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# M-52 roadwork to start soon

By David Veselenak Heritage Media

More M-52 construction is expected to start in Chelsea and Sylvan Township later this month.

A 1.1-mile stretch of the road, from the I-94 interchange to Old US-12, will be resurfaced, as well as ramp reconstruction at the inter-

We're going to try and maintain the ramps on I-94 ... and we'll be maintaining traffic along the M-52 route also," said Jim Daavetilla, the Brighton Transportation Service Center resident en-

Backyard

chickens

allowed

Chelsea City Council

passed an ordinance allowing residents to legally keep

chickens in their backyards.

during Council's March 27 regular meeting with a 4-2

and Councilmember Rod

Hammer was absent.

Anderson dissented while

and Councilmember Frank

Anderson said he fears

the ordinance will lead to a

slippery slope of residents

wanting to keep other farm

animals such as ducks and

turkeys. He showed the rest

of the Council a photo he'd

taken of wild turkeys in his

backyard, eiting it as proof

'Chickens are coming

proof that turkeys are com-

residents to keep up to four

backyard chickens, with an

The ordinance will allow

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here to roost, and here's

ing to roost." he said.

annual permit.

of his fears.

vote: Mayor Jason Lindauer.

The ordinance was passed

By Krista Gjestland

Heritage Media

Some curb and gutter work, as well as sidewalk installation, will also take

Work on M-52 will take place mostly during the 8 p.m. and ending at 5 a.m. One lane will remain open

Department of Transportation spokeswoman Kari Arend said the project will most likely begin in mid-April and run no later than Nov. 15.

Work on the ramps will be completed first. The work

will consist of eliminating the free-flow interchanges and will require traffic to stop when getting off the expressway and onto M-52.

While the center lane on M-52 is worked on, a detour

south of McKernan Drive. One lane of traffic will be maintained for motorists heading north and south on M-52 between McKernan

Eastbound Old US-12 will see some detours when work is being done at the M-52 and Old US-12 intersection.

Ramps for pedestrians meeting Americans with Disabilities Act requirements will be installed. as well as new pedestrian signals with the countdown

since the original plan. Michigan Daavetilla said the pre-construction meeting will take place Wednesday which will hammer out

more details of the project. No work will take place.

during the community fair. Summer Fest or other festivals, as well as holidays.

"M-52 is a beautiful route, and once we get the work done in Manchester and the work done here, it's going to be a nice thing," Daavetilla

M-52 through Manchester is being completely reconstructed. That work began earlier last week.

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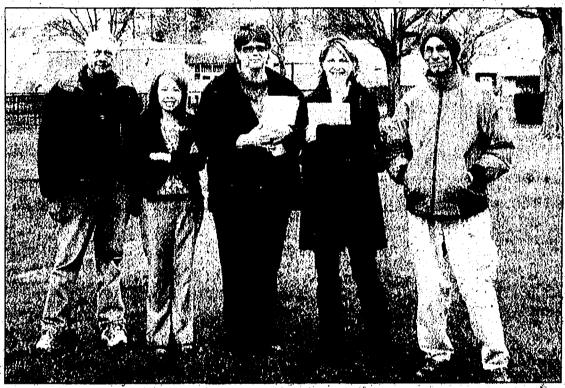
Coming together to grow Schools, senior center partner for garden project

By Crystal Hayduk

year's worth of project planning hout to come to fruition as olunteers begin plowing this week in preparation for the Chelsea community's new intergenerational garden.

The school-based garden will serve many purposes within the community. According to a statement released by the intergenerational garden committee, it will teach district children "the joys and benefits of gardening," provide senior citizens with a "manageable gårdening experience" and will allow community members of all ages to work together.

Committee member Dan Kaminsky said that the intergenerational garden can also help to meet



Members of the Washington Street Education Center Intergenerational Garden committee, Jim Randolph (left), Trinh Pifer, Sue Gregg, Sara Simmerman, and Dan Kaminsky, stand in the space that will soon be plowed and ready for planting.

the goals of the Chelsea Wellness Coalition. It will help people to eat better,

exercise more and engage with others.

The garden will be locat-

ed in the space outside the

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# Hospital CEO 'excited' to join community

By Amy Bell

Chelsea Community Hospital's new chief execufive officer has made her way back to Washtenaw County to replace Kathleen Griffiths, who left her post after 30 years.

Nancy Graebner, an Ann Arbor native, became the hospital's CEO as of Jan.

"I am excited to be a member of the community and I'm just honored to be the CEO of this system," said the Dexter resident. Graebner and her hus-

band, Jay, a retired independent insurance agent, moved into their new home in Dexter on March 23. Luckily it was spared from the recent tornado that struck 3,000 feet from her backyard, she said.

Graebner, who received her master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan, is returning to Ann Arbor after living for eight years in Greenville, S.C., where she served as the executive vice president of physician strategy and services for Bon Secours St. Francis Health System.

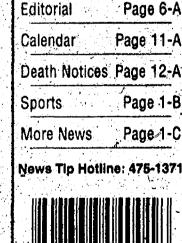
Graebner's work focused on market share growth and the development of mutually beneficial opportunities with physician groups. She worked to restructure lines of acute care services in areas such as orthopedics and general surgery in order to gain more efficiency, she said.

She also served as physician network executive for **Ambulatory Management** Services for the Halley Group at the Saint Joseph

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Nancy Graebner







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# Legislators deal with big statewide issues

Olson updates 2011 road crisis report

By Sean Dalton

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been hard at work tackling a number of high-level broad topics that affect the lives of everyone in the state.

State Sen. Gretchen Whitmer, D-East Lansing, spoke to a group of Michigan students during a Google Hangout session to discuss how state aid to those who wish to attend college. The Michigan 2020 Plan legislation would allow Michigan High School graduates, whether they attended public or private school or were home-schooled, eligibility for an annual higher education grant equal to Michigan's current median tuition level, which is \$9,575 per year currently.

The initiative would cost \$1.8 billion per year and would be funded by "eliminating ineffective corporate tax loopholes," according to Whitmer.

Last Wednesday's Google Hangout session was the first of several that will be announced on the Michigan 2020 page listed above.

Applications for a \$10,000 scholarship are being accepted until April 20 at www.mi2020video. com, as part of an effort to promote the plan. Current high school seniors, who are attending a public, private or home school, who win can apply the money towards a public university or community college in the event that they win the competition.

#### **Addressing road** funding deficit \*

State Rep. Rick Olson, R-York Township, and Roy Schmidt, R-Grand Rapids, released an update to their

September 2011 "Michigan's Roads Crisis: What Will It Cost to Maintain Our Roads and Bridges?" report.

The new report concluded: "The condition of our roads has continued to deteriorate."

Last fall, the report put the number of deficiency in funding of the state's roadways at a \$1.4 billion deficit per year, whereas the new figure sits at \$1.4 billion.

Over the next 12 years that forward-looking deficit will go up by \$1.8 billion, according to the report.

"In addition we will drive on roads in poorer condition during the 12 years projected than if legislative action had occurred in 2011," the report stated.

Olson and Schmidt are members of a workgroup that study transportation funding for the House Transportation Committee.

This update to the original report was designed to reflect the 2012 construction year and to include additional road condition date that is more up to date with regard to measurement of road degradation. The product of these reports has been a basis for Gov. Rick Snyder's call for more funding in his October 2011 special message on infrastructure.

A package of bills was also introduced in the legislature this past January to address those same needs.

The goal set out in the report is to maintain PACER road ratings of 85 to 95 percent of Michigan roads rated "good."

#### **Broadening** political ethics

Last week, state Democrats introduced the first of two bills designed to address political ethics.

The first bill expands the scope of the Freedom of Information Act to include the offices of legislators.

Currently, FOIA is intended for municipal governing bodies at or below the county level. Those government entities must make public those requests for information that they receive, regardless of whether the

request is fulfilled or denied. State lawmakers are currently exempt from that

requirement. The second bill was posited by State Sen. John J. Gleason, D-Flushing, in order to place a one-year moratorium on state lawmakers going to work as lobbyists after their careers in the Michigan legislator. are ended by current term limits.

State Democrats are taking the offensive against their counterparts across the aisle on this legislation.

"The Republicans ran on government transparency, but so far have been unwilling to apply those rules to themselves," Whitmer said. "Frankly, the actions of the Legislator need to have the light of day shown on them. Legislators make secret deals with special interest groups and once their terms are up, slide right into a job with the closest lobbying firm."

The legislative announcement out of the Democrats' office pointed to emails recently obtained through FOIA from Oakland County government officials.

Those emails were part

of an email communication thread containing emails from state GOP political figures which indicated that those officials were attempting to enact legislative changes to redistricting laws that would be more favorable to the state's conservative politicians, state

Democrats claim. "The Oakland County redistricting scandal is just the latest example of Republicans using their power to skirt the law and set special rules for themselves," said State Rep. Brandon Dillon, D-Grand Rapids, who is sponsoring his own FOIA legislation in the state House of Representatives.

Those who oppose these bills defend the status quo by saying that the privacy of constituents should be protected.

#### **Expanding non**discrimination law to LGBT

State Sen. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor, introduced legislation to amend Michigan's non-discrimination law to include further protection of the state's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender residents.

Warren said the legislation is key to making Michigan more competitive with other states that have already done more legislatively to make themselves more attractive to the high number of LGBT professionals seeking key state government jobs.

'For Michigan to compete in this global economy, we must send the message that

we will not stand for discrimination of any kind in this state," Warren said.

Her bill would amend the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act, which was passed in 1976 to protect Michigan residents from employment, housing and public accommodation discrimination based on race, sex, religion and national origin.

Warren's office cited a national poll that found 73 percent of Americans support workplace equality for gay and lesbian employees. while a January 2011 statewide poll concluded that 66 percent of Michiganders favor legislation to protect gay and transgender people.

#### Deposit service for municipal entities

State Rep. Mark Ouimet, R-Scio Townshhip, saw his House Bill 5289 unanimously approved in the state House last week.

Part of the bill package allows local municipalities, school districts and community colleges to take advantage of a new deposit placement service known as Insured Cash Sweep.

"This legislation gives our public entities another investment option that is fully backed and protected by the federal government, which safeguards taxpayer resources," Ouimet said. "Michigan residents work hard to earn their paychecks, so it is incumbent upon us to make sure their tax dollars are spent, and invested, wisely."

House Bill 5289,has gone to the Michigan Senate for consideration.

# Relay for Life takes place April 13-14 at EMU

Eastern Michigan University's 24-hour Relay For Life event will take place 1 p.m. April 13 through "17 p.m. April 14 at EMU's University Park.

The American Cancer Society sponsors these events to help spread awareness about raising funds to find cures, helping people get well and stay well and to fight back against cancer.

to attend the family-friendly event, giving members of the community a chance to support and interact with one another.

This year, EMU's Relay For Life event is centered around a Harry Potter theme, and some fun-filled activities will be Harry Potter related. Participants are welcome to come

The ACS invites everyone dressed in purple for Relay For Life or in Harry Potter

Participants can celebrate those who have beat cancer by cheering them on at the survivors lap and remember those who have lost a loved one by honoring them with a luminaria. Candles are lighted in a sand-filled bag

with a loved one's name on it, and, during the luminaria ceremony, people may take a lap around the track in

There will be no fees for anyone who wants to come participate at the EMU

Members of the ACS will attend the event to provide people with information about the organization and

Reminders will be posted

on social network web sites such as Twitter and Facebook. To find a local Relay

For Life event, visit www. relayforlife.org. For more information, contact Steve Windom at steve. windom@cancer.org.

## Local women awarded Honor Pin

Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan recently honored three women from Ann Arbor and Saline for their

dedication to Girl Scouting. Jill Beauchamp, Connie George and Kris Honig were feted at the council's Volunteer Recognition Luncheon held March 24 at the Kellogg Center in East

Lansing.
The three women all received the Honor Pin, a national award from Girl Scouts of the USA. This honor is given for service that benefits at least two Girl Scout areas within Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan's jurisdiction, is beyond the expectations of the position and rewards service not previously recognized.

Beauchamp has served girls in multiple areas as a mentor and Gold Award committee member. Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan



Award, the highest girl

award in Girl Scouting.

facilitator, George has

volunteers gain a better

understanding of their

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Scouting officials said

that while some facilitators

teach only certain courses,

George is willing to fill in-

She also serves in many

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George



Honig



capacities in Girl Scouting officials said she strives to make sure that each girl she mentors is success-Honig has continued to ful in achieving the Gold

serve as a troop leader year after year, long after her own children have grown. Her nominator said, "Kris embraces new resources and ideas as she models the Girl Scout Law."

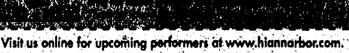
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#### **Dexter man arrested** for six vehicle thefts

A 22-year-old Dexter man was arrested early Monday morning on multiple felony warrants out of Pittsfield Township. The warrants were for six counts of motor vehicle thefts and a variety of other charges.

Chelsea police identified the suspect after making contact with two male subjects at about 1 a.m. Monday in the 400 block of Wilkinson

The suspect was trans. ported to the Park & Ride on Saline Road in Ann Arbor where he was turned over to Pittsfield Township police.

#### Suspected drunken driver arrested on Main Street

Police stopped a driver at about 2 a.m. Sunday at Main Street and Brown Drive for driving with an expired driver's license.

The driver was determined to have also been driving under the influence after police made contact. Roadside sobriety tests were performed and based on the results the driver was arrested and transported to the Washtenaw County Jail. The case remains open pending laboratory analysis of the suspect's blood test sample.

#### Man arrested for domestic assault, charges denied

A 27-year-old Chelsea man was arrested for the domestic assault of his girlfriend at about 6:30 p.m. March 27 in the area of M-52 and I-94. Officers responded to a report of a domestic

dispute in progress at the location and made contact with the couple involved.

The Washtenaw County prosecutor's office reviewed the case and denied authorization of charges against the suspect. The suspect, who was being held in Washtenaw County Jail. was released.

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Group at the Saint Joseph Mercy Health System in Ann Arbor, chief operating officer at Michigan Physician Services in Bloomfield Hills and vice president of practice management at Health Directions Inc. in Chicago.

While working as a consultant in Chicago, Graebner would frequently take trips to South Carolina and Georgia to see clients. When the position became available in Greenville, she and her husband decided to take advantage of it because she liked the area and it offered a unique

#### GARDEN

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cafeteria at the Washington Street Education Center 500 Washington St.

Trinh Pifer, Chelsea Senior Center director, said that the site is perfect for easy access for both the nearly 700 members of the senior center and the Chelsea School District preschool.

'Having a garden like this on-site at a senior center is important due to the need for summer maintenance when school is not in session," Pifer said.

The first planting of cool weather vegetables, such as lettuce, spinach, and other greens, will begin soon; while tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers are expected to be planted the week of May 21, weather permitting.

"The preschoolers are excited about the possi; bility of sunflowers and pumpkins in the fall," said Sara Simmerman, food service supervisor for Chelsea School District.

Produce from the garden will be served through the senior center's lunch program over the summer. During the school year,

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Additionally, the ordi-

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animals must be disposed of "in an environmentally

The ordinance is expected

to be published by Thursday,

said Clerk Terri Royal, and

will become official 20 days

Permits will have a fee,

which will be determined

later by the City Council.

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homes.

opportunity both personally and professionally...

"When the opportunity in Greenville came up, we knew we wanted to try living in the South to see if we wanted to retire there." she said.

Graebner's goals for the Chelsea hospital include completion of its current construction project, which will add 54 inpatient beds and 137,000 square feet of new space. The project also entails a new, double in size emergency room and physical therapy area. The addition is set to open Jan. 3, 2013.

After completion of the construction project, ground will be broken to expand the hospital's cancer program, which cur-

the vegetables can also be used in the cafeteria. Simmerman envisions introducing children to new foods through "taste testing stations" that will be open to all students, not just those who purchase a school lunch.

The garden is a collaborative effort of the senior center, the school district. and the community.

"Superintendent David. Killips was eager to see this happen when he heard about it," Kaminsky said, "His enthusiasm was critical.".

The Chelsea School District Board of Education voted to assist with the effort for the educational and health benefits of the district's children. On Feb. 27, they agreed to help with irrigation and fencing through funding not to exceed \$7,000.

"One of the main reasons that this garden is successful already is because people were on board with the idea from the beginning." Simmerman said. "It has had so much support from local businesses and organizations that are providing time and sup-

The present effort constitutes the first phase of the

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rently includes outpatient

chemotherapy.
The new building will add on-campus radiation therapy, which will enable the patient to see their oncologist and receive their treatments in Chelsea, while close to their homes, she said.

Construction is set for completion in summer 2014.

Other focuses involve getting the hospital ready for health care reform by moving its focus toward preventative services and chronic disease management. She also wants to work at maintaining and strengthening the health system's relationship with U of M, she said.

Graebner said she is excited to return to

garden, but further work is being planned as well. The second phase plans for 2013 include raised · beds to make it easier for senior citizens to help with the gardening, and a hoop house to lengthen the growing season. The third phase plans for 2014 include construction of a patio and seating under the large shade tree at one side of the area.

Senior center board member Jim Randolph said that the seniors are excited to share their knowledge of gardening with the younger generation.

"Gardening is an easy first step for the survivalist in all of us," he said. Kaminsky added that

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special hospital," she said. She especially likes the passionate spirit of everyone from the physicians to the volunteers, which is evident from the satisfaction scores taken from patients and physicians, which confinually rank in the 97th and 98th percentile.

"The high scores ... I think it's attributed to the folks here who are serving the community," she said.

Graebner said while in the hospital, people are being cared for at their most vulnerable moments in life and they need to feel

people who have moved into senior housing have lost their yards, and this will help them to be able to experience gardening again. He said that the joy of gardening is innate – a way to nurture other living things.

Yellow Door, a farmto table initiative, will be hosting an intergenerational garden fundraising breakfast at the senior

center on Aug. 1. Any interested community members are welcome to help with the garden; as well as groups from the elementary and middle schools. For more information, call'the Chelsea Senior Center at 734-475-

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# Detroit Zoo debuts three grizzly bear cubs

Cubs rescued from Alaska after mother was killed

By Joe Gray Heritage Media

hree new grizzly bear cubs made their public debut March 22 at the Detroit Zoo, and they could become a popular attraction.

Boo. Mike and Thor made their way to Detroit from Alaska in December after they were orphaned.

Attracting more visitors is a big part of the zoo's mission, but saving animals is just as important, and the two goals do not have to be mutually exclusive.

"I think visitors in the community are happy when we are able to rescue animals," said Ron Kagan, executive director of the Detroit Zoo. "Our goal is to give them a happy life. The cuteness factor is a bonus."

The bears spent the past few months in a private off-exhibit area before they were placed into their public habitat, and they are already getting used to their new surroundings.

"They were incredibly

stressed when they were first captured," Kagan said, "but we are seeing extraordinary adaptability."

The now 14-month-old brothers were orphaned in October 2011 when their mother was shot and killed. The cubs had been spotted in residential areas around

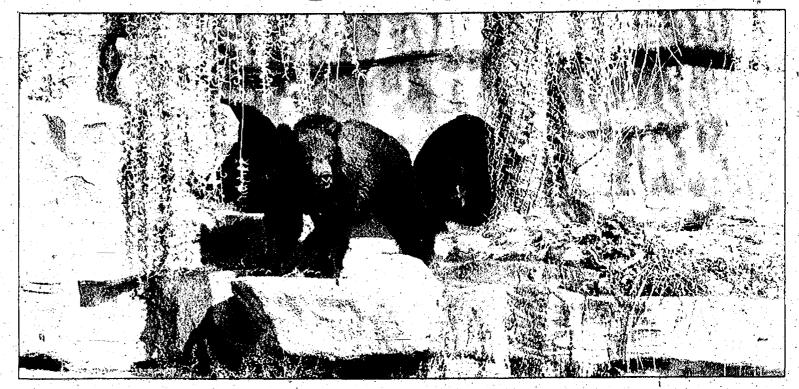
Anchorage scrounging for food. Alaska Department

of Fish and Game contacted the Detroit Zoo seeking a home for the trio after determining the cubs would not survive the winter on their own.

Bob Lessnau, curator of mammals for the zoo, said the Detroit Zoo has a great reputation as a place to take in rescue animals, and the bear habitat is good place for the bears.

"We've been working with bears since the 1930s," Lessnau said. "This particular area housed numerous bears over the years."

The bears' 8,400 squarefoot habitat was one of the first animal exhibits to debut when the Detroit Zoo opened in 1928. The enclosure was groundbreaking at the time because it featured



Photos by Nichole Seguin

Boo, Mike and Thor were brought in from Alaska after their mom was killed. They are adapting to their new surroundings nicely, say zoo officials.

a moat instead of bars to give visitors an unobstructed view of the animals. The habitat includes a 40-foot rock wall, trees, grass, a waterfall and a large pool that is 6-feet deep.

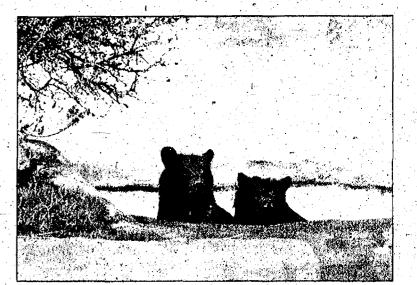
The Detroit Zoo is also home to two other rescued grizzly bears - 28-year-old. Kintla and 27-year-old Lakota - both of whom arrived at the zoo as 2-yearolds.

The cubs will be kept separate from the older bears for safety reasons,

Boo, Mike and Thor are about four-and-half-feet tall and weigh between 215 and 255 pounds.

The trio made headlines when it was announced late last year how they were orphaned and they were coming to the Detroit Zoo. Now that they have found a home, zoo officials are happy with the new houseguests.

"It's a great story." Lessnau said. "It is a rescue



# Dingell helps mark anniversary of Affordable Care Act

#### Rep. Walberg wants to see it repealed

By Amy Bell

The U.S. Supreme Court began hearing arguments March 26 regarding the Affordable Care Act, referred to by many as "Obamacare." Some are questioning the constitutionality of the act and whether the government has overstepped its bounds.

The two-year anniversary of the Affordable Care Act was celebrated March 23, with members of Congress and other healthcare officials taking part in a conference call organized by Know Your Care, a 501-c3 organization dedicated to educating the public about health care reform.

"If the Supreme Court acts wrongly and holds this unconstitutional ... all the privileges that so many million Americans are getting will go out the window and be gone forever as a result of careless judicial work, and disregard of the needs and concerns of the American people," said U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-

Dearborn.

Dingell, U.S. Rep John Conyers D-Detroit; U.S. Rep. Sandy Levin, D-Royal Oak; and Deputy Secretary of Health and Human

Services Bill Corr all joined the call. According to

Know Your Care. in the time since President Barack Obama signed the Affordable Care Act, more than 84,000 Michigan seniors have saved

money on prescription drugs; 2.5 million Michigan residents are receiving more health care with their premium dollar as a result of the new Medical Loss Ratio (80/20) rules that require insurance companies to spend at a minimum 80 percent of every premium dollar on health care and only 20 percent on administrative overhead, salaries and advertising; and more than 2.9 million residents in Michigan have received free preventative

Dingell

Corr highlighted what the Affordable Care Act has already accomplished, including coverage for young adults up to age 26 on their parents' insurance policy; tax credits available to small-business owners; providing coverage to year anniversary, saying children under age 19 with pre-existing conditions and preventative care require-

> Levin said more than 57,000 young adults in Michigan younger than 26 now have health insurance because of the provision. Estimates

show that as a result of the Affordable Care Act, 3 mil-

lion Michigan residents have received one or more preventative service. Groups such as

Docs4PatientCare, a nonpartisan organization, oppose the bill but agree that reform of the health insurance industry is necessary Members work toward educating patients, the public and lawmakers about the dangers of government-controlled healthcare and the eventual destruction of the doctor-patient relationship.

