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## Stockbridge Area Education Foundation's Main Event

By Wendy Wood

Amidst 28 elaborately decorated dinner tables, a strolling buffet and jazz playing in the background, the Stockbridge Area Education Foundation (SAEF) raised more than \$33,000 for the educational pursuits of those living in the Stockbridge Community School District.

The Festival of Tables, which took place Saturday, March 24, is the district's premier annual fundraising event. Table decorators, from a variety of area businesses and organization, pulled out all the stops in creatively expressing their message.

The money raised will be used to fund special classroom activities and equipment that is not covered by district funding, and several scholarships

for graduating Stockbridge seniors.

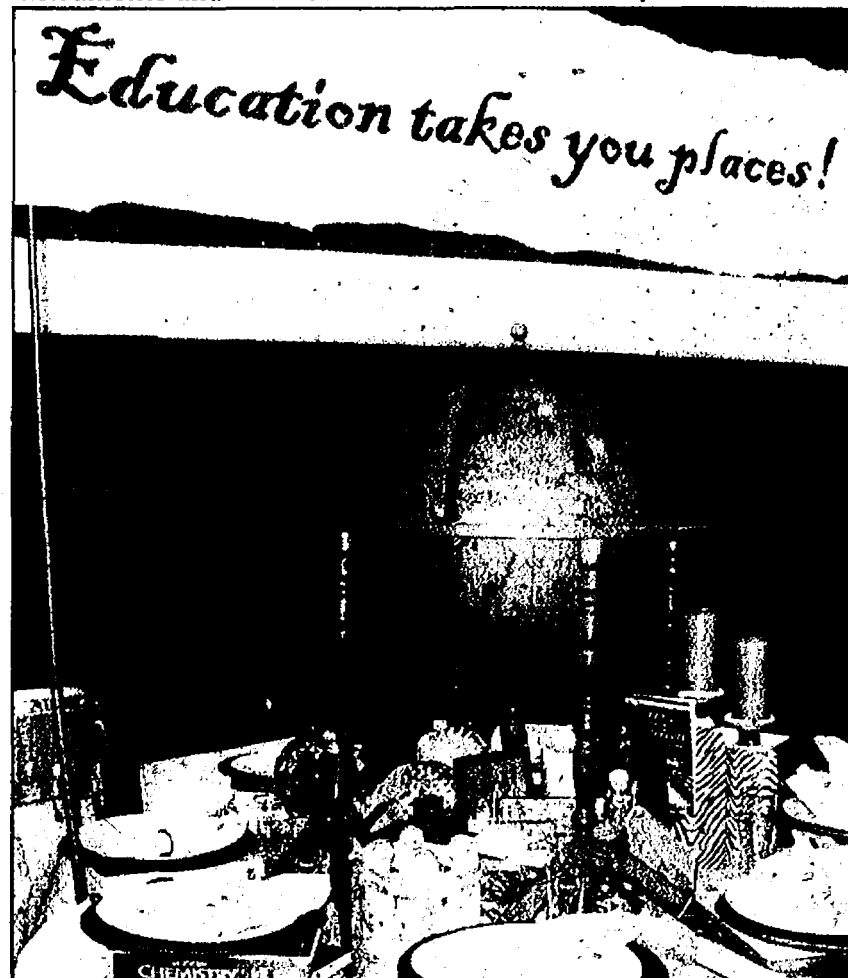
In 2011 the Festival of Tables raised more than \$30,000. A portion of those funds was used to support the Robotics Program in building their underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle that the students took with them to Palau in the western Pacific to help search for missing World War II aircraft pilots. SAEF also purchased "Second Step" kits to aid in teaching early elementary students with conflict resolution.

The money raised also provided additional high school chemistry equipment, a sousaphone for the high school band, and created an account to be used for students in need of assistance with lunch, field trips and program fees.

Funding raised during this year's event will be used to provide Love and Logic parenting classes through community education, band instruments and classroom

interactive white boards.

Through a vote of all attendees, the table decorated by Stockbridge High School Teachers won the award for most creative presentation.



Highlighting the tools of instruction and creativity, the winning Festival of Tables presentation captured the appreciation of attendees. Photo by Wendy Wood.



The winning table highlighted the value of a good education. Table decorators taking home the 2012 trophy were high school teachers Jessica Martell, Lissa Avis, Laura Bell, Elizabeth Cyr and their husbands. Photo by Michael Samhat.

## Chelsea Mayor Expresses Gratitude for Long-Time Business Chelsea Boasts 8 Small Businesses in Existence for 100 Years or More

By Melinda Baird

"If a city is truly blessed, it has businesses that have been there a long, long time," said Mayor Lindauer while commending Donna Lane of Lane Animal Hospital for 100 years of service during the city council meeting Tuesday night.

The hospital, which has served the community since 1905, is one of eight Chelsea businesses in existence over 100 years. Lindauer opened Tuesday's regular council meeting with an official proclamation to the Lane family, describing his personal experience of Lane veterinary care in his youth.

"As a boy, Dr. (Wilfred) Lane would make house calls to our farm. He was never one to shut you out or shield you from medical procedures. He always invited you in, making sure you could see what he was doing. It was always educational, if you could stomach it," recalled Lindauer.

The hospital is currently run by Donna and Wilfred Lane's son, Dr. Jonathan Lane, D.V.M. and his wife Dr. Margaret Callan-Lane, D.V.M.

Despite fond memories of farm life, Mayor Lindauer was one of two council members to vote against supporting the

final passage of a backyard chicken ordinance. With approval of four other council members, the ordinance was approved. Rod Anderson cast the second dissenting vote and Frank Hammer was absent.

Anderson showed council an enlarged photograph of wild turkeys heading down Washington Street as evidence of the slippery slope phenomenon about which he's been very vocal. "We had chickens come to roost, and now we have turkeys come to roost," said Anderson.

The ordinance will be published Thursday, April 5, and will take effect 20 days later, said Clerk Terryl Royal. The application for a permit will soon be available on the city's website. The exact amount of the permit fee has not yet been decided, but will likely hover around ten dollars.

Council also approved a request by farmers market coordinators to use the city's parking lot three (library lot) to conduct market business beginning May 5 through October 27, 2012, from 8 a.m. to noon. Additionally, council approved Las Fuentes Mexican Restaurant's annual permit for an outdoor sidewalk cafe.

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# Obituaries

## James Howard Hause Burnsville, North Carolina

Passed away at age 86, at his son's home in Gregory, Michigan with his family by his side Sunday, April 1, 2012. He was born the son of Neil R. and Edna (Merideth) Hause February 16, 1926 in Detroit, Michigan. James was an artist, especially known for his work painting professional clown faces. He also worked as a clay-modeler for Ford Motor Company and enjoyed woodworking. In his younger years he had a passion for bow hunting. He was a musician and also loved the mountains of North Carolina.

James is survived by his son, Mitchell James (Wendy) Hause of Gregory, and his step-

daughters, Lynn Carpenter of Goodrich, Michigan and Suzanne Chesterfield of Coral Springs, Florida. He is also survived by his sister, Jo Jones of Sevierville, Tennessee, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. James was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah J. Hause (Briley).

Funeral Services will take place Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 11 a.m. from the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge with the Rev. Robert J. Freysinger officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday from 4-8 pm.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Arbor Hospice Foundation.

## People Post

### An open letter to the residents of Chelsea Springs

Reading of the talks between your neighborhood representatives and the city of Chelsea, we can certainly understand our fellow citizens' impulse to try to associate themselves with a different municipality, one that might treat them better than they have been treated by their own township government.

A couple points to consider, however: First, research done by the citizens' group Freesylvan (sites.google.com/site/freesylvantownship) shows that Chelsea Springs

residents will not be able to avoid the looming tax increase that the township is facing for its failed sewer and water system. According to a plain reading of Michigan state law MCL 117.14 and 123.1010a, all of the properties that were part of Sylvan Township at the date of the bond except those then in the Village of Chelsea are going to be assessed to pay the bond debt. Joining the city would mean a considerable tax increase, and no relief from the township debt burden.

Second, while we understand your justifiable outrage at the level of your utility bills, a move to the city will not necessarily alleviate that either. According to the consent judgments that ended the long legal wrangle between the township and the developers, Coliseum Drive is entitled to remain private, which means there is no public right of way through which to put a utility easement to your properties.

On a more positive note, we are hopeful for the prospects of a new township board later this year, replacing the township officials and their allies who brought all this upon us and who have proven so inadequate

## Dexter Village Officials Assess Emergency Response

By Melinda Baird

The Dexter Village Council devoted much of its regular meeting Monday, March 26, to analyzing emergency response and recovery efforts to the EF-3 tornado that struck both Village and Township March 15.

"There is one word to summarize the response of the Dexter Area Fire Department (DAFD): remarkable," said DAFD Board President Jim Seta. "Not to be political, but it made us proud to be the Dexter Area Fire Department," he added, alluding to ongoing discussion with Scio Township Fire Department to combine departments along with a much contested name change.

