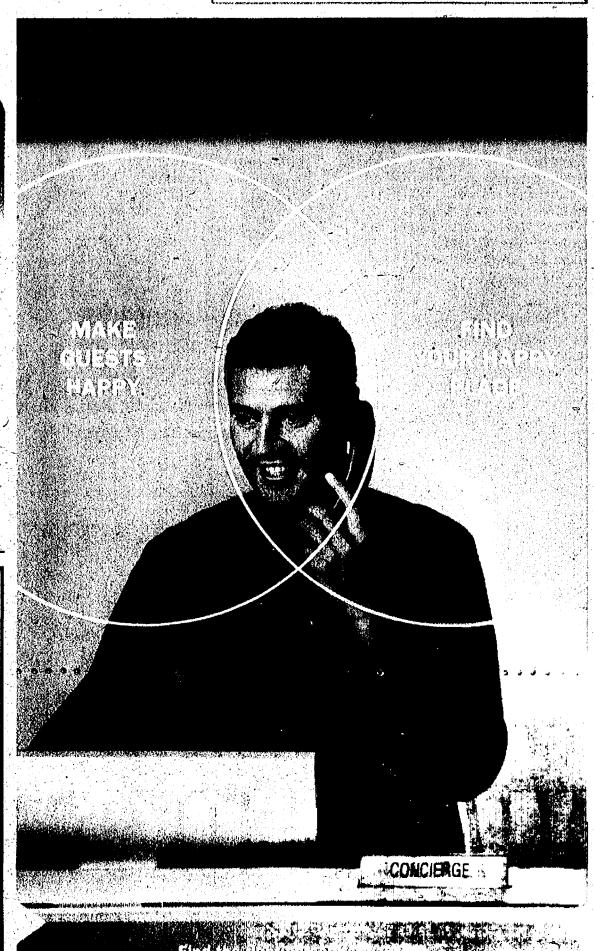
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# Movie 'Happy' meant to start conversation

# **Documentary** on science of happiness

By Carrie Henderson

February doldrums got you down? Are you feeling overwhelmed by stress and cabin fever? Need some help shaking the mid-winter blues?

If so, it's time to get

happy. The Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor will commemorate World Happy Day Feb. 11 by hosting a screening of the film "Happy," followed

by a panel discussion. "Happy," from Academy Award-nominated director Roko Belic, is a documentary about the science of happiness. The movie will be shown simultaneously at more than 500 theaters in 40 countries on Saturday, according to event promot-

Ann Arbor relationship counselor Annie Zirkel facilitated Saturday's local showing. Zirkel says the movie will bring some important issues to the

forefront.

'People are asking questions," she says. "What is happiness, what are we looking for, what are we striving for, where's the meaning?"

A recent report conducted by the World Health Organization surveyed 90,000 people on five continents. The study showed that those who live in more affluent nations, such as the United States, are the most likely to suffer from depres-

Filmmakers for "Happy" traveled across the world, from Japan to Sweden to the Louisiana bayou, researching questions such as Does money really make people happy? What about kids and family? How does work



The movie poster from "Happy," directed by Academy Award-nominated director Roko Belic.

factor in? How can we foster a world that values and promotes happiness and well-being?

ell-being? Zirkel says that viewers

should expect to receive concrete answers, based on scientific principles. "Community, being involved" with others, is important,"

she says, "so is exercise, and spending time in nature."

Following the movie, a variety of local experts will address the audience and moderate an open discussion. Rita Benn, a University of Michigan researcher, will explore the subject of mindfulness and stress reduction. Joseph Summers, vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, will promote community interaction.

Shani McLoyd, an Ann Arbor therapist, will speak about the challenges of finding happiness while living with multiple sclerosis, and Shadi Ahmadmehrabi, director of the Neutral Zone teen center, will confront issues facing young people. Finally, 80-year-old Bernie Coyne will share his perspective as an older person and cancer survivor.

Nicola's Books will be on hand to sell copies of some of the books mentioned in the film, including "The

How of Happiness" by Sonja Lyubomirsky. Zirkel's own book, "You'll Thank Me Later — A Guide to Raising Grateful Children" also will be offered.

The Michigan Theatre is located on E. Liberty in Ann Arbor. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., and the movie begins at noon. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Zirkel cautions that, because of some mature themes, the movie is not recommended for children younger than 13.

'Really getting communities to talk about what's in the movie and see how it applies" is what's important, she says. "This movie fits into my philosophy. What we do is affected very strongly by how we interact with each other."

Carrie Henderson is a freelance writer. She can be. reached at chenderson1218@vahoo. com or on Twitter @CBHende1218.

# Polish rocker Magda Kaminski to perform at EMU

Eastern Michigan University basketball doubleheader on Saturday will feature Polish singer Magda Kaminski, who is in the middle of her Midwest tour dates.

Between halves at the

EMU basketball doubleheader, she will perform some selections from her current CD, "Who I Am." The bilingual entertainer sings in Polish and English with some a cappella selections.

The women's varsity

team will take on Kent State 2 p.m., and the men host perennial Mid-American Conference power Ohio University at 4:30 p.m.

As part of Polish-American Day at EMU, Two Polish dance troupes will also perform: the adult Wawel Folk Ensemble and the youth-oriented Polish National Alliance Centennial Dancers.

Throughout the day the EMU Spirit Dancers will rock alongside the EMU Pep

Also, included with a game ticket will be a chance at a \$1,000 MacBook, among other prizes.

The EMU Convocation Center is located at 799 North Hewitt Road in Ypsilanti. For more information, call 487-5386.

# Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra teams with Gemini for Feb. 19 concert

Ann Arbor musical act Gemini — twin-brother musicians Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits — will take the stage with the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra on Feb. 19.

The concert will feature symphonic stories, Gemini tavorītes — wnich include original and traditional songs and stories from several cultures and musical traditions — and violin playing by the Slomovits family.

Symphony staff said the concert could serve as an age-appropriate introduction to classical music for young listeners.

Gemini has played to YSO audiences in previous concerts, just one of YSO's creative collaborations with other area groups.

Concert seasons generally include at least one concert with an area youth or school group. Prior collaborations include the Plymouth Canton Choirs, the young bluegrass trio "Cats and the Fiddler" and the Washtenaw County Community College -Jazz Ensemble.

The Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra was founded in 1999 and concentrates on educational efforts, sponsoring youth concerto competitions to showcase talented young musicians.

An important aspect of the YSO's growth has been its partnerships with regional organizations, to strengthen community ties and offer diverse musical experiences to audiences. The YSO performs each year with a Sphinx Competition winner, showcasing a talented young African-American or Hispanic musician in collaboration with the Sphinx Organization.

Tickets for the Feb. 19 concert, which begins at 3:30 p.m., cost \$12 for adults; \$6 for students with ID. children 12 and under and seniors 65 and over; or \$30 for a family of four or more. Washtenaw Community College students are admit-

ted free, with student ID. Towsley Auditorium at washtenaw Community College is located at 4800 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor.

The next chance to hear the Ypsilanti Symphony will be April 29, during an event featuring violin virtuoso and Sphinx Laureate Gareth Johnson performing Tchaikovsky's D major Violin Concerto on a Stradivari violin.

Crafted in 1709 by Antonio Stradivari who was regarded to be one of the finest violin makers in history, this rare instrument is one of about -1,100 violins he produced in his lifetime and is on loan to

the YSO from among the col-

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# SAP to present Carol Burnett dinner theater

The Saline Area Players will present "The Carol Burnett Show: Your Favorite Sketches" as evening dinner theater performances and afternoon dessert theater performances.

A fond memory for many The Carol Burnett Show which ran from 1967 to 1978. was one of television's most successful variety shows.

Key to its success were comedy sketches featuring a whole host of characters. including some which parodied well-known movies or TV shows, such as the one -with Burnett as "Starlet" in 'Went with the Wind."

Other sketches included

original characters like Mr. Tudball (portrayed by Tim Conway) and Mama (portrayed by Vicki Lawrence). If you remember watching Harvey Korman battle uncontrollable laughter or swooning when Lyle Waggoner entered the stage,

this show is for you. The Saline Area Players, under the direction of Tami Hindes, are bringing many of the sketches taken directly from these shows. The montage, produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service in Colorado Springs, Colo., will incorporate many characters and be

interspersed with original commercials from local businesses.

Dinner theater performances are 7 p.m. March 8, 9 and 10, and dessert theaterperformances are 2 p.m. March 10 and 11. All performances take place at Stone Arch Arts and Events, 117 S. Ann Arbor St., Saline.

Advance reservations are required. Tickets for the dinner theater are \$45 per person and need to be reserved by March 4. Tickets for the dessert theater are \$25 per person and may be reserved until the day of performance as space allows. Call 904-1874.

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# United Way hands out local awards

The United Way of Washtenaw County honored the work individuals and local businesses at its awards lunch Jan. 26.

The event is held annually during UWWC's Workplace Giving campaign season.

The organization, which supports a spectrum of local health and human services agencies, is on track to surpass last year's \$5.25 million mark but continues to work toward making their stretch goal of \$5.75 million to support Washtenaw County's level of need.

We would never reach that goal without the individuals and businesses we're recognizing here today," said Sandy Rupp, chief executive officer and president of UWWC, in a news release.

"They are true community heroes and we are deeply fortunate to have their time, commitment and gracious donations. Washtenaw County is a better place because of their generosity."

Among this year's winners are Bill Fileti, president and CEO of IHA; Rob Casalou, president and CEO of St. Joseph Mercy Medical System; and Doug Strong, director and CEO of the University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers. All received Live United Spirit Awards for their commitment to promote United Way and increase its ability to support health and human services in Washtenaw County

In presenting the awards UWWC Board Chair Bill Brinkerhoff, Co-Founder of Cerenis Therapy, noted the recipients "have taken the

charge to 'Live United' to a whole new level and for this we are deeply grateful."

Rod Gauvin, senior vice president of ProQuest, presented three companies with the second annual · Huron Valley Award of Excellence for encouraging leadership giving and providing support for increasing United Way's communication to current donors and outreach to prospective donors.

The winners were Toyota (500 and over employees category); McNaughton & Gunn (100 to 499 employees category) Associated Spring Barnes (less than

100 employees). The Campaign Committee of University of Michigan was presented with the 2012 Poppenger Award for its inspired and integrated United Way workplace donation cam-

"They lived the Three Cs of coordination, collaboration and communication to meet and exceed their extraordinary goal of \$1.3 million," said Greg Stoey, vice president of UAW Local 1284, the 2011 winner of the award.

The Robert E. Guenzel Award, which honors an individual who holds an executive position that, is focused and passionate about making a difference for members of the community, was presented by Bob Guenzel, former Washtenaw County Administrator, to Steve Dobson, a local community leader and volunteer.

"Steve is a tireless volunteer and extraordinarily generous donor, and we are grateful to have him and his family in the community," said Guenzel.



**Bruce Browniee of Toyota** picks up an award from the United Way of Washtenaw County. Toyota received the Award of Excellence.

Todd Clark, 2011 campaign chairman and chief banking officer for United Bank and Trust, presented the Rising Star Award to NuStep, recognizing the company for its first few years of running a United Way campaign, creating a philanthropic environment and promoting community involvement to their employees.

Clark also recognized UWWC's nominees for the Spirit of Michigan award: NSF International and Randy Wise Chevrolet.

These awards are patterned after United Way Worldwide and are given to companies who are innovative, creative, and enduring in the annual campaign.

Michigan Association of United Way confers this award annually and accepts nominations from United Ways through Michigan. Winners will be announced later in February



Bill Brinkerhoff (left), chairman of United Way of Washtenaw, and Sandy Rupp, president and CEO of United Way of Washtenaw, present Todd Clark, chief banking officer for United Bank and Trust, with a plaque commemorating his role as 2011 campaign. chairman. Also pictured is event emcee Peter Carey.



Judy Dobson (left), Steve Dobson, winner of the Robert E. Guenzel Award, and Molly Dobson attended the event.

