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Chelsea area leaders pose with Daedra McGhee of the U.S. Department of Justice as she signs a proclamation on the community's position on equality and human rights.

Equality for all

Leaders sign official document recognizing equitable practices

By Erica McClain
Heritage Media

Chelsea leaders officially claimed their progressive position on equality and human rights with a proclamation signed Feb. 17.

"I think this is just wonderful because it says a lot about who we are as a community and where we are going," Mayor Jason Lindauer said.

The proclamation came with gravitas as the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division approved of the community's efforts, calling Chelsea "a model community."

The compliment comes from a series of meetings the community leaders and a representative from the Civil

Rights Division had during the past few months, where they talked about programs that the community offered as well as how agencies like the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and Chelsea Community Hospital enriched the area.

"When all was said and done, they called us a model community," said David Killips, Chelsea Public Schools superintendent. "It's a feather in their cap and a feather in our cap."

The proclamation includes declarations such as: "Chelsea Area Communities do not tolerate prejudicial or discriminatory treatment of any person, whether a resident or a visitor in our communities."

The announcement also states that Chelsea recognizes the fundamental equality of everyone, applies a standard of equitable practices and fair treatment of all individuals, welcomes people of varied backgrounds and their contributions and will continue to proactively uphold an environment of respect, dignity and mutual understanding among

Water rates called into question

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

Chelsea resident Jeff Blazok spoke up on the city's water rates during Tuesday's city council meeting.

The water rates, Blazok says, are among the highest in the state. A document he provided to the board showed Chelsea residents pay \$44.20 per month for well water. Neighboring Dexter residents pay \$24.89 per month for well water, a nearly \$20 difference.

"All told we're paying over \$1.2 million as residents, no businesses, no industry for water to be delivered to our homes," he said.

Blazok said he recently moved to the area from Minnesota and chose Chelsea because his family said Chelsea has the best of everything.

"I have family who have lived in Chelsea their entire lives, and I've always heard Chelsea was the best in a lot of things — best schools, best downtown, best residents, best police force, best fire force," he said.

What Blazok didn't expect when he moved to Chelsea was the high water rates, he said.

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Cash Bash set for March 3

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

The Rotary Club's annual fundraising Cash Bash dinner is set for 7 p.m. March 3 at Silver Maples of Chelsea.

For a \$100 ticket price, couples receive two dinners, two drinks from the bar, the opportunity to bid on creative gift baskets and a chance at the \$3,000 grand prize.

There will be games, silent auctions, live auctions and raffles and a prize for everyone. More than 100 prizes will be given away, including four tickets to see the Tigers play the Yankees at Comerica Park; tickets to Red Wings and Pistons games; the first club membership to the new Chelsea Alehouse Brewery; two 4-foot tall metal Sandhill Cranes; and packages for the Purple Rose Theatre and Chelsea Comfort Inn.

"This is a fun night that benefits our local community and meets needs at an international level," said Club President Paul Schissler, owner of Surface Dynamics.

Club funds have been given locally in support of Faith in Action, St. Louis Center, SRSLY, Chelsea District Library, Ele's Place, and high school scholarships. Internationally, the Club has given to Shelter Box and clean water projects.

Cash Bash tickets are available from any Rotarian from the Chelsea Rotary Club; or call Schissler at 734-355-7198.

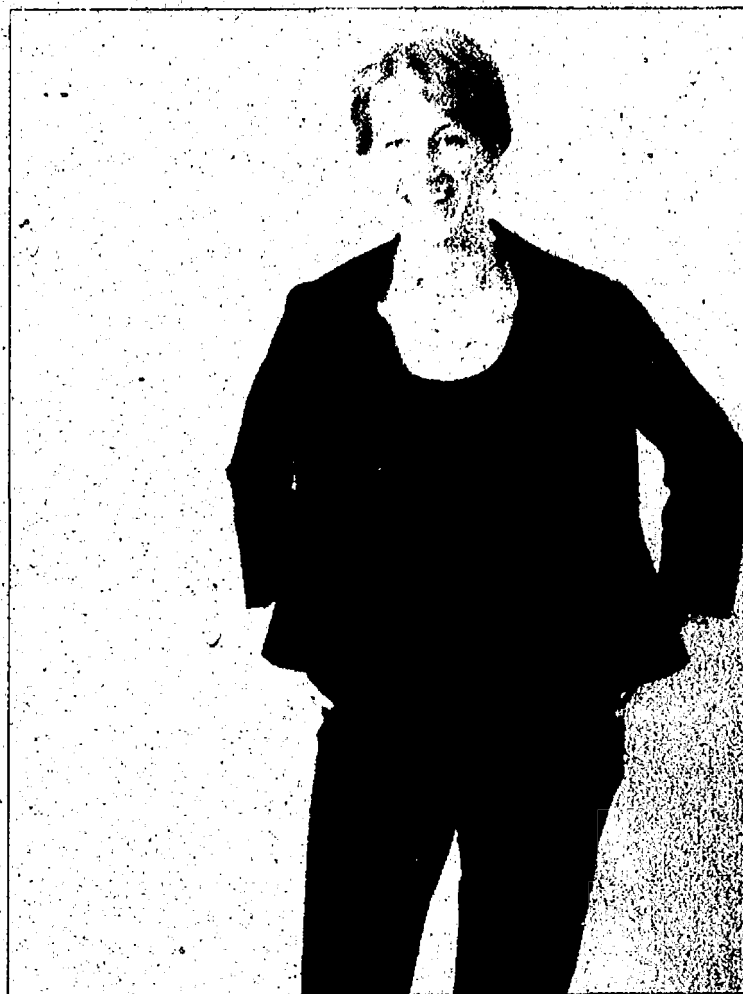
Cash Bash will also see the premiere of a new video for Rotary, created by Megan Torrance from TorranceLearning in Chelsea. She is on the Steering Committee of the Women's Exchange of Washtenaw, and serves on the Board of Trustees at the Ann Arbor Hands-On

Museum, where she is also part of the Strategy Committee and Tech Twilight Committee. She plays ice hockey and coaches her daughter's AAAHA Girls 12 & Under house hockey team at the Ice Cube in Ann Arbor.

"I joined the Chelsea Rotary Club in January 2011 because of their local impact and global reach," she said. "Through the various fundraisers the club has, they contribute to a lot of the things that help make Chelsea a special and supportive community, as well as providing support and volunteer opportunities with vital programs internationally."

"I also get a very deep connection to the community, meeting other members who are often business owners and leaders in their industries locally, and through the speakers that come each week."

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Chelsea Rotary Club member Megan Torrance from TorranceLearning in Chelsea has created a video about Rotary activities that will be premiered at the March 3 Cash Bash fundraiser at Silver Maples of Chelsea.

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Presidential Primary set for Tuesday

Local chapter of Republicans not endorsing

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Although local Republican groups are not endorsing a candidate in Tuesday's Presidential Primary, there are two issues they want to see

addressed.

"I think the most important thing to the Republicans is the national debt and getting rid of this healthcare plan," said Dave Adamson, a volunteer with the Washtenaw County Republican Committee.

Although the committee doesn't endorse a political candidate for the presidential primary, Adamson said he has spoke to many Republicans throughout the county who will be voting for Ron Paul.

According to a poll conducted in late January by the Pew Research Center, Republicans remain unimpressed with their party's presidential field.

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A recent Detroit

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News poll shows former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum leads in Michigan. Santorum leads Mitt Romney 34 percent to 30.4 percent among likely GOP primary voters. However, the gap is within the margin of error of 4.4 percentage points.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich received support from 11.6 percent of survey participants. Former U.S. Rep. Ron Paul had 8.9 percent, and 12.4 percent were undecided, according to the poll.

Adamson said the

national debt is the biggest issue hanging over the heads of all Americans and was recently cited as a security issue by the U.S. Secretary of Defense.

"It's quite obvious that the current president doesn't really want to do anything about it," he said.

According to the U.S. Department of Treasury website, the total national debt stands at nearly \$15.5 trillion. Another top issue is the healthcare plan.

"When something isn't broken, you shouldn't try to fix it," Adamson said. Though some provisions under the Affordable Care Act are currently active, many don't go into effect until 2014, unless overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The High Court agreed late last year to hear the case against the ACA, which some have garnered as unconstitutional.

A decision is expected by late June 2012.

Adamson said people have been complaining that Congress can't get along and can't get anything done, but, he said, when President Barack Obama took office, the Democrats had control over the presidential office.

House and Senate and were ruling against the will of the people.

Adamson said that it became obvious in the 2010 congressional elec-

tion, with the number of dramatic changes in office, that voters were dissatisfied.

Adamson said the only solution, in his mind, is to get the Democrats out of office so the government would be done by the will of the Republican Party.

Adamson said it's difficult to tell if how many people will turn out to vote in the primary.

"Who knows with our system how many Democrats want to come out to screw us up?" he said.

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Free training offered to learn to spot severe weather

Sessions begin March 24 in Chelsea

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office is offering free training to anyone interested in learning how to identify and report severe weather conditions.

The sheriff's office is working with the National Weather Service of Detroit and Pontiac to offer the 2012 severe weather Skywarn spotter training.

Anyone who is at least 18 years old can register to be trained in severe

weather identification, protection and reporting procedures.

Skywarn is a national program started in the 1970s by the National Weather Service. Skywarn spotters provide essential information on all types of weather hazards. About 10,000 thunderstorms, 5,000 floods and more than 1,000 tornadoes are reported on average every year in the country.

The training is popular because many residents are interested in knowing more about severe weather and protecting themselves and their communities, according to the sheriff's office emergency services division. More than 200 participants are trained in the county every year.

Two different sessions are available. One begins at 10 a.m. March 24 in the Washington Street Education Center cafeteria, 500 Washington St., north of Old US-12 in Chelsea. The second is 7 p.m. April 18 in the Liberty School auditorium, 7265 Saline-Ann Arbor Road, one mile north of US-12 in Saline.

The course is about two-and-a-half-hours long. Everyone who completes the program will be issued identification codes certifying they are trained.

Registration for courses begins 30 minutes before their starting times. However, preregistering ahead of time is preferred. Registration can be done online at emergency.washtenaw.org or

by calling 734-973-4900. Name, phone number, class date and verification of age must be provided.

Washtenaw County has a Skywarn spotter training cycle of two years. Spotters trained last year are not required to be retrained this year.

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Police launch online system for residents to report crime

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

Residents of Ann Arbor can now report some crimes to police using a recently launched online reporting system, the city announced in January.

This means residents will no longer need to drive downtown and visit the Ann Arbor Police Department to report certain minor crimes. It will save time for both residents and the department, which can focus more resources on urgent matters.

The system can be found on the department's website at www.a2gov.org/police. The system will be available 24 hours a day.

The types of crimes that can be reported online typically don't require an interview with police or follow up investigation. Often it

will be in cases where filing a report is necessary insurance claims.

Residents can report harassing phone calls, theft, vandalism, identity theft, lost or damaged property, and traffic crashes on private property. Theft and vandalism can be reported online when there are no witnesses to the incident.

According to the department's website, in most cases these reports will not be investigated. The report documents an incident has been reported to police.

Residents reporting a traffic crash will need to provide vehicle registration and proof of insurance information. Residents reporting credit card fraud or stolen identity will need all account information.

The online reporting system asks residents to

confirm the incident being reported occurred within the boundaries of Ann Arbor. Address and map tools are provided to determine if this is the case.

New hours for certain areas of the police department are in effect, including records, detective bureau administrative office, property unit and police payroll. These areas are closed on Fridays. Hours are now 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except when closed on city government holidays.

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CLUB CORNER: CHELSEA ROTARY CLUB

Cynthia Silveri, president of Friends of the Library, was welcomed to the Rotary Club of Chelsea's weekly meeting. Cynthia reported on the Friends' successful activities that support the Best Small Library in America. Volunteers, including board members, are needed to further the Friends' mission.

Library Director and Rotary President nominee Bill Harmer (left), President of the Friends of the Library Cynthia Silveri and Rotary Club President Paul Schissler pose for a photo at a Rotary Club meeting.

WATER

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"We're one of the most expensive cities to get water in," he said. "It's well water; we don't pay for our water."

Blazok asked the Council why the numbers are so high and why the \$10 million bond for the water treatment plant, which opened in 2002, hasn't been paid off yet.

The city increased water and sewer rates by 15 percent in 2004 to pay for the bond.

"I don't understand these numbers; I don't understand how \$1.2 million has not been paid down the bond," he said. "\$1.2 million just to get water seems outrageously high for the people that are retired in Chelsea (and) for the people who moved here with young families that are trying to establish themselves."

The Council did not respond to Blazok at the meeting, but Mayor Jason Lindauer said he did try to contact Blazok unsuccessfully during the council's visioning session last week.

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EQUALITY

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diverse groups of individuals, via education, dialogue and community activities.

Killips said the justice department's look into the Chelsea community began with the school district because the two have a great working relationship.

The superintendent said the district's bullying policy served as evidence of the community's progressive stance since the schools had an anti-bullying policy long before the state issued a mandate.

County Commission Rob Turner said the justice department also noted how many programs Chelsea had to offer for children.

"This community really is proactive with helping kids with substances and abuse, and we have a great program, SRSly, in place," Turner said.

Chelsea leaders' abilities to collaborate with one another was also noted by the department of justice.

Bob Pierce, executive director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, said that collaboration between all the community agencies — public, private and government — truly is "the hallmark of this community."

Killips said that what he finds unique about Chelsea is that the attitude of collaboration is constantly geared not toward "Why we would support this?" but, "Why wouldn't we support this?"

"We have some great things going on to be proud of."

BASH

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The video idea came about when Torrance was in a group planning activities for the Cash Bash.

"We realized that people coming to the event might not know how the money raised is spent — I know some of the work that Rotary does came as a surprise to me when I joined the club," she said. "One of the tools we use in my work at TorranceLearning is video production for e-learning. This video will tell the story of how the Chelsea Rotary Club's fundraising activities impact our local community and the world."

"Cash Bash is a lot of fun, for a really great cause — well, with all the different projects Chelsea Rotary supports, it's a lot of great causes. Silver Maples puts on a great dinner; they're super hosts."

Torrance has been helped

by Natalie Hewitt, a junior at Albion College in the Gerstacker Honors Business Program, who is interning with TorranceLearning as an e-learning course writer.

"Because of the nature of the Rotary project, and the fact that Natalie is a former junior Rotarian from the Grand Rapids area, it seemed like a great fit to have her work on this video project," Torrance said. "She wrote the script, arranged for the on-camera talent — local Rotarians — and will be doing the post-production editing for the video. We're really thrilled to have Natalie work with us this term."

The experience of making the video has been outstanding, Hewitt said. "I'm truly impressed by the extent that this club embodies the Rotary spirit of 'Service Over Self' and is committed to strengthening both its local community and the international community that we all belong to. There are so many

"I'm truly impressed by the extent that this club embodies the Rotary spirit of 'Service Over Self.'

deserving causes that are funded by Cash Bash, and I'm excited to be a part of it."

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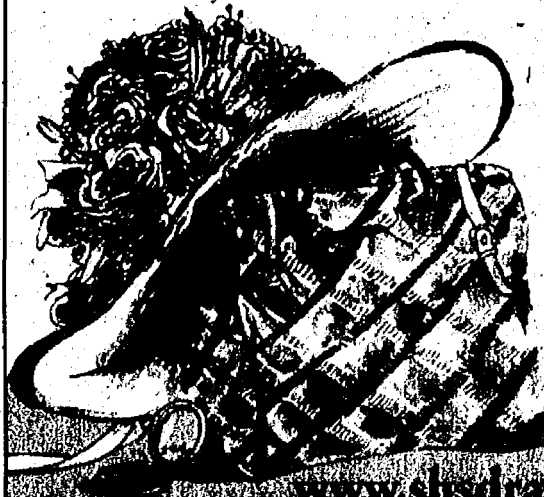
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Governor stops by VA Healthcare System

Visit part of Salute to Veterans Week

By James David Dickson and Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

"Do something for the vets, Snyder!" a man said after the governor passed.

The man's tone was a bit muted for an utterance made in protest. He did not follow it up or press the issue. The governor and his entourage did not break stride.

It turns out that the man would be Gov. Rick Snyder's only critic when the Republican paid a visit to Ann Arbor's Veterans Administration hospital, 2215 Fuller Road, Feb. 14 in honor of the national Salute to Veterans Week, which was celebrated Feb. 12 through Feb. 18. Snyder came to tour the facility and show the veterans his appreciation for their service, one of many politicians scheduled to do so.

Snyder was welcomed to the hospital by state Sen. Rebekah Warren, a Democrat who represents Ann Arbor in Lansing.

From there, Snyder and his security team visited the Outpatient Mental Health Clinic, a seventh-floor unit that's only a year old. It was in this clinic that Snyder's critic spoke his mind.

Next up was the Hematology/Oncology Infusion Center, which was



Gov. Rick Snyder signs a cap for a veteran at the Veterans Administration Ann Arbor Healthcare System. He made a Valentine's Day visit in honor of Salute to Veterans Week, which was Feb. 12 through 18.

renovated in November. There was a time when veteran cancer patients were sitting "chair to chair," said Derek Atkinson, who handles public affairs for the hospital.

But now the center has space for 16 patients, who can get the treatment they need while sitting in individualized pods, on heated chairs, with a strong complement of TV channels to help the time pass.

The final stop of Snyder's tour was the Community Living Center, which Atkinson described as a short-term nursing unit. Roughly a dozen and a half ailing veterans, from all

branches of the military, were there.

Snyder made a point to speak to each veteran, to shake his hand, to ask where he was from and how he was feeling. There were no women veterans at any of the tour stops.

Snyder even talked retirement plans with one, Gun Lake for the governor, and politics with another, promising one man who asked about a second bridge over the Detroit River that "we're gonna get that project done," adding that the Ambassador Bridge "needs competition."

All of the veterans who crossed the governor's path

were left with a Snyder-signed American flag baseball cap.

In a brief interview with Heritage Media, Snyder agreed with his critic that more needed to be done for the state's veterans, one third of whom are unemployed. Snyder said he would like to work with employers to encourage them to hire Michiganders who've served their country.

Jim Dunn, chief of staff for the state's Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, said Michigan is home to some 700,000 veterans, and account for 7 percent of the state's

population. This makes Michigan home to the 11th largest veteran population in America.

Most are Vietnam veterans, but in recent years there's been an uptick in veterans from America's more recent conflicts, said Randall Ritter, associate director of the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System.

Locally, another purpose of Salute to Veterans Week is to invite the community in and connect it with veteran-involved volunteering opportunities, said Beverly Lenosky, chief of voluntary service at the hospital.

Ann Arbor's VA hospital, which includes three

regional satellites, has roughly 2,000 paid staffers and 1,000 volunteers, who serve the 56,000 veterans who come through its doors each year.

The volunteers, many of whom are veterans themselves, help patients in a variety of ways, from physical therapy to escorting them to and from appointments, to assisting with recreational programs, Lenosky said.

Salute to Veterans Week kicked off Feb. 12 with a visit from Congressman John Dingell, a Democrat who represents Ann Arbor in Washington, D.C.

Community leaders discuss homelessness in Washtenaw

Poor economy is making the problem worse

By Krista Gjestland
Special Writer

Community leaders gathered Feb. 13 at the Ann Arbor District Library to discuss the issue of homelessness in Washtenaw County.

The discussion was moderated by Julie Steiner, executive director of The Washtenaw Housing Alliance, a coalition of 27 organizations dedicated to eradicating homelessness.

The alliance has a goal of ending homelessness in the Ann Arbor area by 2014.

Representatives from five Washtenaw Housing Alliance members spoke, including Carole McCabe, executive director at The Avalon House; Shawn Dowling, director of the Healthcare for Homeless Vets program at the Veterans Administration Ann Arbor Healthcare System; Nicole Adelman, executive director of The

Alpha House; Katie Doyle, executive director of The Ozone House; and Faye Askew-King, executive director at SOS Community Services.

Panel members discussed what is being done in the county to reach The Washtenaw Housing Alliance's goal of homelessness eradication.

One new step has been to make Askew-King and SOS the starting point for all of the county's homelessness services.

"We have taken on the task of being the single access point for all housing problems for the county," Askew-King said. "People can call us if they are facing an eviction, if they were formerly homeless and they found a place to stay or if they somehow tumbled into homelessness."

This single access point, which was put into place Oct. 1, 2011, makes it easier for people who need services to get them quickly and effectively. Askew-King said this measure has made a significant difference in helping people who are facing an eviction.



Representatives from five Washtenaw Housing Alliance members spoke, including Carole McCabe, executive director at The Avalon House; Shawn Dowling, director of the Healthcare for Homeless Vets program at the Veterans Administration Ann Arbor Healthcare System; Nicole Adelman, executive director of The Alpha House; Katie Doyle, executive director of The Ozone House; and Faye Askew-King, executive director at SOS Community Services.

"What's new and unique about housing access is that we can help with the entire amount," she said. "Before people had to go to three or four different agencies to try to cobble all the money together to prevent the eviction. So now there's one number they can call, and they can get they full amount."

The single access point is also creating a database that The Washtenaw Housing Alliance hopes will let the organization keep a better count on how many people struggle

with homelessness in the county, and how much of the county's services are being used.

Despite these efforts, homelessness is still a pressing issue in Washtenaw.

One problem facing The Washtenaw Housing Alliance is the downturn in the country's economy. The poor economy is keeping more people in homelessness and putting more people at a higher risk of becoming homeless.

According to a report by The Washtenaw Housing

Alliance titled Blueprint Progress Report 2004-2011, 4,738 people experienced homelessness in the United States. That's an increase of almost 2,000 since 2004.

"The economics in our country are really creating what we call a new face of homelessness and folks who are at risk of being homeless," Askew-King said. The panel opened the floor up for questions from the audience, and a common theme was why homelessness isn't being solved if so many organizations are working to fight it?

The simple answer was funding and affordability. "We don't have enough resources to meet the need," Askew-King said. "If anybody in here has tried to rent an apartment in Washtenaw County, affordability is a really big issue."

The average rent for an apartment in Washtenaw County is approximately \$750, according to city data.

State rules also present a challenge for the alliance. The state will only pay for 90 days of shelter per person, per year, Adelman said. "There's only so much you can do in 90 days of shelter," she said. "The way the state rules are set up, is once you time out for shelter, you can't come back to shelter for another year. So if people spend 90 days in shelter, the state will no longer pay for shelter until a year has passed."

Despite its challenges, The Washtenaw Housing Alliance and the organizations that make up the coalition will continue to fight toward eradicating homelessness in Washtenaw County.

County extends towing contract despite questions

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Allegations presented by Aachen Auto owner Ed Lee against competitor and current Washtenaw County towing contract holder Bill Salamey didn't amount to enough to result in the removal of the Salamey's contract.

The allegations of fraudulence against Salamey were commented on by County Commissioner Conan Smith and were subject to investigation by Washtenaw County counsel Curtis Hedger and Sheriff Jerry Clayton's staff over the past couple of months.

Salamey, owner of Budget Towing, Stadium Towing and Glen Ann Towing, was

issued the contract last June and a request for proposals was supposed to go out this quarter. County officials, however, have canceled the bid process. Instead Salamey will continue fulfilling the existing contract on a provisional basis until a new request for proposals is drawn and re-bid.

Part of Lee's allegations involved accusing Salamey of violating a stipulation in the RFP that limits a towing company to assigning one truck to an area within the contract's geographic boundaries. A single truck can't be listed in the bid as serving in two sub-areas of the county at a given time.

In a response letter on the matter from the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office, busi-

ness manager Bob Mossing said Salamey did what Lee says he did with regard to that specific allegation, but concludes that it's not a problem requiring action.

"A concern was brought up that Budget/Stadium/Wall Street/Glen Ann Towing submitted all their vehicles in bid packages in response to (the RFP)," Mossing wrote. "And this is correct. However, we informed the tow companies to allocate which vehicles would be allocated to which bid area before inspection."

"We allowed this exception under our II Proposal Terms A. in which 'Washtenaw County reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive or not waive informalities in bids or

bidding procedures, and to accept or further negotiate cost, terms, or conditions of any bid determined by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office to be in the best interest of (WCSO), even though not the lowest bidder."

Lee responded by calling the clause a "catch all" for the county and the county abrogated the terms of its bid requirements. But County Administrator Verna McDaniel responded directly to that claim when presented with it via email.

"The verbiage in question is contained in all Washtenaw County requests for proposal," she said.

"It is there for the purpose of addressing any irregularities or other issues which should be considered by

Washtenaw County in order to protect and serve the best interest of its citizens."

McDaniel explained that the county uses a point system in its RFP process and tries to balance choosing the highest quality and most cost effective supplier in awarding contracts.

McDaniel added that the recently RFP cancellation and planned re-bid was due to "changing conditions and the passing of time."

"The county intends to award contracts according to the guidelines contained in the RFP ... all bidders will receive equal time," she said.

Salamey defended the integrity of his business at a Washtenaw County Board meeting earlier this month, at which Lee had requested

a 20-minute window to make his case before the board, but was denied by the county administration.

"I feel (based on) the things that were said in those meetings, my character may have been defamed," Salamey said. "I know you guys have done your due diligence in the allegations that were presented, and I appreciate the time that the department has done to clarify the confusion."

Salamey pointed to contracts with other state law enforcement agencies and philanthropic efforts to prove that he is an upright business figure.

As far as the sheriff's office and county administration are concerned, the matter is closed.

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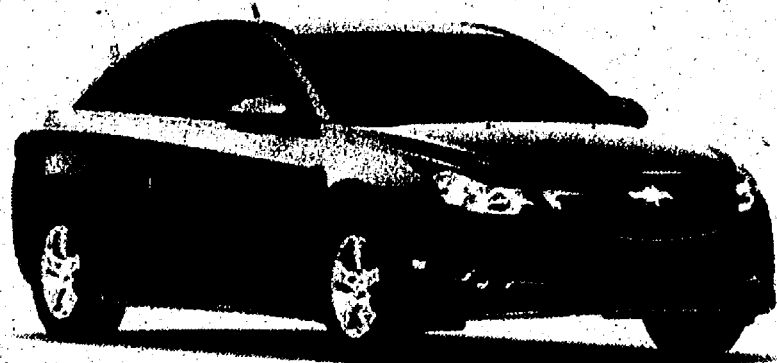
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Thursday, February 23, 2012

WEB VIEWS

ONLINE POLL QUESTION

What represents the first sign of spring to you?

- A A robin sighting
B Spring flowers
C Sunshine
D A line at the car wash

Life is all a matter of faith, but what kind of faith?

Leap of faith.
Lack of faith.
Blind faith.

Article of

faith.
Keeping the faith.

I'm a reasonable man, a reasoning man, yet faith holds a unique place in my life.

Probably in most of yours, too — although possibly not in the same way.

For many, no doubt, faith is a component of religious affinity; belief

in a higher power; belief in something for which there is no proof.

My faith is different.

Not that I do or don't believe in a higher power, just that I do believe in the power right in front of us every day.

For example, I have faith in my fellow man, in the basic goodness of people.

You might think this naive, yet we see it practiced

all the time — through acts of kindness, volunteerism, support of charities.

Sure, there are criminals and charlatans, but that doesn't detract from the overall impact of the majority who act in good faith to help their fellow traveler, to aid those in need.

I have faith in family and friends, people who would do whatever is necessary to help me — as I would them.

I have faith in my wife's instincts, warmth, intelligence, empathy and compassion to hold our family together and provide a guiding light to all.

I'm sure many of you have someone like that in your life; if you don't, then someone needs to step up to the plate.

We're here; ask us.

I also have faith in our institutions, as suspect as

they often seem — yet for the same reason: They were created by man to codify what Abraham Lincoln called "the better angels of our nature."

And when we see failure, it's not of the institutions, but of the men and women who fail to make them work. Governance vs. government.

As with the religious connotation, such faith can be tested — by crime, gridlock, cruelty and incompetence.

But that has never dampened my faith in the future; my critiques of our society (and politics in particular) are steeped in a belief we can do better, that the majority of us want to do better.

Where faith wavers for many of us is when we see our institutions fail to provide. We then see little point in engaging and then decline to vote, to participate, to be heard.

Some of us become complacent, but more often than not, we become bitter, angry and frustrated and seek out targets to blame.

And our nation becomes ever more polarized as a

result.

