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# Obituaries

## Virnelle Cookingham, Chelsea Michigan Roanoke MO, Chicago, IL, Monroe, MI

Passed away at age 95, Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at Chelsea Retirement Community.

Born December 15, 1916, she was the daughter of Asa Milton Craig and Martha Green Craig.

Graduating from high school in Armstrong, Missouri, Virnelle received an B.A. degree from Central Methodist College in Fayette, Missouri in 1939.

That summer, she attended Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee on a scholarship, and then worked for four years in Missouri Public Schools. In 1946, she received a M.A. degree from the George Warren Brown School of Social Work at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

Following her marriage, and subsequent divorce, to Dr. Joseph Doyle, she was married to Dr. Fred A. Voss from 1951 until his death in 1977. In 1995, she married Rev. Charles W. Cookingham, who passed away in 2007.

Her early career as a social worker included serving on the Social Service Commission in St. Louis, Missouri, working as a medical social worker and professor in the Illinois University College of Medicine, and as a field instructor in the University of Chicago Social Service Administration.

Later, while residing in Monroe, Michigan, Virnelle served as a member of the Monroe Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, the Michigan Marriage Counselors Association, the Monroe Mental Health Association, and the National Mental Health Association. In addition, she served as a field instructor with the University of Michigan's School of Social Work, and was a founding partner of Monroe's first Child and Family Services Agency in 1966. She also served on a committee to create the Monroe Migrant Health Society on behalf of migrant workers.

An active member of her community, she was a member of the Monroe County Historical Society and Eastern Star, as well as president of the Monroe Garden Club. While her children were young, she was very involved in their lives - imparting to them her strong moral values, generosity of spirit, and a love of knowledge and music, and helping them pursue their own interests. She served as president of the Boyd Elementary School PTO, and was a leader in the Custer District 4-H program. In addition, she served on the County, District, and State 4-H Councils. During those years, she was president of the Monroe branch of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and secretary of the Monroe Women's Center Board.



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Combining her love of traveling with family activities, she also served as president of the Monroe Century Trailer Club. In the 1970's, while pursuing her love of antiques, she helped her husband, Dr. Voss, found the Monroe Antique Car Club. Also during this time, she served on the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations, and held the positions of secretary and president of New Life for the Bereaved. She also served on the At Your Service Advisory Board and the Education Advisory Board, and served as the secretary of the Monroe County Mental Health Society, and as vice president of the Planned Parenthood League of Monroe County.

As a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Monroe, she served as a lay delegate to the Detroit Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. She was the first woman lay leader of her church, a teacher of the youth class, and a member of the church's administrative board. She also helped to organize an outreach Sunday school program in the North Beach area of Monroe. She was also president of the Monroe Council of Church Women United.

Before entering the Chelsea United Methodist Retirement Community in 1992, she was a member of the Frenchtown and Monroe Senior Citizens Organizations.

As a resident of the Retirement Community, she continued her helpful ways by volunteering in the post office and library, and assisting with church services.

As a concerned citizen of Washtenaw County, she was also a member of the Huron River Watershed Council.

Her awards for community service included a listing in Who's Who in American Women in the West, Person of the Year Award presented by the Monroe Council of Churches, and the Business and Professional Women's Good Citizen Award.

She is survived by her children, Linda Voss of Monroe, Martha (Robert) Zink of Sheffield Village, Ohio, Charles (Linda) Voss of LaSalle, Michigan, Fred (Irene) Voss of Ypsilanti; her grandchildren, Craig, Andy, Anthony, Fred Jr., Kevin, and Andrew.

A memorial service took place Monday, March 26, at Chelsea Retirement Community Main Chapel. Burial followed at Chelsea Retirement Community Memorial Gardens, and Roselawn Memorial Cemetery in Monroe.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heritage Foundation at Chelsea Retirement Community. Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

## Marle Powers Manchester Michigan

Passed away at age 89, Sunday March 25, 2012 in her home. She was born March 10, 1923 in Kinston, North Carolina, the daughter of Claude F. and Kara M. (Faulkner) Pate.

Marie was a member of the Sharon United Methodist Church in Manchester. She worked as a private nurse at several hospitals.

November 17, 1947, she married Ishmeal Powers in Delong, South Carolina, and he preceded her in death March 2, 2004.

Survivors include a son, Mike (Theresa) Powers of Manchester, 3 daughters, Debra Ann (Craig) Petoskey of Chelsea, Wanda Kay (Greg)

## Frederick G. Leeman Chelsea Michigan

Passed away at age 90, March 24, 2012 at Silver Maples of Chelsea. He was born May 9, 1921 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Edgar S. and Jenny Laura (Heath) Leeman. Fred graduated from Wilmet High School, Illinois and attended Northwestern Military Academy in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. He attended Michigan State University, majoring in Agricultural Engineering, and while there he met the love of his life, Mary Jane Riker. They were married January 31, 1942 in Pontiac, Michigan. During WWII, Fred served in the Army Air Corps.

Fred was always active in local United Methodist Churches, including Manchester UMC, Westside UMC, North Lake UMC, and Frankfort UMC. He was involved in Frankfort Kiwanis Club, Manchester Optimist Club, and Ann Arbor Masonic Lodge, and was active in Boy Scouts, as a cub scout, boy scout, and as a leader.

He worked at Argus Camera, where he received patents for a film projector and a lens polishing process. Later he worked for AA Products in Manchester; was Vice President of Dairy Queen International, and finally retired from Malloy Lithographing, where he was Vice President in charge of Human Resources.

After his retirement, Mary Jane and Fred enjoyed their retirement home on the Platte River. He is remembered by

## L. Scott Powers Manchester Michigan

Passed away at age 51, Sunday afternoon, March 25, 2012 at the University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was born June 16, 1960 in Ann Arbor, the son of H.C. "Charlie" and Martha (Brown) Powers. He graduated from Chelsea High School in 1979, played football, and was an active member of Rogers Corners Herdsman 4-H Club. He was the owner and operator of Magic Touch Brick Pavers.

He and his fiancée, Debbie Burmeister, are noted for their love and rescue of domestic and exotic animals. Throughout his life he was an active participant in his children's activities, including horses (trail riding) and moto-cross.

Surviving are four children: Denise (Joe Harvey) Naylor of St. Clair Shores, Marley Powers of Clinton, Jesse Powers of Ohio, and Jamie Powers of Manchester; his fiancée, Debra S. Burmeister, and her children: Stacey Burmeister of Manchester, Lisa (Jason Haynes) Burmeister of Saline, and Brad Burmeister of Manchester; his siblings: Charlene (Randall) Lange of Lodi, California, Rod (Kathy) Powers of

Sobran of Ann Arbor, and Jean (Jack) Watson of Temple, Arizona; 1 brother-in-law, Ledford Powers of Clinton; a sister-in-law, Eloise Preston of Ypsilanti; 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandchild.

A memorial service will take place Friday, March 30, 11:00 am at Sharon United Methodist Church, Manchester, with Pastor Peter Harris officiating. Burial will follow at Rowes Corner Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Cole Funeral Chapel Thursday 4-8 pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice or Huron Valley Humane Society.