For more information,

visit www.uwwashtenaw.

# Martha Darling named Woman of the Year

Education policy consultant Martha Darling has been selected by the United Way of Washtenaw County as the 2012 Woman of the

Darling will be honored at the UWWC's "Power of the Purse" annual luncheon March 14 at the Eastern Michigan University Student Center.

'Martha exemplifies what the Power of the Purse initiative is about:

women taking action . to address community issues," said Jackie Jenkins. chair of the United Way of Washtenaw County's Power of the Purse

committee, in a

news release. "We are thrilled to honor

her achievements and lead-



Darling

Darling was chosen by the Power of the Purse committee for her extensive work in early childhood issues, including serving as a chair of the Leadership Commission of Success by 6: A

ership at our event."

Great Start Initiative. This UWWC program creates a coordinated system

of community resources and support that can serve all Washtenaw County families and children as they grow through the first six years of life. The goal of the program is to make sure young children enter school ready to succeed, regardless of income, geographic community, language or culture.
The committee also

noted Darling's long history of service to the

community, including her service as chair of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, the Ann Arbor Hands-on-Museum and the Ann Arbor Symphony, her role as an "invited expert" to Michigan's Lt. Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Development and many more national boards and commissions.

The Power of the Purse is one of variety of programs

at UWWC that coordinates community action to address community issues. UWWC is best known in the community for its workplace-giving program, which enables employees to contribute with a simple payroll deduction.

The UWWC established ' the Woman of the Year honor in 2009. Previous recipients include Pat Warner, Denise Rabidoux and Lucy Ann Lance.



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# **GUEST COLUMN:** By William O'Keefe

# Investment best left to private sector, not government

Al Gore's self-aggrandizing claim that he "took the initiative in creating the Internet" has haunted him since he first uttered it during a 1999 interview.

Newt Gingrich has taken a good deal of flack since claiming "helped lead the effort to defeat communism" late last year.

It makes sense. In a society where people expect to be rewarded for their hard work and good ideas, the public generally abhors those who take credit where it's not due. Self-promotion is what hucksters do.

For those reasons and others, politicians — especially those seeking reelection should avoid engaging in unwarranted swagger.

President Obama has not.

In his State of the Union

recent boom in U.S. oil and gas production. Yet the facts don't bear this out. Obama has been more of

an obstacle than an enabler to growth in America's energy industry, straddling the fence over his support for development, targeting the sector for punitive tax hikes and failing to issue a single new offshore permit in fiscal year 2011.

address and campaign ads,

Obama attempts to credit

his administration with the

So what are we to make of the President's sudden embracing of traditional fuels and the more than 9 million workers whose jobs are supported by this industry? Why election year politics, of course.

The President has already. kicked off his swing state

tour, traveling across the U.S. touting the need to create manufacturing jobs throughout 2012.

Manufacturing is an important part of the Michigan economy making this a politically savvy move to ensure his rhetoric resonates in the state.

Manufacturing represents 21 percent of state GDP and employs nearly 500,000 workers in Michigan alone. Nationally, the sector represents 11 percent of GDP. But has the Obama

administration really\* played the role in boosting manufacturing in the energy industry as he claims? In a word, no.

Private sector engineers invented hydraulic fracturing, the process responsible for the boom we're witnessing in domestic natural gas production, back in 1947 — more than a decade before the President was even born.

This innovation has enabled U.S. firms to unlock resources never before accessible and invest billions in our economy in the process.

Far from encouraging this success, the President has singled out this sector for massive tax hikes — jeopardizing our already shaky position in the global energy market (not one U.S. company is in the top 15 largest energy companies worldwide.

In effect, by increasing taxes on U.S. companies, this desired policy would send more jobs and revenue abroad. This is a far cry from creating needed manufacturing jobs domestically. While domestic employ-

ment has been declining during the president's tenure, employment in the oil industry has grown over 20 percent.

While gunning for oil and gas, the White House is playing favorites with the renewable lobby. Currently, about \$11.3 billion taxpayer dollars are directed toward "green" energy annually.

Despite decades of massive subsidization, the industry still accounts for only eight percent of U.S. energy demand.

Heavily-subsidized failures like the botched \$500 million Solyndra loan are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to government failures at picking winners and losers in the energy

Michigan needs jobs, and that will require a plan to make our state and nation as a whole more attractive to investment and innovation.

The President's continued pursuit of job-killing punitive tax hikes on manufacturers puts off investors and is contradictory to his campaign message touting the need for job creation.

If Obama is serious about job creation, he must move to leave capital in the hands of proven private sector innovators, and stop trying to increase taxes to fund failed pet projects.

William O'Keefe is the chief executive officer of the George C. Marshall Institute and president of Solutions Consulting Inc.

## "Around Town with Linda"

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Diane Howlin, physician

and founder of Hope Clinic. "Around Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche.

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

A new interview begins every Friday evening and runs for a week. The guests all live or work in Chelsea, and everyone connect. ed with the show is a volunteer.

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

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## **Garden club offers** grants

The Chelsea Area Garden Club is offering a limited number of grants, \$500 or less, to local nonprofit organizations or individuals. Applications will be accepted beginning Jan. 15 and must be postmarked no later than Feb. 29.

Projects should match the club's goals to promote the love of gardening, community beautification, environmentally responsible horticultural practices and conservation through education and demonstration in the Chelsea

Applications and information are available at www.chelseagardenclub.com or by contacting Charlene Harris 734 433-9773. Applications should be mailed to CAGC Grant Program, PO Box 519, Chelsea, MI 48118.

Preference will be given to applicants who reside in the CAGC service area and not every applicant may receive funding.

All grant recipients are expected to present a report on their projects at the Oct. 8 CAGC meeting in Chelsea.

**CHS Softball Spaghetti** 

## **Dinner and Silent Auction set for Feb. 10**

The CHS Softball Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction will be 4:40-8 p.m. Feb. 10 in the Chelsea High School Commons, 740 N. Freer Road. The dinner cost \$10 per person and \$25 for a family of four.

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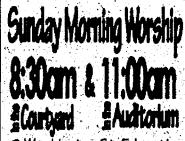
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# Study shows binge drinking bigger issue than once thought

By Amy Bell

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, binge drinking is a larger problem than once thought.

More than 38 million U.S. adults binge drink an average of four times a month and the most drinks they consume on average is eight, according to a new Vital Signs report from the CDC.

Binge drinking is defined as consuming four or more drinks for women and five or more drinks for men on an occasion. Binge drinkers also put themselves and others at risk for many health and social problems, including car crashes, other unintentional injuries, violence, liver disease, certain cancers, heart disease, sexually transmitted diseases, and both unintended and alcohol-exposed pregnancies.

In Washtenaw County, rates of binge drinking are similar to state and national trends, yet different in oth-

Keven Mosley-Koehler, senior health analyst at the Washtenaw County Health Department, said the rate of binge drinking throughout the state is 17 percent, which is higher than the national rate of 15 percent.

In 2010, the county's rate was 13.3 percent, 1 percent less than 2005's rate of 14.3 percent.

However, it isn't regarded as an improvement.

'There's no trend or real change in that, it's a minimal change," she said.

Although the overall county rate goes against the state and national trends, other rates are similar in comparison.

. According to Health Improvement Plan data from the health department, people ages 18 through 24 had the highest rate of binge drinking.

According to the data, 29.9 percent of 456 18- to 24-yearolds surveyed said they binge drank during the past

30 days in 2010. This is similar to the national trend in which 18to 24-year-olds was the top

age group. Mosely-Koehler said this could be because of the **Iarge student population** 

within the county. A number of efforts are being made to address harmful drinking on the University of Michigan

campus. Mary Jo Desprez, alcohol and other drug policy and prevention administrator at U of M, said efforts to address harmful drinking on campus happen through a number of programs and policies, some which occur before a student arrives on

campus. Incoming students and their families are presented information about harmful drinking during student orientation. Students are required to complete a nearly three-hour online course to address alcohol and sexual assault before

coming to campus, she said. For students with alcohol and/or drug issues, the university offers a number of on-campus programs such as the Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention program, which offers free intervention classes for students. Students can also see a

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therapist or join a support group through Counseling and Psychological Services.

New this year is a program in which recovering students can join the U of M Collegiate Recovery. Program.

Other programs include the Stay in the Blue Campaign, which helps students better understand the relationship between bloodalcohol content and negative consequences; "Kiss ME I'm Sober" campaign for St. Patrick's Day; Brief Alcohol

Screening and Intervention for College Students; Sober Monitor Training for student organizations; online resources such as MiTalk, AlcoholEdu/ SexualtAssaultEdu, Electronic Check Up to Go: training and consultations with students, faculty and

Efforts are also being made throughout other areas of the county to prevent binge drinking.

A number of coalitions work to provide sustainable efforts within the community and impact individuals through prevention programs and other various activities.

Therese Doud, Substance Abuse Prevention coordinator for the Washtenaw Community Health Organization, said last year that the "Rethinking Drinking" campaign was sponsored. Using information on its website, a self-assessment and various printed materials, the campaign targets the 3 in 10

adults who drink more than "low-risk limits." Those limits are as follows: men, no more than 4 drinks a day or no more than 14 per week; women, no more than three per day or seven per week.

The project is organized by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, part of the National Institute of Health.

Efforts are also being made to help curb underage drinking. According to the CDC, more than 90 percent of the alcohol consumed by

underage drinkers is done while binge drinking.

Programs such as Manchester Voices involve five communities addressing a variety of issues. including binge drinking.

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- granulated sugar, divided
- 2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour, divided 2 cups old fashioned oats
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cups the Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Figs
- 3/4 cup chopped, toasted walnuts

cup caramel ice cream topping In small bowl combine cranberries and 2 tables spoons granulated sugar, set aside.

In medium bowl stir together 2 cups flour, oats, brown sugar, remaining granulated sugar and baking soda. Stir in butter. Reserve 1 cup crumb mixture.

Press remaining crumb mixture in bottom of 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Bake in 350°F oven

for 15 minutes.

Stir figs and walnuts into cranberries and sprinkle evenly over crust. Stir together caramel topping and remaining 1/3 cup flour; drizzle over fruits and nuts. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture.

Bake for additional 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool in pan on wire rack.

## **Chocolate-Dipped Stuffed Figs**

Makes 15 figs

- 15 Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid Figs
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup brandy (or 1/2 cup water mixed with 1, 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract)
- 15 to 30 small pieces candied ginger, toasted nuts or chocolate 5 to 6 ounces semisweet, bittersweet or premium white chocolate, chopped

With sharp knife, cut small slit in bottom of each fig.

n In small saucepan, heat sugar and water over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Stir in brandy and figs. Bring to a boil over high heat then reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes. Drain figs, cool and dry thoroughly. Stuff one or two pieces of ginger, nuts and/or chocolate into each fig.

Place chopped chocolate in 1-cup glass measuring cup or small microwave-safe bowl. Heat on medium/50 percent power until almost melted, stirring after every 1 to 1.1/2 minutes. Remove from oven and stir until melted.

Hold stem of each fig and dip in melted chocolate. Place figs, stems up, on wax paper-lined tray until chocolate sets. Decorate with white chocolate or nuts, as desired. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.



## Savory Jarisberg Thumbprints with Fig-Pepper Jelly

- Makes 40 cookies
  - cup butter, softened large egg yolks
  - cups all-purpose flour 3 -cups (12 ounces) shredded
- Jarlsberg cheese 1 cup grated fresh Parmesan cheese 1 1/2 cups finely chopped, toasted
- pecans or unblanched almonds cup finely chopped, stemmed Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or
- Sun-Maid Figs 1/2 cup hot pepper jelly (red or green)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Place butter in large bowl. Bear with electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Beat in egg yolks. On low speed, gradually beat in flour. Stir in Jarlsberg, Parmesan

and nuts. Divide dough into 4 equal portions: Wrap 3 in wax paper or plastic wrap and chill. On work surface, form remaining portion of dough into 10 (1 1/2-inch) balls.

