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THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012

## Spring Expo set for this Saturday

### Senior center will host sixth annual event

A business expo, craft show and bake sale all in one - the Chelsea Spring Expo - will be hosted by the Chelsea Senior Center this Saturday.

The community event will showcase the diversity of services and products available in the Chelsea area with more than 125 vendors on display at 500 Washington St. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The vendors will have information, samples and products for sale, and goodie bags and door prizes will be given away in tandem with the senior center's homemade bake sale.

Admission is free, and so is the parking.

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

Last year's event drew more than 1,000 attendees from all age groups.

Designed for the entire family, the expo will feature a Kidzone with crafts and games courtesy of the Chelsea Tree House, Chelsea Recreation and Chelsea Center for the Arts. Youths can also enjoy the highly acclaimed movie, "Hugo," at 11 a.m. on the big screen in the

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# 100 years later

## Sylvan Township resident dies aboard Titanic

By David Veselenak

The Lingane family headstone sits in Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea with three names inscribed. The name "John 1851-1912" sits atop the stone, a discrete memory to one of Washenaw County's own that died aboard the famed ship Titanic 100 years ago.

John Lingane, who lived in Sylvan Township on the now named Lingane Road, was aboard the famous ship on April 15, 1912, when it hit an iceberg and sank in the Atlantic Ocean.

Lingane was one of more than 1,500 victims who died. His body was never recovered, yet his family still has his name chiseled on the headstone.

"He had four sons, and he lived on Lingane," said David Clark, museum director for the Chelsea Area Historical Society Museum. "The farm is still out there. It hasn't been torn down."

Lingane was born in 1851 in Kildorrery, Ireland. He married his wife, Ellen in 1876, and moved to the United States.

Lingane's returned to his native Ireland after the death of his wife in 1911 to visit some relatives. Lingane's friends began to doubt the 61-year-old was alive when they received letters from him, saying he was planning on leaving in early April to return to the United States, according to Chelsea Standard reporter. He was originally planning to return to the United States on a ship named the Celtic but waited for the newer Titanic.

Lingane was from Queenstown, Ireland, a seaport that was then called Southamption, the port from which the ship departed. On the second-class passenger roster, Lingane's name was misspelled as "Legame," causing confusion over whether it was him.

Lingane was written on White Star Line parchment, confirming his death was sent to his family in May 1912.

Lingane was one of more than 60 passengers headed for the United States on the boat. Many were coming to Detroit, where they were headed to the Upper Peninsula for work. Some were headed to work such as Houghton, Hancock and Marquette.

Lingane's family currently houses a Titanic exhibit at 100 S. Main St. and houses several artifacts owned by the family. The artifacts were found in the debris field after the ship sank.

Lingane was able to match a man's suit to the owner, David Clark. I think there was shaving equipment as well. I think it was a man's suit, a man's hat, a man's shoes. I think it was a man's suit, a man's hat, a man's shoes. I think it was a man's suit, a man's hat, a man's shoes.



The family headstone of the Lingane's stands in Oak Grove Cemetery. Sylvan Township resident John Lingane's name is listed, even though his body was never recovered after the Titanic sank in the Atlantic Ocean April 15, 1912.

up." Wilson said she could not recall if any of Lingane's items were recovered.

Clark said she went through the exhibit at the Henry Ford in 2003 and saw Lingane's name printed on the wall at the end, where all the passengers are listed. "I looked for him on the list, and he was there," she said.

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## Historical society dinner set for April 28

By Erica McClain  
Heritage Media

The Chelsea Area Historical Society will celebrate its annual Dinner Address Gala on April 28, featuring a speech from Bob Riemenschneider, Chelsea businessman and lifelong resident.

Silver Maples of Chelsea will host the 6:30 p.m. event, which will feature a 7 p.m. dinner and also include a silent auction featuring an overnight stay at the Chelsea House Victorian Inn, an old wooden toy barn crafted by Lima Township resident Ray Schairer, weekend accommodations in Harbor Springs, vintage U of M locker plaques and CAHS merchandise.

Riemenschneider, who owned his own real estate firm for 16 years, combined his love of working with people into a custom home building business. Riemenschneider has been very involved and committed in the Chelsea community with his and his family's participation in the Chelsea City Council, the Downtown Development Authority and volunteer activities with the Chelsea Hospital Auxiliary, Chelsea Community Foundation, Boy Scouts, Chelsea Center for the Arts and Faith in Action. Riemenschneider is the president of Riemco Building Company, 107 W. Middle St., in Chelsea. The business is a member of the Chelsea Area Chamber

of Commerce, Business Network International and regularly contributes excess building materials to Habitat for Humanity.

Proceeds from the event will go toward the historical society. Tickets, \$40 for members and \$50 for nonmembers, are available at the Chelsea Area Historical Society Museum, the Chelsea Antiques Mall, Chelsea Pharmacy and Chelsea Lumber.

Silver Maples is located at 100 Silver Maples Drive in Chelsea. For more information about the event contact the historical society, 734-476-2010.

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Bob Riemenschneider is the featured speaker for the Chelsea Area Historical Society's dinner.

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# Many concerned 'fracking' an imminent threat

## Commission: Put pressure on Legislature

By Sean Dalton  
Heritage Media

There was a great deal of consensus at this week's regular meeting of the Washtenaw County commission on the topic of hydraulic fracturing, or

"fracking," as an imminent threat to the local environment and the community's quality of life.

Fracking involves pumping chemical fracturing fluid into the ground to expedite the flow of oil or gas at an extraction site, when the resource is contained in hard rock where the natural flow would be too little and thus not economical. It's also a method of drilling that some believe is being rebranded and practiced throughout southeast Michigan outside of the view of the state Department of Environmental Quality.

The commission will discuss the topic of resisting companies seeking to drill in Washtenaw, particularly Paxton Resources, which has sought lease agreements with residents in Lodi and Saline, while promising that "fracking" will not be employed, but many residents aren't buying that promise and are engaged in a broader effort to lobby local governments to enact ordinances and pass resolutions in an effort to impede companies like Paxton from having their way.

Mitch Rohde, a resident of Saline who owns property within one potential extraction site, is the founder of No Paxton. Rohde was one of many public speakers who talked during public comment to the commission about his misgivings with drilling for oil in the county's residential spaces.

"Once the hole is dug, they can turn it into a waste disposal (site) with the flip of a switch," Rohde said of the process by which Paxton could convert the site near his home into a legally allowable disposal pit with an application and simple approval of the DEQ.

Rohde and his neighbors were first approached in October 2011, which spurred him and others to look into the negatives of signing the leases that Paxton has been taking door-to-door in the area: well contamination, hydrogen sulfide gas, devaluation of properties and abuse of roads by the trucks that would carry the pumped crude from the extraction sites on a regular basis are all documented negatives, according to No Paxton.

Local activist Kurt Gleichman pointed to cases in New York and Pennsylvania where state and local governments have had some success resisting oil companies, in the face of federal laws that are highly favorable to those companies and their efforts to pull oil out of localities and onto the global energy market where the most money can be made on oil extracted from American soil.

"A growing number of cities across the nation are concerned about hydraulic fracturing coming into their communities," Gleichman said. "They're often discouraged by the huge influence industry has on federal, state and local officials."

The local bans passed in New York were recently upheld by the state's lower courts since they didn't

Fracking involves pumping chemical fracturing fluid into the ground to expedite the flow of oil or gas at an extraction site, when the resource is contained in hard rock where the natural flow would be too little and thus not economical.

regulate fracking itself, but rather where it could be undertaken.

Gleichman represents Ban Michigan Fracking and says he has been working with local officials to pass court challenge and appeal resistant ban ordinances on both fracking and fracking waste disposal at extraction sites.

Speaking to Rohde's concern about having a waste disposal site for fracking materials in his area, Gleichman warned lawmakers that neglecting to include the waste ban in ordinances could be a dangerous oversight.

County Commissioner Wesley Prater, who took the ball and ran with it on this issue, thanked the growing anti-fracking movement leaders for coming. He has pushed for a work session to discuss the matter and got his wish thanks for the agreement on the commission surrounding the idea of investigating the fracking issue.

"On April 19 during the regular working session, the commission will begin a public dialogue. Prater and others encouraged local officials from all over the county and from elsewhere that this is an issue to come and add to the discussion."

Commissioner Youself Rahbi said that he feels "this is the most important issue that faces our community right now."

"I think that we need to be cognizant of the fact that not only is this a threat to property rights, but to our health and environment, water, and not only is it a current threat but a future threat (if it) contaminates the ground," he explained, adding that it might take decades before such contamination becomes severe enough to be noticeable.

He also said that he would like to take the approach that some local governments are taking in Colorado, where local ordinances have been arrayed in such a way as to make resource extraction a prohibitive endeavor.

Commissioner Conan Smith gave Prater more thanks for drafting a ban resolution similar to the one Wayne County has enacted. Prater's resolution will be up for a vote sometime after the April 19 work session and whatever further study and discussion is deemed necessary after that date.

Prater said that the resolution was needed, particularly given the fact that the state Supervisor of Wells fracking regulation guidance is contained in a three-page document, which Prater feels is inadequate.

"There are so many

ment," he said. "The DEQ is grossly underfunded and has never had the capacity to do the job in the way that many of us around this table feel that needs to be done. The fact that their funding stream is directly related to regulation that they're conducting is a flaw in the system, but I'd hate to think that we're impugning their integrity and their work as public servants just because of something that's beyond their control."

However, Rohde was not so charitable. "At a recent Lodi Township meeting

(the DEQ) admitted that there was a fracking incident outside of here in Hillsdale ... they did not know that the fracking was going on until after the fact, and the guy kind of joked about it."

"That was a DEQ person that is supposed to protect us around our area? I am not reassured. I'm also not reassured by (Hal) Fitch's comments, nor am I impressed that they have interest in protecting us."

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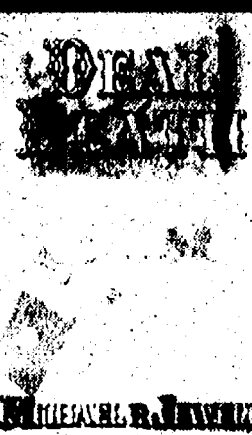




## Saturday Morning Challengers

Bob Pierce (left) is welcomed by Paul Schissler, Rotary Club of Chelsea president. As a recent club guest, Bob told members about The Saturday Morning Challengers bowling league. The league provides a low cost bowling experience in a safe, supportive and fun environment for developmentally-disabled individuals. They have been meeting for 16 years and have grown from 16 to 97 bowlers. The Saturday Morning Challengers are always looking for volunteers to give out hugs and help bowlers with a variety of activities from tying shoes to keeping score. They meet at 9:30 a.m. each Saturday at Bel Mark Lanes in Ann Arbor. Bowlers and volunteers can join the league at any time during the September through April bowling season. For more information, contact Bob Pierce at

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For parents of teens and tweens, SRSly director Reiley Curran and Jesse Kauffman will discuss emerging trend in youth communication styles and the importance of talking with youth about substance use.

As a participating organization last year, Chelsea District Library's Director Bill Harmer said the expo has become one of the community's premier events.

"It provides real opportunities for people who want to live better, healthier and more productive lives by connecting them with products, businesses, services, and resources that are available right here in Chelsea," Harmer said. "For my staff and I at the library, it is a great opportunity to make a positive difference in our community."

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

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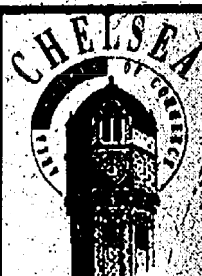
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## Missing dog found in aftermath of cougar sighting

### Dog located, caught in Ypsilanti

By Ben Baird  
Heritage Media

While the missing dog Lily may not have been the animal described as a cougar on the University of Michigan North Campus, the cougar sighting played a role in reuniting the dog with its family.

Lily's owner, Pat Bordeaux, a Sterling Heights resident, said Lily had been missing since mid-December. Since then, the dog has traveled between New Hudson, Plymouth, Canton and Ypsilanti.

When an animal described as a cougar was spotted March 22 on the University of Michigan, Shirley Knapp heard about it and thought it was just possible the animal seen was Lily. Knapp, who was among many who learned about Lily on Facebook and aided the search, sent a flier with Lily's photo to The A2 Journal shortly after the cougar sighting.

Lily was last seen in Plymouth moving in the general direction toward Ann Arbor about a week before the cougar sighting, Knapp said.

"It was very feasible that the 'cougar' could have been Lily," she said. "We'll never know if it was or not, but at least she is home with her family."

Lily, a boxer-collie mixed-breed dog with a short brown and white coat, was finally located in the early morning hours of April 1 in Ypsilanti.

An emergency medical technician with Huron Valley ambulance saw her dragging a garbage bag across the road at about 5 a.m. while sitting in an ambulance waiting for a call, Bordeaux said.

She said he saw Lily from behind and first thought of the cougar that was rumored to have been on the University of Michigan campus, because of the



Photo courtesy of Shirley Knapp

Lily's owner, Pat Bordeaux, said things got back to normal quickly after her family transported Lily back to their home in Sterling Heights.

color of her coat. He exited the ambulance to get a closer look to see some white around her neck and then he shined a light on her, Bordeaux said. She said, by this point, he realized it was a dog and it looked like the dog he saw in The A2 Journal story on the cougar sighting. The story mentioned the possibility introduced by Knapp that the cougar might be the missing dog Lily and it included a photo of the dog.

The EMT later accessed a computer and pulled up the article again to check the photo to determine if it was Lily he saw, Bordeaux said.

"That's when he called me," she said.

Bordeaux drove to Ypsilanti that day and stayed in the city until she was able to get Lily back that day. She arrived at about 11:30 p.m. April 1 and saw Lily in the area of South Huron Street and I-94. Lily moved between buildings in an industrial park area, hung around a closed GMC dealership, Bordeaux said.

"She was too afraid to go near anyone," Bordeaux said.

At 2:34 a.m. April 3, Lily and her family were finally reunited after they borrowed a live trap and lured the dog

using pizza and hamburgers. She said initially Lily was afraid, but then recognized their voices.

Lily was kept in the trap on the ride back to Sterling Heights, Bordeaux said, because after missing so long they didn't want to risk the dog getting scared and running off before they could get home. Lily was released as soon as they arrived in the driveway.

The family, which includes Bordeaux, her husband, her 8-year-old son, and her sister, are very glad to have Lily back. They have two other dogs and a cat.

"Her family is overjoyed," Knapp said.

Lily has since been to the veterinarian and she is surprisingly healthy, although her owner said the dog lost some weight. Unfortunately, she was infested with ticks.

Already, though, she's gotten back into her family's routine, but there is one new behavior.

"She follows me all around now," Bordeaux said.

While Lily did this to a degree in the past, Bordeaux said it has become more pronounced. It's like Lily wants to ensure everyone is in her sight so the dog doesn't lose the family again, Bordeaux said.



Photo courtesy of Shirley Knapp

Lily's owners finally managed to capture their skittish dog after she was missing more than three months.

It seems unlikely Lily was the animal seen on the U of M campus described as a cougar, Bordeaux said.

"But you never know. She made it all different places," Bordeaux said.

On Dec. 17, 2011, Lily pulled out of her collar and went running off while she was on a walk in New Hudson, which wasn't an area she was familiar with. Lily wasn't seen again until Feb. 19, when her family was alerted that she was spotted in Plymouth.

Lily stayed in the area of Beck Road and M-14 for a long while, Bordeaux said. She said she traveled there and saw Lily, but she wasn't able to get close to the dog.

In March, Lily was seen again in Canton. She was spotted by someone who recognized her from the fliers at a Meijer store off Ford Road. She accepted some food at the time, but she still wouldn't let anyone too close.

While Lily was missing, Bordeaux said she and her sister went out every weekend passing out fliers and

asking residents if they saw Lily. They must have passed out thousands of fliers, she said. Bordeaux received numerous calls about sightings, she said, but in most cases it seemed unlikely it was Lily or, if it was the dog, that it was unlikely Lily was still in the same area by the time the sighting was reported.

Bordeaux's sister posted about the search for Lily on Facebook, Bordeaux said, and this led to many more people getting involved in the search. She was surprised by how many people helped.

Knapp said she became emotionally involved in the search for Lily because the last time she looked for a missing dog it ended in tragedy. A service dog named Rex went missing last September in Brighton, she said. She said Rex, who helped his owner walk, took off with another dog into the woods chasing a deer. The owner's other dog, Luna, came back but Rex didn't, Knapp said.

She helped search any

hours for Rex and after two months of searching, the owner received a call from the Livingston County Sheriff Department, which recognized Rex from a photo in the newspaper and identified him as the dog killed by a semi-truck on I-94 hours after he went missing.

Knapp had met others on Facebook looking for Rex, she said, and they were really hoping for a joyful reunion. She said she cried countless hours for a dog she never met.

"Then came Lily's story," Knapp said. "I was determined to help that family find Lily because I just didn't want to feel that heartbreak of hearing the dog had been killed."

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## Man takes bike trek in dress to raise money for center

By Ben Baird  
Heritage Media

It may sound unusual: A Texas man has pledged to ride his bike from the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, to a replica 125 miles away while wearing a dress.

Not only is that the case, but there is an Ann Arbor connection.

San Antonio resident Glenn Stuart is conducting a fundraiser with the goal of raising \$30,000 to help the Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living to help pay to replace the trailer and recreation equipment stolen from the center last month.

More than \$20,000 worth of equipment and a trailer worth about \$7,000 were stolen at about 11:23 p.m. March 11.

Stuart learned about the theft online and it struck a chord with him.

"I was like, 'Well, gosh,'" he said. "It just stuck with me."

Stuart said he felt like doing something about it, and he had planned on riding anyway. So, he decided he would dedicate it toward a purpose.

The ride will take him from the Alamo, near where he lives in San Antonio, to the replica Alamo near Brackettville, Texas, created for the 1960 John Wayne movie. He then plans to ride back to San Antonio for a total ride of about 254 miles.

So far, he only has gathered \$385 worth of donations for the center from 11

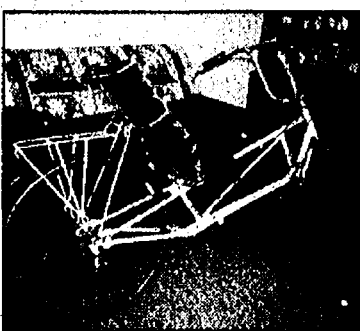


Photo courtesy of Glenn Stuart

A photo of the Easy Riders Gold Rush replica, a two-wheel recumbent cycle, purchased by Glenn Stuart to use for his fundraising ride.