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his family and friends as a fair-minded gentleman with unquestionable principles. Survivors include two children, F. Steve (Betty) Leeman of Chelsea, Mary Lou (Richard) Rigg of Chelsea; four grandchildren, Beth Ann (Darin) Anderson of Eldridge, Iowa; Scott Leeman of Chelsea, Mary Elizabeth (Jon) Oesterle of Chelsea, and John F. Rigg of Ann Arbor; five great-grandchildren, Andrew, Brett, Matthew and Nathan Anderson, and Sumner Oesterle. He was preceded in death by his wife January 14, 2012, his grandmother, Mable Hoffman, and his parents. Funeral services will take place Wednesday, March 28, at 2 pm from the Cole Funeral Chapel, with Rev. Kathy Schell officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to Frankfort UMC or the Michigan Parkinson Foundation.



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Chelsea, John (Holly) Porter of Manchester, and Bonnie (Walter) Lee of Lake Charles, Louisiana; five grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family. A Celebration of Life will take place Saturday, March 31, 2012 at the Chelsea Community Fairgrounds Service Center, 20501 Old US-12, Chelsea, MI 48118, from 2-5 p.m.

Private burial will take place at Webster Church Cemetery, Dexter.

Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.

# POLICE BEAT

## Unadilla Township Police

3/18 ~Home invasion and larceny of laptop computer, play station and prescription medications from residence, Hadley Road

~21-year-old Hamburg Township woman arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under influence of liquor, W. M-36

3/19 ~36-year-old Unadilla Township man issued misdemeanor citation for operating vehicle with improper license plate, W. M-36

~Suspicious vehicle loitering in area, E. Trebesh Drive

~Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Pleasant Drive

3/20 ~Barking dog disturbance, Pleasant Drive

~Chickens killed by stray dogs, W. M-36

3/21 ~Fishermen trespassing at Devil's Elbow, Bowditch Road

3/22 ~Fraud - suspect defrauded investor of home purchase, Wasson Road

~Trespass, Williamsville Road

~Abandoned bicycle recovered, Graves Road

~Assisted Department of Corrections probation agent with arrest of 19-year-old Putnam Township suspect of larceny from a building on probation violation and lodged man in Livingston County Jail, Packard Road Ann Arbor

3/23 ~Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department for medical emergency, E. Trebesh Drive

~Assisted Pinckney Police Department with arrest of domestic violence suspect, Brentwood Drive

3/24 ~43-year-old Grass Lake man arrested for being drunk and disorderly and for Felonious Assault - attempting to strike patron with wooden board, incident occurred at Country Pub, Main Street

~25-year-old Ypsilanti man arrested for operating a motor vehicle while under influence of liquor and being a super drunk, Unadilla Road

## Pinckney Village Police

3/18 ~Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department with medical emergency, Town Trail

3/19 ~Assisted Howell Police Department with female officer search of female prisoner, D-19 Park and Ride (Howell)

~50-year-old Brighton Township man arrested for driving while under influence of liquor, E. Main Street

3/20 ~Assisted Michigan State Police with parental kidnapping investigation, Hinchey Road

3/21 ~Failure to return rented property to Best Entertainment, E. Main Street

3/22 ~45-year-old Hamburg Township man arrested and released for driving while license suspended, W. Main Street

~Abandoned vehicle, Mower Road

3/23 ~Assisted Hamburg Township Police Department with locating suspect of aggravated assault incident, suspect broke beer bottle over victim's head, E. Main Street

~Assisted Livingston County Sheriff Department with arrest of intoxicated suicidal man with a shotgun, subject taken into protective custody (location not published)

~Two-car property damage accident, E. M-36

~Arrest of 37-year-old Pinckney man for domestic assault, Brentwood Drive

3/24 ~Assisted Unadilla Township Police Department with investigation and arrest of suspect in drunk and disorderly and Felonious assault incident at Country Pub, Main Street

~Assisted EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department with medical emergency, E. Main Street

~Suspicious vehicle, E. Hamburg Street at Webster Street

~Assisted Unadilla Township Police Department with arrest of suspect driving while under influence of liquor, Unadilla Road

~Ordinance violation, loud music, Putnam Street

## Chelsea City Police

3/25 ~700 Block S. Main Street, while on routine patrol at approximately 11:00 pm the Chelsea Police were requested to respond to the listed location for the report of a trouble with subject complaint. The suspect was believed to be giving the Police Officer incorrect information as to his identity. Later on in the investigation, the suspects true identity was confirmed and revealed that he had multiple felony warrants out of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department for a variety of charges including fleeing and elude, operating under the influence of alcohol (3<sup>rd</sup> offense), and possession of marijuana. It was also determined that the suspect had valid child support warrant out of Washtenaw County as well. The 51 year old Scio Township man was taken into custody and transported to the Washtenaw County Jail

3/24 ~N. Main at Dewey, while on routine patrol, officers stopped a vehicle for a routine traffic infraction. Upon identifying the passenger in the vehicle it was determined that he had a valid misdemeanor warrant out of Eastern Michigan University Police Department for a charge of open intoxicants in a motor vehicle. The 22 year old Ypsilanti man was placed under arrest and transported to meet up with Eastern Michigan PD and turned over to the officer.

3/20 ~600 Block McKinley Chelsea Police received a report of a larceny of a "Big Wheels" tricycle. The victim stated that it was taken sometime around 3:30 pm on this date. No further information on a suspect was available.

3/19 ~300 Cleveland Street, Chelsea Police received a tip that a 25 year old Chelsea woman who had a valid warrant for a probation violation was currently at the residence. Officers responded to the location and located the suspect and placed her under arrest. The suspect was transported to the Chelsea Police Department where the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department picked her up.

## Waterloo Township Police

3-20 ~Continued an investigation of thefts in the area of Clear Lake and Trist Road with a suspect coming into focus.

~Did a personal welfare check on a woman seen walking in the area of Portage Lake and Huttenlocker Road at 9:34 pm.

3-22 ~Investigated a vehicle parked at a larceny suspect's house on Clear Lake Road at 7:20 am.

~Stood by as a peace officer at a home in Coachman's Cove MHP while personal property was picked up at 1:15 pm.

3-23 ~Assisted a Motor Carrier Officer in an investigation of a semi-truck and trailer observed by passing the scales by going through the Township on Seymour and Clear Lake Road at 11:45 am.

~Assisted MSP Unit on a five car traffic crash on I-94 near Race Road at 5:42 pm.

~Assisted a GPS Investigator at an address on Waterloo-Munith Road for a child endangerment investigation at 7:11 pm.

3-25 ~Assisted an animal control officer at an address in Coachman's Cove MHP for an investigation at 4:15 pm.

~Responded to a report of a traffic crash on Mt. Hope Road north of Riethmiller involving injuries at 9:50 pm. See related report.

## Stockbridge Village Police

3/19 ~9 am: Malicious destruction of property in the 100 block of Hill Street. Two vehicles were damaged and tampered with. This case is under investigation.

3/20/12 ~8:10 am: Larceny from auto complaint in the 1000 block of S. Clinton. Several vehicles were broken into, and items stolen from them. This case is under investigation.

~12:50 pm: Non-credible bomb threat discovered at Stockbridge H.S. No activities disturbed.

3/22/12 ~9:30 am: Larceny complaint at Heritage Elementary involving a juvenile. This case is under investigation.

3/23/12 ~7:15 pm: Loose dog complaint in the 300 block of W. Elizabeth. Owners of both dogs were talked to, and the matter was turned over to Ingham County Animal Control.

3/24/12 ~8:25 pm: A traffic stop for defective equipment near Main and West turned into an arrest of a 25 yr old Chelsea man. Officers suspected he was operating under the influence of drugs and arrested the man. He was later taken for a blood draw and lodged in the Ingham County Jail. A warrant is pending lab results.