Seta said firefighters have returned to regular schedules, and the department is in

the process of formulating overtime expenses for the past week. He indicated over 200 fire runs were made to the village, explaining each separate house to which the department was dispatched is equivalent to one run, according to an inter-local agreement between the three municipalities making up DAFD.

"However, we will only be charging the village for one run, the township for one run, and Webster Township for one run," Seta told Council.

Seta added the firefighters recently received significant training, including instruction on smoke reading, ice rescue, thermal imaging, and advanced structural collapse. "I didn't know how much we would need that last one," he noted.

He also informed Council the DAFD is in the process of hiring another full-time firefighter, and, in addition, the fire board approved the purchase of a new pumper truck for \$369,000. The truck will be positioned at Station 2 in Dexter Township, with plans to move twenty year-old Engine 5-3 to Station 3 in Webster Township.

DAFD Chief Loren Yates spoke of his pride in DAFD and his amazement at the lack of injuries following the storm. "I thought to myself, there's no way we're going to get through this without people being hurt. Then at 2am Friday I got the final word: no injuries. Your firefighters worked their butts off. They were committed. They did it," he said.

Further, Council was pleasantly surprised to receive a check for \$10,000 from Hamburg Pirate Youth Football Association Monday night, bringing the Dexter Relief Fund to \$125,000 and growing according to fund organizer Matt LaFontaine.

Representative of the association Tim McDonnell said youth collected bottles and cans at Kroger the previous weekend, raising \$2,800. "Remember, that's 28,000 bottles and cans to put in machines," he quipped. With other donations, the total grew to \$5,000 and was matched by the association to equal \$10,000.

County Commissioner Rob Turner informed the board of the county's pledge of up to \$500,000 to support relief efforts, to be shared among both Village and Township. He indicated the township was in greater need of relief, in part because they "don't have the luxury of the Department of Public Works." "[In the village] I'm seeing roofs being re-roofed, windows being replaced, and yards nearly clean. Unfortunately, I can't say the same about the township. It's a mess."

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# POLICE BEAT

## Waterloo Township Police

3/26 Follow up investigation on a fatal traffic crash on Mt. Hope Road from the weekend.  
3/27 Arrested a parole absconder who ran from officers at his home on S. M-52 which will result in new charges being issued by the Prosecutor's office.  
Attended a child custody hearing as a result of the meth lab investigation on Mt. Hope Road in February.  
3/28 Handled a traffic crash that occurred in the intersection of M-106 and Mt. Hope Road at 7:45 am. Cited the at-fault driver for failing to yield the right of way.

Investigated a report of trespassers on the end of 7th Street in Munith.  
Assisted stranded motorist at Mt. Hope and M-106 at 6:35 pm.  
Investigated a report of a suicide attempt at an address on Territorial Road and transported the person to Allegiance Hospital for care.  
3/29 Investigated a suspicious vehicle seen at an abandoned house on Glenn Road at 11:45 am.  
Responded to a report of a domestic dispute at an address on Fry Road at 4:33 pm.  
Investigated a report of a house that had possibly been burglarized on Hannewald Road at 10:30 pm.  
3/30 Arrested a Grass Lake man for driving on a suspended drivers license on Clear Lake Road at 7:55 am.

## Chelsea City Police

4/2 400 Block Wilkinson Street, while on routine patrol officers located two male subjects sitting in a vehicle. Upon making contact with the occupants it was determined that one of the individuals, a 22 year old Dexter man had multiple felony warrants out of Pittsfield Township for 6 counts of motor vehicle theft as well as a variety of other charges. The subject was placed under arrest and transported to the Ann Arbor Saline Road park and ride where he was turned over to Pittsfield Township without incident. Incident occurred at 1am.

4/1 Main Street and Brown Drive, officers observed a vehicle being driven by an individual who was later determined to have an expired operator's license. Upon making contact with the subject it was determined that the driver was possibly under the influence of alcohol. After performing standard field sobriety tests, the subject was placed under arrest and later transported to the Washtenaw County Jail. Case open pending laboratory analysis of the blood sample by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab. Case occurred at 2am.

3/30 500 Block Arctic Coliseum Drive, officers responded to the listed location for the report of a larceny from auto complaint. The victim stated a laptop computer as well as some makeup had been taken out of her vehicle sometime between the hours of 6-9pm on this date. Incident remains under investigation at this time.

1100 Block S. Main Street, patrol officers responded to the station to take a report of a fraud by wire. The complainant stated that his daughter "owner of the account" noticed a large dollar transaction that had occurred on her account on March 23. The complainant stated that somehow an unknown subject accessed the account and used the account to purchase Progressive auto insurance. Incident remains under investigation at this time.

3/27 M-52 and I-94, while on routine patrol at approximately 6:30 pm the Chelsea Police Department received a report of a domestic dispute in progress. Officers arrived and made contact with both individuals involved, later determined to have a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship. After interviewing all parties, a 27 year old Chelsea man was taken into custody for Domestic assault and transported to the Washtenaw County jail. Upon review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office, charges were denied and the subject was released from the jail.

## Stockbridge Village Police

3/25 9pm: Assisted Waterloo Township Police with a fatal crash at Mt. Hope near Reithmiller Road.  
3/27 4:30pm: Assault/Bullying complaint involving three juveniles at Stockbridge High School. This case is under investigation.  
5pm: Larceny of a bicycle in the 200 block of S. Clinton. No suspects in this case.

4:30pm: Officers responded to a complaint of a "sick" opossum in the 600 block of S. Clinton. Due to the potential public safety risks associated with these "sick" animals, the officer disposed of the animal.  
5:55pm: Investigation of a homeless subject sleeping near Portage Creek in the 800 block of S. Clinton. Officers unable to locate the subject.

3/28 3pm: Traffic stop for defective equipment in the 900 block of S. Clinton clears a warrant. Officers stopped a 23 year-old Stockbridge female, and discovered she had an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for fraud. She was arrested and lodged in the Ingham County Jail.  
3/29 7 PM: Traffic stop for defective equipment in the 800 block of S. Clinton. Officers discovered Marijuana inside the truck. Two Stockbridge men, 32 and 25, were detained and later released. Charges are pending.

4/1 Midnight: Suspicious person sleeping inside a vehicle at McDonald's Restaurant. A 37 yr old Stockbridge woman was identified, and she advised she was arguing with her boyfriend at home and needed some time to cool off. She then left the premises. No charges filed.

## Unadilla Township Police

3/25 Breaking and entering of Family Tabernacle Church of God, W. M-36  
3/26 Assist to Unadilla Township Fire Department for smoke investigation, Main Street  
Open door investigation, Twin Ponds Drive  
3/27 Suspicious person, W. M-36  
3/29 Larceny from auto, Lori Lane  
Suspicious vehicle, W. M-36  
911 Hang-up, accidental, Main Street  
Passing bad checks, Main Street  
Loose pit bull keeping citizen from leaving porch, animal taken into custody by Animal Control, Wasson Road  
3/30 Road rage, Dexter Trail  
Assist EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Bradley Road  
3/31 Two-car property damage accident, Kathryn Court  
Shots fired complaint, Williamsville Road

## Pinckney Village Police

3/25 Malicious destruction of property, vehicle window broken, Putnam Street  
27-year-old Washtenaw County woman arrested for misdemeanor warrant for retail fraud, S. Dexter Street  
3/26 Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department for medical emergency, S. Mill Street  
3/27 Fight disturbance in street, 21-year-old Stockbridge man arrested for driving under influence of alcohol, Ashton Street at Muriel Street  
3/28 37-year-old Pinckney man arrested for driving under influence of alcohol, E. M-36  
3/29 Juvenile looking in windows of residence, W. Unadilla Street  
Assisted Hamburg Township Police Department with search for subject who ran into woods, Kilkenny Drive  
3/31 Minor in possession of tobacco, Mann Street  
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# PINCKNEY COMMUNITY

## Tennis Team Wins Pinckney Invitational

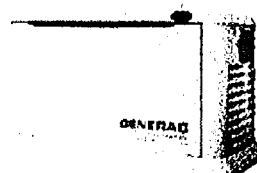
The Pinckney girls' tennis team opened its season on a high note as the Pirates won its own Pinckney Invitational Saturday. The Pirates won six of the nine flights on their way to 22 points. Livonia Franklin was second with 13 points, Ypsilanti Lincoln third with 12, and South Lyon fourth with seven. Amy Jackowski and Sarah

Msinda won the Number 2 and 3 singles for the Pirates. The doubles teams dominated by winning four of five flights. Jessica Rentsch and Krista Bagnick teamed up to win number one doubles, while Ashley Larmee and Kaitlin Zdnawoski won number two. Emily Minner and Ashley Preston won four, and Ally Butler and Rachel Byrd won five.