It's said that two things you should never discuss in a group are politics and religion — and yet I speak of politics often.

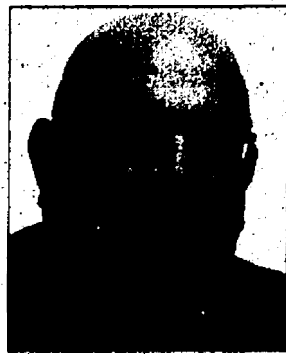
Religion, on the other hand, too often means the politicized factions of various belief structures, of "faiths" that proclaim their superiority over one another.

Which is why I'd rather stick with the issue of faith itself. I have faith that as a species, humans have the ability to overcome their failings, using — ironically — reason to sort out the wheat from the chaff, to find solutions to our pressing problems, cures for our diseases, ideas for our future.

Like I said, it might be naive thinking on my part — yet that's what makes it an article of faith.

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GUEST COLUMN



CRAIG FARRAND

OUR TAKE: Editorial

NRC calls for nuclear plants to be studied

We have questioned the costs of accelerating retirement of the nation's nuclear plants. Early retirement was advocated by an organization worried about the impact of natural disasters or accidents at plants on nearby public water supplies.

Public Interest Research Group in Michigan pointed to the proximity of the Fermi II plant near Monroe to Detroit's water intakes in the Detroit River.

We suggested that we need a better understanding of the hazards before we spend big bucks to address them, along the way noting that we're not in a high-risk earthquake zone.

Well, we got our wish.

In an article in the Wall Street Journal, it was noted that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission wants operators of 96 nuclear plants in the East and Midwest to conduct seismic studies over the next four years.

New data suggests damaging earthquakes may be more likely than previously recognized in these regions, according to the NRC.

The changes, the Journal article reports, result from added information about hundreds of earthquakes in the last 450 years that weren't previously cataloged.

The NRC's requirement was challenged on two sides. An executive at an association of nuclear plant operators, said the studies will take time.

Others warn that the cost of upgrading existing plants to meet a new perception of risk may be worth more than the plant, resulting in closure.

But the Union of Concerned Scientists said the federal agency has enough information to require immediate changes to many plants and called further delay a "stall tactic."

The risks at a few sites were tentatively calculated. According to the report, the worst earthquake likely in a 10,000-year period in Chattanooga, Tenn., would be twice as damaging to structures as previous estimates. Similar results were determined at sites in Texas, New Hampshire, Mississippi, Kansas, Illinois and Georgia.

On our drainage systems, we plan for events that might occur just once every 10, 20, 50 or 100 years. Is it reasonable to plan for an event that might occur once in 10,000 years, to a facility with a useful life measured only in decades?

We suggested we need a better estimate of the risks. It appears we're going to get it.

—Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

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"SORRY, I WAS DISTRACTED... WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?"

Getting through divorce in a time of recovery

In mid-2009, I wrote a column titled "Divorce in a time of recession," which began with:

"The Great Recession of 2007-09 has had the same detrimental effect on the stability of marriages as in all the other economic downturns in the last 100 years. As unemployment, bankruptcies and foreclosures have increased, so has the stress on married couples to deal with the inevitable pressure points that develop in the relationship. Couples now have financial problems (due to job loss or income reduction) that are new to their relationship."

Michigan's economy has gotten significantly better since then — evidenced by a Feb. 8 New York Times report touting the state of Michigan's \$457 million surplus. GM and Chrysler have emerged full throttle

from their summer 2009 bankruptcies and Ford has seen record profits. The unemployment rate here is down from more than 14.1 percent to 9.3 percent and the auto manufacturers and their suppliers with their healthy profits are in a definite hiring mode. As a result of more people being employed leading to less family financial distress, the divorce rate also has gone down.

However, as we all know, many married people have always gotten divorced for reasons having nothing to do with income or wealth. Nevertheless, for those getting divorced in 2012, one problem seems to gotten worse despite the uptick in the economy — the reduced in value and/or "underwater" mortgaged marital

home.

Thus, what is different in the divorces being settled today (95 percent or more of Michigan divorces are settled) is that, due to the recession, in too many cases traditional middle class families, instead of dividing the assets of the parties, see their lawyers grappling with how to divide the debts. This is particularly true with respect to marital homes.

Since so many Michigan homes are now underwater (the mortgage debt being more than the house's value), the issue is not, as was usually the case in the past, who buys out the other's equity, but how to divide the mortgage liability. Short sales, deeds in lieu of foreclosure, and one party staying in the house until the foreclosure is final now are the norm instead of the rarity. Even when there is no mortgage — with the massive decline in property values in Michigan, and throughout the nation — there is much less counted on equity, if any, to divide.

Divorce is always a wrenching matter, but today it is even more so. Many longtime estranged married people have only stayed married because they wanted to wait until their children were out of the house. The plan was that the parties would use the equity built up over the years of the marriage once the sale of their marital home was completed to establish two new households.

The aphorism about one reason for getting married is that "two can live as cheaply as one" is now trumped by the sad, but true, fact that it is clearly much more expensive for a married couple used to living in a single home to live separately. To add insult to injury, the credit of both spouses is frequently so greatly damaged that neither can find a place to live that is anywhere near as "nice" as the marital home.

The effect of the hard economic times of the last six years on all families has only added to the problems of those experiencing

the roller coaster ride of divorce. Family law attorneys need to be sensitive to how all this plays out in negotiating settlements.

While the psychological aspects of divorce always have been at the forefront of the issues in the practice of family law, Michigan's 1970 no fault divorce law was designed to eliminate traumatic issues such as adultery and abandonment as factors in obtaining a divorce.

Unfortunately, the recession has introduced new stresses caused by long-held financial expectations evaporating, producing major complications in reaching divorce settlements quickly and without recrimination.

Unrealistic views of what are the parties' actual assets and liabilities always have been a significant component of divorce cases. But they are more so today because of the difficulty in valuing real property regardless of where it is located. There are so many foreclosed and abandoned houses on the

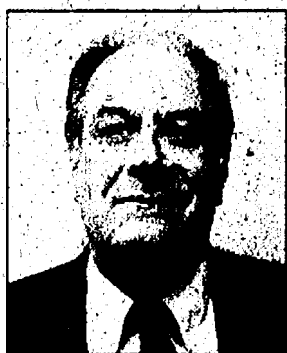
market — and so few buyers regardless of the price — that house appraisals vary greatly depending on who is doing the appraisal. Trained divorce mediators/arbitrators making recommendations on settlements are frequently challenged because of large discrepancies in valuations between the plaintiff's and defendant's experts.

As the recovery in the Michigan and the U.S. economies progresses, presumably housing values will increase. But economists are warning that it will take a number of years before prices are anywhere near what they were prior to the years between 2000 and 2005. Clients' monetary frustrations in the second decade of the 21st century only make divorce cases that much harder to resolve.

That is the reality in which family law attorneys will have to practice for the foreseeable future.

Morris Goodman, a litigation and family law attorney, is a longtime political activist and community observer.

GUEST COLUMN



MORRIS GOODMAN

Area churches to observe World Day of Prayer



Kids make some bread at last year's World Day of Prayer.

By Christy Vander Haagen
Special Writer

St. Joseph Parish is hosting this year's World Day of Prayer 7 p.m. March 2 at the village church, 3430 Dover St. The annual event is held the first Friday of every March and is a worldwide coming together of millions of women of all faiths to observe a day of prayer.

The World Day of Prayer, for thousands of churches from more than 170 countries, focuses each year on services written by women from a specific country. The service consists of hymns, readings, stories and messages about a specific need for awareness or assistance in the country. This year, the service was written by the women of Malaysia. The focus of the service is "Let Justice Prevail" with an emphasis on awareness

about the illegal trafficking of women.

According to material provided by the World Day of Prayer international Committee, the event encourages women to be enriched by the faith of Christians of other countries and cultures as well as to take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them.

A group of five Dexter churches shares the honor of hosting the annual event, according to Sharon Wisniewski, the World Day of Prayer co-chairperson for St. Joseph Parish. The participating churches are St. Joseph Parish, Dexter United Methodist Church, St. James Episcopal, St. Andrew's United Church of Christ and Webster Church. Ministers from each church make up Dexter's Ecumenical Council.

Last year's event was hosted by St. James Episcopal Church, the service was written by the women of Chile and focused on hunger and starvation, according to Wisniewski.

"Last year's event was wonderful," she said. Wisniewski has been involved in the World Day of Prayer for eight years.

"It takes a few months to put it all together," she said. "One of my favorite parts about it is realizing how lucky we (Americans) are. It always surprises me to see how enthusiastic people are to learn about other churches and faiths."

According to Wisniewski, there will be fellowship as well as Malaysian refreshments available after the service.

Visit St. Joseph's website for more information or call 734-426-8483.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Storage facility not a good fit for Chelsea area

Many Chelsea area residents may not know that a plan was presented to the Planning Commission of Lyndon Township to build a very large mini-storage facility on Stofer Road, just south of the power lines on the west side of Stofer.

This property is zoned rural residential and has

been used for farming. The consulting planner for the township evaluated the plan and his opinion was that it does not fit in this area of private homes.

Comments from the public indicated that mini storage results in increased traffic congestion on an already busy road and ruins the rural character of the area. A police detective submitted that storage areas result in increased crime due to stor-

age of drug-related materials. A geologist indicated that the property is on a high spot and drops off in back to a valley, and aquifer issues need to be considered.

The master plan for Lyndon Township calls for a rural, residential and recreational community and for preservation of farms and the natural character of the township.

A revised plan will be reviewed on March 8 at 7 p.m.

at the Lyndon Town Hall. All interested persons should attend. At this point, some of the commission members are inclined to allow the building of a commercial mini-storage facility on Stofer Road south of the power lines.

If you cannot attend, a letter can be submitted to the Planning Commission at 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.

Zora Longworth
Chelsea

GUEST COLUMN: By Elaine Owsley

Strange weather will trickle down

By Elaine Owsley
Special Writer

Whichever side of the Global Warming debate you have chosen, you have to admit that our weather has definitely changed over the past few years.

This winter, for instance, instead of the normal 44 inches of snow in these parts, we have had a little over 14.

This means we are about 30 inches short, going into spring.

A shortage of moisture, no matter in what form it occurs, is a serious thing.

Nearly every area of our lives is impacted by the availability of water. We drink it to sustain life, we need it to grow crops so that we might have food, and that the livestock we use for food can be sustained. We wash in it, wash our clothes in it, along with anything else that needs to be cleaned. And, if you live in the country, the water from your well flushes the toilets, as well as providing your drinking, shower and bath water.

The "trickle down" effect - or lack thereof - of a shortage of moisture means that certain feed crops will be stunted or dry up altogether. When that happens, anything that eats those crops has less to eat or the folks who raise them will have to pay more for whatever feedstuffs they can procure. When that happens, it costs more to raise the beef or pork or chickens or lambs and they either are

sold off prematurely and/or the price asked for them increases, which means that the meats you find in the grocery or on your plate in the restaurants will cost more. Or they will be imported from places less concerned with food safety than our own country. There is no help for it.

In the South this past couple of years, the cotton crops have been affected by prolonged draught. Consequently, what is available for sale is more expensive for the manufacturers of fabrics, the manufacturers of clothing have to charge more for their production and we pay more in the shops for what we need to make our clothing, quilts, or the clothing we buy ready-made.

Of course there are parts of the country and the world that have seen far too much moisture - rain

or snow. Places unused to a high volume of snow in parts of Europe have had devastating amounts that buried their homes and killed people who couldn't escape. Floods, torrents of rain in our own Northeast have created major difficulties and dangers.

And there are other places and occurrences and consequences you have probably seen on TV news or read about in newspapers or magazines. This has not been anything like a "normal" year, weather-wise, worldwide.

No matter your political leanings, the fact that something is amiss should concern us all. No one is immune from the results of weather change. A woman in a local store commented that the lack of enough killing frost this winter probably means we will have another summer of mosqui-

to plague like last summer - just another off-shoot of the weather impact.

If there is something we can all do to bring about a change in all this, we should at least try. We are way beyond being able to ignore the problem.

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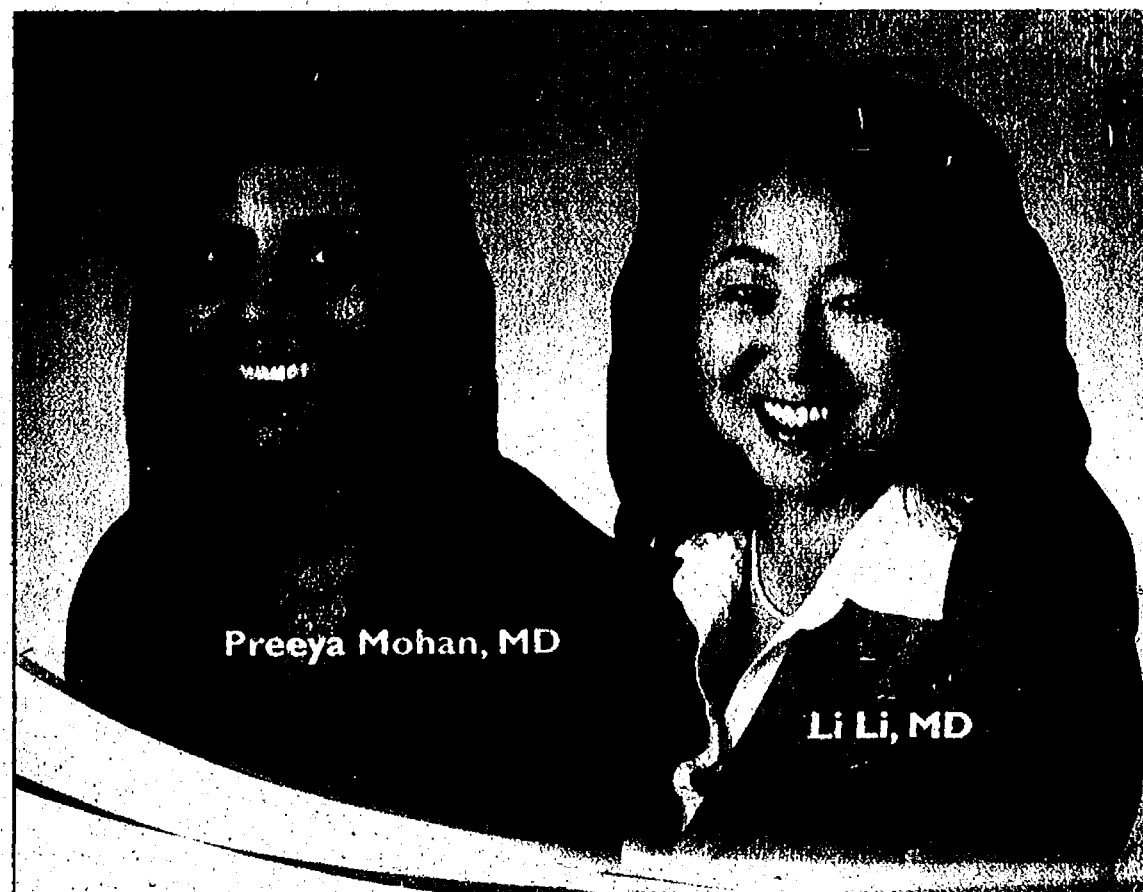
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Dexter Rent All provides variety, opens March 3

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

Dexter residents will soon be able to rent all they need for parties and do-it-yourself home projects.

Dexter Rent All, located at 8080 Grand St., will be opening near the end of this month, according to owners Stephanie and Doug Schoch.

Dexter Rent All will rent out supplies for parties, including tables, chairs and tents, and construction equipment.

Stephanie said she and her husband had wanted to open a business because both had grown up in family businesses.

"Being that we both grew up in family businesses, we thought it gives the kids a good background of how to work hard," she said.

Stephanie's parents own the building, and when the previous renters left last July, the Schoches decided they wanted to move into the space.

Because the area is commercial, the couple's options

were limited. Eventually they decided on a rental service, something most people travel to Ann Arbor for.

"I think it'll be nice to have something local like a rental place," Stephanie said. "With the economy the way it is, people are doing more do-it-yourself projects."

Do-it-yourselfers will be able to rent power tools, ladders and other expensive construction equipment. Stephanie says renting these tools are ideal, because they are expensive to purchase outright.

The Schoches both grew up in northern Wisconsin, but Stephanie has roots in Dexter. Her parents were from the area and owned a dairy farm. When their cattle caught an infectious disease, they shut down and moved to Wisconsin to raise their family.

Stephanie's parents moved back to Dexter after their children were grown, and she and her husband followed.

In addition to their fam-

ily-business backgrounds, Stephanie said they chose to open a business as a way to give back to the community.

"I like the small Dexter community, so we want to be able to give back," she said. "I think Dexter's grown enough to sustain its own little rental shop."

Stephanie said she hopes to be able to sponsor children's activities and local events through Dexter Rent All.

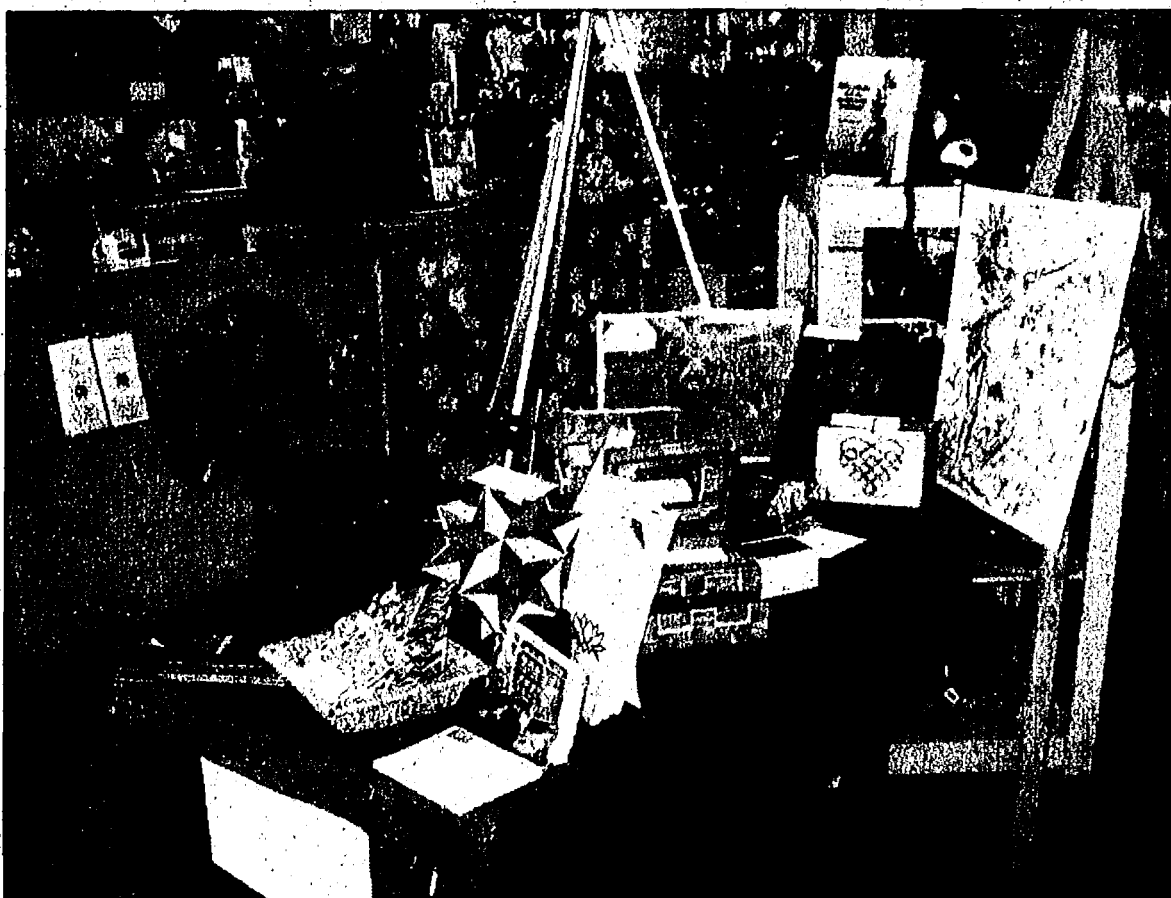
Dexter Rent All plans to host its grand opening party on March 3. A website is currently under construction at www.dexterrentall.com.

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The Schoch family stands with a sign promoting their business.



Prisoner art will be on display at The Global Marketplace until March 3.

Global Marketplace store features art from prisoners

The Global Marketplace, formerly The Mission Marketplace, is displaying prisoner art as a prelude to the Prisoner Creative Arts Projects of the University of Michigan's show.

This year's U of M show will start on March 20, but the fair trade store, Global Marketplace, will sell and display pieces in advance.

Featured pieces include: paintings, jewelry boxes, paper sculpture, stationery and even a ship in a bottle. Some pieces will be from the U of M show, and there will also be a book consisting of

prisoners' creative writing as well as "The Prisoners Prayer Book" with illustrations by Michigan prisoners.

There is information about the upcoming U of M show and volunteer opportunities to help prisoners and people returning to the community from prison at the display.

The Global Marketplace, at 116 W. Middle St., will showcase the art until March 3.

The storefront is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Health Communities offers Walking Wednesdays

The Healthy Communities Walking program welcomes community members to participate in one or more of a new series of free community walks this spring, entitled "Walking Wednesdays."

Walks have been scheduled to take place each Wednesday, March 7 through May 2, at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6 p.m. in Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester and Stockbridge.

"People want to know when we walk," said Sheri Montoye, community point person for the Healthy Communities Walking Program. "I meet potential walkers who really do want to get healthy and connect with others. Weekly walks can help people do just that."

A kickoff meeting will take place in each town. During this meeting, there will be giveaway door prizes and a chance to review walking routes, meet other walkers, discuss safety precautions, introduce a walk/run 5K training program and enroll interested persons in the 12-month Healthy Communities Walking Program.

These meetings are free and open to anyone:

Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m., Grass Lake Middle School, Media Center

Saturday February 25,

1 p.m., Chelsea District Library, McKune Room
Friday, March 2, 6 p.m., Stockbridge, Heritage School Library

Saturday, March 3, 11:30 a.m., Dexter Library
Lower Level, Large meeting room

Saturday, March 3, 1:30 p.m., Manchester Library, 912 City Rd., in the Village Room

"Walking Wednesdays" starting locations: March 7- May 2 at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., and 6 p.m.

Grass Lake: Middle School near main office
Stockbridge: Town Square, meet near Township Hall

Chelsea: WSEC near Recreation/Senior Center Entry

Dexter: Meet at High School Outdoor Track entrance

Manchester: Manchester Wellness Center Parking Lot, meet by doorway

For more information on "Walking Wednesday" spots, visit the website: www.cch.org/healthycommunities, or check us out on Facebook "Healthy Communities Walking Program," or contact the Community Point Person at 734-475-6121 or montoyes@cch.org.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, adults

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should have at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per week in increments of at least 10 minutes throughout the week.

Montoye suggests, "If participants of 'Walking Wednesdays' can fit in two or three other walks each week, they'll be on target to meet the recommended guidelines."

The Healthy Communities Walking Program is designed to motivate and support people who want to get moving toward better

health. Walks are generally done on your own schedule at your own pace, with optional group walks offered to meet others, check-in with the Point Person, and receive encouragement.

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Chelsea Community Kitchen will present "A Taste of Summer," 3 to 5 p.m. Feb. 26 at St. Paul United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 14600 Old US 12 in Chelsea, between Main Street and Silver Maples Drive.

Take a break from winter to tickle your taste buds, and have fun learning and sharing information about preserving fruits and vegetables - canning, freezing, drying.

Is learning about preserving the summer's bounty of fruits and vegetables on your "to-do" list? This event is for you. The cost is \$5 per person.

Or do you already preserve fruits and vegetables and are eager to share your enthusiasm, knowledge and a bit of what you've preserved? This event is for you, too. Bring something you've preserved and you can attend for free.

Terry Peyton, preserving/canning enthusiast and Chelsea area resident, will anchor the event by sharing what she knows and what she's preserved. The rest will be "potluck." We'll see who shows up and what they have to share.

Please register at the CCK's web site: www.chelseacommunitykitchen.org/contact-us/.



A group learns how to preserve tomatoes at an August 2011 canning session.

Chelsea resident named 'Leader in Law'

Chelsea resident Steven L. Oberholtzer, the managing partner of the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the U.S., has been named one of Michigan's 25 Leaders in the Law by the legal trade publication Michigan Lawyers Weekly.

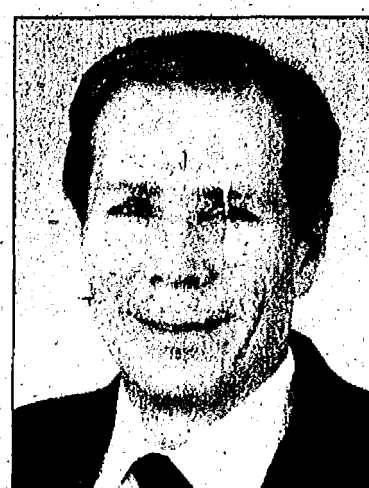
Oberholtzer and his fellow honorees from throughout the state's legal community will be celebrated at an awards luncheon on March 15 at the Marriott in Troy.

tions in the broader legal community, serving in such positions as Chair of the State Advisory Committee for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, executive committee member of the Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property, Representative Assembly, 22nd Circuit, and Secretary Treasurer, State Bar of Michigan - Intellectual Property Law Section.

Oberholtzer also served two consecutive terms on the Brinks' Board of

products and was employed as a senior project engineer with General Motors and as in-house patent counsel for a Tier 1 supplier prior to private practice. At Brinks, Oberholtzer acts as primary outside counsel for a number of Tier 1 and lower Tier suppliers, often assuming worldwide responsibility for all intellectual property issues and management of attorney teams for all facets of these matters.

Oberholtzer is the author of a primer on intellectual property entitled, *The Basic Principles of Intellectual Property Law*, which published its second edition in 2009 and is set for a third edition in 2012. He received his J.D. from the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and his B.S. in mechanical engineering from Kettering University, formerly known as the General Motors Institute. He is involved in civic and professional activities including the Licensing Executives Society, the Michigan Patent Law Society and the Washtenaw County Bar Association. He is "AV" Peer-Review rated, the highest ranking for Ethical Standards and Legal Ability.



Oberholtzer

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Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione is one of the largest intellectual property law firms in the United States and serves the intellectual property needs of clients around the world.

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The firm also advises on issues relating to intellectual asset management, trade secret, unfair competition, and technology and licensing agreements.

Oberholtzer's practice focuses on patent and trademark counseling, corporate intellectual property policy development and administration, technology licensing, joint development and joint venture relationship agreements.

Oberholtzer was instrumental in establishing the Ann Arbor office of Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, Brinks' only Michigan office, in 2001, according to a press release. Since that time, he has built and mentored an entirely new staff and leads 15 attorneys and 15 support personnel.

Several of the attorneys Oberholtzer has mentored in the Ann Arbor office now play prominent roles firm-wide. Currently, shareholders in the Ann Arbor office serve as chair of several practice groups, including Nanotechnology, Patent Reform, Intellectual Asset Management, Green Technology and the Licensing group. Additionally, an Ann Arbor shareholder co-chairs the firm's Biotech & Pharmaceutical practice. Moreover, the Ann Arbor attorneys hold key posi-

Directors. His leadership abilities not only strengthen the quality and integrity of Brinks' attorneys and their work, but ultimately, the Michigan legal community as a whole.

Oberholtzer's practice focuses on patent and trademark counseling, corporate intellectual property policy development and administration, technology licensing, joint development and joint venture relationship agreements. He provides opinions regarding infringement risks; design-around projects and patentability; litigation; and handling intellectual property issues involved in merger and acquisition transactions. He has extensive experience and expertise in the intellectual property legal issues of the automotive industry.

Oberholtzer has a lifelong interest in the industry and

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Long-Summers

Mr. and Mrs. Michael H. Long of Chelsea announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Shannon Long, to Derek William Summers, son of Mrs. Dawn and Mr. Michael Summers-Sekulich of Pinckney.

Kathryn received a bachelor's degree in communications from Michigan State University and is studying a

pre-pharmacy curriculum. She is a pharmacy assistant in Holland.