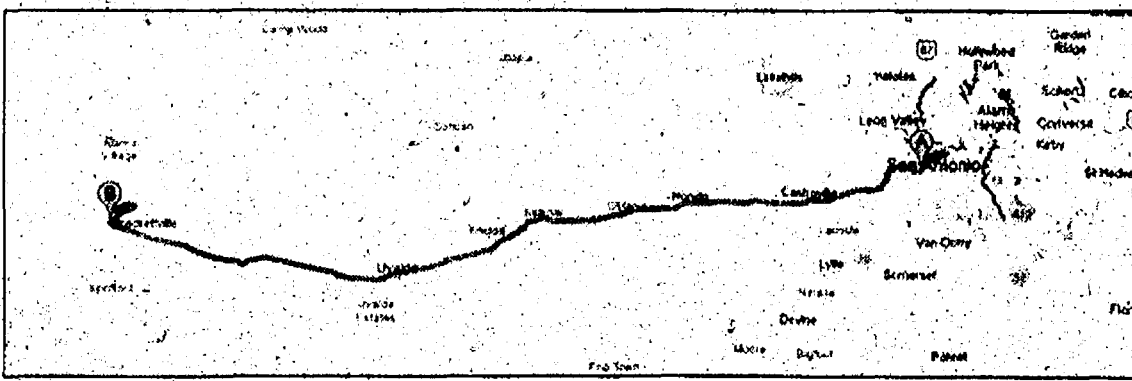
donors. The largest donor is one of his customers that he sold an air conditioning and heating system to who donated \$150, he said.

Stuart figured he had to raise the stakes to help motivate people, so that's why he decided to ride in a dress, in hopes of raising the full \$30,000.

"It seems impossible, but it's really not if people can be motivated enough," he said. "I know it can be done. I have faith it can be done."

If there can be some kind of funnel effect, where it begins with one person and networks out to more and more, he said, it's possible to meet the goal, even if each person only donated \$5. He's safe, so far, from having to wear a dress, he said, but he will do it if he meets his goal.

Donations can be made to the Center for Independent Living through the First Giving website, [www.firstgiving.com/AnnArborCIL](http://www.firstgiving.com/AnnArborCIL),



San Antonio resident Glenn Stuart plans to participate in a ride from the Alamo, near where he lives, to the replica Alamo from the 1960 John Wayne movie near Brackettville, Texas, and then back for a total of about 254 miles.

which has a page on Stuart's fundraiser.

Carolyn Grawi, center director of advocacy and education, said she is grateful for the efforts of everyone who has contributed, so far.

"We greatly appreciate Mr. Stuart's efforts and those who are contributing to his fundraising endeavor on our behalf," Grawi said.

Most bicyclist ride mountain bikes, Stuart said, but he rides recumbent cycles like the ones that were stolen from the center. Usually he rides a recumbent tri-cycle, he said, because it's more comfortable for him.

He's purchased a two-wheel recumbent from a seller in Iowa that he will be receiving in time for the ride, he said. He said it's what he plans to use for his Alamo-to-Alamo ride.

The Easy Riders Gold Rush replica he will be using is known for its record-breaking cycling speed, Stuart said.

It won the DuPont prize

for a record breaking speed of 68 mph in 1986.

The Gold Rush replica will be a better fit for his purposes because it's less wide than a recumbent tri-cycle, which he said would be an issue riding in some bike lanes not wide enough for it. The two-wheel recumbent will also allow him to be more at eye level with drivers, he said.

The equipment stolen from the Center of Independent Living was used for recreational programming for a broad range of disabled residents, Grawi said. She said the largest groups of participants are between the ages of 25 and 59, the second largest between 14 and 24, and a smaller number of participants under 14 years old.

Along with the equipment, they have stolen the opportunity for multiple disabled residents to participate in various activities, Grawi said. She said the activities the equipment was for included the sum-

mer cycling, outdoor tennis for all, and wheelchair basketball programs. There were also items used for picnics and more, she said.

The center was supposed to start its cycling program April 3, Grawi said, but it can't and that's a little depressing. It was a beautiful day and there could have been a lot of people there enjoying it, she said.

While the insurance value of everything that was stolen is about \$30,000, she said she estimates it would really cost \$50,000 to replace everything.

Fortunately for the center, Stuart is not the only person trying to help the center.

Nick Suino, owner of the Japanese Martial Arts Center in Ann Arbor, has said he plans to help raise \$12,000 along with the South Side Business Association. He has achieved about one-third of his goal so far.

The association has also told the center it will match donations up to \$10,000.

Grawi said.

"They really stepped up to the plate," she said. "They value what we do. We appreciate their efforts and we welcome others to join."

Grawi said the association had already initiated a recreational fundraiser with a golf outing in July, which is unrelated to the stolen equipment.

On April 3, she said the center received word it will be receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Buhr Foundation. The local organization has supported the center in the past and what it does, she said, and the grant is greatly appreciated.

"We're getting closer and closer and closer," she said.

However, she said because the center hasn't received any insurance money for its lost property and only about \$1,500 of donations are currently in hand, the center cannot yet begin replacing equipment.

The center is also participating in the Big House Big Heart Race April 14, Grawi said. Dick and Norma Sarris of NuStep have issued a challenge grant to match any money donated to the center through the race, she said.

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# Holocaust Remembrance Day set for April 19

## Memorial service to be held at JCC

By Krista Gjestland  
Heritage Media

Ann Arbor Holocaust survivors are gathering together to create the first community-wide Holocaust Memorial on Holocaust Remembrance Day April 19.

To avoid death in a ghetto in Lida, Belarus, during World War II, Miriam Brysk hid in a nearby forest. There the 8-year-old

dressed as a boy to avoid rape by Russian soldiers.

It's her experience as a Holocaust survivor that has led to her creating a memorial service with about 22 fellow survivors who are now living in the Ann Arbor area.

Brysk said the idea of creating a service began when she and fellow survivors realized Ann Arbor has no Holocaust remembrance service.

"In Ann Arbor there is no community-wide remembrance service," she said. "We're the last generation still alive from the Holocaust. Most of us are

in their 70s and 80s. We just feel it's important to institute for ourselves, as well as make it a community event every year."

It's an important event, Brysk said, for her and other survivors to share their experiences so people can empathize and learn.

"We want to do as much as we can," she said. "No one with their best intentions could understand the horror of living through it."

Brysk is also an author and has written a memoir detailing her Holocaust survival story called "Amidst the Shadows of

Trees: A Holocaust Child's Survival in the Partisans."

"I want to leave some trace of my memories," she said. "So I'm writing and doing all the stuff I possibly can."

During the memorial service, survivors will have a chance to share their stories and light a candle in memory of lost friends and relatives. The group will also say Kaddish, a mourner's prayer to remember the dead, in honor of those who died during the Holocaust.

Todd Endelman, professor of Judaic studies at University of Michigan, will give the keynote

address and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra conductor Arie Lipsky will perform Holocaust-inspired music on the cello.

Brysk is also an artist and some of her Holocaust-inspired art will be on display during the service.

Saying Kaddish, Brysk said, is especially important because many Jewish people died without having the prayer said for them.

"There were so many families where no one was left to say the Kaddish for them, so it's important that we do it," she said.

The memorial service will be at 4:30 p.m. April 19

at the Jewish Community Center on 2935 Birch Hollow Drive.

"It's important that (the service) exists," Brysk said. "Because we can't bring their lives back, but we can remember."

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## HIGHER EDUCATION ROUNDUP

### Eastern Michigan University

At Eastern Michigan University, professor Sally Burton-Hoyle was, according to an EMU press release, "one of only 15 individuals nationwide invited to participate and the only Michigan representative on the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee." The appointment was announced recently by Kathleen Sebelius, U.S. Secretary for Health and Human Services.

Burton-Hoyle, director of student academics at EMU's Autism Collaborative Center, said in the release that "autism is not an early childhood disorder. It's a life span disorder that can't be fixed. Efforts are turning towards the families. It will bring"

together all the practical pieces so people will be supported wherever they are."

The three-year appointment was made after Burton-Hoyle's nomination was supported by Congressman John Dingell, a Democrat who represents the area in Congress.

On April 2 the university held "Light It Up Blue" to raise autism awareness. In a rare move, Ypsilanti's iconic Water Tower was lit up in blue from dusk to midnight in support of the worldwide initiative. According to the EMU news release, the water tower joined other icons such as New York City's Empire State Building and Brazil's Christ The Redeemer statue.

Kody Klein of The Eastern Echo reported that increased security is com-

ing to EMU's locker rooms after almost a year of complaints from professors.

EMU's branch of the American Association of University Professors had raised security-related complaints since at least May 2011. The Echo reported. At one point, the EMU AAUP even filed an unfair labor practices

charge against the university, before withdrawing it. But after a break-in on March 13, the issue came back on everybody's radar, Klein reported.

As a result, EMU AAUP President Susan Moeller and provost Kim Schatzel recently toured the facilities together to see where security could be

improved. At very least, a second pool attendant, additional panic buttons and lighting in dark

areas will be or have been installed.

Compiled by James David Dickson

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WEB VIEWS

ONLINE POLL QUESTION

## How did you spend your Easter?

- A. With family  
B. In church and at special events  
C. Didn't do anything special  
D. Helping others

## The most honest talks on race I've ever had

The Trayvon Martin tragedy reaffirms how difficult it is in this country to have an honest discussion on race relations.

I can hear it in the trepidation in some white TV and radio show hosts. When talking about race, these hosts are trying their hardest to not say something that can be twisted to make them look racist.

I can also hear frustration in some African-

American civil rights activists who are trying to get their point across but think no one is listening — their point being young African-American men are targets.

One of the biggest problems with talking about racial problems is fear. Fear of being misunderstood. Fear of upsetting people. Fear of being labeled something you are not. Fear of making things worse.

What if we could eliminate that fear?

There was a time when I had honest, frank, sometimes heated, but always fearless discussions with five African-American young men.

It was my freshman year. On my first day of high school in 1981, I had no friends in the lunchroom, so I sat at a table alone. Slowly, five black students filled out the round table and we remained silent for a while. But, boys being boys, we began to talk about school, sports, girls, and some more about girls.

I attended Denby High

School in Detroit and back then it had more than 4,000 students, most of which were African Americans. Those five kids became my regular lunch companions, and I never saw them outside of the lunchroom because the school had so many students.

I can't remember all their names, but there was a Melvin and James in the group. Although we only spent 55 minutes a day together, we bonded and had some great talks, especially about race.

I think the conversations were so great because we didn't worry about perception or retribution. Sure, we got loud at times and insulting, but we never crossed a line with each other that resulted in serious anger or violence.

What were some of the things we discussed that involved race? I remember the topics, but the questions are paraphrased. It has been a long time.

They asked me: Do white boys think black girls are pretty? Do all white people think black people are stupid? Do you think all black people are on welfare? Do all white people use the n-word? (They didn't say, "the n-word." Back then, they used the actual word.)

I asked them: Why are there so many gangs in black neighborhoods? Do your moms hit you on a regular basis for discipline? Do you think you are naturally better basketball players than white guys?

And, because this is a family-oriented publication, I will not get into the discussions on racial stereotypes about male endowments. I never said we were smart kids, just honest. I don't remember all the answers to these questions, but I wasn't afraid to tell the truth.

I do remember telling my lunchroom friends all white people were not racist, but I had friends from my neighborhood who did not like black people and were sent to private schools when busing came to Detroit Public Schools in an effort to integrate the buildings.

I also said I knew white people who feared black people, but I also knew many whites who simply thought black people were just regular people and saw was no reason to fear, hate or distrust them.

They told me black families were hardworking and not all of them were on welfare. They admitted they thought white boys were weak because they were afraid to fight the black boys.

They also told me they thought most white people looked down on them because they were black. We also had talks about the n-word. It was a nasty word back in 1981 and has even worse connotations today.

A couple of the guys said it was all right for black people to use it when joking around, but it was never OK for whites. A couple others didn't like anyone saying it.

I heard a few stories about my friends being called that word. I knew it was an awful thing to call someone, but it really hit home with me then because I liked those kids and I could see the anger and pain on their faces when we talked about it.

I think I made an impression on them. I believe they came away thinking there weren't too many differences between whites and black, especially teenage boys.

Those young men made an impression on me. I attended a mixed-race middle school, so I didn't worry about going to a predominantly black high school. But middle school didn't prepare me for the serious conversations of high school.

We were boys becoming men, and we were seeking adult answers to the world's problems.

I am not proud to admit I looked at those five young men differently than my white friends on that first day of high school.

But what I can mention with some pride is I eventually left that lunchroom as a better person because I came away with the understanding skin color should not be causing so many problems as it does.

When things get racially heated in society, I wish people could go back to my old lunchroom and see six young men — five black and one white — talking mostly about girls, but sometimes about our differing races.

I wish people today could ask real questions without fear. I wish we could be honest.

I also wish people of different races would take the time to sit down and eat lunch together and get to know each other.

It worked for me and my friends.

It worked because we did not fear asking questions or giving honest answers.

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## OUR TAKE: Editorial

## Superintendent bullied student reporter for views

A 15-year-old kid, writing an opinion column opposing adoption by gay couples in a high school newspaper, cited Biblical chapter and verse to make his case, including the possibility that men who have sex with other men shall be put to death.

Was that bullying? Was it bullying if some students may have reacted to it with fear?

The school superintendent allegedly harangued the boy for a few hours, attempting to persuade him to state that he regretted his statements. The boy stood by them. It was exam time. He may have missed some prep time and an exam as a result.

And his parents were not notified.

Was that bullying? Brandon Wegner wrote the column for his paper in Shawano, Wis. It was presented on the same page with a column promoting gay adoption written by another student. A photo in the middle of the page, posed, shows the boy and girl, facing, fists raised. The school paper was published in the Green Bay Gazette.

According to the boy's attorney — yes, it has gone that far — the district ordered Wegner and his classmates to pull the offending page out of the paper before distribution in the school after a gay parent complained. The district apologized for Wegner's column.

The superintendent allegedly threatened him with suspension, saying the column went against the district's anti-bullying policy and that Wegner "has got to be one of the most ignorant kids to try to argue with him about this topic."

It's a problem that the primary source for the he-said-he-said is the boy's attorney.

But if it's remotely accurate, the superintendent overreacted, and at the wrong target. Wegner, identified as a school paper reporter, apparently was asked to take a side, either by an editor or a faculty adviser. A child of Christian upbringing, he performed the assignment as best he could.

Although the attorney and various Christian groups chiming in on the controversy cite this as a free-speech issue, we don't yet accept that students in a public school should have the same guarantees as those out of school.

The choice of assignment may not have been very wise. The boy's words, however religious, were not sacrosanct. They were not protected from an editor's markup.

The boy's attorney says the superintendent is the bully in the incident. From what we've read, we'd have to agree.

— Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

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## Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

### Ypsilanti residents should vote 'no' on tax proposals

Stop Ypsilanti City Council's tax grab. The poor financial condition of the City of Ypsilanti was largely caused by the people who now want to raise our taxes. They want city residents to vote in favor of a city income tax and an uncapped Water Street Debt Retirement Millage May 8.

Former Mayor Pete Murdock goes back years in Ypsilanti City politics. His flip-flopping on the city income tax issue is a betrayal of many of his loyal supporters. After leading the fight against the city income tax in 2007, the anti-tax voters of his ward helped him return to City Council in 2008. But now, in 2012, Pete is leading the pro-tax campaign.

Former Mayor Cheryl Farmer, who is still very influential in Ypsilanti city politics, has always been an advocate of big government and big spending. Her belief that "government knows best" is one of the main reasons that Water Street was turned into and continues to be nothing more than a huge vacant lot.

Murdock and Farmer, along with the current Mayor and numerous city

council members, past and present, are responsible for the dire predicament the city is in today. And now they expect us to pay for their failed policies.

Once again, the city is threatening to cut back on the number of police and firefighter positions in Ypsilanti. Don't let their scare tactics frighten you into voting for the tax increases. If city officials would negotiate realistic, fiscally responsible contracts, there would be no need to reduce the number of police and fire fighter jobs.

Don't believe the city's politically motivated "budget projections." Government projections are rarely, if ever, correct.

Remember that the more money we give them, the more over-spending they will do and the more money they will demand in the future. Since the millage is uncapped, City Council will be able to vote to increase it in the future. The voters will have no say in the matter.

Vote to stop the city income tax and vote to stop the Water Street millage. Vote "no" on both proposals May 8.

John Wagner  
Ypsilanti  
Member of Democratic  
Populist Caucus

### Tax and millage proposals are due to mismanagement

In May, the city of Ypsilanti is putting on the ballot two tax increases via millage proposals.

This is due to mismanagement/bad decisions of funds by elected politicians. To the voters/taxpayers:

1. Look at your paycheck (if you are still work) and your property tax bill. Do

you want/need/can you afford more taxes?

2. Why should the voters/taxpayers pay for the elected politicians' major malfunctions with your tax dollars? Go after the elected politicians that created this severe shortfall of money. Go after their home, car and bank account. Let them start to pay for their bad decisions and mismanagement.

If both of these tax

increases pass, all of the employees at Eastern Michigan University (and other businesses) that live outside the city will be paying 0.5 percent city income tax and never have a chance to vote and express their displeasure in another tax increase.

Is this fair to the EMU (and other business) employees?

I hope that Ypsilanti Township has a lot of land/

buildings to hold EMU (and other business) employees when they move some of their offices to the township.

Do not let the scare tactics of the current elected politicians sway your vote.

Vote no for these outrageous tax/millage increases unless you like bailing out inept government.

Kenny Dempich  
Ypsilanti

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"I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME AT WORK..."



# We can change, improve county health statistics

Washtenaw County is ranked fifth in Michigan for mortality, 14th for morbidity, which is the measure of disease. We could feel pretty good about it, except ... Michigan is ranked 30th in the nation.

And, western Washtenaw County, including Chelsea, health measures are closer to those in Jackson County in terms of obesity, overweight, dietary habits and overweight among children. Jackson County is rated 53rd, 63rd for morbidity, in Michigan.

Perhaps you're tired of hearing about our communities' deficiencies. We can respond to that fatigue in one of two ways.

First we can be irritated with the bearer of the news. It's hard to resist eye-rolling and sarcasm. Can't you just hear people saying

## Guest Column: By Amy-Heydlauff

"Oh, so what?"

Alternatively, we can consider it a call to action. Call to Action is hyper-babble for get off your butt and do something about it.

Social scientists have theories about how people make changes in health behavior. A commonly held theory is the Transtheoretical Model. According to this theory people move between stages of change including:

1. Pre-contemplation - having no plans or interest in changing a behavior.

2. Contemplation - being aware of the need to change & considering it, but having no real plan.

3. Preparation - having a plan to do something different and soon.

4. Action - modifying behavior.

5. Maintenance - an effort is made to sustain the behavioral change.

It's easy to apply these stages of change to communities as well as individuals. For instance, the Wellness Coalitions in Chelsea and Manchester spent the last year in contemplation and preparation to introduce a comprehensive plan to address poor health measures in the community. Those plans are currently being considered by the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation. Should they be approved, there will

be an opportunity for the broader community to take action (stage four), along with the Coalitions. The Coalitions' hard work combined with funding from the CWF and other organizations will be an opportunity for everyone. It requires many of you engage in this call to action by moving to stages two, three and eventually stages four and five.

