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Leslie Police Officer Announces Bid for Sheriff Position

By Lynne Beuchamp

Leslie Police Officer Clyde Smith announced his candidacy for Ingham County Sheriff during the Bunker Hill Township regular meeting February 21.

Smith is running as a Republican on the November 2012 ballot. He said he believes there is a need for change within the sheriff's office beginning with Sheriff Wriggelsworth and his command.

Smith said he is ready and qualified to make those changes as he presented his credentials that include 35 years of policing experience, fifteen years of command supervisory, retirement from the Lansing Police Department after 25 years, and ongoing work with the Leslie Police Department. He also earned an Associate Degree

in Criminal Justice through Kaplan and Northwood University.

He explained that he is upset with perks he believes the

sheriff and his command have been given, while road patrol has been reduced to fit the current budget imposed by county commissioners.



Throwing his hat into the ring for Ingham County Sheriff, Clyde Smith expressed a need for changes in management of the department. Photo from Facebook ~ Clyde Smith for Sheriff.

Smith said he disagreed with allowing the sheriff and his command unit consisting of an undersheriff, two majors and a chief deputy to take home vehicles paid for by taxpayers.

If elected, Smith said he will cut two of those high paid positions and eliminate the take home vehicle perk, allowing him to put four additional deputies on the road. "More deputies on the road would reduce crime rates," he stated.

He claimed it is Michigan State Police, not county sheriff's deputies that have been his backup for Leslie PD.

At this time only Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth and Smith are on the November ballot for Sheriff.

"I just want to help people. That's all I want to do," concluded Smith.

Lake-to-Lake Planning Meeting

By Melinda Baird

An unexpectedly high turnout of about 75 citizens, including many equestrian enthusiasts, crowded Munith's Katz Elementary classroom Thursday evening to support the opening of Lakeland Trail. The trail stretches 26 miles from Hamburg to Stockbridge, through Waterloo and Henrietta Townships.

The trail will eventually link to Jackson's urban pathway system, and ultimately be incorporated into the larger Lake to Lake Trail extending from Port Huron to South Haven, reported Department of Natural Resources representative and Manager of Pinckney Recreation Area Chuck Dennison.

Dennison told the group his current focus is simply

to make the portion of trail from Stockbridge to Munith usable this year, and requested adult volunteer groups sign up for designated work days to help clear the trail for usage. He described the trail's central grading and sloping sides as having sizable trees, emphasizing the clearing process will be no small effort.

"There are varying degrees of how bad the trail is choked up with trees and overgrown brush. At this point in the process, we just need to get it passable." Most citizens present indicated a willingness to help. In fact, Jeffrey Rogers, owner of full-service tree company Preservation Tree Service, LLC, committed to donating both a wood chipping machine and the accompanying labor on scheduled work days.

The meeting was a kick-off discussion initiated by Waterloo Township board members to gauge community interest in the grass-roots project requiring massive volunteerism. The degree of interest was to be a deciding factor in whether Waterloo Township officials will consider entering into a lease agreement with the DNR, paying the way for the township to apply for grant money for trail renovation.

"This meeting was the next step after recently talking with DNR officials about a possible lease. We expected maybe five people to show up. This is unbelievable," observed Waterloo Township Treasurer Arlene Walz.

According to Dennison, Putnam, Hamburg, and Unadilla Townships along with the Village of Stockbridge are currently leasing their respective portions of the trail. "We hope Waterloo and Henrietta will sign leases as well, but until then those portions are DNR property," said Dennison.

Leasing would allow the townships to apply for state funding unavailable to the DNR. Because the DNR doesn't have sufficient manpower to maintain the trails, they are looking for townships with whom to partner, charging townships only one dollar in exchange for the trail's upkeep.

During the meeting, Stockbridge Village President Don Byrd encouraged Waterloo Township officials to pursue the lease agreement, stating it would give some ownership to the township in terms of what may or may not be built on trail property.

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Waterloo Township Looking At Different Law Enforcement Options

By Melinda Baird

Waterloo Township Supervisor Doug Lance received permission from board members to seek a budgetary quote from Jackson County Sheriff Office for police services equivalent to the township's current coverage at the regular board meeting February 15.

Lance indicated a contract with JCSO for services, which would effectively disband the Waterloo Township Police Department, could potentially be negotiated for this July, the start of the new fiscal year.

The news of possible disbandment came as a surprise to Waterloo Township Police Chief of six years Tom Cottrell, who reported in a later interview feeling blind-sided by the board's announcement of possibly replacing the existing department with JCSO services. Cottrell disclosed that the night of the open board meeting was the first he'd heard of the board's intentions, and felt professionally slighted by the board's failure to consult with him prior to the public meeting.

In a later interview, Lance stated the primary reason for a possible change in police service is financial. Due to an eroding tax base and a continuous drop in revenue sharing coupled with rising police operating costs and rising rent of township government offices, Lance expressed a need to reduce expenditures.

He cited a \$2,400 overall budget deficit for the past fiscal year. "This is not personal...I

just don't have any money. We need to look at our options. I have to manage my resources."

Further, Lance asserted he sent Cottrell a "pretty frank" email two weeks before the board meeting indicating the need to consider other options due to an unsustainable budget. Further examination of the email showed that, in response to a January 24 email from Cottrell to Lance regarding affordable storage of police vehicles, Lance wrote: "We cannot afford to build and maintain a town hall, support fire and rescue services, and run our own police department...we all will have to do some serious belt tightening. Waterloo will be looking at all expenditures and comparing alternatives over the next few months in an effort to prepare for more lean times that appear to be coming our way."

A secondary concern leading to Lance's request to seek a quote is a sense of inadequacy among board members in handling its own police department. "We're a township with part-time leadership, and we're being asked to manage a law enforcement agency with no experience," explained Lance. "Also, there is a huge liability aspect to managing our own agency," he added.

Lance said he is seeking a quote from JCSO for 80 hours of coverage per week by two full-time deputies. He has not yet received the quote. According to monthly police reports submitted by Cottrell, the Waterloo Township Police Department currently provides

an average of 116 hours of coverage per week. However, Lance remarked that actual time spent patrolling is difficult to track.

Lance also admitted he approached JCSO before being given official permission by board members and had some informal discussion during which he was advised to contact Parma and Sandstone Townships, both of whom are under contract with the sheriff's office.

JCSO Sheriff Rand stated a bid is being prepared and will be submitted within the next week. He confirmed a conversation took place with Lance prior to the board meeting, but that Lance did not seek the bid before receiving board approval. "We just happened to be in conversation about another matter when Lance asked about the Parma proposal, which is a matter of public record. He never asked for a quote at that time."

Lance elaborated that he viewed a copy of JCSO's initial proposal for 80 hours to Parma and discovered JCSO services were indeed cheaper than the current Waterloo Township department. Lance came to this conclusion after factoring in costs associated with running one's own department, specifically vehicle maintenance, insurance, and administrative costs.

Finally, when questioned about whether he is considering any other options, Lance advised it was unlikely as the only other police agencies in proximity are in different counties.

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Dexter Township Adopts Ordinance Required for Federal Flood Insurance

By Melinda Baird

Dexter Township board members unanimously adopted a Floodplain Management Ordinance during its regular meeting February 21, enabling property owners located in the Huron River floodplain to qualify for federally subsidized flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Effective April 3, 2012, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires municipalities to adopt the ordinance before residents can access the program. "We have to adopt the ordinance to participate in the program so residents can buy insurance through FEMA, rather than through

their mortgage lender at a much higher rate," explained Director of Planning and Zoning Patrick Sloan. Residents located in the FEMA identified floodplain with federally insured mortgages are required to have flood insurance.

Township Supervisor Pat Kelly explained new mapping of the township by FEMA indicates approximately 70 homes are located in a floodplain - a land area identified by FEMA as high risk for flooding.

The maps, produced and recently updated by the federal government, outline FEMA identified properties as being in a high risk flood zone.

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Armed Robbery Suspect Arrested by Unadilla Police

Submitted by Chief William Cook

After a four and a half month investigation, Unadilla Township Police have identified and arrested a suspect of an armed robbery that occurred last fall on San Lury Drive in Unadilla Township. Officers from Hamburg Township Police Department assisted with the traffic stop of the suspect vehicle Thursday, February 16, Doyle Road near Meadowpark Drive at about 4:05 pm.

Jason Robert Cavender, a 34-year-old Stockbridge man, was taken into custody without incident and lodged in the Livingston County Jail. "He was arrested on a warrant from the 53rd District Court for 1st degree home invasion with intent to commit armed

robbery and as a habitual offender.

According to Unadilla Police, a female resident of San Lury Drive reported that a man entered her house Tuesday, September 27 at about 12:30 pm and pointed a handgun at her demanding that she give him her prescription medication. When the victim told the man she did not have any medication, he appeared nervous and left on foot.

In a related investigation which began on December 8, Unadilla Police found Cavender in possession of illegal drugs and he was charged with felony possession of marijuana. Cavender is currently awaiting an initial appearance in the 53rd District Court in Howell.



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Obituaries

Nathaniel Matthew Dominick Dansville Michigan

Passed away at age 15, Friday, February 24, 2012. He was born August 21, 1996 in Southfield, Michigan the son of Matthew and Susan (Geisz) Dominick.

He was a 10th grade student at Dansville High School, and had lived in the area since 2003, moving from Pinckney and Redford. He was interested in computers, and loved playing video games. He was a member of Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian Catholic Church in Bunker Hill.