The group seeks to mini-mize third party participation in the delivery and payment of healthcare services and promotes personal responsibility.

Congressman Tim/ Walberg released a statement regarding the twohas failed to live up to its promises and has only hurt economic growth.

"The president/promised it would create jobs and lower healthcare costs. It has not either. The Congressional Budget Office projects the law will now reduce the labor supply by 800,000 and cost \$1.76 trillion, nearly double what was projected when the bill

was signed into law. In addition, the Congressional Budget Office estimates there will be 20 million fewer people accessing health insurance through their employer, and by 2019 as many as 27 million people uninsured," stated Walberg, in a press

Walberg said he remains steadfast in repealing the Affordable Care Act and he will continue to champion "common-sense, patient-centered healthcare reforms" like expanded flexibility of Health Savings Accounts, association health plans, and allowing the purchase of health coverage across state lines.

Many small business owners have taken advantage of tax credits to bring down their cost of insur-

Mark Hodesh, a small-Arbor, spoke about his experience with the Affordable Care Act in a video on www. healthcare.gov/mycare.

"A lot of people say it's a job killer. In my experience, it's a job creator," he said.

Through the Affordable Care Act, Hodesh was able to hire an additional worker with money saved with a tax credit that allows employers to claim up to 35 percent of their health insurance premiums. The credit has lowered health insurance costs for small-business owners, who on average have paid about 18 percent more than large firms for the same health insurance policy.

John Freeman, Know Your Care's state director, said the Affordable Care Act is a factor in promoting economic development across the country particularly in Michigan.

"More employees will be able to be more entrepreneurial because they won't have to stay at a job solely for insurance benefits," he

Many are opposed to the individual mandate.

Dingell and Levin stated the mandate is necessary to fund the health insurance system. Those who are uninsured used \$116 billion

of health services in 2008. without insurance did not pay for 63 percent of their healthcare costs.

With the ACA, the number of uninsured will decrease dramatically and 35 million more people will be insured, Levin said...

Issues concerning Medicare and Medicaid were also addressed during the conference call.

Corr said last year, 5.1 million senior Medicare beneficiaries saved an average of \$635 on prescription drug costs. Those seniors were considered to be in the "doughnut hole."

"Medicare is stronger thanks to the health care fraud provisions in the ACA," he said.

Since 2009, healthcare fraud prosecutions have increased 27 percent and recoveries are up 58 percent. In 2011, \$4 billion was recovered and more than \$10 billion was recovered in the last three years, Corr said.

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# Advocates push for medical coverage for autism

#### Bills cap coverage and limit liability

By Jerry Wolffe Journal Register News Service

Advocates for mandating insurance coverage of treatment for autism pleaded their case in committee March 22, while advocates for parity of all brain disorders sought inclusion in the bill package.

At the House Families, Children and Seniors Committee, members heard four hours of testimony on of three Senate bills - SB 414, SB 415 and SB 981. The bills would mandate that insurance companies regulated by the state provide coverage for certain autism treatments recognized as being effective. The state would then reimburse the insurers for any claims through a special

One major change from the way the bills came out of the Senate is a threetiered reimbursement system. The Senate-passed version limited the reimbursements to \$50,000 per individual per year up to age 18.

But a substitute changed the coverage levels hased on age. For children under the age of 7, the annual limit would remain at \$50,000. Children between the ages of 7 and 13 would be capped at \$40,000 per year and for children ages 13 through 18, the maximum annual benefit would

The bills also limit any nability to the state to the funds in the Autism

Coverage Fund, so claims beyond that would not be reimbursed.

Numerous parents of children needing mental health treatment urged inclusion, saying they face the same struggles as parents of autism when it comes to the cost helping their children.

Paula Eifler of Waterford Township, in written testimony, said families in the state deserve parity for all brain disorders, not just

"Mental illness is some thing my son was born with. He did not choose his condition, but he must live with it each and every day," she wrote. "So why is it OK for insurance companies to discriminate against his condition?"

"This is groundbreaking, and I'm aircid that trying programs, to be covered by medical to cover everything at one "There is no other vote insurers. 

point is the ... the enemy of the good," said Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, one of the bills' sponsors.

There is risk associated with the bill because it's breaking into new territory, and the total cost is not known, which is why it will have to be watched over the next few years, he said.

Richardville said these autism bills are important and long awaited. Families burdened by the lack of affordability and access would see relief.

Gov. Brian Calley, whose daughter has autism and who has been a champion of the legislation, said the cost of doing nothing is about \$13 billion, because so often families who cannot afford the treatment have to turn to state-funded

that you will take during your career in politics that will save the kind of money to the taxpayer that this one will," Calley said.
"This is big."

Calley said he would not benefit from this legislation because he was able to get his daughter into behavioral therapy program after two years of trying. With all the connections and networks he has in his posi-tion, it still took him that

long, he said. "The average person has no

chance," he said. Calley said aside from the cost, what sets apart autism from other disorders is that there are very few doctors and therapists willing to set up a practice in the state because they cannot make any money since autism does not have to be covered by medical

There are less than three dozen behavioral therapists that work with children with autism in the entire state, Calley said.

"Families are leaving . Michigan because they don't have any other option," said David Meador, chief financial officer at DTE Energy and cofounder of the Autism Alliance of Michigan.

Meador said if children receive therapy they can become functioning adults and become taxpayers and not tax dependents.

After a year of therapy, Calley said his daughter is speaking more and assoclating words with things

she sees. Contact Jerry Wolffe at 248-745-4612 or jerry. wolffe@oakpress.com or follow him on Twitter @JerryWolffe1 or on Facebook.

# Elder abuse cases expected to increase

#### County, holds Elder Justice Summit

By Amy Bell

Incidents of elder abuse are increasing and are expected to keep growing according to recent statis-

Numbers presented at the Washtenaw County **Elder Justice Summit** stated by 2030, the number of people reaching age 65 is expected to triple to more than 70 million. The number of people older than age 65 will increase by 188 percent and older than age 85 by 635 percent.

Paul Greenwood. head of the Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit and the deputy district attorney in San Diego County, Calif., was the keynote speaker at the summit held Friday at Cobblestone Farms 2781 Packard Road, Ann Arbor.

"We know this is going to get worse and worse and worse because more potential victims are in that (age 65 and up) category every

year," he said.

As the son of a World War II veteran, Greenwood has made it his life's mission to help victims of elder abuse. All too often, he sees cases go overlooked.

It is an escalating issue that is going unpunished, affecting people in both urban and rural areas, he

According to Greenwood. since 1998 reports of elder abuse to Michigan's Adult Protective Services have increased 40 percent. Since 2008, the department has received more than 16,300 reports.

Greenwood said incidents of elder abuse are exploding due to a number or factors, For instance, people ages 65 and older are the fastest growing

age group and there is no known cure for many diseases such as Alzheimer's Disease. Victims often do not report incidents.

Greenwood told heartwrenching stories of elder abuse occurring throughout the nation such as a Pearl Harbor survivor widower who hired a caretaker who robbed and neglected him.

He was found on the kitchen floor, clutching a photo of the ship he was on during Pearl Harbor, while lying in filth.

He also told the story of Sandy, a 75-year-old California woman who was kidnapped by a 19-year old Kirby vacuum salesman. She was duct taped from head to toe and thrown into the trunk of her car where she remained for 26 hours. while he drove throughout the county with his three friends using her credit card.

When he was pulled over for running a red light, a sheriff's deputy found her in the trunk, dehydrated and badly beaten. In the backseat of the car, they found a shovel, along with the vacuum cleaner that he had stolen back from her. The man later received two consecutive life sentences for his actions, which incurred multiple charges, including torture.

Greenwood said many victims of elder abuse fear coming forward because fear of retaliation or embarrassment.

"There's too much silence out there in the community we serve," he said.

Even though the number of people reaching age 65 is increasing, the number of caseworkers is decreasing' due to budget constraints.

In 1998, there were 649 workers assigned to APS. In 2012, that number dropped to 384, although their caseloads have doubled, he said.

'We all know we are



Paul Greenwood is head of the Elder Abuse Prosecution

in a budget crisis but you cannot be cutting back on this generation, we cannot afford to do it," he said.

Adding to the issue is home health care, which is the third fastest growing area for job growth.

Greenwood said there are many fine home health. agencies throughout the nation but there are those with issues concerning background checks. Some use the policy of "self disclosure" where applicants are given a questionnaire to fill out requiring them to notify the business of convicted felonies.

Like many issues involved with health care, officials involved in elder care are awaiting the decision from the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the Affordable Care Act, which is expected in June.

The ACA included the Elder Justice Act, which has money allotted toward APS along with training and ideas of implementing a national council to create programs for national background checks.

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"There's a lot of wonderful ideas in the act, we are just waiting for it to be

ing," he said.

To report issues of elder abuse in Washtenaw County, contact Michigan Adult Protective Services at 1-855-444-3911.

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**Top 10 myths concerning prosecution** 

2. Refusal to provide information means nothing can be

3. If the victim gives the money away voluntarily, it is not

4. If the financial institution reimburses the victim and

5. If a victim is deceased before the theft is discovered.

8. There is no point in reporting this incident to local law

10. There are more important cases out there taking up my time:

enforcement because they won't do anything about it.

then declines to seek prosecution, there is no victim.

6. Any case where the elderly victim is involved in a

home repair that involves dispute over money, it is

7. Suspect of elder abuse chimes never call 911.

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# Response to tornado shows Dexter community is special

By Mark Ouimet

here are many people I'd like to publicly recognize for their efforts before, during and after the Dexter tornado.

Our brave first responders in Dexter and the surrounding communities deserve special recognition, not only for their efforts to warn us early about the coming tornado, but afterward for ensuring that everyone was safe.

Our local firefighters and police personnel all worked

together through the night to make sure people were not trapped in the rubble. They continued their valiant efforts in the days after the tornado.

I'd also like to recognize the local government officials who worked side by side to help residents. Officials from Dexter Township and the Village of Dexter, along with county officials and neighboring municipalities, worked hand and hand to help the people of the Dexter area.

Dexter Schools and its administration also worked hard to make sure the

needs of students were met, and I'd like to recognize them for their efforts.

The Washtenaw County Road Commission, County Sheriff's Department, State Police and local departments of public works also did a tremendous job.

The many local volunteers who helped their neighbors also deserve our thanks. So many people offered their support and time to help during ongoing: cleanup operations, and several businesses provided free food and water for the

workers. The Washtenaw County Red Cross and United Way also played a huge role in helping residents. There was a togetherness that was evident wherever you went.

The outpouring of support for the Dexter community serves as just another reminder of how special our area is. We proved that our community, and its people, can weather any storm.

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#### **OUR TAKE: Editorial**

# Congress should close Internet tax loophole

new group of merchants and business owners was formed recently in an effort to convince Michigan lawmakers to close what is described as "the Internet sales tax loophole." "Local brick-and-mortar businesses are

being hurt because the law gives out-of-state retailers an unfair advantage," said Bert Weidner in a press release from the group. "It's unfair that state lawmak-ers demand that their hometown job makers compete on an uneven playing field.".
Weidner is the owner of Woodward Camera, which

has been in business at the same location for more than 40 years.

The new group, Michigan Main Street Leadership Council, will lobby state lawmakers to support House Bills 5004 and 5005 that would close the loophole.

Michigan's budget and state businesses competing with online products suffer because the online out-ofstate businesses are not required to collect Michigan's 6 percent sales tax. And although Michigan residents

are expected to pay a "use tax" when they make a sales-tax-free purchase from another state, the requirement is virtually ignored.

Michigan Main Street Leadership Council has two major goals.

· Place online retailers under the same sales tax collection laws as brick-and mortar businesses.

· Expand the definition of "nexus" or "physical presence" to include retailers who conduct business through affiliate businesses in Michigan or own subsidiary compa-

nies that can avoid paying the sales tax.

A 6 percent difference in the price of a product might not seem like

Owner, Woodward Camera

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much. But, according to one study, closing the loophole would increase Michigan retail outlet sales by as much as \$126 million and save the state as much as \$141 million in otherwise left sales by revenue.

otherwise lost sales tax revenue.

Congress is also considering proposals to close the Internet tax loophole, but one would exclude all companies with sales less than \$500,000.

We think Michigan lawmakers should support the goals of the Michigan Main Street Leadership Council.

-- Courtesy of The Macomb Daily-

#### **GUEST COLUMN:** By Michael Patrick Shiels

major religions. It seemed like a

Hollywood movie set, but the Jewish Temple

Mount and Western Wall;

Muslim Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque; and Christian sites of the Last: Supper, Crucifixion and

Resurrection are all contained within the walls of

the Old City, each merely blocks from each other. The Old City, which is only a small portion of

Jerusalem, is quartered into

Christian, Jewish, Muslim

and Armenian sections.

While the sacred sites are obviously a place for prayer and reflection, the atmo-

sphere is frenetic and buzz-ing with palpable activity.

There are colorful surprises around every corner: spice

dating; hiring a guide is a

# Seeing Jerusalem's Old City is a profound experience

hroughout Holy Week and especially on Easter Sunday, Bible passages and Scripture will be read detailing the accounts of the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Aside from sculptures, artwork and the occasional motion picture, imaginative depictions of these historic events exist only in our mind's eye and, perhaps, in our hearts.

But my trip to the Old City of Jerusalem changed all that. Visiting the Holy Land brought the Bible to life. Since my visit to Israel, readings in church have taken on an entirely new, living meaning. I even stood atop Mount Carmel, which is the name of the elementary and high school I attended in Wyandotte.

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Admittedly, Israel is a small country in a tough neighborhood. Concerns about traveling to the Middle East bacn be either heightened or alleviated.

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excited masses who fill the cobblestone streets and narrow passageways. The scene can be intimi-

and schoolrooms open to tourists, the faithful and the sudden

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The Old City of Jerusalem is sacred to three of the world's major religions.

to see all of the sights and discover the lesser-evident fascinations comfortably A guide also can help you avoid long lines to kiss the spot where the cross of Jesus stood, which is remarkably close — a few minutes' walk — to the spot where the stone was rolled away from

Retracing the Way of the Cross will lead you through the streets and to various shrines erected at the significant "stations," which clearly mark where Christ was flogged, met his mother; either heightened — or

fell and was aided by Simon and Veronica.

Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane and countless sites of historic significance and interest are clustered tightly together in and around the Jerusalem area,

as are lively, interesting

restaurants, cultural havens and shopping.
Admittedly, Israel is a small country in a tough neighborhood. Depending on your personal outlook, concerns about traveling to the Middle East can be

alleviated - by the extra, detailed security measures, including a personal interview at check-in and two rounds of metal detector screenings you must pass through in order to board the El Al flight to Tel Aviv.

So thorough was security that a harmless power converter was found in my checked luggage and removed as a precaution. El Al shipped it back to my home in Michigan.

Unlike the United States, security measures -- such as metal detectors at some via TravelTattler.com.

shopping malls and rifles visible on the streets — are evident. I found these curiosities more intriguing than unsettling, and I passed without concern through movie theaters and even through the West Bank border crossing to visit Masada in the Dead Sea region.

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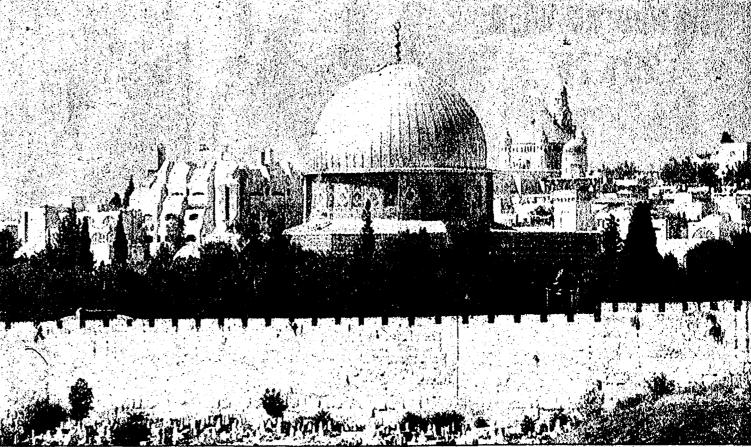


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# AirRide shuttles between Ann Arbor, Metro

#### Reservations cost riders \$12 each way

By James David Dickson Heritage Media

Ann Arbor's residents and visitors have a new and cheaper, seven days a week means of getting to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport on the AirRide bus system:

AirRide is a publicprivate partnership. between the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor's Downtown Development Authority, the local convention bureau and the Michigan Flyer bus company. Reservations will



Ann Arbor's Kensington Court Hotel will be one of three pick-up locations for the AirRide commuter bus between Ann Arbor and the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

cost \$12 each way, and walkon commuters will pay \$15.

In an email announcement, AirRide stated that it would offer a \$10 introductory price April 2 through July 30.

The AirRide system was

officially unveiled at a press conference Friday morning. In attendance were national, state and local powerbrokers who contributed to the system's creation, including Gordon McKay, president

of Indian Trails, parent

company of the Michigan Flyer company which will run AirRide.

McKay married into a family that has been in the transportation business since 1910. He said that "frequency is the key" in

getting people to abandon their cars for the bus.

The AirRide will offer 12 trips a day at the downtown Blake Transit Center and the Kensington Court Hotel. 610 Hilton Blvd., which hosted Friday's presser. The University of Michigan's Central Campus Transit Center will host four pickups a day. Comfort matters, too, which is why the buses are outfitted in comfortable. spacious chairs and have WiFi service, McKay said.

Ann Arbor Mayor John Hieftje said that the AirRide service moves Ann Arbor closer to his vision of a rare Michigan community whose residents need not own cars, and whose families need not own more than one. Other efforts in this regard include the recent expansions of bike

fines and bike paths. John Dingell, the longestserving congressman in American history, hailed the leaders involved for resolving a major need in the area. Ann Arbor is often said to be a bubble, but Dingell said it's much more

than that. "People don't realize how important Ann Arbor is,' Dingell said, "but it's one of the most important job creators we have in Michigan.'

For more information visit www.MyAirRide.com.

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# a2energy provides energy-saving tips

#### Group plans to participate in Green Fair

By Amy Bell Heritage Media

Ann Arbor residents now have a new source of information where they can learn how to save energy as well as connect with local programs aimed at energy efficiency.

Earlier this year, the city and the Ann Arbor-based nonprofit organization, the Clean Energy Coalition, teamed up to launch a2energy, an outreach effort that involves a comprehensive website filled with ways that people can learn to save energy in their 🤝 homes and businesses.

The city's efforts toward energy conservation date back to its first energy plan by Mayor Louis Belcher

in the late 1980s. Various Green Energy Challenges have been issued by Mayor John Hieftje, the most recent in 2011 where he set some aggressive targets in an effort to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases and increase renewable energy use.

"Energy efficiency has obviously been a priority area for the city," said Rebecca Filbey, A2 energy project manager for the coalition.

The 2011 Green Energy Challenge included a number of targets to reach by 2015. Those involve reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions throughout the city by 8 percent and from municipal buildings by 50 percent. It also included increasing the city's renewable energy use by 5 percent, as well as municipal buildings by 30

Filbey said 75 percent of

the commercial greenhouse gas emissions come from buildings such as houses and businesses. Because this is a large area where building efficiency could be improved and energy consumption reduced, it was decided that everyone needed to take action, and an information hub like a2energy.org was a necessary part of that.

Tips are offered throughout the site ranging from information for those who are just learning about energy efficiency to those who are looking for more advanced ideas. Additional information is available for renters who want to save money on energy costs.

Information about programs available to homeowners as well as financial opportunities are also available.

A section called "epeeps" gives first hand accounts of people who

have found ways to become more energy efficient.

For more information on how to become an "epeep" or enter a submission, visit

www.a2energy.org/epeeps. Filbey said the city and coalition are also working to address barriers to taking action. Many times, people do not know who to talk to when looking to start an energy efficiency project, they don't have the cash to put up front and may not know about available tax credits.

Filbey said in a few weeks, a section will be added where users can find Michigan Saves-approved regional contractors to help assess home and business energy needs like energy auditing, installation of insulation or windows.

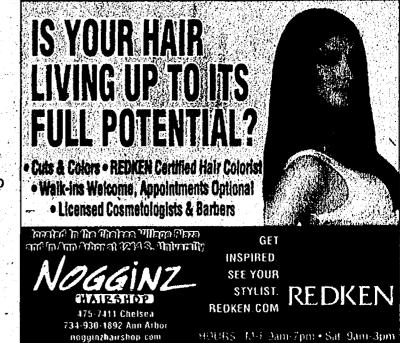
In the next few months, the group plans on taking its message beyond the website by participating in Earth Day events in

addition to the mayor's Green Fair, set to take place in June. Throughout the spring and summer, they will be planning on other. ways to be involved in the community and to involve residents.

"We're hoping the web-

site really becomes not just the public face of the city's energy office but also something residents and business owners feel they are a part of," she said.

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#### **FLOWERS**

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can dry out quickly.

Here are some tips for creating pots and container gardens that will provide enjoyment throughout the summer, whether at the library or in your yard or on a patio:

Research the plants' needs in terms of sunlight, space and water. Large root systems require deep pots. Plants with shallow roots, like geraniums. do better in shorter pots.

Choose plants that are compatible. For example, don't combine plants that require a lot of water with those that thrive under drier conditions. or plants that require a full day of sun with shade-loving variet-

Provide proper drainage. Drill holes in the bottom of the container. To avoid having soil and fertilizer run out through the holes, line the bottom with newspaper or put a saucer pot over the holes and fill the bottom of the container with about an inch of gravel.

Use potting soil or a soilless mix for container gardens.

Many mixes contain vermiculite or compost materials, making the container lighter and easier to move and avoiding soil compaction around the roots. The garden club uses a mix that drains quickly but also retains some moisture.

Follow directions when planting and fertilizing. Timerelease and liquid fertilizers work well.

Water roots deeply, particularly during hot or dry spells, and avoid watering late at night or soaking the foliage.

Chelsea Area Garden Club's civic beautification projects are supported by proceeds from the

club's annual plant sale and every-other-year garden walk.

This year's plant sale will be held 8:30 a.m. to noon May 12 at 222 S. Main St., the old Palmer Family Ford-Mercury dealership, across from the Chelsea District Library

The June 2 Spring Garden Walk, a self-paced tour of eight Chelsea area gardens, will showcase diverse habitats.

Tickets for the walk, \$10 per person, will be available at the Garden Mill, 110 S. Main St., Chelsea; the Dexter Mill, 3515 Central St., Dexter; and Downtown Home and Garden, 210 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor, beginning April 14. Proceeds from the plant sale and garden walk also support gardening scholarships and grants for community projects.

Visit http://chelseagarden-club.com/ for information about the Chelsea Area Garden



Tracie Stoffer takes a moment to enjoy the pansies outside the Chelsea

# Proclaim the liberty our Founding Fathers envisioned

We all know the famous Liberty Bell with a crack

The bell has long been associated with our nation ever since it rang out from the tower of Independence

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Hall summoning the citizens to hear the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8, 1776. How fitting, since it bears this inscription, "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof"

from Leviticus

25:10. But what is liberty? It is one of those unalienable rights mentioned in the Declaration. But, ask a man on the street what he thinks it is and you will probably get something like, "It's being able to do whatever you

We have been indoc-

trinated with the idea that liberty is unbridled freedom from any sort of control—be it government laws, stuffy traditions, religious teachings or

even personal responsibility. But this is not what our Founding Fathers envisioned.