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## Early IRA Funding Can Pay Off Over Time

Submitted by Edward Jones

You've got until April 17 to contribute to your IRA for the 2011 tax year. Once you've "maxed out" on your IRA for last year, why not get a jump on 2012?

Actually, you could have started contributing to your 2012 IRA as early as Jan. 2. In fact, by fully funding your IRA each January, you'll give your

money 15 extra months of growth potential, as opposed to waiting until mid-April of the following year.

Of course, it may be difficult to come up with the full IRA contribution amount at one time. If you get a tax refund, a bonus from your employer or an unexpected cash windfall, consider using those funds

to contribute to your IRA. Alternatively, you could transfer a set amount each month from your checking or savings account into your IRA.

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# Waterloo Township Residents Crowd Meeting Hall in Support of Keeping Local Police Department

By Wendy Wood

The March 21 regular board meeting in Waterloo Township opened with a room full of township residents who had one thing on their mind – save the Waterloo Township Police Department.

Township Supervisor Doug Lance asked board members for approval to seek a proposal for contracted police services from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office during the regular meeting February 15. The board unanimously approved.

"I am disappointed and angry," said Theresa Puh, who is a long time resident and member of the family who owns and operates Wilson's Marathon Gas Station in Munith's business district.

Theresa suggested members of this board must have little knowledge of the past. "In 2005 the federal government came in with a program to fight meth 'operation wildfire' because we were one of the most effected areas in the nation," She emphatically praised Chief Cottrell and his department for cleaning up drugs in the township and reducing crime.

Further, Theresa addressed a statement made by township supervisor Doug Lance that "we're a township with part-time leadership, and we're being asked to manage a law enforcement agency with no experience," voicing her opinion that perhaps board members should not have run for office if they did not have

knowledge, or were unwilling to learn about overseeing a community police force. "You knew there was a police department when you ran for office," she pointed out suggesting board members who do not support the police department step down.

Resident Jeff Sales told board members he moved to the area specifically for the rural character that included a local police department. He was the first of several who said they are willing to do whatever it takes to maintain the local police department – including pay higher taxes.

Ken Sanders, a 33 year resident of the township expressed his dissenting opinion. He agrees board members should work to maintain a local department, however, he expressed doubt and mistrust towards the current police force. "Some of us don't trust the chief," said Sanders. "At times some of us feel threatened."

A resident of Coachman's Cove Mobile Home Park, Dan Guyman, said he has seen a huge transformation in that formerly crime ridden community. "This is now a family community," he described. Dan suggested board members take a pay cut before taking the police department.

Gary Wilson, owner of Wilson Marathon insisted contracting police services would provide a "drive-by police department" rather than the effective services provided by Waterloo Township

Police. "They have reduced crime," claimed Wilson. He agreed it would be better to pay higher taxes to avoid losing the local police.

Resident Mike Schroeder praised chief Cottrell for policing technique. "He is willing to become involved," said Schroeder who lost his son due to drugs. "We need a local police department."

Resident Kathy Brindle, who works as a domestic violence victim advocate, noted a dramatic decrease in domestic violence within the township since Cottrell took over leadership of the department. She said she is willing to accept increased taxes if necessary to fund the department.

Resident Russell Patrick looked at board members asking "Why are we even discussing this?"

Lance explained the subject came up as board members addressed a budget shortfall and began to forecast for the 2012/2013. "Home values have dropped...The tax base is down...The cost of the police department continues to go up."

Treasure Arlene Walz added this was simply discussion looking at all avenues. "This is just fiscal responsibility. We never said we are going to get rid of the police department."

A ten year public safety millage was passed by voters in 1994. This was split between purchasing police and fire services.

Former Waterloo Township Clerk, Interim Supervisor and Trustee Dave Sweet pointed out this was in response to lack of coverage from the sheriff and state police. "We need to look at providing a full mill," said Sweet. "This department is something to be proud of," he added.

The board listened to residents' opinions, but did not take any action on the proposal submitted by the Jackson County Sheriff's office.

That proposal provides for 80 hours of police service per week from two full time deputies for a total cost of \$135,796. This includes use of the county vehicle (including gas), insurances, clerical help, evidence and records management.

The current budget for Waterloo Township Police is approximately \$211,000 (includes vehicles, insurances, clerical, etc.) for an average of 120 hours of weekly service. "I could reduce the coverage to what the sheriff's office is offering and reduce the budget if that is what people want," noted Waterloo Police Chief Tomas Cottrell.

Discussion ensued about board members' mention of researching the possibility of building a new township hall. "If times are so tight," asked a township resident, "why even consider a new building?"

Lance explained the board would only consider a new building if they can get a deal on purchasing or leasing state land from the Department of Natural Resources and the construction payments are comparable to what would be paid in rent for the current office space. "It would make more sense to invest in our own building," he concluded adding it would only be pursued if there is no additional cost to the township.




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## Back To The Roots Creating Social Change Through Commerce

By Robert Nester

Back to The Roots is a locally owned business located on Main Street in downtown Chelsea serving breakfast, lunch and dinner in an of unique retail atmosphere of clothing and accessories. The founders have developed a new, socially conscious business model in the hopes of bringing about change.

While generating operating revenue is critical for any business to survive, founders Jason Benbenelli, Jason Povloch and Caleb Lange choose to use their collective talents to affect lasting social change - a concept that provides purpose and value for them, their employees and all who partner in the Back to The Roots philosophy.

A friendship that began several years ago at a music festival has matured into a marketing strategy based in love and hope for children half way around the world.

Their number one priority and the purpose for accumulating revenue is to provide opportunity and jobs. Secondly, they raise funding support for ASHA HOUSE, a rescue center in New Delhi, India that provides food, shelter and education to children from infant stage to 16 years of age.

Beginning April 4, 2012 Back to The Roots will launch its new campaign to increase love, hope and freedom by establishing a process

of accountability for their mission. Every product and food item sold at Back to The Roots will have a signature heart displayed next to the cost of the item. Displayed within the heart will be a number which represents the dollar value of the contribution, from that item, which will go directly to the missions of Back to The Roots - essentially creating a partnership of life assistance between merchant and customer.

In an effort to strengthen the relationship with Chelsea and the surrounding communities, Back to The Roots welcomes any partnering opportunities with likeminded businesses and individuals wishing to affect social

change through commerce. Visit [www.backtotheroots.org](http://www.backtotheroots.org) for more information and ideas.



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Sports By Mike "Willie" Williamson

# PINCKNEY COMMUNITY



Jordan Case of Pinckney fights for the ball with Hannah Ruble of Dexter during the 2-0 Dexter win Saturday.  
Photo by Dawn Miller

## Dexter Clips Pinckney

The Dexter soccer team opened its season by shutting out Pinckney 2-0 on a wet slippery field Saturday afternoon.

The Dreadnaughts didn't miss a beat even though they had their scrimmages and one contest canceled due to the tornado two weeks ago.

Nicole Lucas started things off for Dexter by beating Pinckney goalie Kathryn Lundy, who slipped on the wet turf trying to stop the shot.

Alex Eisener assisted on the first half goal.

The game remained 1-0 until Victoria Pepper knocked in a pass from Lucas in the second half to put the game away for the Dreadnaughts.

The Pirates could muster only three shots on Dexter goalie Sarah Silvani, who earned the shutout.