Place balls, 1 1/2 inches apart, on ungreased baking sheet. With thumb or back of wooden spoon, make 1/2-inch indentation in center of each cookie. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until light golden brown. If needed, pressback of teaspoon into cookies to re-form indentations. Remove cookies to wire rack

Repeat shaping and baking with remaining

To serve, in small bowl, stir together figs and jelly. Fill each cookle with about 1 tea-

spoon fig-pepper jelly.

Make ahead note: Dough can be prepared
1 to 2 days ahead. Form dough into 1 1/2-inch cylinder, wrap airtight and chill or freeze for longer storage. Baked cookies can be stored unfilled, in airtight container for 2 days or frozen. To re-crisp, place on baking sheet in 350°F oven for 2 to 4 minutes Cool. Fill with. fig-pepper jelly as directed.



# Jarlsberg, Ham and Herb Swirls

Makes about 26 swirls

- sheet frozen puff pastry (half of 17.3-ounce package), thawed
- egg, lightly beaten
- teaspoons Dijon mustard (optional) tablespoons thinly sliced green onion
- tablespoon dried basil or thyme leaves cup (4 ounces) finely shredded Jarlsberg cheese
- ounces thinly sliced Black Forest or other lean ham Unfold pastry onto lightly floured board; cut in half, lengthwise, to form two pieces.

Brush beaten egg on entire surface of each piece. Leaving a 1/2-inch border around each pastry, top with the following, dividing evenly: Dijon mustard, green onion, basil and Jarlsberg. Top each with sliced ham, cutting to fit in a single layer within border.

Starting at the long ends, carefully roll up each pastry. Gently pinch ends to seal pastry rolls. Wrap each in plastic wrap. Chill rolls, seam side down, for 2 hours or up

to 2 days. To serve, preheat oven to 400°F. Unwrap rolls and cut each roll crosswise into

1/2-inch slices. Place, 1 inch apart, on 2 greased baking sheets. Bake one sheet at a time for 14 to 16 minutes or until golden. Place on wire rack to cool slightly. Serve warm.

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# 'A Stone Carver' leaves an impression that's built to last

**PLAY** 

**REVIEW** 

SEAN

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Company's treatment of A Stone Carver" will chisel its message onto your soul with a masterful mixture of humor and somber-

ness. It sounds hyperbolic, but we all have the very human yearning for "the old days" when people were made of sterner stuff,

a man was as good as his word, and everything was built to last.

The Chelsea-based theater's Guy Sanville breathes life into the character of Agostino - or perhaps the more apropos term would be "new life," as the character is based on playwright William Mastrosimone's father and later in his own life: himself, as he, too, becomes an older man and a father.

Agostino is the embodiment of a better time and a better generation as he decides to take a stand in the house that he built for himself, his now-deceased wife and his family with his own two hands and the passed on to him.

The plot conflict centers around the government trying to take Agostino's property through the process of eminent domain to build a freeway, which he responds to by holding up in his house with a shotgun and scaring away anyone

who tries to talk sense to the stubborn Italian-American crafts-

Matthew David plays Agostino's son, Raff, and Charlyn Swarthout is fiancé Janice, both of whom arrive at the family home to make a lastditch attempt to convince Agostino to relent in the face of inevitability.

"A Stone Carver" is a brilliant commentary that gracefully tackles the subject of past versus present and future. Agostino is from a time when everyone was an artist and a craftsman -- from the man who hammered the soles to shoes to the guy who carved the gargoyles that

The Purple Rose Theatre knowledge that his father sit high atop a church looking down on everything in between as sentinels.

Two components that make this production work are the fact that all three members of this very tight cast give the best performances I've seen and, in David's case, the best performance of his career - at least over the past five or six years that I've beenpaying attention.

And the direction and script are brilliant in wringing every last bit of expression and conveyance from the characters and the backstory.

The most important point that "A Stone Carver" gets across is that there are no good or bad guys. This conflict is the focal point of a disagreement between generations and between two people who love each other, but have a hard time connecting in that regard because of the generation gap.

While this touching interplay unfolds, expect to laugh as much as you care, because the capstone of Sanville's amazing performance is sheer charisma and a wonderfully loveable treatment of the stubborn old Italian-American character archetype. It will be sad to see the next show without Guy on stage after



by William Mastrosimone • directed by Rhiannon Ragland JANUARY 19 - MARCH 10, 2012

seeing Friday's perfor-

mance. David was born to play the role of Raff. I've never liked the man more than I did while watching him struggle with Sanville's \_Agostino. The two Purple Rose figures obviously have a lot of love and respect for each other off stage, and David brought that with him and conveyed it effectively while still engaged in a conflict that involved a very convincing boxing match throw down.

Speaking of the boxing match, at first I thought it could use some improvement, since Raff is written to be a Golden Gloves champ of the squared circle but, on second thought, that's not what this play is about. It would be out of character for David to pummel the crud out of his dad, since their disagreement is only on the surface. In the end the -lack of prowess from Raff stands as a representation of his overall restraint in the totality of his dealings

with his father. It should also be noted that Rhiannon Ragland counts this as her first directing credit, and while I'm sure directing a heavyweight like Sanville doesn't require as much lifting as directing others, she deserves every bit of acclaim for this show's aplomb execution.

"A Stone Carver" will be playing at the Purple Rose Theater through March 10. For more information, visit http://www.purplerosetheatre.org/.

# 'Love is a Drag' event to benefit Ozone House

A bevy of glittering goddesses will present a drag queen extravaganza for charity at Frenchie's in Ypsilanti beginning 9:30 p.m. FYI

Feb. 10. Donations For more information made at the about Ozone House, visit door and durwww.ozonehouse.org. ing the event will benefit the

Ozone House Ypsilanti location and its programs. The "Love is a Drag" event was created by Frenchie's proprietor, Jessica Jane French, in an effort to find a fun way to support Ozone House's pro-

grams for at-risk youth. "We have some of the best drag queens in the business coming to Frenchie's to perform," French said in a

'It will definitely be a night to remember, and we hope to

raise a lot of funds for Ozone House, which is such an important

part of our community." Ozone House is a community-based, nonprofit agency providing intervention and prevention services to run-away, homeless and

high-risk youth since 1969. Doors open 9:30 p.m., and the show begins 10 p.m. The suggested donation at the door is \$5. Frenchie's is located at 54 E\_Cross St.





The lineup of performers includes Chanel Hunter, Miss Michigan Entertainer of the Year: Jadein Black, Miss Tri-States Entertainer of the Year; and Dazzle Dior.

# CHELSEA Thursday, Feb. 9

**■** "Dungeons & Dragons"

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

3 and 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; 3 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday: Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. Tickets at purplerosetheatre.org and by phone, 433-7673.

# Saturday, Feb. 11

"Chocolate Extravaganza"

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday: Downtown Chelsea businesses: Free. 475-3539.

■ Chelsea Chess Club 3 p.m. Saturday: Wendy's, 1640. Commerce

Park, Free, 475-1583.

■ Geocaching 101 2 p.m. Saturday: Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road, Waterloo Recreation Area Pre-registration requested. Free. \$10 annual vehicle fee. 475-3170.

# Sunday, Feb. 12

**■** Creature Feature

2 p.m. Sunday: Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road. \$2 (families, \$5). Preregistration required. \$10 annual vehicle entrance fee. 475-3170.

Monday, Feb. 13

United Methodist Church, tions accepted 433-9773.

7 p.m. Monday: Breakaway Restaurant, Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Drive. Free. 475-

Tuesday, Feb. 14 ■ "Dungeons & ... Dragons'

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

**■ International Book** 7 p.m. Tuesday: Chelsea

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Thursday, Feb. 9

7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 10 or more, \$26) on Friday and Saturday evening and \$28 (members and seniors, \$25; groups of 10 or more, the door, 268-6200.

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District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-8732.

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7 p.m. Thursday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine

International Neighbors

1 p.m. Thursday: Westminster Presbyterian Church hall, 1500 Scio Church Road, Free, 995-

Friday, Feb. 10

"The Music Man" 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday: Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker. Road, \$10 (students \$8) at

Singles: Professional Volunteer Corps Meeting 7 p.m. Friday: NEW

Center, 1100 N. Main St. Free. a2pvc.org.

Saturday, Feb. 11 ■ Draw Doubles: Local 101 Disc Golf Club

Noon Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Road \$7 per player; free for spectators. \$5 vehicle entrance fee. 449-4300.

■ "Michigan Mammals" 1 p.m. Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, \$3. Pre-registration required. \$5 vehicle entrance fee. 426-8211.

Ice Fishing Derby 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday: Independence Lake County Park Beach Center, 3200 Jennings Road, Webster Township. Cost includes vehicle entry fee and lunch. 449-4437.

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> Sunday, Feb. 12 Cross Country Ski

Along the Huron River 1 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday: Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road, Dexter. Free. Pre-registration at rei.com/annarbor, 769-5123, ext. 605.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 ■ Dexter Garden Club 7 p.m. Tuesday: Dexter

Senior Center, 7720 Ann-Arbor St. Free, 424-2580.

SALINE Friday, Feb. 10 **Advanced English** 

8 p.m. Friday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, \$10, 248-288-

# Saturday, Feb. 11

Huron Gun Collectors 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$4, 517-

605-0624. **■** Contra Dance

8 p.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$10 (students, \$5). 408-1829.

Night

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

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

Sunday, Feb. 12 ■ Tour: Zingerman's

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"Electronic Trolleys of Washtenaw County" Saline Area Historical Society

2 p.m. Sunday: Stone Arch Arts & Events, 117 S. Ann Arbor St. Free. 429-4154.

Monday, Feb. 13 **E** Line Dancing

6:30 p.m. Monday: American Legion, 320 W. Michigan Ave. \$7, 429-4840.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 ■ New Horizons Band: Saline Senior Center

6 p.m. Tuesdays and 1 p.m. Thursdays: Liberty School band room, 7265 Saline-Ann Arbor Rd. Free 429-1742.

Wednesday, Feb.

■ Saline Woodcarvers

Maple Road, Free, 944-1918 **■** Bingo

6:30 p.m. Wednesday: American Legion, 320 W. Michigan Ave., Saline, \$1 for hard cards (book of 10 games, \$7). 429-7310.

Senior Center, 7190 N.

**YPSILANTI** Thursday, Feb. 9

"No Child" 7 p.m. Thursday and. Friday, and 2 p.m. Saturday:" EMU Sponberg Theater, Ford Street. \$15 (students,

\$12; age 12 and younger, \$7). 487-2282. Friday, Feb. 10 ■ "if You Start a Fire (Be Prepared to Burn)": New

Theatre 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday: Mix Performance

Space, 130 W. Michigan Ave. 645-9776. **■** Chamber and

**University Choirs** 8 p.m. Friday: Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, West Cross at College Place, Ypsilanti, Free, 487-2255.

Saturday, Feb. 11 ■ Valentine's Day

Comedy Show

4 p.m. Saturday: Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St. \$5-\$7 sliding scale (younger than 3, free). 657-2337.

# "60th Anniversary

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** 

# Thursday, Feb. 9

■ 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 "Smokey Joe's 😓 Café" at 7 p.m. the Encore Theatre, 3126 Broad St. in Dexter Tickets can be ordered online at theencoretheatre.org, by phone at 734-268-6200 or in person.

Join the Chelsea99% to learn more about How the 1% Crashed the Economy at 7 p.m. Contact Colleen Verge for more information

at colleenverge@gmail.com. ■ See "A Stone Carver" at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. in Chelsea, at 8 p.m. Tickets can be ordered online at purplerosetheatre. org, by phone at 734-433-7673 or in person,

## Friday, Feb. 10

READ to Library Dogs. at the Chelsea District Library is at 3:30 p.m.

■ Join the Dexter District Library for Friday Night Movie for Adults at 6:30 p.m. The featured movie is "You Again," rated PG with a runtime of 105 minutes.

■ The Chelsea District Library hosts Winter Lock-in: .. Karaoke Competition at 6:30

■ See "Smokey Joe's Café" at 8 p.m. the Encore Theatre, 3126 Broad St. in Dexter. Tickets can be ordered online at theencoretheatre org, by phone at 734-268-6200 or in person.