We hope the county health rankings and the good news of our high standing in Michigan doesn't lull you into a sense of contentment over your own health and the general health of the community. There is plenty to be done. Think about it (stage two) and begin your own personal preparation (stage three) to be part of the movement to become one of the healthiest

communities in the Midwest.

If you're interested in more information please visit our website, [www.5healthytowns.org](http://www.5healthytowns.org), or call Matt Pegouskie at the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation office, 734-433-4599. He loves talking about the possibilities of living in a community where all residents have opportunities to eat better, move more, avoid unhealthy substances and connect with others in healthy ways.

Amy Heydlauff is the executive director of the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation. The goal of the Foundation's comprehensive wellness planning, underway in Wellness Coalitions for each of our 5 service area communities, is to expand opportunities for each of us to live healthfully.

## Salmonella a slim possibility from a backyard chicken

An article seemingly written to spawn mistrust in backyard chickens ran in the April 5 Chelsea Standard newspaper. FMA Farms is quite aggrieved by the printing of this article, as its purpose appears to be to cause fear and angst regarding the chickens now legal to own in Chelsea. We would like to counter this article with a few important facts:

The number of salmonella cases in Washtenaw County has decreased since 2009, despite the increased popularity of backyard chicken ownership. Only 33 cases were reported in 2011.

The majority of salmonella cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control could be traced back to the eating of contaminated commercial eggs at restaurants. A slim minority - less than 1 percent - of the reported 400,000 yearly cases could be traced to the actual interactive handling of live poultry or poultry feces.

A person is at vastly higher risk of getting the flu from a child than catching salmonella from a backyard chicken.

Does this mean that there is no risk of contagion from backyard chickens or their eggs? Unfortunately, no. There is always a chance that a neighbor's backyard hen carries the disease. Or a neighbor's dog or cat, for that matter, as these animals also carry the salmonella bacteria in their digestive tracts. This is why it is vital to practice good hygiene and thoroughly wash your hands with hot, soapy water after handling any animal, not just chickens or ducks. Another excellent practice is to wash eggs - store-bought or farm fresh - prior to using them. Washing eggs does have a drawback: it removes the protective bloom, or cuticle, from the eggshell, making the egg more porous and subject to bacteria, not to mention absorbing refrigerator odors. For this reason, wash your eggs just moments before using them ... and wash your hands after washing the eggs.

A little information goes a long way in dispelling unjustified fears. It's a shame that

the Heritage Newspapers group felt the need to yell fire and cause irrational concerns regarding backyard chickens in its readership.

Ana Hotaling  
Lyndon Township

## Residents won't solve tax problems through annexation

*Editor's note: The following letter to the editor is an open letter to the residents of Chelsea Springs, a subdivision in Sylvan Township that is seeking to be annexed into Chelsea.*

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

A couple points to consider, however: First, research done by the citizens' group freesylvan, at [sites.google.com/site/freesylvantownship](http://sites.google.com/site/freesylvantownship), shows that Chelsea Springs residents will not be able to avoid the looming tax increase that the township is facing for its failed sewer and water system. According to a plain reading of Michigan state law MCL 117.14 and 123.1010a, all of the properties that were part of Sylvan Township at the date of the bond except those then in their village of Chelsea are going to be assessed to pay the bond debt. Joining the city would mean a considerable tax increase and no relief from the township debt burden.

Second, while we understand your justifiable outrage at the level of your utility bills, a move to the city will not necessarily allevi-

ate that, either. According to the consent judgments that ended the long legal wrangle between the township and the developers, Coliseum Drive is entitled to remain private, which means there is no public right of way through which to put a utility easement to your properties.

On a more positive note, we are hopeful for the prospects of a new township board later this year, replacing the township officials and their allies who brought all this upon us and who have proven so inadequate in dealing with the township's largely self-created problems. A group of township citizens have been planning a campaign since at least mid-winter. You will find that the new slate of candidates, if successful, will be a more receptive government, one who wants to work with you to try to solve our common problems. If you choose to defer annexation plans for this year, that will give us a chance to work together toward better governance - while still keeping your ability to re-evaluate annexation next year if you wish.

Unfortunately, there are no easy solutions. The consent judgments block many avenues of relief. The new board will be inheriting an expensive mess. Nevertheless, a new look - an open mind, a caring attitude, and transparency in action, all done with an improved skill level - is a big step in the right direction. We urge you as our neighbors to consider your options this year carefully, equipped with full information.

Patrick Zieske, Rod Branham, Janice Carr, Roy Schmidt, Doug Smith, Elsie Swanberg  
Sylvan Township

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Passing backyard chicken ordinance was long overdue

The passing of the backyard chicken ordinance is a huge victory for the Chelsea Backyard Chickens grassroots group but, in all honesty, changing the obsolete previous ordinance was long overdue.

Across Michigan and across the country, hundreds of towns and cities have passed regulations allowing ownership of hens in urban and suburban settings for a variety of reasons ranging from individual property rights to self sustenance to fresher home-grown food and more.

It's only correct that Chelsea, a city with a long-standing agricultural heritage, allow residents to own hens.

Not many may choose to do so, but allowing them the option is the right thing to do. Those who are concerned or uncertain about their neighbors owning chickens only need to reach out to the many resources online and in bookstores - or talk to local poultry farmers - to learn the facts and not the fictions

regarding poultry farming. Congratulations, Chelsea!

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# Preparing for farm accidents can help save lives

*Tractor rollovers are the most common accident*

By Tanya Wildt  
Heritage Media

"The most common type of accident that occurs on a farm is a tractor rollover, and of those, 60-70 percent are side rollovers, 30-40 percent are rear rollovers," said Lt. Carl Hein of the Ann Arbor Fire Department.

Hein and Capt. Jeff Foulke of the Pittsfield Fire Department presented on what to do after a farm accident has taken place.

The presentation was part of the Farm Emergency Management Seminar that took place Wednesday at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Saline.

Hein and Foulke said the first thing that should be done after an accident occurs is to call 911. Hein said since accidents often occur in fields, it's important to give the 911 operator as much information as possible about the location of the accident.

He said it's also helpful if someone waits for the fire department at the end of the road and direct them to the location of the accident.

He suggested practicing 911 calls, especially for farms with immigrant workers who may not know the exact address of a field.

In order to be prepared for an emergency, Hein also suggested everyone on the property be familiar with the equipment that's used on the farm.

"I need everyone on your farm to be able to shut off every piece of equipment," Hein said.

He advised that if a limb is stuck inside a piece of equipment, trying to put the machine in reverse to remove the limb can actually cause more damage. Aiding the victim in other ways is actually more helpful.

While waiting for emergency responders to arrive, rescuers can help the victim by remember-



Capt. Jeff Foulke of the Pittsfield Township Fire Department demonstrates a tractor accident rescue during a Farm Emergency Management Seminar April 4.

ing the ABCs, or airway, breathing and circulation.

First, the victim's airway should be checked to make sure it's open. Second, make sure the victim is breathing.

Third, check the victim's circulation or pulse.

If the victim is bleeding, it's important to put pressure on the wound, hold the pressure point and elevate the wound if needed.

During the process it's also important to not endanger yourself since more than half of accident fatalities are the rescuer, he said.

Hein and Foulke also addressed animals on the farm and asked for help controlling them on the scene.

"We need help with the animals as well and securing them so they're not an issue," Hein said.

Another suggestion included developing an

emergency management plan at each farm that is prominent and visible to emergency crews.

"The plan is to follow a plan," Foulke said.

After the demonstration, Amy Gilhouse worked with farmers to prepare their own emergency plans.

Also presenting was Craig Anderson, manager of the Michigan Farm Bureau Labor and Safety Services Department, who updated farmers on the latest safety regulations, including vehicle safety and regulations.

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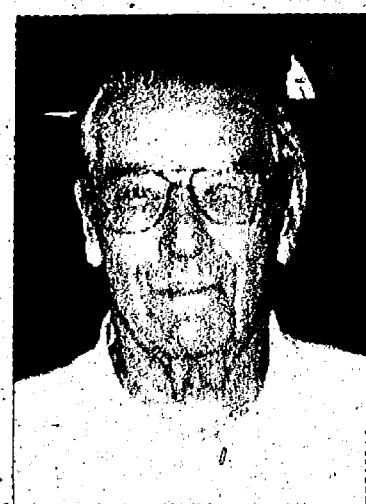
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Lt. Carl Hein of the Ann Arbor Fire Department explains how the pretend farmer will be removed from underneath the tractor.

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**KLEINSTEIBER, MARIE D.**; Chelsea, Michi-

gan; age 92; died Sunday, April 8, 2012, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She was born October 8, 1919, in Watertown, Wisconsin, the daughter of Gerhardt and Lily (Loeffler) Dobbratz.

On May 10, 1944, Marie was married to John T. Kleinsteinber in Colorado Springs, Colorado. They were married for 46 years. John and Marie lived in East Detroit, where they worked and raised their three children. John and Marie retired to New Port Richey, Florida and then Marie returned to Michigan after the loss of John in 1990. Marie had lived the last 20 years in Chelsea. She was an active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Chelsea and a member of the Ladies Guild. Marie was formerly a beautician. She enjoyed sewing and volunteering at the Waterloo Farm Museum. She had many friends and loved helping others. Marie served God and family. Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl "Sherry" (Edward) Lipiec of Chelsea; two sons, Larry (Mary) and Kleinsteinber of Madison, WI and Jim (Kathy) Kleinsteinber of San Jose, CA; five grandchildren, Karsten Lipiec, Blase Lipiec, Kristin (Shawn) Wisniewski, Katy (Jeremy) Kiley, Aaron Kleinsteinber; two great grandchildren, Claire and Mark Wisniewski; five sisters-in-law, Virginia Dobbratz, Ruth Dobbratz, Jan Dobbratz, Erna Boxrud; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Herman, Fred, Edward, and Raymond. Funeral Services will be held Friday, April 13, 11:30 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church with Rev. Dale Grimm officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea. The family will receive friends Thursday 5 to 8 p.m. at Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1515 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118.

**PUNCHES, ROBERT**

MARTIN; age 90; of Manchester; passed away April 4, 2012 at Chelsea Retirement Community. Robert was born July 20, 1921 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Rufus and Hazel Elizabeth (Smith) Punches. He married Mae Uhr on September 13, 1944 at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Manchester, and she survives. Mr. Punches served his country in the U.S. Army during W.W.II. He then was employed at Manchester Tool and Die and Ford Motor Co. as a tool and die maker until his retirement in 1984. Robert was a member of St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, Manchester American Legion and a Red Cross Blood Donor. His memory will be carried in the hearts of his surviving family, which include his wife of 67 years; children, Ronald (Evelyn) of Clark Lake, William (Astrida) of Manchester, Cynthia Kelley of Manchester; grandchildren, Anthony (Terri) Punches, Heather (Robert) Rice, Erika (Tony) Capizzani, Alexis Punches, Jeffrey (Laura) Punches and Derek Punches; four great grandchildren; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Adelaide Coffin and Stewart Spicer, both of Ypsilanti. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Helen Spicer; and step-brother, Marion Coffin. In Robert's honor memorial donations may be shared with Manchester Knights of Columbus 4354, Canines for Warriors. A Healing Farewell will begin on Monday, April 9, 2012, at the Manchester American Legion from 2 to 8 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 8 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday beginning at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Timothy D. Krzyzaniak officiating. Interment St. Mary Roman Catholic Cemetery. Please sign Mr. Punches' guestbook at [www.borekennings.com](http://www.borekennings.com) or leave a message of comfort for his family by calling 877-231-7900.

**WHITMAN, LARRY E.**

April 9, 2012; age 65; of Saline, formerly of Monroe. He was the son of James and Loretta (Moore) Whitman. He married Kathleen O'Hara. Larry was employed by General Motors Willow Run Plant for thirty years. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Surviving are his wife, Kathleen; son, James M. Whitman; daughter, Carolyn (Rodney) Paté; grandson, Dylan Lee; brothers, James Whitman and Ron Whitman; and sister, Brenda (Kenny) Emala. He was preceded in death by his parents. Friends may call from 2 to 6 p.m. Friday at the Rupp Funeral Home, 2345 South Custer Rd., Monroe, MI 48161. 734-241-9300, where a Memorial Service will be held at 6 p.m. with Military Honors. Memorials may be made to the Saline Young Adults Program. Online condolences may be sent through [www.ruppfuneralhome.com](http://www.ruppfuneralhome.com)

## Survey: Motorists think distracted drivers more likely to crash

More than 80 percent of Michigan motorists feel drivers talking on cell phones are more likely to be involved in a crash, despite the fact more than 56 percent admittedly make and accept cellphone calls while driving, according to a statewide phone survey conducted for the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

The percentage jumps to nearly 96 percent when asked about potential crash involvement for drivers who are texting or emailing while driving.

According to Michigan crash data, nearly 4,000 crashes in 2010 listed the driver condition as distracted.

Cell phone use was indicated in 881 crashes.

The 600-sample telephone survey was conducted by Glengariff Group Inc., in advance of April's National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Those surveyed were

asked about driving habits, cell phone use and texting while driving. Michigan's texting law and their stance on cell phone legislation.

"It appears drivers are aware of the dangers of being distracted by cell phones and texting," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP director, in a news release.

"But the ability and pressure to be constantly connected and available seem to trump traffic safety as motorists continue to talk and text while driving."

To draw awareness to the dangers of distracted driving, the Michigan State Police is disseminating a 30-second public service announcement to television stations statewide. To view the clip, go to <http://youtu.be/pUVwAvitJ2Y>.

More than 42 percent of the phone survey respondents believe a texting driver is as dangerous as a

drunk driver, while 33 percent felt drivers talking on cell phones were as dangerous as drunk drivers.

Although Michigan law prohibits drivers from reading, manually typing or sending a text message while driving, 8.2 percent of respondents admitted to sending texts and emails while driving and nearly a quarter of that group indicated they did so daily.

More than 17 percent of respondents said they looked at incoming texts and emails while driving and 19.4 percent of them did this daily.

Age appears to play a role in distractions in the vehicle, with respondents under age 30 being significantly more likely to groom themselves, use their cell phone to make and receive calls, or send and receive texts or emails while driving.

A copy of the survey results can be viewed at [www.michigan.gov/ohsp](http://www.michigan.gov/ohsp).

## Academy still seeking authorizer

*Current contract expires at the end of June*

By James David Dickson  
Heritage Media

When Victory Charter School's contract with its authorizer, Bay Mills Community College, expires June 30, it will not be renewed.

Mohamad Issa, co-founder of Global Educational Excellence, the company which runs the school, said

at the time that he hoped to have a new authorizer lined up by April 1, or it would be time to admit the possibility that the school still won't reopen in the fall.

April 1 has passed, but Victory still has yet to find a new authorizer, a GEE staffer and a member of the school's board of directors confirmed.

There is no word on whether a new internal deadline has been set.



If Victory Academy does close, school officials would work closely with the Michigan Department of Education to make sure

its students are placed elsewhere.

There have been talks with Eastern Michigan University, which works with Victory on its curriculum, and with Grand Valley State University about authorizing the K-5 charter school, but nothing official as yet, the board member said.

Issa and Victory Academy principal Kevin Whelan could not be reached for comment by press time.

The school is located at 1715 E. Forest St. in Ypsilanti Township.

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# Commissioners split on personal property tax repeal

By Sean Dalton  
Heritage Media

County Commissioner Leah Gunn's resolution calling for the state Legislature to re-think repealing the personal property tax passed April 4 with a couple clarifying amendments.

Personal property taxes are a hot issue at municipalities across the county, such as Saline where personal property tax repeal threatens to eliminate 22 percent of the city's revenue.

The resolution was amended before being passed with added language calling for a "100 percent guaranteed funding replacement."

"I don't oppose this resolution - I oppose it the way it's written," Commissioner Alicia Ping said.

Ping is in favor of eliminating the tax but agrees with her fellow commissioners who feel that the whole in the county budget that the repeal would cause needs to be addressed.

"If (the Legislature) wants to eliminate it, then great, but they have to replace it," Ping added.

Commissioner Yousef Rahbi pushed for the guarantee addition to the resolution.

He expressed misgivings with certain types of funding, such as state aid funding or other revenue

sources that come out of the state coffers.

"The 100 percent replacement shouldn't be 100 percent replacement revenue sharing where it depends on the state handing us a bunch of money," Rahbi said. "We need options as local government to raise the money that we need to raise and not rely on the state government to say this year, 'We're going to fund you 35 percent and next year we're going to fund you 20 percent.'"

Gunn responded by saying that she isn't as particular about where the money comes from as long as it makes the county and other local municipalities in Washtenaw whole.

"It doesn't matter to me either where the money comes from as long as the state agrees to replace it 100 percent," Gunn said.

She explained her position by expressing skepticism about the county's prospects for lobbying Lansing to increase local governments' taxing power.

"The state is not going to pass a law saying we can tax other things (it) never have never will," Gunn said. "It would take a constitutional amendment. We've talked about taxing other things for years and years. We'd like to tax football tickets and people say no you're not going to do that so I think if we just simplify to 100

percent replacement that tells the state that we need this money and we expect to have it."

Gunn said she didn't expect the resolution to accomplish much, other than sending a message to Lansing: "Don't mess with us."

State Rep. Mark Ouimet, R-Scio Township, said House Bills 4101 through 4105 are currently in the State Senate after being in the House Tax Policy Committee for review.

Ouimet said a vote on the package is a ways off.

"My position is that PPT (personal property tax) is an archaic tax we need to do away with ... I don't think we can do away with it until we find

something to replace it so it doesn't affect townships, counties, schools, and libraries."

Ouimet said he and many of his colleagues in the Legislature are awaiting a recommendation of guidance from the Michigan Municipal League on the matter of revenue replacement.

Ouimet said that half of the businesses that file personal property tax pay under \$200 per year.

"It's kind of a waste of time and money to do that," Ouimet said. "There's really no point in having these companies file something that is relatively small in the tax world of businesses."

## Treasurer takes investment portfolio in new direction

By Sean Dalton  
Heritage Media

Most people who have a little in their savings account and knowledge of the yearly 3 percent inflation rate know that interest rates are all in the low, sub-1 percent range.

It's a problem that the Washtenaw County Treasury Department has had to contend with as well.

Only, the county's more than \$155 million cash flow is much more difficult to manage and must be protected while keeping the funds secure for payroll and other yearly cash obligations.

With average yields of 4 to 5 percent on investments like Certificates of Deposit, commercial paper and other traditionally more secure investments a thing of the past, the county has gone into Michigan Municipal Bonds and Certificate of Deposit Account Registries.

The latter of those involves taking a multimillion dollar investment and placing it in multiple accounts spreading out

the FDIC deposit insurance of \$250,000 per account to cover the total amount, while maintaining one maturity date and more favorable interest rates.

Washtenaw County Treasurer Catherine McClary says that those CDARs and state municipal bonds are the future of how she is going to handle the county's cash flow.