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## Pirates Rout Bulldogs 7-3 in Soccer Match-Up

The Pinckney girls' soccer team bounced back from a tough loss to Dexter last week and rolled over Chelsea 7-3 Tuesday night. The Pirates offense was clicking on all cylinders after being shutout by Dexter. Pinckney scored four first half goals and took a 4-2 lead into halftime. They continued to pour it on in the second half with three more goals and cruised to the victory. Vija Veinbergs and Kathryn Lundy scored two goals each to spark the Pirates. Brianna Swinton, Takkara Griffin, and Whitney Thiry each

added goals for Pinckney. Jenn Steinaway stopped seven of ten shots in net to earn the win. The Pirates defeated South Lyon 5-2 Thursday. Steinaway moved out of net to the forward spot for the game and sparked the offense with two goals and an assist. Darby Meinecke had a big game with a goal and three assists, while Veinbergs added another goal and two assists. Lundy moved into net and stopped eight shots for the win. Pinckney improved to 3-1 on the season.



Vija Veinbergs scored a pair of goals for Pinckney during the 7-3 win over Chelsea. Photo by Benny Hessling

Sports By Mike "Willie" Williamson



# CHELSEA COMMUNITY



Katelynn Stehlik and Nicole Robbins celebrated a goal as the Lady Bulldogs fell to Pinckney. Photo by Benny Hessling

## Court-To-Schools Comes to Stockbridge

By Wendy Wood  
Stockbridge High School provided a venue for Ingham County's 55th District Court hearings Friday, March 30. Judge Thomas Boyd moved his proceeding to the school in an attempt to educate students about criminal prosecution, Michigan State Law and court proceedings. Students were given a first hand account of what comes next after a young adult is charged with a crime such as retail fraud (shoplifting), possession of Marijuana or underage drinking. "Young people are prone to bad decisions," said Boyd. "It's part of the process of growing up." The presentation, facilitated by Stockbridge High School Teacher Jennifer Leuneberg, is part of the county's innovative program "Court-to-Schools" in which several county judges participate. Defendants agree to have their criminal cases heard within the school setting.

Between hearings, Boyd addressed the students explaining the laws at issue, answering questions and providing insight into the history of legislation. He explained to students the history behind the change in drinking age from 18 to 21 years old that took place in 1984. Boyd said the invention of the PET scan greatly improved the ability to study the brain and researchers discovered a person's brain continues to grow and develop into their mid-20's. "Pictures of the brains of people who drank alcohol regularly prior to their early 20's showed holes in the white matter," said Boyd. "Pretty scary stuff." A major focus of the court system in dealing with youthful offenders is rehabilitation. The defendants who came before Boyd last Friday we all directed to maintain ongoing schooling and/or employment, refrain from using alcohol and drugs, and stay in regular contact with court service providers.

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Court was in session at Stockbridge High School with Judge Thomas Boyd presiding. Students watched as an actual defendant answered for her crime. Photo by Wendy Wood

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## Track teams Kick-Off Season at MSU/Playmaker Inv.

By Ian Bumpus

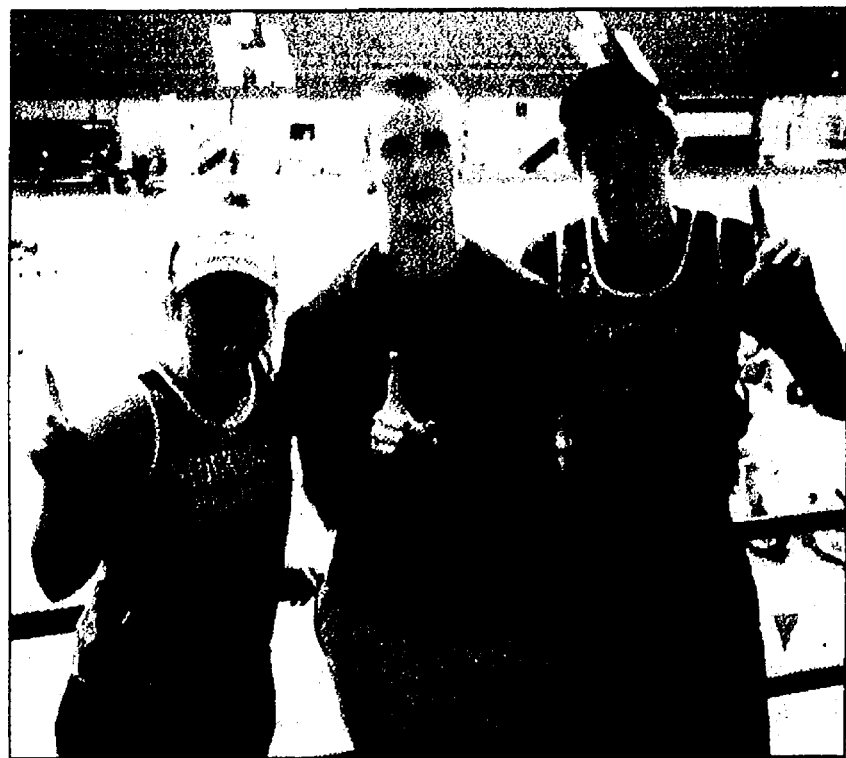
The Stockbridge boys and girls' track teams kicked off their seasons at the MSU/Playmakers True Team Invitational last week. Neither team placed very well overall, with the boys' finishing 11th out of 15 teams and the girls' 12th out of 15.

The True Team Invitational is different than most meets as every participant in an even earns points for their team, so schools with more team members will earn more points for their teams.

Evan Upshur led the boys' team by winning the 800 with a time of 2:05 and finished third in the 400. Marcus Prigge also came home with a first place finish in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet.

Jake Hamblin finished second in the shot put with a toss of 48 feet and Kyle Losey was third in the 1600 in 4:51.

Jasmine Holloway led the girls' squad by winning the 800 in 2:26. The 1600 relay team of Courtney Hafele, Kelsey Crockett, Jamie Cool, and Holloway finished third in 4:26, and Jenna Chapman took sixth in the 1600 in 5:42.



Jasmine Holloway, Marcus Prigge, and Evan Upshur picked up victories for the track teams at the MSU/Playmakers Invitational last week. Photo by Ian Bumpus

## Baseball Off to a Slow Start

The Stockbridge baseball team got off to a slow start last week as the Panthers dropped its first three games.

The Panthers opened the season by falling to Jackson Northwest 12-1.

The Mounties out-hit Stockbridge 9-1, with Chris Balkus picking up the Panthers lone hit.

Dylan Abel took the loss on the mound striking out five in four innings.

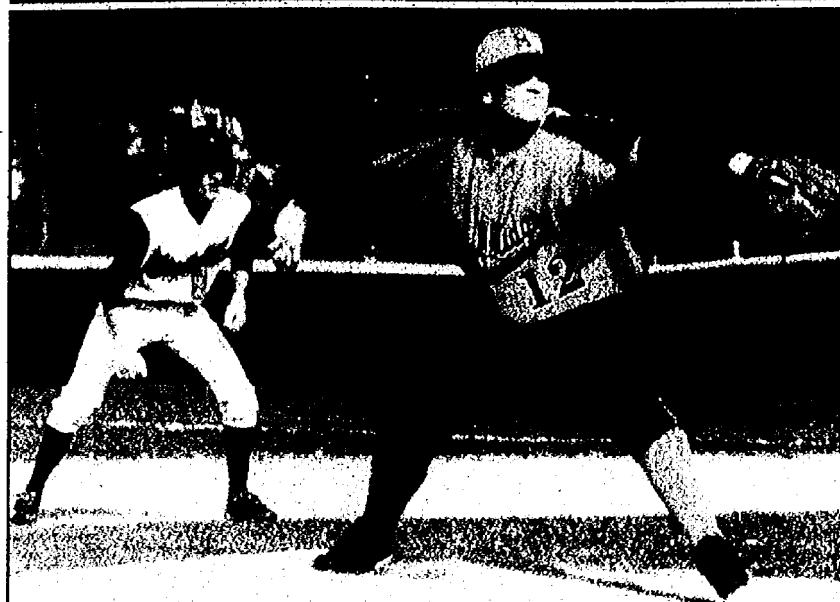
The Panthers then dropped a pair of games to Napoleon Thursday night.

Again the offense struggled, picking up just three hits in the 10-0 and 8-1 losses.

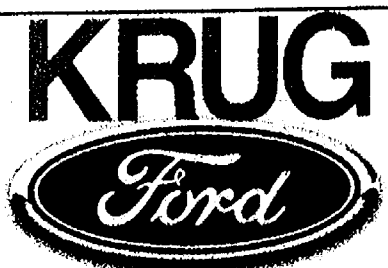
Tyler Good had the lone hit in the opener, while Chris and Nick Balkus each had hits in the night cap.

The second game was close as the Panthers trailed just 3-1 in the sixth, but the Pirates scored five times in the seventh to blow it open.

Justin Gipfert took the loss in the opener, while Tim Fullerton pitched well, but took the loss in the second game.