Derek is enrolled in the pre-medicine curriculum at Hope College.

Kathryn is the granddaughter of Eileen Salyer and the late Marvin Salyer of Chelsea and East Lansing.

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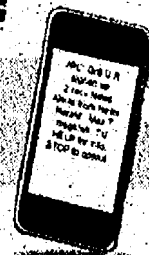
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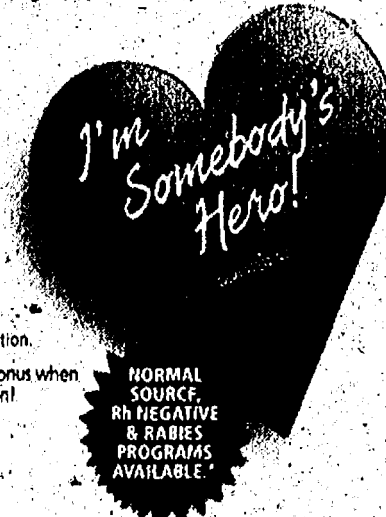
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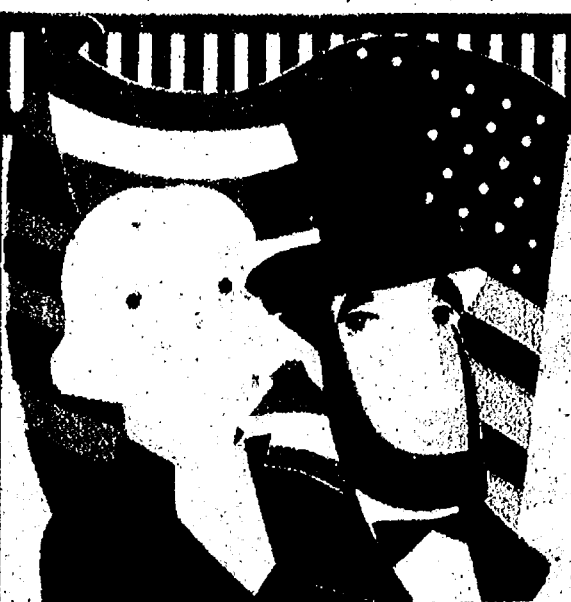


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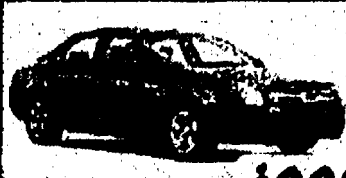
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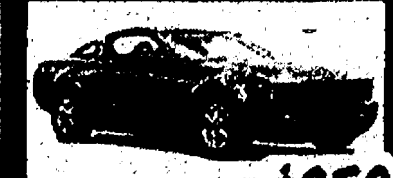
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Student garners honors at first history bee

By Christy Vander Haagen
Special Writer

Mill Creek Middle School eighth grader Will Wendorf took home first place Feb. 15 in the first Michigan Regional Middle School History Bee at Mill Creek. Ryan McGinnis, also a student at Mill Creek, was the first runner up in the competition.

"I was really nervous (before the competition), but once I won, it was really great," Will said.

Amy Grant, Mill Creek history and English teacher, said the bee was a quiz-show style competition and the first contestant to answer six questions correctly would be the victor. The event proved to be a nail biter when both Will and Ryan had knocked out the two other competitors, both from Detroit Country Day.

The students were tied at five correct answers each until Will buzzed in with a correct answer on a question about Shay's Rebellion.

"Ryan seriously took Will down to the very last question; it couldn't have been closer," Grant said.

Will will move on to compete in the National Middle School History Bee competition held in Washington, D.C. the weekend of May 12. According to Grant, the competition will be televised on the History Channel in June.

The competition was open to all Michigan middle schools and more than 70 Mill Creek students took the initial written exam to determine who would qualify to move on to the second phase which consisted of an online history test.

Grant said students took the written test about two weeks before winter break and the written shortly after break. Will and Ryan were the top two in the school, which qualified them to compete in the regionals last night. The bee was divided into three rounds: The first consisted of questions about American history prior to 1945, the second round was about world history prior to 1945 and the third-round questions were about world history after 1945.

Both Will and Ryan said they began preparing for the competition shortly after they took their written exams. Will read "Don't Know Much about American History" to help get ready, "even though I do (know much about his-



Photo by Christy Vander Haagen

Mill Creek History Bee runner up Ryan McGinnis (left), Mill Creek teacher Amy Grant and History Bee winner Will Wendorf pose for a photo.

tory)," the soft-spoken history buff joked.

Will, who said his favorite subject in school is French, said he also perused Wikipedia to get himself ready for the competition. He said he will prepare for nationals the same way.

"I found the practice quizzes to be pretty helpful," Ryan said.

Grant said both students are very knowledgeable about history and spend time pursuing history as an outside interest.

"Will, for instance, is currently writing an alter-

nate history of World War I," she said.

"I am proud of all 70 of the students who participated in the Mill Creek challenge," Mill Creek principal Jami Bronson said. "I am looking forward to Will's participation and representation of Mill

Creek in D.C."

Bronson praised Grant for bringing the history competition program to Mill Creek.

The school will participate in the competition again next year, Grant said.

Pioneer Days features M'Lady's soapmaker

By Christy Vander Haagen
Special Writer

The Pioneer Arts Fair is returning this year with more than 50 artists specializing in everything from handmade soaps and lotions to origami, to painting and pottery. The artists will have their works on display and for sale, and some will demonstrate just how they create their works of art.

This year's fair is the 39th and promises to provide fun and entertainment for the entire family. The fair takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 17 at Creekside Intermediate School.

One of this year's featured artists is Cynthia High, owner of M'Lady's, a local company specializing in handmade soaps and other fine personal care products. M'Lady's offers customers organic soaps, balms, salves and body oils, some of which are made using herbs grown on the

family farm in Dexter. High said she has been making her own soaps since she was seven.

"My grandmother got me started making my own shampoo," High said.

High runs M'Lady's from her home and has done so since she opened in 1994. M'Lady's products can be found in several local retail locations such as: Dexter Mill, Arbor Farms Market, Peoples Food Co-Op, Plum Market and Christine's.

Dedicated to her craft and her customers, High takes pride in the organic and natural ingredients that go into her products such as coconut and olive oils, purified and rain water and herbs.

"I use all food-grade ingredients in my products," High said. "It has always been our goal to ensure our customers get the highest-quality products."

M'Lady's also offers an unscented goat's milk salve

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High said she also makes unscented soaps for customers with more sensitive skin.

High will have many of her products available for purchase at the Pioneer Arts Fair including her 6-ounce soaps for \$4 each as well as balms and oils for \$10.

"Everybody deserves to use good, healthy organic products," she said.

Visit M'Lady's website at mladys.com for more information about the available products.



Cynthia High poses with some of her products.

Annual Jazz & Chocolates weeking coming soon

With a line-up of diverse jazz performances and activities, Chelsea Center for the Arts hosts its annual Jazz & Chocolates scholarship fundraiser weekend March 2-3. The fun begins that Friday from 6-8:30 p.m., with Jazz & Chocolates at Silver Maples.

CCA students and faculty serve up a delicious combination of chocolate desserts, music-themed raffle items, and performances of jazz, blues and American Songbook Standards. Musicians from multiple studios will perform, and CCA's newly formed Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Ben Janssen, will bring the first evening to a close as winners of the raffle items are announced.

On Saturday morning, the Chelsea District Library hosts the return of Jazz Jams, Jr., led by Tara Vesprini.

These hands-on workshops bring a dynamic first jazz experience for children ages 3-5, at 11 a.m., and again at noon for children ages 6-9.

Children will improvise melodies, create riffs and rhythms, and listen to a jazz story. The workshops are free, but families

should register their children by calling 734.475.8732, ex 4, or online at www.chelsea.lib.mi.us.

Finally, Saturday night's headline event will feature the hot jazz and swing of the Royal Garden Trio, with a 7 p.m. concert at the CHS auditorium.

Joining them will be a collection of local favorites, including the Chelsea House Orchestra, the Beach Middle School Fiddle Club, and teen jazz singer Charlotte Prenevost. "We have an outstanding performance in this feature event," said Lisa Hinz-Johnson, CCA's director of music programming. "The Royal Garden Trio is sensational, but to hear them onstage with CHO, Fiddle Club and Charlotte Prenevost, is an added bonus."

Hinz-Johnson said the Jazz & Chocolates weekend is perfectly suited to jazz-lovers of all ages.

"We purposely scheduled the Saturday night concert at 7 p.m., so families with young children can feel comfortable attending. This is a lively, entertaining, and educational event for kids, teens, and adults. Jazz knows no age limits."

Hinz-Johnson said that

the collaboration with CHO and Fiddle Club was a goal for several years.

"CCA is really pleased to bring this event to the community. The mutual schedules finally lined up, and we're so excited to be able to have these talented students share the stage with the Royal Garden Trio. Jed Fritzemeier and Nathan Peters do such a tremendous job, and their eclectic brand of music fits really well with the hot swing jazz style of the Trio."

The performing students will also have the opportunity to rehearse with the Royal Garden Trio in a workshop setting earlier that afternoon.

All proceeds earned from Jazz & Chocolates

at Silver Maples and the Royal Garden performance will go to benefit the CCA Scholarship and Tuition Assistance Fund.

Hinz-Johnson says that there is a desperate need to replenish the scholarship pool. "CCA provides thousands of scholarship dollars to students each year, and the demand greatly exceeds our supply. It makes such a difference in the lives of the students, who otherwise would not be able to afford lessons. People may not realize the depth of giving that comes from CCA. Instructors frequently give of their time and donate lessons to needy students, and the scholarship committee works diligently to bring much needed dollars

directly to both music and visual arts students. It's a program that I am very proud to support, but we need events such as this to replenish the funds, so please come out and enjoy a very special weekend for a very special cause."

Tickets for Friday's Jazz & Chocolates at Silver

Maples and Saturday's Royal Garden Trio and Friends are \$10 per person/per event, available at Chelsea Pharmacy, CCA, or at the door of both events. For more information, please visit the CCA website: chelseacenterforthearts.org, or by phone 734-433-2787.

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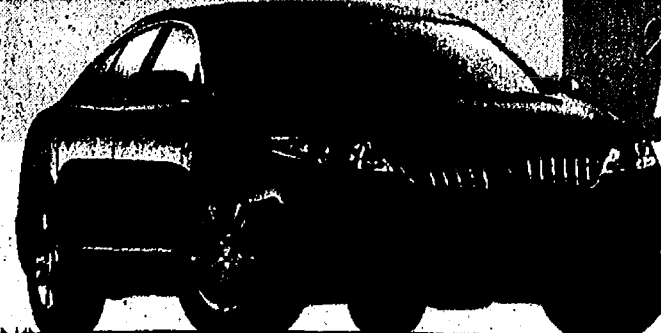

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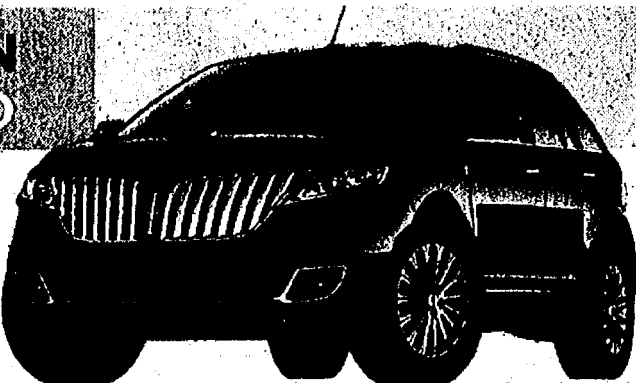
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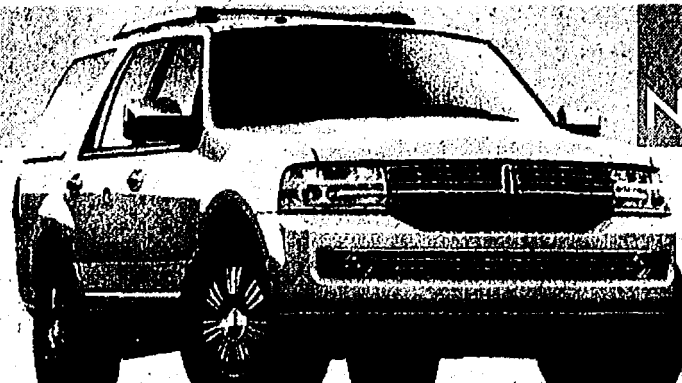
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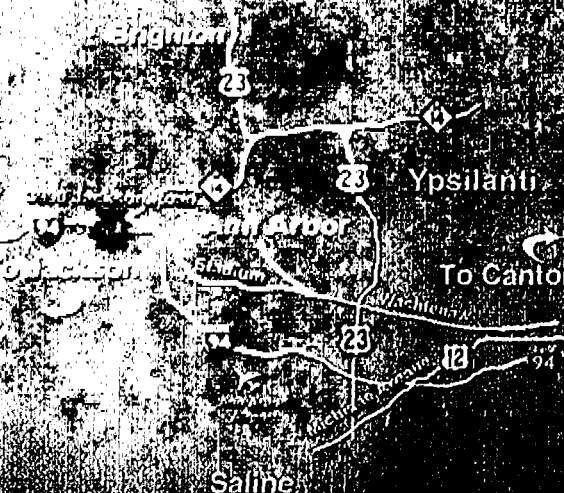
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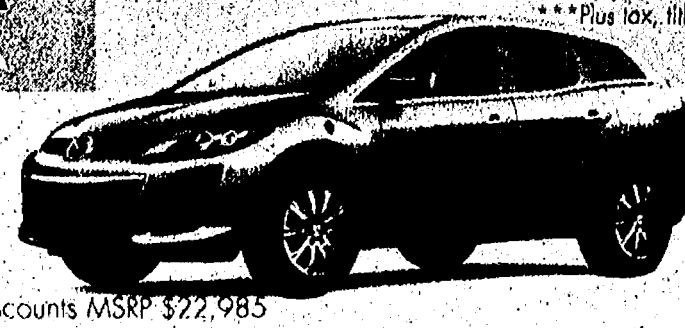
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County continues contract for animal control

Humane Society gets another year

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

After a little more than a month of provisional contracting with the Humane Society of Huron Valley for animal control services, the county has a yearlong contract for 2012.

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approved spending \$415,000 for the contract through Dec. 31.

County officials recognized that the Humane Society is currently the only qualified provider of animal control services in the county. A request for bids will go out later this year, however.

The resolution also establishes a task force that will determine, among other things, what an Animal Control Unit for the county should be and how to calculate it so service content and value can be measured scientifically going forward.

Commissioner Conan Smith said that he was

excited at the prospect of investing a year into developing a methodology intended to help the county deliver better and more cost-effective service. Some of the dates in the proposal deadline, however, were met with some resistance. Smith wanted the deadline for studying the Animal Control Unit issue to be set for fall.

A Task Force on Animal Control Policy, which would consist of any willing commissioners, would meet to further develop animal control policy and deliver a request for proposals for the 2013 contract year. The meetings would be open to the public.

Commissioner Yousef Rahbi said he was in favor of establishing a group to engage in the hard science of determining an Animal Control Unit from hard data provided by the Humane Society and the sheriff's office, while a second group deals with policy.

"The reason that I'm in favor of separating them, is one is a more objective group and the other is a more policy-focused subjective work group," Rahbi said. "I like that the work group is open to any com-

missioner that wishes to be involved and leaves it open ended for folks."

Gunn concurred. "We are not a fact-finding group, we are a policy-making board, which is why I called this the Task Force on Animal Control Policy and state that it's opened to any commissioner who wishes to attend," she said.

Smith said the task force should continue the discussion of the county's future in animal control services, which began late last year in the budget process that resulted in the Humane Society having its funding cut. The move led to the Humane Society being placed on a provisional monthly contract for January.

"I think there are animal service issues that go far beyond the development of a RFP that we want to consider and we should consider," Smith said. "One of those that we talked about is alternative revenue sources for animal services. I think we need somebody to take on that work."

One proposal being mulled over involves going to communities within the county that have ordinances on the books mandating

animal control services and asking them to pay their way.

County officials plan on meeting with local officials in the coming year to tell them animal control services no longer will be subsidized.

Smith expressed concern that the data would not be available in time for the RFP Sept. 15 and called for the date to be bumped to Oct. 15.

"The best public policy is informed by data. As that gets pulled together in the intervening months before September, we want to have our policies reflect that," he said. "We can't design and recommend a RFP if we

don't have a strong idea of what costs are."

Commissioner Barbara Bergman pushed for a date of May 15 to give county staff time to handle the RFP. Smith, however, resisted, saying that he would be leery of a RFP that came before the Animal Control Unit problem was addressed, as county officials became concerned last year by an apparent lack of satisfactory measure of the cost to service ratio and the monetary resources used per animal. This was the case despite Humane Society officials opening their books to the county.

The one-year contract provides all of the same

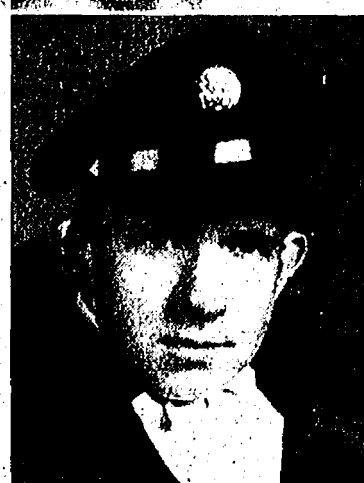
services that were provided under the previous two-year contract before the county cut the Humane Society's funding to \$250,000 last December. The organization deemed the amount inadequate to continue to fund humane animal control services.

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JESSEE, JOHN B., age 81, of Ypsilanti, passed away peacefully at home on February 17, 2012. He was born in Wise, Virginia to Walter and Minnie Jessee. He is survived by brother, Paul; and sisters, Jean Gilley and Charlotte Kabler all of Virginia, and Susie Correa of Florida. He leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Bea; and four children, Geneva (the late Joe) Bennett, Doug (Jackie), Linda (Chris) Waronek, and Jackie (Brian) Poindexter; seven grandchildren, Bill Jessee, Richard Bennett, Laura Croll, Heather Johnson, Amanda Browning, Christina, and Chaz Poindexter; and 8 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; two sisters; and one son, Ronald. He enlisted in the USAF in 1945, serving in Japan and Guam. He received the W.W.II Victory Medal as well as many other service and victory honors. He continued to serve in the Air Force Reserves being activated during the Cuban Missile Crisis, ultimately serving 21 years to our Country. Having been a product of the depression, he was taught to work hard at an early age and, in spite of having meager beginnings, triumphed in life. Seeking a better life for himself, he moved to Michigan in 1950 and worked for Kaiser-Frazer and later Ford Motor Company. He was a transmission expert, troubleshooting production and operational issues. He truly cared for the company and was proud his efforts saved Ford millions of dollars over time in warranty costs. After retiring from the Livonia Transmission plant, he worked for Ford of Europe as a technical liaison for Transmission Engineering. He retired in 1997 after 44 years of service. He valued education and spent a lifetime taking various courses to expand his knowledge and skills. He obtained his private pilot's license and was a member of AOPA. Helping his family to have a better life than himself was always a focus. He was most proud of the recent publication of his life story, "Those Early Years". Final resting at Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti.

KIVI, JANNIE ELIZABETH "Lib" HUTSON, Saline, MI; age 87; died on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at the Brecon Village Memory Support Center, after a long, healthy life. She was born May 15, 1924 in Campbell County, Katoola, Tennessee, the daughter of William and Ollie Elezan (Cordell) Hutson. She graduated from Evarts High School in 1942, Bowling Green Business University 1943, getting her pilots license January 1945. She lived in the Ann Arbor and Saline area most of her life as a homemaker, and for 16 years worked at the University of Michigan CRISP registering students which she loved doing. Fiercely independent, Jannie handled most all her matters with competency and passion, yet she will be fondly remembered for occasionally acting a bit unique which made her fun to be around; a sentiment often affectionately expressed by those closest to her, especially by her grandchildren. A sailor, gardener, furniture refinisher, artist, and an appreciator of nature; these are just some of the interests she pursued regularly. Survivors include her sister, Erlene Evans; her sons, David (Wendy) of Ann Arbor, Douglas (Mary) of Pinckney, Craig of Pinckney, and Scott (Patricia) of Dexter; grandchildren, Amanda, Kara and Kendra, Justin, Brandon, Brandi, Kaitlyn, Rebecca; great grandchildren, Christian, Anna, and Rowen. She was preceded in death by her sister, Billy Jo Evans; brother, Lafate Tivis Hutson; and her son, Allen (Cheryl). A Funeral Service will be held at Robison-Bahn-miller Funeral Home, 301 East Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176 on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Dr. James E. Tuttle, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Brecon Village Memory Support Center or Saline Senior Center. Friends may begin calling on Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. Private Burial will take place at a later date. To sign Jannie's guestbook or to leave a memory visit <http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/annarbor/> or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

KAILIMAI, MICHAEL HENRY, age 50, of Belleville, died Wednesday at University Hospitals, Ann Arbor. Born February 5, 1962 in Dearborn, son of Henry Carter and Laverne (Wilson) Kailimai. He was a sheet metal worker and member of Local #292. He enjoyed pool, cards, bowling, and loved taking the kids to the Roller Rink. Survived by wife, Frances Marie (Bober) Kailimai; daughters, Michelle (Bobby) White of AR and Tabatha (Jon) Bitner of Westland; son, Andrew Kailimai of Belleville; two grandsons, Carter and Ethan Bitner; his mother, Laverne Kailimai of Belleville; three brothers, Martin (Debbie Gray) Kailimai of Sumpter Twp., Mitchell and Mark Kailimai, both of Augusta; Godson, Jared Tabor of Romulus; three nieces, Vanessa McKenzie, AnnMarie (Jason) Baker and Jessica Bartholomew; also two nephews, Spencer McKenzie and Kenny (Denise) Bartholomew. Preceded in death by grandparents; also father, Henry C. Kailimai. Gathering Friday, February 24, 2012 from Noon to 4 p.m. with a 4 p.m. Memorial Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Memorials to National Multiple Sclerosis Society. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Madeleine Murphy (left), 4, Amelle Murphy, 2, and Jennifer Mrozowski, all of Dearborn, came to the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology in Ann Arbor Feb. 18 for Ancient Egypt Family Day.

Museum event showcases Ancient Egyptian culture

More than 400 people attend Family Day

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Both children and adults got the chance to learn about ancient Egyptian culture and how to make a mummy at a recent event held in Ann Arbor.

More than 400 people visited the University of Michigan's Kelsey Museum of Archaeology Ancient Egypt Family Day.

"I had no idea what to expect. It's a high turnout," said Todd Gerring, the museum's community outreach coordinator.

Children were invited to make a number of crafts, including mummified



Barbie dolls, hats made of construction paper and ancient scrolls complete with hieroglyphics.

Guests also had the chance to take part in the "Make-a mummy" presentation. Gerring showed how ancient Egyptians made mummies of humans, as well as animals, including cats and baboons.

Gerring told the participants about the process, which involves removing the organs, washed and dried and wrapped in linens. Some participants wrapped amulets or symbolic small objects placed in the wrapping to bring wealth or protect during rebirth.

Throughout the year, the museum hosts events

focusing on the ancient cultures of the Mediterranean and Near East, such as Greece, Egypt, Rome and Mesopotamia. It features nearly 100,000 objects from those time periods, including pottery, sculpture, a mummy, coffins and glass from those time periods.



Future events include "Monsters and Myth" on May 18. Guests will learn about Greek and Roman mythology at that time.

For more information about events, visit the museum's website.

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Todd Gerring, community outreach coordinator at the University of Michigan's Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, shows guests how ancient Egyptians made mummies during Ancient Egypt Family Day Feb. 18 in Ann Arbor.

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Victory Academy, facing possibility of closure, seeks new charter authorizer by April 1

Bay Mills Community College out

By James David Dickson and Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

The clock is approaching midnight on Victory Academy's search for a new charter authorizer. Mohamad Issa, director of Global Educational Excellence, which owns and operates the Ypsilanti Township K-5 school, said the company has set April 1 as its drop-dead date to either find a new authorizer or face the possibility that maybe there won't be a Victory Academy, 1715 East Forest Ave., in 2012-13.

Closing the school for even a year would be catastrophic to its credibility, said Veronica Ervin, who serves on Victory Academy's school board. A closure would erase years of progress for a charter school that started with 55 students in 2006 and now serves roughly 225, Ervin said.

That credibility concern traces back to the school's earliest days, when it took two years for its doors to open after being authorized by Bay Mills Community College in 2004. So much time lagged between authorization and the school's doors actually opening that some people questioned whether it ever would, Ervin recalled.

In December, the school received word that its contract would not be extended by Bay Mills Community College when it expires on June 30. Academics and finances were two of the major problems Bay Mills cited.

Since then, said Principal Kevin Whelan, the school's future has loomed as a back-of-the-mind concern, even as the work of teaching and learning, bullying prevention and character education goes on.

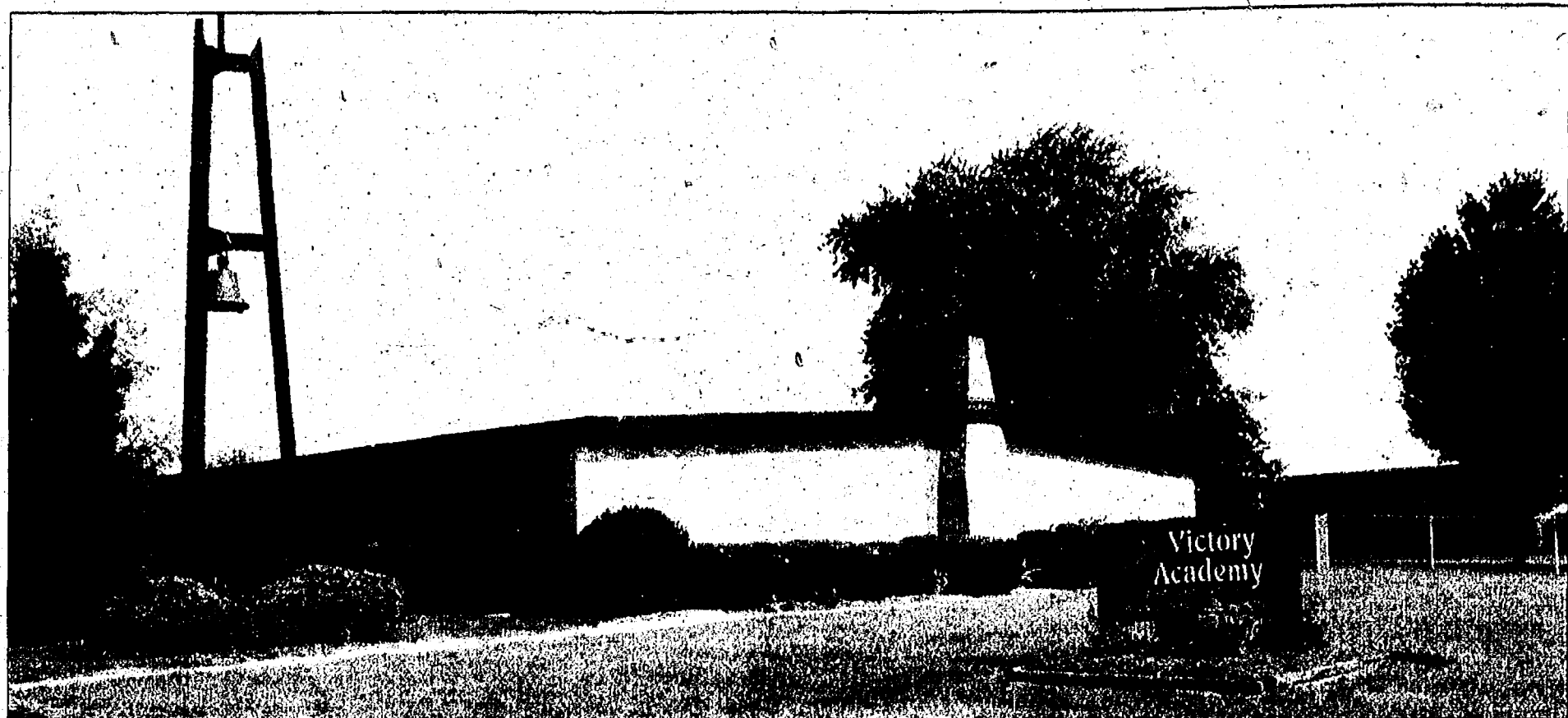
"We've still got a school to run," Whelan said.