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# Saturday, Feb. 11

■ It's Science Saturday at the Chelsea District Library. Join the University of Michigan's Natural History Museum in three workshops about how our bodies work.

Today's workshop, "Vital Signs: How health works, is at 1 p.m. Registration is required. Please call 475-

8732. ■ The Dexter District Library hosts the UnValentine's Day Party for youths in fourth through 12th grade at 1 p.m. Celebrate by making black duct tape roses and decorating broken heart-shaped cookies. Registration is

required. Learn about "The History of the Sanders Confectioner Company" with Greg Tasker, author of Sanders Confectionery, at the Dexter District Library at

■ See "A Stone Carver"at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. in Chelsea, at 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. Tickets can be ordered online at purplerosetheatre.org, by phone at 734-433-7673 or in person.

See "Smokey Joe's Cafe" at 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. the Encore Theatre, 3126 Broad St. in Dexter. Tickets can be ordered online at theencoretheatre.org, by phone at 734-268-6200 or in person.

## Sunday, Feb. 12

■ The 5th Michigan Regiment Band celebrates Abraham Lincoln's birthday at the Dexter District Library at 2 p.m. There will be live music from the Civil War era in period clothing. All ages: are welcome.

See "A Stone Carver" at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. in Chelsea, at 2 p.m. Tickets can be ordered online at purplerosetheatre. org, by phone at 734-433-7673 or in person.

■ See "Smokey Joe's Cafe" at 3 p.m. the Encore Theatre, 3126 Broad St. in Dexter. Tickets can be ordered online at theencoretheatre.org, by phone at 734-268-6200 or in person.

## Monday, Feb. 13

Play Magic: The Gathering at its weekly gaming night time at 6 p. at the Chelsea District Library.

■ Learn the basics of Microsoft Powerpoint 2007 at the Chelsea District Library at 6:30 p.m.

Join the Friends Mystery Book Club at 7 p.m. at the Arctic Breakaway.

## Tuesday, Feb. 14

Joanne Wiertella, author of The Jewel Box Book, will be at the Dexter Senior Center to talk about antique American metal jewel boxes/caskets, which were so popular in the early 1900s. Anyone who has visited antique shops has seen these beautiful jewelry boxes—or maybe remembersithem from their mother's dresser. These jewel boxes represent the first time the middle class woman in America could purchase a jewel box as beautiful as those owned by the upper class. Joanne will bring examples of heart shaped jewel boxes for this special day.

The Chelsea Senior Center has a free eyeglasses check at 10 a.m.

■ The Chelsea Senior Center hosts a Valentine's Lunch at noon.

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

Join the International Book Club in its discussion on "Riding the Iron Roost: By Train Through China" by Paul Theraux at 6:30 p.m. in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library.

■ See "A Stone Carver" at the Purple Rose Theatre. 137 Park St. in Chelsea, at 8 p.m. Tickets can be ordered online at purplerosetheatre. org, by phone at 734-433-7673 or in person.

# Wednesday, Feb.

A representative from Peaceful Crossings will be

at the Dexter Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. to discuss how words, and actions have a far-reaching effect on every-7673 or in person. one and everything around Ongoing you, whether you can

observe it or not. For your own peace of mind and to care for those you love, you can live your life consciously and make it a priority now to define, document, and communicate your intentions and your own personal leg-

and leave you with some very interesting ideas to think about. ■ Grow Your Own Business One-on-One, Counseling is at the

Chelsea District Library at 3

approximately 30 minutes

acy. This talk will last

■ Join the Dexter District Library for Super Stories, a book-themed discussion group for children in kindergarten through second grade at 4:30 p.m. The book this week is "Friends like Bink and Gollie" by Kate DiCamillo.

■ See "A Stone Carver" at the Purple Rose Theatre, 1,137 Park St. in Chelsea, at 8 p.m. Tickets can be ordered online at purplerosetheatre. org, by phone at 734-433-7673 or in person.

# Thursday, Feb. 16

■ The Dexter District Library hosts Computer Basics 2 at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required.

Join Books and Banter at 1:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

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p.m. Tickets can be ordered online at purplerosetheatre. org, by phone at 734-433-

■ 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.

■ The Chelsea Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the first and third fluesdays of each month in Chelsea Community Hospital's private dining room "A."



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**Bumbles Dry Goods** samples of Sanders Chocolates and Brownwood Farms Salsa with cream cheese; gift with purchase

Cheisea Center for the Arts - Valentine crafts for kids and parents and yummy sweet treats; 1-4 p.m.

Chelsea Farmers Supply - Celebrating our 86th anniversary with samples of the "World's Best Chocolate Malt Balls"

Chelsea First United Methodist Church - Enjoy a free bacon and eggs breakfast with chocolate muffins, 8-11 a.m.

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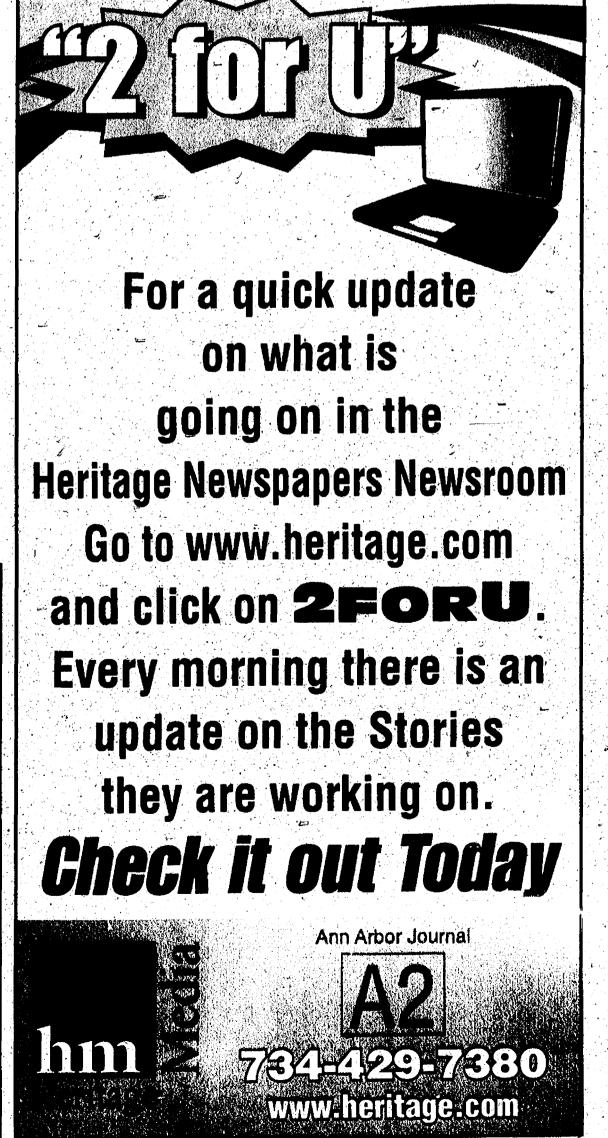
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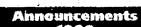
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Petitioner name: dward Allen Sukkar

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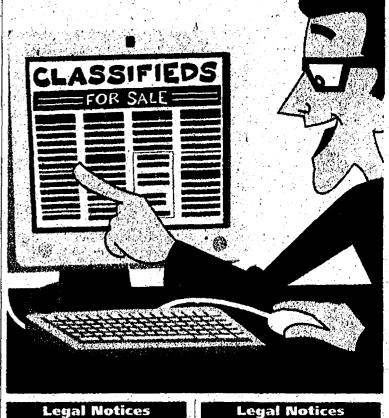
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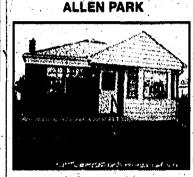


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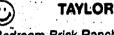
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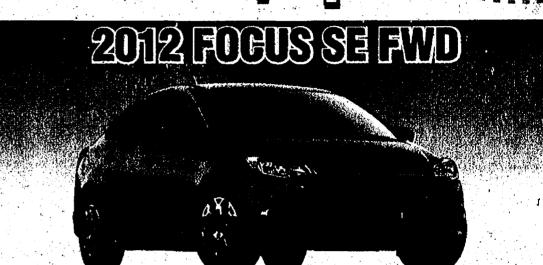


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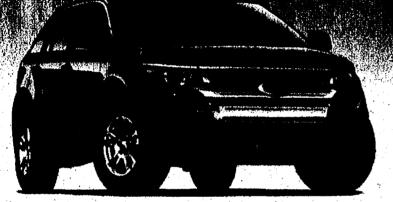
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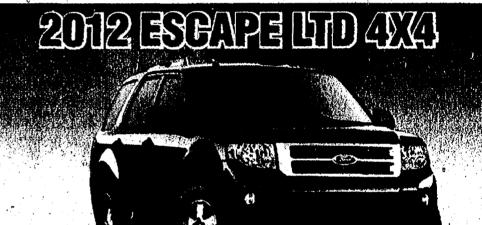




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# Just one of the stars on a clear night

Mackenzie Cole is one of the reasons Chelsea is scoring a magical season

By Terry Jacoby Heritage Media

ackenzie Cole never seems to take much seriously. But don't be fooled by appearances.

The senior guard is focused and determined on helping the Chelsea Bulldogs continue their magical season all the way to regionals - and beyond.

She is one of those athletes that's tough not to root for - always working hard, but always with a smile.

The senior is this year's floor leader and one of Chelsea's go to players when they need a basket. But she is not the star of the team. This team has a sky full of stars - she's just steering the ship, and so far, so good.

Wait, Let's rephrase that.

So far, so great.

Cole doesn't hesitate a second when asked if she is surprised her team is undefeated this late in the season. In fact, she almost. goes as far as saying it was expected.

It's not arrogance. It's confidence. There is a big difference, and it's easy to decipher between the two by the way Cole delivers her message. She says every thing in her easy-going, fun way of talking. And, as always, she says it with a smile.

"I'm not surprised at all," Cole says of being 13-0. "We have a really good team and we have great potential to carry on this path."

It's all about the team with this group. You can see it on and off the floor.

PLEASE SEE COLE/4-C



Photo by Terry Jacoby

Chelsea's Mackenzie Cole has been the "point" person all season for the undefeated Buildogs.

# Bulldogs' success starts with team unity

'ackenzie Cole, Chelsea's senior point guard, says something about her team you probably would never hear from a football player or wrestler or hockey player.

Yeah, this

this is a tal-

"We love each other," she says. is a special group of basketball players that doesn't come around very often. The overall record clearly shows that

**TERRY JACOBY** 

ented group. But the overall picture of where they've been and where they are – and where they're headed – and the personalities that

form this team is what really makes it, well, special. It all started to form about six years

"I knew this group of seniors when I had them as their teacher in seventh grade," Chelséa coach Todd Blomquist says after a recent practice. "I watched them play in middle school and knew it was going to be a good

group." The veteran coach could see back then that something good was already starting to form.

"How it all shook out was different," he says. "Some kids stayed, oth-



Top photó by Burrill Strong / Above by Tressie Davis Grace Sauers (No. 12), Mackenzle Cole and the Buildogs put their undefeated record on the line vs-

Dexter tomorrow night in Chelsea. ers didn't. Some kids really developed

and some kids who were really good as eighth graders aren't playing anymore. That's just how it happens."

While some of the other Chelsea players headed for the exit after a tough practice last week, Megan Hall and Grace Sauers could be found upstairs running on the track. What kind of players run on their own after a hard practice?

"Winners" is the obvious answer. But "determined" might be more applicable.

Yeah, this is getting pretty serious. These Bulldogs are for real. Their

record says they're perfect, but they don't believe that for a second. Even an undefeated team can get better and that was full court, center stage on display during last Thursday's practice.

It was all business. Going stepby-step through the playlist. Run it again. Better. Run it again. Good. Run it again.

"You can never go over things enough," Blomquist says.