Dylan Abel delivers a pitch for the Panthers during the season opener against Jackson Northwest. Photo by Dawn Miller



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## Girls' Soccer Starts Season with Pair of Losses

The girls' soccer team struggled offensively last week, when the Panthers dropped a pair of games to start the 2012 season.

The Panthers opened with a 3-1 loss to Jackson Northwest Tuesday night.

Kairi Peterson scored the Panthers lone goal as they fell behind 2-0 in the first half and could not rally.

Marie Rodgers kept the Panthers close as she made 21 saves in net.

The Panthers again struggled offensively Thursday night falling to Springport 1-0.

They were outshot 13-2 and once again Rodgers came up big to keep Stockbridge in the game.

## Softball Drops Pair to Northwest

The girls' softball team opened its season with a pair of losses to Jackson Northwest last week.

The Panthers fell to the Mounties 13-6 and 11-4 Tuesday afternoon.

Defense hurt the Panthers in both games as they committed a total of 17 errors in the losses.

Allison Minix took the loss in the opener, striking out 10.

Tiffani Eibler, Brianna Cool, Tara Hall, and Minix all collected two hits each to lead the offense.

The Panthers took an early 3-0 lead in the second game, but

Northwest bounced back for five in the second and never looked back.

Jenny Gradowski smacked a home run to lead the offense.

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Sports By Mike "Willie" Williamson

## Dexter COMMUNITY

### Lacrosse Routs Howell 18-4

The boys' lacrosse team opened its season in impressive fashion as the Dreadnaughts routed Howell 18-4.

The match was close at halftime, with Dexter leading just 7-4.

The second half was all Dreadnaughts as they outscored the Highlanders 11-0 to blow the game wide open.

Chris Staton made 17 saves in

net for Dexter in the win.

Jake Waldrup led the offense with four goals and two assists, while Michael Sputler had three goals and three assists. Cameron Rooks and Ian Wiesenbergs each collected three goals and two assists, while Andy McDonagh had three goals and an assist, and Patrick Rogers two goals for the Dreadnaughts.

### Water Polo Falls to Ann Arbor Skyline 9-6

A second half rally came up short when the Dexter girls' water polo team fell to Ann Arbor Skyline 9-6 last week.

Skyline dominated the first half, leading 2-0 after one period and 7-1 at halftime.

Dexter came out strong in the

second half, outscoring Skyline 3-1 in the third to cut the lead to 8-4, but came up short in the fourth period as the rally stalled out.

Alicia Kloczek led the Dreadnaughts with four goals.

Hailey Sheets made 12 saves in net for Dexter.

### Baseball Opens With Sweep of Pinckney

The Dexter baseball team opened with a strong showing as the Dreadnaughts blanked Pinckney in a pair of games 8-0 and 10-0.

Joel Gowen scattered five hits, one walk and struck out five on the mound in the opener to earn the win for Dexter.

Chris Zalucha led the offense with two hits and three RBI's, while Greg Goffee had two hits and scored three times, and Mackay Little had three RBI.

Six different Pirates collected hits in the opener and Jacob Minix took the loss on the mound for Pinckney.

Bryce Walls allowed only one hit

and struck out three for Dexter in the nightcap, picking up the victory.

Hank Drefts led the offense with three hits and three RBI's, while Goffee scored three runs.

"Goffee did a great job getting on base today," coach Don Little said. "I told him before the game I just needed him to get on base, and he reached seven out of eight at bats."

Brandon White collected Pinckney's lone hit.

Brent Inman took the loss on the mound for the Pirates, striking out three.

The Dreadnaughts split a doubleheader with Orchard

Lake St. Mary Saturday losing the opener 4-3 in 8 innings and winning the second 11-1.

The opener saw Dexter tie the game in the seventh and take a 3-2 lead when Zach Byron was hit by a pitch to force in Zalucha, but St. Mary's rallied in the bottom of the eighth with a double, a walk and

an error and scored the winning run on a passed ball.

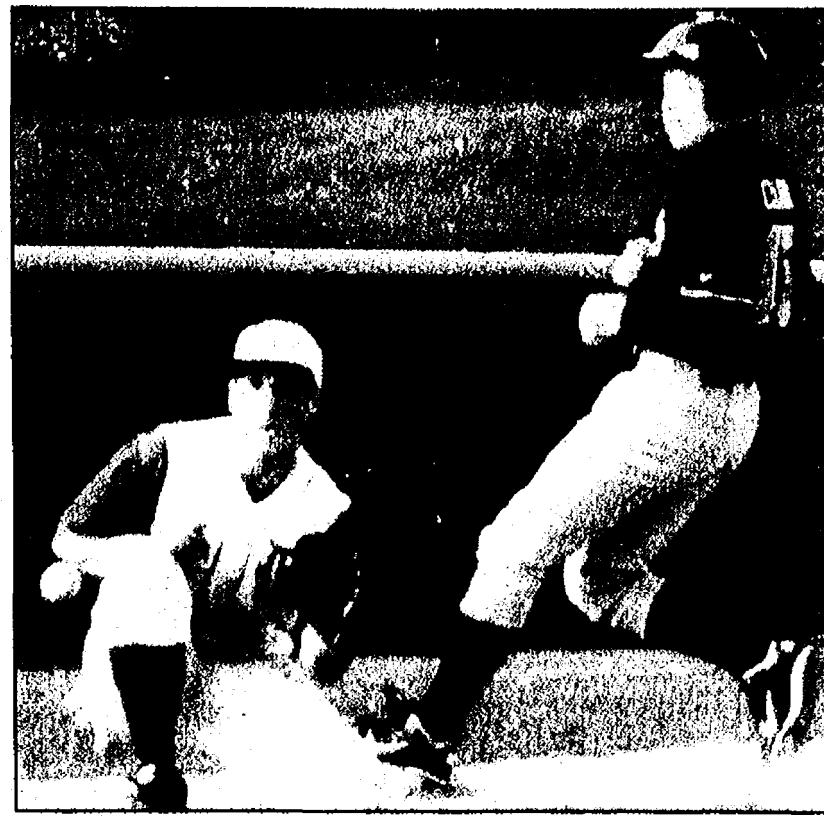
"They let us back in and we let slip away," Little said.

Dexter scored 11 times in the first inning of the second game and Little scattered five hits over five innings for the win on the mound.

Drefts led Dexter with two hits, two runs, and two RBI.



Mike Mioduszewski rips a hit for Dexter during the doubleheader sweep of Pinckney. Photo by Dawn Miller



Pinckney's Jacob Clark steals third base for the Pirates during their doubleheader loss to Dexter in the season opener last week. Photo by Dawn Miller

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**April 7:** Clothes Closet, Gregory Community Church from 10am-12noon.  
**April 7:** Easter Egg Hunt & Crafts, Trinity UMC, 8201 Iosco, Fowerville at 10am. All ages welcome. Questions 517-223-9601.  
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**April 8:** Easter Morning Buffet Breakfast, Waterloo Village UMC on Washington St from 8am-10am.  
**April 9:** American Legion Meeting, Stockbridge Am. Leg. at 7pm.  
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**April 11:** Spring Craft Fling, Pinckney Library from 3-4pm. The library will provide craft projects. Call to reserve a space 734-878-3888.  
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**April 15:** Spiritual Renewal Service, Millville UMC 517-851-7853.  
**April 21:** Spring Kick Off Expo, Pinckney Navigator School parking lot from 10am-6pm.  
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### A District's Class Not Determined by Academics

By Bruce Wm Brown

Superintendent of Stockbridge Schools

Every year the Michigan High School Athletic Association adjusts the line between Class A, B, C, and D high schools. These class designations are an attempt to fairly balance athletic competition and do not have any academic reference. The line between each class is moving down because student enrollment in Michigan is declining. For the 2012-2013 school year, a Class A high school will have 911 or more students. A Class B high school will have between 449 and 910 students. A Class C high school will have between 217 and 448 students. A Class D high school will have 216 or fewer students.

## Dexter Village Officials Address Emergency Response

Continued from Page 2

Turner praised council members, staff, and the community as a whole for the "phenomenal" response to the disaster. He described, after only learning of the tornado the following morning, touring the affected areas and witnessing the storm's effects firsthand. "I saw the devastation, but I also saw water being brought to people, neighbors opening their homes to two or three or more families, and companies providing packing boxes and cleaning supplies. One veteran disaster worker from out-of-state told me, 'I've never seen a community come together like Dexter,'" shared Turner. Turner also indicated as shock is wearing off, more requests for counseling are being made.

Trustee Raymond Tell asked Village administration staff to identify any weakness in Village response to the disaster, to which Assistant Village Manager Courtney Nicholls replied, "We didn't know what happened, we didn't understand the magnitude at first." Nicholls said the village office had no cell phone coverage during or after the tornado, suggesting Council change cell phone providers. "We had no communications, other than the office landline," she said.