> My college history teacher described the Fathers' concept of liberty as being selfgovernment coupled with self-sacrifice on behalf of others. Indeed, that is a Biblical concept.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 5:13: "For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

This concept of 'selfgovernment coupled with sen-sacrince was to be the source of national govern-

This is why the -Declaration states, "That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed ..." and concludes with, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine. Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Abraham Lincoln understood this relationship and so stated in his Gettysburg Address, "that from these honored

dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedomand that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." One of my favorite

reminders of this concept comes from John Fitzgerald Kennedy in his Inaugural Address, when he stated, "The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring to this

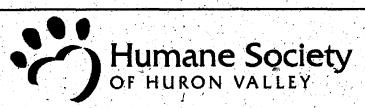
endeavor (that of defending freedom) will light our country and all who serve it — and the glow from that fire can truly light the world. And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the

freedom of man,"

While the Liberty Bell may be cracked and irreparably damaged, it remains a symbol of our nation's creation.

And, like our démocracy, it is fragile and imperfect, but it has endured. Let's continue to proclaim this kind of liberty.

Tom Haddox is a minister at the Chelsea Church of Christ in Chelsea



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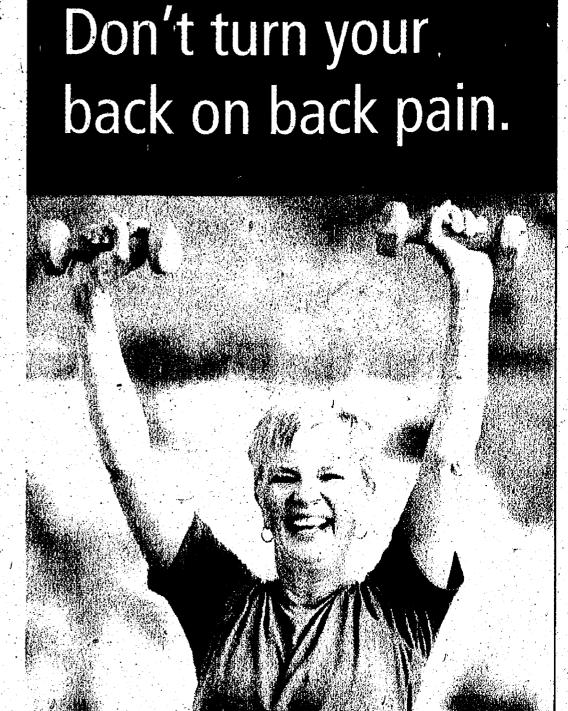




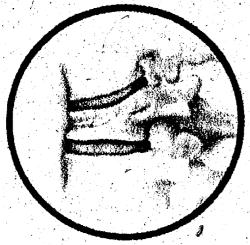
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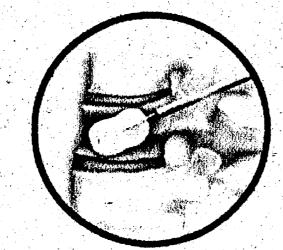
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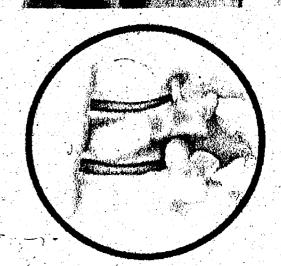
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#### Thursday, April 5

■ MADLAB, a teen advisory board for the Chelsea District library, meets at 3:30 p.m. at the KidSpot.

■ See "Godspelt" at the Encore Theatre, 3126 Broad St. in Dexter, at 3 p.m. or 7 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at theencoretheatre.org or by phone at 734-268-6200

■ See "White Buffalo" at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. in Chelsea, at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at purplerosetheatre org or by phone at 734-433-7673.

#### Friday, April 6

■ Pippin Puppets presents: "Munchkin Holiday!" at 11 a.m. at the Dexter District Library. This program is a live puppet show with plenty of surprises and audience participation. It's all ages and refreshments will be served afterward.

■ Join the Chelsea District Library and the Chelsea Senior Center for Great Books @ CSC at

1 p.m. at the senior center, ■ See "White Buffalo" at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. in Chelsea, at '8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at purplerosetheatre.org or by phone at 734-433-7673.

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#### Saturday, April 7

■ The Friends of the Dexter District Library bold a use'd book sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library.

Select a dress up to a week before the Chelsea District Library's Prom Dress Exchange in at Gemini Salon. Dresses will be available during Salon Hours only, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends. Call Gemini at 475-7006 for exact daily hours. Please bring a clean, gently used dress to be exchanged. If you don't have a dress to

exchange, please bring canned or boxed food to donate to Faith in Action. This is a lead-in event for the April 15 Prom Dress Exchange at the library.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** 

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#### **Sunday, April 8**

Today is Easter.

#### **Monday, April 9**

■ Build to your heart's contentwith Legos @ McKune at the Chelsea District Library at 1 p.m.

■ The Chelsea District Library hosts Magic: The Gathering Weekly Gaming Night at 6 p.m. in the KidSpot.

Join the Friends Mystery

Book Club at 7 p.m. at the Arctic Breakaway.

■ Join the Somewhere in Time Book Club for adults at 7 p.m. at the Dexter District Library Registration is required.

#### **Tuesday, April 10**

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

Learn more about the computer program Skype at the Chelsea District Library at 6:30

Join the International Book Club at the Chelsea District Library at 7°p.m.

#### **Wednesday, April 11**

■ The Dexter District Library hosts Super Stories, a bookthemed discussion group for children in kindergarten through second grade at 4:30 p.m. Registration is required.

See "White Buffalo" at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St

in Chelsea, at 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at purplerosetheatre org or by

phone at 734-433-7673. Learn more about Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 at the Dexter

District Library at 6 p.m. Join the Spanish Language Conversation group at the Chelsea

District Library at 6:30 p.m. ■ The Dexter District Library hosts Classic Encore Music for violin and piano at 7 p.m. This concert is all ages and refreshments are provided.

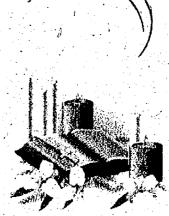
#### Thursday, April 12

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

■ The Dexter District Library hosts part three of a gardening series, Basic Design, at 10 a.m.

■ The Dungeons & Dragons. Weekly Gaming group meets at 4:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District 8: Library. The group will be using the 3.5 edition of the game.

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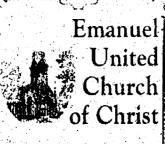


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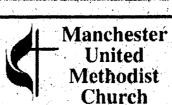
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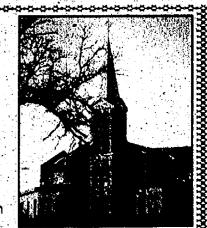
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# County treasurer working to prevent tax foreclosures

#### Foreclosures still affecting Washtenaw

By Donna ladipaolo Spécial Writer

After the housing bubble burst in 2007, mortgage foreclosures in Washtenaw County rose about 65 percent. The average number of mortgage foreclosures was about 500 to 700 a year prior. to 2007, but since 2007, the number has been in the thousands each year,  $\epsilon$ said Washtenaw County Treasurer Catherine McClary.

"Ann Arbor has traditionally been buffered by the University of Michigan, but we are -seeing economic distress throughout the entire county." McClary said.

Last year, mortgage foreclosures numbered 1,129 in Washtenaw

County. In 2010, that number was slightly higher at 1,399. The number of mortgage foreclosures totaled 1,196 in 2009 compared to 1,439 in 2008, and in 2007, the year the bubble burst, the number of mortgage foreclosures was 1,151.

McClary said the drop in mortgage foreclosures in 2009 was the result of a new Michigan law that required lenders to give those facing mortgage foreclosure 90 days to negotiate a workout agreement with the lender.

McClary's office keeps records of both mortgage foreclosures, as well as tax foreclosures, but she said many people sometimes get these two kind of foreclosures mixed up. The tax foreclosure process begins when someone doesn't pay their property taxes. The mortgage foreclosure process begins when someone doesn't pay their monthly mortgage.

"Primarily, what we do

in Washtenaw County is try to prevent tax foreclosure," said McClary.

Property owners with delinquent property taxes can receive help to prevent tax foreclosure by contacting the Treasurer's Office, McClary said. Mortgage foreclosure cases are usually referred to the MSU Extension office in the

For tax foreclosures, the Treasurer's Office can help with referral to community resources for payment of delinquent property taxes, budgeting, automatic or partial payments arrangements, and other payment extensions or reductions in cases of extreme hardship.

McClary said from 1999-2008 the average number of tax foreclosures in Washtenaw County was 12 per year. However, in 2009 that number grew to 46, in 2010 it was 375 and in 2011 the number increased to 627.

This year, the num-

ber of tax foreclosures has dropped below. 400. McClary thinks Washtenaw County is seeing economic indicators of recovery with the drops in tax delinquencies and

tax foreclosures. McClary said there were three major waves or phases during the mortgage foreclosure crisis in the United States. The first wave five years ago was the result of preda-

tory lending practices.
The second wave was due to the declining economy. In Washtenaw County, Pfizer's closing in Ann Arbor was a big hit to the local economy. Auto companies in the Detroit area faced economic hardships, as well. When people lose their jobs, they can't pay their mortgages or taxes and homes go into foreclosure. When homes go into foreclosure and are sold at a loss or remain vacant, neighborhood property values go down.

"People had exhausted

everything," said McClary.
"They had their IRAs, 401(k)s, and family resources depleted. They lost their homes, and property values went down.

The third wave started within the last few years in which lenders have been refusing to pay taxes and have walked away from their homes.

On a more optimistic note, McClary said that another economic indicator has some promising data ---

"The bright light is that delinquent taxes are starting to go down," she said.

"Delinquent taxes are a leading economic indicator of foreclosure (tax and mortgage). If delinquent taxes trend higher than in years prior, it foretells or indicates that foreclosures will be higher (there is a time lag between the delinquent taxes and the foreclosure). When delinquent taxes trend lower, as they seem to be, it means that there is less delinquent activity to become foreclosure activity.' McClary said.

Delinquent taxes increased every year from 2005 to 2010. From 2010 to 2011, they were down 4 percent, and they appear to be lower this year, although the data will not be available until the end of the month.

McClary said the main idea people should keep in mind when potentially facing mortgage or tax foreclosure is that there are remedies and actions that they can take.

"If people are facing tax or mortgage foreclosure, they are not alone," McClary said. "This is not a crime; it's a problem. There are ways to help.

For tax foreclosure help call the County. Treasurer's Office at 734-222-6600 or e-mail taxes@ewashtenaw.org.

For mortgage foreclosure prevention, call 734-222-9595 at MSU Extension

# Earth Day Festival set April 22 at Leslie SNC

The public is invited to celebrate the natural world at the annual Earth Day Festival from noon to 4 p.m. April 22 at the Leslie Science and Nature Center, 1831 Traver Road, in Ann Arbor.

This free, family-friendly event features displays from 50-local environmental, nonprofit and governmental organizations; live animal demonstrations; hands-on activities; product and toy testing: live entertainment; and information about green building and commuting technologies, energy topics, water awareness. sustainable agriculture and more.

Festivities this year return to Leslie Science and Nature Center, a setting that includes a host of natural areas for visitors to explore.

Visitors are encouraged to stop by the registration table and pick up an orientation map and passport to guide them through the

Earth Day activities. The festival entertainment line-up includes Gemini, twin brothers Sandor and Laszlo Slomovits of Ann Arbor, performing from noon-1 p.m. The concert will feature Gemini's matched voices, audience participation, a stage full of instruments and award-winning children's songs and storytelling.

Additional guest speakers and surprise entertainment will perform on the entertainment stage throughout the day.

The Leslie Science and Nature Center will offer birds of prey orientations throughout the event. Visitors are invited to meet healthy, non-releasable birds up close and discover what makes them hunters of the sky. Or, guests can visit David Clipner and Brian Cressman near the Critter House and meet some

amazing animals.

Participants are encouraged to dress as a favorite species, so beware — visitors may find the Leslie grounds a home for cos tumed humans resembling bumble bees or bears.

The All-Species Dance will take place throughout the day, when children — dressed up as their favorite animal or plant preen, frolic and sway to a jam session in celebration A of Earth Day

The Scrap Box will host an Earth Day crafting opportunity, and visitors can screen the top threeminute youth videos from Recycle Ann Arbor's video contest, proclaiming "Why I Recycle."

Free face painting will be provided by Ann Arbor Cohousing, and a bubble station will feature giant bubble making and bubble science with Sarah Ross and the ECO Girls.

Visitors may tour the Project Grow Discovery

Garden and Compost **Education Center or take** a guided hike to Black Pond.

The Michigan Network for Children's Environmental Health will provide an opportunity to test toys and other home products for toxic chemicals.

Earth Day admission is

On-site concessions and refreshments will be available from vendors, including Pilar's Tamales and Silvio's Organic Pizza.

In collaboration with Recycle Ann Arbor, this is planned to be a zero-waste

The Earth Day event is lanned by an umbrella organization: The **Environmental Education** Network of Washtenaw. **EENOW** includes The City of Ann Arbor, Ecology Center, Recycle Ann Arbor, Leslie Science and Nature Center, Clean Energy Coalition,

Washtenaw Community College and the Scrap Box. For more information,

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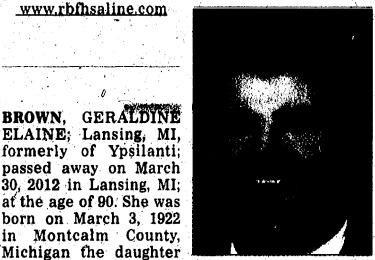


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# Culinary event to benefit medical research

The Greenview Hepatitis C Fund is hosting a chocolate and wine tasting event that is open to the public from 5 to 7 p.m. April 25 at the Arbor Brewing Co., 114 E. Washington St., in downtown Ann Arbor.

The cost is \$25 per per-

Proceeds from the event will support hepatitis C medical research, primarily at the University of Michigan.

The Greenview Foundation has made significant donations to the University of Michigan's Internal Medicine Department toward research on a treatment for hepatitis C, supporting the work of Doctors Anna Lok, Michael Volk and Andrew Tai and their team, who are doing research on the disease.

Hepatitis C now kills. more people in the U.S. than HIV. Roughly 12,700 HIV-related deaths were reported to the National Center for Health

Statistics in 2007, and more than 15,000 hepatitis C-related deaths were reported to the center that year.

Hepatitis C afflicts more than 3 million Americans, who could potentially die from the disease.

The virus is transmitted through the blood and infects the liver. It is the primary reason for liver transplants.

The cost is \$25 per person. Guest must pre-register and pay in advance at

http://hepcfund.ticketleap. com/wine\_tasting\_info. No tickets will be sold at

the door.

The Greenview Foundation, based in Ann Arbor and founded by Ted and Debbie Green, is a nonprofit organization that raises money for medical research to improve the diagnosis and treatment options of hepatitis C patients worldwide. For more information, visit www.hepcfund.org.



Deanna Swan of Dundee, daughter of Mary Jo Swan of Saline and Richard Swan of Ypsilanti, and Sean Parkinson of Dundee, son of Beth Parkinson of Dexter and Paul Parkinson of Ypsilanti, are engaged and plan to marry May 24 at Cape Lookout in North

The bride elect is a graduate of Saline High School and Washtenaw Community College, She works in accounting for Midway Products Group in

**Deanna Swan and Sean Parkinson** 

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The groom-elect is a graduate of Royal Oak Kimball High. He works for Holland Motor Express in Bowling Green, Ohio.



# Eating disorders date back to Biblical times

Similar descriptions of disorders existed during the Dark and Middle Ages

By Amy Bell Heritage Media

Though eating disorders plague modern day society their roots date back to Biblical times.

Dr. David Rosen, clinical professor of pediatrics, internal medicine and psychiatry at University of Michigan Medical School, spoke during a William R. Farrand Memorial Lecture, held March 9 at U of M's Museum of Natural History.

"Why not eat? Evolution, history and trends in eating disorders" discussed the evolution of eating disorders, causes and treatments of the dis-

"These are not new disorders. ... They have been present for centuries and when we hear the descriptions of the disorders from the Biblical Era, from the Dark Ages and the Middle Ages, they are remarkably similar," said Rosen, who specializes in childhood, adolescent and young adult eating disorders.

Anorexia nervosa, which typically shows up in adolescence, has several characteristics, including weight loss or refusal to maintain the proper weight for the individual's age and height, a fear of being fat although underweight and



Dr. David Rosen, clinical professor of pediatrics, internal medicine and psychiatry at University of Michigan Medical School, spoke during a William R. Farrand Memorial Lecture.

body image distortion.

"It's different from not liking how you look, it's really seeing yourself differently than other people see you," he said.

Those with the predominantly female disease no longer have a menstrual cycle, have nutritional deficiencies, hyperactivity and a denial of the illness.

"Patients with anorexia nervosa often don't recognize that they are sick and even when they do, they sort of stubbornly cling to their illness that just doesn't seem normal for people who are sick," he said.

Bulimia nervosa is characterized by binge eating, lack over control of binges, not necessarily vomiting,

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and abnormal behaviors to manage weight.

"It's different then overeating or eating too much. It's the feeling of not being able to stop," he said.

Patients recognize there is something abnormal with their eating and because of this, they engage in behaviors to try and undo the effects of the binge like vomiting, overexercising, not eating the next day or using laxatives.

Though prevalent today, anorexia dates back to Biblical times.

'What we have are a whole host of self-starvation phenomena that occur typically among women, typically young women all throughout history that look — when you read the

descriptions and hear them described — exactly like anorexia nervosa," he said.

In the Biblical Era, there was a sense that a person would deny bodily needs as a way of resisting evil and being pure. Saint Jerome, who translated the Bible to Latin, led groups of women alargely by this point that trying to deny themselves.

"Saint Jerome believed that the way you showed yourself to God was to not eat as a way of demonstrating your piety," he said.

During the Dark Ages, when people did not eat it was said they were possessed by the devil, so there was less self starva-

During the Middle Ages. women such as Saint Catherine of Siena took part in holy anorexia, which was a way to cleanse the spirit and be closer to God.

In 1689, Dr. Richard Morton first proposed the disorder was a mental illness as opposed to physical or spiritual illness. It wasn't until 1873, when physician William Guil provided the first formal description of the illness. defining it as anorexia hysterica, a mental disorder occurring predominantly in adolescent girls with symptoms of loss of appetite, wasting of the body, hyperactivity and loss of

menstrual cycle. The treatment of the illness was done by simply feeding the patient, a concept that is being revisited today

- The Maudsley Method. a family based treatment concept.

"Everybody agreed these were largely mental. illnesses rather than some of the physical explanations they had before and certainly not the spiritual explanations," he said. According to Rosen,

there have been several studies on twins that indicate the disorder has a strong genetic prevalence. There are also a number of sociocultural and environmental triggers.

Rosen said many people think the disease is caused by distorted images within the media. Although it does have an impact, it's not the sole cause as there are also genetic causes to the disease.

"We live in a culture where the prevailing stereotype is that thin is what is beautiful," he said.

Most people within society can see images of thin women portrayed within the media and not develop an eating disorder. However, there are children who are genetically predisposed who will stop eating to try and look like

those they see in magazines or on the Internet, he said.

"It doesn't take long for them to lose enough weight, shift their metabolism, activate those genes and start that path that leads them to that very significant illness," he said.

The Internet also has hundreds of websites that promote eating disorders, which are referred to by many in the online communities as a "lifestyle" or "choice."

According to Rosen, statistics from the Agency on Healthcare, Research and Quality, show a 110 percent increase for children being hospitalized for anorexia from 1999 to 2006.

Rosen said because of the increasing number of 8-and 9-year-olds who have an eating disorder, a new treatment program at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor had to change the age range they were going to admit into their program.

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# Agriculture secretary announces \$2M funding to protect Lake Erie Basin

#### Tom Vilsack says push is group effort

By Tanya Wildt

Two million dollars from the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be used to aid farmer conservation efforts in Western Lake Erie Basin waterways, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced March 16 at Cabela's in Dundee.

'Our farmers, in my estimation, are the first and best stewards of our land and water," Vilsack said. "They have responded to the call of volunteer conservation practices in great numbers."

The funding will come from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and focus on the control and trapping of phosphorus in the Lake Erie Basin, Both the Huron River and River Raisin empty into Lake Erie.

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economy and conservation efforts.

Stabenow, the chair-woman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, said hunters and anglers support 46,000 Michigan jobs and those jobs depend on conservation.

"Our beautiful natural resources are critical to our economy — to our jobs," Stabenow said. "Our Michigan farmers are on the frontline of protecting our agriculture.'

Stabenow also said the \$2 million will go a longway to protect water and

Dingell said the funds are a great step in conservation, something that must be done to protect the environment for the next generation.

"What we have before us is a chance to preserve our Great Lakes," Dingell said. Applications for fund-

ing from the assistance program are due at

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committed to conservation," Vilsack said. Tanya Wildt can be

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#### Diabetes awareness event set for Nichols **Arboretum April 7**

Students for Diabetes Awareness will host its fourth annual Victors 5K Run/Walk for Diabetes Awareness 2:30 p.m. April 7 at the Nichols Arboretum in Ann Arbor. The event is open to all community members, University of Michigan students, faculty and supporters.

The Students for Diabetes Awareness team, sponsors and 3 Disciplines Racing will provide participants and attendees with health promotion literature and educational information. All proceeds will benefit research at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Diabetes Center, as well as American Diabetes Association Summer Camps, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan.

Registration can be completed at www.active.com for the fourth annual Victors

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5K Run/Walk for Diabetes Awareness for \$20 before the event or day of registration for \$25.

Marathon T-shirts will also be available for purchase at the event for \$10.

Additional donations can be made online at http:// www.active.com/donate/ sdaumich5k. The Students for Diabetes Awareness group is an organization that seeks to raise awareness about diabetes, help those in need to get on track to better health by offering support and focus on wellness behaviors to promote long life and disease prevention. The group is a University of Michigan student club comprised of undergraduates who either have diabetes or have friends or family members who have diabetes.

For more information, email sdaboard11@umich. edu or visit http:// sdaumich.wordpress.com/.

#### **EMU's Relay For** Life to be held

Eastern Michigan University's 24-hour Relay For Life event will take

place 1 p.m. April 13 through 1 p.m. April 14 at EMU's University Park.

This year, EMU's Relay For Life event is centered around a Harry Potter theme, and some fun-filled activities will be Harry Potter related. Participants are welcome to come dressed in purple for Relay For Life or in Harry Potter gear. Participants can celebrate those who have beat cancer by cheering them on at the survivors lap and remember those who have lost a loved one by honoring them with a luminaria. Candles are lighted in a sand-filled bag with a loved one's name on it, and, during the luminaria ceremony, people may take a lap

around the track in silence. There will be no fees for anyone who wants to come participate at the EMU event. Members of the ACS will attend the event to provide people with information about the organization and its goals. To find a local Relay For Life event, visit www.relayforlife.org. For more information, contact Steve Windom at steve.

windom@cancer.org

offices by April 27. Vilsack also addressed

"Conservation is on<u>e</u> area that we have to be very careful that we don't reduce funding to the point that we're not as effective as we can be," Vilsack said. "As we work together to

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# Silver Maples finance director retires

Silver Maples of Chelsea is preparing next stage of its 15-year history through the first phase of a succession change, led by the retirement of Carole Baumgartner and the addition of Chelsea residents Nancy Salatin and Cece Keiser to the Silver Maples team.

President and Chief Executive Officer Jerry Wilczynski, who will also be retiring in June, has been positioning Silver Maples for these changes in order to leave the nonprofit retirement community in the rock solid place it's always been.