A different kind of charter school

Charter school operators are often presented as opportunists, vultures who seek out areas with poor schools and add more poor schools to the problem.

But Global Educational Excellence, the Ann Arbor-based charter school company that operates 11 schools in Michigan and one in Ohio, didn't initiate the founding of Victory Academy.

Members of the nearby



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community did that, including Ypsilanti pastor Fred Davis, who formed the vision of the school in the late 1990s and built Victory's first home, on Jefferson Street, when his dream realized. The school moved to its current location in 2009-2010 to be more visible in the community, and the strategy has worked.

More students have enrolled at Victory Academy since 2010 than were enrolled at the time.

The founders met with three different management teams before coming across Global Educational Excellence.

Issa, the director of GEE and a longtime businessman, said he took an interest in education when he had children of school age and wanted different options for them than the public schools offered. He founded Central Academy in Ann Arbor, 2459 South Industrial, in 1996, and founded GEE two years later.

Arabic language education is a cornerstone of GEE schools, and Arabic and Spanish are the two languages offered to Victory Academy's students. Most take Spanish, but the goal is to get students to take both at some point.

Dawn Johnson-Diaz sends two boys, a first-grader and a second-grader, to Victory Academy. She returned to the area in the summer from Wayne County after her husband died.

She was an emotional wreck, but found support at the school. Johnson-Diaz hadn't heard that the school is facing the



possibility of closure, but is concerned what would happen with her sons if it did. In Victory Academy, she's found a community more willing to address in-classroom and out-of-classroom issues than any school she's dealt with.

When Whelan noted that one of her boys was obese and suggested changes in his diet, Johnson-Diaz didn't take offense. She took it as a sign that the principal takes a real interest in his students, even in how they're doing beyond the classroom.

When the time came for her husband's funeral, some of the guests asked Johnson-Diaz who that strange woman was who was playing with her boys. Turns out it was a Victory Academy teacher who had come to support the family before she had either boy in her classroom.

When one of the boys got head lice, Johnson-Diaz looked around at all of the heads of hair in her home, including herself and her mother, added up the cost of all the medication, and knew she couldn't pay it, at least not right away.

A member of the school staff gave her the money. Rather than the boys missing days of school, the kid only missed a half day.

If the school closes, Johnson-Diaz said she would probably try to enroll the boys in another GEE school, Central Academy, even though it will require commuting to Ann Arbor.

The people who manage Victory Academy are the

kind of people she would like her boys to stay with. The mother, a product of Willow Run High School, which is located down the street on Forest Avenue, insisted that her sons would not be enrolling in the local public school system.

While Michigan's charter schools sometimes offer a bare-bones level of services beyond the classroom — some offer neither lunch nor transportation to their students — Victory Academy provides both. The lunches are free of charge, as is breakfast for students who arrive early enough. And students who stay for after-school programs are offered a hot dinner. If public schools offer transportation, they have to provide it for free, but they're not required to offer busing.

Issa and his team are working so that people like Johnson-Diaz aren't forced to uproot their kids to a different school. Finding a new authorizer is not an overnight process, Issa said. But he believes GEE will have success.

"I don't make a sales pitch," Issa said regarding his approach to finding a new partner. "Visit the school at any time. If you like what you see, let's work together."

12 hours. 5 minutes. Zero eye contact.

The relationship between Victory Academy and Bay Mills may have been severed forever on Jan. 20, when a half-dozen stakeholders in the school, including three GEE executives, Whelan and two

board members, traveled to Brimley in the Upper Peninsula, to speak at Bay Mills' board of trustees meeting.

But the relationship was actually finished before the caravan ever got into its cars. Patrick Shannon, director of the charter schools office at Bay Mills Community College, a tribal school, said that he recommended to his board last November that the school's contract not be renewed when it expires June 30.

When they arrived, the party was told that it would have five minutes to speak — 5 minutes as a school, not 5 minutes per person. Because the list went alphabetically, and other schools had been brought in to speak to their own futures,

Whelan said, the team had time to pare down its arguments into a five-minute vignette.

"We drove 12 hours to talk for 5 minutes," Ervin said. "They barely even looked at us."

Shannon disputed the school's account of how the meeting went.

"That's disingenuous," Shannon said of the idea that Victory had only five minutes to make its case. "They've had two years."

Both Bay Mills and Victory describe a relationship that has no chance of repairing.

From Bay Mills' perspective, nothing would have been said in a 20-minute presentation that hadn't already been considered, or that would have erased a years-long track record it deems unacceptable.

From Victory's perspective, the school is trend-

ing upward financially. Whelan and Issa and Ervin say it will be in the black in June, no longer running a deficit, and enrollment is growing.

If there is a Victory Academy next year, Ervin expects that it will require an entrance lottery, which would be the first in the school's history.

Shannon took a dim view of the "trajectory" argument.

"All the schools (in danger of being closed) say that," Shannon said.

As for the argument that Victory Academy is right up there with local elementary schools in terms of performance, Shannon said, "People in that community should expect more."

Shannon cited this year's Michigan Educational Assessment Program scores as proof that the school is not making adequate enough progress to continue under Bay Mills' aegis.

According to www.mischoldata.org, which maintains a dashboard on key performance indicators for every school in Michigan, only 10 percent of Victory's student body is proficient in math and reading, based on this year's MEAP scores.

What's going to happen if April 1 comes and no new authorizer has been identified? Would Victory stay open as a private school? Would it close for a year and continue the search? Or would that mean school's out forever?

"I go into everything with a Plan A, B and C," Issa said. "But for now, I'd just like to talk about Plan A."

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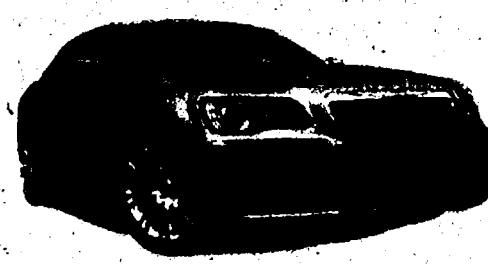
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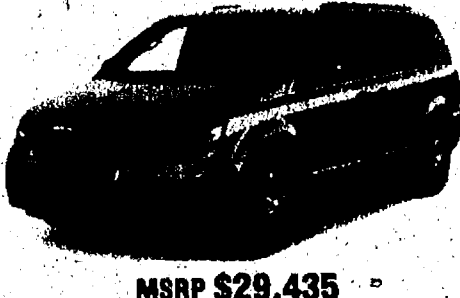
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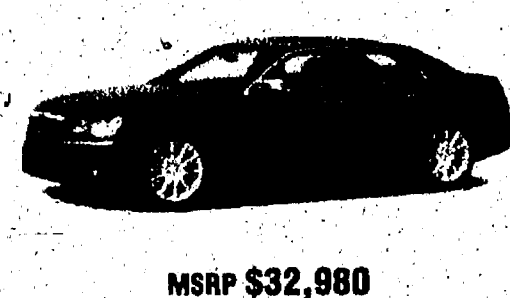
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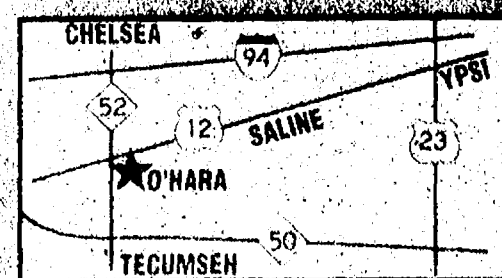
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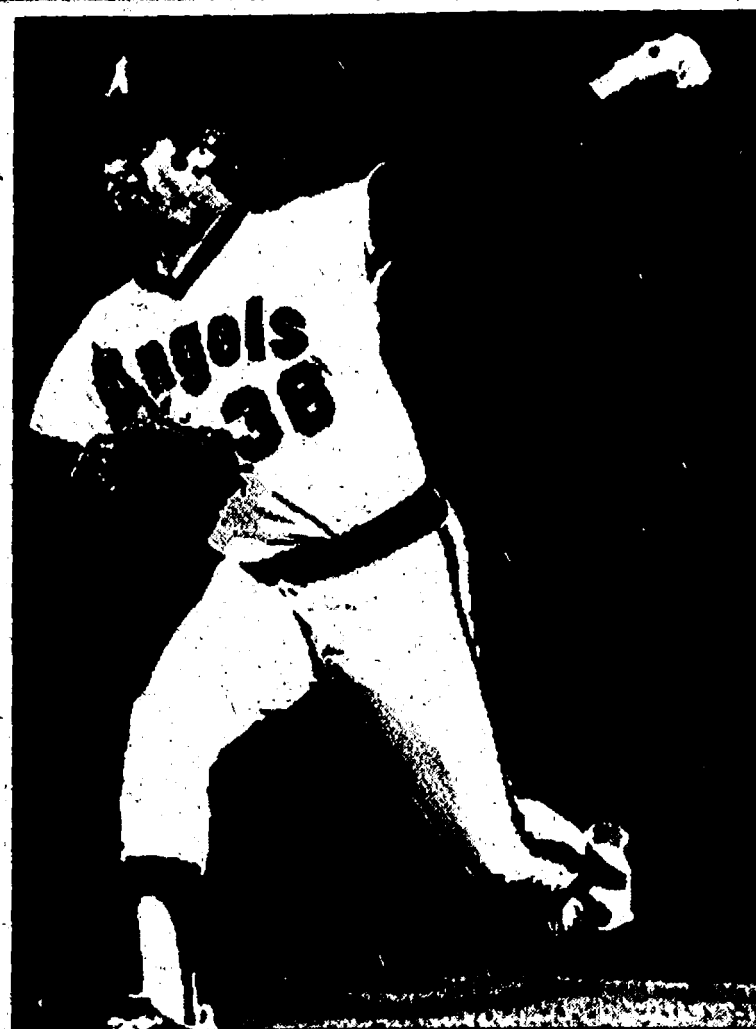
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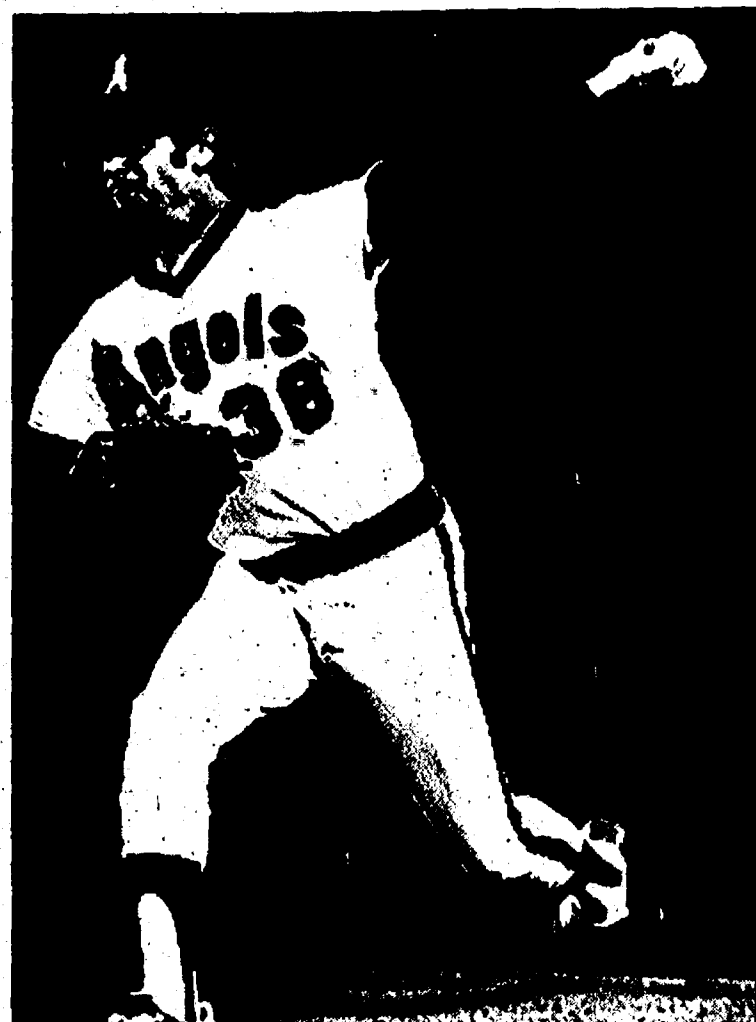
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Good manners never go out of style

A child should be seen and not heard," is a popular old saying. Well, adults love to hear children with proper manners. Hence, March is manners month for the Kids' View.

Webster's dictionary defines manners as "the socially accepted way of acting; etiquette" and "the prevailing customs, social conduct, and norms of a specific society, period, or group."

Most manners are acts that show courtesy or appreciation, such as:

- Saying "please" when asking for something.

- Saying "thank you" when given or getting something.

Here are more guidelines for practicing good manners.

- Unless danger is a threat, do not interrupt adults who are speaking to each other. Wait for them to finish talking before using your voice. However, if you need their attention right away, a simple "excuse me" shows politeness.

- Get permission to do something. Adults like to know what kids are doing for safety's sake and for reassurance that the child is okay. If you're not sure about doing something — or an adult has not directed you to do so — ask permission.

- Ever heard the term "Negative Nell?" Well, people do not like to hear mean, negative, or rude comments. Keep them to yourself, or tell your friends at an appropriate time. This includes comments about others' characteristics. ... "She's not pretty" or "He's not smart." No one has the right to hurt another person's feelings.

- When someone asks how you are, nicely tell them and then ask how they are.

- When someone has done something nice for you, or invited you to visit their home, be sure to thank them or their parents.

- Always knock on a closed door before entering a room.

- On the phone, be sure to introduce yourself before asking to speak to the person you are calling.

- Always say "thank you" for a gift, whether you like it or not; a handwritten note would "seal the deal."

- Never use foul language.

Grownups already know these words and many find them unpleasant or offensive.

- No mean

name-calling.

you are able to wash your hands immediately.

- Holding a door open for another is always helpful.

- If you have spare time, ask a busy adult if you can help them with something. An extra pair of hands is always useful.

- If an adult asks you to do something — do so without whining or complaining.

- Placing your napkin in your lap and using it to wipe your mouth makes for a nice dining experience.

- Never reach

across the table. Ask politely for someone to pass it to you.

- Use your fork, knife or spoon. Only use your fingers when you're eating finger foods.

- Allow others to leave an elevator before you try to get in.

- No matter what the outcome of a sporting event, be sure to say "good game." Do not gloat or tease if you win; do not sulk, throw things, or get mad if you or your team loses.

- And most important... always respect others. We may not agree with someone, but we must show respect to all.

We all look different, do things differently, go to different churches, have different beliefs, eat different foods, run and play differently, dress differently and speak differently. The way a person does something may be foreign to us. We might not like it, agree with it, or believe in it, but it is our job to respect others — just as we would expect them to respect us.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF TABLES AND UTENSILS

Although there are many cultures in the United States, most of our table manners came from the Anglo-Saxon people, about 1,000 AD. In jolly old England, tables were made from rough lengths of wood and cloths were placed over these boards. So when getting ready for a meal you were asked to "lay the boards."

Because pottery was not yet available, plates were made of hard bread called trenchers or of animal bone or horns. Trenchers were either eaten with the meal, given to the animals, or thrown to the poor. There were no spoons, forks, or knives. Fingers were the utensils of choice.

By the time America was being settled in the 1600s, dishes were made from wood. Families ate together in one room, and knives and spoons were used.

Forks came to the dinner table in the 1700's, along with table manners more well-known to us in America today. Pottery and china were in use by the Revolutionary War.

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St. Paddy's Day Milkshake

4 cups of mint chocolate chip ice cream
2½ cups milk
Whipped cream

Place ice cream and milk in blender and mix well. Add more milk if too thick. Pour into a glass and generously cover top surface with whipped topping.

Serve immediately before a leprechaun drinks it.

Makes 4 servings.



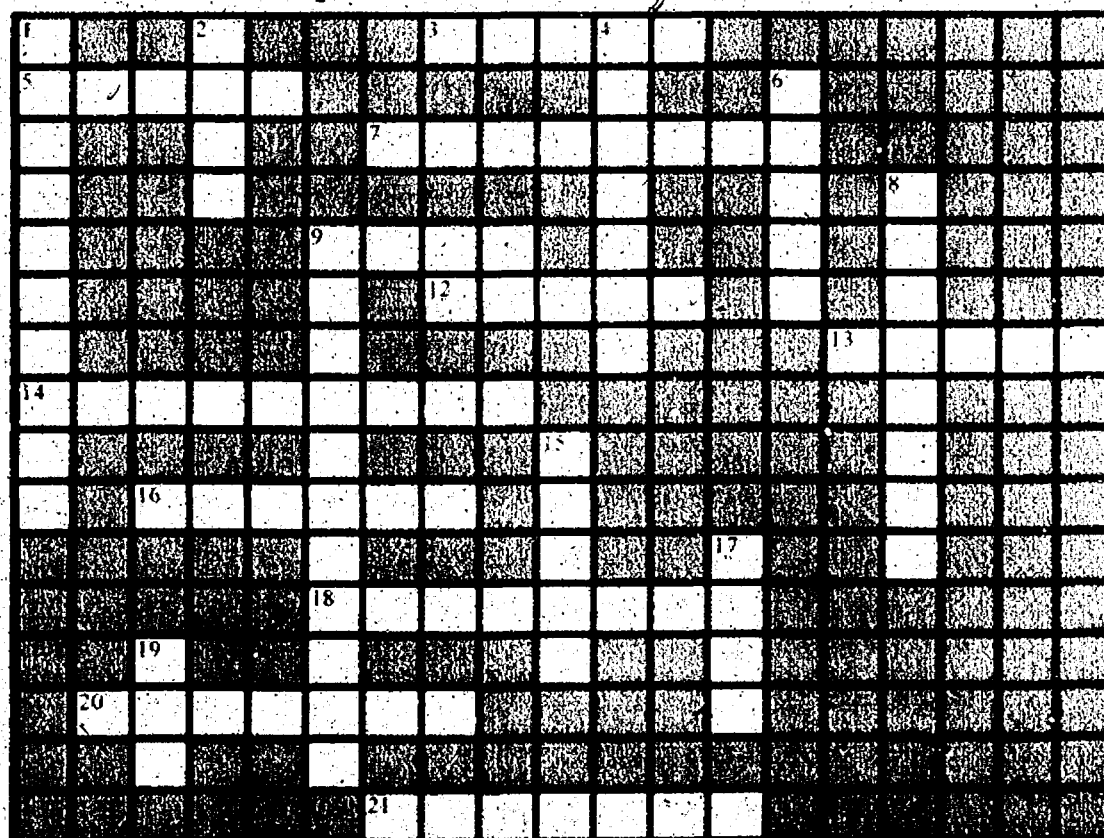
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- Cover your sneeze or cough with your _____
- Say _____ when you bump into someone.
- _____ doors open for others.
- Always _____ on a closed door.
- Picking your nose is _____
- On the phone, _____ yourself.
- Lay the _____
- Say _____ when given something.
- Always use your _____
- Always _____ for entertainers.

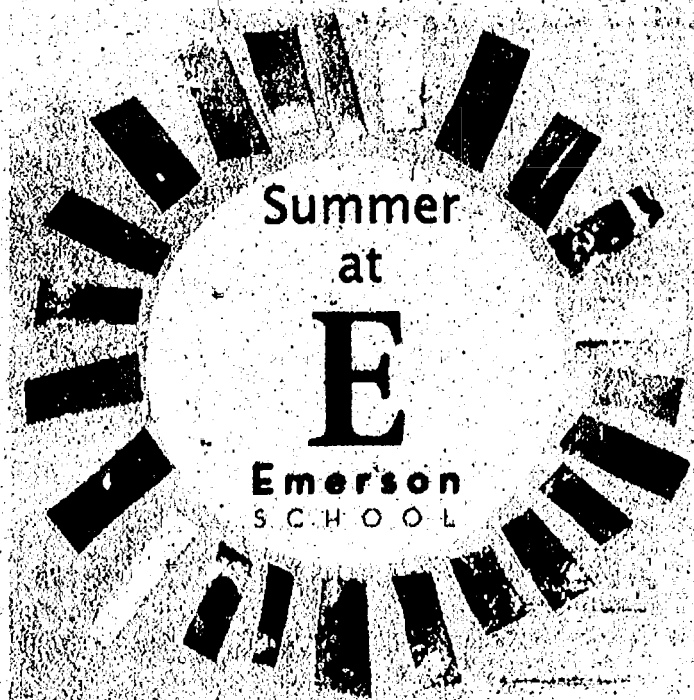
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- For safety's sake always get _____
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- Came to the dinner table in America in the 1700s.
- Bird on this page.
- Your napkin goes in your _____



1. Permission
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4. Respect
5. Yourself
6. Reach
7. Excuse me
8. Thank you
9. Handwritten
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Funding to be tied to requirements

Gov. Rick Snyder presents budget with strings

By Katie Hetrick
Special Writer

For cities, schools and colleges, most of the new funding Gov. Rick Snyder proposed for next year's budget will be tied to meeting certain requirements.

His budget proposal for 2013, presented earlier this month, continues the "relentless positive action" started last year to transform Michigan and put the state on more solid financial footing, Snyder said.

Of the proposed \$48 billion budget, three quarters would go to health and human services (45 percent) and education (31 percent).

He recommended spending \$3.3 billion in transportation.

School funding is a proposed \$12.5 billion.

Schools would see their foundation allowance held at this year's rate, but another \$120 million would be set aside for districts that meet five of six best practices next year.

New requirements include participating in schools of choice, providing students opportunities for "cyber school" or online learning, dual enroll-

ment with local colleges or other advanced learning opportunities, and monitoring student growth at least twice a year in each subject area.

Another two requirements were on this year's list — creating a website dashboard linked to current financial information and the school district being the holder of health insurance policies.

Schools could get \$75 per student for meeting the incentives, down from \$100 per pupil provided for this year's best practices.

The state also would contribute an additional \$24 million more toward districts' retirement costs under the governor's plan. Contributing a new total of \$179 million could save schools about \$100 per student in legacy costs they could then invest in classrooms.

Snyder earmarked another \$70 million to reward schools that improve student growth based on MEAP scores in third through eighth grades and the ACT in high school. Those schools could get up to \$100 more per pupil.

Another \$10 million would be allocated for competitive grants to consolidate services.

Together, the money represents a 2.5 percent increase in state education spending or about \$200 per pupil, Snyder said.

Michigan ranks 21st in per-pupil spending compared to other states, but is in the mid-

to low 30s for results in fourth-grade math and reading, the governor said.

Cities see some cents

For cities, Snyder's proposal was a little more encouraging.

Revenue sharing will increase \$13.6 million, or 2 percent, to \$711 million based on estimated tax revenues, the state said.

Snyder also proposed \$25 million for a competitive grant program to help cities consolidate or share services. A similar program last year drew \$24 million in requests for \$5 million in funds, the governor said.

Jobs, education

Michigan gained 80,000 private-sector jobs last year, most of them well paying, Snyder said.

Some 74,000 job openings are listed on MiTalent.org. If all those positions were filled, it would push unemployment down another 2 percentage points; he added. The state's unemployment rate fell 2 percentage points last year to 10.4 percent.

Snyder's budget also includes more money for community colleges and schools, but part of the funding would be tied to meeting business needs — especially filling the jobs available on the state site.

Community college funding would increase 3 percent, with

money directed to schools that are providing the most degrees and certificates in critical needs areas such as science, technology, engineering, mathematics and health care.

"It's not about getting them a college degree, but connecting them to the jobs that are available," Snyder said.

Universities would be rewarded based on the number of degrees awarded, degrees in critical areas, students receiving Pell grants and for increasing tuition 4 percent or less each year.

The governor also said next year's budget is better because through legislative actions, Lansing cut \$5.6 billion in liabilities, much of that in state employee pension costs. He hopes this year legislators will implement similar revamps for the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement Program.

MPERS contributions have climbed several percentage points in recent years and are expected to reach 30 percent of schools' payrolls in two years.

Public safety, projects

While any number of groups came knocking asking for some of the state surplus, Snyder said government money needs to be spent wisely and effectively.

"It's a simple principle," he said. "We live within our means."

The governor also wants to put \$130 million back in the rainy day fund. With global economic problems and the federal deficit reaching a crisis point, Michigan might need those funds sooner than expected, he warned.

Snyder also proposed investing \$50 million in public safety — both in state services and police, and in providing help to communities with the most crime. Michigan has four of the top 10 cities for violent crime.

"The best way to prevent crimes is to have everyone have jobs," he added, noting he hopes to invest more in jobs programs.

Snyder also wants to set aside \$119 million to match federal dollars for road projects.

"Just as a side note if there was a bridge project that might provide matching funds as well," he said, hinting again at his push to build a second bridge to Canada.

Snyder encouraged legislators to set aside differences to work together to create a sound budget in a timely manner.

"We have a chance to do what's more important and serve our citizens the best way and that's show results."

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Ann Arbor deemed sixth most giving city

Local Humane Society reaps benefits

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

According to a recent survey, Ann Arbor is the sixth most generous city in the United States.

The survey, conducted by Convio Inc., calculated the rankings involving online donations from people living in cities with populations greater than 100,000. Donations were calculated per every 1,000 people. Ann Arbor rose three spots to sixth place from its ranking of ninth in 2010.

"We are definitely starting to see things getting back a little bit to pre-recession giving," said Karoline McLaughlin, director of corporate communications at Convio Inc.

Donations increased nearly 29 percent from 2010 to 2011's amount of nearly \$2 million. The number of donations also rose from 20,084 to 22,544.

Seattle ranked No. 1, beating Alexandria, Va.,



Ann Arbor is considered the sixth most generous city in the United States, according to a survey conducted by Convio Inc. It calculated the rankings involving online donations from people living in cities with populations greater than 100,000.

which held first place for the last three years the survey was conducted. The next highest ranked Michigan city was Grand Rapids at 58.

Average gift size also increased from \$75.71 in

2010 to \$86.91 in 2011.

The top five Ann Arbor charities receiving online donations include Food Gatherers, American Cancer Society, Komen 3-Day walk, Multiple Sclerosis Society and

Humane Society of Huron Valley. When speaking to different nonprofit organizations, many have seen an increase in online giving in 2011, she said.

Online giving is becoming the fastest growing

In regard to age, the older population is becoming more comfortable with online giving, a trend that is helping overall, as well as the ever-increasing

trend. Other factors contributing to an increase include the age of the population, education, financial status and how "wired" the city is or how it is promoting online technology, she said.

"All of those things combined tend to influence what happens in rankings in top 10 or even the top 50," McLaughlin said.

In regard to age, the older population is becoming more comfortable with online giving, a trend that is helping overall, as well as the ever-increasing amount of mobile applications, making it easier and more conducive to people who want to give online, she said.

In 2012, McLaughlin foresees more peer-to-peer influence, where people are using social networks

to encourage others to donate to various causes.

The 2011 rankings are based on the almost \$1.355 billion in total online donations generated through the Convio online marketing and fundraising suite that helps thousands of the nation's leading nonprofit organizations throughout the United States.

Current rankings come from more than \$435 million in donations processed between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2011.

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Photography contest seeks entries from area residents

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County is holding an open-themed photography contest to feature images to be displayed at its Washtenaw Child Advocacy Center.

Deadline for entries is April 6.

A program of Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, the WCAC is a program in which representatives from

many disciplines work together to conduct forensic interviews and make team decisions about the investigation, treatment, management and prosecution of child abuse cases.

Works in traditional, contemporary, avant-garde, creative and experimental styles are all eligible for the photography contest.

The contest is open to professional and amateur

photographers of all ages in Washtenaw County and its surrounding areas using digital or traditional photography, or combinations of both.

There is no entry fee.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in two groups: general (ages 13 and over) and youth (ages 12 and under).

To enter, visit www.csswashtenaw.org.

BRIEFLY

'Pizza for Pets' fundraiser nets nearly \$3K

Pizza House hosted the second annual Pizza for Pets fundraiser in January to benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley, and this year's event raised \$2,759, an increase of more than \$400 above last year's total.