All present agreed the integrity of the water and sewer system was a major strength among village resources throughout the storm.

"A lot of time, effort, and money has been put into this system, and we see now it has really paid off," said Sewer and Water Utilities Director Dan Schlaff.

Nicholls said about 400 applications had been sent to homeowners affected by the tornado to apply for relief funding.

In other news, Council unanimously approved a two-year contract with Ann Arbor Landscape to install 15 street trees in the village, primarily along Dan Hoey Road and Kensington Street. Community Development Manager Allison Bishop said about 34 trees were lost in the tornado. Second and Huron Streets, an area that suffered much damage, may also be targeted for tree replacement in the future once clean-up and recovery efforts are complete.

Bishop updated Council on construction of Mill Creek Park, stating the Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously supported a name change from Warrior Creek Park to Mill Creek Park. "It runs all along Mill Creek," she said. "There is no Warrior Creek." Bishop said contractors affirmed the end-of-project date as May 15, but "I have my reservations," she added.

Trustee Paul Cousins expressed concern over the planned amphitheater dimensions within the park, saying it appears much smaller than what he had envisioned. Cousins requested the

dimensions, originally meant to fit 120 people, be double checked before actual construction. "The amphitheater is a big part of that park and very permanent. It doesn't even look close to how I thought it was going to look," he added.

Council also reported the \$250,000 Main Street resurfacing project from Baker Road to Jeffords is set to begin April 16 and end by Memorial Day. Village Manager Donna Detling advised during construction, one-way traffic heading eastbound will be maintained on Main Street, and downtown parking will be limited.

Finally Trustee Jim Carson reported Western-Washtenaw transit system (WAVE) total ridership has increased 35% over the last year. Door-to-door bus service within the village has risen 46%, while Community Connector service, an express route linking

Dexter to Chelsea and Ann Arbor, has risen 25%.

"We are very encouraged our residents are utilizing community transportation for their daily routines," he said. Carson also reported 234 tornado clean-up volunteers were shuttled by WAVE vans the previous weekend.

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## Free Alzheimer's Lectures Planned

Chelsea Community Hospital Behavioral Health Services will present two free lectures about Alzheimer's disease given by Stephen Campbell, LLMSW, an expert with the Alzheimer's Association.

The first session, titled The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's, will take place Thursday, April 26. Campbell will educate attendees about the difference between normal memory loss and Alzheimer's disease. Topics include risk factors for Alzheimer's disease, the

diagnostic process, and changes in the brain.

The second session, Legal and Financial Planning for the Future, will take place Thursday, May 24. Campbell will cover important legal and financial information to consider as Alzheimer's disease progresses in a loved one.

Both sessions will be at 6:30 pm in the Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Building in the Clocktower Commons, 350 N. Main Street, Suite 150. If you have any questions, please call Lissa Perrin at 734-475-4040, ext. 3388.

## Chelsea Spring Expo Celebrating Community With An Intergenerational Event

It's a business expo, it's a craft show, it's a bake sale - it's the Chelsea Spring Expo.

Set for Saturday, April 14, this annual community event will showcase the diversity of services and products available in the Chelsea area.

Over 125 vendors will display at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. with information, samples, and products for sale. Enjoy free goodie bags, win door prizes, and don't miss the homemade bake sale offered by the Chelsea Senior Center. Admission is free, and so is the parking.

There will be something for everyone, so don't miss spending this day with family and friends learning about all that Chelsea has to offer.

Last year's event drew over 1,000 attendees from all age groups. "The Chelsea Expo has become one of the community's premier events," said Chelsea District Library's Director, Bill Harmer. "It provides real opportunities for people who want to live better, healthier, and more productive lives by connecting them with products, businesses, services, and resources that are available right here in Chelsea. For my staff and me at the library, it is a great opportunity to make a positive difference in our community."

The Chelsea Spring Expo is designed for the entire family. A KIDZONE featuring crafts and games courtesy of the Chelsea Tree House, Chelsea Recreation, and Chelsea

Center for the Arts will be a highlight for kids of all ages. They can also enjoy the highly acclaimed movie, *Hugo* at 11 a.m. on the big screen in the auditorium, sponsored by SRSly. Lunch is available.

New this year is an intergenerational workshop offered at 1 p.m. by SRSly "Mind the Gap: Connecting Generations". If you have teen or "tween"-age children join Reiley Curran and Jesse Kauffman of the SRSly Coalition to discuss emerging trends in youth communication styles and the importance of talking with youth about substance use.

"This is our sixth year organizing the event and it has evolved to truly be a celebration of our community and a great event for all ages," said Trinh Pifer, Director of the Chelsea Senior Center.

With more booth spaces available this year, the event is estimated to attract over 125 vendors offering something for everyone. All exhibits will be indoors.

This event is sponsored by the Chelsea Community Hospital, Chelsea Pharmacy, Chelsea Retirement Community, Chelsea State Bank, Silver Maples, and State Farm Insurance with support from the Chelsea School District.

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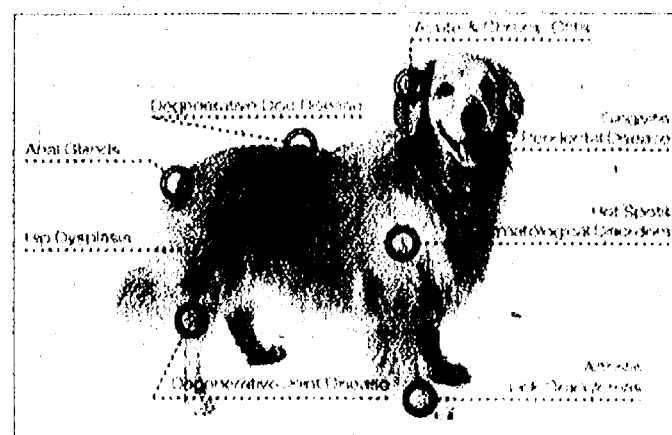
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## PUBLIC NOTICES



### LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS SUMMARY OF MINUTES

LYNDON TOWNSHIP, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118  
Summary of Minutes, March 6, 2012 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING.  
Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM with a quorum present. Items  
approved: Agenda; moratorium placed on accepting any applications for  
any activities that fall under the purview of Lyndon Township Ordinance  
Number 21 (Mining and Gravel Extraction Ordinance), to remain in  
effect until the ordinance can be revised to meet Michigan Statutory  
standards, approved and adopted by the Lyndon Township Board, and  
is in effect; Francis to research the National Flood Insurance Program  
and get back with the Board. Meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM. Summary of  
Minutes, March 13, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING. Meeting called  
to order at 7:02 PM. Items approved: Agenda; Consent Agenda; Email  
Retention Policy set at 10 weeks; Huron River Watershed Council to  
meet with the Lyndon Township Planning Commission at a date yet to  
be determined; Lyndon Township's public notices will be posted on the  
Township's website; quotes to be obtained to install a bifold door at the  
entrance to the Clerk's office; quotes to be obtained to seal parking lot  
cracks and pave the approach into the parking lot; Township Auditor to be  
contacted to request that the audit be presented to the Township Board;  
Township Auditor to be contacted regarding paying down the MultiLakes  
Phase II debt principal; Pathway Landscape approved for annual lawn  
care; Francis to contact Dick Steffens regarding the Western Washtenaw  
Recycling Agency property tax ID number, and a meeting is proposed  
regarding this between Francis, Merritt Honbaum, and Frank Hamner.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM. Summary of Minutes, March 21, 2012  
JOINT MEETING WITH WASHTENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION  
and LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.  
Items approved: Agenda; Ken Schwartz and Dave Trinkle of WCRC  
reviewed changes to agreement and Proposed 2012 Local Road  
Projects; Lyndon Township Board to make a decision at the May 8, 2012  
Regular Board Meeting regarding brine applications, with other decisions  
regarding road work to be made after the Lyndon Township budget is  
prepared; WCRC addressed other concerns from Lyndon Township;  
Jerry Nelson discussed issues with Guinan Road on Sugarloaf Lake; Jim  
Kies commented about the poor condition of Waterloo Road. Meeting  
was adjourned at 7:40 PM. Prepared by Office Manager, Leslie Briggs.  
Approved by Supervisor, John Francis.  
Linda Reilly, Township Clerk

### LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Lyndon Township Planning Commission, 17751 N. Territorial Road,  
Chelsea, MI 48118. Public Hearing for Amendment of Zoning Ordinance  
Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM - The Lyndon Township Planning  
Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 19, 2012,  
at 7:00 PM, at 17751 North Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118, to  
discuss and make a decision regarding revision of Lyndon Township  
Zoning Ordinance Section 3.04, Street Access. The following language  
amendment is to be considered for section 3.04 of the Zoning Ordinance:  
In any district, every use, building or structure shall be upon a lot or parcel  
of land which adjoins a public street or private road or a public or private  
easement with access to a public street. Such a private road shall be  
established, constructed, and maintained as approved by the Lyndon  
Township Board under the terms and the provisions of the Lyndon  
Township Private Roads Ordinance. Written comments may be sent to:  
Leslie Briggs, Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI  
48118. The Lyndon Township Planning Commission will provide at the  
public hearing, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable  
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Lyndon Township in writing or by phone at 734-475-2401.  
Linda Reilly, Clerk, Lyndon Township, Chelsea, MI

### WATERLOO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BIDS ACCEPTED FOR LAWN MAINTENANCE

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Maintenance Bids; P.O. Box 130, 11120 Musbach Road, Munnich 49259.

### STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Stockbridge Township Budget Meeting Minutes - Supervisor, Paul Risner, called the  
Stockbridge Township March 21, 2012 Budget Meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the  
Stockbridge Township Hall. Stockbridge Township Board members present: Ed Wetherell,  
Paul Risner, Kris Lauckner and Mary Wilson. Stockbridge Township Board members  
absent: Terry Sommer. Purpose of the Stockbridge Township March 21, 2012 Budget  
Meeting is to create a proposed budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013  
for Stockbridge Township. Stockbridge Township Board prepared a proposed budget to  
be voted on at the Stockbridge Township Budget Hearing March 28, 2012. Wilson moved  
Lauckner seconded to present the proposed budget for Stockbridge Township fiscal year  
April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012 as written for approval at the March 28, 2012 Stockbridge  
Township Budget Hearing. All in favor. Motion carried. Supervisor, Risner, adjourned the  
March 21, 2012 Stockbridge Township budget meeting at 6:15 PM.  
Mary Wilson, Stockbridge Township Clerk

### STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Stockbridge Township March 28, 2012 Budget Hearing Minutes - The Stockbridge  
Township March 28, 2012 Budget Hearing was called to order by Supervisor, Paul Risner,  
at 5:00 PM at the Stockbridge Township Hall. Stockbridge Township Board members  
present: Ed Wetherell, Kris Lauckner, Paul Risner and Mary Wilson. Stockbridge  
Township Board members absent: Terry Sommer. Citizen's Comments: Opened 5:02 PM  
and closed 5:03 PM. Wilson moved Lauckner seconded to approved the Stockbridge  
Township Budget for fiscal year April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013 as printed with  
the following department totals: Income- 299,740.00, Expenses- Township Board-  
58,125.00, Supervisor -19,530.00, Clerk- 23,600.00, Board of Review - 3,050.00,  
Treasurer - 26,000.00, Elections - 6,175.00, Building & Grounds - 57,850.00, Personnel  
Department- 23,115.00, Cemetery - 2,810.00, Building Authority - 13,705.00, Drains -  
6,000.00, Highways, Streets, Bridges - 50,000.00, Planning Commission - 3,000.00,  
Zoning Board of Appeals - 975.00, Library - 4,150.00. Also following salaries staying  
the same- Supervisor - 18,600.00, Clerk - 21,000.00, and Treasurer - 20,000.00. Also  
building inspector pay going from \$35 per inspection to \$50 per inspection. Roll Call  
Vote: Wetherell - yes, Risner - yes, Lauckner - yes and Wilson - yes. Absent: Sommer.  
Budget was approved. Supervisor, Risner, adjourned the Stockbridge Township Budget  
Hearing at 5:25 PM.  
Mary Wilson, Stockbridge Township Clerk

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## Dexter Wellness Walk Raises More Than \$12,000 for Tornado Relief

By Lisa Carolin, Ann Arbor.com

More than 700 adults were  
counted in the March 24 Wellness  
Walk in Dexter, which translates  
into more than \$12,000 to be  
donated to the Dexter Tornado  
Relief Fund by the Chelsea-area  
Wellness Foundation.

The group pledged to donate  
\$20 per adult walker, and they  
along with children and dogs, and  
despite a misting rain - turned out  
in force.

"All of our trees were taken  
down by the tornado and our  
garage and roof were damaged,"  
said Sarah Barth, who lives  
off Dexter-Pinkney Road and  
participated in the walk along  
with her twin toddlers George and  
Oliver, as well as friends and her  
mother, who travelled from Ohio.  
"I'm here to help out however  
I can," said her mother, Louise  
Witzler, who lives in Waterville,  
Ohio. "I was so relieved that they  
weren't home when the tornado  
hit."

Joanne Mierkiewicz, who walked  
with her one-and-a-half year old  
son Tyler, lives in Huron Farms,  
the Dexter neighborhood in which  
numerous houses were damaged  
and destroyed.

"We live at the far end of the  
subdivision and got no damage,"  
said Mierkiewicz. "Tyler was home  
with his dad when the tornado  
struck and they were safe and  
sound. We want to help support  
those people who didn't escape  
the damage."

Her friend from Madison  
Heights, Danielle Heumann, came  
with her toddler Jack to participate  
in the walk.

"My friends were so close to it,"  
said Heumann. "This is a nice way  
to get together and do something."

Cedars of Dexter residents  
Marilyn Larson and Tim Larsen  
had no damage from the tornado,  
but wanted to help walking.

"We want to raise funds," said  
Larsen. "It's very impressive  
what the Chelsea-area Wellness  
Foundation is doing," added  
Larsen.

The group is a private  
foundation representing promoting  
wellness in Dexter, Chelsea,  
Stockbridge, Manchester and  
Grass Lake school districts.

"Although our focus is specific  
to health and wellness, you really  
can't focus on prevention and  
wellness when your most basic  
needs aren't being met-needs like  
housing and safety," said Amy  
Heydlauff, executive director  
of the Chelsea-Area Wellness  
Foundation.

Larry Cobler, who is on  
the Chelsea-Area Wellness  
Foundation's board of directors,  
came up with the idea for the  
Wellness Walk last fall. It was  
sponsored by the Dexter Wellness  
Coalition.

"The goal of the walk, from  
the Dexter Wellness Coalition's  
perspective, is to get people  
moving more and connecting with  
others, two of the four important  
goals of the Chelsea-area Wellness

Foundation," said Cobler.

The walk offered two routes, one  
two miles long and one three miles  
long. The Village of Dexter also  
took the opportunity to dedicate  
a new bridge behind the Dexter  
firehouse that was part of the  
walking routes.

The EF-3 tornado ripped  
through Dexter Thursday,  
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destruction 7.2 miles long. About  
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tornado, and nearly 200 more  
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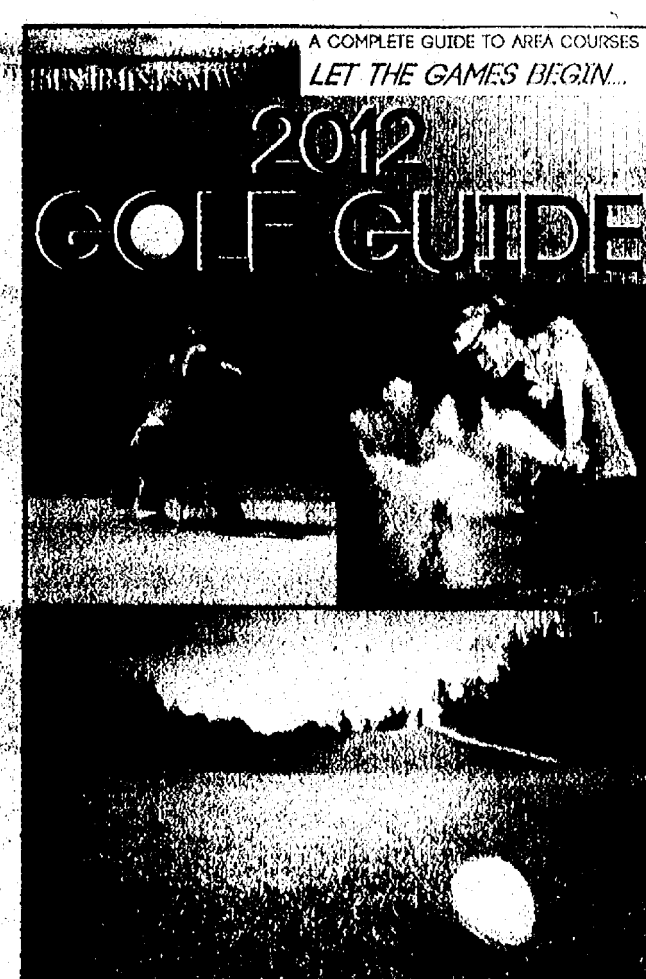


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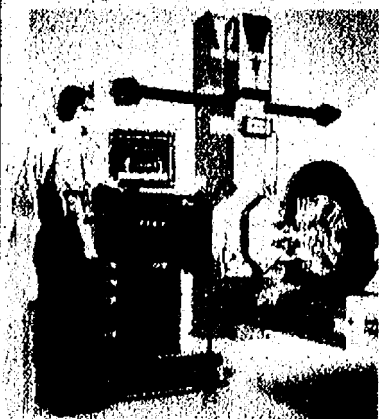
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## Dexter Recovering With an Attitude of Gratitude

By Melinda Baird

Dexter Township Supervisor Pat Kelly, in a moment of deep gratitude, relief, and perhaps exhaustion addressed fellow board members, township staff, Dexter Area Fire Department and Washtenaw County Road Commission with teary thanks for a job well done in response to the March 15 EF-3 tornado. "Our response has been pretty remarkable for something we sure as hell didn't have a plan for," she said at the March 22 regular board meeting that was anything but regular.