"Silver Maples has been very fortunate to have enjoyed depth in our leadership team. We have a very unique, dedicated and well-qualified staff," Wilczynski said. "It is a staff that functions more like community Everyone pitches in to accomplish goals with our primary one being resident satisfaction. We have enjoyed, in our field, some of the highest satisfaction ratings from residents as may be found in a retirement living community setting.

Baumgartner, who is retiring as the director of finance, lives in Jackson and previously worked at Jacobson's and Albion College. She's excited about having more time to garden, enjoying summer days and fall color tours with her husband Greg.

"I'm glad to have been part of this extraordinary community and will cherish my relationships with our residents and their families," Baumgartner sad. "I have been privileged to work with a great leadership team and a wonderful staff. I thought that I would not find a fulfilling job after 17 years at Jacobson's Corporate Office, but I was wrong.

"It has been so rewarding to see Silver Maples grow and become an established and respected member of the community."

Nancy Salatin will become the new director of finance for Silver Maples on Baumgartner's departure.

A 17-year Chelsea resident. Salatin was employed by Ford Motor Company and also worked for the Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation and the Chelsea Community Hospital. She holds a master's in business administration.

She joined Silver Maples as an accounting associate in 2008 and has found her time at Silver. Maples a refreshing change from the corporate world of Ford.

"I was reeled into Silver Maples by its welcoming spirit from residents and employees alike," Salatin said. "The positive energy that exudes is wonderful. I'm looking forward to expanding my role at Silver Maples."

Keiser joined Silver Maples in December 2011 as the coordinator for Silver Maples adult day program, the Maples Club. She and her husband and their blended family have lived in Chelsea for 12 years. She may be a familiar face to some as an employee of the Chelsea Lumber Company She holds a special education teaching degree from Eastern Michigan University. She feels this background is a perfect fit for her work with the Maples Club.

"I thoroughly enjoy the company of all ages and was excited to be chosen to bring my skills to an adult populace in my community," Keiser said. "I

Silver Maples Human Resource Director Shiriee Curfman (left) stands with retiring Director of Finance Carole Baumgartner and Nancy Salatin, the incoming finance director of Silver Maples of Chelsea.

watched my mother-in-law struggle with Alzheimer's and know how difficult aging can be for the caregivers in this situation. I wanted to take my experience and do what I could to bring comfort to both the aged and their family.

"It is so important to know your loved one is safe and engaged, while

their care giver is away for the day. It is necessary for each or us to take time for ourselves in order to deal with everyday life. I feel the Maples Club gives those family members peace of mind when they cannot be with their loved one."

Silver Maples is a non-profit retirement

community offering independent and assisted Living apartments, adult day services, and short-stay respite services. For more information, visit www. silvermaples.org.

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# FMA Farms offers workshops on backyard chickens

FMA Farms of Lyndon Township will be offering a series of workshops geared toward introducing participants to the basics of owning backyard chickens.

Each hour-long workshop will focus on a specific aspect of starting and maintaining a poultry micro-flock...

The first workshop, Baby Chicks 101: Raising a Micro-Flock from Scratch, will be 7-8 p.m. April 25. The second, Adorable to Zaftig: An Overview of Chickens from Chick to Hen will be 7-8 p.m May 9. The last will focus on adult hens = with the featured topic "Working Girls: Owning

Your Own Laying Hens" 7-8 p.m. May 23.

'Our goal is to guide people who may be curious about owning a few chickens of their own but have no idea where to start," said Ana Hotaling, FMA Farms' co-owner and chief poultry wrangler. "Many people simply buy chicks on an impulse

but have no idea how to proceed from there. It's our hope to help prospective chicken owners learn the basics regarding care, needs, and facts to successfully raise their own micro-flock."

Additional workshops may be offered depending on demand. Each workshop is limited to 10

adults; cost of participation is \$15 per person and includes the price of the workshop, a resource folder and a discount coupon for the purchase of baby chicks from FMA Farms.

For more informa-

tion and to reserve a space in a workshop. contact FMA Farms at fmafarmsmichigan@gmail. com, send them a message through their Facebook site, FMA Farms, or call 734-475-3622.

# Armilla 'Jo' Reule turns 100

Armilla "Jo" Reule turned 100 years old March 28.

Having lived in Chelsea for 97 of her 100 years, Reule has been very involved in the local community for many years.

Known for starting her work in starting the Chelsea Seniors, Reule was the third member to join the group. Reule, along with the two other founding members, organized and developed a home for senior citizens to meet as well as provide arts and crafts programs and travel opportunities to the senior -community.

In 2000, Reule was honored for her dedication by being crowned the Senior Queen, riding in the Chelsea Fair Parade.

During World War II she was a Rosey the Riveter, working at the Federal Screw Works factory

Both Reule and her husband grew up on farms and maintained gardens well into their 80s, and Reule has been very active in the county extension group and the Chelsea Fair for many

Reule has one daughter, Roslyn; three grandchildren and five great-grand-

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#### **SRSLY** adds new coordinator

SRSLY is pleased to welcome Jesse Kauffman as the new program coordinator.

After receiving a grant from The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy's Drug Free Communities Support Program in 2011, members of SRSLY decided to seek out a program coordinator to assist with the growing coalition.

The SRSLY search committee, comprised of youth and adult coalition leaders, sought a candidate with experience in youth and community work. After two rounds of interviews, the committee selected Jesse Kauffman

of Toledo, Ohio, for the position.

'We are thrilled to be adding a Program Coordinator to the SRSLY Team," said Reiley Curran, SRSLY Director.
"Jesse's wealth of experience engaging and leading youth and families as well as community collaboration makes him a perfect

In the role of program coordinator, Kauffman will assist Curran with the assessment, implementation, and evaluation of SRSLY activities and events. "I am elated to be here in Chelsea working with SRSLY to promote positive and healthy behaviors in Chelsea youth," Kauffman said.

Graduating from Bowling Green State

University with a bachelor's degree in education,
Kauffman is attending
the University of Toledo
part-time in pursuit of
a Master of Social Work
Degree. Kauffman has
experience in developing
and maintaining community partnerships through nity partnerships through his former role as community resource coordinator for a multi-county family center in Northwest Ohio.
"Healthy collaborative relationships are my passion because they create opportunities to inspire communities to ward make. communities toward mak-

said. Kauffman volunteered for seven years with Young Life, a non-profit organization that works to foster mature relationships

ing a real and substantial difference," Kauffman

with high school students and encourage healthy decision-making as they transition through adolescence. "I deeply value the opportunities I have had to invest in the lives of students and look forward to working with youth

again," he said.

Jesse Kauffman's office is located at Chelsea
Community Hospital and he can be reached by phone at 734-475-4040, ext. 3480, or by email at kauffmaj@cch.org.

For more information on SRSLY, visit www. srslychelsea.org. To learn more about the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, visit http://www.whitehouse. gov/ondcp.

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# www.heritage.com County looks to create 250-acre nature preserve

By Sean Dalton Heritage Media

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation is one step closer to purchasing land that will merge several areas owned under the Washtenaw County Natural Areas Preservation Program.

The 54-acre parcel is currently owned by Domino's Farms and has been a potential location for a residential development.

The Michigan House recently passed an appropriations bill for \$39.7 million of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund money, \$2.3 million of which was applied for by county parks.

The trust fund was created by voters in 1984 to preserve and protect Michigan's natural spaces from development using revenues from mineral lease and royalty payments deriving from state owned lands.

County park planner, Richard Kent, said that the acquisition would be a significant addition to the county's existing park-

We will have a big Ushaped preserve starting from Dixboro just south of M-14 going west and then down south connecting to the 54-acre parcel adjacent to Horner-McLaughlin," Kent said.

Once combined, the park-

lands will represent a more than 250-acre contiguous nature preserve just northeast of Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor.

The parcel's topography is unique and lends itself well to nature watching, as well as preservation space for deer and other small animals, with a 50foot elevation differential compared to other parcels nearby.

"This land has a lot of beautiful, mature woods with a view down into the valley ... it's a really beauti-

ful property," Kent said. State Rep. Eileen Kowall, D-White Lake, said that this year's Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant was larger than

usual, due to an increase in mineral revenues from state land.

"Over a year ago there was some pretty good speculation on areas owned by the state, and they got an unprecedented amount of revenues," Kowall said.

The trust fund typically grants up to \$25 million per year.

In addition to the 54-acre parcel, Gallop Park livery In Arbor received \$300,000 for site renovations and Veteran's Memorial Park, also in Ann Arbor, received another \$300,000 for a skate park development.

The projects were chosen from applications submitted last year by the state Department of Natural

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Kowall singled out the 54-acre grant as "a bonus" since it will have the compound benefit of creating a much larger park land.

"I'm glad that these funds go to help acquire park land that's set aside for future generations, but I'm also glad that there's -more money going into maintaining what we already have," she added.

Kowall also pointed to the new recreation passport, which residents can buy for \$10 when renewing their tabs. The money will

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go toward bolstering funding at parks statewide.

Kent said that he doesn't expect the funding to fully pass until this upcoming fall. A project agreement with the state is also pending and the property purchase is not finalized at this point.

The county's parks and recreation office must also purchase another appraisal before Domino's Farms will sell the property.

John Petz, Domino's Farms real estate and public affairs director, could not be reached for comment.

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# Caution urged with backyard chickens

By Amy Bell

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reminding citizens about the dangers of salmonella, which is especially common during the summer months. Those with backyard \_ chickens are also encouraged to heed the recommendations regarding prevention of the potentially life-threatening disease.

Backyard chickens have gained popularity in Washtenaw County, with municipalities such as Chelsea approving an ordinance March 27 allowing up to four hens with an annual permit and in Lodi Township, where officials are in the process of drafting an ordinance.

Although popularity of backyard chickens in the county has increased, the number of reported salmonella cases has not.

Susan Cerniglia, spokeswoman for the Washtenaw County Department of Public Health, said the numbers have remained steady throughout the past three years with 35 cases reported in 2009 and 33 in both 2010 and 2011, respectively.

According to the CDC, approximately 40,000 cases of salmonella are reported annually throughout the U.S. Due to many milder cases not being diagnosed or reported, the actual number of infections

may be 30 or more times greater. An estimated 400 persons die each year from severe cases.

Live poultry including chicks, chickens, ducks, ducklings, geese and turkeys can be a source of human salmonella infections, especially for children.

Last year, an outbreak of two separate strands of salmonella infections affected people in 15 states, including Michigan. The outbreak was linked back to chicks and ducklings from an Ohio mail order hatchery For more information, click here.

Salmonella can be contained naturally in the intestines of many different types of animals including reptiles, dogs, cats and chickens.

'Just because the chicken is running around free doesn't mean the bacteria isn't in its stomach," Cerniglia said.

Symptoms include diarrhea, abdominal cramps and fever 12 to 72 hours after infection, usually lasting four to seven days. Most recover without treatment but some may require hospitalization if the infection becomes more severe.

Salmonella is diagnosed through laboratory tests that identify the bacteria in the feces of an infected person. Further testing can be conducted to determine the specific type.\_

It is more common for children to get salmonellosis, an infection due to the presence of the salmonella bacteria. Young children, the elderly, and those with compromised immune systems are the most likely to have severe infections

Live poultry that appear to be healthy and clean can have salmonella germs in their feces, on their bodies and in their cages and coops.

Additionally, germs can be found on those who handle the birds or are present where the birds reside. Infections occur when individuals put their hands or other things that have been in contact with the infected feces in or around their mouth.

Contaminated foods usually look and smell normal and are often products of animals like eggs, beef, poultry or milk. Any food, including vegetables, may become contaminated.

Salmonella can be prevented with proper hand washing and thorough cooking of animal products. CDC recommendations include not eating or drinking foods that contain raw eggs or consuming raw, unpasteurized milk.

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#### **He Did Not Demand His Rights**

On television shows, in movies, and in courtrooms we see people who stand up and fight for their rights. Sometimes it is important, and even necessary, to do that. But in more cases than not, those who would be great in God's kingdom are the ones who suffer injustice without complaining, do not seek to get even, and do not insist on their rights.

More marriages would be successful, and friendships maintained, if at least one person is willing to walk away from a fight. A member of our congregation, who died over ten years ago, once told me, "I've walked away from many a quarrel when I knew I was right. They don't give you any medals for being right." He lived to be 951/2 and had two successful marriages (his first wife died relatively young). Could it be that his attitude played a part in that?

There are times to stand up against injustice. The Bible says; "Speakupforthose who cannot speak for themselves" (Proverbs 31:8). Obviously, if bullies and abusive people get away with inappropriate behavior, others will be at risk. But when Jesus said, "Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also (Matthew 5:39), He was instructing us not to be overly concerned about our personal rights. Most abuses and injustices against you can and should be ignored. Our attitude must be, "Yes, I say a lot of hurtful things too. As I ask for God's forgiveness, I will also forgive those who trespass against me."

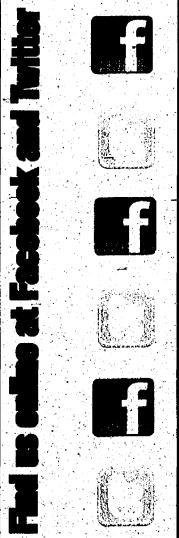
In the next couple days we see Jesus acting as the supreme example of this. The Bible says, "When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly" (1 Peter 2:23). We are offered eternal life in heaven because Jesus suffered and died for us, in other words, because He did not stand up for

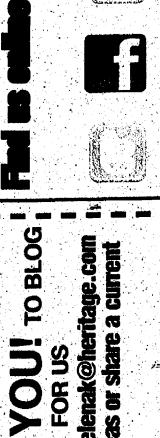
His rights. Anyone who believes in Him as the Savior will see through all eternity that He is the greatest One of all.

We-invite you to worship Him and celebrate His victory with us tomorrow evening, Good Friday, at 7:30 p.m., and on Easter Sunday, at 7:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Have a blessed Easter!

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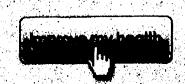






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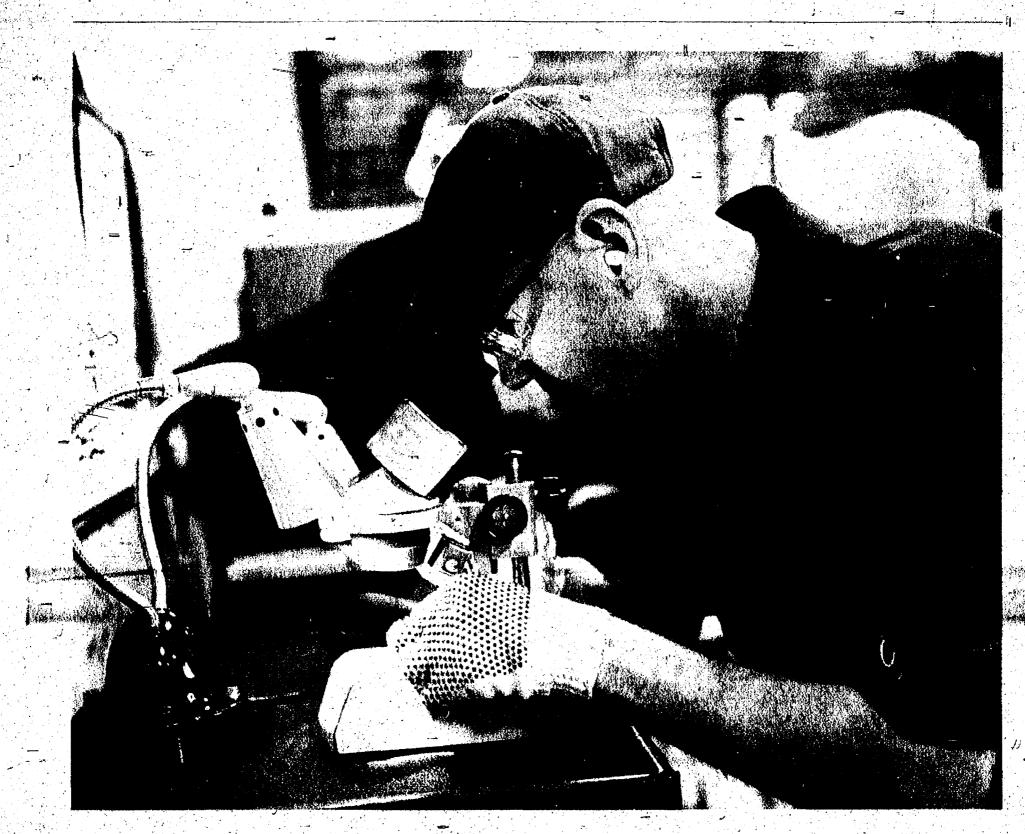
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#### HIGH SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE PREVIEW

# Dexter is ahead of the class

#### Local teams showing big improvement

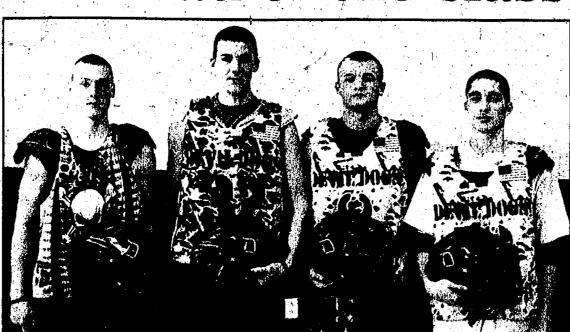
By Terry Jacoby Heritage Media

The third year might just be the charm for the dangerous Dexter Dreadnaughts boys' lacrosse team. It's a program that started strong and is quickly becoming a local powerhouse.

"As we enter into our third season, I am looking for us to continue to grow and mature as a program, said Dexter coach Brian Callanan.

The offense is in good hands with the Dreads' four captains, midfielders Michael Spuller and Ian Wiesenberg and attackmen Andrew McDonagh and Jake Waldrup, leading the way.

They will be joined by attackmen Pat Rogers, Alec



ABOVE: Dexter lacrosse captains Andrew McDonagh (left to right), Jake Waldrup, Michael Spuller and Ian Wiesenberg, RIGHT: Chelsea has a new coach and plenty of talent. Right photo by Mark Bogarin/Markbogarinphotography.com

Brice, Cam Rooks and

Hunter Hook. Sophomores Connor Benson and Louie Kurcz will provide Dexter with

some depth at the midfield. The defense will be anchored by Ed Hafner,

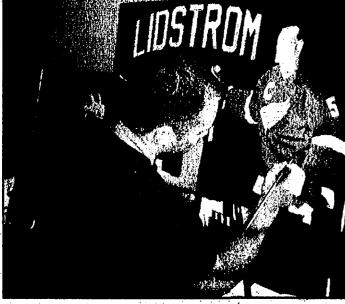
Charles Sleder, Kyle Kantola, Ted Grammatico. Tony Kurcz and goalie Chris Staton.

We are in year three of building our program and are still learning the game," Callanan said. "I want us

to continue to perfect the fundamentals while gaining valuable game experience. The team's tenacity, commitment and esprit de corps are strong points for

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Saline artist Edward L. Huber works on his newest painting, the Red Wings' Nickas Lidstrom.

# Artist puts his love of sports on canvas

The following is a **Q&A** with Saline artist Edward L. Huber. The Stockbridge native talks about how he brought two of his passions in life - Michigan football and painting - together for what has become a

winning combination. How did you first

get interested in art? I grew up always wanting to draw, be it from comic books or from sports illustrated maga**Edward L. Huber** Age: 34

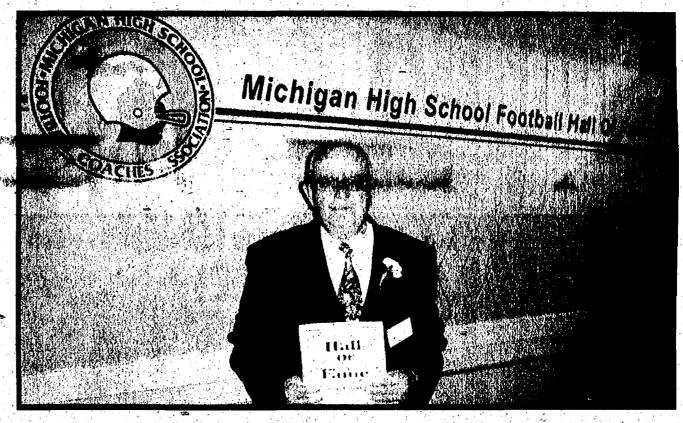
Web site: www.visionsofvictors.com Background: Grew up in Stockrbridge, attending Stockbridge High School. Studied graphic design at Eastern Michigan University. Currently works for A.C.H.-L.L.C. in Saline as an aspiring full-time artist.

zines and then once I entered high school, I Always wanted to be in either gym or Art class. From Drawing, my passion progressed to painting. in my junior and senior year. I also fell in love with photography, but it's hard enough to find time for one passion, let alone two or three, so I had to let photography go.

When did you become a UM football fan? I have been a diehard U-M fan my whole life! I used to pretend to be Jamie Morris in our backyard

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# AMONG THE GREATEST!



# Chelsea's Bareis earns spot in Hall of Fame

By Terry Jacoby

hen Phil Bareis got the call that he had been inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame he was sitting in his "winter" home in of all places Surprise, Ariz. The successful

Chelsea HS football coach said he was 'surprised" to get the call. But it shouldn't have come as a surprise after looking at the numbers. In fact, it's surprise a it didn't happen

After going a combined 4-10-2 in his first two seasons, Bareis helped lead the Bulldogs on one of the most impressive runs in any school history. Starting with the 1968 team, the Chelsea football program went an astounding 62-10 in eight seasons. That streak included three undefeated seasons (1969, 1971 and 1975) and Chelsea's only state cham**Bareis-led Buildogs** 

A year-by-year look at Chelsea coach Phil Bareis and the Bulldogs:

Year Record Worth noting Scored only 14 points in their six losses 1966 2-6 1967 2-4-2 Didn't score a point in their first three games 1968 8.1 Only loss was 16-0 to South Lyon Buildogs' defense had five shutouts 1969 9-0 Won first seven games before dropping last two 1970 7-2 State champs. Scored 30 or more points six times 1971 9-0 Yes, the Bulldogs went 7-2 in 1972 7-2 1972 7-2 Opened with 3 shutouts before allowing 39 to Novi 1973 6-3 **Bulldogs beat rival Dexter 44-8** 1974 Went undefeated but didn't qualify for the playoffs 9.0 1975 1976 2-7 First losing season since 1967 Turned things around with three wins to end year 1977 4-5

Bareis won his last game 14-7 over J-Northwest

pionship (1971).

1978

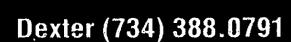
In his 13 seasons, Bareis and his staff went 78-35-2, including 9-3-1 against Dexter (like Michigan and Ohio State, it's always important to add up Chelsea vs. Dexter). He also racked up a 33-11 record while coaching at Clinton High School from 1959 to 1965 and won eight league titles during his coaching career.

Bareis retired from coaching football after the 1978 season and became

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# ALL-AREA HERITAGE GILS BASKETBALL

#### **All-Area Roster**

Name School Year Megan Hall Chelsea Mackenzie Cole Chelsea SR Emma Kill Dexter JR Riley McDonald Dexter JR Cara Easley JR **Ypsilant**i Jasmine Jones Ypsilanti JR Arielle Cargor JR Lincoln Katelyn Morris JR Lincoln Devin Talley SR Huron SR Logan Sims Huron Bianca Williams JR Huron SR Janese Honeycutt Pioneer Britten Clark Saline Angela Broggi Richard Mary Yocum Richard SR Keya Lawson Willow Run China McGee Willow Run Zakiya Wells FR Arbor Prep Karlee Morris Arbor Prep FR McKenna Erkfitz Manchester JR JR **Taylor Manders** Manchester Samanthà Coon Milan

#### Samantha Coon, Milan

Coon played in all 21 games for the Big Reds this year. Coon averaged five points, two rebounds, and 1.7 assists a game in her sophomore season. "She really matured a lot for us this season," said head coach Jeff Scott.