Nathaniel is survived by his parents, three brothers, Lucas, Dylan, and Jacob, and two sisters, Alyssa and Lauren, his paternal grandparents, David and Virginia (Ginny) Dominick of Northville, and maternal grandparents, Franz and Violet Geisz of Livonia; also several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Mass of Christian Burial took place Tuesday, February 28, 2012 from the Sts. Cornelius



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and Cyprian Catholic Church with Fr. Michael Petrosky officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Southfield on Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home of Stockbridge.

William Thomas Horn "Junior" Stockbridge Michigan

Passed away at age 87, Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at his home. He was born September 6, 1924 in Royalton, Kentucky, the son of William and Dora (Patton) Horn. He had worked for the Wyman-Gordon Company in Jackson as a machinist for 27 years. He also was a veteran of World War II, serving in North Africa, and was honorably discharged as a Corporal. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, mowing his lawn, traveling, his grandchildren, and reading the Bible and going to church. He also enjoyed visiting with people and telling stories.

He married Alma Hensley in September 1947 and she preceded him in death in December 1993. He then married Ethel M. Marshall in July 1994 and she survives. He is also survived by his children: Linda (Lee) Winnie of Newberry, Thomas (Mary) Horn of Jackson, Marie (Roger) Baumgardner of Proctorville, Ohio, Connie (Paul) Risner of Stockbridge, and Teresa (David) Dunn of Florida; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one brother-in-law, Bill Slayden of Illinois; two sisters-in-law, Della



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Horn of Louisville, Kentucky and Joyce Horn of Florida; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by a son, James Horn; an infant son, Jerry Horn; and his siblings: Clifford Horn, Luther Horn, Erma Horn, Calvin Horn, Bill Horn, and Melva Slayden.

Funeral Services took place Saturday, February 25, 2012 from the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge with Pastor Doug Prater officiating. Burial followed at Oaklawn Cemetery, Stockbridge.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Highest Praise Worship Center or SAESA.

Theresa Jean "Terry" Allen Stockbridge Michigan

Passed away at age 53, Monday, February 20, 2012 at her home. She was born September 30, 1958 in Jackson, Michigan, the daughter of Randolph and Alma (Houston) Allen.

Terry had lived in the area all of her life and attended the Family Tabernacle Church of God in Gregory. She enjoyed shopping, tanning, and her jewelry; she loved babies and also enjoyed her entire family.

Terry is survived by one daughter, Courtney Allen (age 14, at home); one brother, Danny Allen of Jackson; her brothers-in-law, Jimmy Risner of Stockbridge and Carl Fletcher of Stockbridge; her sisters-in-law, Helen Allen of Stockbridge and Betty McGlothen-Allen of Jackson; her boyfriend, Carl Goins of Pleasant Lake; and several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Garland Allen, Garnie Stapleton, Ann



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Fletcher, Don Allen, Betty Risner, Mike Allen, and an infant brother.

Funeral Services took place Saturday, February 25, 2012 from the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge with Pastor Jeff Howard and Parson Billy Allen co-officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery, Stockbridge.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to her daughter Courtney's education fund.

Nancy L. Zenz Grass Lake Michigan

At age 74 went to be with the Lord in the loving hands of her husband of 55 years February 21, 2012. She was born January 7, 1938, the daughter of Eugene and Lucy (Hicks) Baum. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Phyllis Cockroft; father-in-law, Richard Zenz and grandson, Jared Zenz. Nancy is survived by her husband, Robert; sons, Richard (Linda), Robert "Jim" (Cathy) and Thomas (Susie) Zenz; grandchildren, Zachary (Megan) Zenz, Marianne (John) Walter, Jacob Zenz and friend, Breann, Megan (Jimmy) Videto, Jaclene and Jorge Zenz, Danny and Kyle Hammond; mother-in-law, Geraldine (Kenneth) Mack; sister, Patricia (David) Dack; brother-in-law, Delbert Cockroft; several nieces and nephews; honorary son, Chet (Karen) Powaga; special friends, Bing Lockwood, Janet Day and family. Nancy lived her life for her husband, children and grandchildren. She was the heart and soul of Bona-Z-Farms and co-owner and manager of Grass Lake Elevator. She was a bus driver at Grass Lake Community Schools for 13 years. Nancy was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ of Grass Lake. Nancy will be remembered for her generosity and strong faith and will be dearly missed.

A celebration of her life took place February 24, 2012 from the Tabernacle at FAHOLA Conference Center in Grass Lake with Rev. David Cornwell

officiating. Per Nancy's wishes, cremation has taken place and a private family burial will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John United Church of Christ or Great Lakes Caring Hospice. Please sign Nancy's guest book at sherwoodfh.com.

Arrangements by Sherwood Funeral Home in Grass Lake.



The family of Doris Stanfield would like to thank our family, friends & neighbors for their thoughtfulness of cards, food, calls & visits at the time of our loss. Johnnie & Mike Mitchell & staff, Rev. Freysinger & Rev. Kathy Schell for their services & support. Silver Maples of Chelsea & staff for their kind & loving care. The UMW for their delicious luncheon.

God Bless,
Kenneth (Bill)
Barb & Wayne Malcho,
Bévi Basore,
Delores Buege & families

The family of Jack O'Brien would like to extend its sincere gratitude to all those individuals whose love & support we've appreciated so much over the past days. So many people expressed their love for Jack in various ways: attendance at the funeral home or the funeral, flowers, food, shared stories & memories.

Thank you so much. We'll all miss Jack.

- Tim & Julia O'Brien & family
- Don & Ellen Boring & family

With Thanks...
The family of John Pidd would like to thank the community for support, condolences, flowers and cards in our time of need. Also, thank you for donations to Stockbridge Area Emergency Service Authority on John's behalf. He will be greatly missed.
-The Pidd Family