Pinckney opened its season with a 1-0 shutout of Ann Arbor Skyline.

Sophomore goalie Jen Steinway was stellar in net, stopping all 15 shots by Skyline.

Vija Veinbergs scored the lone goal of the contest at the 17 minute mark of the first half and Steinway did the rest.

The Pirates returned to action Tuesday night when they hosted Chelsea and host South Lyon Thursday night at 7:00 PM.

The Dreadnaughts will have a long spring recess and will not return to action until April 17 when they face Monroe.

## Dexter Water Polo Starts Season Strong

The Dexter women's water polo team got off to a strong start to their season by going 7-1-2 for the week.

Dexter opened the season by winning 4-1 at the East Grand Rapids Invitational last weekend.

The Dreadnaughts picked up a pair of wins over SEC rivals Saline and Ann Arbor Huron.

They opened the home season last week by routing Birmingham Seaholm 15-5.

They then took part in the Ann Arbor Invitational Saturday and went 3-0-1 on the day to finish in second place.

Dexter defeated Grand Blanc 11-4, Walled Lake 12-6 and Birmingham Groves 7-1.

The lone blemish on the day was a 3-3 tie with Pioneer.

Rockford won the event with a 4-0 record.

Molly King had a big day for the Dreadnaughts, scoring seven goals and adding three assists.

Melissa Vesey, Kellie Swan, and Laura Stanton each scored four goals, and Kourtney Sattler three on the day for Dexter.

Hailey Sheats made 31 saves in net for the Dreadnaughts.



Alison Rossin puts a shot on goal during the Dexter water polo teams 15-5 win over Birmingham Seaholm last week.  
Photo by Dawn Miller

Sports By Mike "Willie" Williamson

# Dexter COMMUNITY



Dexter's Nicole Lucas beats Pinckney goalie Kathryn Lundy for the first goal of the Dreadnaughts 2-0 win over the Pirates.  
Photo by Dawn Miller

## Break At Family Tabernacle Church in Gregory

Information Submitted by Chief William Cook

Unadilla Police are investigating a breaking and entering that took place at the Family Tabernacle Church on M-36 in Gregory sometime over the weekend of March 24. According to police, several musical instruments and a laptop computer were stolen.

Church officials were particularly concerned as several of the instruments belonged to members of the congregation. Tabernacle Pastor Jeff Howard described the stolen instruments: a Fender Squire Telecaster with B-Bender tail piece, a black Washburn acoustic/electric guitar, an LTD Viper Guitar, hard-shell cases and cords for the three guitars, a 30 watt Rogue Kick-back Amplifier, a

Yamaha Keyboard and a Compaq Laptop.

"This in no way changes our mission or determination to reach out to this community. It is sad that times are so rough this stuff happens so frequently," said Howard. "We, as a church, pray for the individuals who did this."

Unadilla Township Police are asking for the public's help in solving this crime. A \$1,000 reward is being offered through 1-800-speakup.org Crime Stoppers of Southeastern Michigan. Anyone having information regarding this break-in can also contact Unadilla Police at (734) 498-2325, Ext. 307 or by email at police@unadillapolice.org.

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## Aquaponic Gardening includes Fish and Plants

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The Groves had two large systems set up: a gravity system and a raft system. The raft system was fed by two rainbow trout. The water went from the tank with the trout through barrels filled with gravel, netting for filtration, and earthworms. The particulates, which catch in the filters, break down into nutrients and go on to feed the plants so no cleaning is necessary. The earthworms are fine living under water, as Grove explained, "Worms absorb oxygen through their skin so as long as the water is properly oxygenated they can live forever underwater. If the earthworms reproduce too quickly, they get pulled through and the fish can eat them. It is a self maintaining cleaning operation."

The gravity system, fed by a school of perch works under the same principles but rather than having barrels to aid in the breakdown of particulates the planters themselves are deeper.

One of the beauties of the aquaponic garden is that it waters itself. There is also never any weeding required, only the plants that you put there will grow.

The roots of the plant rest right in the water. The plants require light banks above them and circulating pumps to keep the water moving. The Groves are looking into solar and wind powered systems, LED plant lights, and attached greenhouses so the systems can become completely sustainable.

They are members of the Bio Intelligence Guild, which is being created by Brendan Bradley a certified permaculture design specialist. Bradley has studied permaculture specific to the midwest, and worked with the Groves, to make their aquaponic systems optimal for this area.

Bradley provides home consultations for people to help them incorporate more economical, sustainable, and earth friendly designs into their homes and yards. He started the Bio Intelligence Guild to help people find local experts who follow the basic principles and ethics of permaculture. He plans for the Guild to include a wide variety of areas: organic gardening, wild harvesting, bio-intensive gardening, passive solar systems, green building, catchment systems, and more.

Those interested in either joining the guild or in having a home consultation can reach him by email brendan@biointelligenceguild.com or by calling (734) 709-1787.

The people who attended the tour had a range of interests from family gardening and permaculture to commercial growing. There was a lot of excitement about the impact of aquaponics on sustainable living.

Out of the 40 or so surveys filled out by attendees, Deb Harrington of Chelsea was the winner of an Ever Green Aquaponics Kitchen System.

To learn more about aquaponics join the Groves at Ever Green Aquaponics Saturday April 28 at 10am, 11am, or noon, for a tour. More information can also be found at www.facebook.com/EverGreenAquaponics

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STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS  
ORDINANCE RE: OUTDOOR GATHERINGS

AN ORDINANCE TO LICENSE, REGULATE AND CONTROL, IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, OUTDOOR GATHERINGS OF PERSONS IN EXCESS OF 1000 IN NUMBER, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

Section 1. Preamble: The Board of Stockbridge Township finds and declares that the interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Stockbridge Township require the regulation, licensing and control of assemblies of large numbers of people in excess of those normally drawing on the health, sanitation, fire, police, transportation, utility and other public services regularly provided in this Township.

Section 2. Definitions: "Outdoor gathering," referred to in this ordinance as an "assembly," or an "outdoor assembly," means any outdoor event, attended by more than 1000 persons during the course of the event, including a festival, concert, public show, display, entertainment, amusement or exhibition, or similar gatherings, and all staff and personnel serving the event, and regardless of whether the event is advertised as open to the public or organized as a private gathering. An outdoor gathering does not mean: a. An event conducted or sponsored by a governmental unit or agency on publicly owned land or property; or b. An event conducted or sponsored by any entity qualifying for tax exempt status under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, being 26 USC 501(c), as incorporated by reference in Section 201 of the Michigan Income Tax Act of 1967, Public Act 281 of 1967, MCL 206.201, on land [1] owned by the exempt entity, and [2] zoned under the terms of the Stockbridge Township Zoning Ordinance for permitted uses which include the event conducted or sponsored, or recognized as a legal prior non-conforming use for such event under said Ordinance; or c. Any auction held by a licensed auctioneer held for the purpose of selling the land or property of a landowner or the landowner's tenant. "Outdoor" means outside of any permanent building designed and currently permitted for an interior assembly of persons, under all applicable federal, state and local laws, statutes and ordinances, and does not include any temporary structures, trailers, mobile home, offices or buildings, tents, canopies, or similar shelters or structures. "Person" means any natural person, partnership, corporation, association or organization.