#### **Jasmine Jones, Ypsilanti**

The Phoenix point guard is a sure ball handler with a great ability to penetrate the perimeter. "We went as Jasmine went this year, we were a totally different team when she wasn't on the floor. And I knew if she came out and knocked down a couple shots, that it was going to be a good night," said head coach Chris Slater.



#### Emma Kill, Dexter

She was a terror under the boards and one of Dexter's consistent scorers. The 6-2 forward was an All-SEC first team selection after averaging a team-best 7.4 points and 6.4 rebounds for the talented Dreadnaughts. "Emma is an excellent all-around player," said Dexter coach Mike Bavineau.



#### **Riley McDonald, Dexter**

The junior was the player the Dreads wanted to have the ball in her hands – usually good things happened. McDonald averaged 6.5 points and 2.9 rebounds and was a strong defensive player. "Riley has been a solid player for us for three years," Dexter coach Mike Bavineau said. "She has to do a little bit of everything for our team to be successful. She has been a great leader for our team."



#### Angela Broggi, Gabriel Richard

A four-year starter at Richard, Broggi capped her career by leading the Fighting Irish in points (9.2 per game) and rebounds (4.6 per game). "This year was a culmination of all her four years of being a 'program player," Richard coach Matt Carroll said. "She's been a starter since day one. She's sacrificed a lot in terms of her natural position...she's done that for four years."



#### Mary Yocum, Gabriel Richard

The Richard senior averaged 8.3 points per game and a team-high 12 blocks en route to the Fighting Irish's run to the regional title game. "She's a kid who, over the course of four years, has improved her technical ability," coach Matt Carroll said. "She's always been a really good athlete. "She leads by example. You can tell she's left it all out on the practice or game floor."



#### **Devin Talley, Huron**

The River Rat senior averaged 10.6 points, 3.3 rebounds, 2.5 assists and 2.7 steals as Huron made its first-ever trip to the state semifinal. A 39 percent shooter from the field, Talley was one of Huron's biggest-weapons during a 21-6 campaign. "She can score in many different ways," coach Steve Vinson said. "She's not afraid to sacrifice her body, which is a great example for a team captain to set."



#### Logan Sims, Huron

The River Rats' third leading scorer at 8.2 points per game, Sims led Huron with 5.1 rebounds per contest and shot 42.1 percent from the floor. She led the team in blocks with 14. "She was our best low-post scoring threat throughout the course of the year," coach Steve Vinson said. "She has a high basketball IQ and she does a great job of talking on the floor.



#### **Bianca Williams, Huron**

The versatile junior emerged as one of Huron's premier players over the course of the year, finishing as Huron's second leading scorer, fourth in rebounding, third in assists and second in steals, "(Williams) was one of our best defenders," coach Steve Vinson said. "She's the heart and soul of our team and without her presence; we don't got as far as we went."



#### Janese Honeycutt. Pioneer

The Pioneer senior led her team in scoring and was near the top among her teammates in both rebounding and steals. Honeycutt provided the Pioneers' with a competitive fire throughout the season. "She was definitely our most versatile player," Pioneer coach Crystal Westfield said. "It was really about her all-around game for us. She's very competitive and she brought that to the court."



#### **Janae Sims, Skyline**

The Eagle junior was a bright spot on a Skyline team that won just three games during the 2011-12 season. Sims averaged more than 10 points per game and converted nearly 75 percent of her free throws for the Eagles and first-year coach Keith Wade.



#### Keya Lawson, Willow Run

The Willow Run senior scored the most points in a game this season (31) and also had games with 29 and 27 points. She finished the season as Washtenaw County's leading scorer.



#### China McGee, Willow Run

Only a sophomore, China
McGee led the area in rebounding
with an impressive 13.9 boards
per-game average. She led Class C
in rebounding.



#### Megan Hall, Chelsea

Hall had a very good season for the Bulldogs, averaging a team-best 11.4 points per game. She also averaged 3 assists and 4.4 rebounds: "She provided great leadership, work ethic, guarded the opposition's best player and was our leading scorer and second leading rebounder. That is quite a season," said Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist.



#### **Mackenzie Cole, Chelsea**

Cole was Chelsea's quarterback on the court and a leader off the court. She averaged 9.9 points and 2.3 assists along with 1.8 steals. "She was our point guard and primary ball handler," Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist said. "She understands the game at a very high level, had a great year shooting the three, and led us in assists."



#### **Britten Clark, Saline**

Clark was a consistent source of offense and defense for the Hornets. "She was a tireless worker, an incredible pure athlete, and a relentless competitor who we relied on to score, and at many times, guard the other team's best player," said coach Jeff Waltz. Clark was voted first-team All SEC and was a member of the All-Academic first team. She plans to play at Hope College next season.



#### Zakiya Wells, Arbor Prep

Wells, a freshman, was named to the Class D All-State third team and averaged 17 points, six assists and four steals for Arbor Prep. "Zakiya has the ability to get to the basket any time she wants to," said coach Rodrick Wells. "Her ability to pass the ball is what really makes our team go. She led our team in most offensive categories but kept her teammates involved."



#### Karlee Morris, Arbor Prep

Morris, a freshman, averaged 13 points and seven rebounds and she shot 51 percent from the field for Arbor Prep. "Karlee is one of the most athletic players in the state," said coach Rodrick Wells. "She jumps like she is on pogo stick. She is a hard worker and is always looking to improve."



#### Ari Cargor, Lincoln

Cargor is a speedy guard with a great ability to get past the first line of defense and then go strong to the basket or pass out after penetrating. "Her ball handling abilities were huge for us, and we relied on her a lot, not to score but to put other girls in a position to score," said head coach Mike Hotchkiss. Cargor averaged 11.9 points, 2.5 assists, and 1.6 steals per game for the Splitters.



#### Katelyn Morris, Lincoln

Morris a versatile forward with size to play down in the post and the athletic ability to spread the floor and face up defenders. "I was never scared to use her in any spot from two guard to forward. She has great vision which allws her to grab rebounds and find the open teammate," said coach Mike Hotchkiss. Morris averaged 8.5 points, 7.5 rebounds, and 1.5 blocks.



#### McKenna Erkfitz, Manchester

On a fairly diverse team, Erkfitz was the go-to player when the team needed a bucket. Erkfitz set six school records including points in a game (30), points in a season (427); and rebounds in a season (251). "She was our most consistent player all season, on offense and defense." said head coach Cori Kastel. Erkfitz averaged 17.1 points and 8.9 rebounds.



#### **Taylor Manders, Manchester**

As point guard, Manders was coach Cori Kastel's coach on the floor this year, with a good understanding of the offense and how to get her teammates involved in the offense. "She leads by example, she's very intense and hates to lose and that rubs off on the others," Kastel said. Manders averaged 11.3 points, 3.0 assists, and 3.6 steals.



#### Cara Easley, Ypsilanti

Easley averaged 9.9 points and 10.1 rebounds over her junior season, and was only three points away from averaging a double-double. "Her offensive rebounding was key for us down the stretch, and she was huge for us all season. And she hasn't even realized her full potential yet," said head coach Chris Slater. Off the court Easley carries a 3.8 GPA at YHS.



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Saturdays at halftime of the games. I was fueled by watching Bo on the sidelines of those games and watching and seeing all the history and mystique that went along with all of it. I'll be honest, as a boy the awesomeness of the winged helmet was not lost on me either. There was nothing better than the Maize and Blue on Saturdays.

#### When did you figure out to combine your two passions?

I was a few years out of Eastern Michigan University and was painting a lot of underwater seascapes - I have a fascination with sea life and the colors of the ocean world. But I became somewhat bored with what I was doing. I got laid off from work for about a nine-month period during the fall of 2009 and while watching Michigan play, something hit me that this is what I should be doing. It was in fact the Notre Dame "Tate" game that pushed me in that direction. The first U-M painting that I did was of Tate from that game! I am glad that happened, because I do truly love doing the work that I do know. There is nothing better than combining two passions into one final piece that I can put my name on and say "I'd buy that!"

#### What do you think

makes your work special? I'm not sure what makes my work special, I'd prefer that be defined by the others that buy or appreciate my work. I can say what I try to do in my work to make it unique. I try to find ways with every piece that brings the main focus (U-M football) to the fore front. I try to take out as much background as possible and use very contrasting backgrounds to make the maize and blue and the winged helmet pop off the canvas! I know some people may think it's boring, but I know

#### 'The General'

The Bo Schembechler painting is to this point the favorite among those who know my work. Bo's son, Shemmy, told me it was the best capture of his dad's likeness and demeanor that he has seen.



Photos/text, by Ed Hubbard

#### 'Hello Heisman'

I get a lot of positive comments about the Demond Howard (right) piece. I think that image just epitomizes Desmond so well.

personally if I am buying a piece of Michigan artwork, that I am not buying it for the guy in the 10th row in the stands with a beer belly! I want there to be a clear focus of my work and to be able to put the time and detail into it.

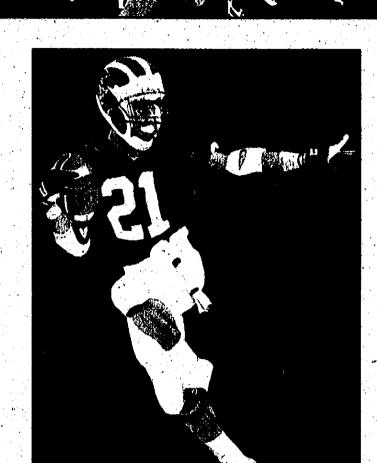
#### What do you look for in an image when you decide I am going to

paint that? When I find an image i want to paint it usually comes from an iconic moment or a legendary player. However, I will paint to requests at which point I will paint whatever image is requested. No matter what the image, I always try to keep the style the same with only slight variations. I want people to connect with the players and images that I paint. I want them to recall their greatest memories of Michigan! I know that there isn't any image that takes me back

to my best memories as a Michigan fan than that of Desmond striking the Heisman pose.

#### Describe your Bo and Woody painting?

Well, the Bo and Woody piece is unfinished at this point, but the goal in the ... end will be for them to be in the same style. It just so happens that Woody is farther along than Bo. I'll be honest, I try for the most part to not change the player or the focal point of the painting. I always try to change the background so I can put the focus on the player. However, I want to keep the player the same so, that there is that connection between the piece and the viewer that recalls the event that is captured on the canvass. I want it to look like a painting (otherwise why not just buy a photograph), but I want it to be recognizable and relatable. I'll save the



abstract and other whacky ideas for another time.

#### What is your favorite

painting and why? It's tough to say which is my favorite. I put a lot of passion into painting Michigan football, so every piece is special to me. I guess if I had to pick, I rally like "Hello Heisman," the Desmond Howard piece just because it takes me back to my youth. I also really like "Mr. Everything," the piece of Charles Woodson. It is a larger work, 2'x4' and has great color. Charles is by far and away my favorite athlete to come out of

Michigan. The guy just played with such energy and just enough cockiness knowing that he was the best player on the field. I am also working on a piece as a tribute to the late, great Vada Murray Vada was a former safety in the late 80's and then went on to be a Ann Arbor police officer. Vada passed away last year from cancer and I was contacted by his wife Sarah to do a piece to be auctioned for the Vada Murray fund. I didn't know Vada, but after listening to the stories of former team mates, family members and fellow officers, I know what

#### 'Catch Me If You Can'

The Denard Robinson piece (above) was one of my favorite pieces to paint. The process of that was so much fun coming off the victory over Notre Dame: I took more artistic liberties with that piece as. far as the blur marks are concerned. I wanted to get that speed aspect into that image to help separate him from Teo both artistically and positionally. I love the energy that piece had once I finished it.

type of man and person he was, so it made me feel very special to be able to be a part of something so great and that piece, however still unfinished will always be one of my favorites if for nothing other that who it represents.

#### Where can people see and buy your works?

I still have prints available at the MDen on State Street (only the State Street location at this point though). My work can be purchased at Ann Arbor Sports Memorabilia Shop located on Liberty Street, between Fourth and Fifth below Afternoon Delight in Ann Arbor. Or people can go directly from my website, www. visionsofvictors.com. You can also contact me through my website for any questions about availability of originals or special orders or any other questions you may have.

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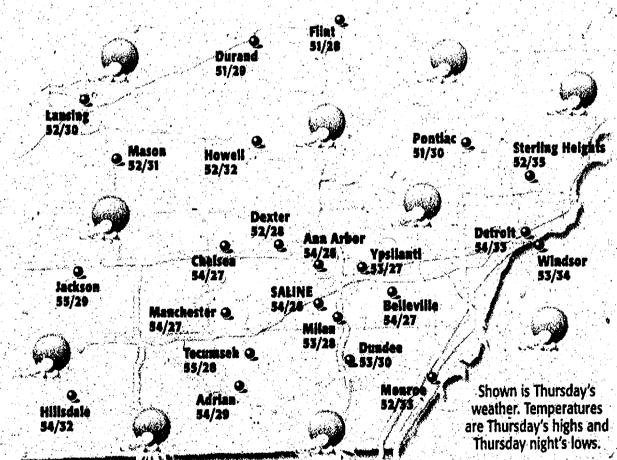
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Dallas	84/61/s	81/67/s	81/63/t
Denver	71/39/5	66/30/pc	60/33/s
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Houston	85/63/s	85/64/s	86/64/pc
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Las Vegas	72/51/s	70/53/s	70/59/5
Los Angeles	65/48/pc	68/51/pc	75/55/s
Miami	87/75/s	86/71/pc	86/71/pc
Minneapolis	59/38/pc	63/45/s	61/38/c
New Orleans	87/66/t	85/65/s	84/65/s
New York City	57/40/5	59/43/s	62/44/s.
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St. Louis	62/43/sh	67/48/s	71/54/pc
San Francisco	57/43/pc	60/43/pc	61/47/pc
Seattle	51/36/pc	53/36/c	54/38/c
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The Chelsea Buildogs have a new coach and plenty of optimism for 2012.

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THOUSE STREET

"Depth is still a concern as it has been since we started but with the growth of our youth program hopefully that will improve.

"As far as expectations, if we can continue to grow and set the bar high both academically and athletically for those to follow, it will be a successful season."

#### Cheisea Bulldogs

The Bulldogs opened their lacrosse season on March 27 against visiting Howell. And despite a 14-7 loss, the Bulldogs played well and have plenty of reason for optimism heading into the new season.

"I was very happy with the way we played," said first-year coach Joe Koengeter. "The score was 6-3 at halftime but we just couldn't close the gap. Every time we would make a run they would answer."

Nick Rosel led the Bulldogs with three goals and Sean O'Quin scored twice.

"We have an entirely new coaching staff at Chelsea this season and are very excited to get things started," said Koengeter, the new varsity head coach for the Bulldogs who have had a lacrosse program since 2008.

Koengeter graduated from Chelsea in 2002 with varsity letters in football, wrestling and track. He was the captain of the 2001 Chelsea football team.

Chelsea was 2-8 last year with wins over Lincoln and Ypsilanti.

This season's lineup fill feature Joe Olmstead, a junior attack player; Rosol, a senior midfielder; and Tony Corazzol, a senior defensemen.

The strengths will be athleticism and determination along with a deep roster. The Bulldogs will need to improve on ball control and gain experience for a program entering its first year eligible to compete in the MHSAA playoffs.

Koengeter said the goals include winning the SEC White Division and going far in the Division 2 playoffs.

#### Saline Hornets

Saline has everything a team would want in a lacrosse team: Talent, effort, experience and a will to win.

However, the Hornets have one extra wild card in their back pocket: Heart.

After a disappointing 2011 season, Saline returns most of its regulars from last year's campaign with one major difference - the squad has a bad taste in its mouth.

This season, the Hornets will look to use that little extra edge that comes from the inside.

"I've seen a lot of mental toughness compared to last year," Saline coach Matt Ceo said. "Last year, we had some great kids on the team, but there wasn't one kid who could just take over the game. Now we have that."

In particular, four players on Saline's roster could be considered game changers at any given time. Attack men Brad Harris and Colin Caderna, defenseman Tyler Sheets and goalie Austin Burd are all among those who could stand out late in contests.

Harris and Caderna, both seniors, didn't just impress fans in the stands with their skills; they caught the eye of college scouts as well. Harris will play at the University of Detroit Mercy next spring, with Caderna heading to Vassar College.

Sheets is the uncontested back line leader and will take charge of a fairly young defensive unit.

"He's an explosive leader," Ceo said. "A pure leader."

Ceo holds such high regard for Burd that he's considered his net minder on a short list as one of the best goalies in the state. In a March 21 contest against Okemos, one of the top teams in the state, Burd stood on his head through seven overtimes before finally giving up the gamewinner in 9-8 loss.

"He's the only reason why we were able to stay in that game." Ceo said.

While the Hornet talent is improved this season, it's certainly not new. And by the standards of many, the 8-5 finish the Hornets had last year would include a lot of smiles and good vibes at the team banquet.

Saline's standards are a bit different.

"To an extent, guys on the team not really happy how last year went," Ceo said. "We were 8-5, but we thought we were much better than 8-5. We don't want to repeat that. It was not a successful season."

#### **Lincoln Splitters**

The Railsplitters return a number of key players from last season, including Ray Pressly, sophomore, attack; Davy McLeod, sophomore, midfield, Jordan McKenzie, senior, goalie; and Brighton Boyle, junior, defense.

One of the biggest strengths the Railsplitters will have this year is their leadership.

Head coach David
Palmer is entering his second year with the program, and is very excited about the dedication many of his returning players put in over the offseason.

"All of our captains are great at leading the team.
Over spring break, I told them I could only come a couple days, but I know they'll be out there working with each other, trying to get better." It's really nice to know that the kids want to get better, and not feel that they have to get better," Palmer said.

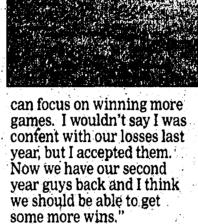
Fundamentals is one area the team needs to get better at.

Still a young program;
Lincoln does not get a lot
kids entering high school
with much experience
in lacrosse, if any at all.
Palmer said last year was
a lot about getting the kids
to have the correct attitude,
and now that they have
the proper demeanor, this
season will be about really
getting the mindset of
lacrosse and the fundamentals down.

"We may have a couple mental lapses in terms of lacrosse basics and positioning, but its getting better. And every team at our level could always use work on ground balls and passing."

The goal for this year is to simply improve on last year.

"Really, to have a better season than last year,"
Palmer said. "I definietely think we can get above .500. But last year was really about changing the attitude, and this year we



#### **Ypsilanti Phoenix**

Key returners for the Phoenix include Kevin Wu, senior, attack; Alex Burdick, senior, goalie; Cody Myers, senior, defense; and Jared Tait, senior, midfield.

Attacking and leadership are among Ypsilanti's strengths.

The Phoenix return most of their attack from last year, while losing some depth at midfield and defense.

Head coach Ian
Clearwood is very happy
with the leadership roles
taken on by his returning
starters and captains such
as Myers and Tait.

"They were both very vocal in the offseason about getting guys to step their games up coming into the season. They're all really excited for this year," he said. But the team must

improve on defense and players are going to have to step up to provide depth. These two go hand in hand with each other for the Phoenix this year.

For the first time, YHS has a JV team, and while Clearwood is happy about allowing kids the chance to gain experience at the sport before participating at the highest high school level,

it leaves him slightly shorthanded, especially in the back with only three guys.

"The most important part about the seniors we lost is just losing those legs on the field," Clearwood said. "I have all the confidence in my kids being prepared, but the lack of depth definitely hurts us."

Despite the low numbers, Clearwood is confident in his team's ability to have a winning season, mainly because of the strength of the leaders and their attack players.

"As long as we can get out early and score a couple, quick goals and don't have to strain our defense too much, I see no reason why we can't have the first winning season in seven years here at Ypsilanti," Clearwood said.





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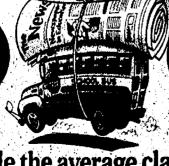


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junior and she was a sophomore,

Phil and Helen raised two sons, Mike and Mark, and a daughter, Cindy Mike and Mark have also coached football and both still live in Chelsea, Cindy lives in Louisiana and is married to Greg Studrawa, the offensive coordinator for the LSU Tigers.

"As great as he was as a football coach, he was by far a better father," said Mark, a longtime teacher and coach in the area. "He always placed his family

That family now includes 10 grandchildren.

While it was football that earned Bareis a spot in the High School Hall of Fame, it was baseball that helped send him to college.

'I played baseball in high school and college," he said. "Baseball was probably my favorite of the two because it was the sport I had the most success with.'

And he did have plenty of success in baseball. He pitched for Western Michigan University beating Florida State in a College World Series game. He made it to Double-A with the Washington-Senators and spent three years in the Minnesota Twins organization.

After spending the summer playing baseball, Bareis took a job in the fall of 1959 coaching the junior varsity football team at Clinton High School.

"My wife was teaching at Clinton, so it worked out well," Bareis said. "The following spring I want back to play baseball, but I was released. And that was fine with me. My four years in college did me well."

During his football playing days at Chelsea, Bareis played for coach Al Conklin. -

"He was good and fair," Bareis said. "That's what I remember the most about him. He also believed that hard work gets you where you want to go."

#### State champions!

The year was 1971. The sport was football. And the place was Chelsea. It's a time and place folks in these parts still like to talk about - and for good reason.

"Every couple of decades, a small town finds itself with enough good athletes to make a great high school football team," said Jeff Daniels, a tight end on that championship team before he went on to even bigger roles. "Phil not only knew he had that team, he knew what to do with it. Smartly, he put every-single player in a position where he could excel. One sport athletes were as important as fouryear letterman. He made everyone feel as if they had a hand in that state champi-

onship. Led by captains Tom McKernon (yes, the pharmacist) and quarterback Wayne Welton (yes, the longtime CHS athletic director and baseball coach), the Bulldogs ran the table that season and were voted State Champs by the Associated Press. the playoff format didn't

begin until 1975. "We had a good group of young men that season, that's for sure," Bareis said. "I expected them to be good before the season started, but I didn't think we would go undefeated. We had a lot of good players, but the key was that they all just jelled and came together as

Phil's brother, Richard. Bareis, and Jim Tallman were assistant coaches on that team. Other notable players that magical season included John Mann (Chelsea State Bank president) and Randy Seitz

(owner of Seitz's Tavern). One of the memories Bareis has from that season is the game against Jackson Northwest.

"It was the last game of the season and we were both undefeated," he said. Both teams had been ranked pretty high all season. We won 21-13 but

it was a tough game. That was a tough one,'

But Chelsea proved to be just a little bit tougher. Daniels uses that season as an example for how much the players cared and respected their coach.

'How devoted were his players to him? Back then the 'smoky haze' of Woodstock was still wafting its way through our young, Led Zeppelin minds," he said. "In training camp, several seniors who were known to indulge stood up and announced that any and all illegal substances would be curtailed until after the football season. "Playing for coach Bareis meant that much."

#### Thanks, coach!

Jason Lindauer, now the mayor of Chelsea and an assistant football coach for the Bulldogs, called it a "privilege" to play for coach Bareis.

"I and most of my closest friends of that day had the privilege for playing for Chelsea High School under coach Phil Bareis and his staff during the 1976 and 1977 seasons," Lindauer said. "I count many of those same teammates among my closest and most trusted friends to this day."