And these Bulldogs should know that better than anyone. This group of seniors has been through a lot, and if losing breeds winners, this team is living proof.

It was just two years ago that this group lost and lost and lost. They were 7-13 and lost their last five games of the season including a triple overtime loss to AA Gabriel Richard to end the year in districts. Last year, the

end the year in districts. Last year, the Bulldogs finished 18-6 and reached the first round of regionals after hoisting a district trophy in Milan.

And does that tough season of two years ago still come up?

"All the time," senior Mackenzie:
Cole says laughing – now that she can laugh about it. "We reference it in practice a lot."

Cole does remember being told that the sacrifices and hard work then would eventually pay off now. "It was mentioned," Cole said of

the big picture.

But the players admittedly weren't always listening at the time.

PLEASE SEE BULLDOGS/4-C

THE BIG PICTURE: Just two years ago, the Bulldogs had no seniors and lost 13 games, including their last five.



# SIGN of the times

Chelsea football players (left to right) Max Giller, Truman Hadley, Jake Steinhauer, Cody Ellyson, Griffin Kuras, Dominic Davis, Sean O'Quinn and Andy Cerveny have all signed on or are considering signing on to play college football.

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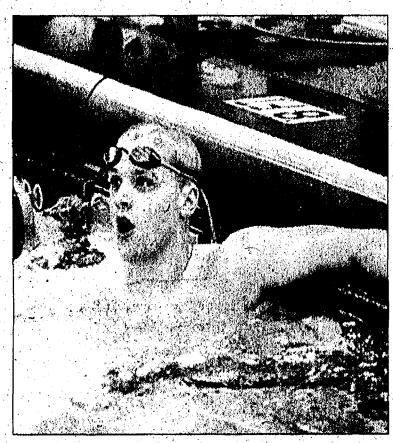
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# **Athletes of the Week**



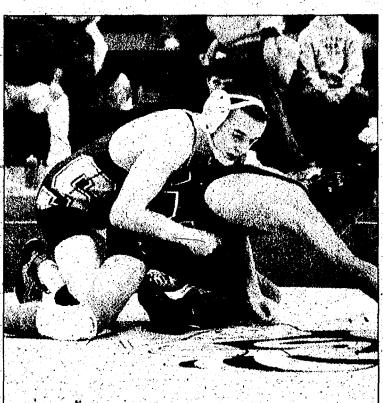
## **Josh Finley, Manchester**

Josh Finley led the Flying Dutch with 19 points on Friday night. Manchester fell to East Jackson 83-67 in a game that was close until the fourth quarter.



# **Nick Burris, Chelsea**

Nick Burris made his 100-yard butterfly cut for the state meet going 58.09 seconds last week for the undefeated Bulldogs. Burris is on all three relays, qualified for this year's state meet and has been a huge factor in the team's



# Nate O' Sullivan, Saline

The junior wrestler pinned down a first place at 130 pounds at Saturday's SEC championships in Adrian. O'Sullivan is 36-6 on the season.



# The 400 relay team, Dexter

This foursome broke the pool record in the 400 free relay. The record was previously set by Toledo St Francis in 1998. The foursome features Jonathan Zoichak, Jake Clailin, Nate Kilian and John Eber.

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Allen Williams Huron

Brendan Griffith Lincoln

**Mackenzie Cole** Chelsea

**Jerome Roberson** Belleville



**Jimmy Holman Pioneer** 

**Logan Sims** Huron

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Scott Grishaber Lincoln

**Tristan Simmons** Ypsilanti

**Shawn Chamberlain** Dexter

# **Athletes** sign on to play at the next level

The helmets have long been put away but the rewards for a successful season and the results of hard work are still making headlines for local football programs.

Here is a look at Chelsea football seniors taking their games to the next level.

Linebacker Truman Hadley has accepted a scholarship to play football at Ferris State. Tight end Jake Steinhauer

will be a referred walk-on at The Citadel (D1-AA). Outside linebacker Andrew

Cerveny will play for Kenyon

College. Offensive guard Griffin Kuras is headed to Defiance

Linebacker Sean O'Quinn signed a scholarship to play at

Concordia. Griffin Kuras, Max Giller and Dominic Davis are undecided.

Here is a breakdown of Dexter players signing on to play in college:

Edward Reny has signed a letter of intent to play for Wayne State. Tucker Whitley has signed

a letter of intent to play for Sienna Heights. Mike Mioduszewski has

agreed to a preferred walkon at Eastern Michigan University.

Charlie Sleder has agreed to play at Hope College.

sign letters of intent to play football: Kicker Dylan Mulder

Saline also had two players

has signed on with Eastern Michigan University. Tight end Derek Owings also will attend EMU as a pre-

ferred walk-on.

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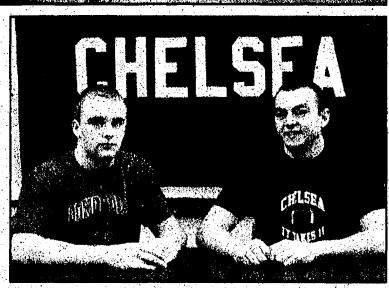




**ABOVE: Ypsilanti High** School senior Adam Smith signed a letter of intent, Feb. 2 to play football for Grand Valley State University. Adam was joined by his mother, Yvonne Smith, and his father, Jermaine Cannon, during the event.

**TOP: Parents Renee and** Dave Mulder, coach Mike Glennie, Athletic Director Rob White and sister Taylor Mulder join Dylan Mulder as he signs his let-ter of intent to play for Eastern Michigan University.

Ypsilanti High School senior Adam Smith signed a letter of intent, Feb. 2 to play football for Grand Valley State



Chelsea's Sean O'Quinn (left) and Truman Hadley sign. to play college football last Wednesday. O'Quinn has accepted an athletic scholarship to play football at Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Sean, the son of Mike and Ginni O'Quinn, played linebacker and handled long-snapping duties for the Buildogs. He is excited about continuing his academic and football career at Concordia University. Hadley, a member of the Chelsea basketball team, was an ALL-SEC first team selection at linebacker. He will play next year at Ferris State.

# Best high school fans

Five finalists have been selected for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's inaugural "Battle of the Fans," which will recognize the top student cheering section from among member schools and culminate in a video presentation including all five finalists during this season's Girls and Boys Basketball Finals at Michigan State's

Breslin Center.

The contest, organized by MHSAA staff and its 16-member Student Advisory Council, will reward the cheering section that best creates the positive and festive atmosphere made possible when students show enthusiasm, togetherness and sportsmanship while rooting for their team.

Student sections from Frankenmuth, Grand Rapids

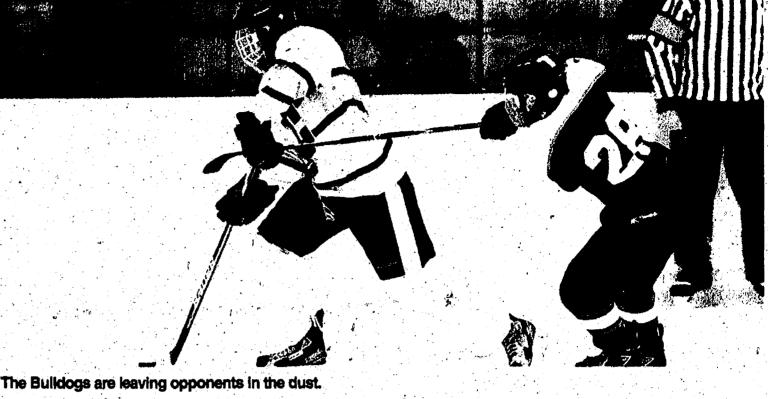
Christian, Petoskey, Reese and Rockford were selected based on a vote by the Student Advisory Council. MHSAA staff and Student Advisory Council members will visit all five finalists for home games during the second half of this regular season, with the winner being announced Feb. 24. Video of all five sections will be played on the Breslin Contact III accomband during the Center HD scoreboard during the Finals in March.

Power Playing

Bulldogs put opponents on thin ice



Photos by Burrill Strong Mack Suilivan (left) and the Buildogs celebrate a goal.





Chelsea's Austin Sullens heads up ice.

Taylor Atchiey controls the puck.

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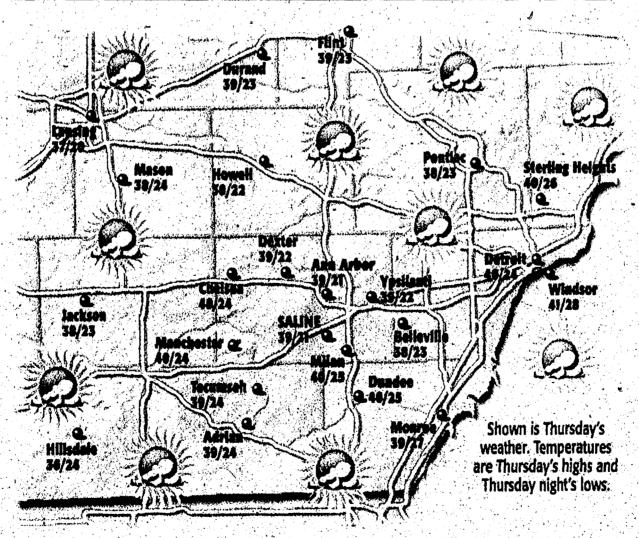
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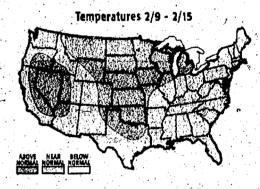
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Cincinnati	41/27/5	43/18/pc	32/13/pc
Cleveland	39/26/s	35/14/sf	26/12/sf
Dallas	55/38/pc	58/40/c	57/44/pc
Denver	39/18/pc	46/25/pc	38/22/pc
Honolulu	78/64/s	80/68/s	81/69/s
Houston	60/46/c	60/44/c	63/46/c
Kansas City	42/22/5	31/14/pc	30/20/c
Las Vegas	65/46/s	65/46/s	67/46/pc
Los Angeles	78/53/s	77/54/s	68/51/pc
Miami	79/69/t	80/67/pc	77/62/t
Minneapolis	29/6/pc	12/-2/pc	16/4/pc
New Orleans	59/45/pc	62/45/pc	61/46/c
New York City	46/34/5	49/32/s	35/19/sf
Orlando	74/56/c	78/61/¢	70/50/sh
Philadelphia	46/32/5	49/32/5	38/21/sf
Phoenix	74/48/s	74/48/s	74/48/pc
Pittsburgh	38/25/s	40/17/sf	24/11/pc
St. Louis	41/29/5	38/17/pc	27/20/c
San Francisco	63/45/5	59/47/pc	61/47/pc
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Buenos Aires	79/59/pc	81/59/s	82/63/5
Cairo	63/44/s	65/47/pc	67/48/pc
Calgary	34/10/pc	30/21/pc	34/26/pc
Hong Kong	66/61/sh	70/64/pc	72/64/s
Jerusalem	52/40/s	49/39/1	52/39/5
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London	41/30/pc	39/28/pc	41/28/5
Mexico City	63/46/sh	59/47/t	66/43/r.
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Moscow	4/-2/c	5/-2/c	5/-5/c
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Warsaw	13/3/sn	11/2/5	15/11/pc

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# **BULLDOGS**

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'It was very frustrating," Cole says. "We were really young and we had no seniors. It was a learning experience but it wasn't any fun."

The lack of leadership contributed to that "frustrating" time.

'I would often remind them that we were building something," Blomquist said. "But they had it a lot harder than I did. I could see the big picture. A sophomore girl can't see what's going to happen in the next hour let alone in two years.

"What really hurt us that year was that we didn't have any seniors. It was a blessing in some ways but in other ways it hurf. You need to have that senior leadership. We talked about it just the other day how important the senior leadership was last year and

this year. And we will have it again next year, too." The goal from the beginning for this year's team

has always been clear. "To become the first team in school history to win a regional title," Blomquist

said. They have a lot of things on their side. They have great players and team chemistry. They have an excellent coach and a gym full of experience.

And they love each other.