POLICE BEAT

Stockbridge Village Police
2/8 ~10 AM: Assist Ingham County Sheriff Deputy on a traffic stop on I-96. The Deputy requested back up with a traffic stop. A subject was arrested from the vehicle and later turned over to a Jackson County Deputy.
~12:30 pm: Conducted a Liquor Control Commission investigation for Buddy's Mini Mart.
2/9 ~6:35 pm: Check subjects behind Risner's Towing. A 28 year old female from Munith was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant out of Michigan State Police, Brighton Post. She was turned over to MSP.
~1:30 pm: Assist bail bondsman from Speedy G's with bond revocation at Stockbridge PD. A 40 year old Stockbridge woman's bond was revoked and she was taken into custody. She was later transported to the Jackson County Jail.
2/11 ~12 am: Assist Ingham County Sheriff's Department on a crash at M-52 and Green Road. No injuries reported, but the vehicle went off the road due to the snowy conditions. Waterloo Township was notified and police the crash.
2/13 ~2:20 pm: Responded to an assault complaint in the 400 block of E. Main. An investigation was conducted and a 25 year old Jackson male was arrested for simple domestic assault. He was lodged in the Ingham County Jail.
~8:15 pm: Larceny of gas in the 200 block of S. Clinton. No description of the accused.
2/15 ~9 am: Late vehicle crash in the 100 block of S. Clinton. Minor damage, no injuries reported.
~3:30 pm: Two car crash at S. Clinton and Spring. One vehicle had to be towed from the scene. Some minor injuries reported.
2/16 ~5:50 pm: Two car crash at M-52 and M-106. Minor damage, minor injuries reported.
~9 am: Conducted a Liquor Control Commission investigation for the Dollar General.
2/20 ~1:20 pm: Sudden Death investigation at 218 S. Williams. A 53 year old female was found deceased inside her apartment. Foul play is not suspected. Awaiting toxicology report.
2/22 ~4 pm: Responded to a harassing telephone calls complaint in the 100 block of S. Clinton. This case remains under investigation.
~6:30 pm: Welfare check in the 600 block of Orrin Street. The biological father of the children who live at this house with their mother asked that the children's welfare be checked. The children were found to be in good condition. No further investigation.
2/24 ~9 am: Responded to a Malicious Destruction/Attempt B & E in the 100 block of W. Main Street. This case is under investigation.
~2:20 pm: Served a Personal Protection Order in the 300 block of Water Street. A 48 year old Stockbridge man was removed from his home and taken to a relative's house.
~8:50 pm: Responded to a B & E in the 400 block of N. Clinton. This case is under investigation.
Chelsea City Police
2/26 ~Main at I-94 "Park N Ride" at approximately 6 pm the Chelsea Police Department responded to the listed location for the report of some damage to a vehicle. Upon arrival officers made contact with the complainant who stated that he had parked his vehicle on February 23rd during the daytime hours and upon his return he noticed that his driver's side door handle to his vehicle had been broken, there was also reasonable size vertical dent in the door. It was determined that this damage was not a result of a motor vehicle crash; instead the damage was determined to be accidental or a result of maliciousness from an unknown subject.
2/23 ~1400 Block S. Main Street while on routine patrol the Chelsea Police Department responded to the listed location for the report of a bank fraud complaint. The victim stated that he received a phone call from a male subject "with a thick Jamaican accent", the subject stated that the victim had won a "lottery" and all he needed to do was wire \$200 to cover the processing of the prize. When the victim declined, the caller talked the victim into giving his bank account number. Subsequently multiple fraudulent withdrawals were made on the account. No further information available at this time. "The public is strongly urged to never send money to someone you do not know and to never give your bank account information to anyone."
2/20 ~1:44 at US-127 at approximately 9 pm Chelsea Police received notification from Albion Township Police that they had a subject in custody on one of our warrants. The Chelsea Police responded to I-94 at US-127 to meet up and transfer the prisoner. The arrested subject, a 40 year old Jackson man was transported to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and lodged pending arraignment on a charge of fail to appear on a driving on a suspended license case.
Waterloo Township Police
2/20 ~Assisted Parole Officers in checking an address on S. M-52 for a parole absconder.
2/21 ~Assisted a stranded motorist near M-52 and Territorial Road at 6:40 pm.
~Responded to a report of trouble with a subject at an address on Mt. Hope Road at 8:07 pm.
~Assisted PD and Fire Departments at a barn fire on Hayball Road for traffic control at 10:45 pm.
2/22 ~Responded to a report of a fraud complaint and investigated finding it was a civil matter at 2pm.
~Searched area of Coon Hill and Kennedy Road for a hit and run vehicle that occurred at the intersection of M-106 and Berry Road at 4:33 pm.
~Investigated a couple of pedestrians in the area of Welch Lake and Seymour Road at 11 pm.
2/23 ~Assisted a stranded motorist on Portage Lake near Huttenlocker Road at 2:15 pm.
~Did a personal welfare check on a woman living on Trist Road at 4:44 pm.
~Responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of 9700 block of Portage Lake Road at 9:09 pm.
2/24 ~Responded to a pair of cars that had slid off the road into the ditch in the curve of M-52 near Hinkley Road due to icy road conditions at 7:03 am.
~Assisted Stockbridge PD on a burglary at a business on Main Street at 9:16 am.
~Investigated a report of a suicidal person at an address in Coachman's Cove MHP and transported person to Allegiance Hospital for evaluation at 5:34 pm.
~Assisted Chelsea Fire Dept. on traffic control in the area of Trist and Seymour Road at 8:42 pm.
2/25 ~Responded as back to an address on Bunkerhill Road for an alarm at a business at 2:05 pm.
~Investigated a vehicle parked partially in the road on M-52 near the Ingham County line at 8:07 pm.
Unadilla Township Police
2/19 ~Telephone harassment, Wasson Road
~Car vs. deer property damage accident, M-106 near Dutton Road
2/20 ~Home invasion of vacant house, larceny of copper pipes from basement, Williamsville Road
2/21 ~Domestic dispute, E. Trebesh Drive
2/22 ~Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Howlett Road
~Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Doyle Road
~One-car rollover accident, Doyle near Unadilla Road
2/23 ~Domestic dispute, Patterson Lake Drive
~Ordinance violation, unplatel vehicle warning notice issued, W. M-36 near Livermore Road
~Trash dumping complaint, Doyle near Templar Drive
~Domestic dispute, E. Trebesh Drive
2/24 ~Assisted Putnam Contract Deputy with property damage accident investigation, W. M-36 at Kelly Road
~Car vs. tree injury accident, Dexter Trail
2/25 ~Reckless driver, Dexter Trail
~Suspicious vehicle, Ibbetson Drive
~Assisted Pinckney Police with suspended driver arrest, E. Main Street
~Arrest of 17-year-old Van Buren Township man on arrest warrant for larceny of jewelry from a Dream Catcher Drive residence, transported from the Wayne County Jail and lodged in the Livingston County Jail, Clinton Street (Detroit)
Pinckney Village Police
2/19 ~Intrusion of subjects into Pinckney Library construction site, Putnam Street
2/20 ~Larceny of gas from Mugg N Bopps Sunoco, E. Main Street
2/21 ~17-year-old Hamburg Township youth found in possession of tobacco, S. Dexter Street
~Assisted Hamburg Township Police Department with K9 search of suspect for attempted breaking and entering of residence, Rushway Drive
2/22 ~Threats and intimidation investigation, E. Hamburg Street
~Assisted Livingston County Sheriff Department with investigation of injury accident, Patterson Lake Road at Silver Hill Road
~Loud noise disturbance, E. Main Street
2/23 ~Two-car property damage accident, E. Main at Pearl Street
~Assisted Putnam Township Fire Department with fire alarm activation investigation, W. Unadilla Street
2/24 ~Suspicious man watching children at bus stop, W. Hamburg Street
~Transported person having mental health problems to St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Howell for evaluation (location not published)
~Assisted Putnam Township Fire Department with investigation of possible flammable liquid placed in bottle in return pop bottle machine, E. M-36
2/25 ~Road hazard, small dog wandering around in roadway, W. Main Street
~18-year-old Kalamazoo man arrested for driving while license suspended, E. Main Street at Dexter Street

Trail Planning Meeting

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He spoke of his desire to build on the village's current "park and ride" commuter lot located at the trail's end in order to accommodate horses and riders, including a structure with at least two bathrooms and four showers. "We want to go both directions: seven miles to Gregory and seven miles to Munith," explained Byrd. "We're just waiting to see how Waterloo is

going to respond to tie the two sections together."

Several citizens at the meeting expressed the importance of the trail being one of multi-use, so that horses and riders, cyclists, and pedestrians were equally considered when making renovations.

"Nobody wins if there is a conflict between cyclists and equestrians. We have to learn to coexist," said one citizen. "It is so important we are tolerant of other users," said another.

The Putnam Township portion of the trail will undergo the first phase of construction this summer and was praised for their multi-use trail design. Putnam Township Treasurer Pat Carney stated their portion of the trail, about six miles total, will consist of seven feet of pavement for cyclists, rollerbladers, strollers, and wheelchairs. The remaining three feet will consist of high-grade gravel preferable to horses.

The township received about \$1.2 million in grants from Michigan Department of Transportation and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the project.

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Submitted by Edward Jones

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Third: Educating your children - Consider a college-savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan.

Fourth: Living in retirement

- You'll need to create a

withdrawal strategy so that you

don't outlive your income.

Fifth: Transferring your wealth - To leave the type of legacy you want, you'll need to create an estate plan with the help of your financial and legal advisors.

So, there you have them: five key financial areas on which to focus as you travel through life.

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Lady Bulldogs Take-down Lincoln 44-43

Win SEC White Title Again

The Bulldogs had their work cut out for them Tuesday, February 21 when they traveled to Ypsilanti Lincoln to take on the Railsplitters.

Lincoln completely controlled the game in the first half, capitalizing on many turnovers from the Bulldogs.

Chelsea Coach Todd Blomquist must have given quite a pep talk to the girls in the locker room during halftime, because from the start of the second half, it was like watching a different game. The Bulldogs seemed more relaxed on the court, and stopped making mistakes that Lincoln could turn into points on the board.

Chelsea's Megan Hall was awesome at the line and sunk four free throws with a very loud Lincoln crowd doing their best to

distract her.

Bailey Darwin and Riley Singleton were the top scorers for the Bulldogs.

With 1:37 minutes in the third period, Riley Singleton tied the game at 26 while at the line shooting.

The fourth period, it was all Chelsea. The girls pounded out 13 more points to take the game in a nail-biting last minute at 44-43.

The girls will participate at districts this week for the Class B District Championship, which they won last year.

Details on the tournament were not provided at press time, so you may follow the Chelsea Bulldogs on Facebook or on Twitter for the latest scores and information.



Grace Sauers takes a couple of free throws from the line.
Photo by Donna Smallwood

Dexter Township Adopts Ordinance

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"I suspect a lot of houses are now in a floodplain zone that have not been in the past," said Kelly. "NFIP decides who's in and who's out, not us," added Sloan. "We just have the visual map, not the technical expertise."

The new maps can be viewed at the Dexter Township Hall, 688 Dexter-Pinckney Road. In addition, Sloan reported the floodplain mapping data is expected to be posted on the Washtenaw County Geographical Information Systems (GIS) website beginning April 3, 2012.

Sloan also advised he is able to create customized maps and email them as needed. He can be contacted at (734) 426-3767.

Kelly specified the township has no plans to notify residents personally of any change in flood zone status, as that is "between the resident and FEMA."

In other board news, Washtenaw County Road Commission

representatives outlined potential 2012 non-subdivisional road projects in order of priority to board members. With \$16,546 in matching local road funds and \$6,932 in matching drainage funds, WCRC representatives deemed Toma and Stinchfield roads north to the county line as first priority. Fleming Road from Dexter-Pinckney Road west to McGuinness Road came in second, while Fleming Road from Dexter-Pinckney Road to Dexter Town Hall Road placed third. Although ranked sixth out of nine possible projects by WCRC, Wylie Road from Island Lake Road south to Lima Township was pointed out by several board members to be in dire need of repair.

Townships must notify WCRC of their intent to utilize matching funds by May 25, 2012 in order to remain eligible. In 2011, the township spent all of its available matching funds.

Finally, board members unanimously appointed Robert Nester, owner of The Sun Times News, to the township's Planning Commission. Nester will serve the remainder of former commission Chairman John Shea's term expiring December 31, 2012. "As a small business owner and also the owner of commercial property in the township, Bob represents the interests of a small but important segment of our township," stated Kelly.