"Sponsor" means any person, who organizes, promotes, conducts, or causes to be conducted an outdoor assembly. "Attendee" means any person who obtains admission to an outdoor assembly, by the payment of money, by the rendering of services in lieu of the payment of money for admission, or who attends the outdoor assembly without payment or services rendered, and includes all staff and personnel serving the event who are present on the site or within reasonably proximity to the site. "Licensee" means any person to whom a license is issued pursuant to this ordinance.

Section 3. License required: A person shall not sponsor, operate, maintain, conduct or promote an outdoor assembly in Stockbridge Township without a license for each such assembly.

Section 4. Application for License: Applicants for a license to conduct an outdoor assembly must submit a complete application to the Township Clerk at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the proposed assembly. Each application must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of 100 Dollars, which may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Township Board, and must include at least the following information: a. The applicant's name, age, residence and mailing address. Where the person making the application is a partnership, limited liability company, corporation or other corporate body, the application must state the names and addresses of all general partners, officers, directors, and managing members of such body. If the applicant is an unincorporated association, all members of the unincorporated association must sign the application. Where the applicant is a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other corporate body, the application must be signed by all general partners in the case of a partnership, all authorized officers on behalf of a corporation, all managers of a limited liability company, or other authorized officers for any other corporate body. Where applicable, a certified copy of the partnership agreement, the articles of incorporation, the articles of organization, or other charter, together with a certified copy of the resolution of the general partners, the corporate board of directors, managers, or governing board, authorizing the execution of the application, shall accompany the application.

b. A statement of the kind, character, and type of proposed assembly or event. c. The address, legal description and proof of ownership of the site at which the proposed assembly is to be conducted. Where ownership is not vested in the prospective licensee, the prospective licensee must submit a copy of a binding written agreement from the landowner authorizing the use of the site for the proposed assembly. d. The date or dates and hours during which the proposed assembly is to be conducted. e. An estimate of the maximum number of attendees expected at the assembly for each day it is conducted, along with a detailed explanation of the evidence of admission that will be used and of the sequential numbering or other method which will be used for accounting of attendees. f. A map or maps, of the overall site of the proposed assembly. g. A detailed explanation, including drawings and diagrams where applicable, of the prospective licensee's plans to provide for the following: i. Police and fire protection. ii. Food and water supply and facilities. iii. Health and sanitation facilities. iv. Medical facilities and services including emergency vehicles and equipment. v. Vehicle access and parking facilities. vi. Camping and trailer facilities. vii. Lighting facilities. viii. Communications facilities. ix. Noise control and abatement. x. Facilities for clean up and waste disposal. xi. Insurance and bonding arrangements.

Section 5. Review: On receipt by the Township Clerk, copies of the application shall be forwarded to the appropriate public officials as the Township Board may identify. Township officials shall review and investigate matters relevant to the application and report their findings and recommendations to the Board within twenty (20) days of receipt.

Section 6. Township Board approval, conditions, insurance: If a complete application has not been received by the Clerk at least thirty (30) days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Board, deliberations on the application shall not commence, until the next regularly scheduled of the Board or until a special meeting called for the purpose of deliberating of the said

application. Within sixty (60) days after the complete application and all materials required by this Ordinance are filed with the Township, the Township Board shall: a. Issue a license, b. Issue a license subject to specified conditions, including those necessary to meet the standards of Section 9 of the Ordinance, or c. Deny a license. The Township Board may require that adequate security or insurance be provided before a license is issued. Where conditions are imposed as prerequisite to the issuance of a license, or where a license is denied, notice must be mailed to the applicant by certified mail within five (5) days after the Board's decision. In the case of denial, the reasons for the denial must be stated in the notice.

Section 7. Denial: A license may be denied if: a. The applicant fails to comply with any or all requirements of this ordinance, or with any or all conditions imposed by the license, or with any other applicable provision of state or local law; or b. The applicant has knowingly made a false, misleading or fraudulent statement in the application or in any supporting document.

Section 8. License; posting on premises: A license must specify the name and address of the licensee, the kind and location of the assembly, the maximum number of attendees permissible, the duration of the license, and any other conditions imposed by the Township. A license must be posted in a conspicuous place at all entrances to the premises or place of assembly. The licensee cannot transfer the license to any other person or to any other location.

Section 9. Minimum requirements: All licenses will, at a minimum, require the following: a. Security Personnel - The licensee is responsible for employing such security personnel as are necessary and sufficient to provide for the adequate security and protection of the maximum number of attendees at the assembly and for the preservation of order and protection of property in and around the site of the assembly. No license shall be issued unless the Ingham County Sheriff or the Michigan State Police is satisfied that such necessary and sufficient security personnel are qualified and retained by the licensee for the duration of the assembly. b. Water Supply - The licensee shall provide sufficient potable water for drinking, cooking, washing and other water-using facilities for peak demand conditions, in accordance with Ingham County Environmental Health Department rules and regulations.

c. Restroom Facilities - The licensee shall provide sufficient toilet facilities or portable toilets, hand washing stations, and drinking water facilities. The number and type of facilities required shall be determined, on the basis of the number of prospective attendees, and all required permits shall be obtained in accordance with the Ingham County Environmental Health Department rules and regulations. d. Shower Facilities - Where the licensee allows attendees to remain on the premises between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., the licensee shall provide shower facilities, on the basis of the number of prospective attendees, and obtain all necessary permits in accordance with the Ingham County Environmental Health Department rules and regulations.

e. Food Service and beverage service - If food service or beverage service is made available on the premises, it shall be delivered only through concessions operated in accordance with the temporary food establishment provisions of the Michigan Food Law of 2000, MCL 289.1101, et seq., applicable rules and regulations, including R 285.558, et seq., Temporary Food Establishments, and any other applicable provision of state or local law, and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Ingham County Environmental Health Department. No alcoholic beverages shall be provided or permitted on the site unless a permit is obtained from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

f. Medical Facilities - If the assembly is not readily and quickly accessible to adequate existing medical facilities, the licensee shall be required to provide such facilities, including cooling tents or facilities, on the premises of the assembly. g. Liquid Waste Disposal - The licensee shall provide for liquid waste disposal in accordance with all the rules and regulations established by the Ingham County Environmental Health Department, of the Public Health Code, Part 127; Water Supply and Sewer Systems, MCL 333.12701, et seq.; the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 117; Septage Waste Services, MCL 324.11701, et seq.; applicable rules and regulations, and any other applicable provision of state or local law. If liquid waste retention and disposal requires

sewage waste services, they shall be licensed in accordance with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 113; Permits, MCL 324.1301, et seq., applicable rules and regulations, and any other applicable provision of state or local law. The licensee shall provide the Township Clerk with a true copy of an executed agreement with a licensed septage waste service for the proper, effective, and frequent removal of liquid wastes from the premises to prevent a nuisance or threat to the public health. h. Solid Waste Disposal - The licensee shall provide for solid waste storage on, and removal from, the premises in accordance with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 115; Solid Waste Disposal, MCL 324.11501, et seq., applicable rules and regulations, and any other applicable provision of state or local law, including the rules and regulations of the Ingham County Environmental Health Department. Storage shall be in approved, covered, fly-tight and rodent-proof containers, provided in sufficient quantity to accommodate the number of attendees. Prior to issuance of any license, the licensee shall provide the Township Clerk with a true copy of an executed agreement with a licensed refuse collector for the proper, effective, and frequent removal of solid waste from the premises to prevent a nuisance or threat to the public health. The licensee shall implement effective control measures to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin on the premises.