Photos by Burrill Strong and Darla-Barnes

Avery Osentoski (top) and Steve Bleise (above) both dki quite well at the SEC tourney.

# Bleise takes first at SEC tournament

By Terry Jacoby Heritage Media

The Chelsea wrestling team placed sixth at the SEC tournament on Saturday in Adrian.

Bedford finished first overall followed by Tecumseh and Saline.

Sophomore Steve Bleise wrestled his way to first place at 119 pounds. Bleise defeated Chase Lewis of Tecumseh in the

"Steve beat two outstanding wrestlers and was really focused on Saturday," Chelsea coach Kerry Kerrigan said.

Mike Hovater took third at 171 pounds for Chelsea, beating Leo Autrassian of Monroe in the third-fourth match.

At 135 pounds, Avery Osentoski was third, beating Jacob Lohr, of Bedford in the three-four match.

Chelsea's Nate Miller was fifth at 125 pounds and Billy Collins was fifth at 140 pounds.

Senior Simon Cone won the Sportsmanship Award for the Bulldogs. The Buildogs, who hosted the team dis tricts yesterday, will compete on Saturday

at the individual districts at Dexter.

# COLE

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"We're very team orientated and we love each other," she says with that smile. "We're always about team and unity and really good about being a team.

Cole emphasizes that "team" point with an enthusiastic cheer and a point to her teammates watching her as she talks about the Bulldogs. In fact, Cole does a lot of things with enthusiasm.

Cole says team unity has been one of the keys to the Bulldogs' success.

"It's very, very important on the basketball court," she says. "If you're not on the same page, you're not going to get along and you're not going to do well at all."

The senior has been getting along with this group for a long time. And that chemistry has helped Chelsea put games in the win column.

It was in the seventh grade where Cole figured out that this game of basketball came fairly naturally to her, and it might just be something she could become passionate about. Like most youngsters, Cole tried all the sports but it was pretty obvious that basketball was her game.

"Basketball was always fun," she says. "I grew up playing with a bunch of my teammates. So growing up and playing with them was really nice and that's what clicked and that's what made me stick."

Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist is certainly glad she stuck.

'She's a great kid," said the longtime, successful and popular Chelsea coach. "As far as a basketball player, she really understands the game. There is a lot of what goes on out there that. she does that I can't coach.

"That being said, she's a four-year varsity player so she's had her highs and lows and in-betweens. She's seen it all. She's won two district titles and two



Photo by Tressie Davis

When Mackenzie Cole has the ball, good things happen.

league championships and has been on three very distinctive and different teams."

Blomquist says Cole has "been through the program."

"Yeah, she started off playing the four, played the three as a sophomore, last year played the two and backed up the point and this year she's playing the point," he said.

He noticed something special in Cole almost right

"Mackenize has always ... had 'it," he said. "She does things that just come naturally to her that a coach can't teach.'

Basketball has become a year-round sport for the highly skilled guard who runs the Chelsea offense. "I'm in the gym a lot and I play AAU on a travel team and I'm always in here with (Blomquist)," Côle

said While she credits playing AAU with improving her skills and all-around

game, there is nothing like playing with her friends and representing her school.

Photo by Tressle Davis

Chelsea's Megan

Hall is another

player opponer nave to stop to

peat the Buildage.

"AAU is really more of an individual sport, it's kind of me, me, me," she says. "But high school is team oriented with friends and I like it better."

Cole also likes to hit the links, but calls golf her "fun sport."

"One of my former basketball coaches, his wife was the golf coach so they asked me to come and play golf," she said. "That first day of practice was the first time I ever picked up a golf club."

Like one of her floating jumpers, Cole 's future is still up in the air. But whatever path she decides to take, she wants there to be a basketball hoop along the side of the road.

"I'm undecided right now but I do want to play basketball somewhere,' she said:

And "somewhere" will want her.

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# Swimmers honor seniors, remain undefeated

The Chelsea Bulldogs swimming and dive team kept their undefeated season intact with a convincing victory over the Railsplitters of Lincoln 140-40 last Thursday evening.

It was Chelsea's last home meet of the season and in the tradition of the program, this year's seniors were the highlight.

Captain Robby Everard and senior Blayde Ray paraded in to the delight of the crowd. The rest of the team crowed around this year's senior leaders and gave them a big cheer for their dedication and sacrifice to the program and community.

The Bulldogs got things rolling quick, as Chelsea did something rarely seen in a dual meet. Chelsea swept the 200-yard medley relay, taking first through third places. The relay of Nick Deppner, Zach Ousley, Logan Simpson and Nick Burris swam to a season-best time and eventwinning 1:48.31.

Joey Ingall, Tom Olsen, Will Wickens and Johnny Mangner captured second overall with a season best for the quartet of 1:58.78. Everard, Drew Deppner, Miles Fischer, and Chris Barnes captured the unprecedented sweep at 2:13.95.

Ben Thoms, one of Chelsea's amazing freshmen, had a fantastic evening. He won the 200-yard freestyle in a career-best clocking of 1:57.90. He continued that excellence later in the meet.

Aunic Goodin, another of the freshmen on this year's squad, placed second in the event with a strong 2:09.43 clocking.

"Both Ben and Aunic are going to be super important to the team's success as we prepare for the SEC Championships," said coach Dave Jolly

Nick Deppner, Max Lonnemo and Zach Ousley yent 1-2-3 m the 200 LM.

Will Wickens was the lead swimmer in the 50 free and he did not disappoint, winning the event at 24.51. Tom Olsen, who has really come on as of late, captured second place at 26.20 and Chris Barnes earned fifth place at 31.61.

Jake Burris continued to show improvement with his list of dives as he went first with 200.65 points.

Teammate Joey Smith

earned second at 196.30 points, while Everard scored 155.45 to take fourth.

The 100-yard butterfliers went 1-2-3 with Nick Burris and Simpson tied at 58.84. Jacob Hartman swam strong to take third with a time of 1:00.30, which was a season-best for another freshman.

Johnny Mangner won his first individual event of the season as he cruised to victory in the 100 freestyle. His 56.09 clocking will be an important in the team's standings at SEC.

Austin Horn took a break from his usual 200-500 freestyle double up and took advantage of the rare opportunity to sprint, swimming a 58.12, which earned him second place.

Miles Fischer also had an opportunity to score varsity points, taking fourth place with a season best of 1:04.53.

David Alday led the way for the Bulldogs in the 500 freestyle. Alday won the event at 5:10.83, but his true contribution was to Thoms, who hung right with Alday the entire race and was paced to his first ever state cut. He took a second-place 5:15.47.

Simpson was also swimming the event for the first time. He took third overall at 5:38.63.

Lonnemo, Olsen, Mangner, and Wickens combined in the 200 freestyle relay and took first place with a combined effort of 1:39.86.

Hartman was the lead backstroke in the 100 event. He captured first place easily with a 1:01.31. Everard was second at 1:06.70 and Joey Ingal was fourth overall at 1:16.57.

Drew Deppner won the 100 brestroke with a solid 1:18.24. Aunic Goodin was second overall at 1:20.53. Miles Fischer was third overall with a 1:24.60.

Chelsea finished the meet with a surprise performance by yet another freshman. Sam Almhiemid led off the 400 freestyle relay in a teambest 51.96.

Nick Deppner, Simpson, and Burris followed the swim with their own highlights as they went a team best of 3:30.39.

On Saturday, Chelsea and Adrian combined forces in the annual East vs. West exhibition where they took on Battle Creek Lakeview

and St. Joseph combined team. This meet is always a highlight of the season because there is less pressure on the athletes and the facility at Battle Creek lends itself to wonderful performances.

Wonderful performances are what the Bulldogs turned

Logan Simpson went wild in the 200 IM, dropping his previous best to a career best of 2:10.97. His time makes him a legitimate contender to place at state meet in the event. Another exciting and well-earned performance was turned in by Nick Deppner, who swam his individual state qualification best in the event at 2:11.81.

Nick Burris made his 100 butterfly cut for state meet going 58.09.

"Of all the kids on the team. I wanted it most for Nick this weekend," Jolly said. "He started this season back in June and has invested tremendous effort to get where he is. He is the rock that we have built our season upon."

Burris is on all three relays, qualified for this year's state meet and will be a huge factor in the team's success.

David Alday opened it up in the 500 freestyle swimming his race from start to finish. He moved his state rank up significantly with his career best in the event at 5:02.93.

"Dave is a special swimmer, no doubt," Jolly said.
"It's pretty special to have a back that has been bothering him and do a 5:02 from a push off. Not many athletes in D3 could pull off that level of excellence. Not many athletes would have tolerated the pain all season that he has and continued to push through it."

Sam Almhiemid and Nick Deppner blasted to season best performances in the 100 backstroke.

Both young men naa already qualified for state meet in the event but when they went 57 and 57 respectively, they moved themselves into serious contention to place at the state championships. Both athletes are now ranked in the top 12 in the state.

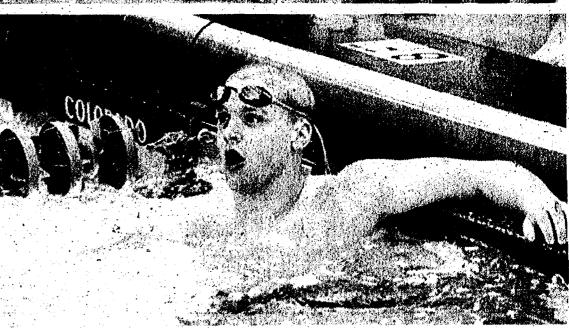
Another top performer in the meet was Max Lonnemo with best times in the 200 and the 100 butterfly. He also had season best splits on the



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Chelsea swimmers Robby Everard and Blayde Ray celebrated senior night. Nick Deppner (below) swims the backstroke while Nick Burris (bottom) gets ready to go.





"He had a wonderful meet," Jolly said of one of his top freshmen. "I know he wants more. He wants to get to state meet and he has a real chance as he gets his body ready for SEC's."

A big surprise for the

Bulldogs and possibly one of the most important pieces of success came from Tom Olsen! He swam a season best in the medley relay, 50 freestyle and most important a career-best in the 100 breastroke. His time of 1:10.68 gives him a chance

to be a top placer at SEC in the event

Chelsea is well poised for an excellent late season surge and possibly some SEC heroics.

"All the pieces are there. All we have to do is execute, concluded Jolly. .

lake Flechhaber slams home two points for the Bulldogs.

# Strong effort

# Bulldogs give Ypsi all they can handle

By Terry Jacoby

They just keep coming. And coming. And ... well, you get the picture.

The Ypsilanti boys' basketball team doesn't always start off strong. They don't always bust out of the gate. But they never stop coming. It's relentless and can be suffocating for an opponent. The Phoenix did exactly that Friday

night against host Chelsea in an SEC game featuring an improved Bulldogs team taking on the conference favorite. This time, the favorite proved too much as the Phoenix flew back home with a 60-48 win.

The Bulldogs hung tough for most of the game. They cut the Ypsilanti lead to nine points early in the fourth quarter and again at 52-43 on a basket by Michael Steinhauer with 3:30 left to play. But the Phoenix eventually pulled away, taking a 57-43 lead with 1:30 left in the game on a basket by Mamadou Ba off a great pass from Tristan Simmons.

Ba led the Phoenix with 14 points while Simmons had 12, Darryl Hubbard Tipton 11 and Lavonte Davis scored 10 in a balanced offense.

The Bulldogs have been getting better the last few weeks.

'We scrapped and tried to make things happen," Chelsea coach Robin Raymond said. "I thought we controlled the ball fairly well. In the first half especially we had some chances inside and hesitated because we thought they would block the shot. We did a better job of being aggressive with the ball in the second half.

"I'm not displeased at all. I liked our effort and the last four or five games we've played well."

Luke Hollandsworth played a very strong game inside, leading the Bulldogs with 15 points. Senior Jack drives to the basket for the Bulldogs and scored 20 points for Chelsea. 

McDougall knocked down some big triples early in the game, ran the offense well and scored 13 for the home team.