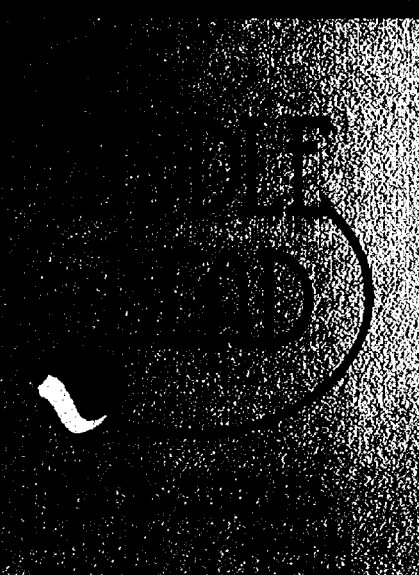
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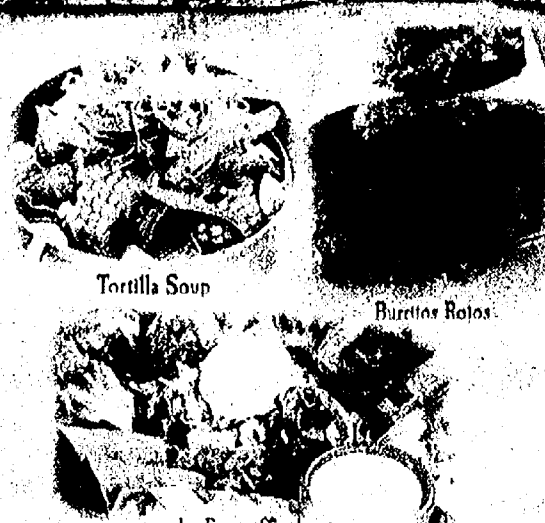


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Pirates Repeat As KLAA Lakes Tourney Champs

A sweet repeat is a thing of beauty when it happens, especially when it is as unexpected as the repeat the Pinckney boys' basketball team pulled last week. The Pirates won their second straight KLAA Lakes Conference tournament title in heartstopping fashion.

The Pirates rallied in the fourth quarter for the second straight game to knock off Walled Lake Central 54-50 to claim the Lake crown and move on to the KLAA championship game against Plymouth Salem at Plymouth Tuesday night.

It was the third straight game, in which the fourth-seeded Pirates defeated a higher seeded team in the tournament.

The game was close at the beginning. Pinckney led 17-16 in the second quarter, but Central made a run late in the half to lead 30-22 at halftime.

The Pirates began to chip away at the lead, but still trailed 40-34 heading into the final period.

Pinckney clamped down defensively, and with just over two minutes left took the lead 49-48.

The Pirates hit some big free throws in the final minute and

Central's last second three-pointer was no good and the Pirates student section stormed the floor to celebrate with the team.

Kyle Stotnick led the Pirates with 18 points, while Peter Barry had 16. Stephen Waltersdorf and Tyler Wagner also had big nights for the Pirates and were keys in the second half comeback.

The semifinal was much the same. Pinckney rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat Walled Lake Northern 59-56.

The Pirates lead early, but Northern went on a big run in the second and controlled the game until the fourth quarter.

Pinckney trailed by seven, but Drew Stephens' hot outside shooting sparked the Pirates rally. Stephens hit four three-pointers in the fourth quarter to lead the charge as Pinckney rallied all the way back and pulled out the win.

Stephens finished with 16 points, including 14 in the decisive fourth quarter.

Stotnick finished with 17 points and Barry nine.

The Pirates (12-7) took on Salem (17-2) in the KLAA title game Tuesday. Results will be in next week's Sun Times News.



The Pinckney basketball team won its second straight Lake Conference tournament championship Friday night, defeating Walled Lake Central 54-50. Members of the team include Nick Meyer, Dominic Bona, Jeremy Perez, Kyle Stotnick, JP Calder, Brad Hohman, Matt O'Bierne, Drew Stephens, Stephen Waltersdorf, Peter Barry, Jason Dickinson, and Tyler Wagner. The team is coached by Tom Reason and Assistant Andy Stephens. The team will take on Plymouth Salem in the KLAA Championship Tuesday night in Plymouth.

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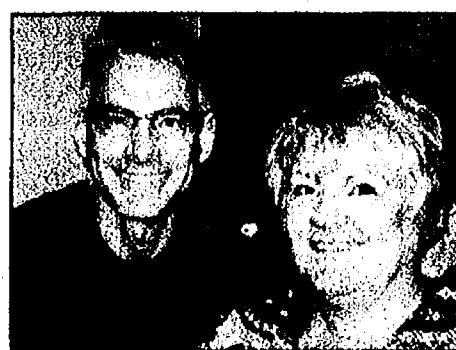
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Waterloo Law Enforcement

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According to Lance, should a contract with JCSO be deemed unaffordable, residents would need to consider whether they are willing to pay more for police coverage in the form of a millage increase. Currently, Waterloo Township collects a half mill annually from citizens designated for public safety. Half of those funds have been directed to Stockbridge Area Emergency Services Authority, while the other half is directed to police services. Township residents paid a total of \$45,506 last year for police protection, equating about \$42.61 per year for a home with a taxable value of \$100,000. The 20-year millage came into effect in 1994.

According to Lance, a past survey indicated that about one half of township residents wanted to maintain their own police department, while the other half did not.

Referring to several scrapbooks containing countless articles of successful WTPD police work in the past six years, Cottrell stressed relationship as the key to the department's success. "I understand revenue is down, but

don't throw away the baby with the bath water," urged Cottrell. "You can't put a value on the relationships our department has formed with the community, and you can't put a value on our reserve officers, who make themselves available at the drop of a hat. If the township contracts with JCSO, they will be flushing the relationships and the reserve officer program down the toilet."

In other board news, members gave Lance permission to negotiate with Stockbridge School District Superintendent Bruce Brown regarding the rental fee for township government office space located in Munn's Katz Elementary School. Currently, the township pays \$569.00 per month, with the lease due to expire in May.

"I will be working under the Board of Education's direction that the school district continue to be fair and equitable when entering into building occupancy leases with interested municipalities in our school district," stated Brown in a later interview. He further stated, "The Katz building is not current in its design, but is kept maintained and thus will remain very serviceable for a long time, especially in its current use as office space and centers for community gathering."

However, the board anticipates a significant increase in lease cost along with further degradation of the school building, the board also gave Lance permission to enter into negotiation talks with the Department of Natural Resources for a future land location to build a new town hall.

"Even if the rent is affordable, at some point this building will be unusable. We can't drink the water, pipes are bursting, and the electrical server will not be able to support usage. It's not going to get any better," pointed out Treasurer Arlene Walz.

Lance stated that if a new town hall is needed in the future, available land close to Waterloo Farm Museum would be ideal given its central location. "It would be a modest, efficient building with payments kept at or below what we would pay for the Katz space," he said. He said the move would not take place in the immediate future, but in years to come.

Lady Pirates Split Two

The Pinckney girls' basketball team split its last two regular season games last week as they prepared for districts at Ann Arbor Skyline this week.

The Pirates opened the week by defeating Livonia Churchill 44-32. They used a big second half to rally from a 19-13 halftime deficit. The Pirates dominated Churchill in the second half, outscoring them 31-13.

Simone Smith led Pinckney with 13 points and Karli Adams finished with 12.

The Pirates wrapped up the regular season with a 54-45 loss to South Lyon East.

Another slow start cost the Pirates. They scored just eight points by halftime and fell behind by as much as 17.

Pinckney rallied late, but could not finish it off, dropping to 4-16 on the season.

Ashley Weiland finished with a double-double of 11 points and 13 rebounds, while Jessica Lundy finished with nine points and ten rebounds.



The Pirates Karli Adams contributed 12 points in the win over Churchill.

Photo by Dawn Miller



Ashley Weiland finished with an impressive 11 points and 13 rebounds as the Pirates fell to Ann Arbor Skyline.

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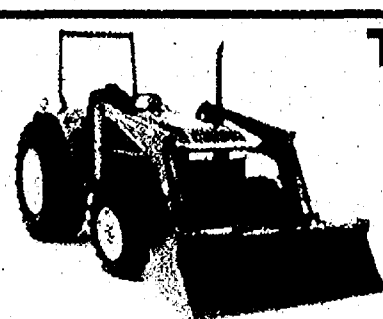
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Registration for Adult Learners Institute (ALI) spring classes is still open. The 14 classes due to start in March, April and May offer a wide range of topics selected to appeal to adult learners.

For a complete listing and description of classes still available, visit the ALI website www.adultlearnersinstitute.org.

To register for one or more classes download a form from the website or contact ALI 734-433-1000-ext-7358 directly for a catalog.

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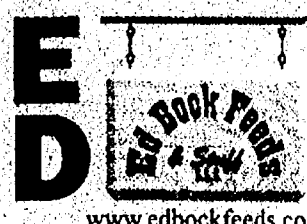
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Stockbridge COMMUNITY Lady Panthers Roll Into Districts

By Ian Bumpus

The streaking girls' basketball team wrapped up its regular season on a roll as the Panthers swept its final two games to finish 13-7 overall and 10-2 in the SMAA.

The Panthers routed rival Leslie 68-38 Tuesday night.

The game was close for a half with Stockbridge leading 26-21 at halftime.

The Panthers blew the game wide open in the third, outscoring the Blackhawks 27-6 and taking a 53-27 into the final period.

The Panther defense was dominant, taking 22 steals and grabbing 51 rebounds.

Kayla Caudill led the team with 14 points, followed by Kelsey Crockett with 12 points and nine rebounds, and Breanna Taylor had 11 points.

Stockbridge had four seniors play in their last home game and they went out in winning fashion, defeating Parma Western 62-46.

The Panthers used a big second quarter to take control of the game. They outscored Western 26-9 to take a 34-22 lead into halftime.

The four Panthers seniors are Caudill, Jasmine Holloway, Becca Powers, and Kellie Rizzolo.

Caudill had a big night with a team leading 22 points. Holloway finished with six points and five assists, and Powers nine points.

The Panthers open district action Wednesday night in Linden against the winner of Fowlerville (2-18) and Linden (9-10). The championship is Friday night against the winner of Lake Fenton (13-7) and South Lyon East (10-9).