Municipal bonds were 21 percent of investments last year and 41 percent of the county's cash flow was stowed in CDs and CDARs, 38 percent of which were in the latter investment vehicle.

"If you go to a local bank and purchase a CD you're going to get whatever rate they pay," McClary explained. "If you invest in a CDAR, the money can still be invested locally, while the local bank purchases CDs from all other banks across country."

It allows the county treasurer to take advantage of a bank like Flagstar Bank, which managed \$2 million of the county's money in 2011, to go out and purchase

CDs with the best interest rates and maturities, increasing the yield of that investment money while protecting it with the FDIC's insurance coverage.

Between CDARs and the municipal bonds, which have interest rates that sometimes are the 4 to 5 percent interest rates prior to the financial collapse of 2008, the county's investment earnings are on the upswing.

In 2010 McClary purchased some bonds from Genesee and Wayne County, as well as some state bonds and some of its own and she liked what she saw: 1 percent and above interest rates in a sea of sub-1 percent spots to park the county's cash flow. It went well and now municipal bonds are their own growing category in the yearly cash report.

The low point for investment earnings was \$737,000 in 2010 with earnings last year going up to \$860,891. McClary feels that that trend will continue upward on a similar positive trajectory as tax delinquency rates throughout the county,

which are down and appear to be going down for the foreseeable future.

"The way the market is working now, you can get better returns with what are often tax-exempt municipal bonds," McClary said. "It is legal to invest in municipal bonds in Michigan as long as it has ratings in the top two tiers."

There's a lot of scuttlebutt out there about the municipal bond market in general, with stories of local governments across the country in danger of default, and some in Michigan specifically getting a visit from one of the governor's emergency financial managers, but McClary says that top rate muni bonds are solid and those that are rated highly by the likes of Standard & Poor and Moody are a great place to put the county's money.

In fact, Washtenaw County broke ground in finance on a statewide basis when McClary won a bond auction for Nowego school district bonds that were sold on the open market, where heavies like Goldman Sachs and

Wells Fargo compete for the cream of the crop in municipal debt.

"It's very difficult to go out on the open market and find these bonds," McClary said. "The big guys try hard to snap these up for their money market portfolios."

Historically, the only muni bonds that the county has held have been its own, rather than allowing them on the open market.

The county scored the Nowego bonds with a lower interest rate of .7 percent, giving Washtenaw dollars a relatively lucrative and secure place to mature a bit, while Nowego gets a sweeter interest rate and gets to avoid underwriting costs that are part of the process of dealing with a private bond purchaser.

"I'm going to be looking for other opportunities to put in these bids ... I can bring in safer paper that brings in higher interest rates," McClary explained. "That's why I started beefing up that piece of the portfolio."

Not all municipal bonds are a sure bet, but the county has the power to

pick and choose their bond issuers and apply the same due diligence to them that they would any investment.

A good example are school bonds, which are guaranteed by the state of Michigan, while some bonds being issued by Downtown Development Authorities aren't as safe as a bet since Tax Increment Funding, the backbone of DDA financing, is taking a beating from declining property values and in some cases property owners fighting and beating their assessments to lower their tax liability.

The forecast is \$5 million in CDARs in the 2012 cash report, while McClary will continue to pursue municipal bonds, which can't be projected as easily since the county may or may not win the bond auction where a bond purchase is made.

"Three month U.S. Treasuries are paying .02 percent," McClary said as a point of comparison between the two new investment vehicles and the old standby options.

"Those don't add value to the county's portfolio."

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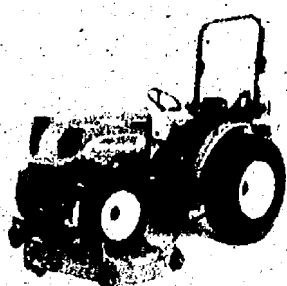
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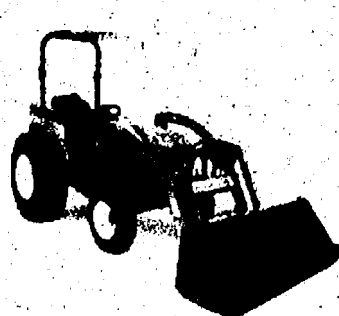


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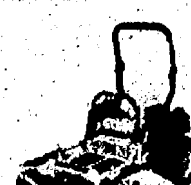
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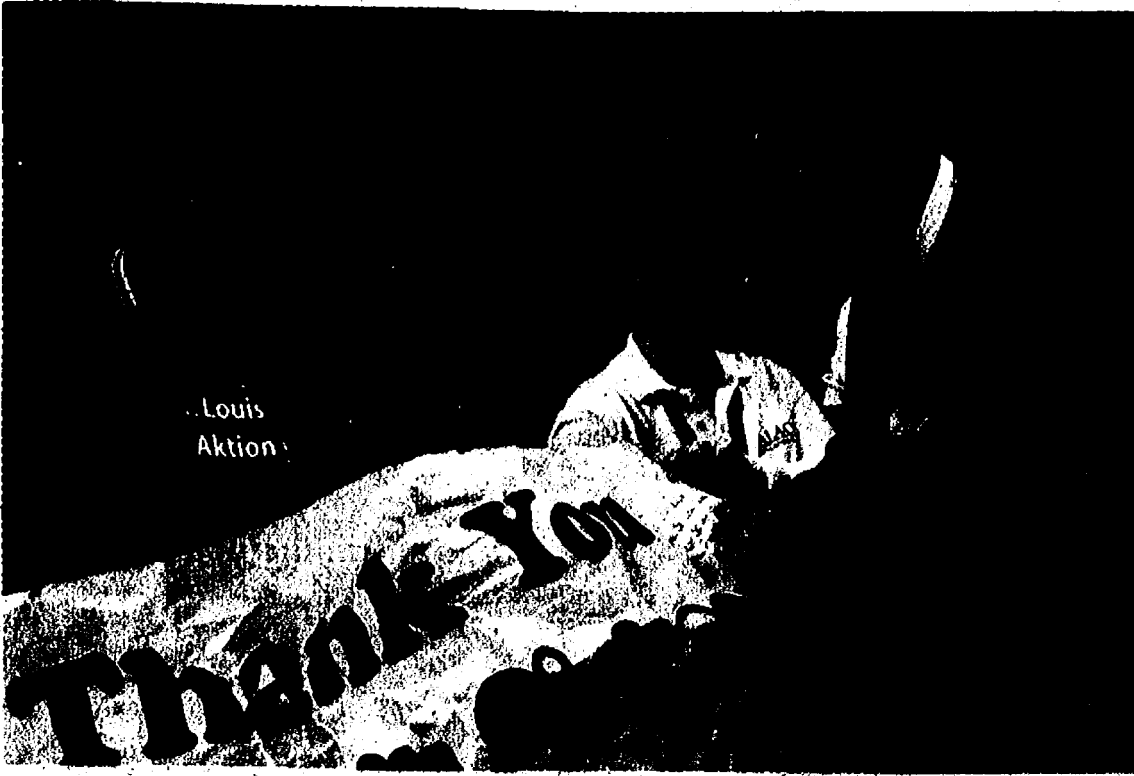
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Stanley Butler holds up the St. Louis Center "thank you" banner, while George Blaha signs his autograph.

## St. Louis Center group meets Blaha

Thanks to a new initiative from the Detroit Pistons organization and Pistons owner Tom Gores, the residents of St. Louis Center in Chelsea attended a Detroit Pistons Basketball game March 10 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The Pistons sent 100 tickets to St. Louis Center that went to 40 residents and staff members, with the remaining tickets distributed throughout the St. Louis Center and the Chelsea community. The residents and friends of St. Louis Center saw an entertaining game against the Toronto Raptors, with the Pistons winning by a score of 105-86.

The free tickets were part of a Pistons community outreach program called Come Together, which is "aimed at celebrating community champions from across the state of Michigan" and "rewarding people in the community who are doing outstanding work."

Twenty-five members of the St. Louis Center Community Advisory Council and members of the Michigan Knights of Columbus were nominated for recognition.

Upon hearing that residents from the center would

be present for the basketball game, St. Louis Center supporter George Blaha, the play-by-play voice of the Detroit Pistons, invited the residents to come down to the basketball court after the game for a group photograph, and he autographed the "thank you" poster that the residents had brought along.

Blaha serves as the Honorary Chairperson of the annual Golf and Glory Outing held at the University of Michigan Golf Course every June.

St. Louis Center is a caring residential family center west of Chelsea that provides a living and learning environment for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information, visit [www.stlouiscenter.org](http://www.stlouiscenter.org).



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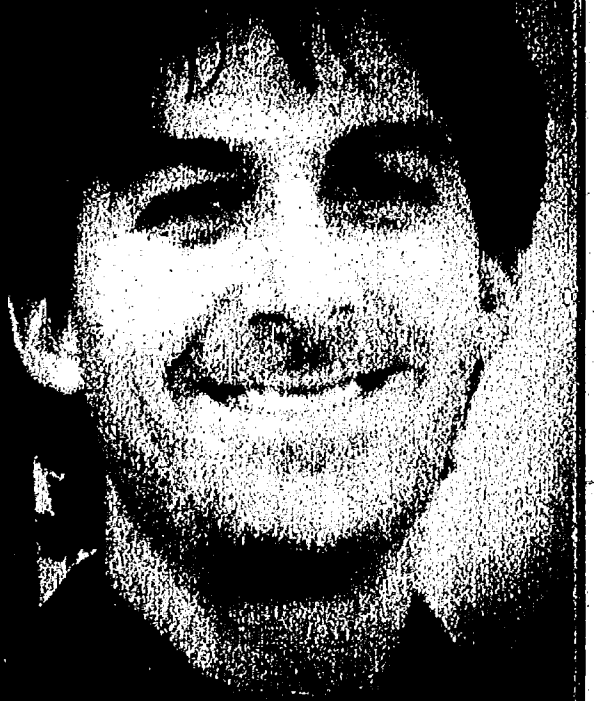
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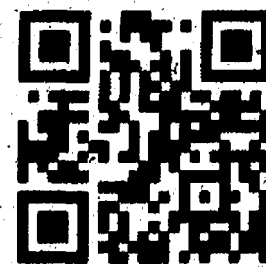


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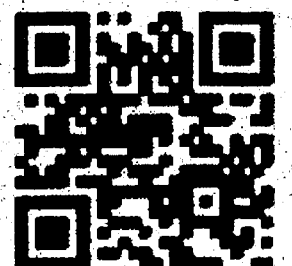
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# Retirement communities director enjoys new post

By Sheila Pursglove  
Special Writer

Todd Hanselman, the new executive director of Chelsea Retirement Community, enjoys working in an organization that touches peoples' lives.

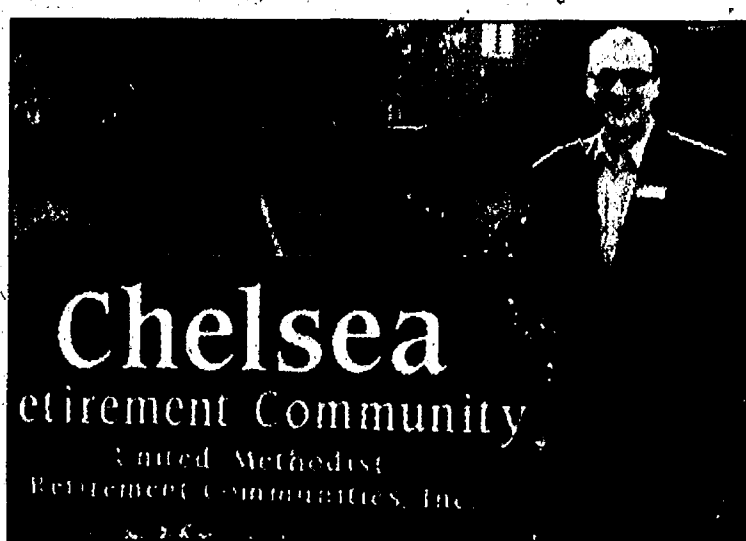
"I make the analogy to new employees that these are not widgets or car parts we're dealing with," he said. "Our success is not based on how much product we produce. The actions we take every day affect the people we serve."

"That's the most gratifying part of my role as executive director. I get instant feedback on how we're doing and what we're doing that improves someone's life, whether that be on a very small level or on a larger scale."

Hanselman previously spent more than 14 years

in the human resources department at United Methodist Retirement Communities, a non-profit service provider in independent and assisted senior living with services and living arrangements at Chelsea Retirement Community, The Cedars of Dexter and The Pines Senior Apartments. Care includes independent living, assisted living, short-term medical and rehabilitative care, and memory loss and dementia care. UMRC also co-sponsors, with the Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation, the Silver Maples of Chelsea senior living community.

Promoted in January, Hanselman's primary focus is operational oversight of all areas of the Chelsea campus, including Independent Living, Glazier Assisted Living,



Todd Hanselman is the new executive director of the Chelsea Retirement Community.

Kresge Healthcare Center and Towsley Village Memory Care Center.

Hanselman, who holds a bachelor's degree in human resources development from Oakland University, is a certified professional of

human resources through the Society for Human Resources Management and HR Certification Institute.

He was initially drawn to this field by the prospect of becoming a trainer.

"I enjoy learning and sharing my knowledge with others," he said. "As I got farther into my coursework and particularly after my internship at Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, I became fascinated with labor relations and employee relations."

During his internship, his human resources director referred him to UMRC for a vacancy at Boulevard Temple in Detroit, where he began his career as employment manager in 1997.

"I truly enjoyed my time there," he said. "I found I not only loved working in HR, but I also loved working in healthcare and a mission based organization. Knowing I was part of a facility that was providing quality care for seniors in the city of Detroit - where there was definitely a need

- was very rewarding."

Hanselman became human resources manager at the Chelsea Retirement Community in 2000.

"It was the next step in my development, getting experience in a very different setting, more levels of care and a larger population of employees and residents. It also expanded my responsibilities for larger portions of the HR function at UMRC."

Kresge Rehabilitation Center serves hundreds of residents a year, he said. "We have excellent rehab facilities and staff that work with residents in all areas of the campus."

"Towsley Village is also a very special part of our campus. It continues the tradition started with Wesley Hall, where UMRC

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## Griffiths named FLA's 2012 humanitarian

Kathleen Griffiths, former president and chief executive officer of Chelsea Community Hospital, has been awarded the 2012 Howard S. Holmes Humanitarian of the Year Award by the Faith in Action Board of Trustees.

The award will be celebrated at FLA's forthcoming Annual Benefit and Auction on April 28, at CCH.

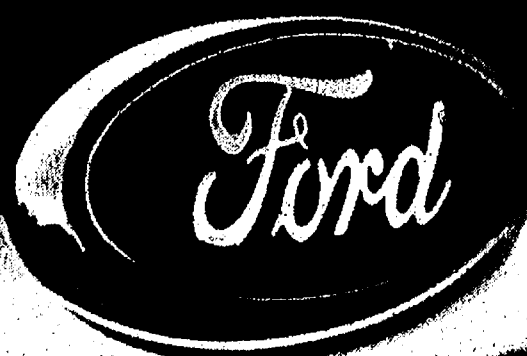
"Throughout her years at CCH," said Nancy Paul, director of Faith in Action, "Kathleen has been an avid supporter of Faith in Action. Many people don't realize how critical the support of Chelsea Community Hospital is to the continued ability of Faith in Action staff to help so many people in our



Kathleen Griffiths (center) receives the 2012 Humanitarian of the Year Award from Faith in Action Board of Directors. Shown (l to r) are Marge Mastie, Director Nancy Paul, Maggie Morehouse, Mary Underwood, Griffiths, Jack Edington and Mary Ann Zetzelmaier.

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was the first organization to create a residential model memory care unit."

Although Hanselman currently lives in Livonia with his wife Nikki, daughters Alex and Madeline, and a fox hound named Dolce, he was born and raised on the west side of Ann Arbor and is a graduate of Pioneer High School.

"Some of the friends I went to grade school with lived in Chelsea. It feels very familiar to be working in the Chelsea area, about 15 miles from where I grew up."

In his spare time, he enjoys playing guitar, fly fishing and wood working and recently built a vanity for his daughters' bedroom.

He attends Peace Lutheran Church in Livonia, where he serves on one of the boards and on the Church Council.

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**GRIFFITHS**

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communities. From sponsoring our annual dinner to providing the very footprint of our building, CCH, led by Kathleen Griffiths, has been at the heart of our ability to serve."

Griffiths has made a significant impact on the region through her work at the hospital and through her involvement in multiple boards, community groups and events.

In addition to her support of Faith in Action and Chelsea Grace Clinic, her community efforts have included the St.

Louis Center, Manchester Community Resource Center, Stockbridge Family Outreach, and numerous CCH volunteer and holiday events.

Jack Edington, current president of the FIA Board of Trustees, said Griffiths "is being honored for continuing the hospital's commitment to the poor begun

under the tenure of Will Johnson."

Maggie Morehouse, a Trustee of FIA said Griffiths kept word "community" alive in the hospital's name.

"She has led the hospital for many years with passion, commitment and heart," Morehouse said. "With quiet determination,

sometimes through difficult times, she remained focused on how the hospital could serve others better."

Faith in Action is now in its 33rd year as a community-funded, faith-based assistance and resource center for families and individuals who need a helping hand in the Chelsea and Dexter area.