Pizza House donated all of the proceeds from patrons and guests who ate from a pizza buffet.

"The 'Pizza for Pets' fundraiser is something we always look forward to," said Jenny Paillon, director of HSHV Shelter Operations, in a news release.

"The money raised helps our spay/neuter program, which will reduce the number of unwanted offspring in our community. That's a tremendous benefit."

To learn more about the Humane Society of Huron Valley, visit www.hshv.org.

SOS receives grant for eviction prevention

United Way of Washtenaw County has awarded a \$25,000 grant to SOS Community Services to provide eviction prevention assistance to local individuals and families.

Eviction prevention is part of SOS Community Services' Housing Access for Washtenaw County program.

"We thank United Way for their continued support and commitment to help those most vulnerable in our community," said Faye Askew-King, executive director of SOS, in a news release.

"These funds will help

many at-risk families from tumbling into homelessness."

Ypsilanti-based SOS, along with a team of eight other agencies, has developed a new housing access service model that streamlines the process of support.

Washtenaw County residents experiencing housing instability or homelessness call just one phone number where they will receive an assessment of their needs and a direct connection to available resources.

Using this new service model, the Housing Access staff has already responded to more than 11,000 calls for help and has provided direct financial assistance to help more than 120 households find stability during the program's first quarter of operations.

This represents more than

half of the total number of households served last fiscal year.

Washtenaw County's homeless population is particularly vulnerable, with the average age of homeless individuals in the county being 12.

United Way of Washtenaw County supports and funds seven local agencies working with this population.

The agencies provide outreach to at-risk populations, emergency shelter and transitional housing, along with a variety of supportive services aimed at preventing homelessness. In 2012, these seven agencies reported funding from the United Way investment was leveraged to generate more than \$5 million in direct services toward the issues of homelessness.

In 2010, United Way of

Washtenaw County raised more than \$5.25 million to support local agencies that enable access to health, education and stable income for area residents.

Local Rotary clubs collect items for Food Gatherers

The Rotary clubs of Ann Arbor, Dexter, Saline and Ypsilanti are gearing up to collect non-perishable food items as they partner with Washtenaw County's food rescue/food bank program — Food Gatherers — in the fight against hunger.

From March 12 to March 23, more than 80 local businesses and organizations will be working with the Rotary Clubs to collect food items to be distributed to the 150 nonprofit programs Food Gatherers works with throughout the year in the

effort to alleviate hunger in Washtenaw County.

More than 44,000 individuals in Washtenaw County — including more than 14,000 children and 6,500 seniors — receive emergency food each year through Food Gatherers' distribution to local food pantries and meal sites.

Organizers said a spring food drive fills a real need, just as food collected from the community during the winter holidays begins to dwindle. Additionally, as the end of the school year approaches, families face the end of school breakfast and lunch programs which disappear during the summer months.

For more information and a complete list of participating businesses and organizations, visit <http://www.annarborrotary.org/node/486> or contact Todd at 769-7727.

Snyder appoints judge to 15th District Court

Joseph Burke succeeds Julie Creal in post

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Joseph F. Burke, chief assistant county

prosecuting attorney, to 15th District Court Feb. 15 to fill the vacancy left by former chief judge Julie Creal.

Creal resigned effective Jan. 12 for undisclosed medical reason. Other judges and magistrates have covered her docket in her absence.

Burke will serve her remaining term. The position

will be up for election in November.

"Joe Burke has served Washtenaw County as an assistant prosecuting attorney for over 20 years," Snyder said. "I am confident that he will continue his dedication and hard work for the community in this new role."

Burke, an Ann Arbor resident, began his legal

career as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Washtenaw County in 1982, according to the press release from the governor's office. He then went into private practice in 1986 as a partner at Burke & Rennell, PC.

In 1993, Burke returned to the Washtenaw County prosecutor's office as the chief assistant prosecuting

attorney.

He is a graduate of Howell High School. He attended Michigan State University, earning a bachelor's degree, and then at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, where he earned his law degree. Burke is married to Marilyn A. Eisenbraun.

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U of M study shows knowledge of new EVIP program

By Amy Bell
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According to a report from the University of Michigan Center for Local, State and Urban Policy, slightly more than half of local leaders throughout Michigan are highly informed of the state's new revenue sharing program.

The center conducted its Michigan Public Policy Survey in the fall of 2011 regarding recent changes to the state's revenue sharing program, now called the Economic Vitality Incentive Program.

In 2011, the state implemented the program. Instead of using a formula to distribute a \$210 million allocation to local government units throughout Michigan, the program now uses incentives to encourage local government reform.

"The introduction of EVIP was a very large policy change and under-

standing of the change is not even across the state," said Tom Ivacko, program manager at the center.

To receive statutory revenue sharing, government units must now meet standards or "best practices" in accountability and transparency, intergovernmental collaboration and employee compensation to receive the full amount of revenue sharing.

Governmental units were required to have an online Performance Dashboard and Citizen's Guide to Government by Oct. 1 to be eligible for the first one-third of the funding. Overall, 53 percent of those surveyed said they were "very familiar" with the program, 33 percent said "somewhat" and 13 percent were mostly/completely unfamiliar.

Leaders from southeastern Michigan were most knowledgeable about the program, with 62 percent saying they were "very

familiar."

Ivacko said this is probably due to the region having a higher concentration of larger cities than the rest of the state, which also allows those municipalities to provide staff to complete such projects.

Officials from the northern Lower Peninsula followed close with 61 percent. Percentages seemed to vary according to the size of the municipality.

According to the survey, 77 percent of leaders from municipalities with 30,000 or more residents said they were "very familiar" with the program, while 33 percent of leaders from populations fewer than 1,500 gave the same response.

"That is a concern for residents in smaller communities," he said. "I think they should be concerned about whether local officials have been brought up to speed on these things."

However, many smaller jurisdictions may not have

any full-time employees, or have the staff available to put together the required projects, he said.

Leaders may be familiar with the program, but many have their doubts whether it will be useful.

Local leaders from smaller governmental units tended to be more skeptical about the efficacy of the dashboards.

Of those who participated, 9 percent of leaders from municipalities with 1,500 or fewer residents said the dashboards would be very ineffective in regard to accountability and transparency as compared to 6 percent of those from populations greater than 30,000.

Some small community leaders have said they are on a first-name basis with their residents and if the person has a question about a particular transaction, they know exactly who to call so the database will not add any value, he said.

Ten percent of those sur-

veyed stated a dashboard would be very effective at improving their jurisdiction's ability to benchmark against others while 8 percent said it would be very effective at helping to improve their unit of government. Municipalities have been receiving reductions in state-shared revenue for the past several years with an ever-decreasing number of municipalities that are eligible for the program. The number of eligible municipalities decreased to 486 cities, townships and villages that received more than \$4,500 in statutory revenue sharing in FY 2009-10 are eligible.

Of those 486, 90 percent are doing what is required to receive the funding. Among those that are not, 26 percent are in the process of creating a dashboard and citizen's guide, he said.

"That's a pretty clear indicator at least in this financial and fiscal environment, that these financial

incentives are effective," he said.

The MPPS takes place two times a year and investigates local officials' opinions and perspectives on a variety of important public policy issues.

Participants from 1,272 Michigan jurisdictions included county administrators and board chairs, city mayors and managers, village presidents and managers, and township supervisors, clerks, and managers.

The center conducts the MPPS in partnership with the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association and investigates local officials' opinions and perspectives on a variety of important public policy issues.

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Grant to benefit military, overseas voters

Michigan has received a grant of more than \$430,000 from the Federal Voting Assistance Program to make improvements that will benefit those who vote absentee, especially military and overseas voters, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced in mid-February.

The \$431,514 Electronic Absentee Systems grant awarded to the state is for software development that will allow election officials to electronically create, process and track ballots for all

absentee voters.

It will also pay for communications to raise awareness of Michigan's voter registration and absentee ballot options among military and overseas voters.

Improvements are expected to be in place in time for November's presidential election.

"The grant will help ensure participation by military and overseas voters by allowing us to upgrade our technology related to the absentee ballot process," Johnson said in a news release.

"This is an exciting development as we strive toward more secure and fair elections in Michigan."

The grant money will allow the Bureau of Elections to assist between 600 and 800 smaller jurisdictions in moving to an electronic absentee ballot tracking system, Johnson said.

Those jurisdictions will be able to do away with time-consuming manual processes and enter absentee voter information directly into the state's Qualified Voter File by

computer, which previously was not an option.

Voters registered in those jurisdictions will now be able to check the progress of their absentee ballot applications and the Bureau of Elections will receive absentee ballot data from all local election officials instantly and accurately.

Elections staff will have the resources needed to expand outreach to military and overseas voters as a result of the grant, Johnson said.

Emphasis will be placed

on identifying these voters and obtaining email addresses from them, because people tend to keep the same email address even when their location changes.

Election reminders and other information can then be sent to Michigan's military and overseas voters to ensure that they have the opportunity to participate.

"Changes that make it easier for a service member to be involved in the voting process are certainly beneficial," said Capt. Corissa Barton, a spokeswoman for

the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

"Distance should never prevent service members from having their votes counted back home."

The primary goal of FVAP is to assist uniformed services and overseas voters in exercising their right to vote so they have an equal opportunity to have their vote counted.

For more information about Secretary of State office locations, hours and services, visit www.Michigan.gov/sos

Absentee ballot deadline approaching

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Those who want an absentee ballot for the Feb. 28 presidential primary only have a short time left to apply.

Ballot applications are available in person until 4 p.m. Feb. 27 at the city and

township clerk's offices throughout Washtenaw County. Those who wish to submit their application by mail must do so by 2 p.m. Feb. 25.

Registered voters can obtain a ballot if age 60 or older; physically unable to attend the polls without

assistance of another person; expecting to be absent for the entire Election Day from the community where you are registered; in jail awaiting arraignment or trial or unable to attend the polls because of religious reasons or appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct other than the precinct of residence.

Those who want to obtain a ballot can also apply online at bygoingtoabsenteeballot.com. Ballots cannot be supplied by phone request.

Written requests must include name; date of election; address where registered to vote; signature

and date of request; reason requesting an absent voter ballot; address where the ballot should be sent. The address must be the registration address, an address outside of the registration jurisdiction, a hospital or another type of residential institution.

Completed absent voter ballot must be received by the city or township clerk's office no later than 8 p.m. Feb. 28.

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Nonprofits have many needs we can help fill

By Molly McIntire
Special Writer

For the past five weeks, I have had the most incredible privilege and opportunity to interview nonprofit organizations across the county. Through meeting so many different people and seeing inside such influential organizations, I have gained a new understanding and appreciation for the people who work so diligently to make our community a better place for all.

It's one thing to recognize the name of an organization and it's another thing completely to recognize the work they do.

As a student, I am more than familiar with life's ability to get hectic. While need is all around us, finding time to volunteer and meet that need seems hard to come by. It wasn't until I was given the chance to meet the people who are filling the needs that I began to realize the urgency for action.

In just five weeks, I have been able to take a look inside five extremely diverse

organizations. Whether helping high-risk teens, providing food for the hungry, saving an abandoned animal, teaching someone to read, or simply being involved and aiding the community, each has found a critical issue and have made it their vision and mission to alleviate it.

Through both the smallest and largest of steps, progress throughout Washtenaw County is being made.

Over the next weeks, I will continue to look further into some of Washtenaw's biggest nonprofit organizations. We will get to see those who keep the organizations running, as well as a look into the work being done.

With three organizations preparing for upcoming interviews, I am eager to get to sit down with executive directors, as well as volunteers, the upcoming weeks will surely be enlightening, as well as eye opening, as we continue to look into the life of a giver.

Read Molly McIntire's blog "The Life of a Giver" at www.Heritage.com/blogs.

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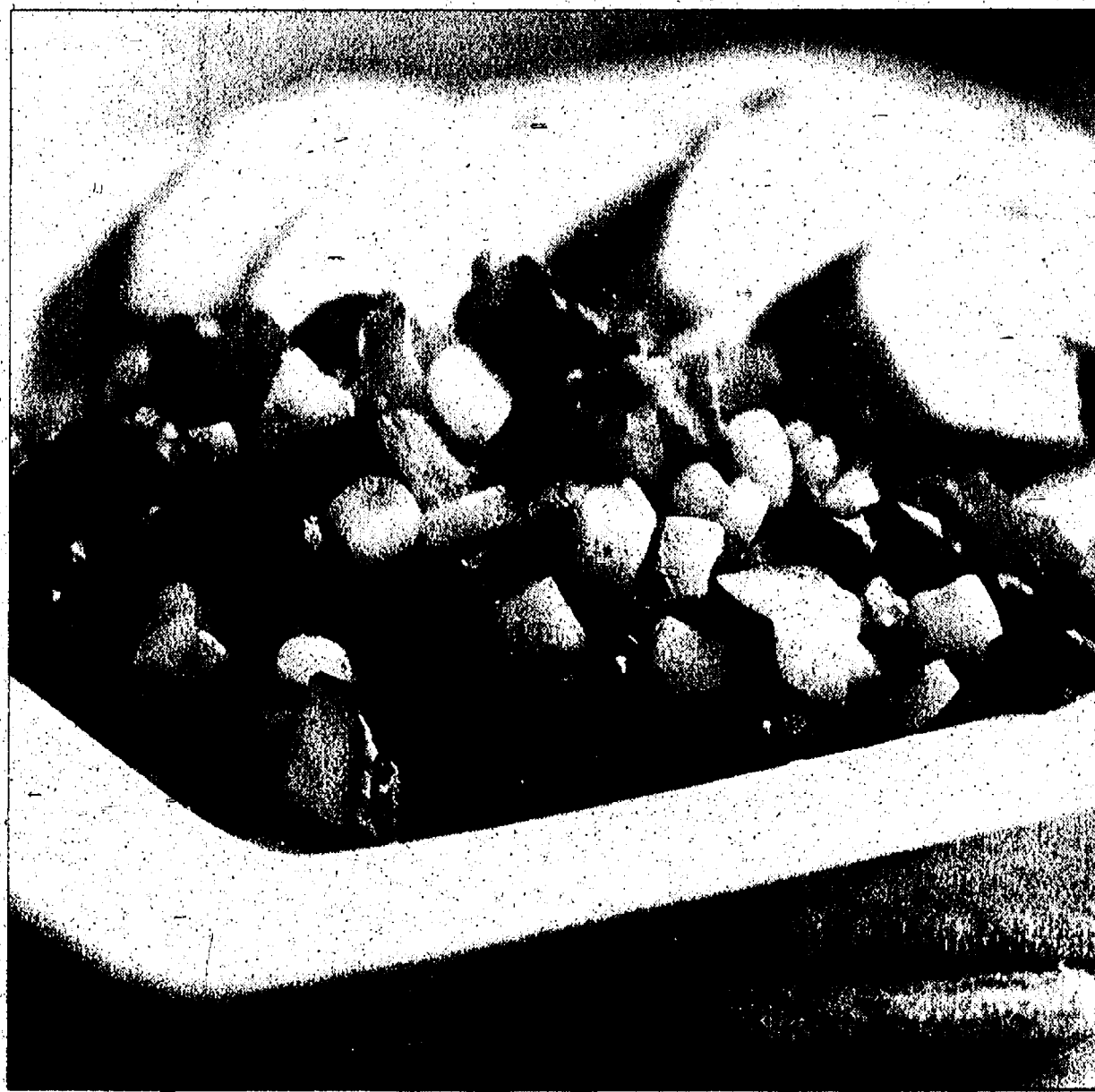
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Fiesta Black Bean, Corn and Pepper Salad

Yield: 18 servings
Prep Time: 30 minutes

- 2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 2 tablespoons Mazola® Corn Oil
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup diced red pepper
- 1 cup diced zucchini
- 2 cans reduced sodium black beans (15 ounces each), drained and rinsed
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 1/2 cup salsa

- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1-1/2 tablespoons cilantro, finely minced
- 3/4 cup queso fresco cheese

Sauté garlic and onion in corn oil over medium heat in a large skillet until slightly softened. Add cumin, chili powder, salt, peppers and zucchini; continue to cook and stir for 2 minutes. Add black beans and corn and continue cooking to heat through, about 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in salsa.

Transfer to serving dish; squeeze 2 lime wedges over mixture and stir. Garnish with remaining lime and cilantro. Serve warm or chilled.

Roasted Poblano Chicken Quesadillas

Prep Time: 10 to 15 minutes
Cook Time: 10 to 15 minutes
Yield: 6 servings

- 2 medium poblano peppers
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 1 cup cooked, shredded chicken
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 teaspoon onion salt
- 6 8 to 10-inch flour tortillas
- 2 tablespoons Mazola® Corn Oil

Roast peppers under the broiler, over a gas flame or on grill. Heat for 5 to 7 minutes per side or until surface skin on the peppers is blistered and charred. Using tongs, transfer peppers to a paper bag or a covered bowl and set aside until cool enough to handle.

Rinse peppers under running water to remove stem, seeds, pith and all charred material. Pat dry and cut into 1-inch strips.

Heat griddle or large skillet over medium-high heat, or place oven rack in upper third of oven and preheat broiler to 400°F.

Combine roasted pepper strips, cheese, chicken, cilantro and onion salt in a small bowl.

Evenly divide the filling and spread over one half of each tortilla. Fold remaining half over to form a semi-circle.

Lightly brush both sides of quesadillas with corn oil.

Heat quesadillas for 1 to 2 minutes per side or until lightly browned and cheese is melted. (For broiler method, place quesadillas on a baking sheet and broil for 1 to 2 minutes per side or until lightly browned and cheese is melted.)

Cut quesadillas into wedges and serve with salsa and sour cream, if desired.

Tips: Filling can be refrigerated up to 2 days ahead. For convenience, use shredded rotisserie chicken.

Bananas Empanadas

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Bake Time: 20 minutes
Yield: 12 empanadas

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 4 ripe bananas, sliced
- 2 tablespoons (1 ounce) spiced rum
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 packages (11.6 ounces each) empanada dough disks
- 2 tablespoons Mazola® Corn Oil

Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add bananas, rum and cinnamon. Cook and stir occasionally for 15 minutes.

Separate each empanada disk and place on an oiled baking sheet. To assemble, place some filling mixture on half of the round disk, leaving a small border around the edge. Fold other half of pastry over filling, pressing edges to seal. Lightly brush each empanada with oil.

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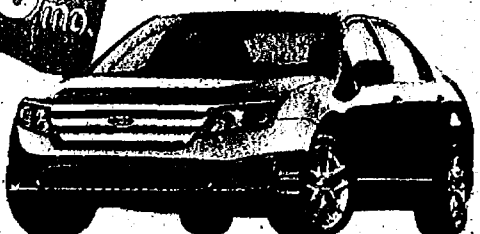
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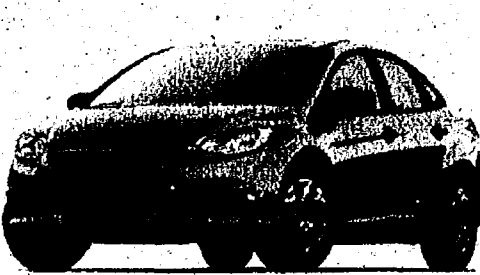
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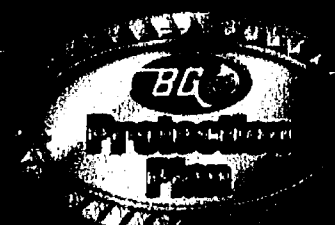
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 23

■ Learn about Microsoft Word 2007 at the Dexter District Library at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required.

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

■ See "Smokey Joe's Café" at 3 p.m. or 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.

■ 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. 24

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■ 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.

Saturday, Feb. 25

■ The Dexter District Library hosts Drop-In Beach Party Time at 11 a.m. Dress like it's a hot summer day, imagine you're spending a day on the beach and learn

the limbo. Snacks will be available to cool you off, and there will be a craft following the program. This is for ages 6 and under but all are welcome.

■ The Health Communities Walking Group meets at 1 p.m. in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library.

■ The Dexter District Library hosts a Studio3pac Dance Performance from 2-4 p.m. This is an all-ages event.

■ The Dexter United Methodist Church hosts an Italian Dinner and Silent Auction to Benefit Habitat for Humanity from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets cost adults \$9; seniors \$8; kids 5-12 \$5; 4 and younger free. Dexter United Methodist Church is at 7643 W. Huron River Drive. For more information, please call 426-8480.

■ The Dexter First Steps/Early On Program is having its second annual Pizza Dinner/Dance Fundraiser in the Cornerstone Elementary Cafeteria from 6-8 p.m. Dinner includes pizza, salad, drinks and dessert for \$5 per plate, ages 8-adult and \$2 per plate ages 7 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Tickets for the raffle items will be for sale at the dinner. Please contact Julie Swanson at 734-424-4120, ext. 2224, or swansonj@dexterschools.org or Nicole Durbin at nicole.durbin@charter.net, 734-424-4120, ext. 2504, for more information or to make a donation for the raffle.

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Sunday, Feb. 26

■ Photographer Betsy Finn will present "Portraits of Rome" at 2 p.m. at the Dexter District Library.

Monday, Feb. 27

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

Tuesday, Feb. 28

■ Today is Election Day.

■ The Dexter Senior Center will have no programs today due to Election Day. However, there will be congregate and home-delivered meals.

■ Join the Ancestry Aficionados at the Chelsea District Library at 10 a.m. Expert volunteers will be on hand to answer genealogy and computer questions.

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

Wednesday, Feb. 29

Dance-along, Sing-along

with Mrs. Beth at the Chelsea District Library at 10:30 a.m. Join the group for songs, dances and musical games for children and parents to do together, followed by open playtime. For ages 2 and up.

Thursday, March 1

■ Learn Microsoft Excel 2007 at the Dexter District Library at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required.

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

■ Local author Doc Fletcher presents Paddling Michigan's Hidden Beauties at 7 p.m. The program includes a slideshow on canoeing the beautiful rivers of Michigan.

Ongoing

■ The Global Marketplace, a fair trade store, formerly The Mission Marketplace at 115 W. Middle St. in Chelsea, is hosting a display and sale of Michigan prisoner art until March 3.

■ The Dexter District Library hosts a student art show all month in the lower level meeting room.

■ 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.

PLEASE SEE CALENDAR/7-B

BULLETIN BOARD

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Bob Pierce, executive director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. "Around Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche.

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

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

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

Chelsea Area 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 area.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing Monday, March 12, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public input on an application filed by K-Space Holdings, Inc. located at 2182 Bishop Circle East, Dexter Michigan, for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate.

K-Space is constructing an addition to meet increased demand for thin films and imaging products. The project consists of approximately \$704,132 in new real property investment and \$85,754 in new personal property investment. The exemption would abate 50% of the property taxes on the taxable value of the real and personal property investment at their facility located in Dexter Michigan for a period of 7 years.

The application is on file and available for review at the Village Office, 8123 Main Street, 2nd Floor of the PNC Bank Building, Dexter, Michigan, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Written comments regarding this project should be submitted to the Village Manager, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, 2012.

Donna Dettling
Village Manager

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SCIO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the Scio Township Planning Commission will be held at the Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on MONDAY, March 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM. During this meeting the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following matter:

Conditional Use Application #2147 by Lindsay Ruland, for Partech Properties 1, LLC, for conditional use to allow a veterinarian hospital and animal clinic. The subject site is zoned C-2 (General Commercial). (CU# 2147)

Property Code: H-08-22-375-005

Owner: Partech Properties 1, LLC

Details concerning the aforementioned matters may be examined at the Township Offices at 827 N. Zeeb Road by interested persons during office hours, weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Any person having interest in said Township or their duly appointed representatives shall there and then be heard at the above described meetings or adjournment thereof relative to any matters that should come before the Planning Commission.

Scio Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing 10 days notice to Scio Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Scio Township.

Scio Township Clerk

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CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, January 24, 2012 Washington Street Education Center

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Consent Agenda

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Anderson to approve minutes (with corrections), bills and traffic control orders as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED Holmberg SECONDED Albertson to approve the agenda as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Council Business

1. Ordinance No. 166-2012-07, Zoning Text Amendment 2nd Reading

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Anderson to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 166-2012-07 for adoption. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. IT Contract with the City of Ann Arbor

MOVED Feeney SECONDED Martinez-Kratz to approve the one-year information technology services contract with the City of Ann Arbor as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Board of Review Letters of Protest

MOVED Martinez-Kratz SECONDED Hammer to approve the resolution allowing taxpayers to submit letters of protest. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Establishment of 2012 Poverty/Hardship Guidelines

MOVED Albertson SECONDED Hammer to approve the resolution for the guidelines of the 2012 Hardship Exemption application. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

5. Transfer of Electric Self Insurance Funding

MOVED Holmberg SECONDED Albertson to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from the Electric Fund operating cash to the Electric Fund self insurance certificate of deposit as budgeted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

6. Goals and Objectives (Visioning) Work Session

To set the goals and objectives (Visioning) Work Session to Feb 6th from 6 pm to 8 pm

7. Private Use of Public Facilities

MOVED Martinez-Kratz SECONDED Albertson to refer the Private Use of Public Property to the Planning Commission for their discussion and development of language to amend the General Code of Ordinances for the Private Use of Public Property AND to recommend a Policy and Procedure, to be adopted no later than May 2012. Six (6) Ayes, One (1) Nay, (Anderson) Motion Carried.

Closed Session

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Albertson to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining and pending litigation. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Closed Session began at 8:15 pm. Closed Session ended at 8:30 p.m.

Adjournment

MOVED Hammer SECONDED Feeney to adjourn at 8:31 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approved: February 14, 2012

NOTE: This is only a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Clerk's Office at 305 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI or online at www.city-of-chelsea.org

Respectfully submitted, Terri Royal, Clerk

Publish February 23, 2012

March Tax Board of Review Dates

Notice is hereby given that the Tax Board of Review will hold meetings on the following dates and times. The location of the meeting is the City of Chelsea, Lower Level Conference Room, 305 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118. To schedule appointments please contact the City Office at 734-475-1771.

Tuesday, March 6, 2012

Organizational Meeting 1:00pm to 2:00pm

Meetings 2:00 pm to 5:00pm

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Meetings 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Monday, March 19, 2012

Meetings 1:00pm to 5:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Meetings 9:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Teresa Royal, Clerk

Publish February 23 and March 1, 2012

BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons liable for assessment for taxes in the Township of Scio, including the Village of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, that the Assessment Roll of said Township as prepared by the undersigned will be reviewed by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at the Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, Michigan at 9:30 a.m.

The Board of Review will act for the purpose of hearing appeals to the Assessment Roll on:

Monday, March 12, 2012 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Thursday, March 15, 2012 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday, March 17, 2012 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

at which time upon request of any person who is assessed on said tax roll or of his or her agent and upon sufficient cause being shown, said Board of Review will correct the assessment as to such property in such manner as will in their judgment make the valuation just and equal. Such assessment roll as reviewed and approved by said Board of Review will be the assessment roll of the Township of Scio for the year 2012.

Tentative factors are:

Agricultural Property	0.9806
Commercial Property	0.9593
Industrial Property	0.9414
Residential Property	1.0128
Developmental Property	0.9972
Personal Property	1.0000

For Board of Review appointment, call 734-369-8400.

E. Spaulding Clark,
Scio Township Supervisor

Publish February 23, 2012

NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by JIM BOND of NATIONAL ILLUMINATION SIGN COMPANY, for a variance from the requirements of Section 5.03 A.4 of Ordinance No. 166 (Zoning Ordinance), to ALLOW LED LIGHTS ON THE PRICE MODULES IN EXISTING SIGN REPLACING OUTDATED PRICE FACES.

The property is described as follows:

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Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request, a Notice of Hearing shall be given and will be served personally or by mail at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property and occupants of property located within three-hundred (300) feet of such premises in question.

You are herein notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 5:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea City Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

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

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

DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by JERRY BRIDGES of LLOYD BRIDGES TRAVELAND, for a variance from the requirements of Section 5.04 B 2 of Ordinance No. 166 (Zoning Ordinance), to ALLOW AN EXISTING 6 FOOT CHAIN LINK FENCE TO REMAIN FOR SECURITY IN THE NEW FRONT YARD CREATED BY A PROPOSED LAND DIVISION.