Kelsey Crockett contributed 12 for the Panthers during their win over Western. Photo by Ian Bumpus

Fullerton Qualifies For State Bowling Finals

Stockbridge's Tim Fullerton qualified for the Division 3 State bowling finals by finishing in ninth place at the regional at Battle Creek Pennfield Saturday.

Fullerton finished with a six game total score of 1073, including games of 193, 193, and 191. Brady Ruselink won the regional with a score of 1172.

Mike Weiland finished in 37th, Jacob Weiland 41st, Austin Blackburn 43rd, and Karl Jaeger 46th.

The team just missed qualifying out in the team event, finishing fourth.

The Panthers finished with a team total of 3510, 48 pins behind third place Battle Creek Pennfield. Marshall won the regional with 3603.

The girls' team struggled, finishing 12th with 2395. Marshall won the event with 3421.

Debby Schaefer led the Panthers with a 41st place finish in singles with a total of 787, while Irene Place was 46th with a 767.

Boys' Basketball Drops Pair

The boys' basketball team continued to struggle last week, dropping a pair of games and falling to 4-14 overall and 2-8 in the SMAA.

The Panthers opened the week by falling to arch rival Leslie 55-51.

The Panthers fell behind early trailing 30-20 at halftime, but a 19-10 advantage in the third quarter, cut the lead to 40-39 entering the final period.

The Panthers battled all the way back and took the lead when Conner Knepley hit a three pointer with less than two minute remaining.

Leslie cut the lead to one and sank a pair of free throws to retake the lead in the final minute. They

sealed the win with a free throw in the final seconds.

Kaleb Grammer and Marcus Prigge scored 13 points each, while Devin Allen scored 11. Mitch Clark and Knepley score five each, and David Campbell four.

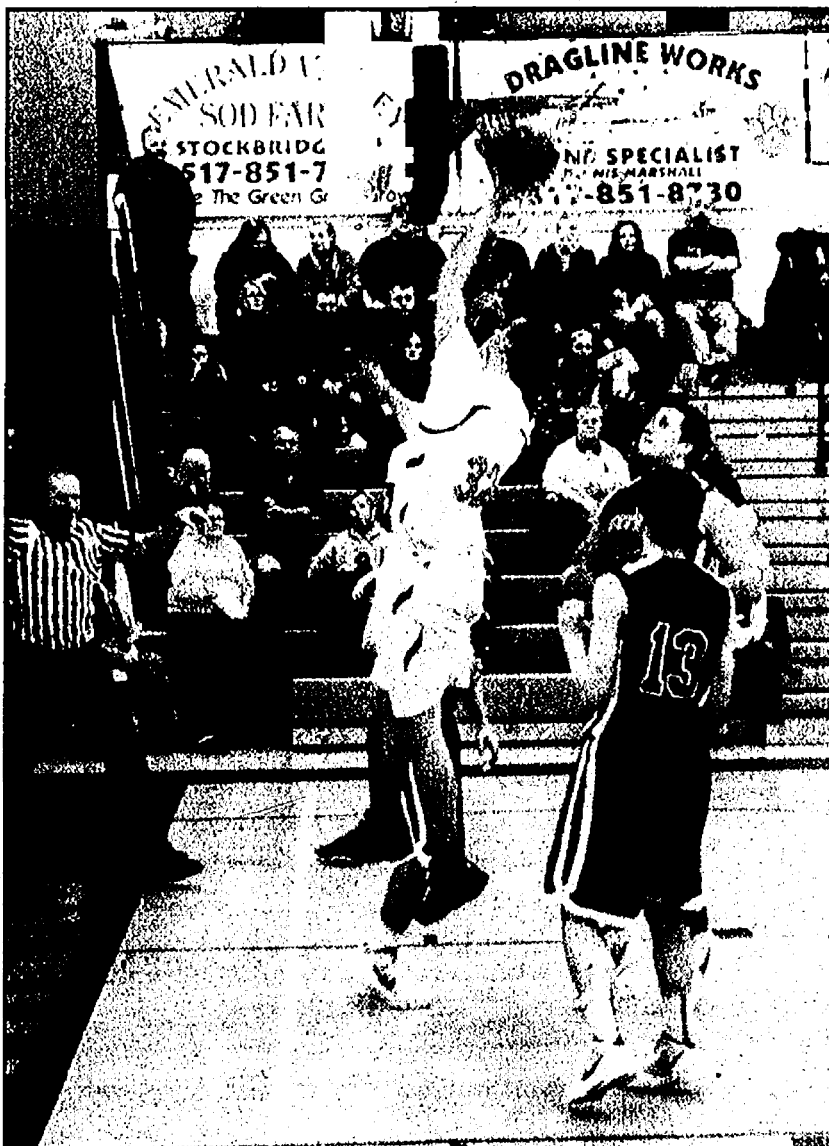
The Panthers came up on the short end of a 76-60 loss to Western Friday night.

Stockbridge trailed 39-38 at halftime, but were outscored 37-22 in the second half as Western pulled away.

Grammer had another big night with 20 points.

Prigge finished with 13 points and eight rebounds, while Knepley added 12 points.

Allen finished with six points and Evan Upshur four.



Marcus Prigge contributed 13 points and 8 rebounds as the Panthers fell to Leslie. Photo by Ian Bumpus.



Dexter COMMUNITY Swimmers Take SEC Title

The SEC White Division championship was not much of a contest. The second ranked Dexter Dreadnaughts blew away the competition and won by 208 points to claim its 14th straight league title.

The Dreadnaughts finished with 498 points, easily outdistancing second place Chelsea with 290. Tecumseh was third with 202.

Dexter won all but two events and swept the top three places in five events.

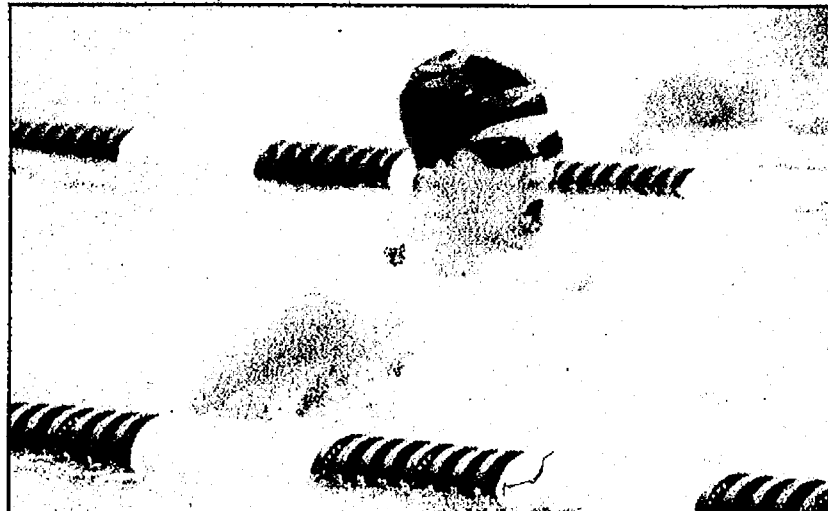
Mark Brown won four events, the 50 and 100 freestyle; was a member of the 200 medley relay team with Brennan Maisch, Ian Wilson, and Josh Boren; and the 200 freestyle relay with John Eber,

Nate Kilian, and Maisch. Wilson won two events - the 200 IM and the 100 breaststroke.

Johnathan Zofchak was in on three wins, winning the 500 free, the 200 free, and the winning 400 freestyle relay with Kilian, Eber, and Jake Clafin.

Boren was the other first place finish in the 100-butterfly. Second place finishes went to Kyle Franz in the 100, Clafin in the 500 free, Eber in the 100 and 200 free, Andrew Watson in the 100 butterfly, and Kilian in the 50 free.

Third place finishes were Clafin in the 200 free, Boren in the 200 IM, Maisch in the 50 free, and Conner Thompson in the 100 butterfly, and Kilian in the 100.



Brennan Maisch was on two winning relay teams as Dexter claimed the SEC White title Saturday. Photo by Dawn Miller

Lady Dreads Fall to Bedford

The thorn in the side of the Dexter girls' basketball team this season is Temperance-Bedford.

Bedford defeated Dexter for the second time this season Friday night 39-37.

The first loss to Bedford cost Dexter a share of the SEC White title.

The Dreadnaughts struggled to put points on the board, falling behind 23-15 at halftime.

The Bedford lead stayed at eight after three quarters, with the Mules leading 29-21.

Dexter made a run late, but Bedford was able to hold on and pull out the win.

Riley McDonald led Dexter with 12 points. Olivia Vollmers finished with seven and Teia McGahey six.

The Dreadnaughts ran all over Tecumseh earlier in the week, routing the Indians 45-18.

Dexter dominated from the start, holding Tecumseh scoreless in the first to lead 10-0.

The lead grew to 21-6 by halftime and the Dreadnaughts never looked back.

McGahey led Dexter with nine points, while Kathryn Pisano scored seven.

Vollmers, Sirah Kamara, and Emma Kill all scored six and McDonald four.

Dexter improved to 17-3. They will play in the Class A district at Ann Arbor Skyline Wednesday night against the winner of Ann Arbor Huron (15-5) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (10-10).

Dexter Boy B-Ball Split Pair

The Dexter boys' basketball team improved its record to 7-11 on the season by splitting a pair of games last week.

Friday night saw Dexter rally from an eight point deficit in the fourth quarter to defeat Ypsilanti Lincoln 61-58.

Lincoln started quick, taking a 16-7 lead after one and 30-20 at halftime.