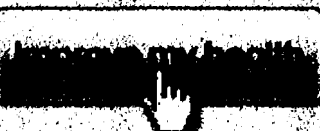


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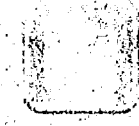
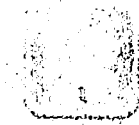


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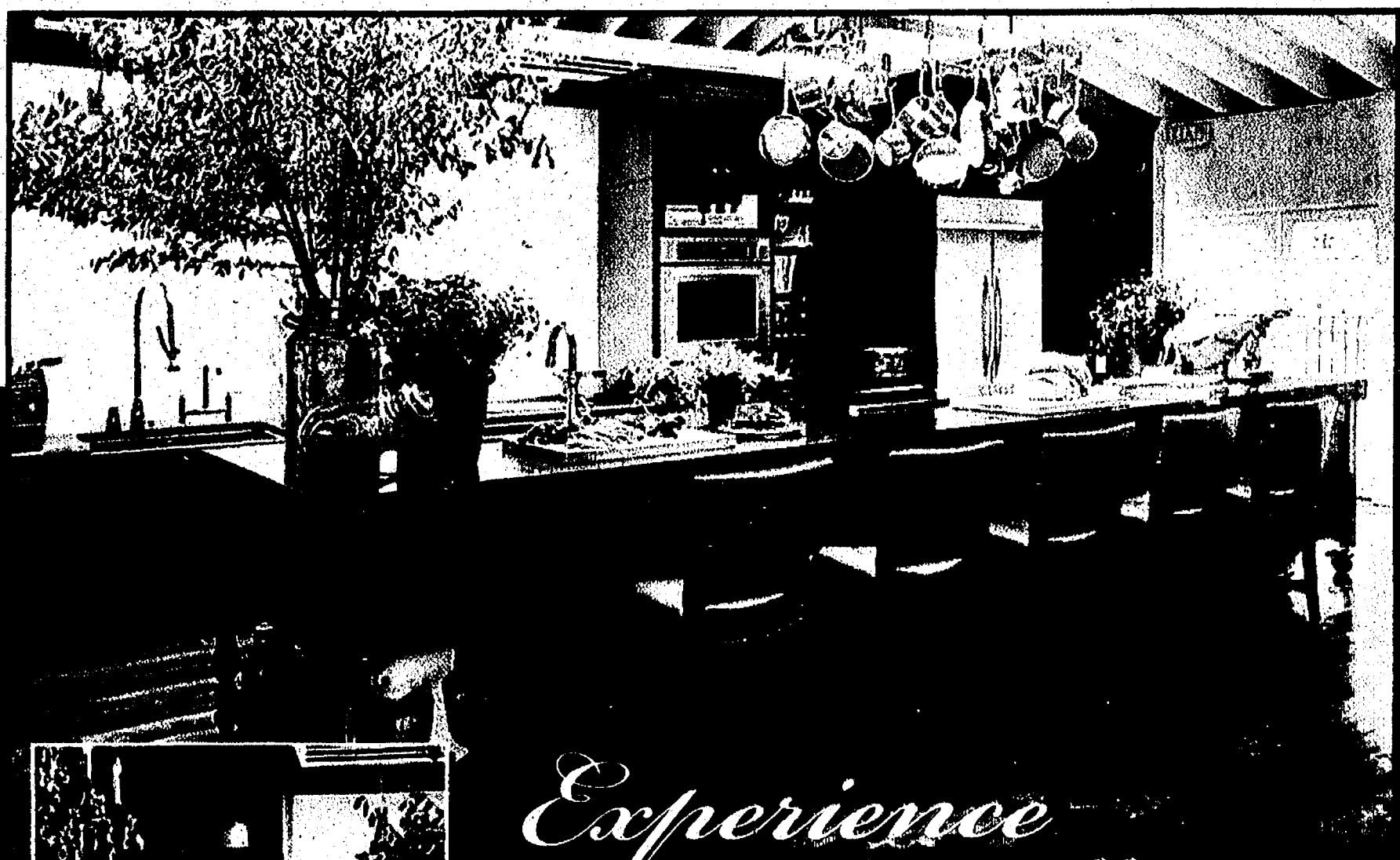
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# Getting defensive

Dexter has the talent to rank among the best in the state

Opponents of the Dexter girls' soccer team are soon going to find out that if the Dreads score just one goal, the game might just be about over. Just saying...two goals and you might as well warm up the bus.

Defense starts with a strong midfield and the Dreads only get stronger as you head back. "Our back four defenders are going to limit scoring chances," Dexter coach Scott Forrester said. "And when it does get past them, then they have to get it past Sarah."

Sarah is Sarah Silvasi, a senior who is playing her first year in net for Dexter. Silvasi has spent her soccer career playing travel soccer, touring the country with the elite Michigan Hawks and facing the best competition in

the nation. In February, Silvasi signed a National Letter of Intent to play for Division I Valparaiso University.

So, when and if, opponents can find a way past the Dexter back four, they have Silvasi waiting for them. Yeah, scoring goals on the Dreads is not going to be easy.

Players along that talented backline will include the likes of seniors Madeline Judge and Celina Sunesen and juniors Andi Kimball, Courtney Simpson, Ashley Kunzman, Hannah Ruble, Alex Semifero and sophomore Katerina Kerska.

But expect to see a few of those players also



Photo by Terry Jacoby

**With senior Sarah Silvasi in goal, teams will be hard pressed to score on Dexter.**

**PLEASE SEE SOCCER/3-B**

# Play ball

# Bulldogs ready for another big season

**The Chelsea softball dynasty is back for another run – and this team is loaded with talent, experience and the desire to reach the next level.**

**Coach Bob Moffett has ace Taylor Hansen back on the mound. She will keep opposing teams off the scoreboard. The Bulldogs also have Sarah Bucholz back to give Chelsea a strong one-two pitching punch.**

Other key returning standouts include senior centerfielder Allie Smith, outfielders Jessie Fox and Taylor Cooley, first baseman Taylor Vanriper, shortstop Katlyn Brosnan and third baseman Bailey Darwin.

**Carley Wooster and Madeline Day both will see time at catcher for Chelsea.**

"This is a team that won two districts and also 30 games last season," said Moffett. "We had a team batting average of .380 and stole 120 bases. We are hoping for great things from our returners and as long as we stay healthy we could be very good."

# Dexter

Dexter coach Mark Whitley is eager to get going. The first-year varsity coach has liked what he's seen from his players early in the season - and it starts with the attitude.

"I have a great group of girls who col-



## Chelsea senior pitcher Taylor Hansen returns for the Bulldogs.

# SOFTBALL

lectively work hard, listen to instruction, practice hard, play hard, and who just want to get better and win," he said. "This team has a tremendous amount of respect for their community, their school, their team, themselves, the game and their coach."

Overall, the Dreadnaughts have very good team foot speed both on the paths and defensively. They also are strong behind the plate. "We'll have a three-

**PLEASE SEE SOFTBALL/3-B**

# Solid pitching has Dreads among elite in the area

Dexter coach Don Little has big goals. "We want to improve every game, win the SEC and win districts," he said.

But Little can think big because he has a talented lineup with plenty of experience. They also don't give up as they proved by coming back from a 6-1 deficit last weekend against a talented Canton team.

Dexter has experience and depth but most importantly solid pitching. The key for the Dreads will be taking care of the baseball and play solid defense behind their talented arms. The Dreads also can hit the ball and will certainly score runs.

Top returning players include senior pitchers Joel Gowen, Ben Finn, Bryce Walls and Dylan Pierce, shortstop Zack Byron, third baseman Hank Dreffs and catcher Mike Mioduszewski. Top returning juniors include MacKay Little, and Brett Garwood.

Top newcomers include Greg Goffee and Brennan Maisch.

## Chelsea

There will be one big difference inside the Chelsea dugout this season. After more than three decades running the Bulldogs, skipper Wayne Welton left to take a job with the University of Michigan baseball team. It was a difficult decision for Welton, but one of the overriding factors was that he knew Chelsea would be in good hands moving forward.



Photo by Terry Jacoby

**Colin Hanss and the Dreads have a talented lineup and high expectations.**

"Adam Taylor is ready to take over," Welton said. "I know I am leaving the program in very good hands."

Taylor takes over a proud program that has struggled the past four years.

"We are looking to be competitive in the league," Taylor said. "We need to improve on all the little things that make up the

on all the little things that make up the game of baseball. We have guys that are looking forward to restoring what has made Chelsea baseball so great, we owe that to the alum."

Taylor has been with the Bulldogs for more than 11 years and realizes he has

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## Boys BASKETBALL

## Lewis is All-Area MVP

The unquestioned leader of the River Rats averaged a team-high 17 points and 11 rebounds, earning an AP All-State honorable mention and an All-SEC nod along the way.

Lewis reached double figures in all but one of Huron's 24 games, including a season-best 34 points in a Valentine's Day victory over Melvindale Academy for Business and Technology.

According to Huron coach Waleed Samaha,

Lewis is "one of the most versatile players we've had in our program."

"He is equally effective from inside the paint and from the perimeter," Samaha said. "He is unguardable at the high-school level. (Lewis) is a tenacious rebounder and defender."

"He's a special kid; a great student, a great leader and a great human being," Samaha said. "That just makes you like him even more and appreciate how he plays."



Lewis



## Ajay Stovall, Lincoln

The Lincoln senior transferred from Ypsilanti High School and fit in well right from the start for coach Mike Lewis and the Splitters. He helped run the offense and was the go-to scorer whenever Lincoln needed a basket. When he was eligible to join the lineup in January, the Splitters became a dangerous team in the talented Southeastern Conference. Stovall earned a first-team spot on the All-SEC team.

## Michael Smutny, Saline

Smutny was recently named to the Southeastern Conference All-League first team after an outstanding senior season for the Hornets. "Michael is one of the best big men I have coached," said Saline coach Matt Seidl. "What separates Michael from many other high school post players, though, is that he can step out and hit the mid-range jumper. Smutny is well-suited for the college game and should do very well at Lake Superior State."



## Michael Steinhauer, Chelsea

The junior averaged 11.4 points and 7.7 rebounds and shot 52 percent from the floor for the Bulldogs. "He has excellent feet and very soft hands for a big man," said Chelsea coach Robin Raymond. "His great balance, playing with his back to the basket allows him to feel where the defender is and react to get a good shot on each possession. He can go either right or left, equally well."



## Jay Lewis, Dexter

Lewis helped run the offense for the Dexter Dreadnaughts. The 5-11 senior guard averaged 11.3 points, 4.5 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 2.8 steals. He shot 60 percent from the floor, including three-pointers. "Jay is a third year varsity player who had to take on the point guard role this year," Dexter coach Randy Swoverland said. "He was our best scorer, playmaker, defender, competitor and player."



## Tristan Simmons, Ypsilanti

A diverse guard, who was a great outside shooter, could drive to the basket and down low with his back to the basket. Simmons averaged 19 points, five rebounds and three steals per game for the phoenix in his senior season. "He had a great demeanor, and came to be our most consistent player this year. He improved defensively and his diversity on offense opened up possibilities for other guys," said head coach Steve Brooks.



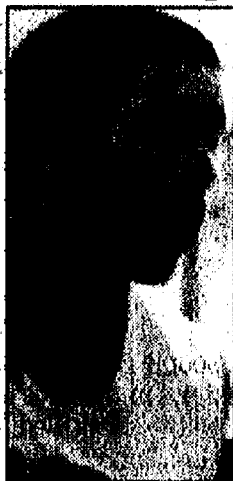
## Derrick Richardson, Ypsilanti

Richardson battled injuries all season, but was easily one of the best on-ball defenders in the area. His length and quickness made it tough for opposing guards to get inside the perimeter. He was also dangerous on offense, and averaged 9.8 points, four assists, and four steal per game for the Phoenix. "To be at the skill level he's at, it says a great deal about him that he sacrifices scoring and does whatever it takes and whatever we ask of him to help the team succeed," said head coach Steve Brooks.



## Jamie Pearson, Belleville

Pearson is a deadly outside shooter who carried a big load scoring-wise for the Tigers in his senior season, and had the ability to take over a game thanks to his shooting. "I asked a lot of Jamie this year, and I think he really embraced it. He had a great season for us and when he was not on the court we were not the same team," said head coach Tyrone Hicks.



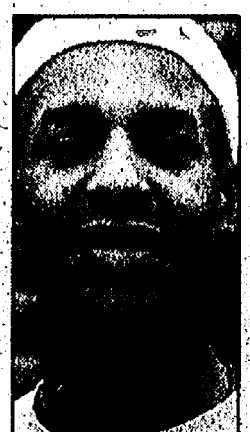
## Kendall Thomas, Huron

Despite missing a large stretch of the regular season with a lingering back injury, Thomas—when healthy—proved his value to the River Rats time and again. Thomas averaged 10.4 points per game over 19 games and finished his senior season by reaching double figures in eight of his last nine games. "He's a warrior," Huron coach Waleed Samaha said of Thomas. "He's a tough customer. With him on the floor, we were a much better team."



## Andre Bond, Huron

Bond averaged 13 points, four rebounds and four assists on his way to earning All-SEC Red honors. Bond ran the Huron offense to a SEC Red title and to a fourth straight district championship. "Andre is capable of scoring going to the basket off the dribble, but has made dramatic improvement in his 3-point shooting," coach Waleed Samaha said. "Andre was pivotal in getting us into our press and creating turnovers."



## Jimmy Holman, Pioneer

Holman started three years for the Pioneers, capping his career as the leading scorer. Revered by coach Rex Stanczak as "one of the best point guards I've coached in my 24 years," Holman displayed the ability to control the tempo of the game as well as facilitate and run Pioneer's offense. "A terrific ball handler, shooter, passer, but even a better person," Stanczak said of Holman. "Just a complete joy to coach."



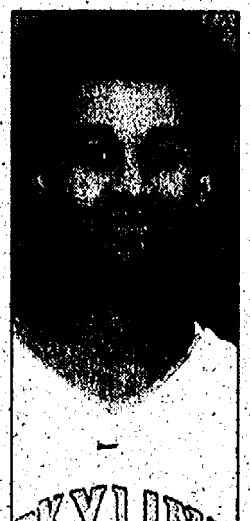
## Jibreel Hussein, Pioneer

As a junior, Hussein emerged as an offensive threat for the Pioneers, finishing second on the team in scoring. Hussein elevated his game on the defensive end as well, becoming a well-rounded player that has already been voted as one of Pioneer's captains for next season. "(Hussein) is a natural scorer," Stanczak said. "One of the most fun guys on our team to coach, he comes to practice every day with a bounce in his step and never takes a day off."



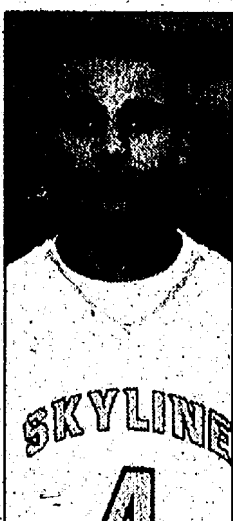
## Theron Wilson, Skyline

Wilson has been a fixture of the Skyline program since its inception and was named the team's MVP for the fourth consecutive year. He capped a stellar career with a 14-point per game senior year. Wilson also averaged six rebounds, four assists and two steals for coach Mike Lovelace. "Theron is a dynamic player that has been the backbone of the Skyline Basketball program since the beginning," Lovelace said. "He has a variety of explosive moves off the dribble with a change of speeds that allow him to create his own shot."



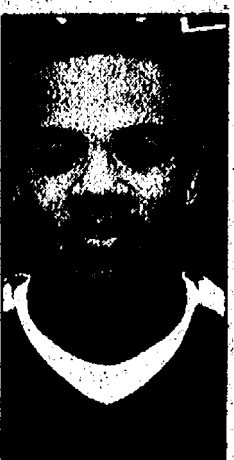
## Jordan Woods, Skyline

While Woods has made a name for himself on the football field, as he's headed to Purdue University to play receiver for the Boilermakers in the fall, he was Skyline's spark plug and a defensive specialist for the Eagles. Averaging seven points and three rebounds per game, Woods brought an intense effort on a nightly basis and proved to be vital to the offense during key stretches of the season. "Jordan is a very well-rounded player who can do many things to help our team win," Skyline coach Mike Lovelace said.



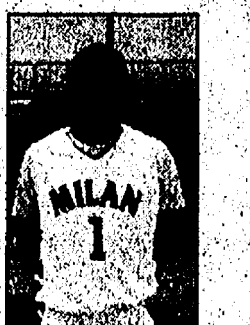
## Kamari Davis, Gabriel Richard

As a junior, Davis enjoyed a breakout year, averaging 15 points, 5.3 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 1.7 steals per game for the Fighting Irish. Garnering praise from Richard coach Pete Schoch, the best may very well be still to come for the talented guard. "He has an incredible ability to score the basketball," Schoch said. "He really has become a complete player."



## C.J. Turnage, Milan

Turnage averaged 14 points and an 8.7 rebounds per game for the Big Reds this season, while sitting out the fourth quarter in 14 of the team's 21 games. A matchup problem for nearly any team, Turnage is a big, athletic guard/forward with a great ability to attack the basket. "He was so good at getting to the basket and getting to the line, in 15 years of coaching I've never had someone go the free throw line as many times (182) as he did this year," said head coach Josh Tropea.



## Andre Duffin, Milan

Duffin wreaked havoc on the Huron League this season, averaging over 20 points in four games against New Boston Huron and St. Mary's, the second and third place teams in the league. "When the game was big, Andre played huge," said head coach Josh Tropea. "This is his third year on varsity, and there's no question he's the reason Milan basketball is on the map right now." Duffin averaged 11 points per game for Milan. He will be playing at Sienna Heights University.





## SOFTBALL

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headed monster behind the dish this year, led by senior tri-captain Megan Sweetland who returns for her third spring on the varsity roster," Whitley said. "When Sweetland isn't catching she'll play second and third. Junior Michelle Metevier and sophomore Brooke Lupi also can catch.

Another Dexter strength will be senior veterans. "Sweetland will lead vocally, defensively and with her bat," Whitley said. "Megan is a very versatile player who will play multiple positions this spring. Tri-captain Cara Taylor is one of the speedsters who will play shortstop, pitch and bat toward the top of the lineup. The third senior and tri-captain is Courtney Cook. But, unfortunately, she will start the season out with a hand injury."

Other key returning players for the Dreads include: Junior Lauren DeHaan, who worked hard in the off-season to be a presence from the circle. DeHaan will play third and left when not pitching. "DeHaan is a good contact hitter who will frustrate pitchers," Whitley said. Playing second base and shortstop for her second varsity campaign will be

sophomore Savannah Krull. "Krull is very sound defensively and brings her bat to work every day, where she's comfortable in the four slot," Whitley said.

Junior Michelle Metevier is another speedster with a great glove who will play centerfield and also catch.

Junior Allianne Hook knows how to flash the leather in the outfield and also brings a solid bat to our lineup," Whitley said.

Top newcomers include: Junior Mara Bottomley brings tremendous speed and athleticism and will bat toward the top of the lineup. She will play all positions in the outfield and also can play first base.

Sophomore Aubree Whitley will bring her talent to the circle and will help bolster this young pitching staff that's looking for much needed varsity experience. Whitley also will play on the corners and brings a consistent bat to the middle of the Dreadnaught lineup.

Junior Taylor Passamani, who carries a big bat but also can hit for average, will play first base and left field.

Sophomore Brooke Lupi will bat near the top of the lineup. One of the speedsters who is always a threat on the bags, Lupi will play centerfield and also catch.

The Drinkard sisters, Tori (junior) and Tash (freshman) will bring their hard work-



ing attitude to the varsity team. "Both girls specialize on the defensive side of the game," Whitley said. "Tori will work the right side of the infield playing second base, and Tasha is a hard-throwing righty who will get better with each outing as she gains valuable varsity experience."

Whitley is the perfect coach for this young team. His enthusiasm will keep this young team pointed in the right direction.

"We are a very young team that is going to make some mistakes," he said. "But I'll take our youth. They are very talented, and I think our talent will outweigh our youthful learning curve. The girls will compete in every game, with the attitude and our

team motto, 'Expect to win - you deserve it.'"

### Saline

Youth will be served on a large platter this year in Saline. It might be a delicious dish.

The Hornets will transition into the 2012 with six seniors departed and just one current final-year player on the roster, but Saline is still hoping for big things this spring.

"They're really young, but go-getters," Saline coach Alicia Seegert said. "I love them. There's a lot of talent on this field. They're going to make some mistakes, but what I tell the kids is I can handle the physical mistakes. It's the mental

mistakes. So the next couple weeks, hopefully we'll work through that."