The Bulldogs started strong on Friday, taking a 40 lead on a basket inside by Hollandsworth and then an 8-4 lead on a triple by McDougall in a defensive battle early on in the first

But the Phoenix started to get things going with a triple of their own from Simmons. His three-pointer at 2:20 tied the game at 8-8. McDougall quickly answered with his second three of the quarter and a nice runner in the lane from Michael Steinhauer gave the Bulldogs a 13-8 lead.

Hubbard-Tipton scored inside off a great pass from Janeau Joubert before Hollandsworth finished the quarter with a layup off a nice pass inside from Cody Barber to give Chelsea a 15-11 first-quarter lead.

The Phoenix scored the first six points of the second quarter and took their first lead of the game at 17-15 on a put-back from Marcus Palmer at 5:55.

Barber tied it back up at the other end, but Ypsilanti went on a 6-0 run to take a 25-18 lead on a rebound bucket from Davis.

The scoring in the first half ended with a three-pointer from the sophomore Joubert to give Ypsilanti a 28-20 halftime lead.

The Phoenix took advantage of a technical foul on the Bulldogs and turned in a four-point play to take a 35-22 lead. A triple a few minutes later by Matt Ray gave Ypsilanti a 38-26 lead. Hollandsworth then hit two free

throws and scored inside to cut the lead to 40-28 with 3:20 left in the quarter.

The teams then went back and forth for the rest of the quarter. Chelsea's Dominic Davis scored on two nice

Simmons scored inside for Ypsilanti to give the visitors a 48-36 lead.

McDougall ended the quarter with a triple at the buzzer to cut the deficit to 48-39 after three quarters.

The Bulldogs host Monroe on Tuesday before hosting Dexter on Friday in a girls-boys doubleheader.

# **Bulldogs win**

On Tuesday, Michael Steinhauer delivered the winner with just 2 seconds left on the clock as the Bulldogs -knocked off Adrian 53-51.

"This was a big win," Chelsea coach Robin Raymond said. "We have been playing a lot better but didn't have anything to show for it (after losing close games to Dexter and Lincoln). We are playing our most consistent basketball of the season."

With the game tied at 51-51, Raymond called a time out with 9 seconds on the clock. Plan A was a backdoor pass to Jack McDougall, a play which worked earlier in the year in a similar situation. But the Maples were ready for it - must have some good scouts working in Adrian.

Plan B was to get the ball to Jack Fischhaber at the top of the key and look for Steinhauer on the block. Fischhaber got the ball and indeed passed it inside to Steinhauer. The junior made a nice move with his back to the basket and delivered the game winning shot.

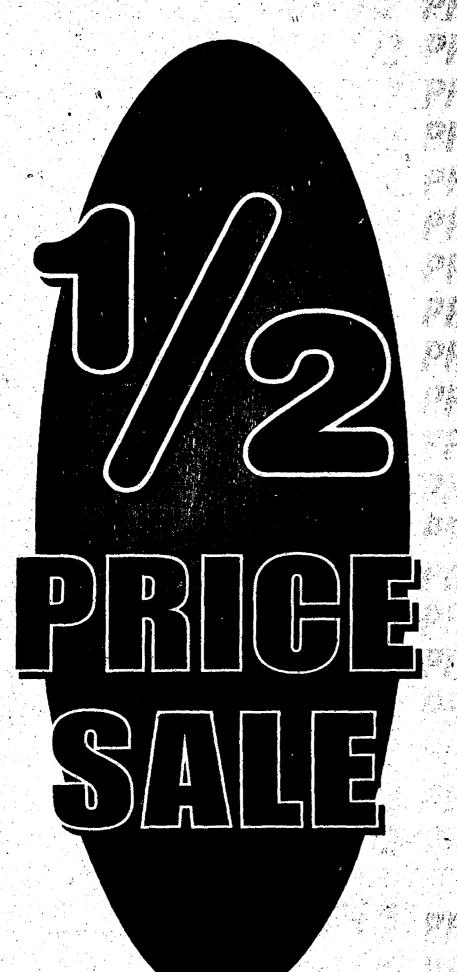
Another big play in the game came after Fischhaber hit a free throw to cut the deficit to two points. He missed the second free throw, but Cody Barber made a heads-up play and stole the ball on the rebound. Steinhauer scored inside to tie the game at 51-51.

Steinhauer and Fischhaber each



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# The heat is on: Five getaways to kindle romance

Romance is in the air.
Whether you are celebrating Valentine's Day, planning a honeymoon, or just looking for a fun getaway with your better half, these trip ideas are guaranteed to ignite a spark.

## **Escape on a cruise**

Put away your smartphone, shun the hassle of cooking and don't even think about making the bed. A cruise ship is the perfect place for couples to skirt reality for a while. Pretty much anything you could want is at your disposal and you hardly have to lift a finger.

The tep cruise lines have really upped their game in the culinary realm, so try a few different entrees and a few different desserts, and splurge for a drink package. For uberrelaxation, book a couples' massage. Celebrity Cruise's AquaSpa, for example, pampers its guests as they literally watch the ocean float by.

# Splurge for a dream vacation

Hawaii embodies the words dreamy, romantic and sensual like almost nowhere else. The Big Island of Hawaii was named by Away.com as a top-10 destination for a honeymoon vacation on a budget.

"Hawaii is a great

choice for a honeymoon, but many people think they can't afford it. The trick is to look beyond the name brand places on the Big Island, like Kona, in favor of a hidden-gem like Kealakekua Bay," says Away.com's senior editor Kate Chandler, Hawaii is known for its sandy beaches, but it has so much to offer, such as snorkeling expeditions, rolling golf courses, interesting cultural and natural history and plenty of yummy food choices. You can also. choose to do nothing at all besides just basking in your love somewhere indescribable.

# Take a hot air balloon ride

What better way to experience the beauty of Napa and Sonoma wine country than with a birdseye view? Book a sunrise or sunset tour, complete with a mini-picnic and local sparkling wine to set the mood as your drift above the vines and wineries. Very few things can match the serene energy you feel as you watch the first rays of sun begin to paint the morning sky.

## Hear a gig

The saying goes that it takes two to tango. But in Austin, Texas, you might well swap in the two-step instead. Orbitz.com named

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## Watch the stars

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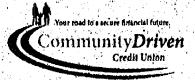
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# How the royal wedding influenced bridal trends

Although the latest Brides American Wedding Study shows the average cost of a wedding in 2010 was \$26,501, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009, weddings continue to be big business.

But many couples are opting to cut the guest list instead of big ticket items like wedding gowns.

In fact, the average wedding gown cost \$1,289 in 2010, a 20 percent increase over 2009, according to the study.

This is no surprise to the millions who were glued to their television sets this past April during the most talked about wedding since the 1981 royal wedding of Lady Diana to Prince Charles.

Many brides are now emulating the elegant lace

gown worn by Catherine Middleton, now the Duchess of Cambridge.

In addition to beautiful lace, the newest trends in wedding gowns include color, soft sleeves, short hemlines and eco-friendly materials.

Whether it is Chantilly, Alencon, duchesse, guipure, or ribbon, lace has become one of the hottest trends this year.

"Designers at all price points have debuted collections featuring full frothy skirts, wildflowers and lace used in both traditional and modern ways," says Kate Campbell, department chair of Fashion & Retail Management at The Art Institute of Tampa, a branch of Miami International University of Art & Design.

"This particular trend parallels the more feminine, elegant trends we see in fashion everywhere including more fitted and ladylike styles reminiscent of Grace Kelly and Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy."

While not for everyone, the use of color in wedding gowns has been growing in popularity. Rich and vibrant, or more subdued, color in bridal wear is everywhere. Some brides choose soft pastel colors, such as blush, rose or skin-tone.

Others opt to wear vibrant hues of lavender, green and deep pink. Less bold brides are more likely to use hints of accent color on sashes, bows, embroidery, hems, neck-lines or beading.

"The bride who chooses to add color to her dress is fashion forward and confident - it's not for the faint of heart," says Amber Chatelain, lead faculty for the Fashion & Retail Management program at The Art Institute of Tennessee - Nashville, a branch of The Art Institute of Atlanta.

Another interesting new trend in bridal wear is short gowns, especially for brides choosing destination and beach weddings. While they may be short in length, these dresses are not short on style.

Some offer sophisticated laces, chic feathers or multilayered organizamini-skirts.

Soft sleeves are enjoying a comeback. Designers have debuted soft, roman-

tic sleeves, including traditional cap sleeves in florals and tulle, modern silhouettes using vintage elements, sequin fringe and flutter sleeves, and romantic off-the-shoulder versions.

"The softness and elegance of the sleeves in bridal wear mirrors today's general fashion trends, where designers are highlighting the elegance and beauty of the female form in very soft ways," says Charlene Parsons, who heads the fashion programs at Miami International University of Art & Design.

Eco-friendly options have also increased in popularity.

"There are now numerous eco-friendly designers whose sole business is to create wedding dresses made with earth-friendly fabrics and materials, using techniques that are in harmony with the earth," says Crystal Shamblee, department chair of Fashion Design for The Art Institute of Philadelphia. Secondhand and vintage wedding dresses are another ecofriendly choice.

Whatever fashion trends a bride chooses, one that will never go out of style is a gown that fits well, is figure flattering and makes the bride feel like she's the most beautiful woman in the world on her big day.

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# Glee Cake & Pastry to offer tastings

Chelsea's Glee Cake & Pastry is offering a series of wedding cake and dessert tastings for brides starting this month.

The first informal tasting will take place at the downtown Chelsea Pastry Shop on Sunday, Feb. 19, from 12-3 p.m. Brides and grooms may attend free and additional guest tickets may be purchased for \$5. Participants will be able to sample a variety of cakes, desserts and cupcakes accompanied by free, locally roasted coffee.

Glee Cake & Pastry has been creating custom wedding cakes for over 25 years. They also offer several unique options including a wedding dessert buffet and custom cupcake towers.

"Many brides and grooms are looking for something different these days in place of a wedding cake," said Owner Glee Havens. "Our dessert buffets feature a variety of cakes, pastries

and other sweets. We also are seeing more requests for custom cupcakes that we present on tiered, decorated wedding stands. But, we still do a lot of traditional wedding cakes and groom's cakes."

Reservations are required for the February event and can be made by calling 734-475-3000 or stopping by in person. Space is limited to the first 45 guests to reserve. Brides/couples that book a wedding that day will receive a free anniversary cake certificate. Additional dates for future wedding tastings are listed on their website and Facebook page.

Glee Cake & Pastry can be found on Facebook at www.
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Raised in upstate New York, Glee Havens acquired the love of baking from her talented mother at a very early age.

After culinary school at the Baltimore Culinary Institute; Glee acquired the position of Executive Pastry Chef for the Omni Hotel & Convention Center. (The largest convention center in Maryland). She became very well known in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. area where she catered to many of the well-known restaurants, hotels and gourmet shops.

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# Turn dreams into reality with wedding insurance

Getting married is a dream. Who hasn't fantasized about the dress, the jewelry, your dad walking you down the aisle, the music, the cake, the reception following the ceremony?

Because people travel so much these days, weddings aren't always local any more

Destination weddings on the beaches of Hawaii or the Bahamas, or in a castle in Scotland or even in a 900-year-old bed and breakfast in Ireland are extremely popular, which can make planning a bit more difficult due to the distance

Often couples are not able to travel to the wedding location prior to the ceremony to get everything organized, and rely on telephone and email conversations.

Not being able to directly interact face to face with wedding organizers at the church and reception hall, and vendors who will be handling the cake, photos and flowers, to name a few, can make planning a bit more of a challenge.

Wedding dreams can turn into nightmares well before the wedding — your wedding dress shop, the caterer or even the venue goes out of business — or the day of — a tornado strikes the church where the wedding was to be held. But sometimes the nightmares end up to be

extremely funny stories
that will be retold time and
time again — and they
can happen whether the
wedding is taking place
locally, or halfway across
the country.