Poisonous materials, such as insecticides or rodenticides shall not be used in any way so as to contaminate food, equipment, or otherwise constitute a hazard to the public health. Solid waste containing food waste shall be stored so as to be inaccessible to vermin. The premises shall be kept in such condition as to prevent the harborage or feeding of vermin. i. Public Bathing Beaches - Public bathing beaches shall be provided only in accordance with the Public Health Code, Part 125; Campgrounds, Swimming Areas, MCL 333.12501, et seq., and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Part 801, MCL 324.80198b, applicable rules and regulations, and any other applicable provision of state or local law. j. Public Swimming Pools - Public swimming pools shall be provided only in accordance with the Public Health Code, Part 125; Campgrounds, Swimming Areas and Swimmer's Itch, MCLs 333.12521-MCL 333.12534, applicable rules and

regulations, and any other applicable provision of state or local law. k. Access and Traffic Control - The licensee shall provide for ingress to and egress from the premises so as to insure the orderly flow of traffic onto and off of the premises. Prior to the issuance of a license, the Ingham County Sheriff or the Michigan State Police must approve the licensee's plan for access and traffic control. l. Parking - The licensee shall provide a parking area sufficient to accommodate all motor vehicles, with at least one automobile space for every four (4) attendees, and located entirely off of all public rights of way.

Licensee shall provide traffic controls necessary to direct traffic onto the premises parking areas so that the public rights of way remain free. No vehicles shall be parked upon the public rights of way. m. Camping and Trailer Parking - A licensee who permits attendees to remain on the premises between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. shall provide for camping and trailer parking and facilities in accordance with the Public Health Code, Part 125; Campgrounds, Swimming Areas and Swimmer's Itch, MCL 333.12501, et seq., and the Michigan Department of Community Health rules regarding sanitation and safety standards for campgrounds and public health. n. Lighting - The licensee shall provide lighting of all occupied areas sufficient to ensure safety and comfort of all attendees. The licensee's lighting plan shall be approved by the Township ordinance enforcement officer, under the standards of the Stockbridge Township Zoning Ordinance.

o. Insurance - Before the issuance of a license, the licensee shall obtain public liability insurance with limits of not less than ONE MILLION and no/100 (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS, or such other figure as shall be established from time to time by resolution of the Township Board, and property damage insurance with a limit of not less than ONE MILLION and no/100 (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS, or such other amount determined from time to time by resolution of the Township Board, from a company or companies approved by the Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Michigan, which insurance shall insure liability for death or injury to person or damage to property which may result from the conduct of the assembly or conduct incident thereto and which insurance shall remain in full force and effect in the specified amounts for the duration of the license. The evidence of insurance shall include an endorsement to the effect that the insurance company shall notify the clerk of Stockbridge Township in writing at least 10 days before the expiration or cancellation of said insurance. p. Bonding - Before the issuance of a license, the licensee shall obtain, from a corporate bonding company authorized to do business in Michigan, a corporate surety bond in such amount determined by the Township Board and in a form to be approved by the Township attorney, conditioned upon the licensee's faithful compliance with all of the terms and provisions of this ordinance and all applicable provisions of state or local law, and which shall indemnify the Township, its agents, officers, and employees and the Board against any and all loss, injury or damage whatever arising out of or in any way connected with the assembly and which shall indemnify the owners of property adjoining the assembly site for any costs attributable to cleaning up and/or removing debris/trash or other waste resultant from the assembly. q. Fire Protection - The licensee shall, at its own expense, take adequate steps as determined by the SAESA to ensure fire protection.

r. Noise Control - Noise Control must comply with the Stockbridge Township Noise Ordinance (Ord. #7 eff. August 6, 1984). s. Boundaries - Boundary lines need to be clearly marked during the event. Miscellaneous - Prior to issuance of a license, the Board may impose any other condition(s) reasonably calculated to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of attendees or of citizens of the Township.

Section 10. Revocation, Reinstatement, and Corrections. The township ordinance officer is authorized to revoke or suspend a license, in whole or in part, whenever the licensee, or the licensee's employee or agent fails neglects or refuses to fully comply with any and all provisions and requirements set forth herein, with the conditions of an issued license, or with any and all provisions, regulations, ordinances, statutes, or other laws incorporated herein by reference. The licensee, the licensee's employee or agent on is on-site shall be notified of such revocation or suspension in writing. Upon such revocation or suspension, all further activities and usage set forth in the notice of revocation, shall cease upon the site other than for the purpose of correcting the violation. Upon correction the ordinance enforcement officer may reinstate the licensee upon such conditions that are necessary to achieve compliance with the issued license. The ordinance enforcement officer may also issue a stop work order to halt all construction activities and usage pending correction of the violation. Failure to terminate or suspend the use, activity or event for which the license was revoked or suspended, other than actions for the purpose of correcting the violation, is declared to be a nuisance per se and a violation of this Ordinance.

Section 11. Violations. It shall be unlawful for a licensee, his employee, or agent, to knowingly: a. Advertise, promote or sell tickets to, conduct or operate an assembly without first obtaining a license as herein provided. b. Conduct or operate an assembly in such a manner as to create a public or private nuisance. c. Conduct or permit, within the assembly, any obscene display, exhibition, show, play, entertainment or amusement. d. Permit any person on the premises to cause or create a disturbance in, around, or near the assembly by obscene or disorderly conduct. e. Permit any person to unlawfully consume, sell, or possess, intoxicating liquor while on the premises. f. Permit any person to unlawfully use, sell, or possess any narcotics, narcotic drugs, drugs or other controlled substances as defined by state or federal law. g. Any of the above enumerated violations is a separate offense, is a nuisance per se, immediately enjoinable in the circuit courts, and is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ninety-three (93) days, by a fine of not more than five hundred and no/100 (\$500.00) dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 12. Severability. If any portion of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be found to be invalid by a court, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining portions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid portion or application, provided such remaining portions are not determined by the court to be inoperable, and to this end this ordinance is declared to be severable.

Section 13. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication TOWNSHIP OF STOCKBRIDGE

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Stockbridge Township Board Meeting Minutes - Stockbridge Township Board Meeting on March 19, 2012 at 7:30 PM was called to order. Board approved the agenda for Board Meeting. Board approved the February 20, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Board approved the March 2012 Financial Report as presented. Board appointed R. Bruce Connell as the Stockbridge Township Plumbing Inspector. Board approved the Stockbridge Township Outdoor Gathering Ordinance #333 as printed. Board approved Budget Amendment #3 for Stockbridge Township fiscal year 2011 - 2012. Board approved HEART and WRERA 457 b Plan amendments and HEART and WRERA Pension Plan amendments from Burnham and Flower Insurance Group as presented. Board paid Stockbridge Township's March bills. Supervisor, Risner, adjourned the Stockbridge Township March 19, 2012 meeting at 8:40 PM. Mary Wilson Stockbridge Township Clerk

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Waterloo Township Board Meeting Minutes, 21 March 2012 7:00 P.M.  
11120 Musbach Road, Munnith, MI 49259. Call to Order: 7:03 P.M. Present: Lance, Richardson, Walz, Parks, Kitley, Chief Cottrell, Bruce Pindzia, Zoning Administrator, Charlie Barnum, Building Inspector and 20 residents. The Waterloo Township Board approved the following items: \*Consent Agenda: Kitley motioned with support from Walz to accept the consent agenda with correction as presented. Yes/all; No/none. Motion carried. \*Payment of the Bills: Kitley motioned with support from Richardson to pay post audit checks in the amount of \$9,911.88; checks for approval in the amount of \$1,248.10 and payroll in the amount of \$21,875.63 for a total of \$33,035.61. Roll call vote: Yes/ Walz, Richardson, Parks, Kitley, Lance. No/none. Motion carried. \*Richardson motioned with support from Walz to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Yes/all; No/none. Motion carried. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The next Planning Commission meeting was changed for April and will be Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Submitted by Janice Kitley, Waterloo Township Clerk

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March 29: Annual Spring Soup & Salad, First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge from 11am-1pm. All U Can Eat! Take outs available 517-851-7015.