Lindauer said Bareis's emphasis on being well prepared and working extremely hard to reach that point of preparedness were one of the foundational aspects of his outstanding record of success.

'For most of us, our highest aspirations in football were to play on Friday nights at Niehaus Field for Coach Bareis, in front of family, friends and most of Chelsea at large; I believe that concept holds true to the present day," Lindauer said. "At all times, those of us who played for coach, Bareis were aware that we were part of the very long and successful tradition associated with Chelsea High School football and that accordingly, expectations were high.'

Lindauer believes high school coaches are great influences in young people's lives. And he's seen it? from both sides of the ball - as a player and coach.
"The fortunate young

people who participate and sacrifice in competitive sports are truly blessed to have the influence of coaches, teachers and administrators like coach Bareis in their lives," he said.

And coach Bareis also

had a sense of humor. "During the Homecoming Spirit Week festivities of my senior year, Jerry Benjamin, -Brian Van Reesma and I dressed up as two cheerleaders (their roles) and coach Bareis (that was me) and we hammed it up at the Pep Rally during seventh hour on game day," Lindauer said. "Of course, I asked coach's permission to perform the skit and to impersonate him. I recall that he was both supportive

and a great sport about it.". Another one of Bareis' former players who stayed and made Chelsea his "forever" home was Dennis



Bauer, who like Lindauer, stood proudly next to his coach during the recentinduction ceremony.

Bauer has become one of the successful leaders in the local business community at Chelsea Lumber. But it wasn't that long ago that he was one of the leaders of the Bulldogs. Bauer played guard and linebacker from 1973 to 1975 and his teams went a combined 22-5 - yeah, not tóo bad.

"Coach Bareis has always been not only respected but appreciated by his former players," said Bauer, a member of the undefeated 1975 team. "The coaching staff we had when I was there was very good. They expected everyone to play hard and practice hard. We wanted to give our best and we always did."

Getting that passion and commitment out of teenagers was a big reason for Chelsea's success.

#### **Carrying on**

As most people know, the Chelsea football program is now in the capable hands of Brad Bush - who could retire today and still, without question, land in the Michigan High School Football Hall of Fame.

The similarities between the two coaches go way beyond their success in the win loss column. It starts with a love for their community, a passion for the game of football and building a great support staff.

But it's also their unique connection with young people that seems to bring out the best in them.

"I really only had one rule," Bareis said. "That when the final whistle blew, you knew you gave your

best effort. If you gave it your best, win or lose, you can walk across that field and shake your opponent's hand and look them in the eye because they got your best."

Bush preaches that same philosophy to his player's today. But it's not the only thing he got from Bareis.

"I met coach Bareis my first year here on the job in 1997," Bush said. "That year he spoke to our team. After speaking to the team he gave me a sign that was made for him by a player in the mid 1960's. The sign says, 'Friday night means football.'

"That sign has sat on my

desk at the stadium ever since. When Bush thinks of

Bareis, he thinks of someone who helped create a tradition in Chelsea. And most people will tell you that starting something is much more difficult than maintaining it.

"He helped establish a great tradition of excellence here at Chelsea High School," Bush said. "He is a first-class guy. He is respected by everyone in the community. He lives around the block from me and I see he and his wife Helen often. They are great people.

"I am very excited that



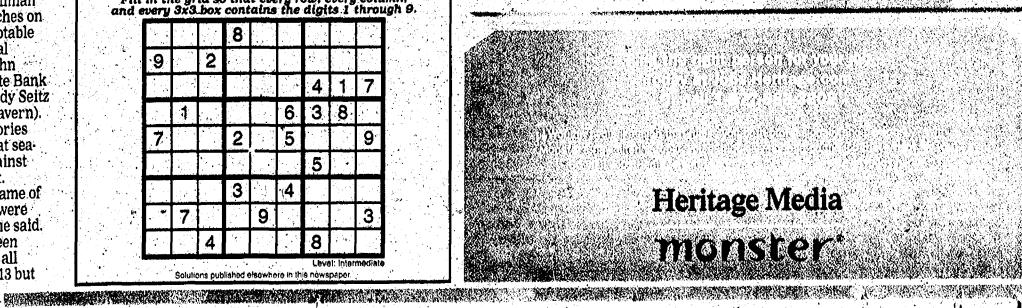
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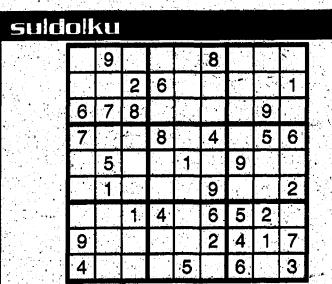
#### **Game of life**

What many of his former players talk about the most is not how Bareis won football games, but the lessons he taught to help make them winners on a much bigger playing field - life. These guys don't get cheered when they accomplish something at work. They don't get their name in the paper very often and the cheerleaders no longer shout their names.

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# **Indoor Champs!**



The "Crew" girls soccer team won their division this winter at Wide World of Sports Indoor Soccer League. The girls are all fifth and sixth grade students at South Meadows and Beach Middle schools. They have been playing together for three years and are happy to be coached by Steve Pieske and Fred Pieske. Front row: Helena Schultz, Georgie Reynolds, Hannah Wyatt, Maddie Vasquez, Corrine Dale. Back row: Coach Steve Pieske, Ashley Pieske, Shelby Collier, Lauren Pieske, Kara Nold, Emily Griggs, Gabrielle Udell, and assistant coach Fred Pieske. Missing from photo: Hayley Townsend.

#### Girls Track Preview

# Bulldogs appear ready for another big run

The 2012 Chelsea girls' track team is poised to improve upon their sixth place 2011 MHSAA state finish a year ago.

The Bulldogs are defending SEC champions that have not lost an SEC White dual meet in five years.

"We hope to continue that tradition of excellence this season," said new coach Shane Rodriguez.

Leading the charge in 2012 are upper-class athletes such as Danielle Dahl, Megan Hall, Elaine Johnson, Zoe Sing, and Grace Sauers.

Dahl is a División-1 athlete that will compete for Ball State next year. She is the state-runner up in the open 2011 800 meter dash and a huge component of the mid distance and distance relay teams.

Joining her in the distance events will be Jessi Battaglia and Ella Fritzemeier.

Jessi and Ella are accomplished cross country and track distance runners that are also fantastic team leaders," Rodriguez said. Elaine Johnson is another distance athlete that brings talent to the distance-squad. She is also an accomplished pole vaulter. Elaine is a top five vaulter all time in Chelsea school history and is looking to improve on that

Dahl has already jumped into the top five CHS high jumpers, clearing an impressive 5 feet earlier this sea-

Junior sprinter Grace Sauers is the current school record holder in the long jump and is poised to break her own record. Senior Megan Hall is a 100, 200, and 400 meter sprinter that intends to add to her collection of all state medals this

#### **Bulldogs fourth at MSU meet**

The Chelsea girls' track team placed fourth out of 15 teams in the MSU Playmakers meet.

Many high places were earned for the Bulldogs.

Jessi Battaglia was third in the two mile, Danielle
Dahl was second in the high jump, Elaine Johnson was
third in the pole vault and Victoria Collins was second
in the 400 meter dash against a strong field.

The two-mile relay team of Elaine Johnson, Ella
Fritzmeier, Danielle Dahl and Maria Osentoski was second
and the 800-meter relay of Laura McGrath Megan

ond and the 800-meter relay of Laura McGrath, Megan Lowe, Rachel Yordanich and Megan Hall was fifth.

Other strong performances were turned in by Fallon Mosier (10th in the 60-meter hurdles), Yordanich (10th in the 60-meter dash), Maria Osentoski (ninth in the 400), The mile relay team of Collins, Yordanich, McGrath

and Dahl was fifth. We were shorthanded with some ill and injured athletes, but that gave a huge opportunity for others to fill in and excel," said coach Shane Rodriguez. "I am very impressed with the way that Maria Osentoski and Laura McGrath filled in two different spots on relay teams at the last minute.

"Our distance core of girls continues to impress. Danielle Dahl cleared a lifetime best of 5 feet in the high jump. Our sprinters are doing great, and freshman Victoria Collins keeps dropping her time in the 400 meter dash. Elaine Johnson once again tied her lifetim best of 9-6 in the pole vault and placed third."

season. Megan Lowe is an impact junior that will be a huge asset in the sprints.

Chelsea is fortunate to have awesome underclassmen that have and continue to contribute in a big way. Maria Osentoski is a great 800-meter runner and will score points in the high jump. Rachel Yordanich, Laura McGrath, and Victoria Collins are exciting freshmen additions to the sprinter core and represent

the team's young speed. Seniors Zoe Sing, Laura Heaney and McKenzie Hoffman will pace the girls in the throws.

"We are young but full of talent in other field events such as the hurdles, pole vault, and high jump, Rodriguez said. "Look for those field events to be factors in the meets to come. If Rodriguez said.

we stay healthy, it should be a really fun year."

Rodriguez is assisted by Kalli Nowitzke, a distance and middle distance standout out of Eastern Michigan University. Coaching the majority of distance runners is boys' head coach Eric Swager and Mike Holik.

The long jump and sprints coach is Loren Thorburn. Coaching the throws is CHS state champion Karri (Taylor) Goorhouse. Steve Forsburg is the new high jump coach.

Of special mention, Bert Kruse is a sprints coach and hurdles coach, in his 50th year as a Chelsea track and field coach.

"His love for coaching shines every day, and we are lucky to have him,"

# **Common Bond!**



The Common Bond fourth-fifth grade basketball team from Chelsea recently completed its season. They won second place medals in two tournaments (Milan Machine and Livonia Slamfest). The team featured Klersten Anstead (2), Kayla Sweeny (10), Riley Davis (1), Briana Hay (12), Caltiln Dusenbury (25), Mallory Stribe (23), Jenna Fosdick (24), Madelyn Scheese (11). Missing are Skylar Staton and Cella Kent.

#### COACH

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And whether it's Jeff Daniels leaving that 1971 team to become a Hollywood star or Jason Lindauer going on to become mayor or players "graduating" to run banks or local pharmacies and become police officers or teachers or whatever - they still hear that voice in their

"Work ethic is what I learned from coach Bareis," Bauer said. "If you make the effort, if you put in the work, it will pay off. That's what I learned from him. That lesson has lasted a lifetime."

The Chelsea community, of which Bareis talks with such great pride in his voice, is now led by one of his former players. And that player also hands off part of his success to 'the coach.'

'Many of the fundamental aspects we learned about being responsible young men and woman (Mrs. Bareis was the cheerleading advisor in those days) under his guidance still hold true in our lives today," Lindauer said. "Whether it was on the field or in the classroom, their positive influence was always felt, noted and appreciated, even if it took some of us a few years of life experience to figure that out."

That 1971 team had a young quarterback who could figure things out back then and certainly today. Wayne Welton, during his three plus decades as coach and athletic director at Chelsea High School, can thank Bareis for giving him his start.

"I only had one interview in my life and it was with coach Bareis," said Welton, who even after all these years still refers to him as 'coach.' "He hired me and made me the varsity baseball coach in my

#### **Modern-day Buildogs**

The Bulldogs had three undefeated seasons under coach Phil Bareis including the last one in 1975 when Chelsea went 9-0. But it's not totally fair to say the Bulldogs have not had an undefeated season since 1975 since the "season" now includes an expanded playoff format. Here is a look at the Chelsea teams that went undefeated in the regular season after 1975:

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second year."

What a great hire that turned out to be - and part of the reason was Bareis, who helped form a special bond all those years ago with that young teenage quarterback. "The relationship

between quarterback and head coach is unique and I was lucky enough to have such a special one with coach Bareis," Welton said. "What made it work so well is that we both trusted each other. He even trusted me to change some plays at the line of scrimmage, which was pretty unique back in the 1970s."

Bareis did like to run the ball at people from the I-formation. But he also wasn't against changing things up depending on his team's strengths.
"That's another thing

that made him so successful," Welton said. "He may have preferred power football but he also would adjust to the talent on his team that season. Not every team could run the ball every time. In 1971, we had the personal that could throw it and catch it so he changed the offense to take advantage of that. Now that undefeated team in 1975 they could just run the ball right at people and no one could stop them."

Bareis also knew how to get a team ready. "He was a great practice

coach," Welton said. "The

way he prepared his team

was one of his strengths. Our teams were always ready by the time Friday night came around.

'Those were really special times in my life. And coach has always been a special person to me.

As one would expect, Daniels summed it up like only a great writer could.

"He coached football, but he taught us about discipline, commitment, and the team work necessary for many to achieve the same lofty goal," Daniels said. "I've often cited that season under Phil as a template for competing for roles in New York and Hollywood. Such was the impression he made on me that there were auditions when I had to stop myself from giving another actor a forearm

That pride went both ways - which is why it worked so well.

"We had our ups and downs on the football field. like any team has," Bareis said. "But the young men

always made me proud."
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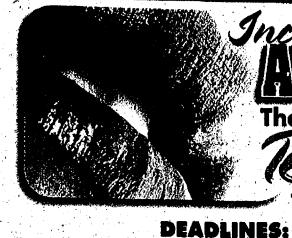
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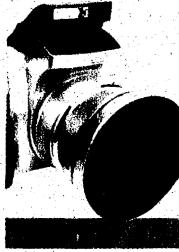
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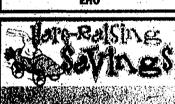


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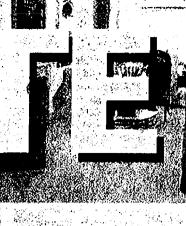
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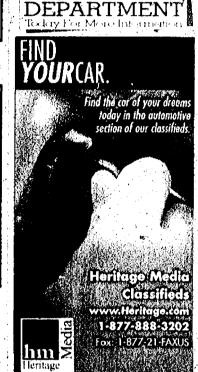
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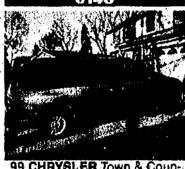
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# Battle lines drawn over law's chances in state

Some see Act 53 as a war on unions

Editor's Note: This is first of a three-part series on the right-to-work debate in Michigan.

By Craig Farrand
Special Writer

Battle of the Overpass.
Flint Sit-down Strike.
These iconic events
— and others like them
— helped write the history of organized labor in
Michigan.

So will this be the year that the phrase "right to work" is added to that list?

Gov. Rick Snyder is on the record saying he hopes not; that it's "too divisive" an issue for the state.

Yet a simple act on his part March 16 was viewed by some as the first formal attack of a new war on unions — and last month he asked unions to back off from their attempts to make this a constitutional battle.

For all the rhetoric on both sides, then, it already seems like anything but a war of words — possibly leading to a war of actions.

Instead, lines have clearly been drawn in the sand by proponents and opponents of right-to-work legislation in Michigan.

And the battle heated up when Snyder, with a stroke of his pen, fired what some see as the first formal attack of a new war on unions when he signed Public Act 53 into law.

What does the law do?
It prohibits public schools from deducting union dues or service fees from employees' paychecks

checks.
"This is the first step," said Harry Lester of Rockwood, a longtime labor leader and union activist.

"Gov. Snyder needs to look at what happened in Wisconsin.

"(Gov. Scott) Walker did more for unions than John L. Lewis," Lester said, referring to the man who helped organize coal miners and led the United Mine Workers as its president for 40 years.

And Lester should know: He is a son of the West Virginia coal mines, where his father helped organize workers — "providing them with a right to refuse work that was unsafe, unhealthy."

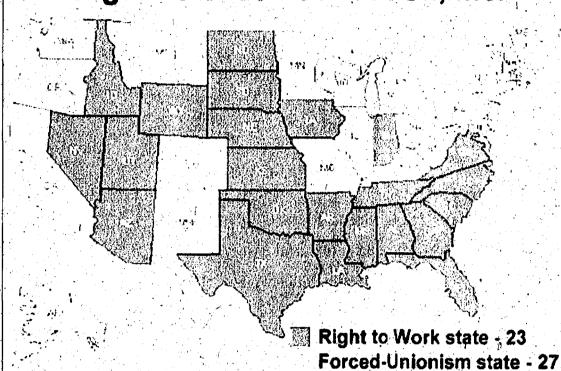
For Lester and others who dedicated their lives to union rights, right-to-work laws — which already exist in 23 states — are really about a right to work for less.

"It's about a right to work under conditions imposed by the company," he said, "whether they're safe or not.

"And it's about lowering the standards of living for millions of Americans. With right to work, employees have no rights, except for those found under federal civil rights protections."

Nevertheless, those who support right to work in Michigan contend that such a change is the only way the state can compete with those who already have such rules.

# National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation, Inc.



"We're the only state, to have lost population in the last census," said firstterm state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-7th District.

"And the people we lost moved to right-to-work states; they followed the jobs.

"And that means we've seen families split up because of that," he said. "And that's not acceptable.

Yet these same arguments are echoed — with a different perspective — from the other side

"Yes, we've had people leave the state looking for work," said state Rep. Doug Geiss, D-22nd District.

"And they've found work in right-to-work states — at substantially lower wages.

"So is this about a race to the bottom? Is this about everyone working for minimum wage?" he asked.

# What is Right to Work?

Before those questions can be answered, however, the first to be addressed has to be: What does "right to work" mean?

One answer comes from Roland Zullo, a research scientist with the University of Michigan's Institute for Labor and Industrial Relations.

Industrial Relations.
In his paper titled "What Right to Work would mean for Michigan," Zullo establishes the battle themes:

To begin, the term "right to work" (RTW) is a misnomer ... (it) has nothing to do with the right of a person to seek and accept gainful employment.

Rather, RTW laws prohibit a labor union and employer from negotiating union security clauses... (which) are contract provisions that regulate the collection of union dues.

In non-RTW states, such as Michigan, the parties are free to negotiate a range of union security options, (creating a) "union shop

..." that require(s) every person benefiting from union representation to pay union dues.

In RTW states, the parties are barred from negotiating union security clauses, making the default the "open shop," where the payment of dues is optional for workers represented by

the union:
For Colbeck, Zullo's definition is right on target:
"Right to work is a misnomer; everyone does have a
right to work."

But, the senator says, the issue isn't about unions, it's about bringing jobs to Michigan.

"When I rank all the things that can bring jobs to our state, right to work is at the top of that list," he said.

"We need to compete with states — some now on our own borders — that are more competitive than we are.

"The inconvenient truth," he said, "is that jobs are growing in rightto-work states and declining in non-right to work states."

But is that true?

# What are the facts?

According to a 2002 study by the conservative Mackinac Center for Public Policy, the answer is yes. The center reported that right-to-work states "performed relatively much better in terms of a variety of economic indicators."

The study says two statistics stand out:

Gross State Product has grown more rapidly, by 0.5 percent per year, in RTW states between 1977 and 1999.

•Overall employment, particularly manufacturing employment, grew more rapidly between 1970 and 2000 in RTW states. Overall employment increased by 0.9 percent more rapidly per year in RTW states. Manufacturing employment increased more by 1.7 percent per year in RTW states.

And a study of the issue by Hari Singh of Grand Valley State University's Seidman College of Business arrived at this conclusion (one of several):

"A middle of the road "crude" estimate based on a relatively good methodology indicates that if Michigan was a RTW state, it might create approximately 50,000 to 60,000 more jobs in the manufacturing transportation sector over an extended period.

But, the report continues elsewhere, there could be other factors that have increased the manufacturing jobs in RTW states.

Such is the nature of independent studies — because later in the same paper, titled "Right to Work and economic impact — What it means for Michigan," he wrote the following about an analysis of Fortune 500 companies' decision-making when considering a new location identified a

two-stage process:
The first stage is to
"seriously consider" some
locations and the second
stage is to "make a final
choice."

(The study) found that RTW laws were significant in the first stage when different locations were being seriously considered, but were not significant in the final choice.

Zullo's research comes to a similar conclusion — but from a different vantage point:

Like Michigan, nearly every state in the union has lost manufacturing jobs over the last six to eight years, but it is unclear whether the rates of job loss are related to RTW laws.

- Our economic problems in Michigan are due primarily to the woes in the auto industry, which RTW would not fix.

When making location decisions, businesses rate factors such as the quality of the regional workforce, the regulatory environment and tax incentives before ever considering RTW laws.

So does right to work have a cause and effect impact on economies?

impact on economies?
And if not, then what is a determining factor in locating a new business—in Michigan?
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Wages, Lester said.

#### **About Harry Lester**

As a young man, Harry Lester worked first at Ford Motor Co. and later at McLouth Steel, where he rose through the ranks of the United Steelworkers of America, serving as District 2 director for 26 years.

He retired in 2006.
In the 1980s, he was instrumental in helping shape McLouth's Employee Stock Ownership Planin an attempt to keep the steelmaker open.

But, Lester said, the dumping of subsidized foreign steel — at more than \$30 a ton less — sealed the company's fate.

"McLouth was a great company, and Donald McLouth was a great person," he said, "one of the finest steel people in the country.

"Someday, I'm going to

#### FYI

Part I: What is right to work, what are the battle lines, what impact could it have here?

Part II: Does the lack of right- to-work rules stifle economic growth — and the jobs that could come with it?

Part III: What are the politics behind right to work and how could a constitutional fight shape up?

write a book about him."
(It would be Lester's
third: The first is an auto

third: The first is an autobiography titled "The Boy from Bud," his second is a hoped-for look at his work with the union movement.)

Today, he serves on, among other boards, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's Board of Commissioners and is co-chairman of the annual Downiver Community Prayer Breakfast.

#### It's about wages

"It's all about businesses being more profitable," Lester said.

"There's no benefit to the worker, just to the companies.

"This is all about business, not about the worker," he said, adding that "every argument that says it's about the worker is simply propaganda."

And Lester is supported by both Zullo and Singh. Zullo: Depending on the occupation, unionized

workers earn wages that are 10 to 40 percent higher than their nonunion counterparts.

The positive differential

for other forms of compensation, such as health care insurance and pensions, is even greater.

Singh: Typically, RTW states are not friendly to unions and would probably have attracted more manufacturing even without the RTW law, due to a pro-business environment ...

Typically, local governments of RTW states have also been aggressive about providing tax incentives and other sweeteners to firms considering locating new plants.

Consequently, we have to be cautious about how much of these differences in wage costs and the job migration can be attrib-

uted solely to RTW issues.
And remember, Lester warns, "down South, you have people working in non-union plants that are subsidized by their states, and their workers are on welfare.

"They don't make enough to support their families. Is that what we want here?

"Right to work hurts workers, hurts families and hurts communities," he said.

His contention appears to be borne out in a February 2011 study by the Economic Policy Institute, which concluded, in part, that:

The rate of employersponsored health insurance is 2,6 percentage points lower in RTW states compared with non-RTW states

If workers in non-RTW states were to receive (health insurance) at this lower rate, 2 million fewer workers nationally would be covered.

(In addition, the) rate of employer-sponsored pensions is 4.8 percentage points lower in RTW states (and if) workers in non-RTW states were to receive pensions at this lower rate, 3.8 million fewer workers

nationally would have pen-

sions.

For opponents of right to work, the bottom line is clear: If such rules are imposed in Michigan, the state would end up with fewer workers having health insurance and pensions

And that, they said, would mean increased burdens on an already taxed health system and more pressure to increase Social Security benefits.

It also, for Lester, would mean more money going into risky investments with defined contribution plans — such as 401(k)s — rather than defined benefit plans. ("Just look what happened to people's retirements when Wall Street crashed," he said.)

Which means the shift is a step backward; that it would mean not providing a better life for future generations—something, he said, he's worked for all his life.

But, Colbeck, said not having right-to-work rules hurts workers, families and communities more, because it stifles job creation.