Dexter cut the lead to 44-36 after three.

The Dreadnaughts exploded for 25 points in the fourth quarter as they rallied for the win.

Four Dexter players scored

in double figures with Michael Mioduszewski leading the way with 15.

Derek Seidl finished with 14, Jay Lewis 12, and Jacob VanHoof 11.

Dexter struggled offensively in the 39-35 loss to Tecumseh earlier in the week.

The Dreadnaughts led 11-6 after one quarter, but it went downhill from there.

The game was tied at 16 at halftime and Tecumseh led 28-25.

Mioduszewski led with team 13 points, while Lewis finished with nine and Seidl six.

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March 3: The Clothes Closet: Gregory Community Church from 10am-12noon.

March 5: Peace University with Dave Ramsey, First Baptist Church in Stockbridge for 10 weeks. Register at 517-851-7075.

March 10: Chicken & Biscuit Supper, Plainfield UMC, 17845 M-36 at 5pm. Free will contribution. Take outs available. Public invited. For more info call Kate 517-851-8932.

March 11: Maple Syrup Making: From Tree to Pancake, Eddy Discovery Center in Plainfield from 10am-3pm. Techniques for do-it-yourself syrup making & a short walk through the woods to see maple trees & proper tapping skills. Cost: \$2/person, \$5/family. Registration requested 734-475-3170.

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GRASS MOWING BIDS - Stockbridge Community Schools is accepting grass mowing bids for the 2012 and 2013 grass mowing season. Interested bidders may request bid documents at the Office of the Superintendent, Stockbridge Middle School, 305 W. Elizabeth Street, Stockbridge, MI 49285, or by calling 517-851-7188 ext. 5506. Bids are due March 6 at 2:00 p.m.

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD OF REVIEW

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW - The Stockbridge Township Board of Review will conduct their organizational meeting to receive the 2012 assessment roll on Friday, March 9, 2012 at 9:00 am in the Township Hall offices. The public meetings of the Board of Review will be held in the Stockbridge Township Hall, located at 125 S. Clinton Street, Stockbridge, Michigan, on: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 9:00am to 3:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm Wednesday, March 14, 2012 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm Friday, March 16, 2012 from 9:00am MBOR Reconciliation - Protests can be made by attending one of the above mentioned sessions or, in writing, by sending correspondence to PO Box 565, Stockbridge, Michigan 49285. The deadline for written appeals is Friday, March 16, 2012 by 12:00 noon.

	Ratios	Multiplier
Agricultural	54.83	0.9119
Commercial	52.01	0.9613
Industrial	54.27	0.9213
Residential	53.97	0.9264
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Stockbridge Township Clerk: Mary Wilson
Board of Review Members: Mark Baldwin, Barbara Krusinski, John Ocwieja

LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

LYNDON TOWNSHIP 2012 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS
As required by the General Property Tax Act, public notice is hereby given by the Lyndon Township that the 2012 March Board of Review will meet on the following days at the Lyndon Township Hall located at 17751 North Territorial Rd: Chelsea Michigan for the purpose of reviewing the 2012 assessment roll, hearing requests, protests, or application for corrections of assessed or tentative taxable values: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Tuesday March 6th at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC APPEAL HEARINGS:

Monday March 12th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., & 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday March 13th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., & 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Letter appeals are also accepted in lieu of personal appearance and must be received no later than March 13th by 3:30 pm.

The tentative rates and estimated multipliers for the 2012 Assessments and Taxable Values in the Township are as follows:

Class	Tentative Rate	Estimated Multiplier	Estimated Final Rate
Agricultural	50.11	0.9978	50.00
Commercial	53.53	0.9341	50.00
Developmental	50.00	1.0000	50.00
Industrial	53.70	0.9311	50.00
Residential	49.89	1.0022	50.00
Personal Property	50.00	1.0000	50.00

The above ratios and multipliers are subject to further review by the Assessor's Office, the Board of Review, the Equalization Department, or the Michigan State Tax Commission. (ADA) Americans with Disabilities Notice: The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice.

Contact: Lyndon Township, Clerk, 17751 North Territorial Rd, Chelsea, MI 48118, Ph: (734)475-2401
Lyndon Township Assessor
Patricia H. Zamenski, MAAO, PPE

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the TOWNSHIP OF SYLVAN, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan That the Assessment Roll of said Township will be reviewed by the Board of Review on March 6, 2012 at 9:15am Appeals and conferences with taxpayers will be heard on:

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012

9am - 12 noon and 1 - 4pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012

1 - 4pm and 6 - 9pm

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Starting Ratio	Class	Average Multiplier
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53.61	Commercial	.9326
54.10	Industrial	.9242
51.53	Residential	.9703
53.32	Developmental	.9377

The Sylvan Township Board of Review will hear appeals by letter or appointment. Appointments may be made by calling 475-8890 on Mondays or Wednesdays 9:00am to 12noon or by contacting the Assessor. Letters must be received in the township no later than Monday, March 12.

ROBERT W. LANGE, SUPERVISOR Dated: February 16, 23, March 2, 2012

WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW - The White Oak Township Board of Review for 2012 will be held at the White Oak Township Hall 1002 S M-52 Webberville on the following dates to hear all questions you may have on your property valuations: Tuesday, March 6th @ 10:30 am organizational meeting. No public comment will be accepted or acted on at this organizational meeting. Monday, March 12th, 3pm to 9pm appeal hearing. Tuesday, March 13th, 9am to 3pm appeal hearing. THE TAXABLE VALUE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES WILL INCREASE BY APPROXIMATELY 2.7% TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION FACTORS FOR ALL CLASSES OF PROPERTIES IS 1.0000 - Anyone unable to come to the Board of Review meetings in person may send written comment to: Chuck Zemla PO Box 98 St Johns, MI 48879 - Letters must be received prior to March 7TH, 2012
White Oak Township Clerk

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Stockbridge Township Board Meeting Minutes
Board Meeting on February 20, 2012 was called to order at 7:30 PM. All board members present. Board approved the agenda as presented with the following: Deletions- ICC update, phone system. Additions-Outdoor Gathering Ordinance. Board approved January 16, 2012 Board Meeting minutes as presented. Board accepted the February 2012 Financial report as presented. Board accepted the bid to replace the drinking fountains at the Library at a cost of \$1100.00. Board accepted the bid to replace hot water heating parts at a cost of \$2530.00. Board accepted the Land Division form as presented. Board accepted WOW cable franchise agreement as presented. March Budget meeting to be held March 21, 2012 at 5:00 PM and the March Budget Hearing to be held March 28, 2012 at 5:00 PM. Board approved the Outdoor Gathering Ordinance to be reviewed for adoption at the March 19, 2012. Board paid March 2012 monthly bills. Board adjourned the Board meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 PM.
Mary Wilson Stockbridge Township Clerk

UNADILLA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

NOTICE UNADILLA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS - The Unadilla Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2012/2013 at the Unadilla Township Hall, 126 Webb Street, Gregory, Michigan 48137 on March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Unadilla Township Hall upon request. The Unadilla Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 7 days notice to the Unadilla Township Board. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids should contact the Unadilla Township Board by writing or calling the following:
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WATERLOO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
That the Organizational Meeting of the March Board of Review is scheduled for Friday, March 9, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Waterloo Township Board of Review will be hearing assessment appeals according to the following schedule:
Wednesday, March 14, 2012 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 15, 2012 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

	Tentative Ratio	Tentative Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
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All of the above meetings of the Waterloo township board of Review will be held at the Waterloo Township Hall, 11120 Musbach Rd., Munith, MI 49259.

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

Waterloo Township Board Meeting Minutes Synopsis - 15 February 2012 7:00 P.M. - 11120 Musbach Road, Munith, MI 49259 Call to Order: 7:03 P.M.
Present: Lance, Richardson, Walz, Parks, Kitley, Chief Cottrell, 2 residents.
The following items were approved by the board: *Lance motioned with support from Richardson that he be allowed to seek a budgetary quote from Jackson County Sheriff office for police services equivalent to our current coverage for the 2012 budget year. Aye/all; No/none. Motion carried.
*Kitley motioned with support from Walz to allow Doug Lance, as Supervisor, permission to negotiate with Bruce Brown regarding the lease cost for the property we use. Yes/all; No/none. Motion carried. *Walz motioned with support from Parks to agree to allow Lance to go into negation talks with the DNR for a future building location of a town hall. Aye/all; No/none. Motion carried. *Kitley motioned with support from Richardson to pay post audit checks in the amount of \$12,309.30; checks for approval in the amount of \$6,977.83 and payroll in the amount of \$20,044.32 for a total of \$39,331.45. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, Walz, Richardson, Parks, Kitley. No/none. Motion carried. *Richardson motioned with support from Parks to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Yes/all; No/none. Motion carried. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Submitted by Janice Kitley, Waterloo Township Clerk

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I believe Ron Paul as president of the USA will lead the way out of this crisis.

I'm urging everyone to vote for Ron Paul on Tuesday Feb. 28, else come November your choices will be very limited to more of the same.

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Stockbridge Robotics Students Impress Bentprop Team

By Alex Noffsinger

Last Thursday the Stockbridge Advanced Underwater Robotics team hosted a showing of the documentary "The Last Flight Home" at Heritage Elementary, a movie that highlighted the efforts of the BentProp Project to recover downed airplanes in and around the Republic of Palau.

More than 100 people attended and \$1,000 was raised from a bake sale and admission price. The funds will go to the ROV Team to help finance their trip to Palau this spring.

Among the attendees were BentProp founder and leader Dr.