The property is described as follows:

TAX CODE: 006-06-13-150-006 PART OF 06-06-13-150-009, 06-06-13-150-010
1185-A 1191 OLD MANCHESTER ROAD, & 1192 S. MAIN,
CHELSEA, MI

Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request, a Notice of Hearing shall be given and will be served personally or by mail at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property and occupants of property located within three-hundred (300) feet of such premises in question.

You are herein notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 5:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea City Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

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

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

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BOARD

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Applications and information are available at www.chelseagardclub.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.

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CALENDAR

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

■ CSS/Older Adult Services offers tax assistance at the Dexter Senior Center March 1 and March 15. Appointment times are made between 9 a.m. and noon both days. Volunteers will only allocate enough time for simple tax returns. Please bring full income information for 2011 (W-2 and 1099 forms), last year's tax or credit forms and anything else which may be useful. To schedule an appointment, call the Dexter Senior Center at 426-7737.

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

■ Join Miss Jackie and Rosie in storytime fun at the Chelsea District Library, each Wednesday starting Jan. 11 and running until Feb. 15. The 10:30 a.m. program includes stories, fingerplays, puppets, songs and crafts. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call Karen Persello at 475-8732 for more information.

semester. Visit the ALI website for a complete listing of the classes that are still open.

To register for one or more classes download a registration form on our website or contact ALI by phone to receive a catalog. Catalogs are also available @ the Chelsea/Dexter Senior Centers & Libraries.

Class starting dates range from Feb. 9 to May 23. Registrations are accepted by mail in only and are accepted until class limits are reached.

For complete information visit www.adultlearnersinstitute.org or call 734-433-1000, ext. 7358.

Co-op has open house

The Dexter Cooperative Nursery School will hold an open house 6-8 p.m. March 5. The co-op has 3- and 4 year-old programs and offers morn-

ing and afternoon classes.

Meet the teachers and tour the facilities in the education building of the Dexter United Methodist Church located at 7643 W. Huron River Drive in Dexter. Dexter Cooperative Nursery School will begin general registration 10 a.m. March 10. Please go to www.dextercoop.com and click on the registration link to register your child for classes for the fall of 2012. Visit www.dextercoop.com or contact Kim at membership@dextercoop.com or 734-645-5631 for more information.

To have an event placed on the Bulletin Board or the Community Calendar, send an email with Bulletin Board or Community Calendar in the subject line to Erica McClain at emcclain@heritage.com by 5 p.m. Friday for the following week's edition.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SPECIAL USE AND REQUEST FOR COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL

An application has been filed by JERRY BRIDGES or LLOYD BRIDGES TRAVELAND for a SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A PROPOSED OUTDOOR RV STORAGE AND SALES USE, AND COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL SITE PLAN ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL OF LAND:

Tax Code: 006-06-13-150-006, PART OF 06-06-13-150-009, 06-06-13-150-010

1185 AND 1191 OLD MANCHESTER ROAD AND 1192 S. MAIN, CHELSEA, MI.

The application for Special Use and a Combined Preliminary and Final Site Plan request will be considered by the Chelsea Planning Commission on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI.

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

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

CHELSEA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
George Kinzer, Chair

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LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

As required by the General Property Tax Act, public notice is hereby given by Lima Township that the 2012 March Board of Review will meet on the following days at the Lima Township Office located at 12172 Jackson Road, Dexter, Michigan for the purpose of reviewing the 2012 assessment roll and hearing requests, protests or application for correction of assessed or tentative taxable values.

ORGANIZATIONAL & ROLL REVIEW MEETING

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.
(Appeals will not be heard at this session)

PUBLIC APPEAL HEARINGS

Monday, March 12, 2012: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14, 2012: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Additional dates and times may be added as necessary and if all appointments for the above dates have been filled.

The Lima Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers should call (734) 475-2246 during normal business hours to schedule an appointment. (Voice Messages will be returned) The Board of Review will meet at the times listed above to hear appeals by property owners or their representatives. The owner's representative must present a letter of authorization signed by the property owner in order to be heard. Letter appeals are accepted in lieu of a personal appearance and must be received no later than March 14, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. (postmarks are not acceptable). Taxpayers are welcome to contact the Assessing Office prior to the Board of Review dates to discuss their 2012 assessed or taxable values at (734) 475-2246.

As required by P.A. 188 of Public Acts of 1975, the TENTATIVE ratio and ESTIMATED multiplier for the Township of Lima are hereby listed below. This ratio and multiplier is subject to the actions of the Assessing Officer, the Board of Review, the County Equalization Department and the Michigan State Tax Commission.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	ESTIMATED MULTIPLIER
AGRICULTURAL (101)	50.29	0.9942
COMMERCIAL (201)	55.41	0.9023
INDUSTRIAL (301)	54.48	0.9177
RESIDENTIAL (401)	51.86	0.9878
PERSONAL PROPERTY	50.00	1.0000

The township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice.

Contact: Arlene Bareis, Clerk
12172 Jackson Road
Dexter, MI 48130
(734) 475-2246

Ken Unterbrink, Supervisor

Publish February 16, 23 & March 1, 2012

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER, MICHIGAN OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan (the "Village"), intends to issue and sell its general obligation limited tax bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed Four Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,200,000). The bonds are being issued for the purpose of refunding the Village's outstanding 1999 Water Supply System Revenue Bonds (the "1999 Bonds"), Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, Series 2000A (the "2000A Bonds") and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, Series 2000B (the "2000B Bonds") which were previously issued through the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Program to pay the cost of acquiring water supply and sewage disposal system improvements. The bonds will be issued to refund the revenue bonds only if the Village is able to realize debt service savings.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

The principal of and interest on said bonds shall be payable from and secured by the general funds of the Village lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional and statutory tax rate limitations. However, it is the intent of the Village to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds related to the 1999 Bonds from revenues derived from the operation of the Village's water supply system and to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds related to the 2000A Bonds and 2000B Bonds from revenues derived from the operation of the Village's sewage disposal system.

BOND DETAILS

SAID BONDS will be payable in annual installments not to exceed twenty-five (25) in number, and will bear interest at the rate or rates to be determined at public or private sale but in no event to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE IS FILED WITH THE VILLAGE CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Carol Jones
Village Clerk
Village of Dexter

Publish February 23, 2012

COUNTY NOTICE WASHTENAW COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that requests for appeals and variances from the Washtenaw County Rules and Regulations for the Design, Installation, and Maintenance of On-site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems, Protection of Groundwater, Inspection of Residential Onsite Water and Sewage Disposal Systems at Time of Property Transfer, Pollution Prevention; and Privately Owned Community Waste Water Systems will be heard at 8:35 a.m. on Friday February 24, 2012 at the Western County Service Center, located at 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

1300 Lakeside Manchester Township

A request to grant the following variances in order that a replacement onsite sewage disposal/treatment system at 1300 Lakeside can be installed:
Reducing isolation distance from proposed sewage system to the well located at 1310 Lakeside from 100 feet to 52 feet.
Reducing isolation distance from proposed sewage system to the well located at 1320 Lakeside from 100 feet to 81 feet.
Reducing isolation distance from proposed sewage system to the property line located at 1296 Lakeside from 10 feet to 5 feet.

This Notice to be published on or before February 24th, 2012.

Authorized by: **Dan Yordanich, Chair,**
Washtenaw County Environmental Appeals Board
P.O. #BK30284
Publish February 23, 2012

DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW 2012 MARCH MEETINGS

As required by the General Property Tax Act, public notice is hereby given by Dexter Township, that the 2012 March Board of Review will meet on the following days at the Dexter Township Hall located at 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, Michigan for the purpose of reviewing the 2012 assessment roll and hearing requests, protests or application for corrections of assessed or tentative taxable values:

ORGANIZATIONAL & ROLL REVIEW MEETING

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 3:30 p.m.

PUBLIC APPEAL HEARINGS:

Tuesday, March 13, 2012: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14, 2012: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Dexter Township Board of Review will hear appeals by appointment. Taxpayers should call (734) 428-3787 during normal business hours to schedule an appointment.

Letter appeals are also accepted in lieu of personal appearance and will be accepted from the first Tuesday in March until the Board of Review adjourns from the public hearing for which it meets to hear such protests.

Taxpayers are welcome to contact the Assessing Office prior to the Board of Review dates to discuss their 2012 assessed or taxable values at (734) 428-3787.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for the 2012 Assessments in the Township are as follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio (%)	Estimated Multiplier
Agricultural	51.37	1.0000
Commercial	53.55	1.0000
Industrial	51.92	1.0000
Residential	48.89	1.0000
Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

The above ratios and multipliers are subject to further change by the Assessor's Office, the Board of Review, the County Equalization Department and the Michigan State Tax Commission.

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice.

Contact: Harley Rider, Clerk
6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road
Dexter, MI 48130
(734) 428-3787

Pat Kelly, Supervisor

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March 1 & 8, 2012

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion Smith: support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 9, 2012, the Work Session of January 9, 2012, and the Work Session of January 14, 2012.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Smith: support Cousins to approve the agenda as amended.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$247,687.50

Motion Fisher: support Smith to approve item 1 of the consent agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

Motion Fisher: support Smith to accept the 2010-2011 Audit from Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Smith: support Tell based upon the information received from the applicant, reflected in minutes of this meeting, and in conformance with Section 21.04(e) of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance, the Village Council finds the Dexter Wellness Center preliminary site plan dated 1-18-12 meets the requirements to recommend the preliminary site plan.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Cousins: support Fisher to approve the Public Art Plan with the addition of two at large members being residents of the Village, a two thirds approval vote by the selection committee and all other additional comments for corrections.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Tell: support Smith to approve the resolution of intent for participating in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Tell: support Smith to approve the resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to manage floodplain development for the National Flood Insurance Program.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

Motion Semifero: support Tell to set a Public Hearing for February 13, 2012 to establish an Industrial Development District at 3015 Broad Street (HD-03-31-478-011) and 8155 Huron Street (HD-03-31-487-010)

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough

Nays: None

Motion carries

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith: support Fisher to adjourn at 10:00 PM. Unanimous voice vote for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones, Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: February 13, 2012

NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office, at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org

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DEXTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, February 28, 2012

AT 7:00 P.M.

AT

DEXTER TOWNSHIP HALL
6880 DEXTER-PINCKNEY RD.
DEXTER, MI 48130

AGENDA

- 1) HCMA Site Plan
- 2) Review Inverness Inn's Conditional Use Application
- 3) Review 2011 Annual Report
- 4) Review Potential 2012 Agenda Items/Work Plan

Molly Wade,
Chairperson
Dexter Township
Planning Commission

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Newspaper Notice
Village of Manchester
"Complete Streets"

Notice for Publication:

The Village of Manchester will hold a public input session meeting on March 13th, 2012 to discuss its Complete Streets Ordinance. The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Village Hall, 912 City Road, Manchester.

The purpose of the ordinance is to guide transportation planning to encourage bicycling and walking while promoting safe operations for all users.

For more information, contact Jeff Wallace (734)428-7877 or jwallace@vill-manchester.org.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. PRP-11-1116DE

Estate of Barbara Brown Parsons, a/k/a Barbara Lois Parsons. Date of birth: 11/01/1920.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Barbara Brown Parsons, a/k/a Barbara Lois Parsons, who lived at Evangelical Nursing Home, 440 W. Russell Street, Saline, Michigan, died 12/13/2010.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will forever be barred unless presented to Ruth M. Kummer, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 101 E. Huron St. and the name/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice: February 23, 2012.

John A. McDermott P65581
310 N. Main Street,
Suite 130
Chelsea, MI 48118
734-433-9490

Ruth M. Kummer
3904 Goldside Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
734-434-0195

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 11-2866NC

In the matter of Alexis Hasler's name change

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in this matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on March 6, 2012 at 3 p.m. at 101 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, MI before Judge O'Brien for the following purpose: To legally change Alexis Hasler's name Alexis Fetterolf-Starbird

2-8-12
Sarah Fetterolf
173 W. Lewis
Milan, MI 48160
734-576-2104

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TOTAL RESOURCE AUCTIONS DETROIT-Saturday Sale-Feb 25th

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LEGAL NOTICE
DeLoof, Hopper, Dever & Wright, PLLC, 301 N. Main Street, Suite 250, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made by the Mortgages, William J. Conlin and Ellen A. Conlin, husband and wife, to Daniel H. Rivkin, an individual, the Mortgage, dated October 27, 2003, and recorded in Liber 4335, Page 210, Washtenaw County Records on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal, interest and late charges, at the date of this Notice, an amount not less than Seven Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-One and 57/100 Dollars (\$722,451.57). No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, under the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, local time, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw is held, of the premises described in said Mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, to Mortgagee on said Mortgage, with interest thereon at a fixed rate of six point zero nine percent (6.09%) per annum plus the default rate of four percent (4%), and all legal costs, charges, fees, and expenses allowed by law and in the Mortgage and related loan documents incurred both before and after the date of this Notice, including but not limited to, title insurance fees, taxes, insurance, attorney fees, receiver fees, advances made to construct, finish, repair, or maintain the buildings on the premises and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the Mortgagee, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The premises are situated in the Township of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and described as:

Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 8, Town 2 North, Range 6 East, Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence South 88 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West 1994.65 feet along the North line of said Section 8; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 55 seconds West 816.47 feet along the West line of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 8 for a Place of Beginning; thence South 80 degrees 44 minutes 45 seconds East 200.00 feet along the centerline of Stein Road; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 55 seconds West 100.00 feet; thence South 13 degrees 55 minutes 14 seconds East 173.25 feet; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 55 seconds West 160.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 06 seconds West 240.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 55 seconds East 459.21 feet along the West line of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 8 to the Place of Beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 8. Subject to the public over the Northernly 33.00 feet thereof as occupied by Stein Road, together with an easement for the construction and maintenance of septic field described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 8, Town 2 South, Range 6 East, Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence South 88 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West 1994.65 feet along the North line of said Section 8; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 55 seconds West 1275.68 feet along the West line of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 8 for a Place of Beginning; thence South 89 degrees 44 minutes 06 seconds East 240.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 55 seconds East 25.00 feet along the West line of the East 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 8 to the Place of Beginning, being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of said Section 8.

Tax Identification No.: 1-09-08-200-025

Pursuant to MCLA 3600, 3240, the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c). TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on February 6, 2012.

Daniel H. Rivkin, Mortgagee

For information, contact:
Peter H. DeLoof, Esq.
DeLoof, Hopper, Dever & Wright, PLLC
301 N. Main Street, Suite 250
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- 12 Grand tale
- 13 Conclusion
- 14 Operatic rendition
- 15 Painter Chagall
- 16 Being
philanthropic
- 18 Dull indifference
- 20 Soda-shop treat
- 21 Dire prophecy
- 23 Two fives
- 24 Try
- 28 Antelope's
playmate
- 31 Meadow
- 32 Weary
- 34 Firmament
- 35 Departed
- 37 Check beneficiary
- 39 Dandy
- 41 Garbage barge
- 42 Anchored
- 45 It gets the lead out
- 49 Ingratulated
- 51 Staff member?
- 52 Use a teaspoon
- 53 Eggs

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fish
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without a
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consent
- 5 2007 film
featuring
Seinfeld's
voice
- 6 Hostel
- 7 Probability
- 8 Was obsequious
- 9 Sahara-like quality
- 10 1492 ship
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- 11 "Eleni" author
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supplement
- 30 Dell bread
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- 36 Matador
- 38 African nation
- 40 Carrot
companion?
- 42 Disarray
- 43 Aware of
- 44 Let fall
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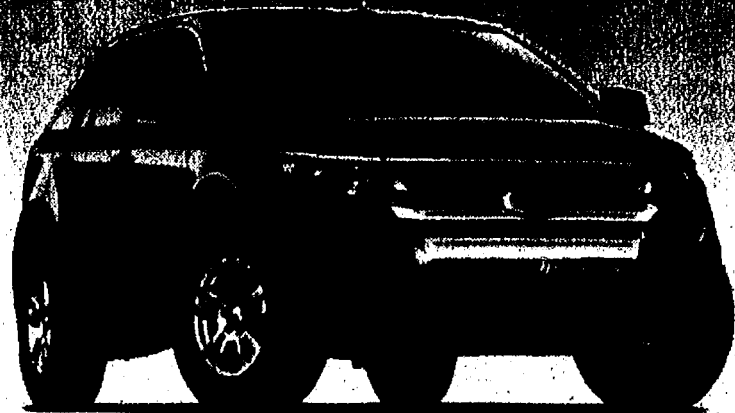
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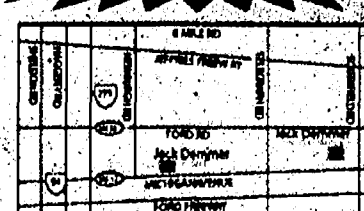
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Bulldogs skate past SEC rival Dexter, 4-1

By Mike Field
Heritage Sports

Chelsea coach Don Wright couldn't help but notice his team's struggles in the opening minutes of the Bulldogs' home contest with Dexter.

The second period more than made up for it. A three-goal second period put the Dreadnaughts into a deep hole and eventually led to their demise, as the Bulldogs cruised to a 4-1 win on Wednesday night. "We did the things that we normally do," Wright said. "As we came in today, I thought we weren't as sharp as [last week], and that's not taking anything away from Dexter. In the second period, I thought we started playing the way we're capable of playing. We got some good scoring and some good chances."

Joey Ormsted, Kyle Whipple, Jacob Ryan and Joe Hewitt all scored for the Bulldogs (15-4-2 overall, 3-0 SEC White).

Jack Waldrup added the lone goal for Dexter (11-10-2-5).

Despite being on the losing end, the player of the game honors might have gone to Dexter goalie Cameron Rinkes. The senior was busy all night, as he made 46 saves in net while dealing with a physical Chelsea offense that loved to attack the net.

"It was definitely a good effort by him," Dexter coach Brian Sipetz said. "We had some unlucky bounces and they had a couple of goals. It's a big effort with him. He's a super competitor, and we expect nothing less of him."

Chris Boyd made 23 saves in net for the Bulldogs. Chelsea grabbed control from the opening faceoff

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Photo by Brian Strong

Chelsea's Anthony Catalina and Dexter's Tristin Rojcek meet up on the ice last Wednesday.

HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING REGIONALS Three Bulldogs headed to states

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Sports

Dexter's Drew Barnes is heading to The Palace of Auburn Hills after taking first place at 140 pounds on Saturday at the Division 2 high school wrestling regional at Mason High School.

Barnes will be joined by two other Dexter Dreadnaughts, three Chelsea Bulldogs and two from Ipsilanti as these local wrestlers rose to the occasion against tough competition to pin down spots in the state finals.

Barnes, a senior, was the only local wrestler to bring back a first place medal.

"He was a little under the weather Saturday but came out and battled," said Dexter coach Greg Wagner. "He did an outstanding job."

Yeah, you could say that Barnes opened his day with a technical fall on Austin Sargent of Coldwater and then won a 10-3 decision over JP McDougall of Lakeshore to advance to the finals. He beat Elijah Dennis of Lansing East on a fall in just 31 seconds to take first place.

Teammate and fellow senior Shawn Chamberlain also will be heading to The Palace after he took fourth at 265 pounds. Chamberlain opened strong by beating Wade Stacey of Vicksburg on a fall in just 19 seconds.

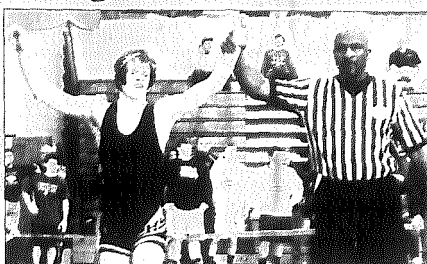
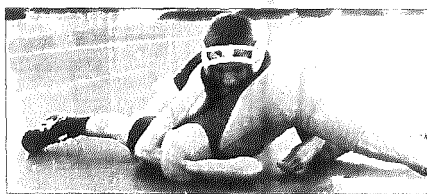


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Senior Ben Doll (above) won his blood-round match 12-7 to qualify for the state finals. Steve Bleise (below) took third and is headed to The Palace for the second time.



After losing to eventual champion Adam Covi, Chamberlain stamped his ticket for the state finals with a 7-2 win over

Ipsilanti's Zaid Abdelatif. He lost the three-four match to Kyle Carlson of Lake Shore.

Abdelatif picked up a

win over Derek Scott of Niles to advance to the blood round.

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PLEASE SEE WRESTLE 3-C

Hovater pins down a spot at The Palace

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Sports

There is no doubt about it. The high school wrestling regional is a very intense tournament where every all your hard work pays off or it ends in disappointment. If you took a walk through the halls of Mason High School near the gym on Saturday you would more than likely run into a wrestler sitting on the ground with head in hands and in tears.

The regionals can be brutal. Getting to the state finals is a goal for most young wrestlers. To come so close only to come up so short can be devastating. And emotions are often difficult to control.

But when we caught up with Chelsea's Mike Hovater on Saturday afternoon he seemed to be keeping his emotions in check. In fact, he looked pretty relaxed up on the second floor of the gym.

"Just trying to catch a quick nap," he said with a

smile. "A nap? During the wrestling regionals?"

Yeah, this kid is different. And very very talented.

You can afford to relax a little when you come out and win your first two matches of the day. Hovater beat Bradley Bradford on a fall (1:06) and then knocked off Mike Goodell of St. Joe's on a fall in 3:02 to start his tournament at 240 at 171 pounds. Two wins stamps your ticket to the state finals at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

He ended up losing the championship match to Brett Dempsey of Mattawan 3-1. But the junior accomplished his top goal and that was getting to The Palace.

"I knew coming in that I was seeded high, and had a fairly easy match in the first round," he said. "The day turned out pretty well."

Hovater really wanted to come off strong and win those first two matches because he says pressure isn't his strong suit.

"I get really nervous



Photo by Terry Jacoby

Chelsea junior Mike Hovater is standing tall after taking second at regionals on Saturday at Mason.

before my matches, but I just try and think positively and do my best because that's all I really can do," he said Hovater.

Preparation and focus have been two keys to his success.

"I try and play the match in my head," he said, describing his thought process. "I would be kind of pump myself up but not too much. I want to keep

it under control. I want to work my moves and try to work basic and not try anything I'm not comfortable with."

He says the apparent rivalry shouldn't matter. "Yeah, it shouldn't," he says. "It's just a wrestling match and I know it's going to be a real hard match. A kind of mess."

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Athletes of the Week



Zeke Breuninger, Dexter

Sophomore Zeke Breuninger qualified for the state meet by taking second place at 103 pounds on Saturday at the regionals in Mason. Breuninger started his day with a win over Brock Hoffman of Parma West (fall, 5:16) and advanced to the finals with an 8-2 decision over Blain Dempsey of Mattawan. Breuninger lost to David Melendez of St. Joe's in the finals on a 13-7 decision.



Chris Boyd, Chelsea

The senior made 23 saves in net for the Bulldogs to help Chelsea beat rival 4-1 last Wednesday night in Chelsea. The performance followed up an impressive performance in the showcase tournament in which Boyd helped lead the Bulldogs to impressive wins over two Division 1 opponents.



Shames Delahaye, Belleville

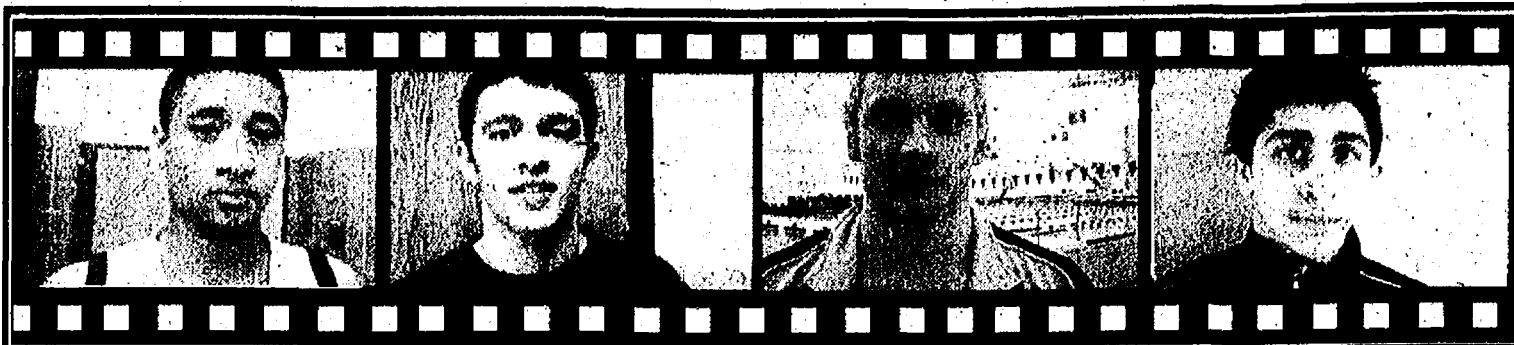
Belleville's Shames Delahaye placed second at 160 pounds on Saturday at the Division 1 wrestling regionals at Saline to advance to the state tournament at The Palace of Auburn Hills. He was the only one of the four local wrestlers at D-1 to advance without going into the consolation bracket. Delahaye was dominant in his first match and won his semifinal match 3-1 to earn a spot at states. He lost to Allen Steele out of Livonia Franklin to take second place.



Kyle Abdellatif, Ypsilanti

Ypsilanti's Kyle Abdellatif beat Chelsea's Ben Dolt to claim third place on Saturday at the Division 2 high school wrestling regionals at Mason High School. Abdellatif won his blood-round match with an 8-6 decision to lock up a spot in the individual state finals.

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Hoke's recruiting class is impressive



TERRY JACOBY

Brady Hoke was clear and to the point. And that's how he made his point when asked whether Urban Meyer had any impact on his recruiting.

"No."
One word. Two letters. Next!

The Michigan football coach broke down his first real recruiting class at Michigan. Many of the experts rank the class among the best in the nation. But what do "experts" really know. A lot can happen to these young men over the next four years and stardom or success is never guaranteed.

Some will rise. Some will fall. They're all blue chips but now you let the chips fall and see how it all plays out. But National Signing Day

had the feeling of Christmas morning. Hoke came running down the stairs to open his presents and says he likes what he got.

"We really like the class we have," he said. "All of them have an opportunity to play right away. They have to take advantage of it and know the expectations. The best guy is going to play."

Hoke also wouldn't close the door on this recruiting class. As of 2 p.m. on Wednesday, the door may still be open. There still may be another chip to add to the mix.

"We'll see," Hoke said when asked if there could be another one or two players added to this already promising freshman roster.

Hoke was thrown into the fire last year with just weeks left until National Signing Day. This time, he had a full year to recruit. And there is no doubt that helped the process, both in addressing the team's needs and researching the players to see if they would be a good fit for the Wolverines.

And unlike his Meyer answer, this one took on a life of its own.

"Having a whole year to get to know families and

make those relationships and to touch people and really find out as much as you can about a guy from the academic world to the character side of it and their love and passion of the game and their understanding the value of a Michigan degree is all part of it," he said.

His long answer mirrors the long process. A lot goes into this and having a year under his belt - and a successful year at that - can only help.

One area that Hoke addressed was the line - on both sides of the ball. The class includes four offensive linemen and five on the defensive line. The Wolverines will have to fill three spots up front on defense.

"When I got here, we had eight guys on the offensive line on scholarship and you usually have 12 to 14," Hoke said. "The numbers on the line were down and that's where the game is played."

"We lose three guys on the defensive line so that's an opportunity. We lose a center and a right tackle. We also lose two tight ends. Like the kids here in this program know, it doesn't matter if

you're a fifth-year senior or wet behind the ears and a true freshman. The best player is going to play. And there is an expectation of how you play at that position."

There was laughter in the room. Hoke looked a little tired but was relaxed. He wanted this to be about the new kids coming to Ann Arbor. He didn't want to talk about injuries or who is going to start next year or the Buckeyes or the Spartans. Plenty of time for all that.

Outside of Ann Arbor Pioneer's Drake Johnson - who Hoke described as "a bigger back and physical runner" - few people in the room have seen any of these young men play, let alone ever heard of them.

"It's not an exact science," Hoke said of recruiting. "You have to talk to the right people. You do as much as you can. Talk to people in the high school and the community."

The numbers on the bio sheet only tell a small part of the story.

Hopefully for Michigan fans, Hoke learned enough about the complete story to land enough players to keep landing the Wolverines in the win column.