#### **About Pat Colbeck**

As a first-term state lawmaker — in fact, this is his first time serving in any kind of elective position — Pat Colbeck says he brings a different kind of approach to Lansing.

Trained as an aeronautic engineer at the
University of Michigan, he
says, his is a more analytical mind, one that looks to
problem solving first.

He was elected in 2010 and has more than 20 years of engineering and management experience in numerous fields, including the aerospace and automotive industries

At one point in his career, he said, he watched as workers put in 12-hour days, seven days a week—yet one woman had to ask permission to take her birthday off.

"That was when I saw

what unions could and couldn't do." He serves on the follow-

ing Senate committees:

Reform, Restructure

Reform, Restructure and Reinvent (vice chairman).

■ Appropriations.
■ Education.

He also serves on these Senate subcommittees: State Police and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Transportation, Retirement and General Government.

#### Next Up

The impact of right to work on job creation and competition for Michigan.

# Mueller chosen AVP for Economic Development at WCC

St. Clair County
Community College
Workforce Development
Dean Michelie Mueller
has been chosen to
head Washtenaw
Community College's
workforce development
efforts as associate vice
president for Economic

Development and Community/Corporate Alliances.

The WCC board of trustees approved her appointment March 27.

appointment March 27.
Mueller is responsible for expanding WCC's partnerships and programs in the business

sector, and building new alliances with educators, executives and government agencies throughout southeast Michigan and beyond.

She has worked in community college administration for 26 years. Her experience includes recruitment, admissions, registration, academic records, student activities, planning and development, regional and international partnerships, workforce and economic development and business incubator development.

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She also has taught marketing at the community college level.

Mueller has an associate's degree in fine arts from Brevard College, a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, a master's degree from Michigan

State University and is a doctoral candidate at Central Michigan University.

She said she is excited to return to the community that helped lay the foundation for her career in education and workforce development.

# ENTERIAINMENT

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Thussday April 5: 2012

# Jewish Film Festival returns to Michigan Theater April 29

he Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor will bring the 11th annual Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival to the Michigan Theater April 24 through May 3

The festival will feature 15 films and documentaries from Israel, Poland, England, Germany Canada and the United States

All seats are \$10 at the box office. Film festival passes our available to JCC members for \$89 and \$85 for non-members.

The festival opens 2 p.m. Sunday with a double feature. "An Article " of Hope" followed by

"Cohen on the Bridge: Rescue at Entebbe."

The Ann Arbor sponsor reception will be held 6:30 p.m. at the Michigan Theater. The 8 p.m. comedy drama. Reuniting the Rubins. will resonate with all who have family gatherings.

At 1:30 p.m. April 30. the featured film is the 1927 Yiddish classic, The Dybbuk." Guest speaker. Maya Barzilai, assistant professor of Hebrew Literature and Jewish Culture, will lead a discussion after the film.

"Love. Etc.," a poignant and humorous exploration of love depicted through five real stories. is at 5 p.m. The 8 p.m.

film will be the humorous drama, "My Australia."

Tuesday, May 1 opens with a 1:30 p.m. showing of "Dolphin Boy." followed by a 5 p.m. film Tony Curtis: Driven to Stardom." The 8 p.m. featured film will be "Remembrance."

May 2 begins with a double feature of " "Strangers No More" followed by "Homecoming." The 5 p.m film is a suspenseful, psychological mystery, "Naomi."
The 8 p.m. showing of

"Buried Prayers" tells. the story of survivors of the Warsaw ghetto uprising were held at the Maidanek death camp. . Jaime Wraight, direc-

tor of the Voice Vision Holocaust Survivor Oral History Archive of University of Michigan will be the guest speaker.

At 5 p.m. on closing day, May 3, "Shalom Aleichem-Laughing in the Darkness" will be featured, followed by the Israeli film "Mabul" at 8 p.m. Following the final film, festival sponsors are invited to an afterglow party 10 p.m. at Sava, 216 S. State St.

For more information, contact Karen Freedland at 971-0990 or karenfreedland@jccfed. org. For a full schedule of films, including movie trailers, visit www.jccannarbor.org.



# Bevy of theater productions to start soon

#### 'Godspell' opens, this weekend)

By Sear, Dalton

Washtenaw County's performing arts community is kicking into high gear now that spring has arrived.

A number of plays. musicals and other entertainment opportunities are poised to kick off in the next week or so.

#### Dexter

The Encore Musical Theatre sproduction of "Godspell" under new assistant artistic director Thalia Schramm opens this weekend.

The music and lyrics of Stephen Schwartz, who composed "Wicked" and

"Pippin," are expected to be a big hit with audiences during its run from March 29 to April 22.

Based on St. Matthew's gospel. "Godspell" carries with it a bevy of hit songs, including "Day by Day," a 1972 Pop Billboard Chart topper, and "By My Side."

The cast includes a number of talented stagenames, such as Rusty Mewha, Brian Thibault, Brian E. Buckner, Keith Kalinowski, Charles Lindsay, Sonja Marquis, Angela Kay Miller, Fatima Poggi, Amy Smidebuch and Tara Tomcsik.

The Encore Musical Theatre Company is located at 3126 Broad St. in Dexter, and the staff can be reached at 734-268-6200.

#### Chelsea

Next week, the Purple Rose Theatre Company

#### **ENTERTAINMENT ROUNDUP**

will debut the long-awaited "White Buffalo," a tale of miracles and faith.

Playwright Don Zolidis' story of a white buffalo calf born to a rural family in Wisconsin will deal with some serious existential questions as Carol Gelling, played by Michelle Mountain, deals with a host of visitors to her farmland.

Amidst visits from the Dalai Lama and some other noteworthy figures, offers of money are made on the sacred white buffalo, fabled in Native American lore to represent purity and rebirth.

Gregory Butka, David Daoust, Matthew David. Rainbow Dickerson. Stacie Hadgikosti, Alex Leydenfrost, Nate Mitchell, Michelle Mountain, Michael Brian Ogden and

Meghan Thompson com-

prise the cast. White Buffalo" will run from March 29 to June 2 at the Purple Rose in Chelsea, at 137 Park St., and the staff can be reached at 734-433-

Chelsea's Youth Dance Theatre has begun rehearsing "Swan Lake" in preparation to perform at Chelsea High School on April 21 and 22 at 7 and 2 p.m. respectively.

The company just produced "The Nutcracker" this past December.

Melissa Krienke stars as princess and white swan Odette. The ballet tells the story of Odette, who under the spell of the evil sorcerer Von Rothbart, must live as a swan by day.

For more information call 734-475-3070 or visit

www.youthdancetheatre.

#### Ann Arbor

Wild Swan Theater is bringing children's classic "The Cricket in Times Square" to audiences on May 3 at Towsley Auditorium in the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College.

Continuing its tradition of creating plays based on tne finest chharen's literature. Wild Swan presents the Newbery Award-winning tale of how the song of a gifted cricket saves the Bellini's newsstand in the subway station under Times Square. Matthew

Gwynn guest directs. Chester, the cricket, arrives at Times Square in the picnic hamper of a family back from a day in the country. Adopted as a

pet by Mario, the son of the Bellinis, Chester soon settles into his new home. When an unusual pair of pals, a fast-talking rat and a sophisticated cat, befriends. him, Chester's life takes on big city excitement - until a fire at the newsstand puts the Bellini's livelihood in jeopardy. That's when Chester's musical career takes off, with Tucker the rat and Harriet the cat as his managers.

The role of Chester is portrayed by Jeremy Salvatori. Mama and Papa Bellini are played by Wild Swan's co-founder and co-artistic director. Sandy Ryder, and company regular Mark Hammell. Ty Mitchell appears as their son, Mario. Wild Swan Company Manager Michelle Trame Lanzi plays the cat, Harriet, with Sandy Ryder as the rat, Tucker.

# EMU Theatre presents 'Guys and Dolls' April 13-21



Set in New York in the late 1940s, "Guys and Dolls" opens with Nathan trying to find a location for his crap game while being pushed toward the alter by a sneezing Adelaide.

Eastern Michigan . University Theatre presents the Tony award-winning musical comedy "Guys and Dolls" in the Quirk Theatre 7 p.m. April 13, 14, 19 and 21, at 9 p.m. April 20 and at 2 p.m. April 15.

The Quirk Theatre is housed in the Quirk Dramatic Arts Building located at the intersection of East Circle Drive and Best Hall on EMU's Ypsilanti campus.

Based on the stories of Damon Runyon, the show has become a Broadway

classic about gambling guys who won't commit and determined dolls who won't give up.

Crap game organizer Nathan Detroit, his long time fiancée Adelaide, gambler Sky Masterson and straight-laced Sarah Brown are the heart and soul of the story.

Set in New York in the late 1940s, "Guys and Dolls" opens with Nathan: trying to find a location for his crap game while being pushed toward the alter by a sneezing Adelaide. On a bet with

Nathan, Sky takes his chances with Save-A-Soul missionary Sarah Brown.

After a night in Havana, a crap game in a sewer and testimonies at the mission, gamblers, saints, guys and dolls all come together for a big finish in Times Square.

Book is by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows; music and lyrics are by Frank Loesser. The show is directed by Phil Simmons and is recommended for audience members 12 and

Ticket prices for "Guys

and Dolls" are \$15 regular admission, \$12 for students, \$9 for MAINSTAGE patrons.

**EMU Theatre maintains** a "no babes-in-arms" policy.

Tickets are available by phone at 487-2282 and in person at the Convocation Center, the Student Center ticket office or the Quirk Box Office. To purchase tickets online, visit www.emutix.com For more information about EMU Theatre and the rest of the season, visit www. emich.edu/emutheatre.

#### WEST REGIONAL CALENDAR

#### CHELSEA Thursday, April 5

"White Buffalo" 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p m. Saturday and Wednesday, and 2 p.m. Sunday Purple Roset Theatre, 137 Park St. Call

#### Friday, April 6

1 p.m. Friday: Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Free. 475

#### Saturday, April 7 Easter Egg Hunt:

Chelsea Kiwanis 9:45 a.m. Saturday Chelsea Retirement Cornmunity, 805 W. Middle: St. Free: 475-9701.

#### Monday, April 9 Friends of McKune

Mystery Book Club

Club 433-7673 7 p.m. Tuesday, Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-8732. ■ Great Books

## Wednesday, April

7 p.m. Monday:

7035.

Breakaway Restaurant,

Coliseum Drive Free. 475-

Tuesday, April 10

International Book

Arctic Coliseum, 501

#### **■ Evening Primrose** Garden Club

7 p.m. Wednesday: Chelsea Depot, 125 Jackson St. Free. 634-1954,

#### DEXTER Thursday, April 5

# "Godspell" 7-p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m.: Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Encore, 3126 Broad St. Tickets at theencoretheatre. org and at the door. 268-

#### Friday, April 6 ## "Munchkin Holiday!" Pippin Puppets

11 a.m. Friday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine. Free: 426-4477.

#### Saturday, April 7

"Just After the New **Grass Moon-Night Hike** and Campfire"

8 p.m. Saturday: Independence Lake, 3200 Jennings Road, Free: \$5 vehicle fee. 971-6337, ext.

#### Monday, April 9 ■ Somewhere in Time

History Book Club 7 p.m. Monday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. Pre-registration required, 426-4477.

#### ■ Youth Depression and Suicide: National Alliance on Mental Illness

7:30 p.m. Monday: King of Kings Lutheran Church, 2685 Packard Road, Ann Arbor, Free, 994-6611;

#### Tuesday, April 10 M Dexter Garden Club

6:45 p.m. Tuesday: Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St. 424-2580.

## Wednesday, April

Wild Ones: Woodland Wildflower Walk 6 p.m. Wednesday:

Dexter-Huron Metropark, 6535 Huron River Drive. \$5 vehicle fee. 604-4674.

#### SALINE Friday, April 6

■ Ballroom Dance Party 8 p.m. Friday: Come Dancing, 7025 E. Michigan

Ave. \$12. 944-1888.

#### Saturday, April 7

**Eggstravaganza** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday: Busch's shopping center, East Michigan Avenue, Free, 429-4494.

#### Monday, April 9 Line Dancing

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

#### Tuesday, April 10

**Euchre** 6 p.m. Tuesday: Tri-

County Sportsman's League, 8640 Moon Road. 429-9561.

## Wednesday, April

Saline Woodcarvers 6 p.m. Wednesday: Saline Area Senior Center,

7190 N. Maple Road. Free. 944-1918.

#### **YPSILANTI** Sunday, April 8

■ Puppet Show 3:30 p.m. Sunday: Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St. \$5 (ages 3) and younger free), 657-

#### Tuesday, April 10

Huron Valley Harmonizers

7:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Stony Creek United Methodist Church, 8635 Stony Creek Road, Free to visitors, but call in advance: 445-1925.

#### Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To. Do

7:30 p.m. Tuesday: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive. Free. 973-7892

# Zolidis talks 'White Buffalo' Chelsea premiere

# Guy Sanville directing production

By Sean Dalton -

The story of a Wisconsin family's experience of having another culture's spiritual phenomenon born into their lives has been a long time coming to Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre.

Playwright Don Zolidis intended for the script to make a world premiere at Jeff Daniels' theater in 2009, but fate wasn't ready for his script to be put on then.

Starting on March 29 through April 5, eight lowprice performances will come before the run of "White Buffalo" begins on April 6.

Zolidis' direct involvement with the true tale of a white buffalo calf being born to Carol Gelling started when the playwright met a neighbor of the Gelling family

Once the story was passed on second hand, Zolidis masticated and digested it with his creative mind, which is typically at work teaching playwriting at Ursinus College in Philadelphia.

"I thought about this for a while and did a lot of research into Sioux folklore and the folklore of a lot of different cultures," Zolidis said. The white buffalo is a purity figure, with nearly messianic significance to various cultures that are or were outside of the mainstream American Christianity that folks are familiar with today.

"The white buffalo is a sign of peace and unity on Earth ... it really has the potential to change a lot of lives, not just the Gelling family's," Zolidis said.

The mythical creature given flesh draws the attention of Native American pilgrims and the Dalai Llama during its lifetime, turning a quiet Wisconsin family farm into a hotbed of spirituality and a mag-

net for those who wish to possess an embodiment of spiritual significance for various reasons.

On such visitor, a strange businessman, attempts to possess the buffalo with the kind of offer that any poor farm family down on their luck would have a difficult time refusing

time refusing.
"White Buffalo" has been awarded an Edgerton New Play Award and an National Endowment for the Arts grant.

The production will be directed by PRTC artistic director Guy Sanville. The cast will feature Gregory Butka (Berkley), David Daoust (Lansing), Matthew David (Flint), Rainbow Dickerson. (Los Angeles)-Stacie Hadgikosti (Roseville), Alex Leydenfrost (Ann Arbor), Nate Mitchell (Novi), Michelle Mountain (Grass Lake), Michael Brian Ogden (Berkley), and Meghan Thompson (Milford).

Sean Dalton can be reached at 734-429-7380 or sdalton@heritage.com.



# 'Drop the Knife: A Memoir-in-Song' set for April 21

Singer and songwriter Jeanne Mackey and friends will perform "Drop the Knife: A Memoir-in-Song" 7:30 p.m. April 21 at the College Theatre, Crane Liberal Arts Building, Washtenaw

Community College. WCC is located at 4800 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor.

In "Drop the Knife,"
Jeanne Mackey offers a
musical chronicle of her
search for personal and
ancestral healing, from
the high desert of the
Eastern Sierras to the verdant Irish countryside.

Drawing on a lifetime of activism and spiritual seeking, she says the show

explores the meaning of magic, homeland, curses and death.

"I turned 60 in 2010," said Mackey in a news release.

"That's a big threshold, and I needed the medicine of these stories and songs to usher me through. Illusions fall away at this stage of life, and we discover what's left. It's a great time to lay down our grudges, forgive ourselves and others — to drop the knife."

Mackey accompanies her story-songs on guitar and accordion, joined by musicians Laszlo Slomovits (mandolin, guitar, panpipes, flute,

vocals). Lori Fithian (drums, vocals), Eric Fithian (bass, vocals), guest vocalists Mary Wilson and WCC faculty members Dale Petty and Layla Ananda.

The show's title comes from 14th century Persian mystic Hafiz, who was asked, "What is the sign of someone who knows God?"

According to legend, he replied, "Dear, they have dropped the knife. They have dropped the cruel knife most so often use upon their tender self and others." (Daniel Ladinsky, "The Subject Tonight is Love.")

Mackey toured the 1970s History of the United

East Coast topical music circuit as a young musician advocating feminist values and social justice.

Throughout the 1980s, she performed with Lifeline, a four-woman rock band that played at conferences, demonstrations, women's music festivals, and labor union events in the Washington, D.C., area and nationwide.

An instructional designer at the University of Michigan and former psychotherapist, she has directed the multi-ethnic choral group Sacred Song and produced various benefits, including Howard Zinn's "Voices of People's History of the United

States.

"Drop the Knife" premiered in Ann Arbor in November 2010, 4 sponsored by University of Michigan Women's Studies.

Mackey and her band

have taken the show to Oxford, Ohio, and Takoma Park, Md.

Tickets to the show are \$15 or \$10 for students and seniors, available at the door and at BrownPaperTickets.com.







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# 'Five-Year Engagement' screening hits Ann Arbor

#### Pre-release will benefit nonprofit group 826michigan

Ann Arbor residents will have the chance to see "The Five-Year Engagement" a week before it hits theaters during a special pre-release screening to benefit local nonprofit writing and tutoring center 826michi-

During the spring of 2011, Hollywood glamour came to Ann Arbor in the form of A-list stars Jason Segel and Emily Blunt. Segel, Blunt, and the rest of the filmmaking crew ate in area restaurants, joined locals for a few rounds of karaoke and filmed key scenes on a Main Street covered in unseasonable (fake) snow.

Now the results of these efforts are hitting the big screen as "The Five-Year Engagement," a new romantic comedy from writer-director Nicholas

Stoller, producer Judd Apatow and Rodney Rothman:

Beginning where most romantic comedies end, "The Five-Year \* Engagement" looks at what happens when an engaged couple, played by Segel and Blunt, keeps getting tripped up on the long walk down the aisle.

The film is partially set in Ann Arbor and features notable local landmarks like Zingerman's Deli, where Segel's character works, and Liberty Square

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and writer producer Rothman, known for his work on The Late Show with David Letterman and "Get Him To The Greek."

Stoller and Rothman will participate in a post-screening question and answer session.

Proceeds from the prerelease screening of "The Five-Year Engagement" will benefit 826michigan, a nonprofit serving more than 2,300 students aged 6 through 18 in Washtenaw County.

Located in the Liberty Street Robot Supply and Repair storefront in downtown Ann Arbor, 826michigan provides free afterschool tutoring, creative writing workshops and support for public school

students. 826 was founded in San Francisco in 2002 by awardwinning author and screenwriter Dave Eggers and has expanded over 10 years to encompass eight chapters nationally.

'We could not be more

honored to bring 'The Five-Year Engagement' to Ann Arbor one week before its official release," 826michigan Executive Director Amanda Uhle said in a news release.

Anticipation for the film has been building for more than a year, and 826michigan staff members are as excited as everyone else in Ann Arbor to see the results, Uhle said.

"As writers and jacks-ofall-trades, Nicholas Stoller and Rodney Rothman bring fearlessness, wit, and innovation to their work — qualities we also see in the 2.331 students we write with each year. We are thrilled that Stoller and Rothman are joining us to honor their work and ours with an evening of movie

magic at the Michigan Theater."

Tickets to 826michigan's pre-release benefit screening of "The Five-Year Engagement" are available on Brown Paper Tickets.

General admission tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door: VIP tickets are \$100.

VIP tickets include movie admission with reserved seating and an exclusive post-screening wine and cocktail party with Stoller and Rothman.

To learn more about "The Five-Year Engagement," visit www. tomandviolet.com.

For more information about 826michigan or to purchase tickets, visit www.826michigan.org or call 761-3463.

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The City of Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will meet the third Wednesday of each month as needed at 5:00 p.m. during 2012. All meetings will be held at the City of Chelsea Offices, 305 S. Main, in the lower level conference room.

Any change in this schedule or meeting place will be published or posted.

**Zoning Board** of Appeals Tom Osborne, Chair Publish April 5, 2012

#### SCIO TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the Scio Township Planning Commission will be held at the Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on MONDAY, April 23, 2012, at 7:00 PM. During this meeting the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the following matters:

1. Rezoning of 98.78 acres to A-1 (General Agricultural) from the previously approved conditional rezoning of MR-I (Single-Family Aftached/Detached and MR 3 (Multiple Family Residential.) The proposed rezoning will remove the previous conditions placed on the property pursuant to the original conditional rezoning, and revert the conditional rezoning to the previous zoning of A-1 (General Agricultural.) (OA#3394)

Property Code: Owner on Tux Roll: Property Code: -

H -08-21-300-016 **Grant Enterprises** MR-3 to A-1 11 -08-28-200-005

Owner on Tax Roll:

Jackson, Ralph S & Nancy Crawley MR 1 to A 1

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

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

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> Scio Township Clerk **Dexter Leader**

> > Publish April 5, 2012

#### ORDINANCE NO. 172

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF CHELSEA CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO CHAPTER 4 ANIMALS, TO BE DESIGNATE AS ARTICLE III, SECTIONS (34:38) TO ALLOW AND REGULATE THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD CHICKENS. THE CITY OF CHELSEA ORDAINS:

That the City of Chelsea Code of Ordinance is hereby amended by adding a new article to Chapter 4 Animals, to be numbered Article 111, which said article reads as follows:

#### Sec. 4-34. Obtaining a Permit to Keep Backyard Chickens

(a) Any person who keeps chickens within the City of Chelsen shall obtain a permit prior to acquiring the chickens. Applications shall be made to the Chelsea city clerk.

(b) The City of Chelsea may revoke a permit if a person's chickens come a nuisance, defined as two determined violations

- Complaints about noise, specifically frequent, ongoing, or long continued noise that disturbs the comfort of any persons in the
- Complaints about odor, specifically foul, noisome, or unpleasant odors that are frequent; ongoing, or long-continued and disturb the comfort of any persons in the vicinity:
- Complaints about vermin, specifically the frequent, ongoing, or long continued presence of such vermin as (but not limited to) mice, rats, raccoons, and possum;
- Failure to comply with the provisions listed under Keeping of (4)

(c) The City of Chelsea may revoke a permit issued to a person convicted of animal cruelty in the State of Michigan.