March 29: Soup & Bread Supper, Pinckney American Legion from 5-7:30pm.

March 30: 136th Annual Egg Supper, North Lake UMC, N. Territorial in Chelsea from 5:30-7:30pm. Free will offering. Funds to camp & mission scholarships.

March 30: Stockbridge Senior Luncheon Menu: Beef Tips over Noodles, Beets, Peas & Onions & an Orange. Reserve your meal 517-442-9867.

April 3: Hunger Games Book Discussion, Pinckney Library from 6:30-7:30pm. Families, teens & adults are invited to discuss & debate the book series. Call to reserve a space. For more info call 734-878-3888.

April 5: \$1 Coney Dog & Root Beer Float Night, Pinckney American Legion, 9807 Whitewood Rd from 5-8pm. For more info call 734-878-9522.

April 5: Steps to Naturalization-Documentation to Research, Livingston Cty Genealogical Society Meeting, Church of JC of Latter Day Saints, 1041 Grand River, Howell at 7pm. Open to the public. FREE. Questions? Call 810-227-7745.

April 6: Stockbridge Senior Luncheon will be CLOSED for Good Friday.

April 7: Clothes Closet, Gregory Community Church from 10am-12noon.

April 7: Easter Egg Hunt, Plainfield UMC at 10am. Eggs, candy & prizes! Bring carriers. All welcome. Questions, call 851-7693.

April 8: Easter Morning Buffet Breakfast, Waterloo Village UMC on Washington St from 8am-10am.

April 9: American Legion Meeting, Stockbridge American Legion at 7pm.

April 12: Hunger Games Challenge, Pinckney Library from 2-3:30pm. Children 8 & up are invited to defend their district! Call to register to insure there are enough materials & prizes for everyone. For more info call 734-878-3888.

April 12-14: Rummage Sale, United Baptist Church, 2510 Heeney Rd, Stockbridge from 9am-5pm. Proceeds to carpet the church.

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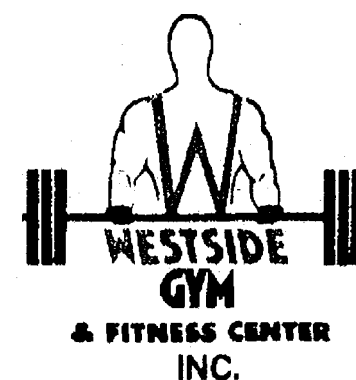
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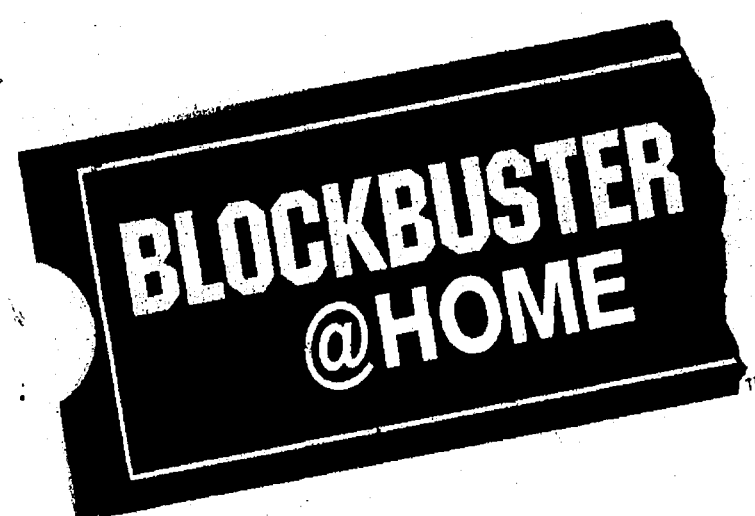
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## Unadilla Township Firefighters Chili Cook-off Set for Saturday

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The entry fee is \$5 per batch entered and can be prepaid or paid at the event. To pre-

register or read event rules visit [www.unadillafire.org](http://www.unadillafire.org) and click on the Chili Cook-Off link.

For more information on the event or how to enter call cook off chairman Carey Hunt at 734-323-8475 or Wendy Haise at 313-617-4864.

Proceeds from the cook off will go toward fire department equipment and the UFFA Gregory 4th of July Fund.



## Race for the Gold Brings Out a Multitude of Winners

By Melinda Baird

Two organizations found their little pot o' gold St. Patrick's Day Saturday, March 17 with the help of an entire community supporting them. Pinckney's second annual Race for the Gold nearly doubled its profits compared to last year's event, raising \$13,500 to be split between Faith Medical Clinic and Light of the World Academy.

With a whopping 612 runners (425 5K runners and 187 Kids Race participants), race director Jen Kramer couldn't praise her volunteers enough for the dramatic turnout and smooth-running day.

"I feel like I won an Oscar or something. I'm so appreciative for my incredible team of volunteers, helpers and friends. What a blessed community we live in," beamed Kramer.

Chelsea High School Track Team won the team award of \$100 in gold coins for having the most participants in the 5K. The team brought 32 runners to the race.

Chelsea's 16 year-old Benjamin Koch and Gregory's 18 year-old Elaine Johnson were the overall male and female top finishers,

clocking in at 16:03 and 19:28 respectively. Each won a \$110 gift certificate to Brighton's Runnin' Gear and a three month membership to Hamburg Fitness Center.

Five year-olds Leo Swager and Sarah Foster picked up their own booty for crossing the finish line, including a free pet party at Family Puppy, coupons to Dairy Queen, and passes to Castaway Café and Rollerrama.

Sixty nine year-old Karl Burg, a veteran at bringing good cheer, brought the spirit of the leprechaun to the event, perhaps casting a little magic over the town square Saturday morning.

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# Long Term Hazards

## Addressed At Enbridge Pipeline Expansion Proposal FYI Meeting

By Lynne Beauchamp

In order to provide opinions on the possible environmental impact of Enbridge Pipeline's proposed expansion of its pipeline that begins at a Stockbridge facility, several speakers representing environmental and conservation groups presented information during an FYI meeting March 21 at Heritage Elementary in Stockbridge.

The proposal calls for 35 miles of new pipeline traveling southeast from Stockbridge Township through Lyndon, Waterloo, Dexter, Lima and

Freedom Townships. The pipeline, referred to by Enbridge as Line 79 Pipeline System Project, will carry an average flow of 80,000 barrels per day of crude oil and petroleum. The proposal was filed with the state of Michigan in early January with an expected completion date in early 2013.

Dr. Rikki Ott, who obtained her Masters and Doctorate in marine oil pollution, spoke on the hazards and governmental issues involved with oil spills and big oil companies. Her experience with environmental concerns goes back to when she was a teen in

Wisconsin wondering why birds were falling dead from the sky. She noted this was a result of DDT's and her father was instrumental in banning the use of DDT in the state of Wisconsin.