Stories like the bride, who shortly before the wedding, discovered her brother thought her dress needed a bit of extra color, and took his finger paints to the beautiful white fabric. Or the cat that decided to give birth — nestled into the folds of the bride's wedding gown.

"Wedding disasters occur on a daily basis," says Robert Nuccio, president of R.V. Nuccio & Associates, Inc., the exclusive program manager of the Fireman's Fund wedding insurance program in the U.S. "Weather, vendors going out of business, the father of the bride not being able to attend due to sudden illness — you name it, it's happened. You can't plan for these disasters. But you can have a plan B."

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Weather is the biggest offender causing wedding cancellations. If a hurricane, snowstorm, ice storm, tornado or airport closure forces you to move or postpone your destination or travel wedding, Wedsure.com wedding insurance pays all the nonrefundable expenses you incur, including the honeymoon.

Having a plan B can save you plenty of ups and downs on the emotional roller coaster if something turns your dream wedding into a nightmare.

For example, if the wedding gifts were to be stolen from the reception, wedding insurance can help protect you from experiencing grief.

"If the photographer fails to appear, or he does show up and takes pictures but is nowhere to be found several weeks later when you want your wedding photo proofs, the policy will pay to restage the wedding," says Nuccio, who is the author of the policy. "This includes flying everyone back, putting them up in hotels, feeding them, redressing them, rebuying the cake, rebuying the facility, rehiring a photographer and flying everyone home. Basically photographs and video

coverage will pay to recreate the entire fairytale just for the photographs."

Planning a wedding takes a lot of time and energy, especially when you and many members of the family have to travel for the event.

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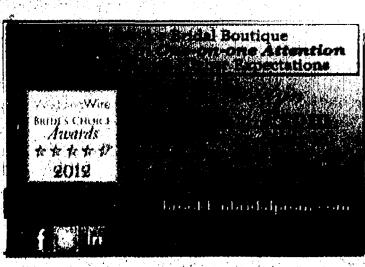
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# Secrets to a long, happy, successful marriage

Some might say a long celebrity marriage is one that endures the duration of the newly betrothed's trip down the aisle. We've seen Britney Spears dissolve a marriage after 55 hours and Kim Kardashian call it quits after 72 days. It seems even money can't buy matrimonial happi-

But some couples have been together for 50, 60 years and say they're still as much in love as they were the day they spoke their "I dos." What do they know that others do not?

According to clinical psychologist and relationship guru Dr. Phil McGraw, "We all need to be flexible and to compromise in marriage, but you've got to be true to your core traits and characteristics, what I call your authentic self." Some couples enter a relationship projecting a persona they believe the other person wants - one that really isn't what they're all about. This could be a woman trying to fill the role of her husband's nurturing mom or a guy playing the protector to his wife. In reality, marriage is more of a partnership, and truth and trust are often at the basis of good marriages.

There are many other "secrets" that marriage experts will offer to couples seeking the magic formula. Whether you're pondering

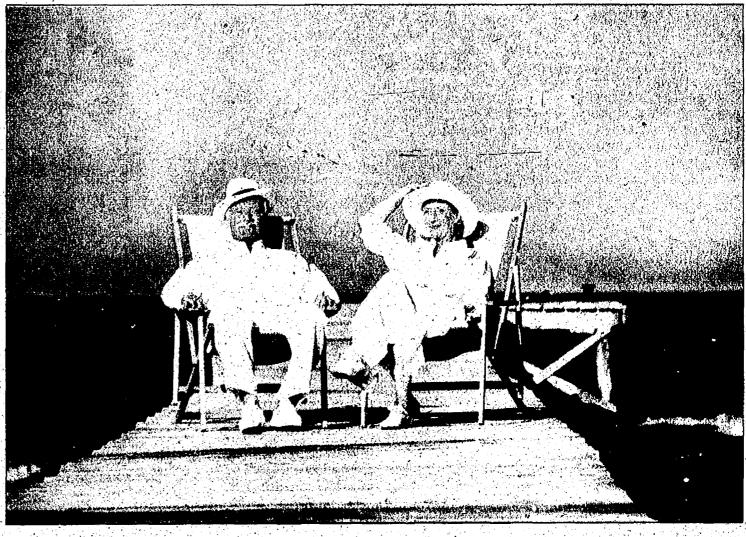
marriage or have already tied the knot, consider the following advice to make a marriage endure for the long haul.

· There's no such thing as the perfect marriage. Some couples create an image of what they think mar-'riage is supposed to be, and that image that often goes "poof" once reality sets in. Even soulmates are bound to frustrate or irritate one another from time to time.

 Couples should express their frustrations. Bottling up frustrations can eat at a person and eventually destroy a marriage. Talking about the things that are bothering you with your partner opens up a discussion and can help you work through things.

 Divorce should not be seen as a viable option. Couples who want to bail on the marriage at every turn could be directing their energy toward divorce as the only solution instead of discovering ways to remove the cause of strife. Divorce can sometimes be the easy way out when you think about the work that goes into keeping a marriage working. Experts say that there are a few issues, like adultery, abuse and drug/ alcohol addiction, that may be reasonable catalysts for divorce if personal safety and sanity is being compromised.

Make time for romance.



Couples who have stayed married for decades often put each other first and share a mutual respect.

It's easily said but not so easily done. Too often married couples forget what it was like to date when all of their attention was spent on each other instead of the house, kids, work, etc. Today there seems to be even more distractions, from e-mails to texts to pressure and obligations at the office. Happy couples

find the time to spend quality time with their spouses - even if that's only 10 minutes of alone time a day.

· Put "we" first. Many people operate on a "me" mentality. When you're part of a couple, give more to your spouse than you take. If he or she is doing the same, you're working collectively for the benefit

of the marriage instead of vourselves.

· Respect each other. Often couples having troubles realize they treat strangers better than they treat each other. Would use the insults or unflattering terms that you sometimes throw at your spouse with a complete stranger? Probably not. Good mar-

riages are based on a foundation of respect and love. It's easy to lose feelings of love if the respect is gone.

Couples can realize that there are some thorns that come with the roses of marriage, and staying happy together does take work for it to all be worth it.

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# Unique reception touches add something extra

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Who hasn't attended a wedding that seems formulaic? The couple enters, they do their spotlight dance, there's food, a bouquet toss and then the cake cutting.

Guests may actually be able to predict what's coming next. While it is often customary and easy to follow tradition, that doesn't mean you cannot buck with tradition and offer a few creative ideas to make your event stand out.

Here are several ideas you can introduce into your wedding to add something special to the recep-

\* Skip the big entrance. Those who were kind enough to attend the ceremony have already been introduced to the newly minted happy couple. Instead of spending the cocktail hour in the isolation of the wedding suite. mingle with your guests from start to finish.

So much time is spent posing for pictures or being out of touch with guests, the cocktail hour can be a great time to sit and chat.

Being with guests during the cocktail hour means you don't have to make that big entrance from behind closed doors. Guests will have all eyes on you when you step on the dance floor for your first dance together.

• Dance to an upbeat number. Guests are expecting a slow, sappy tune. What they may not expect is an upbeat song that shows you are willing to have a little fun.

If you haven't mastered the waltz but enjoy a little quick step now and again, feel free to choose a tune that shows your excitement and love for each other.

• Encourage couples to dance together. It's often customary for the bridal party to join the bride and groom on the dance floor midway through the first dance.

However, that leaves spouses or significant others waiting in the wings while their dates tango with groomsmen or bridesmaids. Instead, don't have assigned partners. Rather, encourage your bridal party members to dance with whomever they choose.

· Swap the garter/bouquet toss for something more meaningful. If you're part of a couple who feels the garter and bouquet toss has become trite, there are other ways to create special moments in your celebration -- ones that don't single out the singletons who haven't yet found their special someones. Use this time to present a small gift or token of your affection to someone on the guest list who has served as a mentor or source of inspiration.

 Choose one special component as an extra goodie for guests.

Some couples feel the more they offer the better guests will view their wedding.

Spending more money doesn't necessarily mean guests will have a better time.

If you want to go above and beyond the ordinary, find one thing that you absolutely love and offer that at the party It could

be a flambe presentation, a chocolate or candy bar, a carving station with your all-time favorite food (even if that's PB&J), or a carnival-inspired automatic photo booth.

• Hire a live performer. Although it's hard to beat the performance quality of your wedding song being performed by the origi-nal artist, unless you're cousins with Celine Dion. chances are she won't be available to sing "My Heart Will Go On" at your reception. However, a live band adds a certain level of excitement that a disk jockey may not be able to provide.

Those who are adding a cultural or ethnic component to their wedding may want to hire a dance troupe or another type of performer, like a bagpiper, as an added measure of entertainment for guests.

· Let them eat ... cookies? Some people just don't like cake. Therefore, why should a couple have to cut a seven-tiered white confection?

Towers of different types of treats can be created from just about anything and serve as the perfect backdrop for that classic cake cutting photo. A pyramid of cream puffs, stacks of brownies, a cookie castle, or cerealcake concoctions can work. Some bakeries will decorate a "dummy" styrofoam\* cake, and then you can serve apple pie a la mode, if you desire.

 Stage a costume switch. Let's face it, dancing all night in a long gown takes some stamina.

As the bride, have a more comfortable cocktail dress available to switch into for the latter part of the reception. It will also add some variety to your wedding photos.

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# Choosing a hue for the bridesmaid gowns

Bridesmaids are an important part of the wedding party and most brides opt to have a handful of close friends and family members play a special role in the wedding. Choosing a gown and a color that will flatter all of the brides-maids typically takes a little work.

An overwhelming majority of couples choose to have a formal wedding. The average number of bridesmaids for these formal weddings is four. Considering around two million weddings take place in North America every year, that's a lot of bridesmaids for whom gowns and other attire must be planned.

Many bridesmaids. worry about the gowns they will wear come the big day. Horrible bridesmaid dresses have been the butt of jokes for years, and many people have their own stories of garish gowns they've been asked to don for a wedding.

Some have said that brides intentionally choose ugly gowns for their bridesmaids to ensure they're not outshined come the wedding day.

Although this may be the case for some, most brides aspire to select gowns that will be

flattering for all. And color scheme is integral in the choice of gown. tures. Therefore, Every wellsome experimenplanned wedding tation might be carries a color

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Depending on hair color and skin shade, there are many

flattering hues available for

gowns. When making this decision, consider brides-maids' ethnicity and skin tone.

African-American: Women with dark skin and hair may really shine in jewel-colored gowns, including silver, gold, purple and salmon. Very pale colors may be daring and conspicuous.

Asian and olive-skinned women: Those with a slight yellow tone to their skin will look good in many colors, including red, navy, peach, and fuchsia. However, avoid colors in light yellow, aqua, gray, taupe, or mint, which may make the bridesmaid

look washed out.

Fair skin: Ladies with pale skin will benefit from richly colored gowns in jewel tones. Pastels may work, but be careful about those depending on hair. color. Pink or red-hued gowns may clash with someone with auburn hair. Yellow and green may not work with a fair brunette. Gray and silver may wash out someone who is pale and blonde.

Once a color is chosen. brides also need to consider the season. Certain colors may look out of place depending on the season. For example, an evergreen

or deep blue may seem wintry during a summer

Similarly, russet or brown may work for the autumn but not for a spring wedding. Many brides gravitate toward mid-level blues, greens, pinks and purples for their weddings, simply because those colors transcend the seasons.

After colors are worked. out, the style of the gown deserves consideration. Because not every bridesmaid has the same physical attributes, many brides are now open to selecting a color and length and allowing the bridesmaid herself

to choose the exact style. This way someone who is busty won't feel uncomfortable in strapless, and someone who is thin won't be overwhelmed by a lot of ruffles.

The intent is to have bridesmaids feel beautiful and comfortable, and different styles can help achieve this.

Making the effort to choose a gown color and style that is flattering to all in the bridal party will help the ladies feel they are truly a special part of the wedding.

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Choosing a gown that flatters bridesmalds is a significant responsibility for prospective brides planning their big day.

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