Area news in brief

Softball clinic

The Michigan Amateur Softball Association (MASA) will have its annual District Six softball clinic Sunday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Recreation Center, 2025 E. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti.

The clinic is geared towards the education and advancement of adult and youth umpires throughout the district, which covers Washtenaw and Monroe counties. The clinic is geared towards slow pitch and fast pitch and will feature, among other topics, 2012 Rule Changes, Rule interpretations, registration, mechanics and umpire issues within the district.

For more information, please consult the MASA website at masasoftball.org or District Six Umpire-In-Chief Don Newsted at wildcat20coach@yahoo.com.

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U-M Celebration

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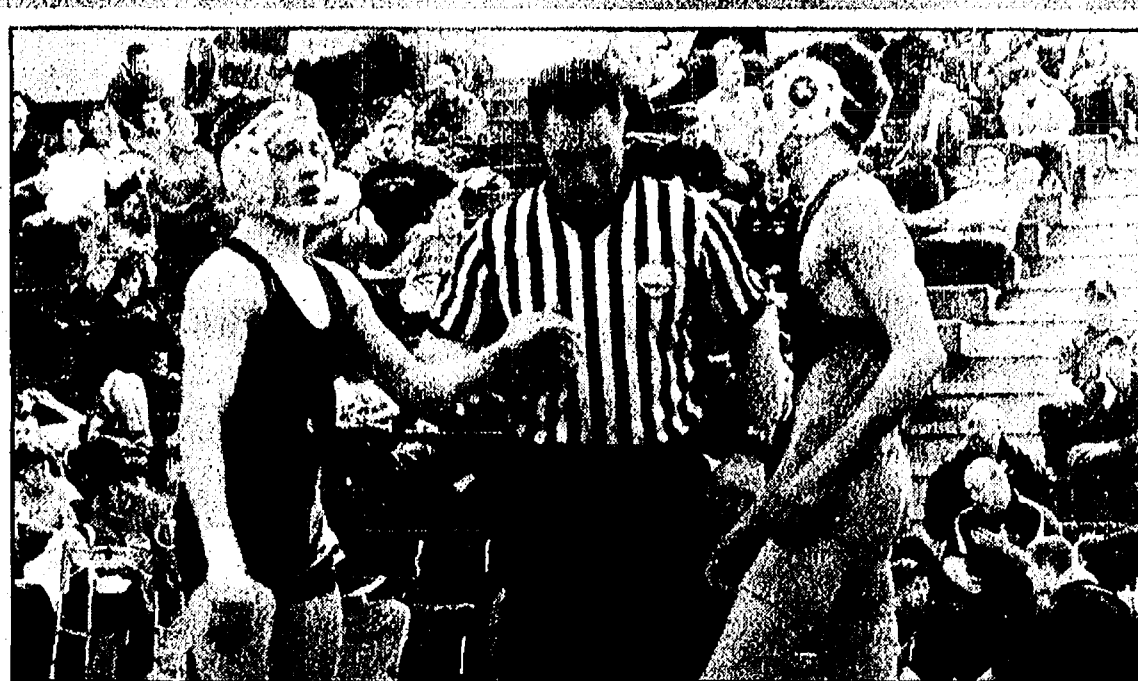
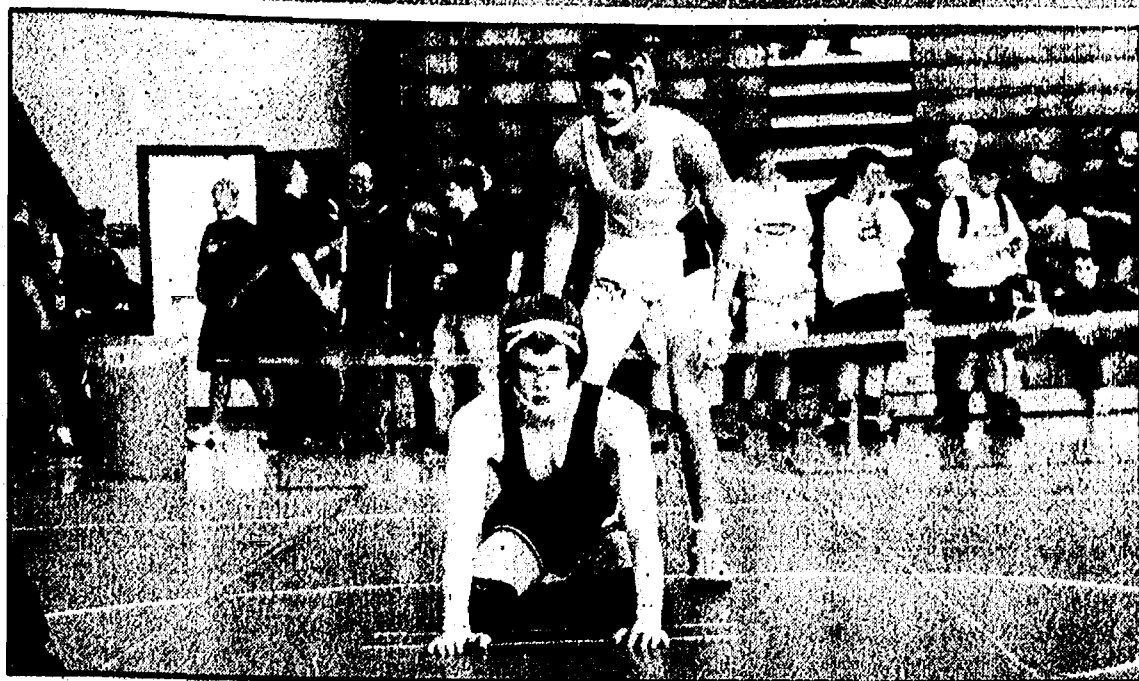
Celebration, Tuesday April 10 at the Player Development Center (PDC). There will be a player autograph session and silent auction starting at 5:30 p.m.

The buffet will be at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$45. For more information and to get tickets, log onto www.uofmclubofannarbor.com

Flying Dutch go pink!



The Manchester Lady Dutch basketball team will host their annual "Pink Zone" game tonight. The night is a benefit for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. Yow was the head women's basketball coach at North Carolina and passed away due to complications from breast cancer in 2009. The team will have a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle and the athletic boosters will be donating half of all concession sales to the foundation. They will also be selling t-shirts to mark the event which can currently be purchased at the school store at MHS or by contacting coach Cori Kastel or athletic director Wes Gall.



Photos by Terry Jacoby

Sophomore Steve Bleise (right photo) shakes hands after winning his blood-round match on Saturday at Mason HS. Senior Ben Doll (above) also won.

WRESTLE

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The Chelsea Bulldogs also advanced three wrestlers to the state finals, including senior Ben Doll who had lost in the blood round the previous two years.

Doll lost his first match (11-5) to Derek Tulla but knocked off South Lyon's Logan Crandall 3-2 to advance to the blood round. He jumped out early and held on for a 12-7 win over Nicholas Zimmerman of Niles to qualify for his first state finals.

Doll lost in the three-four match to Ypsilanti's Kyle Abdellatif. The sophomore, who lost last year in the first round in districts, beat Doll 5-2 to claim third. Abdellatif won his blood-round match over Tulla with an 8-6 decision. He lost his first match (9-4) before beating Austin Makins of Fowlerville on a fall in 2:41.

Chelsea's Mike Hovater will also be heading to Auburn Hills after the junior took second place at 171 pounds. Hovater beat Bradley Brasfield on a fall (1:05) and then knocked off Mike Gould of St. Joe's on a fall in 5:02. He lost the championship match to Brett Dempsey of Mattawan 5-3.

Chelsea's Steve Bleise will be making his second straight trip to Auburn Hills after taking third at 119 pounds. The sophomore beat Derek Mills of Niles on a fall in 5:44 to get his day started. After losing 16-4 to Jaedin Sklapsky of Eaton Rapids, Bleise won 11-3 over Chris Root of Bath and then won the three-four match over Noah Hanau of Lake Shore with a 13-1 decision.

HOVATER

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with my head a little bit. But there is nothing you can really do except do your best."

And his best seems to be pretty good. He will head to Auburn Hills with an impressive 40-5 overall record and a second-place finish at a tough regional.

"I want to finish in the top six," said Hovater, the son of Scott and Cynthia Hovater of Chelsea. "It's been my goal all season. From there, we will just see what happens."

Hovater said he will continue doing what he's been doing all season long. Let's face it, it's worked pretty well so far.

"Just keep working hard," he says. "That's what has gotten me this far. I work really hard in practice. I have some good practice partners and they are a big reason for my success."

So is coach Kerry Kargel, a former state champion in high school.

"I don't know where I would be without him," Hovater said. "Both of my coaches (Kargel and Mike Young) really push me hard in practice. I don't think I could have accomplished what I have without them."

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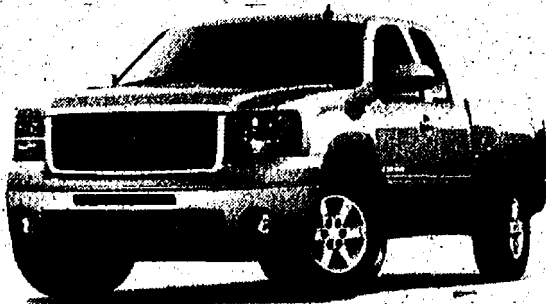


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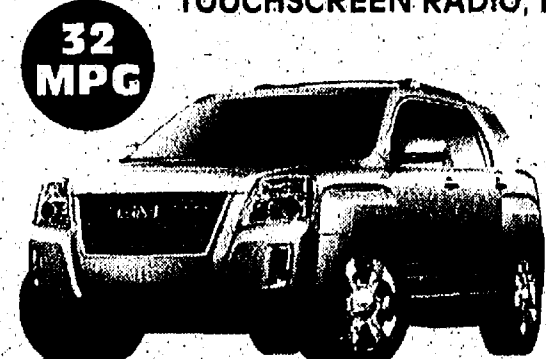
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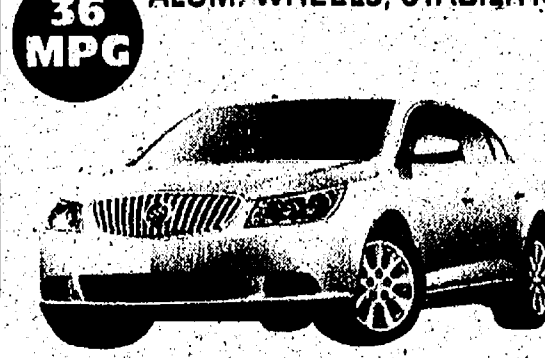
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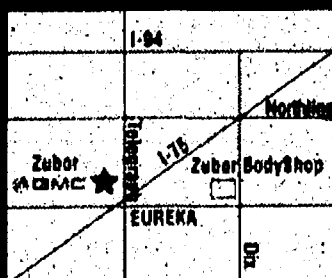
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Chelsea's Bradley, Dahl take big steps

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

When you run, it's important to take small steps. But two Chelsea High School athletes recently took a few big steps in not only their running careers but also their future.

Bryce Bradley, 18, recently signed a letter of intent to attend Grand Valley State University while fellow senior Danielle Dahl signed a letter of intent to attend Ball State University. The two athletes are both standouts on the Chelsea HS varsity track and field team, leading their respective teams to appearances in last year's state finals.

Bradley is the cross country school record holder and was Mr. Cross Country last year for Michigan after winning the state finals with the best time of any runner in any division.

"Bryce is a multiple time All-Region runner, four-time All-SEC runner and probably the toughest competitor I have ever coached," said coach Eric Swager.

In track, Bradley was fourth in the mile and third in the two mile last year at the state finals. Both of his best times put him in the top five all-time for Chelsea.

Dahl has run cross country and track for four years. She is a two-time All-Region runner.

But her biggest success is in track, where she holds the school record and was state runner-up last year with her 2 minute, 13 second time in the 800 meters.

"She is a great student

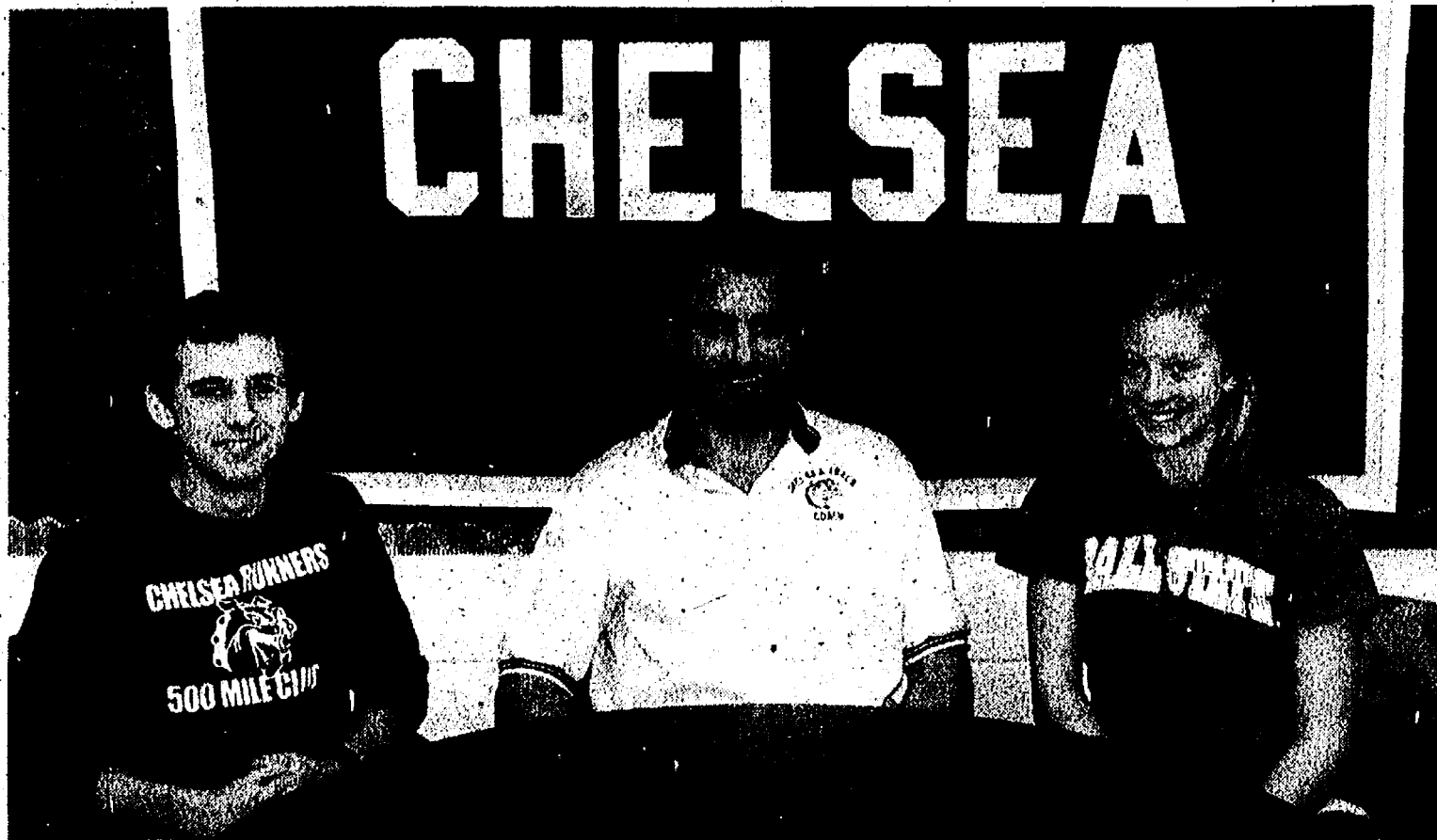


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Bryce Bradley (left) and Danielle Dahl, with coach Eric Swager, recently signed letters of intent to run in college.

athlete, volunteer and hard worker," Swager said. "She's very pleasant and amiable."

The two standout athletes recently answered a Q&A for Heritage Media:

Bryce Bradley

Age: 18
Parents: Jared and Krista Bradley
Sports: Cross Country, track and indoor track

College: Grand Valley State University Lakers (GVSU)

What sport/events do you plan on participating in at college: Cross

Country races are 8k and 10k. Indoor and outdoor track I will probably be running the 800m-10k

Why did you pick GVSU?

At first I really had trouble with the NCAA Division 2 label but in the end after talking to my parents, coach Swager and good friend and teammate August Pappas, I realized that no matter what division you are we all run on the same track, and on the cross country course, division doesn't mean anything. All that matters is who gets the medal, and has the faster time. GVSU got

third at D2 Cross Country Nationals last year and they race D1 schools in cross country and on the track all the time. They have actually beat every cross country team in Michigan and quite a few around the nation, except I do not think they have beat U-M yet. I will have to help change that since that is where August goes! Ultimately, what helped me make my decision was the team atmosphere that I experienced on my recruiting visit, the strong recruiting class they have in (right now they have four guys signed including myself who have run under

15:30 in a 5k and under 4:24 in the mile), financially with their athletic offer it worked out very well, academically it seemed to be a good fit, and the coaching staff seemed to suit me.

What other schools were you considering?

Throughout my recruiting process I talked to more schools than I could remember. I talked to Central Michigan, IUPUI, Purdue, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Eastern Michigan and quite a few others briefly, but what it eventually came down to when I made

my decision was Michigan State, Illinois State, University of Missouri, and GVSU.

What do you plan on studying?

Right now things have changed a little. Originally I was going to go into physical education but have decided to look at other things. I would really like to get into teaching PE or history. I would also really like to coach cross country and track at a collegiate or high school level. But before I really get settled down into any of those professions I would really like to run professionally for a year or two.

Any goals for this coming track season?

This track season I hope to go under 1:57 in the 800-meters, under 4:15 in the mile, and under 9:20 in the two mile (which would qualify me for nationals in the 5k).

Danielle Dahl

Age: 17
Parents: Robin and Mike Dahl
Sports: Track and cross country

College: Ball State University

What sport/events do you plan on participating in at college? Track and cross country

Why did you pick Ball State?

It has one of the best exercise science programs in the

PLEASE SEE RUN/6-C

Struggling Dawgs Chelsea still searching for offense after loss

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The Chelsea boys' basketball team came out strong in the first quarter but could never regain that momentum on Friday night, falling to host Tecumseh 40-35 in an SEC matchup.

"We got off to a really good start but then struggled on offense for two consecutive quarters," Chelsea coach Robin Raymond said. "They play a 1-2-2 zone and we just had trouble scoring after the first quarter."

Michael Steinhauer scored six of his team-high eight points in the first quarter and Logan Brown knocked down two triples to help give Chelsea a 15-6

"We need to score more than nine points in two quarters."

Robin Raymond

lead heading into the second quarter. That's when everything fell apart for the Bulldogs, who were outscored 12-5 in the second quarter and 10-4 in the third quarter.

"We need to score more than nine points in two quarters," said Raymond,

who has suddenly been looking for some offense the last two games after the Bulldogs had put together a nice run.

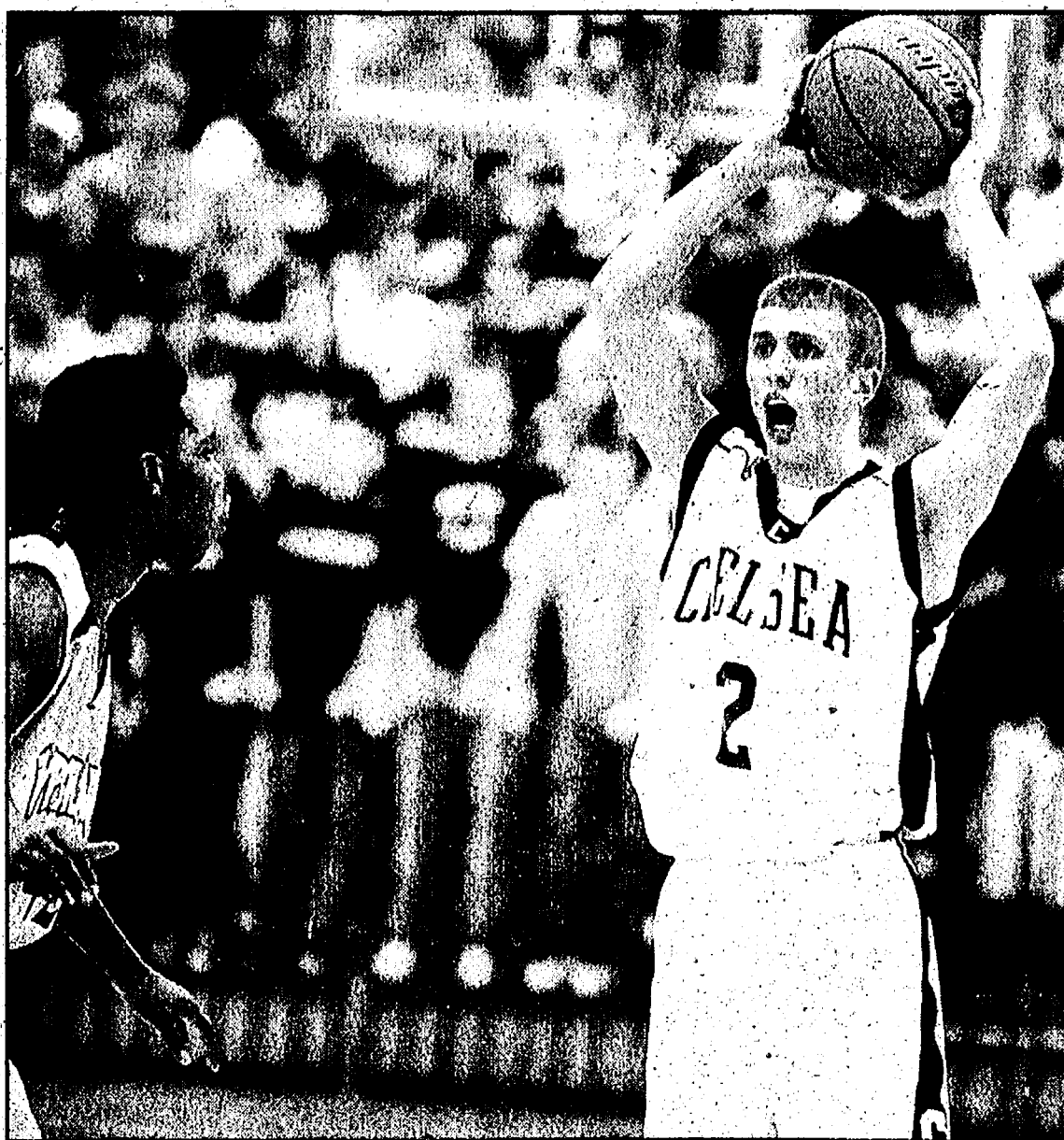
The Indians led by six points with less than 2 minutes to play when Chelsea was able to create a few steals. A big three-point play by senior Truman Hadley cut the deficit to 37-35 with 45 seconds to play.

"They broke our press and we had to foul," Raymond said.

And Tecumseh hit 8 of 11 free throws in the fourth quarter.

Luke Hollandsworth had seven points and Brown scored six for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea hosts Lincoln on Tuesday and Adrian on Thursday.



Chelsea senior Jack McDougall looks to make a play. Photo by Tressie Davis



Photo by Burrill Strong

Chelsea's Taylor Atchley and Dexter's Brian Lim chase down a loose puck.

HOCKEY

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and got a payoff 6:58 into the first.

After Jacob Ryan nearly scored on a slapshot at the top of the point, Olmstead was able to jump on the

rebound in front. He quickly guided the puck into the net, giving the Bulldogs a one-goal lead.

Despite a dominant first quarter effort from the Bulldogs, Dexter kept the Bulldogs offense honest. The Dreads were outshot 18-8 in the first period.

However, the Dexter defense couldn't keep the Bulldogs' offense at bay for much longer.

Chelsea opened up the flood gates in the second putting, racking up a three-goal frame in a six-minute window.

With 6:55 left in the

stanza, Whipple drilled a slapshot from the top of the faceoff circled that whistle all the way to the back of the net.

Less than two minutes later, Jacob Ryan swelled the Chelsea lead to 3-0. He was on the receiving end of a Dexter turnover in the Dreads' own zone - and capitalized with an uncontested wrist shot.

With 1:44 away from the break, Chelsea added one more goal for good measure. Joe Hewitt threw an innocent looking shot on net, but the chance fooled Rooks. The puck floated over his right shoulder, giving the home squad a 4-0 lead.

"It's a really good hockey team," Sipotz said. "It's tough to even to get our whole team into it. I think as the game goes on, they just start to wear on you."

Dexter got on the board with 10 seconds left in the period. Boyd made an impressive save on a Dexter chance, but as he fell down

he kicked the puck to the front of the net. Waldrup was waiting in front and didn't hesitate to deliver, blasting the puck into the open net.

But the damage had already been done. The two teams skated to a scoreless third period - one that was dominated by a 15-6 shot advantage by the Bulldogs. Chelsea will travel to Walled Lake Central

on Saturday. With three regular season games left, Wright will preach consistency to his team as it prepares for the postseason.

"When we play the way we're capable, we're a good hockey team," Wright said. "In a one-and-done format at the end of the season, we just can't flip a switch and play the way we're capable and just decide to do. We've got to start doing it."



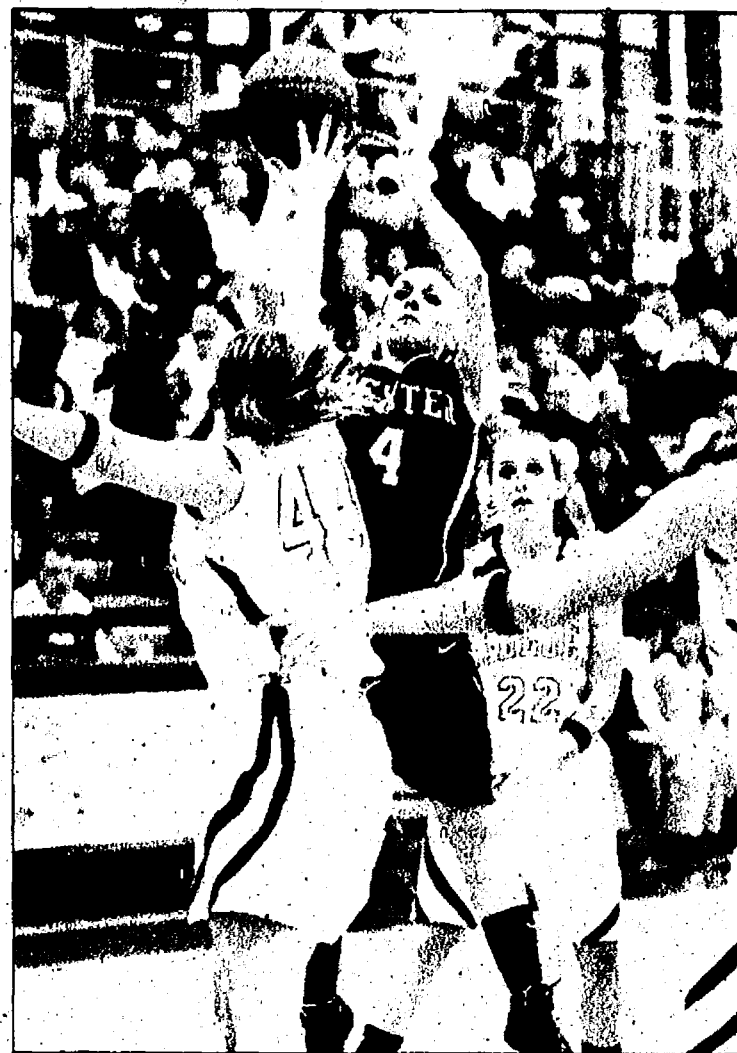
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Chelsea kept Dexter goalie Cameron Rooks busy all night long.

Bulldogs pack the house



The Chelsea student section shows its support.



Katelyn Kingsley goes up for a block.



Lisa Keene gives chase.



The Bulldogs are now trending.