#### Sec. 4-35. Keeping of Backyard Chickens

(a) Each person holding a permit to keep chickens within the City of Chelsea shall comply with the following:

- The principle use of the property where the chickens are to be kept is a single family dwelling as defined by the City of Chelsea Where applicable, a letter from a Homeowner's Association
- stating that there are no restrictions for keeping of chickens.
- Not more than four (4) hen chickens per parcel.
- No individual shall keep a rooster;
- Chickens shall be provided with a secure, well-ventilated, roofed, and lockable structure (heretofore referred to as a "coop"); The floors and walls of the coop shall be kept in a clean and
- sanitary condition.
- The floor area of the fenced pen, run, or enclosure shall be no less than 10 square feet per chicken.
- A covered enclosure or fenced enclosure shall not be located closer than ten (10) feet from a property line of an adjacent property nor shall it be located closer than forty (40) feet to any residential structure on an adjacent property. The forty (40) foot requirement, only, can be aived with written statements from adjacent landowners. Formits must included an attached drawing of the property, including the distances to neighboring structures and the proposed location(s) of all enclosures that will be used to keep backyard chickens.
- Both the coop and the fenced pen, run, or enclosure must be located in the back yard of the chicken owner's property.
- All enclosures for the keeping of chickens shall be constructed or repaired to prevent rats, mice or other rodents from being harbored underneath, within, or within the walls of the enclosure.
- (11) Chicken feed must be stored within a tightly lidded container in
- a shed, garage, or similar storage area.
- (12) No person shall slaughter any chickens. (13) Keeping of chickens shall be for personal use only and not for
- commercial activities: (14) Waste materials (feed, manure and litter) should be disposed of
- in an environmentally responsible manner. The materials can be composted or bagged and disposed of in the trash. It is not acceptable to pile waste materials on the property. Sec. 4-36. Revoking of permit

(a) If the sections above are not complied with, the city may revoke any permit granted under this section and/or initiate prosecution for a civil infraction violation. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate

#### Sec. 4-37. Permit Required

(a) It is unlawful for any person to keep, possess or maintain any chicken on any lot without first obtaining a permit from the City of Chelsea. Permits are the property of the City and are not transferable. . . Sec. 4-38. Permit Requirements

(a) Application - Permit Fee An application for a permit for keeping chickens shall be made on a form provided by the City of Chelsea, shall be accompanied by a payment of a nonrefundable annual permit fee in an amount set by resolution of City Council and shall include but not be limited to, the following information; the number of chickens -no more that four (4); a description of all pens, coops, cages and enclosures constructed for housing and confining chickens; the distance of the location of all pens, coops, cages, and enclosures from all adjacent property lines; and all such other information the City of Chelsea deems necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this article. The annual nonrefundable permit fee shall recover the costs of activities associated with the administration, regulation and issuance of permits. No additional fee shall be required for an amendment to a permit.

(b) Permit Issuance Term - Upon submission of a completed application and payment of the nonrefundable annual permit fee specified in subsection (a) above, and the City of Chelsea finds the proposed keeping of chickens complies with the requirements of the article, the City shall issue a permit. The permit shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance;

(c) Permit Renewal Permits for keeping chickens shall be renewable upon annually filing and approval of a new application and payment of the nonrefundable annual permit fee as specified in subsection (a) above. The upon motion made by Albertson and seconded by Holmberg said Ordinance was adopted on the following vote:

AYES 4 NAYES 2

I further certify that on the 5th day of April, I caused a true copy of said Ordinance to be published in the Chelsea Standard, a newspaper circulated in the City of Chelsea, and that said Ordinance and the record of publication was duly recorded in the Book or Ordinances of the City of Chelsea and is available for public use and inspection at the offices of the Chelsea City Clerk.

Teresa Royal, City Clerk Jason Lindauer, Mayor

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#### Synopsis of the CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday, March 13, 2012

**Washington Street Education Center** Call to Order

Pictic of Allegiance
Approval of Consent Agrads
MOVED Hammer SECONDED Holmberg to approve minutes and bills as submitted. Aif Ayes. Motion Carried.
Approval of Regular Agenda

MOVED Feeney SECONDED Albertson to approve the agenda as submitted. All Ayes Motion Carried. Council Business
1. Chelses Springs Annexation
City Manager recommended that the Council bring this to a work session prior to the

April 10th Council meeting for discussion.

Ist Roading of Ordinance No. 172 Allow and Regulate Keeping of Backyard Chickens MOVED Hammer SECONDED Albertson to approve the first reading of Ordinance 12 for adoption with any/all approved changes and place on the Agenda for the March 27; 2012 City Council Meeting for Second Reading. Five (5) Ayes: Two (2) Nays, (Lindauer.

Anderson's Motion Carried.

3. Old US 12 Sidewalk. MCI Design Project Revision No.1

MOVED Holmberg SECONDED Hammer to approve MCI's Project Scope Revision No.1 in
the "not-to-exceed" amount of \$13.360 and amend the budget by transferring \$13.360 from
General Fund Reserves to fund 101.751.967. Parks Special Projects. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment MOVED Hammer SECONDED Anderson to adjourn at 8;17pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried Approved: March 27, 2012 NOTE: This is only a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Clerk's Office at 305 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI or online at

> Respectfully submitted, Terri Royal, Clerk Publish April 5, 2012

SCIO TOWNSHIP

#### WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #2147** UNDER THE SCIO TOWNSHIP CODE, CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE VII

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO LINDSAY RULAND DVM WHOSE POST OFFICE ADDRESS IS 6298 MAPLE HURST DR. YPSILANTI, MI TO PERMIT THE USE OF THE PREMISES FOR A VETERINARIAN HOSPITAL AND ANIMAL CLINIC. THE PROPERTY IS IN THE C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, ESTABLISHED UNDER THE SCIO TOWNSHIP CODE, CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE VII, AS AMENDED. THE SAID LAND IS SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCIO, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND DESCRIBED AS:

Unit 5. Jackson Business Center, Washtenaw County Condo Subdy Plan No. 439, T2S R5E.

Parcel #: 08-22-375-005

The Scio Township Planning Commission after duly noticed public hearing upon the application for such Permit, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of said land use, and recorded its findings pursuant to Article 7 of said Ordinance, and having recommended to the Township Board that the Permit be granted, the Scio Township Board approval subject to:

- 1. That evidence of the applicant's interest in the property be
- 2. That the floor plan be amended to move the proposed dog run's to the south side of the building and away from any 'common wall' with and adjacent condominium-unit:
- 3. That the designation of an outside area to be used for animal waste is shown. The strip of landscaping directly south of the subject unit (Suite E) cannot be used for this purpose; and
- 4. That one (1) 'Emergency Only' car parking space be shown in close proximity to the front entrance of the facility.

The term of the Permit is without limitation excepting that the violation of said Permit shall be grounds for the Township Board to cancel and terminate this Permit provided that a final determination shall be made only after the Township Board has held a public hearing thereon preceded by notice of such hearing with notice to the Permittee and the persons to whom the said premises is assessed on the then current assessment roll. The notice shall specify the time and place of the hearing, the allegation of such violation, and shall state that said persons a shall have the opportunity to then and there show cause why such violation has not nor does not exist. Such notice shall be given not less than 10 days prior to the hearing. The Township Clerk shall cause notice of the time, place and purpose of such hearing to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Scio Township not more than 15 days, nor less than 3 days, prior

The Permit is issued pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Township Board duly assembled in a Meeting of March 27, 2012.

> Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk E. Spaulding Clark, Supervisor

> > Publish April 5, 2012

#### DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REQULAR MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Agbor Street in Dexter, Michigan ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 27, 2012 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Smith; support Fisher to approve the agenda with additions. Unanimous voice vote for approval

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** K-Space Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption

The hearing was opened by President Keough at 7:34 PM. Darryl Bartlett, owner of K.Space Holdings, LLC addressed Council with a request for tax abatement so that the company can increase their building space and hire 10-12 new employees over the next 18 months. Mr. Bartlett explained that the company works in semi-conductors and recently has expanded into solar panels. The hearing was closed at 7:37 PM.

Motion Fisher, support Carson to approve the request from K-Space for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption on \$704,132 in Real Property and \$85,754 in Personal Property for a period of seven years.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough Nays: None

REPORTS Motion Carson support Fisher to approve the Traffic Control Service Request

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Flaher, Cousins and Keough Nays: None

Consideration of Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$174,686:18 and Knights of Columbus Tootsie Holl Sale on Village Sidewalks from March 30, 2012 to April 1, 2012

Motion Fisher support Tell to approve tems 1 and 2 of the Consent Agenda. •

Unanimous voice vote for approval NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of: Motion Cousins, support Fisher to award the bid for the Main Street Resurfacing project to Pro-Line Asphalt Paving Corp. in the amount of \$254, 182.70.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough Nays: None Motion carries

Motion Cousins, support Carson to approve the proposal from Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment for Construction Services/Testing Services for the Main Street Resurfacing project in an amount not to exceed \$47,000 and Additional Design Services in an amount of \$3,400.

Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough. Nays: None Motion carries Motion Fisher: support Smith to approve the Sludge Hauling Contract with Bio- Tech Agronomics.

Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough Nays: None Motion carries Motion Carson; support Tell to adopt the Updated Engineering Standards. Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Tell, Carson and Keough Motion carries

Motion Cousins, support Semifero to adopt the resolution and agreemen to allow employees to voluntarily participate in the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan's 457 Plan. Ayes, Smith, Semiforo, Tell. Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough. Nays: None

Motion Tell; support Carson to accept the resolution to support the conceptual Interlocal Agreement for Fire and Rescue Services with Dexter Township, Scio Township, Webster Township and the Village of Dexter and replacing the specific naming of the department of Washtenaw Fire and Rescue to the generic phrase · a regional fire department.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith aird Keough Nays: None Motion carries Motion Tell; support Cousins to approve the budget amendment for the purchase of playground equipment with the 5 Healthy Communities Grant. Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough News: None

ADJOURNMENT Motion Semifero: support Cousins to adjourn at 10:31 PM. Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted, Carol J. Jones, Clerk, Village of Dexter Approved for Filing: March 26, 2012

Approved for Filing Marca 2012.

NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at \$123 Main Street, Dexter Mi or online at www.villageofdexter.org

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#### SCIO TOWNSHIP **PLANNING COMMISSION**

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1. Rezoning of 3.64 acres from C-2 (General Commercial) to I-1 (Limited Industrial) for office/industrial development. (OA # 3407)

Property Codes: H -08-19-100-043 Jackson Rd yacant Property Address: Owner of Tax Roll: Barron, Jeffrey S & Dana E Petitioner: Print Tech

Details concerning the aforementioned matters may be examined at the Township Offices, 827 N. Zeeb Road by interested persons during office hours weekdays, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM: Any person having interest in said Township or their duly appointed representatives shall there and then be

heard at the above described meetings or adjournment thereat relative to any matters that should come before the Planning Commission. Scio Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting.

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1. Rezoning of 62.47 acres to C-2 (General Commercial) from the previously approved conditional rezoning of C-2 (General Commercial) and OS (Office Service District.) The proposed rezoning will remove the previous conditions placed on the property pursuant to the original conditional rezoning (OA # 3408) Property Codes:

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Jackson Rd vacant Owner on Tax Roll Scio Properties bLC

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**SCIO TOWNSHIP** WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #2146** UNDER THE SCIO TOWNSHIP CODE. CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE VII

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO SCIO I, ILC WHOSE POST OFFICE ADDRESS IS 5014 WALNUT CREEK LN, ANN ARBOR TO PERMIT THE USE OF THE PREMISES FOR PRIVATE INDOOR RECREATION. THE PROPERTY IS IN THE I-1, LIMITED INDUSTRIAL, ESTABLISHED UNDER THE SCIO TOWNSHIP CODE, CHAPTER 36, ARTICLE VII, AS AMENDED. THE SAID LAND IS SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SCIO. WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND DESCRIBED AS:

LOT 23 & PART OF LOT 22: BEG AT NW COR OF LOT 22, TH S 02-06-15 W 217.91 FT, TH N 87-24-40 E 463.07 FT, TH 280.44 FT ALG ARC OF CURVE TO RIGHT, RAD 376.77 FT, CHD N 34-12-45 W 242.50 FT, TH S 82-24-45 W 324.92 FT TO THE POB. JACKSON PLAZA BUSINESS PARK SUBDIVISION PT NE 1/4 SEC 26, T2S-R5E.

Parcel #: 08-26-110-012

The Scio Township Planning Commission after duly noticed public hearing upon the application for such Permit, having reviewed the facts and circumstances of said land use, and recorded its findings pursuant to Article 7 of said Ordinance, and having recommended to the Township Board that the Permit be granted, the Scio Township Board finds:

Further that this approval of the proposed use of a portion of these facilities as a private indoor recreational use be conditioned upon the following:

1) the hours of daily operation be limited to and occur only

between 6 AM and 11 PM: 2) the number of individual users of the facility at any one

time shall be limited to a maximum of 62 individuals; 3) water and sewer plans and usage be reviewed and

approved by the Township's Utilifies Department; 4) a corrected site plan with the parking spaces and

dimensions shown on it be provided: 5) all items identified in the Carlisle Wortman memo on

January 19, 2012 shall be addressed: 6) all proposed lighting shall be submitted to and approved by the Township; ....

7) noting the existence of an illegal sign located at the SW corner of Zeeb and Jackson Plaza, the applicant shall bring all property signage into conformity with the Township's standards, obtaining permits for same; 8) approval is further conditioned upon the applicant/owner

obtaining approvals/permits from the Washtenaw County Building department for all improvements constructed within the premises for which no permits were obtained.

The foregoing conditions established by this Board shall be resolved and addressed on or before June 30, 2012, or the approvals granted hereby shall void until and unless this Board shall determine otherwise. The term of the Permit is without limitation excepting that

the violation of said Permit shall be grounds for the Township Board to cancel and terminate this Rermit provided that a final determination shall be made only after the Township Board has held a public hearing thereon preceded by notice of such hearing with notice to the Permittee and the persons to whom the said premises is assessed on the then current assessment roll. The notice shall specify the time and place of the hearing, the allegation of such violation, and shall state that said persons shall have the opportunity to then and there show cause why such violation has not nor does not exist. Such notice shall be given not. less than 10 days prior to the hearing. The Township Clerk shall cause notice of the time, place and purpose of such hearing to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Seto Township not more than 15 days, nor less than 3 days, prior to such hearing.

The Permit is issued pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Township Board duly assembled in a Meeting of February 14, 2012. Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk

E. Spaulding Clark, Supervisor

Publish April 5, 2012

# Too much concentrated equity can be hazardous

It doesn't matter how you got here, but here you are, nearing retirement with a large portion of your wealth tied up in one company's stock, Perhaps you picked wisely years ago --- a Coca-Cola Co., Wal-Mart Stores Inc. or Microsoft Corp. — and have had a wonderful ride. Or you simply accumulated a large holding of your company's stock through employee options or your 401k. Now you face a dilemma. "

Should you hold? Sell? Hedge? Diversify? Or at least begin diversifying?

There is no easy answer, because no two investors face precisely the same circumstances. If the concentrated position forms a significant but not overwhelming portion of your wealth, you may decide to hold fully aware of the high risk of doing so or

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hedge. You may decide to diversify, investing in an exchange fund or using a charitable remaindertrust. Tax consequences vary.

Whatever your decision, the to escape the psychological baggage that adheres to every investment. Discard the

idea that the future is sure to repeat the past. There may indeed be high return potential from the right stock, says one study, but "Significant underper-' formance is four times as likely." Step back from your holdings and analyze objectively your most suit.

as likely." Step back from your holdings and analyze objectively your most suitable options. If you decide to diversify, you still must decide on how to accomplish that.

Diversifying in planned

stages is a possibility.
That allows you to keep upside potential in the stock while meeting your spending needs. Keep in mind that any timed strategy prolongs your risk exposure to this single stock. If you believe your investment horizon is long enough — taking age, health and goals into account — selling a substantial portion of

your holdings and paying

Step back from your holdings and analyze objectively your most suitable options. If you decide to diversify, you still must decide on how to accomplish that.

the taxes may be the best strategy, because, over time, your newly diversified portfolio will have time to outstrip the tax burden.

If you intend to use

a significant portion of your wealth for philanthropic purposes, consider a CRT, through which you will receive a charitable tax deduction. The CRT will sell your concentrated position tax-free and arrange a (taxable) income stream to you from its newly diversified holdings.

holdings.

If you find yourself
holding a concentrated
stock position and want to
explore the most advantageous ways of dealing

with it, please give me a

call.
Diversification does not ensure a profit or protect

against a loss.

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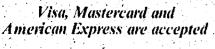
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# CHELSEA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL SAINT JOSEPH MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM

Community Health and Wellness Programs offered by Chelsea Community Hospital

www.cch.org

#### Visit us at \_www.cch.org/events .



#### **Heart and Sole** Fun Run•Walk•Bike

May 5, 2012 Bike race: 8:15 a.m. Run/Walk: 9:30 a.m. Chelsea High School, 740 N. Freer Rd. 10K, 5K, and 2-mile runs 5K and 2-mile walks

13.8 mile bike race Race proceeds will benefit Chelsea Grace Clinic, a free health care clinic to uninsured or underinsured in the Chelsea area. For more information, or to register, please visit chelseaheartandsole.com.

#### **Healthy Communities Walking Program**

For residents of Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester and Stockbridge Provides motivation and support to people who want to get moving toward better health. Pedometer, walking log/journal. small rewards, monthly group walks and ongoing support included.

Contact: Sheri Montoye 734-475-6121 or montoyes@cch.org

#### "Look Good... Feel Better"



American Cancer Society Program Certified cosmetologists help temale cancer patients improve their appearance. Learn how to disguise hair loss and receive a make-up kit.

Last Monday of every month, 1-3 p.m. CCH White Oak Center Atrium Room ...

Call 800-227-2345 to register

#### Sanchin-Ryu Self Defense/Karate

A non-competitive martial art that instructs physical and mental techniques to enhance coordination, self-confiden and self-defense awareness.

Wednesdays:

- Session 1: April 25 June 6
- Session 2: June 13 Aug. 1 (no class July 4): Sanchin-Ryu for:
- Kids (K-8) 6-7 p.m., \$25
- Families 7-8 p.m., \$50
- Teens and Adults (14+) 8-9 p.m., \$25 Chelsea Community Hospital White Oak Center Atrium Room Call 734-475-4103 to register

#### American Heart Assoc.

Heartsaver CPR and AED are now available online! See www.cch.org

- Adult /Infant/Child CPR for lay responders ... (Tuesdays) May 1, June 12, July 17 -6-9 p.m. Fee: \$49/Recertification \$40.
  - All Classes held at CCH -White Oak Center Atrium Room Call 734-475-4103 to register
- · Basic First Aid . Thursday, May 17, 6-9 p.m. Fee: \$42/ Recertification \$33 CCH White Oak Center Atrium Room Call 734-475-4103 to register.

# **Babysitter Training**

Call 734-475-4103 to register.

American Red Cross Course for 11-15 year-olds includes First Aid and CPR skills. Saturday, May 12 or June 16 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

(Bring a hinch and drink) CCH, White Oak Center Atrium Room

**Senior Supper Club** Speaker - (five)



• April 10 - Senior Moments: Understanding & Improving Memory as we age Lissa Penin, LMSW

Presentation begins at 4 p.m.

Supper 5 p.m. (\$6)

· May 8 - Five Healthy Towns Wellness Coalition member Healthy initiatives in your community CCH Main Dining Room Call 734-475-3913 to register

#### **Diabetes Share Group**

2nd Monday of the month, 3:30-5 p.m.: CCH White Oak Center

- \*Note Spring Luncheon time below • April - "End of Life Decisions. & Advanced Directives"
- Rev. Kathy Schell, BCC • May 7 - Spring Luncheon (note date change) \*12-1:30 p.m., CCH Woodland Rooms
- \$6 per person June - "Stretching and Flexibility" Elaing Economou

#### **Improving Your Memory:**

734-475-4103 to registery

Fee: 850

#### A Course for Older Adults

Wednesdays, April 18 - May 9, 2-4 p.m. Fun, informative class for people experiending agorelated memory changes **CCH Behavioral Health Services Clinic** 

Clocktower Commons 350 N. Main Street, Suite 150

# LiveWell Programs Continued

#### **Support Groups:**

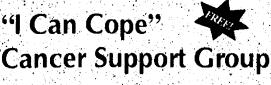
- Chelsea Brain Injury Support Group For survivors, families, and friends Wednesdays, 1-2 p.m.
- **CCH Woodland Rooms**
- Call 734-475-4138 for information
- Chemical Dependency Treatment 800-328-6261 Alcoholics Anonymous
- Open Meeting, Sundays, 7-8 p.m. CCH Main Dining Room. Sunshine Group
- Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m. CCH Outpatient Behavioral Health
- Narcotics Anonymous Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. **CCH Private Dining Room B**
- Second Chance Fridays, 9-10 a.m. **CCH Outpatient Behavioral Health**
- Al-Anon Only Fridays, 12:30-2 p.m. CCH White Oak Center Atrium Call 734-475-6051 for information

#### Chelsea Stroke Support Group

11 a.m.-12 p.m. first Thursday of the month Chelsea Community Hospital, PDR B New and longer-term survivors and their. families/caregivers meet for friendship.

support, and education in a light-hearted atmosphere. In addition to focused discussions, we hold parties, picnics, dine out. and have scheduled speakers on the topics at the request of members.

Janice Collins Shamraj, CTRS Call 734-475-1064 to register



Free support group for cancer patients and their families. The Chelsea Wellness Center has graciously offered to provide a free yoga class for participants of this

group immediately following: Chelsea Wellness Center Conference Room

For uncoming dates and registration call

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800-227-2345

#### **SRSLY Cinema**

Free outdoor movies starting at dusk. (Thursdays) June 14 - Aug. 16 Movie starts at Dusk Lawn behind Chelsea Clocktower Downtown . Visit www.srslychelsea.org and click on

#### Alzheimer's Lecture Series

the Events Calendar for more info

- "The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's" Thursday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.
- Living with Alzheimer's; Is Legal & financial planning for the future Thursday, May 24, 6:30 p.m.

Stephen Campbell, LLMSW Michigan Great Lakes Chapter **Outpatient Behavioral Health Services** Clocktower Commons 350 N. Main Street, Suite 150

#### **SRSLY Coalition Meetings**

Open to adults and youth ages 10 and up who want to make a difference in their community, and help prevent destructive. behavior in youth.

- April 12, 3:15-4:45p.m. Beach Middle School
- May 3, 6:30-8 p.m. Chelsea District Library

• June 7, 3:15-4:45p.m. Beach Middle School

Chelsea Wellness Center

Conference Room

Visit www.srslychelsea.org for more info.

#### Mindfulness Meditation

- Beginning Mindfulness Meditation ... Mondays, April 9 - May 7 (no class 4/23) 6:30-8 p.m. Tee: \$80
- Deepening the Process Mondays, May 14 - June 11 (no class 5/28)

6:30-8:30 p.m. Fee: \$100 Martha Kimball, MSW, ACSW, BCD

Registration required, call 734-214-0220

#### Chelsea Wellness **Center Classes**

Registration required for all classes www.chelseawellness.org or call 734-214-0220 \*Chelsea Wellness center Members

- Gentle Yoga Natalie Nirdlinger Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Session 1: April 30 - June 26 (no class on May 28) Fees: \$56; (554) \$50, \* Members \$39 Session 2: July 9 - Aug. 13
- Fees: \$42; \$38 (55+); \* Members \$29] Stretch Out Stress Yoga -Natalie Nirdlinger Fridays, 10:15-11:30 a.m. Session 1: May 11- June 29 Fees: \$72, (55+) \$65, \*Members free

Session 2: July 13-Aug. 17 Fees; \$54. (55+) \$49, \*Members free Pilates Healthy Spine Intro Class

Gwyn Jones April 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free, 10-person maximum.

 Pilates Healthy Spine Program -Mon/Wed, 10:30-11:30 a.m. April 16-May 23 Fee \$160.

- Tai Chi Greg Knollmeyer Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Session 1: May 8 June 26 \*Hee! \$80, (55+) \$72, \*Members \$56 Session 2: June 10 - Aug. 14
- Fee: \$60; (55+) \$54, \*Members \$42 Aquacize with Arthritis.
- Stacy Sheets: Warm water exercise class:

Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m. Session 1: May 9 - June 27 Fee: \$64; (55+) \$58, \*Members free

Session 2: July 11-Aug. 45 Fee: \$48; (55#) \$43; #Members free · Line Dancing · Susan Bauer

Learn line dance routines. to fun upheat music, Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m. Session 1: May 8- June 26 Fee: \$50, (55+) \$50, #Members free

Session 2: July 10-Aug. 14

Fee: \$42.7(55+) \$38, \*Members free?