Aside from lone senior Courtney Brown, Saline's roster is comprised of six sophomores, five juniors and three freshmen.

With any young team, Seegert and the Hornets are still looking to shore up their lineup as the season quickly approaches. And while the infield will be a work in progress during the early going, opposing teams will have to be ready for a strong outfield, some tough pitching and experienced bats.

"That's kind of been the thing here for a while," Seegert said. "We're real young. Freshmen and sophomores are in the outfield, so

that's going to be nice. The infield, we've got a few holes that we're still trying to fill. It's tough."

The one positive Seegert took away from the infield unknowns are that it's created some healthy competition on the roster.

"It's fun for the kids because they challenge each other," she said.

One area without any question marks is in leadership. The team has already chosen captains and, sticking with the youth theme, selected a senior, a junior and a sophomore to take charge.

The Hornets' lone veteran Courtney Brown will join junior Chelsie Leathers and sophomore Laura Vaccaro as the team's go-to players.

## SOCCER

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roaming the midfield as well as Forrester likes to mix things up. He not only has depth but has players who can play several different positions.

"With our starting 11 we can really do a lot of damage to a lot of teams," Forrester said. "What we will be figuring out throughout the season is who is going to come in off the bench and add something to our lineup. We have three or four players on the bench who are more defensive players but we are so strong back there that we need to figure out how to work people in back there."

Dexter's midfield is both fast and highly skilled. All-Conference player Victoria Pepper will be playing next year at Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne, Ind.

But first the senior has some unfinished business at the high school level.

"Pepper lays it all out during training and in the game," said Forrester. "She does whatever is needed to help her team win. In every game, anyone watching can attest that she gives it well beyond the necessary 100 percent."

Pepper says the Dreads must play hard every time they step on the field.

"We have to come out and play hard every game and work as a team," said Pepper, who believes one of the team's strengths is "attacking."

"We have a lot of attackers and can get in the box and make things happen," she said.

Those "attackers" will include Pepper, the always dangerous Olivia Vollmers, Jaimie Verbal, Nicole Lucas, Emily Tarnaski, Lindsey Lloyd and Alex Dinsler.

"We have strengths everywhere," said Verbal. "We obviously still have things to work on but everyone wants to work hard and everyone wants to win."

Forrester doesn't think of depth as a weakness, just something they haven't totally figured out this early

in the season.

"We will be discovering our depth throughout the season," he said. "I already saw some good things (Saturday) from a few players. We may have to develop a few players into other positions where we need some help."

"The goals we have every year start with winning our division in the SEC and then winning districts."

### Chelsea

The Bulldogs are ready to go on the offensive in 2012.

"Our team will be strong offensively this year and will be able to create lots of chances," said Chelsea coach Shawn Hayes.

Key returning players include seniors Katelyn Kingsley (goalkeeper with 11 shutouts last season), Katelyn Stehlik (10 goals last season) and defenders Jessica Ruikka and Tess Schuessler. Senior Amber Plemens, a four-year varsity player, and junior Hailey Bunten will help control the midfield for the Bulldogs.

Junior defender Emma Doty is another top returning player.

Key newcomers include backup GK Krista Pagliarini who adds depth and competition to the GK position which will make both keepers better throughout the season. Sophomores Hanna Noble, Madison Powell and Nikki Liedel along with juniors Emma Mathis, Liz Boyce and Molly Merkel all add depth to the Chelsea roster this season.

The Bulldogs will need to improve at the defensive end.

"In order to compete with better opponents we will need to improve our team defending and transition to attack," Hayes said. "If the girls remain patient through the first couple weeks and continue learning, they will end up being a pretty competitive team overall."

### Milan

If Milan coach Simon Evans has his way, the Big Reds will be a threat in the Huron League this season - and beyond.

The squad is coming off

of a third-place finish in the conference, but with a solid blend of veteran players and young talent, the team has high hopes about its future.

"We just want to have a good year, have a good experience," Evans said. "We were third in the league (last year). We were one point out of second. Riverview was tops in our league and they graduated 12 seniors, so I don't have any idea what they're doing. Grosse Ile is always tough. We're always trying to battle for a top spot in the Huron League."

In order to do that, Evans had to change his early season philosophy from years past.

Previously, Milan entered the season with a light schedule before playing in the Huron League. However, the Big Reds learned quickly that, while racking up the wins was nice, the team was unprepared for what it faced down the road in conference play.

Included in the early portion of the season was a contest at Gabriel Richard and a tournament at Olivet College.

"Last year, I made the mistake of having from pretty easy games going in," Evans said. "We didn't play anybody tough until we got to Riverview who went 14-0 in our league last year. So I really wanted to start the season this year playing some good competition so I could see where our holes were. If you're dominating the game, you don't find your holes."

While the Big Reds are ready to admit there's some early holes, the team is full of talent that could give opponents fits in 2012.

Leading the way for the Big Reds will be junior forward Abby Billau.

"She's probably our most skilled forward and most effective," Evans said.

Senior Laura Heath - one of five players in their final year at Milan - will also be a threat to defenses this season.

## BASEBALL

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some big shoes to fill.

"There is no replacing coach Welton," he said. "I am very thankful for the opportunity to coach in a great district, with support that is unmatched from the community."

### Manchester

The Flying Dutch will look to replace some key players from last year, including four-year starting catcher Ben Stachnik, Isaac Miller in center, Nik Stetler on the mound, Brandon Casey in left field and Justin Hone at third base.

However, the rest of last year's infield returns along with guys who did a good job filling in for the departed seniors such as Jake Laurel in center who performed admirably when Miller went down with an injury at the end of last season.

"We're off to a fine start, but it's tough to really gauge everything right now," Manchester coach Corey Fether said.

"But we should be very competitive, and hope to fight for the top spots in the conference."

For Fether, he is very confident in his team defensively, especially with the core of his infield returning.

The returning starters include senior Josh Finley at first base, senior Josh Wilson, junior Brad Allen (who will also pitch), and senior Tyler Stennet who started in the outfield last year but is making the move to catcher this season.

"Wilson and Stennet are really taking up a good leadership role," Fether said. "And that's nice to see, especially for Stennet who as the catcher is kind of the point guard on the field for us. They lead by example, but are also willing to speak

up and help the young guys out."

The main concern for Dutch this season appears to be consistency among the starting pitching.

Depth at the position doesn't appear to be a problem, as Fether said there are plenty of kids who can throw, and he is looking at the beginning of the season as a chance for a couple kids to really step out and become the anchors of the rotation. Look for Laure, Allen, and senior Nick Cozart to try and earn those spots early on.

The Dutch exited the postseason in the first round of districts last year to rival Grass Lake, and finished second in the Cascade Conference, both finishes that don't seem to bother Fether, but he would like to see improvements upon.

### Ypsilanti

The Ypsilanti Phoenix baseball team and third-year head coach Chris Dessellier hope to improve on last year's 5-24 mark, with almost all of last year's young team returning.

"The first two years were tough, but I think if we cut down on the errors and learn how to fight back and win some games, we can be a pretty dangerous team," Dessellier said.

The Phoenix return four key seniors at some of key positions. They include Sean Winkelseth at shortstop, Aaron Phillips at catcher, Tyler Garfield at third base and pitcher, and Aaron Green in the outfield and on the mound. Dessellier is also hoping to get some contributions from returning juniors Justin Gobel at first and pitcher and Zach Gentry in the outfield.

With a large amount of last year's team returning, Dessellier feels the team should be able to come together and play well as a team, with help from the seniors.

## Chelsea boys' track team on stride

The 2012 Chelsea boys' track team is ready to take off after finishing second in the state last season.

The Bulldogs also will be chasing a second straight league title.

At the top of the lineup is senior Bryce Bradley, an All-State distance runner last season and "Mr. Cross Country" this past fall for the state of Michigan. He will anchor the talented distance squad.

Berkely Edwards is one of the state's top sprinters, and should contribute heavily by season's end.

Christian Vosters and Luke Oliver also earned state medals last year, and hope to repeat.

Micheal Hovater and Travis Weiss are some of the area's top pole vaulters.

"This is my 15th year as head coach, and hopefully will be my 14th straight winning season," coach Eric

Swagger said. "Coach Shane Rodriguez handles the pole vault, Kalli Nowitzke the mid-distance, Loren Thorburn the sprinters, Steve Forsberg the high jumpers, Kari Goorhouse the throwers, Bert Kruse the hurdlers, and Mike Hollik helps me with the distance."

"A large squad of 60 should make this yet another competitive season. I expect another fine year."

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## DNR

## Michigan suckers popular with spring anglers

Michigan's world-class fisheries are numerous and well-known. Michigan boasts exceptional fishing for many of America's top game fish – muskellunge, smallmouth bass, walleye and brown trout, among them – and is a popular destination for tournament fishermen seeking those species and others.

Another popular fishery exists for some less heralded specimens as well, including one that is heating up right now as sucker fishing comes to the fore. In spring, many species of suckers head upstream to spawn in the state's rivers and creeks where plenty of anglers are ready, willing and able to challenge them.

"On some streams, sucker fishing produces more angling effort than anything else," said Department of Natural Resources fish production manager Gary Whelan.

Thought (incorrectly) by some to be "trash" fish, suckers have been given a bad rap. There are those who believe they compete for food and space with more desirable species. They've also been blamed for eating the spawn of other species. However, there appears to be no scientific basis for these beliefs. Suckers have evolved side-by-side with most species of game fish and seem to coexist quite nicely with them. Most species of suckers demand relatively high water quality; in fact, excellent sucker fishing is available in some of the state's premier trout streams.

"They are not carp," Whelan said. "And they shouldn't be thought of in those terms."

Whelan said that suckers are an important component of the food

chain, serving as prey for numerous species, especially northern pike and muskellunge.

Michigan boasts 15 members of the sucker family (Catostomidae), including the endangered Western creek chubsucker and threatened river herring.

These spirited fighters are generally medium-sized fish – closely related to minnows – though some of them grow to significant sizes. The state-record black buffalo, for instance, weighed 33 pounds, 4 ounces.

The DNR's Master Angler program recognizes seven species of suckers:

- \* redbreast;
- \* bigmouth and black buffalo;
- \* quillback carpsucker;
- \* and longnose, northern hog and white suckers.

A 2-pound longnose (22 inches for the catch-and-release category) or a 3-pound white sucker (20 inches) will earn a fisherman the DNR status of Master Angler.

Whelan said that suckers have an inferior mouth positioned in such a way to optimize feeding on the bottom. For the most part, suckers feed on aquatic insects, crustaceans and worms, though some species prefer feeding on snails or algae.

Most suckers will win few beauty contests. They tend to be drab in color – gray to mottled brown – though male longnose and white suckers develop a rose-colored lateral band during their spawning runs.

The exception is the redbreast, which is a bright silvery color with orange or red fins.

"Fishing for suckers is typically a low-tech sport," said the DNR's Whelan.



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Suckers are popular targets of bank-bound anglers in spring.

"All that's necessary is a hook and a sinker, and earthworms make ideal bait. Cast out a line, let the bait sit on the bottom, and wait."

Often, while steelhead anglers are wading or boating during the spring run, they encounter sucker fishermen – often whole families – sitting on the bank, rods propped in forked sticks, fishing in the same stretches of stream. Generally, sucker fishing is best in places where there is a break in the current: around obstructions or below riffles. Deep holes are popular with sucker anglers.

That said, anglers can make sucker fishing as complicated as they like. Fly fishing for suckers is becoming more popular all the time.

Suckers will willingly take nymphs, yarn flies or even streamers fished on the bottom.

They can be as selective as trout, and many a trout fisherman has been disappointed when he discovered the big brown he thought he'd hooked turned out to be a big white sucker.

Anglers are divided on suckers as table fare. Some turn up their noses (no doubt because of the trash fish/bottom-feeding reputation), while sucker aficionados swear by them – especially in spring when their flesh is firm. Suckers are bony fish and anglers have devised a number of methods for dealing with the bones. They are popularly pickled, canned, smoked or deep-fried. Folks who deep-fry them typically score the bones to make them easier to eat. Some people grind them and use the flesh to make patties or fish cakes.

"They're good eating," said Whelan, who says he's

eaten them pickled, fried and made into patties.

There is a small commercial fishery for suckers, though they are primarily a by-catch of commercial fishermen targeting other species or being caught for the pet-food industry. They do not command a high price, as global competition in the fish market has driven down demand.

Suckers may be taken with hand nets (of any circumference and handle length) from the Great Lakes, connecting waters and tributaries up to a half-mile upstream, March 1 to May 31 south of M-72, and April 1 to May 31 north of M-72. They can also be taken with dip nets (measuring no more than 9 feet by 9 feet) from Lower Peninsula non-trout streams from April 1 to May 31 and Upper Peninsula non-trout

streams May 1 to 31.

Spearing suckers is a popular pastime, too, legal on non-trout streams April 1 to May 31 south of M-46; April 15 to May 31 between M-46 and M-72; and May 1 to 31 north of M-72. Bows and arrows may be used as well as lights. In the Great Lakes and connecting waters, suckers can be taken by spear or bow year-round.

The sucker fishery is one of the first to catch fire after the ice has melted, but by the time many anglers start thinking about fishing, the spring sucker run has already begun to fade.

Learn more about fishing for suckers and other Michigan species at [www.michigan.gov/fishing](http://www.michigan.gov/fishing). To sign up for the DNR's weekly fishing report and other popular topics, visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) and click on the red envelope labeled "Stay Connected."

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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly sunny	Clear	Times of clouds and sun	A thunderstorm possible	A thunderstorm possible	Cloudy, a shower; cooler	Rain	Mostly cloudy
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## ALMANAC

Statistics for the week ending Monday, April 9

## Temperatures:

High/low for the week ..... 66°/27°  
Normal high/low ..... 56°/32°  
Average temperature ..... 47.4°  
Normal average temperature ..... 44.1°

## Precipitation:

Total for the week ..... 0.14"  
Total for the month ..... 0.14"  
Total for the year ..... 6.83"  
Normal for the month ..... 0.80"  
Normal for the year ..... 6.25"

## PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures High Low

66	62	59	63	61	62
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## THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature

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## RIVER LEVELS

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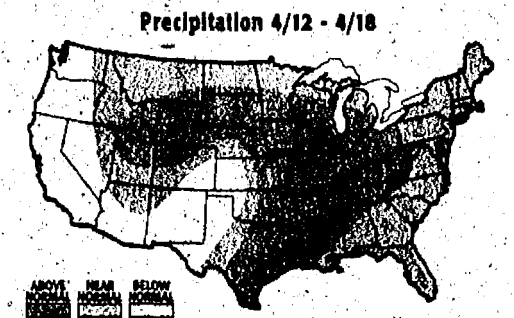
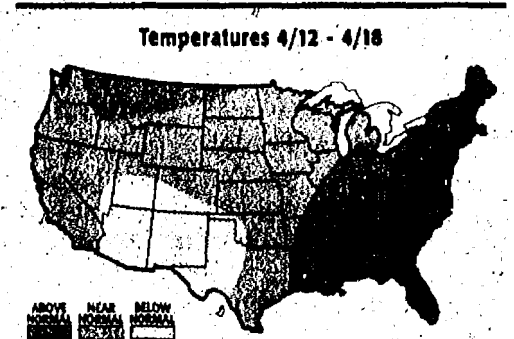
River	Flood stage	Current stage
Ascona Creek		
Dearborn Heights		2.34 ft
Huron River		
Ann Arbor	16 ft	12.74 ft
Malletts Creek		
Ann Arbor		3.33 ft
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	6.56 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester		3.38 ft

## LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	570.87 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	573.99 ft

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## NATIONAL OUTLOOK



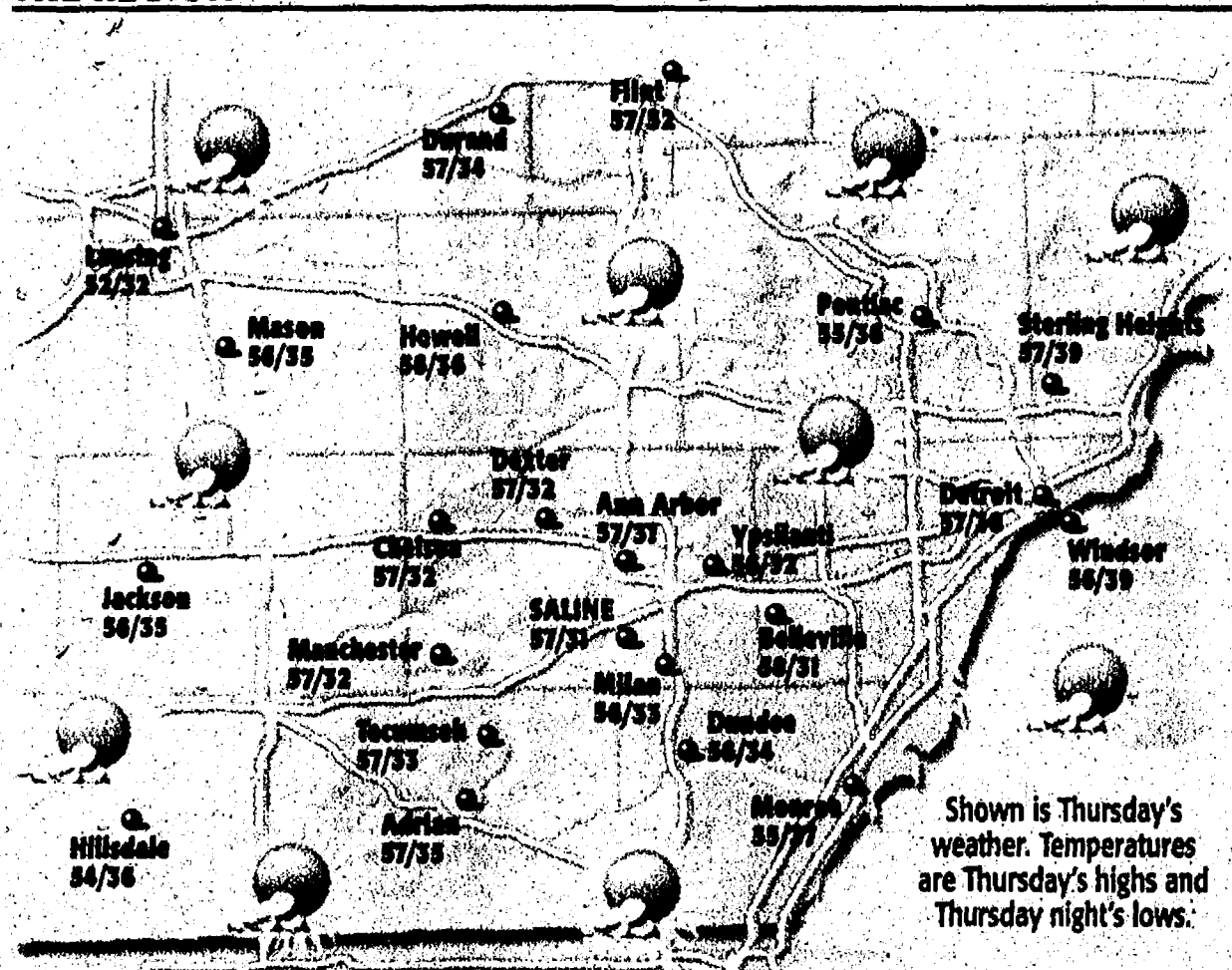
## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Atlanta	67/44/s	74/51/s	78/56/pc
Boston	52/41/sh	56/43/pc	65/48/c
Chicago	58/39/pc	65/48/c	73/54/c
Cincinnati	59/37/s	68/49/pc	72/55/c
Cleveland	53/36/s	60/43/pc	65/51/c
Dallas	78/64/c	79/66/pc	83/69/c
Denver	70/37/pc	62/35/pc	56/33/c
Honolulu	83/68/pc	83/68/pc	83/71/pc
Houston	82/65/pc	82/68/pc	84/71/c
Kansas City	62/51/r	71/57/t	75/59/c
Las Vegas	72/50/pc	63/48/c	65/50/c
Los Angeles	64/52/c	60/49/r	65/53/c
Miami	83/68/pc	81/69/pc	82/69/s
Minneapolis	62/46/pc	64/51/t	67/45/c
New Orleans	77/61/pc	80/64/s	81/66/pc
New York City	58/42/pc	62/45/s	68/53/c
Orlando	79/57/pc	78/59/s	83/60/s
Philadelphia	58/36/pc	64/43/s	71/51/c
Phoenix	76/55/s	76/52/c	69/48/c
Pittsburgh	54/32/pc	63/43/pc	69/50/c
St. Louis	64/47/pc	72/59/t	77/61/c
San Francisco	58/48/r	55/45/sh	58/47/pc
Seattle	58/40/sh	56/42/pc	57/42/pc
Wash., DC	60/42/s	65/45/s	71/54/c