Dexter Area firefighters and Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) members filled the room to process the unprecedented disaster, along with County Commissioner Rob Turner and State Representative Mark Ouimet. All marveled at the fact nobody was physically injured despite profound structural damage, even after the fact when downed power lines and tree limbs posed extreme danger. "There was a double rainbow over Dexter Friday night," Kelly noted as she spoke of the miracle.

PSAC members Dominic Treglia and Brent Courson described emergency response and recovery as very positive, concurring the community was incredible in that neighbors helping neighbors" was commonplace during the aftermath of the tornado. The two expressed concern, however, over lack of warning sirens within Dexter Township, the lone exception being one siren in the Portage Lake area.

Kelly received several later messages from township residents indicating they had no warning of the oncoming tornado. She, herself, was left unaware. "I didn't know there was a tornado in my own township," Kelly admitted after receiving a phone call from a Dexter Village official March 15 inviting her to an emergency meeting. "At that point, I thought I was simply supporting the Village."

Kelly also relayed a message from a Dexter Township mother whose children were in the backyard playing while she cooked dinner just before the tornado hit their vicinity. "She wouldn't have known to bring her children in if her mother-in-law from Dearborn didn't call her," shared Kelly.

Some complaints were also made noting the area golf courses are equipped with sirens for

lightening, but not the township for tornadoes.

PSAC was directed by Kelly to explore options to provide the township with outdoor warning sirens at the meeting, a task already begun by the committee. PSAC reported, upon initial investigation, an outdoor warning siren covering a one mile radius costs roughly \$20,000. The committee discussed a need for one siren every four sections of the township, with 36 sections total, although they have not yet finalized a configuration. "After we get out of crisis mode, we will formulate a plan to be documented," said Treglia.

Early discussion of funding for sirens took place, including the possibility for county, state, or federal grant money. "We may have to go to voters and ask [to support a millage]," added Kelly. "I think 90% would say yes right now."

Dexter Village currently has three outdoor warning sirens, all of which sounded Thursday evening.

Dexter firefighter Jason Hilberer, a first responder to Carriage Hills subdivision, added that having the newly implemented Station 2 (North Territorial and Madden) was a godsend. "To be able to come into the disaster zone from the village (Station 1), the township (Station 2), and Webster Township (Station 3) helped immensely," he said.

County Commissioner Rob Turner told board members the county approved up to \$500,000 out of capital reserve funds to help citizens of both the village and township in relief efforts. "The county made a commitment to be a supporting role to the township and village," he said, which included sheriff presence at road checkpoints and nighttime patrol, tree-grinding crews, dumpsters, and porta-johns. "We just found out the mini-miracle of having additional funds in capital reserves at year's end. We'll have to be wise with it, though, as a half-million can go by quickly."

Representative Mark Ouimet added the state will pick up the cost of state police presence throughout the response and recovery phases, indicating thirty officers have thus far been dispatched to the area. "Police presence at either end of Dexter-Pinckney Road was just crucial," noted Kelly.

Turner said the County Road Commission plans to pass through affected areas once to pick up debris at residents' curbs, and what the county misses, the township has allocated roughly \$200,000 to catch. Dexter Township, in hiring licensed contractor Harry Fox, Inc., will use the same process as the county but under the direction of the township. Fox, already providing labor and industrial-strength equipment for the Road Commission, will next pick up debris placed at public and private right-of-ways or private easements under contract with the township.

## Creating and Caring For a Backyard Orchard

Presented by Ann Jarema

Fruit trees used in landscaping can be beautiful and practical all at once. The State of Michigan is a leader in fruit production - ranked third nationwide in apple production, and first in the production of blueberries and red tart cherries.

Michigan's soil and weather conditions present an excellent environment for growing many types of fruits including peaches, apricots, pears and plums that can be grown abundantly in a backyard.

Gary L. Heilig, Horticulture Educator at Michigan State University Extension offers the following recommendations for consideration before selecting a tree or planning a backyard orchard.

Begin by assessing the property to determine if it is suitable for growing fruit trees. The soils must be well-drained (no standing water at any time of the year), have a slightly acidic pH (this can be determined by a soil test), at least eight or more hours of direct or full sunlight, a source of water and enough space for trees to grow to full maturity.

Gary's recommendation is to select dwarf trees as much as possible. The ultimate size of the tree is determined by the rootstock (almost all fruit trees are grafted) and to a lesser extent the scion or cultivar that is grafted onto the rootstock.

Smaller trees are easier to prune. The crop will be closer to the ground which decreases the

"The road commission gives daily reports to the township. They will tell us when they're done, and then the township will take over," explained Kelly.

Kelly spoke of many residents' desire to keep wood or obtain woodchips, saying if homeowner's can cut a tree's rootball off, the Road Commission and/or township will leave the good wood. Kelly was also in the process of making plans to stockpile woodchips for residents' use, the location to be made public when available. "To the extent we can give this stuff away, we will."

need for ladders. They are easier to spray and require significantly less space. Trees are sold as standard, semi-dwarf and dwarf.

If you hope to produce attractive fruit, the trees will need to be pruned annually and sprayed at the proper time for various pests during the growing season. This will take dedication, especially during the hot days of summer. Not pruning properly and missing sprays, especially if you are trying to grow fruit organically, will result in less desirable and possibly unusable fruit.

Harvest season will begin in July for cherries and ends in late October for apples. Depending on what is grown, picking and processing by freezing and canning may be time consuming. Unless you are growing larger quantities, you may not necessarily save a lot of money, but you can have greater control over what has been applied or added to your food during the growing and preservation processes.

For more information on fruit tree selection and care join us at Ed Bock Feeds & Stuff on Wednesday, April 4 at 6pm or Saturday, April 7 at 9am for a free class at the Garden Center.

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## Wilson's Welcome a Son



March 4, 2012 Penny and Corey Wilson of Jackson, Michigan welcomed a bouncing baby boy - Mason Michael Wilson. Maternal grandparents are Dan and Mary Wilson of Stockbridge. Paternal grandparents are Deb and Jerry Wilson.

## Heritage Spelling Bee



Confident in her answer, Faith Muzzin, a 5th grader at Heritage Elementary in Stockbridge spells "answer" for the judges. The big winner of the day was Shuyler Clark (right). Photo by Melinda Baird.

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## Chelsea City Council

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Other council business included an M-52 construction report by City Engineer Christine Lindfield. Beginning mid-April and ending mid-November, the project involves resurfacing of a one mile stretch of M-52 from I-94 to Old US-12 and reconstruction of interstate interchange ramps.

Lindfield reported work will occur mostly during nighttime hours between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. One lane will remain open in each direction during construction.

Bob Mester, Lyndon Township Trustee and member of the Lyndon Township Recreation Planning Committee presented preliminary plans for a Lyndon Connector Dual Use Trail. The proposed ten-foot wide asphalt trail would

accommodate biking and hiking and, when completed, would run from Hickory Drive on the north side of Chelsea to Stockbridge's Lakeland Trail.

The first phase of the project, costing between 1.7 and 1.9 million dollars, covers northern Chelsea to the Waterloo Road M-52 intersection. "We've begun funding procedures for this year, and will undertake another big funding push next year. It will likely be 2015 before we actually see a shovel...if we get the money," reported Mester. He added federal grants, along with grants from M-DOT Transportation Enhancement, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund, and Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation are being explored. Chelsea Wellness Foundation has donated \$5,000 to the project.

Mester said the non-motorized dual use trail would enhance Chelsea's role as a gateway community to a major set of Southeast Michigan recreational resources, promote exercise and recreation within the community and provide more opportunities to experience nature.

Police Chief Ed Toth reported Chelsea Police Department surpassed the 50% rate for solved cases in 2011 according to the Michigan Incident Crime Report. Toth indicated the state average is 28%. "Our officers are doing a phenomenal job," he told Council.

Finally, Director of Chelsea Public Works and Utilities Brad Roberts closed the meeting with an explanation to displeased citizens about the previous Sunday's published planned power outage. "We considered it very well before we did it," assured Roberts. He said he consulted with Chelsea Downtown Development Authority and affected business owners. He added resident's needs were weighed equally with merchant's needs, reminding the public that night-time shut-off would have required very loud generators downtown.

Ultimately, power was off in the downtown area between 2 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. Sunday afternoon, about two hours less than what was originally publicized. Nineteen businesses opted to close, while eight remained open under limited hours.

"We tried to be all things to all people, but that doesn't always work," added Roberts.