Ott said she was commercial fishing in Alaska at the time of the Exxon-Valdez oil spill, and she subsequently wrote and donated a book on the disaster and health hazards that followed. She has volunteered many hours to help people and communities dealing with the aftermath of an oil spill.

"Unlike a hurricane, you can't just rebuild," she explained. She added that after recent, large oil spills in Marshall, Michigan and the Gulf of Mexico many individuals in those areas became sick with headaches, dizziness, nausea, rashes and irritations, unusual bleeding and several other symptoms.

She described the collapse of ecosystems that follow a spill, beginning with marine life and the animals that feed off of it. She said Alaska is still dealing with contamination even though the oil spill occurred more than 20 years ago in 1989. That small fishing community claims it lost its main income which has resulted in many individuals moving away, businesses closing, divorce and suicide.

Ott praised ranchers in Nebraska who fought and won a battle against a big oil company building through their property. For the time, the pipeline has been halted.

Ott shared her belief that the first step in stopping big oil companies from expanding is to come together as a community to create awareness. She added that in her experience, there is a long history of problems in dealing with government, beginning with The Constitution but there are many resource groups who will assist.

Beth Wallace of the National Wildlife Federation (NWF)-Great Lakes Regional Center said many of the pipelines in this area were built for conventional oil transport. She added, however, that pipeline operators can change the type of oil product running through a pipeline without notice because the federal agency Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) denotes "crude is crude."

Wallace said the oil spilled into the Kalamazoo River July 26, 2010 was diluted bitumen (a.k.a. dilbit or raw tar sands oil mixed with condensate). She explained this type of oil is more corrosive and toxic than conventional oil.

More than 800,000 gallons were spilled in that incident.

"Since our pipelines already transporting dilbit are very, very old, NWF is concerned that it's just a matter of time before another disaster happens. While we commend Enbridge for making some improvements to the line, we do not support expansion projects and we do not support projects that will lead to an increased capacity on the line in any way," said Wallace. "And we definitely don't want more tar sands coming into our region for refining - which these expansion projects will most definitely bring."

Wallace is available for questions regarding the Enbridge pipeline and can be reached through NWF at 734-887-7134 or wallaceb@nwf.org.

Several residents from the Battle Creek area were present during the meeting to offer opinions and comments, including Michelle Barlund Smith who has a Facebook group page entitled Battle Creek Oil Spill Group. She was an advocate in having Dr. Ott speak in Stockbridge.

"I saw there was something definitely going on in Stockbridge and contacted Rikki to come speak," she said.

Susan Connolly, a paralegal by profession and resident of Marshall, took personal interest in the Kalamazoo River oil spill disaster after her children became ill while attending daycare near the river. She has since been a driving force in her community declaring that with work, the Enbridge Expansion can be stopped.

Also speaking was Robert Whitesides, a member of the Kalamazoo River Watershed who pointed out Enbridge's proposed pipeline expansion is part of a larger, complex project which he felt was more dangerous than the transporting of tar sands.

Whitesides, in a separate interview, recalled the estimated 400,000 gallons of gasoline that spilled from a Marathon pipeline into a drainage ditch near Grimes Road in Stockbridge. It was reported by a farmer living nearby April 13, 2011. "Good thing the farmer wasn't a smoker" he said.

John Bolenbaugh, who introduced himself as the Erin Brockovich toward Enbridge, stated he worked for Enbridge during the Kalamazoo River spill. He claims that he, along with others were told to cover up the spill.

He stated he was told to put rocks over the oil spill, put dirt over the rocks and plant grass. He claims he was fired when he would not do what he was told and is now part of a whistle blowers lawsuit.

"The oil is still there and is not going away," Bolenbaugh said. He has uploaded hundreds of videos to YouTube that involve the cover up and health issues since the spill.

While there were several interested Michigan residents who attended the meeting and provided information and opinions, only a small number of locals came out to listen.

Not one township official from the areas affected by the expansion were present.

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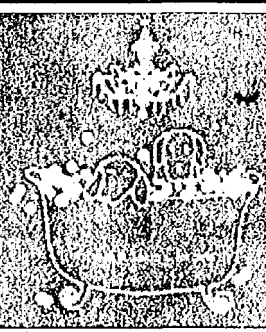
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
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Youth Group - Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study - Thurs. 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Mark Roark

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GREGORY, MI 48137  
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WORSHIP SERVICE 11:15 A.M.  
MINISTER ROBERT MILLER

**Good Shepherd Mission**  
5050 M-36, Stockbridge  
9:45am Sunday School  
10:30am Service  
Parson Billy Allen  
Pastor Dennis Courter

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
5758 W M-36, Pinckney  
Worship 10:00am  
Pastor Merelyn Snider  
[www.trinitypinckney.org](http://www.trinitypinckney.org)

**First Presbyterian Church**  
On the square - Stockbridge  
517-851-7015  
Munday Cantata April 5 at 7pm  
Good Friday Service 12noon  
Easter Breakfast 8:30am  
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9am- Traditional Worship  
10:30am-Contemp.  
Service & Worship  
10:30am-Sunday School  
Pastor Rev. Don Weatherup  
[www.arisechurch.org](http://www.arisechurch.org)

**Stockbridge United Methodist Church**  
219 E. Elizabeth St  
Stockbridge  
517-851-7676  
Sunday Worship 9:30am  
Nursery Provided  
Fellowship Time  
After Service  
Pastor Bob Freysinger

**Millville United Methodist Church**  
1932 N M-52, Stockbridge  
517-851-7853 Fax 517-851-7338  
Maundy Thursday 6pm  
Good Friday Service 7pm  
Sonrise Service 8am  
Easter Breakfast 8:30am  
Worship Service 11am  
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Worship  
10:30am  
[grasslakeassembly.org](http://grasslakeassembly.org)

**VANTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Pastor Terry Turner  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.  
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Pastor Bob Castle

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Leslie  
517-589-8492  
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Father Mike Petroski

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517-522-4187  
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Easter Breakfast 8:30am  
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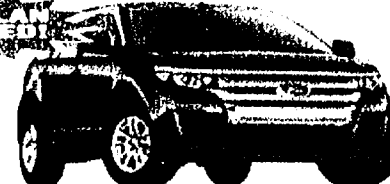
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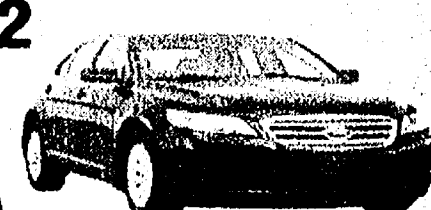
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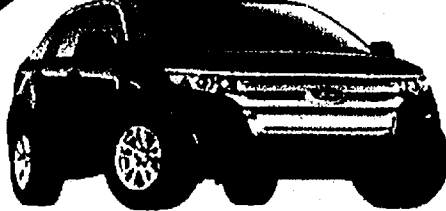
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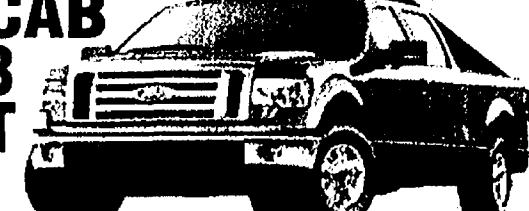
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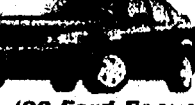
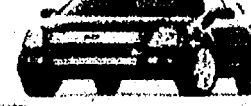
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