Pat Scannon, mission coordinator Flip Colmer, and mission member Derek Abbey.

Scannon went on a diving trip to Palau in 1993 and discovered the remains of a downed U.S. Army Air Corps airplane from World War II and has been going back since to recover more airplanes and the resting places of the planes' missing in action (MIA) crew members.

There are 78,000 MIAs from WWII and BentProp has located 15 of the estimated 71 in and around Palau.

The three will be taking Stockbridge's Advanced Underwater Robotics Team with them this year and will use the team's ROV in order to go deeper than they've ever gone before off the coast of Palau. "It's a tangible result that will be very significant," Abbey said of the ROV Team's opportunity.

Just five years ago Stockbridge started a robotics program and two years ago started the underwater robotics program. The program has participated in competitions in Hawaii and the Johnson Space Center. "It starts with leadership - and Bob Richards is a very impressive individual with his ability to engage students...also the dedication of the students," Scannon said of the program's progress.

BentProp learned of the success that Stockbridge's program was having and immediately connected with the team and never considered another team.

Wedding Bells Ring For Whitaker and Adiska



Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Whitaker of Stockbridge are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Angela Marie Whitaker to Brian Jeffrey Adiska, son of Dr. and Mrs. Adiska of Stockbridge. Angela is a 2004 graduate of Stockbridge High School. She received her Associates Degree in Applied Science, Nursing, from Jackson Community College and is currently a registered nurse at Chelsea Community Hospital. Brian, a 1995 graduate from Stockbridge High School, received his Bachelors of Science Degree from Northern Michigan University, majoring in Construction Management with a minor in Business. He is currently a paramedic/firefighter employed with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and Jackson County Ambulance. A September 2012 wedding is planned at St. Mary Catholic Church in Chelsea, followed by a reception at the Comfort Inn of Chelsea.

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How to Get to the Other Side of Discouraged

By Amy Heydlauff

Like many of you, I read the Sun Times piece on local health data. It was discouraging.

To get us to the other side of discouraged, I hope you'll hang in there with me while I tell you a short, personal story.

When I was in the 5th grade my family lived in a small, northern, Lower Michigan town with a progressive school district. Way ahead of the trend, they started a class for the kids in the district with the highest I.Q.s. My sister, who was in 3rd grade, was in it. I was not.

In fact, I was a 5th grader struggling to read and comprehend at grade level. Three days per week a reading specialist called me out of class to attend remedial

reading.

It could have been demoralizing but it wasn't. One smart move by my parents kept me in the game.

On report card day I assumed my sister would have all As. It was also assumed I would not. In fact I was a B/C student (with an occasional D in geography if memory serves). In truth, I never knew for sure what Heidi's report card looked like and she only guessed at mine. My parents said her report card was her business & mine was mine. Our parents didn't discuss their children's grades with anyone but the child who earned them. If we wanted to talk about what was in our own card we were welcome to, but we never did.

My parents reviewed my grades with me, privately. They held me accountable when I wasn't doing my best & they encouraged me when they saw things we could celebrate. I'm forever grateful for their smart parenting. My sister is still smarter than I, but I've outpaced her in education because they taught me I could.

My point is this: let's not worry about what's happening in the communities around your community. Once you know where your community isn't doing its best, hold yourself accountable and find ways to fix it. And don't lose sight of the things your community does well.

In each of our 5 healthy towns there are problems to be addressed and strengths to be celebrated. We can help each other best by encouraging and supporting each other — one community to the next. I can promise you, there are good things happening in Stockbridge. And next time someone does a survey you'll see improvement in the things you and the Stockbridge Wellness Coalition set your mind to fixing.

If you'd like to know more about the Stockbridge Wellness Coalition (or the Wellness Coalition in Manchester, Grass Lake, Dexter or Chelsea) please call our office and ask for Matt Pogowski. The number is 734.433.4599. Matt's email is matt@5healthytowns.org.

The Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation's goal is to create a culture of wellness in all five towns. We look forward to the day when everyone, everywhere in our service area, can find an opportunity to eat better, move more, avoid unhealthy substances and connect with others in a healthy way. If you'd like to know more check us out @ www.5healthytowns.org. Or find us on Facebook by searching for Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation. We Tweet, too.



Daisy Troop #40154 made the world a better place. Troop members Emily Gagnon, Maya Valik, Jenna Ouellette, Madeline Collins, Giselle Koehler, Kate Krugh, and Kynze Gilbert proudly contributed items they collected for stray pets.

Daisy's Help the Vet to Help the Pets

The Daisy Girl Scout Troop #40154 of Chelsea earned their badges in "making the world a better place" by helping to care for sick, injured or neglected animals.

The troop supported the efforts of the Dexter Veterinarian Clinic in assisting the Alcona Humane Society.

The Daisies, aged five and six, began collecting items for the

doctors to take with them to the Alcona Humane Society where the capacity for care is severely limited by lack of funding.

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Big Turn Out at Trail Planning Meeting

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Volunteer work days for trail clearing are scheduled for March 3 and March 24. Needing particular attention, indicated Dennison, are the trail portions north of Mt. Hope Road and within downtown Munith.

Dennison asked those who have access to a chainsaw or bush-hog to bring them.

Also, he said that due to a fiber optic line running beneath some portions of the trail there should be no removal of stumps or below-ground work of any kind at this phase of clean-up.

Volunteers were asked to keep close to the center of the grade for safety reasons. Those wishing to work as individuals on non-scheduled work days were permitted to do so, but were asked to communicate with the DNR

as to when and where their work would take place, and were urged to avoid working alone.

Those interested in volunteering can contact the DNR at dennisonc@michigan.gov.

Permits to remove wood for personal use will be provided.

Finally, "Friends of the Lakeland Trail," a group advocating for trail renovation and maintenance, encouraged interested citizens to join. "We are a great voice for the trail, a great support mechanism," said Putnam Township Trustee and member Norm Klein. According to Klein, the group provides a forum for trail users to collaborate about what changes they'd like to see, which in turn increases the likelihood of receiving grants.

With some doubt creeping up in citizen's voices regarding the cooperation of property owners

adjacent to the trail, Dennison acknowledged the trail has been underdeveloped for so long that "some people think it is part of their backyard."

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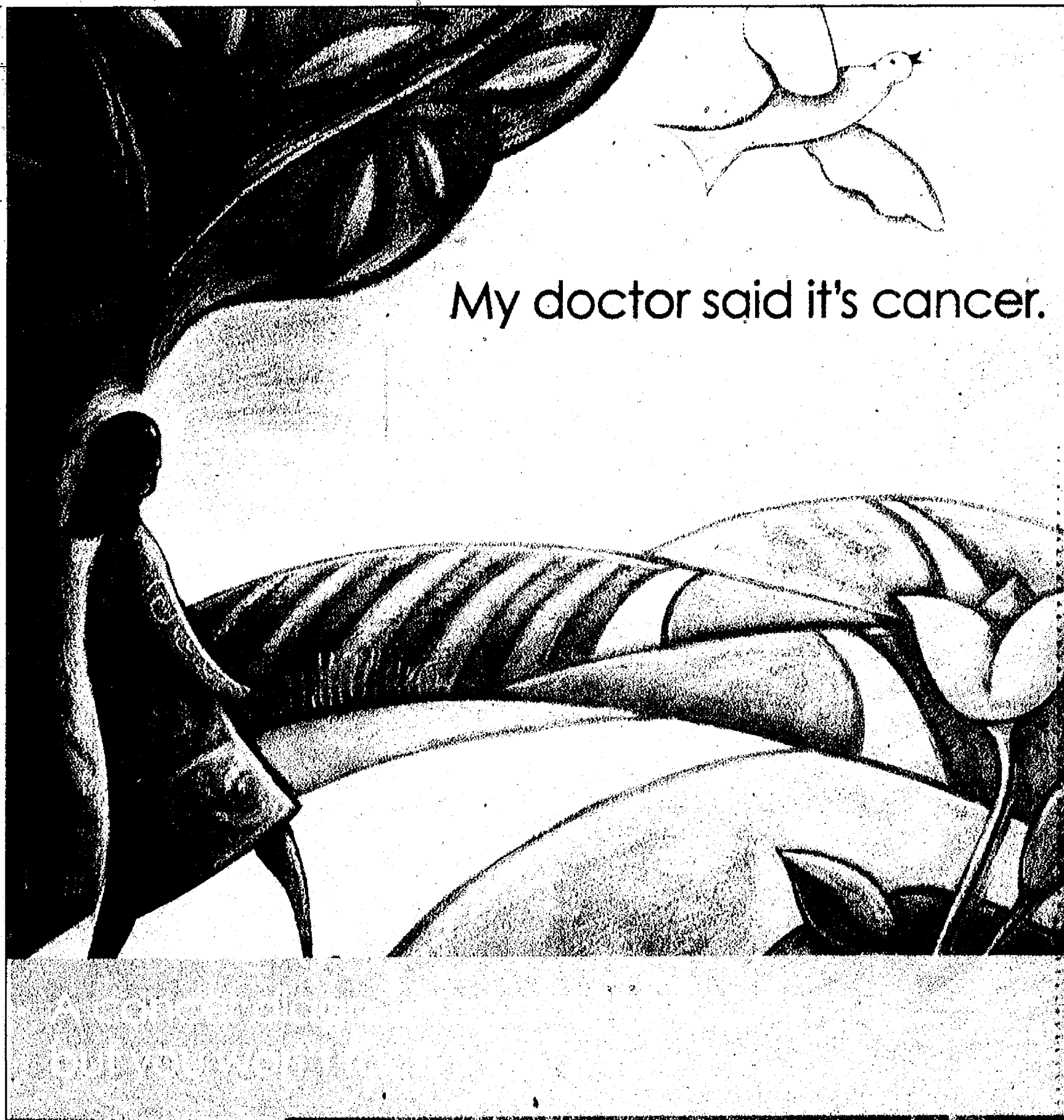
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Country Breakfast at St. Mary's in Pinckney

Submitted by Robert Phipps
Beginning Sunday, March 4, St. Mary's Men's Club in Pinckney will be sponsoring a monthly country style breakfast at St. Mary's Parish located south of M-36 at 10601 Dexter Pinckney Road in Putnam Township. Breakfast is served from 8:30 until 11am, and a free-will donation is requested.