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## Ideas Bubble Up from the Chelsea Soup TimeBank and WARES Trail

By Lucy Silverio

There are few places where an individual can present an idea to improve the world to a group of people with the chance of getting a sum of money to instantly help push the idea forward. The Chelsea Soup is one of them.

The Soup is a micro-grant funding dinner where the diners after hearing proposals vote for the winner of the grant.

As a small business owner out in the country, Waterloo resident Marsi Parker was aware of the need for cottage industries and businesses out in the countryside to band together and advertise themselves, so they can be found.

Parker brought her idea of the WARES Waterloo Trail to the first Chelsea Soup that took place March 11. The trail would contain a map with a variety of small businesses showing routes for day trips through the area. It would be available as a website and a brochure.

While not excluding businesses in towns and cities, the Wares Trail would be a network for the out of the way businesses. It is meant to be a plan to benefit all for the good of all.

Parker called it the WARES Trail: W wineries and brew pubs; A is arts and antiques; R is recreation; E is entertainment; and S is shopping.

Her plan was initially just to start a WARES Waterloo Trail, but interest from various individuals and groups after the last Soup meeting she is now thinking the idea could be branched into WARES Dexter Trail, Wares Chelsea Trail, and possibly eventually into a WARES Michigan.

"Now that I have talked about this little idea," said Parker "people who have heard about it are really excited. Many of them are people I knew, even friends of mine who didn't know I had the idea."

After the Soup meeting Parker was introduced to the idea of connecting with the Chelsea First Initiative which was given \$25,000 from the city and \$25,000 from the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority. Parker may contact them after the idea is a little more rounded out.

Although she didn't win the money at the March Soup it

brought life to her idea and she is hoping to try again. If she presents again she plans to have a template made of her Trail proposal, to share with the diners. Parker is gathering the names of businesses who are interested in being part of the Trail. Any business owner who is interested in joining can reach her at [marsi@darwinstudio.com](mailto:marsi@darwinstudio.com) or call (734) 475-0182.

Jill Andrews came to the March 11 Soup with the idea of starting a Chelsea TimeBank connecting people through a time or skills bartering system. Andrews, who has a background in both scientific writing and grant writing, is now retired. She and her husband live on a limited income. Occasionally they need help with heavy work and have experience and skills to offer in return.

Andrews came across the idea of a TimeBank on the internet and in AARP and thought that would be just what she could use. As she began to research the idea she realized that many people in the area are in the same situation and while initiating a time bank would benefit her it would also be a major service to the community.

When Andrews saw the Soup announcement, she thought why not, and decided to write a proposal. "It was enlightened self-interest in a way," said Andrews. "I would love to have a network like that in Chelsea and I am sure there are a lot of other people in the area who would too." Andrews, like Parker, got many votes but did not win the Soup micro-grant.

After her presentation, several people who liked the idea of a TimeBank shared contact information with Andrews. Cathy Muja was one of those and she later contacted Andrews advising her to connect with the Chelsea Wellness Coalition who are putting together a grant proposal for funding through the Chelsea Wellness Foundation.

Andrews met Trinh Pifer from the Chelsea Senior Center at that meeting. Pifer has been working on a project called Chelsea Volunteers, which would match people who want to volunteer with work possibilities. Andrews and Pifer now hope to connect the Chelsea TimeBank with the Chelsea Volunteers so the portal would include both options: volunteering and work exchange.

If the announcement of the Soup hadn't come along, Andrews said her idea of a local TimeBank would probably have been only mentioned casually to her friends.

The first meeting of Chelsea Soup included a total of four proposals. Diners cast ballots and the winning initiative was Nick Ringe of Giving Root-Edible Forest, which received a micro-grant of \$225.

Ringe is working to improve our world by promoting healthy

plants and permaculture. He has been working to create water catchments and is putting in plants that will enrich soil and benefit the earth for years to come.

He believes that to create a better world we must put energy into positive work. He has used the money from the Soup for supplies for a green house and seeds. Since the Soup he has put up several postings at Wild Washtenaw about local edibles, medicinal plants, and how to use them. People come to his land to learn about the earth, plants, and permaculture.

The micro-grant is created through dinner fees after expenses are paid. The New Chelsea Market, Zingerman's Bakehouse,

and Tantre Farms gave generous food donations to facilitate the meal.

The work of the Chelsea Soup is to serve food and fund micro-grants, but the greatest benefit to the community is the exchange of ideas that take place.

The next Soup is scheduled to take place April 15 at 5pm at the Friend Center Building, 7748 Clark Lake Road. Tickets are available on-line at Eventbrite.com or at the New Chelsea Market which also has micro-grant applications.

Anybody wishing to donate a desert or time to the Soup or bring an idea for funding consideration can call (734) 719-6107 or email [chelsea.mi.soup@gmail.com](mailto:chelsea.mi.soup@gmail.com)

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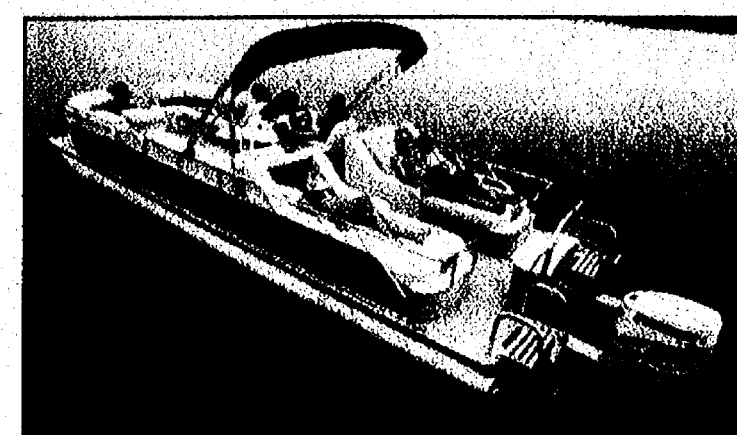
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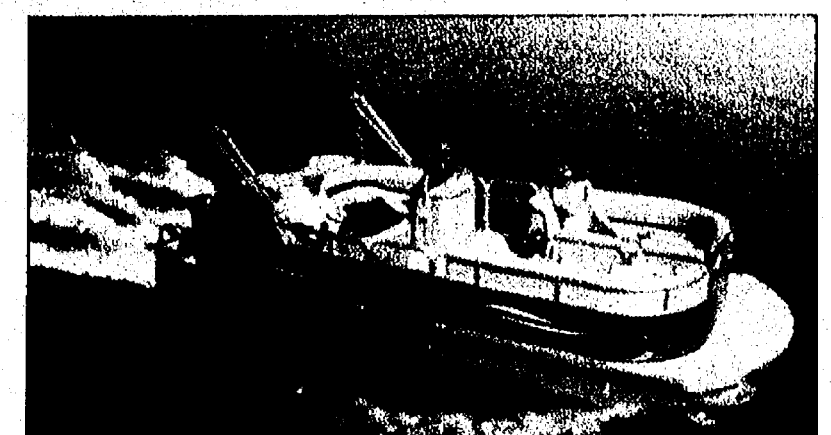
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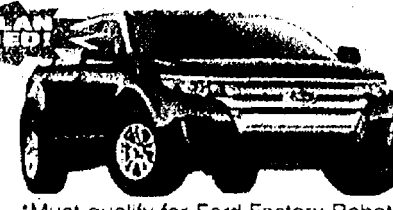
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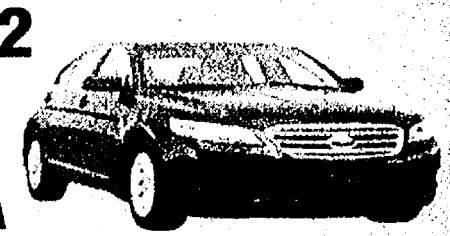
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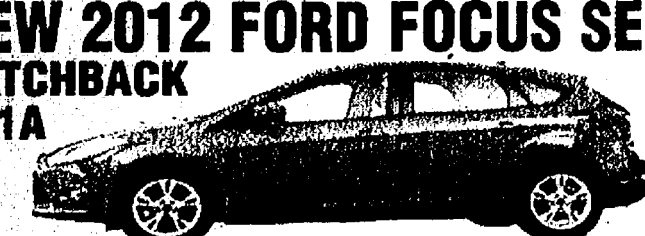
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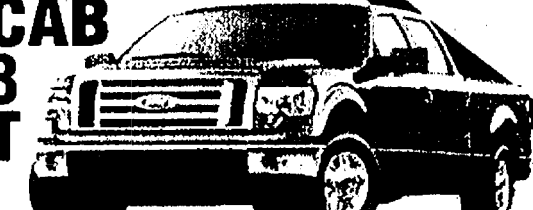
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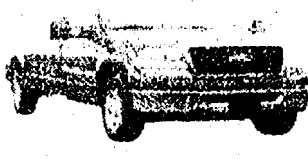
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