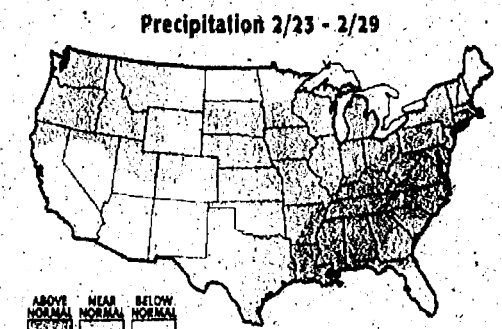
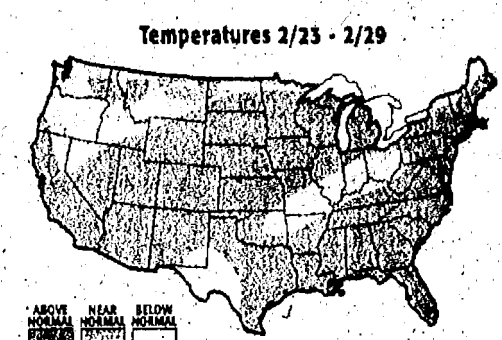
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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
A bit of rain and snow	Some evening snow; clouds	Snow showers possible	A snow shower possible	A shower possible	Rain or snow showers	Partly sunny	Bright and sunny
44° to 50°	28° to 34°	36° to 42° 21° to 27°	34° to 40° 17° to 23°	37° to 43° 21° to 27°	32° to 38° 12° to 18°	32° to 38° 17° to 23°	36° to 42° 16° to 22°

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

NATIONAL OUTLOOK



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Statistics for the week ending Monday, Feb. 20.

Temperatures:
 High/low for the week 44°/13°
 Normal high/low 35°/17°
 Average temperature 30.8°
 Normal average temperature 26.1°

Precipitation:
 Total for the week 0.23"
 Total for the month 0.40"
 Total for the year 2.74"
 Normal for the month 1.19"
 Normal for the year 2.68"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures						
● High ● Low						
33	37	44	43	38	35	37
28	32	28	24	18	13	13
Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.

THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature®

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42	29	22	33	19	29	29	42	29	22	33	19	29	29	42	29	22	33	19	29	29	42	29	22
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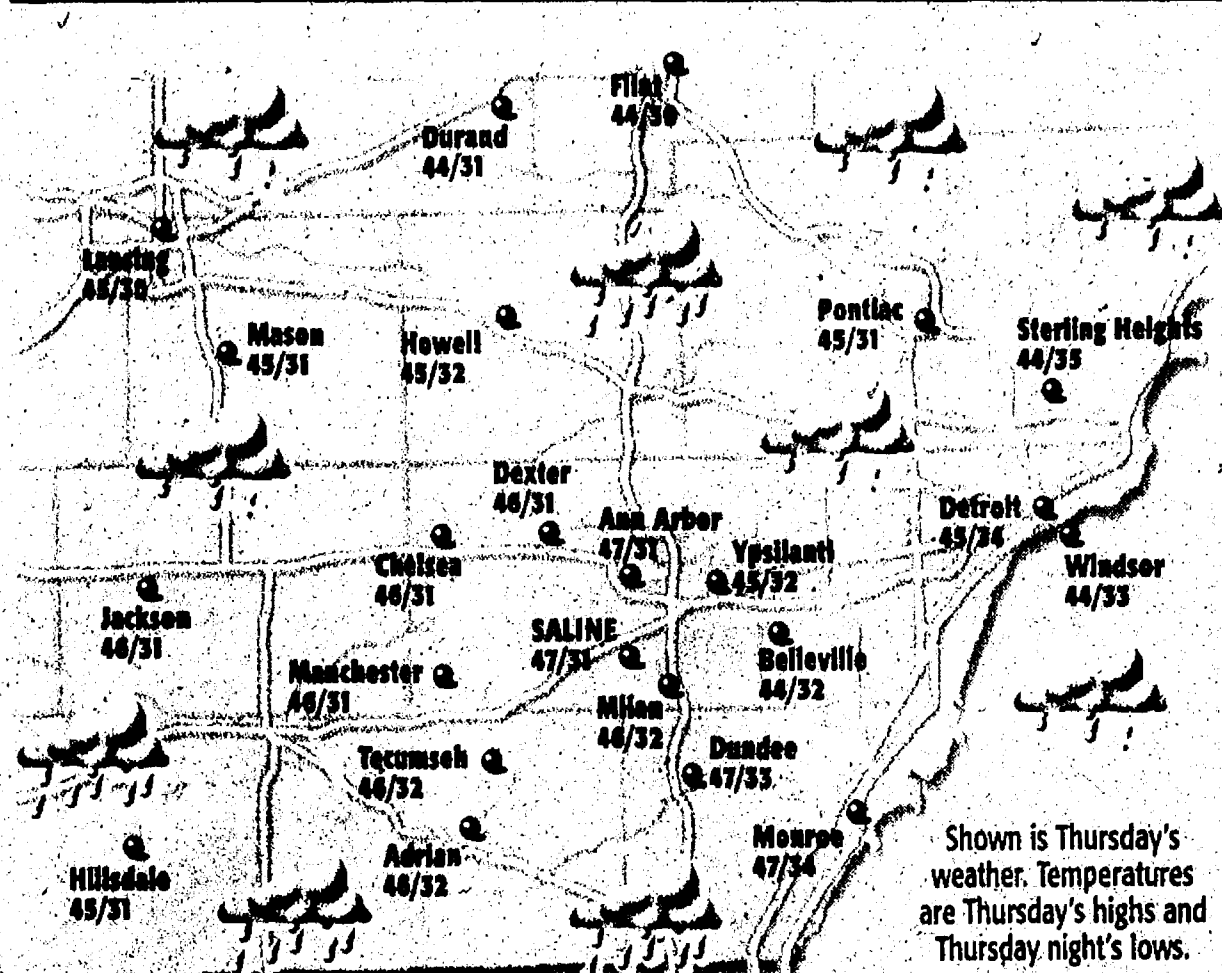
RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek	2.39 ft
Huron River	16 ft
Ann Arbor	13.08 ft
Malletts Creek	3.42 ft
Ann Arbor	12 ft
Mill Creek	6.91 ft
Dexter	12 ft
River Raisin	3.68 ft
Manchester	3.68 ft

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	572.44 ft
Lake St. Clair	575.1 ft	574.10 ft

THE REGION



Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Adrian	44/32/c	46/32/r	40/24/sf	37/22/sf	Manistee	38/24/c	39/26/c	37/21/sf	30/18/sf
Ann Arbor	44/30/c	47/31/r	39/24/sf	37/20/c	Midland	42/28/c	42/29/c	38/23/sf	31/22/sf
Battle Creek	45/33/c	47/31/r	38/24/sf	35/22/sf	Muskegon	42/33/c	43/29/c	36/24/sf	34/24/sf
Bay City	41/29/c	42/29/c	38/22/sf	32/21/sf	Pontiac	43/29/c	45/31/r	38/24/sf	35/21/c
Detroit	44/33/c	45/34/r	41/25/sf	38/24/c	Port Huron	45/27/c	42/30/r	43/25/sf	36/21/c
Flint	44/30/c	44/30/r	39/24/sf	33/20/sf	Saginaw	42/27/c	42/29/c	38/23/sf	31/22/sf
Grand Rapids	46/31/c	46/31/c	38/25/sf	32/21/sf	Sault Ste. Marie	39/23/sf	34/22/c	30/12/sf	23/8/c
Kalamazoo	46/34/c	47/31/r	38/24/sf	36/23/sf	Sturgis	45/33/c	48/31/r	40/25/sf	34/24/sf
Lansing	46/31/c	45/30/r	36/22/sf	32/22/sf	Traverse City	38/24/c	39/27/c	37/22/sf	31/19/sf
Livonia	46/33/c	45/34/r	41/27/sf	38/24/c	Warren	44/34/c	44/35/r	40/28/sf	37/25/c

Weather (W): s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, ts=thunderstorms, r=rain, sf=snow flurries, sn=snow, b=ice.

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set	The Moon	Rise	Set	First	Full	Last	New
Thursday	7:21 a.m.	6:17 p.m.	Thursday	7:44 a.m.	8:27 p.m.				
Friday	7:19 a.m.	6:18 p.m.	Friday	8:10 a.m.	9:27 p.m.				
Saturday	7:18 a.m.	6:19 p.m.	Saturday	8:36 a.m.	10:27 p.m.				
Sunday	7:16 a.m.	6:21 p.m.	Sunday	9:05 a.m.	11:26 p.m.				
Monday	7:15 a.m.	6:22 p.m.	Monday	9:36 a.m.	none				
Tuesday	7:13 a.m.	6:23 p.m.	Tuesday	10:12 a.m.	12:24 a.m.				
Wednesday	7:12 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	Wednesday	10:53 a.m.	1:20 a.m.				

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Atlanta	72/58/c	60/34/r	55/33/s
Boston	52/39/c	51/33/sh	45/25/pc
Chicago	48/29/r	37/25/sf	37/29/c
Cincinnati	64/40/pc	47/28/sh	41/24/c
Cleveland	49/36/c	42/28/sn	36/24/sf
Dallas	83/40/pc	62/39/s	65/45/s
Denver	38/19/sn	46/23/s	60/27/pc
Honolulu	81/67/pc	81/70/s	80/68/sh
Houston	77/54/c	68/41/pc	68/47/s
Kansas City	49/29/c	42/23/s	50/31/pc
Las Vegas	72/48/s	67/49/s	67/45/s
Los Angeles	74/54/s	74/54/s	68/51/pc
Miami	85/72/pc	83/69/pc	76/64/sh
Minneapolis	39/23/sf	32/15/sf	28/16/c
New Orleans	75/64/c	67/46/r	63/47/s
New York City	54/45/pc	60/39/sh	46/30/pc
Orlando	83/61/pc	85/56/pc	70/48/s
Philadelphia	62/47/pc	62/39/sh	46/29/pc
Phoenix	78/52/s	78/52/s	78/50/s
Pittsburgh	56/42/c	48/26/r	35/22/sf
St. Louis	60/34/c	48/27/pc	44/31/pc
San Francisco	65/44/s	61/45/s	58/40/pc
Seattle	49/37/pc	48/37/r	42/35/r
Wash., DC	71/50/pc	62/37/r	50/31/pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Athens	58/45/sh	64/49/s	68/51/s
Berlin	48/40/sh	50/34/r	44/29/sh
Buenos Aires	81/61/s	82/66/pc	81/68/c
Cairo	73/56/pc	73/53/pc	69/53/s
Calgary	31/15/pc	31/8/sf	16/3/sn
Hong Kong	75/68/r	75/68/r	75/64/r
Jerusalem	58/45/s	59/45/s	54/42/sh
Johannesburg	84/57/s	76/57/pc	79/61/r
London	59/48/pc	57/45/pc	62/41/pc
Mexico City	77/46/pc	76/47/s	73/46/sh
Montreal	42/28/pc	41/30/sn	34/12/sn
Moscow	33/30/sn	32/24/sn	27/18/sn
Paris	54/50/c	56/47/c	55/35/r
Rio de Janeiro	91/76/sh	91/77/r	94/78/r
Rome	61/43/s	63/46/s	63/44/s
Seoul	50/36/r	48/30/c	41/21/s
Singapore	90/77/r	90/75/pc	88/77/r
Sydney	81/64/s	82/64/pc	82/66/pc
Tokyo	59/45/c	52/43/pc	46/39/r
Warsaw	42/30/r	44/33/sn	38/30/sh

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Bulldogs run into Dreads

Humility is part of sports and Chelsea's swimming and dive team learned that lesson on Thursday with its first loss of the season to rival Dexter 126-60.

Though beat, Chelsea held its head high as they left the Dexter natatorium. Chelsea, 2-3 last year in the White Division and 4-6 overall, ended its dual-meet season with marketable improvement. Chelsea finished 4-1 in the SEC White and 9-1 overall.

"We have come a long way in one season and we learned a lot about ourselves (Thursday) night," coach Dave Jolly. "We are a much improved team for sure and our sights are set on even bigger goals."

Chelsea was in trouble from the first event as Dexter went 1-2 in the 200yd medley relay. Chelsea took 3rd with Nick Deppner, Tom Olsen, Logan Simpson, and Will Wickens swimming a solid 1:48.53.

David Alday swam a season best in the 200yd freestyle to take 2nd place at 1:53.44. Nick Burris was 4th overall with a 1:55.60 clocking. "Both these fine swimmers will be huge factors at this weekend's SEC Championships," said Jolly.

Logan Simpson, who is having a fantastic season, earned 2nd place with a career best clocking in the 200yd IM. He stopped the clock at 2:10.90. Nick Deppner was 3rd overall with a 2:14.80 and Sam Almhiemid was 4th with a 2:15.34. This would be the only event of the evening that Chelsea would outscore the Dreadnaughts.

In the 50yd freestyle Will Wickens led the way for the Bulldogs with a 4th place finish at 24.13. Max Lonnemo was 5th at 24.45.

"Our sprinters will be a big factor this weekend. We will need them to step up in

a big way," Jolly said.

Next up were the divers and again like they have all season came to battle. Jake Burris was 2nd with a score of 206.90 points. Joey Smith was 4th at 188.65 and Rob Everard was 5th for the Bulldogs scoring 159.40 points.

"The diving in the league has been the most competitive it's been in years," said Jolly. "Each of our guys will need to bring their 'A' game this weekend to get to the regional competition which they all deserve to with the work they have put in all season."

Simpson was the top scorer for the Bulldogs in the 100yd butterfly taking 3rd place with a time of 1:00.10. Nick Burris was tied with his teammate.

In the 100yd freestyle, the sprinters finished behind the Dexter squad again. Will Wickens was the top scorer taking 4th place at 54.31. Jacob Hartman was 5th at 55.70.

Chelsea won its lone event of the evening behind the efforts of Alday. Once again the super sophomore proved he is one of the elite swimmers in the area and the state with a 5:04.90 clocking in the 500yd freestyle.

Another bright spot was Austin Horn's performance of 5:19.44 which was a career best for the junior. His time also gives him a great chance of making the state qualification standard of 5:15.59.

"Austin has worked real hard this season for an opportunity like this. I have no doubt that he will be coming along for the ride to Oakland University and the Division III state Championships in March," Jolly said.

Chelsea's 200yd freestyle relay of Max Lonnemo, Johnny Mangner, Tom Olsen, and Nick Burris



Photos by Cathy Burris

Aunic Goodin (top), Chris Barnes (middle) and Joe Ingall (above) swim for Chelsea.

earned 3rd place in the event with a time of 1:37.97.

Sam Almhiemid led the way for the Bulldogs in the 100yd backstroke scoring 2nd place at 58.23. Nick Deppner was 3rd overall at 59.90.

Tom Olsen was 2nd in the 100yd breaststroke with a time of 1:11.94 and Zach

Ousley was 3rd overall at 1:12.72.

The meet finished with the 400yd freestyle relay. Burris, Wickens, Simpson, and Almhiemid combined their efforts and took 3rd place with a time of 3:34.59.

Chelsea will enter this week's SEC Championships as the No. 2 seed. With depth

like they have not seen in years, it is obvious that Dexter will have its work cut out for them.

"We have been working towards this weekend all season. Our goal has been to score 4 kids in each event. When we accomplish, we will have done all we can do," Jolly said.

Bulldogs keep on rolling

Sometimes, a good team will play down to a lesser opponent. They won't come out with the same fire or intensity and let a less talented team hang around. And sometimes, the end result can be devastating.

Then you have the Chelsea girls' basketball team, an experienced and determined club with an outstanding coach.

The Bulldogs know better than to take someone for granted.

They certainly didn't take Tecumseh for granted as the Bulldogs scored the first 17 points of the game and led 17-0 after the first quarter.

They cruised to a 55-26 victory.

Chelsea led 30-6 at halftime, outrebounded Tecumseh 31-16 and shot 49 percent from the floor.

Megan Hall had 15 points, four rebounds and three assists. Lisa Keene had eight points and Mackenzie Cole had eight points and seven assists. Nicole Robbins had seven points and Bailey Darwin had six points.

Grace Martin (seven rebounds) and Riley Singleton (six boards) dominated the glass for Chelsea. Singleton also had five blocks.

The Bulldogs had a much tougher time earlier in the week against Onsted. Chelsea held on for a 49-47 win in a non-league game last Tuesday. In a game that was close the whole way and should help when tournament time rolls around, the Bulldogs led 22-18 after one quarter.

The offenses then settled down or the defenses picked up - however you want to look at it - as Onsted outscored Chelsea 8-4 in the second quarter.

Hall had another big offensive night, leading Chelsea with 20 points. Singleton had 13 points and Darwin had six points and five blocks.



Team members include (top row, L-R) Assistant Coach Jane Barnes, Jordan Hirst, Taylor Schrock, coach Lucy Heimerdinger; (middle row) Grant Allen, Jacob Lahti, Ross Smyth, Elsa Ford, Madalyn Allen, Michaela Maynard; (bottom row) Olivia Smyth, Clara Lesko and Jonathan King.

Junior equestrian team ready for another title run

For the sixth year the 2011 Chelsea Junior Equestrian Team became Champions of MIHA (Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association) District 4, Division A. The meets were held at the Ingham County Fairgrounds in Mason last May. This is the sixth year in a row that the Chelsea Junior Team has earned the championship title.

It's almost time to begin preparing for a run at No. 7.

The 2012 Chelsea Junior Equestrian Team will begin their season with a sign up at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28 in the Beach School cafeteria. Any Chelsea School District 6th, 7th, or 8th grader can join the junior equestrian team. They need to have their own horse or be able to lease/borrow a horse. They also need to be willing to work as a team and have a lot of fun.

Anyone interested in the junior equestrian team can contact Lucy Heimerdinger.

Heimerdinger has been the junior equestrian team coach for five years. Jane Barnes was again the assistant coach and along with Lisa King they added their expertise to the team. The Chelsea Community Fair Board

has supported the team generously by allowing the team to practice at the fairgrounds for a fifth year.

At practices, the riders hone their skills in Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat, English and Western showmanship, equitation, bareback and pattern classes, as well as trail and four contesting classes: cloverleaf barrel race, flag race, pole bending, and two-person relay. Riders are always encouraged to stretch into new areas and supported by the sharing of the rider clothing, tack and accessories that are specialized for each seat.

They practice two times a week from the end of March up to the meets in May.

"This team is strong because the students have a great attitude and their parents are extremely helpful and are wonderful to work with," Heimerdinger said. "Assistant coach Barnes, and registered volunteer Lisa King were excellent with the team."

The Chelsea High School team were champions of District 4, Division A and made it to the Regional meet placing third. For more information, log onto <http://chelseaequestrianteam.weebly.com>.

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nation which will help me obtain a career as a physical therapist.

What other schools were you considering?
Central Michigan and Michigan State

What was the overriding factor in choosing Ball State?

The curriculum, coaches, team members and the overall friendly environment.

What do you plan on studying?

My undergrad will be exercise science which

includes studying kinesiology, physiology and anatomy to become a grad student for physical therapy.

Any goals for this coming track season?

My biggest goal will be to stay healthy to help the team make it to the state finals and drop my time in the mile and 800-meter race.

DNR

Program proves 2011 was a great year for big salmon

Word around the west side of the state last summer was that big salmon were back.

Now that the Department of Natural Resources' annual report on fish entered in the Master Angler Program has been completed, we know the stories were more than just fish tales.

Anglers submitted 33 Chinook salmon that were awarded Master Angler status in 2011, compared to three in 2010. It was similar for Coho salmon; the DNR recognized 13 Master Angler Coho salmon caught in 2011, compared to just one in 2010.

The Master Angler Program recognizes anglers who catch fish that exceed certain size standards. When the program was created in 1973, Master Angler fish were judged solely on weight. As catch-and-release fishing caught on with the angling public, however, the DNR began offering Master Angler status to fish based on length, too. The catch-and-release category now recognizes significantly more anglers and fish each year than the traditional catch-and-keep category.

The heaviest Chinook salmon entered in the program in 2011 was a 37.06-pound behemoth caught by Richard Schulte on Aug. 23. Schulte's Chinook was one of five kings in the catch-and-keep category that bested 30 pounds. (Chinook salmon must weigh 27 pounds for Master Angler status.)

In the catch-and-release category, Craig Morton of Westlake, La., submitted a fish that measured 43.13 inches (just a hair longer than Schulte's 43-incher). Morton took his fish Sept. 30 while fly fishing on the Manistee River.

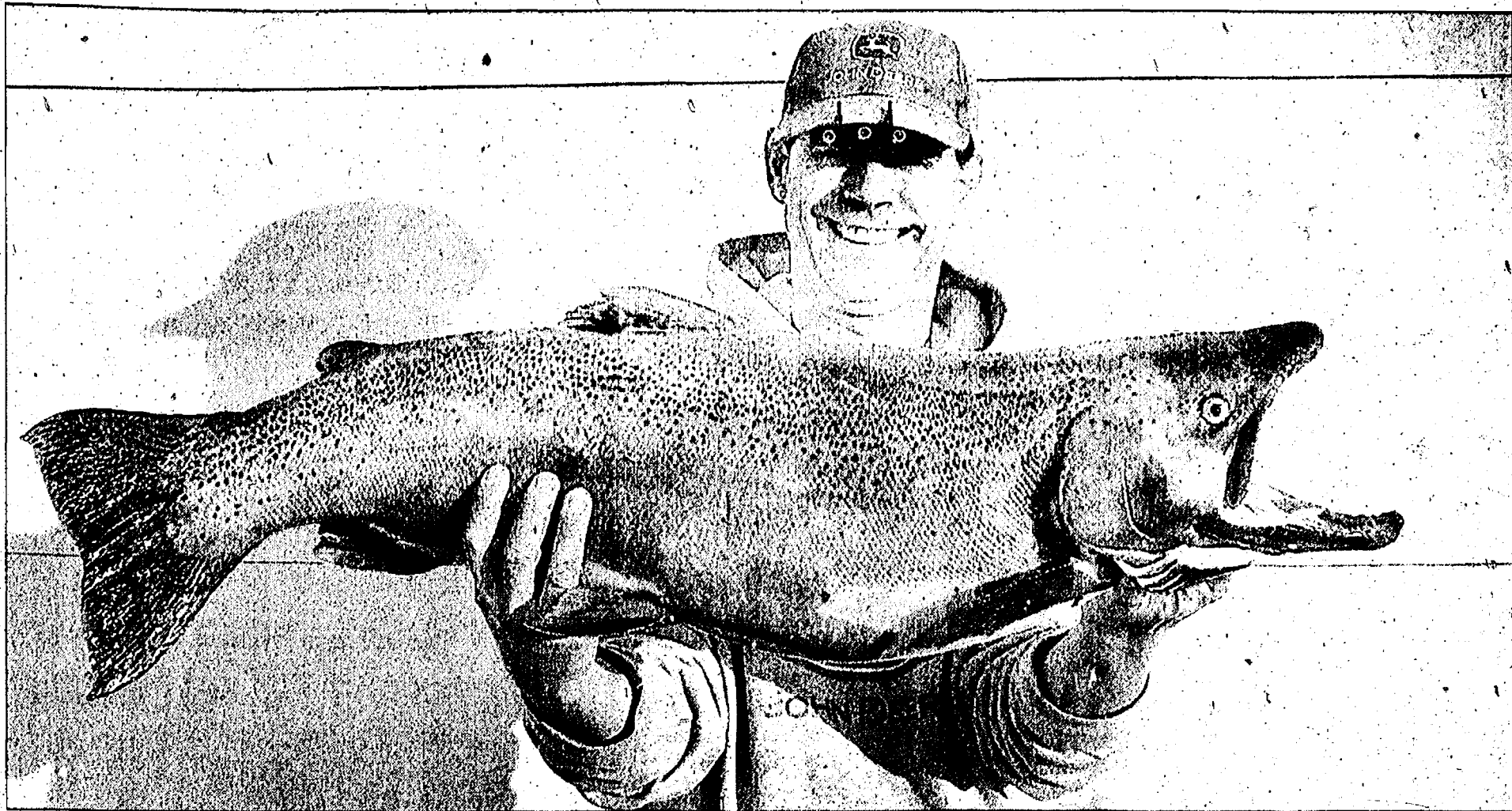
Interestingly enough, all five fish in the catch-and-release category were caught in rivers — two in the Manistee, two in the Pere Marquette and one in the Muskegon. In the keep category, only two came from rivers (both from the Manistee), though one was also caught inland, in Pere Marquette Lake.

As for Coho, the largest fish kept — a 14.06-pounder taken on a spoon in Lake Michigan — was caught by Matthew Kemmerer of St. Louis, Mo. Only one of the 12 in the category was taken inland, a 12.94-pound specimen taken in Manistee Lake.

The only Master Angler Coho in the catch-and-release category was a 32.38-inch fish taken by Shirley Brock of Canton in the Pere Marquette River.

Aside from salmon in the Lake Michigan watershed, 2011 was just an average year for big fish in Michigan. There were no state records established and the number of Master Angler fish was down overall from the previous year. The program recognized 379 fish (down from 442 in 2010) in the keep category and 723 (down from 828 in 2010) in the catch-and-release category.

In 2011, the number of Master Angler fish recognized was down for the majority of species. But there were some excep-



Photos by the Michigan DNR

tions; carp fishermen reported returning 45 Master Angler fish (compared to 33 in 2010), the largest a 41.5-inch specimen caught on a dough ball from Mott Lake by Trent Kehoe of Genesee. The largest kept carp (39 pounds) was caught from White Lake by Jay Feltman of Whitehall.

Similarly, 109 rock bass were certified as Master Angler fish in the catch-and-release category, compared to 74 in 2010.

Brook trout ran big in 2010, too. The DNR recognized eight — twice as many as in 2010 — in the keep category, the largest a 3.06-pounder taken by Walter Tuccini of Marquette from Roland Lake in Baraga County. Among released fish (five compared to just one in 2010), Marvin Ruhinen of Gwinn set the standard with an 18-incher taken from Strawberry Lake in Marquette County on a Sidewinder.

Master Angler muskellunge catches were down in both keep and release categories. The biggest kept muskie was a 33.5-pound, 49.75-inch fish speared by Mark Ormsbee of Brutus from Burt Lake. The longest released muskie was a 55-incher caught by Charles Hazel of Wolverine Lake from the Detroit River.

The heaviest largemouth bass entered in the keep category (8.56 pounds) was caught by Gerald Quay of Belding, taken from Wabasis Lake in Kent County on a topwater lure. Meanwhile, David Held of Ada released a 25-incher, taken on a Jitterbug in Waplers Lake. Overall, the DNR recognized five kept largemouths (the same as in 2010) and 28 released largemouths, down from 47 the previous year.

The heaviest smallmouth bass submitted in the keep category was caught by Margo Hoogstraten of Wolverine, 6.69-pound bronzeback taken on a minnow on Burt Lake. The longest Master Angler smallmouth in the release category was taken by Hannah Douglas of Allendale for a 27.13-incher from Muskegon Lake. The DNR recognized 17 kept smallmouths (down from 29 in 2010) and 68 released smallmouths, up



Joshua Bems of Dundee caught this 24-inch largemouth from Little Platte Lake.

from 57 in 2010.

Master Angler walleye submissions were down by more than half from the previous year in both categories. John Kinkead of Southgate brought in the heaviest, a 15.9-pound specimen from the Detroit River that measured 31.13 inches. In the catch-and-release category, Harvey Budnick of Holland returned a 33-incher caught on a Husky Jerk on Lake Michigan. Overall, the DNR certified 12 kept walleye (down from 27 in 2010) and 14 released walleye, down from 30 the previous year.

"The Master Angler Program is very helpful to us," said acting Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "For one thing, it helps verify what we're hearing from the anglers and our creel clerks. And it helps us better understand where the big fish are being caught and what techniques are producing for our fishermen."

"But it also allows us to recognize the participating anglers. We appreciate them and appreciate hearing from them and sharing in their successes."

For more information on the Master Angler Program, visit www.michigan.gov/fishing.



This 9.25-inch pumpkinseed earned Donna Gage of Wolverine Lake a catch-and-release Master Angler Award.

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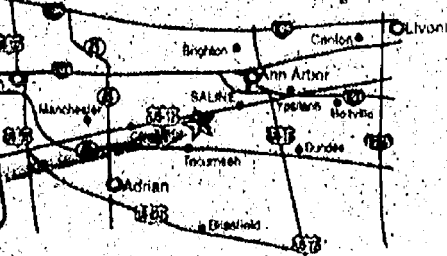
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