Proceeds will be used to fund activities of the St. Mary Youth Group.

The extensive menu includes

fried or scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, French toast, pancakes, quiche, ham, pork sausage, and St. Mary's popular waffle station.

The debut breakfast features a performance direct from Carnegie Hall, musical guest Bryan Walton joins in the festivities and multi-chance raffles including an autographed football by Kevin Smith of the Detroit Lions. For additional information call Heather at the Parish Office 734-878-3161.

Dobos Presents Eye Opening Lessons in Oral Health To Stockbridge Students

Protecting Teeth Takes More than Just Brushing

Stockbridge dentist Paul Dobos recently embarked on a mission to teach children and preteens the importance of taking care of their mouth. Using vivid and graphic visual aids, Dr. Dobos discussed everything from how much actual sugar is in a can of pop, for the young students to what methamphetamine use does to a mouth for the older students.

"I spoke to three groups of sixth grade students and illustrated 'more mature' problems people can have because of unhealthy mouths," explained Dr. Dobos. "I described the risks of oral piercing. Then, using a graphic image of a sports-related mouth injury I stressed the risk of participating in team sports without a mouthguard."

Dr. Dobos also showed pictures and told the story of a teen that started using chew tobacco when he was 12 and died before his 18th birthday from cancer of the mouth and face. He followed that with "meth mouth," a condition caused by use of the illegal drug that eventually leads to extraction of all teeth.

Presentations for the students at Heritage and Smith Elementary Schools were a bit lighter, with Dr. Dobos using Tums and vinegar to show how tooth enamel is dissolved by acid. Fourth and fifth graders saw all sorts of dental prosthetics, including partial and full dentures, implants and bridges - used when patients lose their teeth because of disease or accident.

"The best outcome I can hope to follow from the efforts of my staff (who packed over 900 bags of toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss) is that the children and pre-teens always remember how important it is to take care of themselves and make healthy choices."



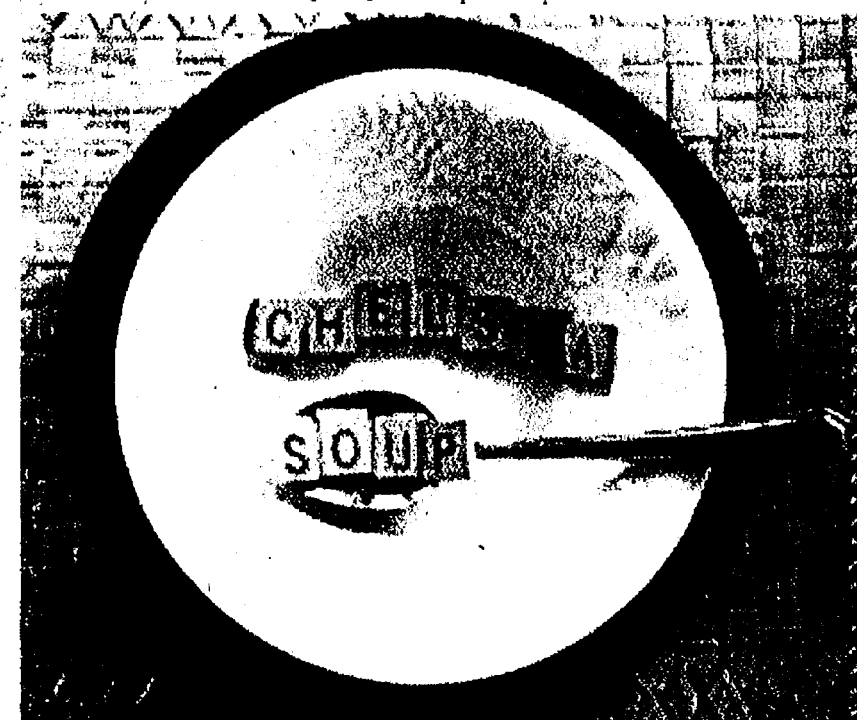
Dr. Dobos entices students to take care of their teeth by showing them "things he can make for them if they lose their teeth."

Chelsea Soup - an Experiment in Democracy and Micro-grant Funding

By Lucy Silverio

Chelsea Soup is a public dinner with a focus on funding micro-grants to be awarded to creative individuals or groups.

Although the soup is based in Chelsea, all interested parties within the Sun Times readership are welcome to participate.



In this economy where support for experimental projects is minimal and private support is dictated by granting foundations, the innovative and potentially controversial work might be compromised in order to fit within categories deemed "fundable."

Individuals with ideas find it especially hard to get funding. "There are lots of grants for groups out there, but not very many for individuals," said Susan Morrel-Samuels from the University Of Michigan School Of Public Health. "What is really exciting to me about this project is that a single individual with a good idea can come forward and get a grant."

Applying for a grant is simple and un-bureaucratic to encourage broad participation. The first Chelsea Soup will take place March 11 at the Friends Center Building at 7748 Clark Lake Road in Chelsea. Doors will open at 5pm, grant proposals will be read at 5:15 with a dinner of soup, salad, and bread at 5:40. After dinner, the votes will be turned in and dessert will be served.

The cost for the dinner is a 5 to 10 dollar donation. All the money raised (beyond the cost of the dinner) estimated between three to five hundred dollars will go to the micro-grant recipient. Tickets are available at www.chelseasoupmarch.eventbrite.com.

Local gourmet chef Deb Harrington who ran Creative Catering, and has been a professional cook for the last 18 years has agreed to head up the cooking for Chelsea Soup at the March, April, and May dinners. "I love to cook, I love to cook for lots of people, and I love the idea of supporting the community in this way. I love the whole idea of the project," said Harrington. She hopes to keep things as local and organic as possible. Donations by area groups such as the early offer already received from Tante Farms are greatly appreciated.

Chelsea Soup is sponsored by the Michigan Friends Center. This Soup is affiliated with Sundaysoup.org which has groups using their model across the United States and in several other countries around the world.

The Soup Grant is a grassroots model for funding small to medium sized creative projects through community meals.

People who want more information about the dinner, volunteering, or applying for a micro-grant can contact Chelsea.mi.soup@gmail.com or call 734 719 0107.

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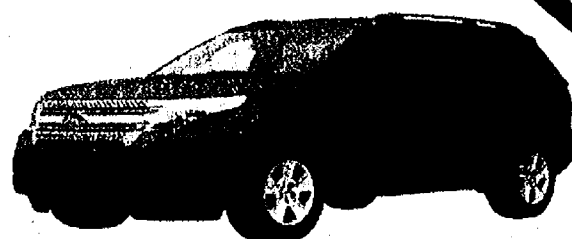
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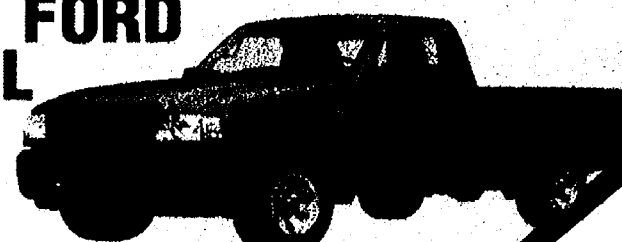
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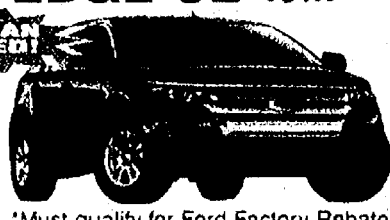
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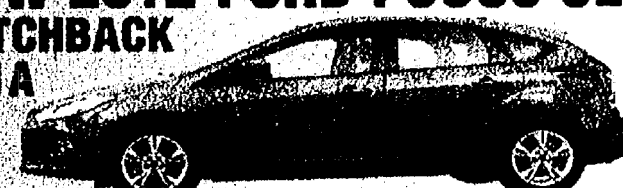
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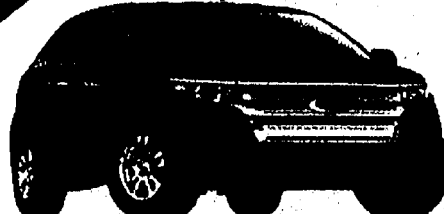
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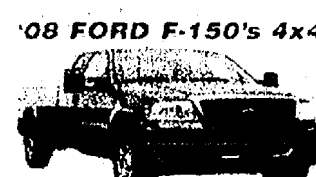
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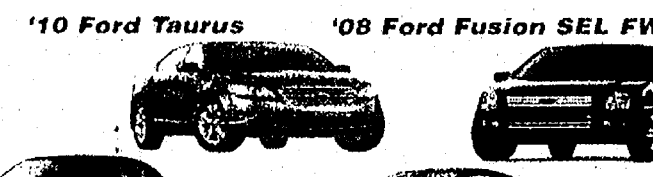
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