## WORLD CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Athens	69/56/s	71/57/pc	71/58/sh
Berlin	59/43/pc	59/38/sh	61/47/r
Buenos Aires	77/64/pc	75/64/c	78/55/pc
Cairo	78/61/pc	86/69/pc	91/74/pc
Calgary	51/33/r	38/32/r	43/28/e
Hong Kong	82/73/s	82/73/t	81/73/c
Jerusalem	60/46/pc	68/51/pc	76/60/s
Johannesburg	69/47/pc	70/49/s	70/49/s
London	54/39/sh	55/36/sh	52/37/sh
Mexico City	79/52/r	79/48/sh	80/48/s
Montreal	52/35/c	58/36/pc	58/42/c
Moscow	44/31/c	54/39/pc	50/40/r
Paris	67/39/sh	60/40/pc	58/39/r
Rio de Janeiro	84/73/sh	85/73/t	87/74/pc
Rome	65/53/s	61/53/r	61/49/sh
Seoul	59/41/pc	61/39/c	64/41/s
Singapore	88/77/r	88/77/r	88/77/r
Sydney	73/57/c	77/59/s	79/59/c
Tokyo	68/55/s	66/54/pc	63/52/sh
Warsaw	61/43/sh	54/39/r	62/46/c

## THE REGION



## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Adrian	52/30/pc	57/35/s	63/43/pc	67/50/c	Manistee	45/26/s	52/30/s	64/46/pc	68/47/c
Ann Arbor	51/29/pc	57/31/s	62/41/pc	67/48/c	Midland	51/29/pc	57/34/s	61/44/pc	68/49/t
Battle Creek	50/31/pc	55/34/s	64/48/pc	70/52/c	Muskegon	48/29/s	54/34/s	62/43/pc	70/50/c
Bay City	50/30/pc	57/34/s	61/45/pc	68/50/t	Pontiac	50/32/pc	55/36/s	60/43/pc	67/50/c
Detroit	52/34/pc	57/38/s	60/45/pc	66/52/c	Port Huron	50/30/pc	54/31/s	59/41/pc	66/48/r
Flint	50/30/pc	57/32/s	64/44/pc	69/49/c	Saginaw	51/32/pc	57/33/s	61/44/pc	68/49/t
Grand Rapids	50/31/pc	57/34/s	66/47/pc	72/53/c	Sault Ste. Marie	47/28/pc	53/31/s	59/39/pc	58/40/sh
Kalamazoo	51/32/pc	56/36/s	65/48/pc	70/54/c	Sturgis	51/33/pc	59/38/s	64/49/pc	71/54/c
Lansing	50/29/pc	52/32/s	62/47/pc	68/55/c	Traverse City	49/28/pc	54/30/s	63/44/pc	70/45/t
Livonia	52/32/pc	57/38/s	61/45/pc	66/52/c	Warren	50/35/pc	57/39/s	61/46/pc	67/52/c

## SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set	The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	6:59 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	Thursday	2:05 a.m.	11:51 a.m.
Friday	6:57 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	Friday	2:49 a.m.	12:57 p.m.
Saturday	6:56 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	Saturday	3:26 a.m.	2:03 p.m.
Sunday	6:54 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	Sunday	3:57 a.m.	3:07 p.m.
Monday	6:52 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	Monday	4:25 a.m.	4:09 p.m.
Tuesday	6:51 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	Tuesday	4:51 a.m.	5:09 p.m.
Wednesday	6:49 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	Wednesday	5:17 a.m.	6:09 p.m.

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# COMMUNITY

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Thursday, April 12, 2012

## Battle lines have drawn over law's chances this year

### Some call Right to Work union busting

By Craig Farrand  
Special Writer

**Editor's Note:** This is second of a three-part series on the Right to Work debate in Michigan.

**F**or proponents of enacting right-to-work rules in Michigan, the argument is all about job creation.

With Indiana the latest state to enact such legislation, they say, Michigan has little choice but to do the same to stay competitive.

Opponents, however, say it's unfair to create such competition on the backs of workers who have little or no control over what businesses do — or won't do.

State Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-7th District, a supporter of right to work, points to a personal experience to underscore his argument about how not having right-to-work rules stifles job creation.

"When I worked at Boeing, we couldn't get a plant at Willow Run," he said.

"And we lost it — and all those jobs — to South Carolina, a right-to-work state."

It's about reforming the private sector to generate more jobs, Colbeck said, adding that he agrees it's also about wages.

"By not being forced to pay union dues for the right to work, a worker has more disposable income in his or her pocket," he said.

"I know it's being pitched as anti-union, but it's not about weakening unions."

"It's about strengthening them; it's about workers feeling that they're getting value for their union dues," he said.

Colbeck knows that the case about union busting is being made by the other side, but he said that's "just

what people have been taught.

"Right to work is about making the unions more accountable to their rank and file," he said.

"It's about if you don't like what you're getting, you don't have to pay for it."

Yet for Harry Lester — a longtime union leader and activist — it's all about union busting; it's all about undermining the movement he and his family have been a part of for nearly 100 years.

"To say it's not union busting is being phony," he said.

"It's about being pro-business and forget the workers — and that means busting the

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unions.

"Right to work simply allows for the exploitation of workers," Lester said, "which is something I've fought against all my life."

And don't be fooled, he warned — using similar language as that spoken by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1961:

"We must guard against being fooled by false slogans, as 'right to work.' It provides no 'rights' and no 'works' ... its purpose is to destroy labor unions and the freedom of collective bargaining."

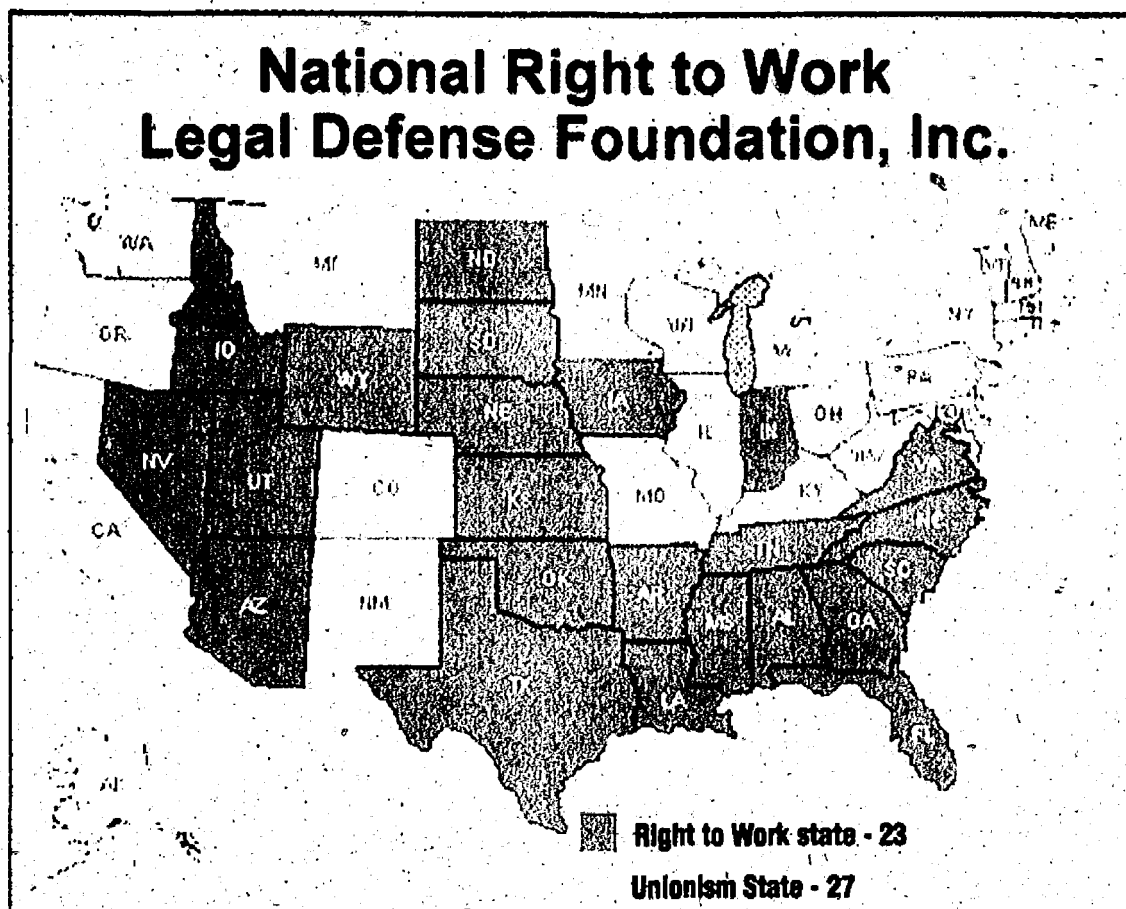
But what about the drop in union membership over the past decades — doesn't that illustrate a drop in union preference?

No, Lester said, the explanation is something else: Jobs have been sent overseas, where wages are much lower and profits are much higher.

"The workers didn't create problems with international trade and currency manipulation," he said.

"The workers didn't cause the problems on Wall Street; those things happened because companies went back to the sweatshops we fought a century ago," he said — starting a train of thought picked up in a separate interview by state Rep. Douglas Geiss, D-22nd District.

He works for Ford Motor Co.



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### About Douglas Geiss

Serving his second term as a state representative, Geiss follows a family tradition of public service. His father, Davis Geiss, was a Taylor city councilman and an aide to U.S. Rep. William Ford (and later ran for that seat) and was an official with the United Auto Workers' local.

Like his father, Doug also served on the Taylor council, first elected in 2001 and re-elected in 2005 — and was a congressional page for Ford.

Geiss graduated first in his class from Truman High School and then received both engineering and master's of business administration degrees from the University of Michigan.

He works for Ford Motor Co.

His brother is a lawyer

and his sister is a teacher, which underscores both his family's commitment to education and to helping others.

"My dad was dedicated to making a better life for us," Geiss said. "He never went to college, but all of his kids did."

"And that's what I think is important for all of us: to make life better for future generations."

"Henry Ford had it right when he instituted the \$5-a-day wage. He created a middle class and helped people have a better life."

Geiss serves on the following House committees:  
■ Transportation (vice chairman)  
■ Education  
■ Insurance

### Corporate responsibility

"Now we see that Apple

— the most valuable company in the world — makes its money by using cheap labor in China," Geiss said. "Shouldn't Apple have a corporate responsibility to build its iPads in the United States?"

In some respects, the debate over right-to-work legislation is similar to that of the Occupy and 99 percent movements: us vs. them.

"We're in a crisis in this nation," Geiss said. "We've turned on one another."

"How else to explain that we vilify teachers, yet we aren't outraged by a businessman being paid \$5 million to run the Detroit schools."

"It wasn't the people in the unions that ... caused the financial collapse, yet somehow companies are now good and people are bad."

So now, Geiss said, it's come to this: "Instead of

raising up the standards of living for people, (right to work wants) to bring everyone down to a lowest common denominator."

### Is Michigan next?

Nevertheless, proponents are readying their move in the state Legislature, especially those like state Rep. Mike Shirkey, R-65th District, who has been quoted often in the state and national media, and believes that right to work's time has come in Michigan.

"We've got growing and substantial support in the Legislature for pursuing Michigan becoming a right-to-work state," he was quoted as saying in October in the Washington Times.

"But this is a marathon, not a sprint, and it's all about making sure we are removing all obstacles to jobs."

"I'm not anti-union. I call it labor freedom," he said, "where unions are as free to make their case as workers are to make their choice."

And in a story published more recently, Shirkey said the "people of Michigan are tired of the bullying of union bosses."

Ironically, Geiss warns that one of the tactics used by state Republicans in other legislation actually could undermine this idea of "choice."

"All it takes is for the GOP to attach an appropriations amendment to the right-to-work bill and they make it referendum-proof," he said.

"And that would deny people's right to voice their opinion."

"So I think it's a wise move to start now with (a campaign) to pre-empt that act."

Craig Farrand is a business owner and school district consultant, as well as a former managing editor of The News-Herald Newspapers in Southgate, a former adjunct professor of journalism at the University of Detroit Mercy and a longtime freelance writer.

## Milan library celebrating National Library Week

Are you a job seeker looking for resources to land a new job or learn basic computer skills, a parent looking for fun learning activities for children or a student searching for your next favorite book?

If you are, Milan Public Library invites you to stop in as part of National Library Week through Saturday.

"Today's libraries offer many options and opportunities for people with diverse needs and inter-

ests," Barbara Beaton, Milan Public Library's assistant director said in a news release. "We work hard to provide our community with resources that help not just with the activities of daily life — job hunting, parenting, learning new skills, but also to provide entertainment and enrichment through books, DVDs, music, magazines, access to full text articles, programs and more."

The Milan library is celebrating all week with various activities and

prize drawings. An all-day Bookapalooza Celebration will close out the week Saturday. It will feature a Friends of the Library Book Sale, a silent auction of collectibles and other special books, as well as free popcorn, author readings for grownups and kids, and a grand prize drawing. Participants may enter for prizes a number of different ways during the week:

• Contribute a book, movie or music recommendation.

• Sign up for a library card.  
• Try your hand at the Library Knowledge Scavenger Hunt.

Each day, the library will draw a name from that day's entries for a \$5.00 voucher good at the Saturday Bookapalooza sale.

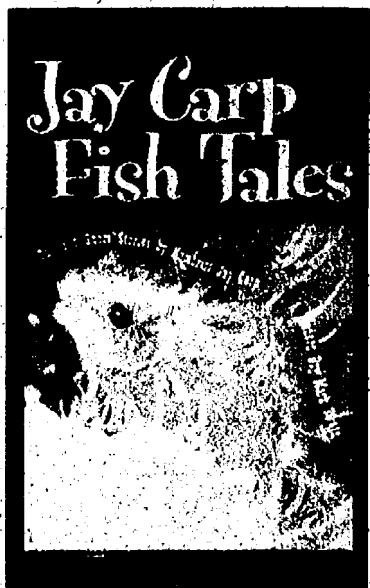
Local author Jay Carp will read from his book "Fish Tales" at 11 a.m.

Michigan author Joe Kelley will be on hand at 2 p.m. Saturday to read from and lead activities related

to, the children's book "Pete the Popcorn," which encourages respect and carries a strong anti-bullying message for children in kindergarten through third grade.

Copies of both authors' books will be available for signing and purchase. Net profits from "Fish Tales" benefit the Milan Public Library.

For more information, visit [www.milanlibrary.org](http://www.milanlibrary.org), email [info@milanlibrary.org](mailto:info@milanlibrary.org) or call 734-439-1240.



## Saline Salutes to honor local residents Friday

By Krista Gjestland  
Heritage Media

Saline will honor three residents for their work in the community at the annual Saline Salutes ceremony Friday.

Cindy Czubko, Joseph Labuta and Jill Durnen will receive awards for their contributions to the community.

Larry Osterling, executive director of the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce, said the awards are a prestigious recognition for those who receive them.

"Receiving an award at Saline Salutes represents the most widely-respected recognition given to individuals living or working in the Saline area each year," he said.

The awardees are selected by a panel of community

leaders organized by the Saline chamber.

"Community leaders select the awardees, with the chamber coordinating the decision-making process," he said. "We have the best possible representation from across our entire community for these important selections."

The committee is made up of 22 people who represent different sectors of Saline's community, said Karen Ragland, chamber board president and selection committee facilitator.

The committee then gets together to review each nomination and vote on who will be the year's winner of each award. Ragland said there were about eight nominations for each award this year.

Durnen was selected as

Citizen of the Year for her significant volunteerism within the Saline community during the past year. She has been involved in several organizations, including the Holiday Parade, the Main Street Project and previous Saline Salutes committees.

"She's just a very active individual, very committed," Ragland said. "And she's being doing this for many, many years."

Czubko was the winner of the George A. Anderson Vision Award for her volunteer work with a governmental agency.

She volunteered to spearhead much of the Main Street initiatives, Ragland said.

"She's the one who worked with the city and encouraged the city to become a part of the main

street program," Ragland said. "She was the driver. She had the vision. She's the one that realized Saline could achieve that."

Labuta is receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award this year. He plays events for free around Saline with New Horizons Band, and promotes a vibrant music scene in the community.

Labuta has been nominated for this and the George A. Anderson Vision Award before.

"He was nominated quite a few times over the past few years," Ragland said. "To have someone nominated that often is pretty unusual."

Saline High School student Maura McCann and Saline resident Stan Poet also will be receiving

awards.

High school students vote each year to honor a student for his or her volunteerism and leadership. McCann will be presented her award by the Saline Youth Council.

Poet is receiving the Lifetime Community Promotion and Development Award for his contributions as facility manager of the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds.

The award was created specifically for Poet to honor the work he has done overseeing hundreds of events that attract thousands of visitors to the area.

Ragland said the annual awards help to promote volunteerism within the community.

"Volunteerism is sort of at the core of the success of this community," she said.

"This is a way to ensure that that continues on. I think it's one way to acknowledge them and let people see what they do for the community."

The awards program will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Ellen A. Ewing Performing Arts Center at Saline High School.

Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. For reservations call the Chamber at 734-429-4494 or go to [salinechamber.org](http://salinechamber.org).

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## Book signing set April 14-15

Folk and "outsider" art authority Kathy Moses will sign her second book, "Helen LaFrance Folk Art Memories," at Ann Arbor Antiques Market, held at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, Saturday and Sunday at Mad Anthony Books.

The book debuted in February at a book signing at Heart of Country Antiques Show in Nashville, and it's available for sale on Amazon.com.

Moses' reference book, "Outsider Art of the South," also on Amazon.com, came out in 1999 and remains one of the definitive works on Southern folk and outsider art.

In addition to the book signing, LaFrance's work will be available for sale at the Shelton Gallery booth.

"Helen LaFrance Folk Art Memories," written in collaboration with Bruce Shelton with a foreword by Lee Kogan, American Folk Art Museum in New York City, focuses on the life and work of a self-taught Southern artist whose specialty is visually recording a fast-disappearing way of life.

Born in western Kentucky in 1919, LaFrance works in more than one medium. She is considered an exceptional painter, quilter, wood carver and Biblical interpreter.

However, her real skill is her ability to connect with the viewer emotionally



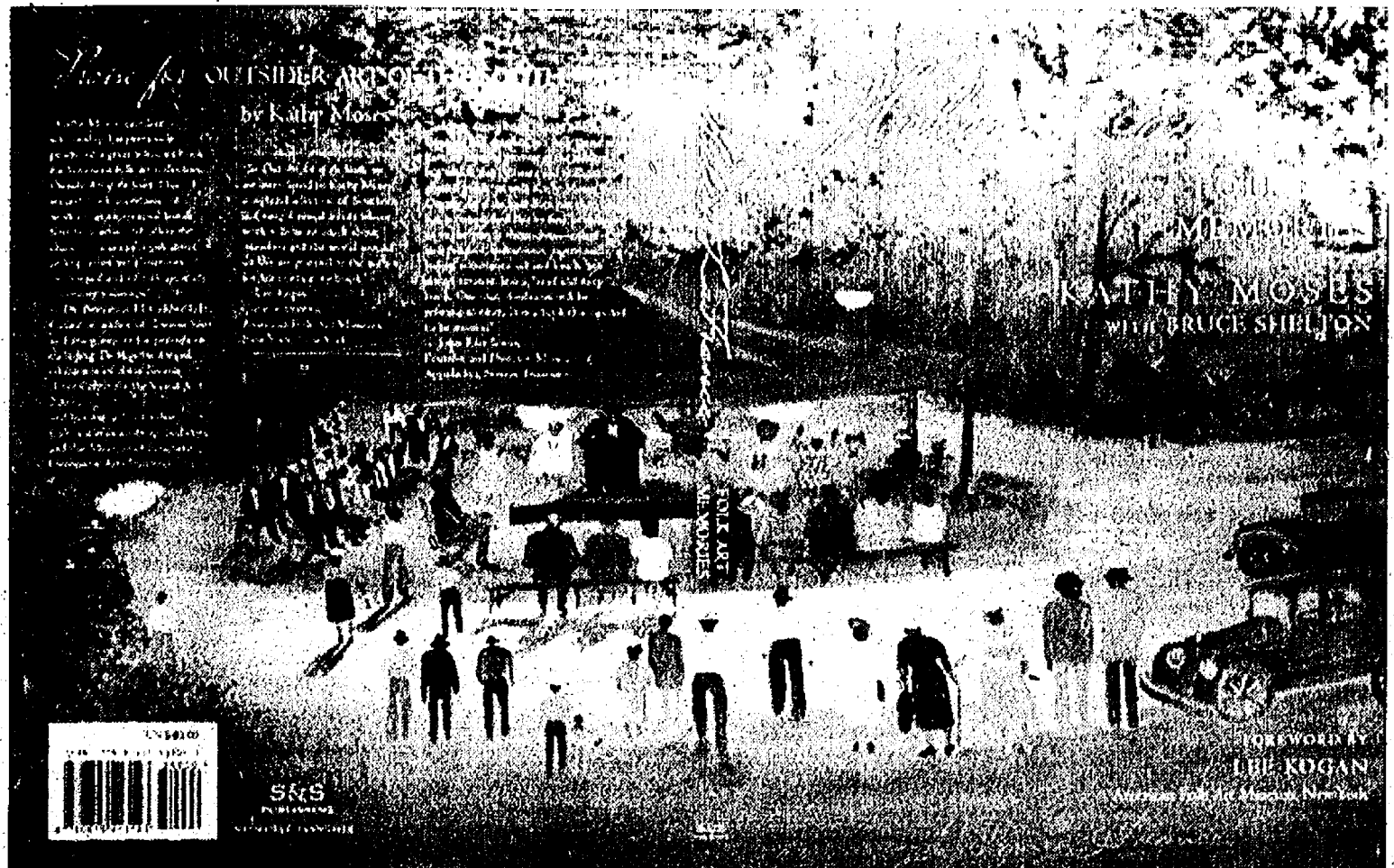
"Outsider" artist Helen LaFrance.

through the memories they both share, Moses said. LaFrance paints scenes of a time and place that evoke emotional responses from viewers, for example her famed church scenes. These paintings fall into a category of American folk art known as "memory painting."

With more than 200 color photographs, the book introduces LaFrance and illustrates the range of her work. It is also a reference source for those who want to know more about the field of American folk art.

LaFrance's work is held in many private collections and museums throughout the United States and Europe.

She is 93 and resides in a nursing home in Kentucky, where she still paints every day.



Folk and outsider art authority Kathy Moses will sign her second book, "Helen LaFrance Folk Art Memories," at Ann Arbor Antiques Market Saturday and Sunday at Mad Anthony Books.

Moses is a former newspaper reporter, museum director and historic preservationist who has been an art and antiques dealer for more than 15 years.

From 1996 to 2010, she was co-owner of Shelton Gallery & Fine Silver, which specializes in 19th century paintings and sporting art, folk art, silver, walking sticks, antiques, and vintage purses. Bruce Shelton

introduced her to Helen LaFrance in 1995.

Recently, Moses and Shelton co-curated a four-museum traveling exhibition of the work of self-taught stone carver Tim Lewis, called "Time Made Real: The Carvings of Tim Lewis," and Moses contributed to the catalogue.

She has appeared on Martha Stewart Living Television, sharing her

knowledge on early American silver, and was an invited speaker at Color, an art show sponsored by Oprah Winfrey.

Moses currently owns Just Looking, an assemblage of American art, antiques, silver and accessories that may be seen at [www.just-looking-antiques.com](http://www.just-looking-antiques.com).

Shelton has been an art and antiques dealer for 20 years. Before he

entered the world of art and antiques, he was a booking agent for Jerry Lee Lewis, Fats Domino, Mickey Gilley and many other big name entertainers.

He first met LaFrance in 1991 and has sold her work since then. He owns Nashville-based Shelton Gallery & Fine Silver. For more information, visit [www.sheltongallery.com](http://www.sheltongallery.com).

## Ann Arbor Symphony season finale set April 21

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, conducted by maestro Arie Lipsky, will present, as part of the season finale, Orff's cantata "Carmina Burana."

The final show of the season will be performed 8 p.m. April 21 at Hill Auditorium, preceded by a pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m.

The show will feature Mary Wilson, Tim Culver and Paul Grizzell, as well as musicians from Huron, Pioneer and Skyline High School choirs, the Boychoir of Ann Arbor, the Ann Arbor Youth Chorus and Measure for Measure.

Lipsky takes the podium with Kernis' "New Era Dance," written in celebration of a new era of leadership at the New York Philharmonic, in anticipation of the new millennium, and in hope for a time of imperative political and social change in this country. Kernis' six-minute urban

soundtrack is designed for a large orchestra and a full percussion battery that includes a mix of city sounds, rhythmic rapping, salsa and even some gunshots and police sirens.

The concert continues with Brahms' "Variations on a Theme by Joseph Haydn." Despite the name of the piece, there has actually been much debate as to whether or not the theme is actually by Haydn.

The theme begins with a repeated 10-measure passage that may have been what originally caught Brahms' attention.

The variations follow the phrasal and harmonic structure, for the most part, each having a distinct character, calling to mind several forms and techniques of earlier eras, with some displaying a mastery of counterpoint seldom encountered in Romantic music. Just before the

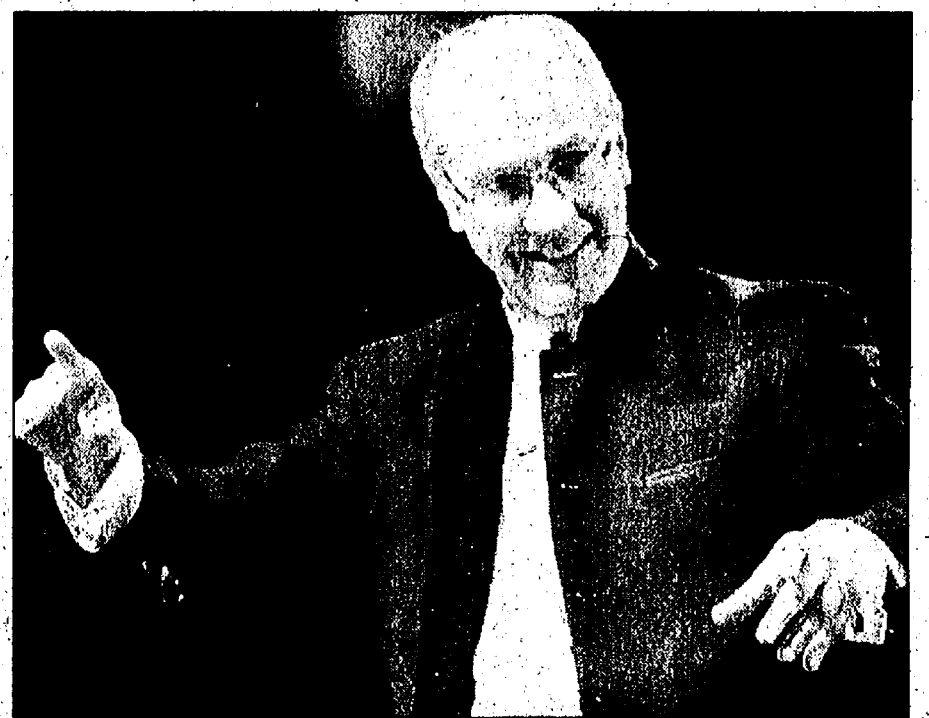
end of the piece Brahms quotes a passage that truly is by Haydn, from his "Clock" symphony.

To close out the season, the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra presents "Carmina Burana." Based on 24 of the poems found in the medieval collection "Songs of Beuern," "Carmina Burana" was influenced melodically by late Renaissance and early Baroque models.

To order tickets for the show, call 994-4801, send a fax to 994-3949 or send mail to 220 E. Huron, Suite 470, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

For tickets, patrons may also email [a2so@a2so.com](mailto:a2so@a2so.com) or go online at [www.a2so.com](http://www.a2so.com).

Single tickets range from \$10 to \$55. Students receive 50 percent off ticket price (sections A-D). Senior, group and community orchestra discounts also available.



Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, conducted by maestro Arie Lipsky, will end its season with a concert featuring Orff's cantata Carmina Burana at 8 p.m. April 21 at Hill Auditorium.

## THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

### CHELSEA

#### Saturday, April 14

■ **Chelsea Spring Expo**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday: Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Free admission. 475-9242.

■ **"Night of the Amphibians"**  
8 p.m. Saturday: Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road. (west off Pierce Road, from I-94 exit 157). \$2 (families \$5). Pre-registration required. \$10 annual vehicle entrance fee. 475-3170.

#### Sunday, April 15

■ **"Learn about Lichens"**  
2 p.m. Sunday: Park Lyndon south, North Territorial Road. Free. 971-6337, ext. 334.

#### Tuesday, April 17

■ **"Dungeons & Dragons"**  
4:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. 475-8732.

#### Wednesday, April 18

■ **"From Sputnik to SpaceX: Past and Future Journeys Beyond Earth"**

7 p.m. Wednesday: Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main St. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-8732.

### DEXTER

#### Friday, April 13

■ **"Off Q Improv": Dexter High School Drama Club**  
7 p.m. Friday: Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road. \$5. 424-4240.

#### Saturday, April 14

■ **Bird Hike**  
7:30 a.m. Saturday: 8801 North Territorial Road. \$3. Pre-registration required. \$5 vehicle entrance fee. 426-8211.

■ **Draw Doubles: Disc Golf Club**  
Noon Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark Activity Center, 8801 North Territorial Road. \$7 per player; free for spectators. \$5 vehicle entrance fee. 449-4300.

#### Sunday, April 15

■ **Monster Ann Arbor Record & CD Collector's Show: Wildwood Records**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday: Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road. \$3 (ages 10 and younger, free). Call (574) 329-

1483.

#### Tuesday, April 17

■ **American Business Women's Association**  
7 p.m. Tuesday: Carlyle Grill, 3660 Jackson Road. \$10 to \$13 (includes dinner). Pre-register at [abwa-maia.org/events.html](http://abwa-maia.org/events.html).

### SALINE

#### Friday, April 13

■ **Advanced English Dance**  
8 p.m. Friday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Dr. \$10. 248-288-4737.

#### Saturday, April 14

■ **Contra Dance**  
8 p.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. 769-1052.

#### Sunday, April 15

■ **Big House Big Heart 5K/Champions for Charity**  
8 a.m. Sunday: 10-km at 8 a.m., 5-km at 9:10 a.m., through U of M campus to Michigan Stadium. Also, a 1-mile fun run at 10:30 a.m. A portion of proceeds benefits Mott Hospital and U of M ALS

Clinic. 929-9027.

#### "The War of 1812": Saline Area Historical Society

2 p.m. Sunday: Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. Free. 944-0442.

#### Monday, April 16

■ **Line Dancing**  
6 p.m. Monday: American Legion Hall, 320 W. Michigan Ave. \$7. 429-4840.

■ **Saline Stone and Thistle Garden Club**  
7:30 p.m. Monday: UAW Hall, 601 Woodland Drive. Free. 429-5113.

#### Wednesday, April 18

■ **Saline Woodcarvers**  
6 p.m. Wednesday: Saline Area Senior Center, 7190 N. Maple Road. Free. 944-1918.

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#### Thursday, April 12

■ **Robot Competition State Championship: FIRST**  
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### Friday, April 13

■ **For Women Only 5K Run and Fitness Walk**  
9 a.m. Friday: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ellen Thompson Women's Health Center, 5301 Huron River Drive. Call 663-5680 for entry fees and details.

■ **"Guys and Dolls"**  
7 p.m. Friday to Sunday: Quirk Theater, Ford Street, EMU campus. 487-2282.

#### Saturday, April 14

■ **Crafting Workshop and Expo**  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday: East Arbor Academy, 6885 Merritt Road. For questions and to register, call 487-2688.

#### Sunday, April 15

■ **Whip Stitch Art & Craft Fair Ann Arbor Derby Dimes**  
2 p.m. Sunday: Corner Brewery, 720 Norris St. Admission 10 cents.

#### Monday, April 16

■ **EMU Concert Band**  
8 p.m. Monday: EMU Peace Auditorium, West Cross at College Place. Free. 487-2255.

### Tuesday, April 17

■ **Huron Valley Harmonizers: Barbershop Harmony Society**  
7:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Stony Creek United Methodist Church, 8635 Stony Creek Road. Free to visitors, call in advance. 445-1925.

### Wednesday, April 18

■ **EMU Flute Ensembles**  
6 p.m. Wednesday: EMU Alexander Recital Hall, Lowell at East Circle Drive. Free. 487-2255.

■ **"Stars on Stage" Dance Recital**  
7 p.m. Wednesday: WCC Morris Lawrence Building, Towlesley Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Drive. Free. 677-5090.

■ **Washtenaw Audubon Society**  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday: Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road. Free. 677-3275.

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#### Tuesday, April 17

■ **Polka Jam Session**  
7 p.m. Tuesday: American Legion Hall, 44 Wabash St. Free. 529-3903.



# Food enthusiasts celebrate local food industry at summit

## Goal: World with good food for everyone

By Amy Bell  
Heritage Media

Farmers, foodies and other food industry enthusiasts gathered Monday to celebrate victories of the local food industry and brainstorm ideas for what is to come at the fourth annual Homegrown Local Food Summit.

Attendees included students, farmers, educators, health professionals, business owners—all stakeholders in the local food industry.

Larry Massie, historian and author, was the keynote speaker during the



fourth annual Homegrown Local Food Summit held at Washtenaw Community College.

Kim Bayer, a member of the summit committee, said the goals for the summit were to get the attendees to know each other and find ways to work together toward the world as it should be, a world with good food for all.

Massie's speech "Rubaboo, Kalamazoo and Pasties, Too: All Aspects of Michigan's Culinary Heritage" discussed the vast range of Michigan's agricultural history ranging from the Native Americans making rubaboo, a stew made

of peas, flour and other food while hunting, to pasties, a dish similar to a pot pie, popular in northern Michigan.

Massie spoke about three Native-American tribes in Michigan, who called themselves the "Brothers of the three fires." The Ottawa, Potawatomi and Chippewa tribes made their home in Michigan and were agriculturalists, growing crops such as corn, beans and squash. They also made maple syrup and were skilled at crafting birch bark canoes, which gave them the ability to harvest wild rice and fish.

Massie said the Native Americans would wait at the top of a high bank for sturgeon making their way up the river, then run down and wrestle the fish

to shore.

In the early 1600s, the first European explorers came to the area, pushing west to Saugat Ste. Marie. In the 1820s and 1830s, the pioneers moved into Michigan and grew corn, oats and barley.

They ate potatoes, pork and corn and made maple syrup, a skill they learned from the Native Americans.

Massie also spoke about lumber camps and celery production, which created a \$2 million industry in southwestern Michigan in the 1930s.

"Kalamazoo became the celery city of the nation," he said.

Celery became a popular crop and at one point was touted as an aphrodisiac and a cure for nervousness, he said.

The area also became popular for cereal from Dr. John Harvey Kellogg and his brother Dr. W.K. Kellogg. Battle Creek is now home to cereal giant, Kellogg's.

Harvey Kellogg invented health foods such as fig bran flakes, granose (flake breakfast cereal) and peanut butter.

"A lot of people think it was George Washington Carver but he (John Harvey Kellogg) had the patent for the first nut butter," he said.

Massie is a longtime member of the Friends of the Clements Library and authored "Walnut, pickles and watermelon cake: A century of Michigan cook-

ing" along with his wife, Priscilla. The cookbook was among the top eight regional cookbooks in the nation, according to Bon Appetit magazine.

Massie has authored more than 20 Michigan history books covering several aspects of the state's history and received the lifetime achievement award from the Michigan Historical Society.

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## Local food businesses find success

### Dawn Farm expands its garden six fold

By Amy Bell  
Heritage Media

Food victories of the past, present and future were all celebrated as part of the fourth annual Homegrown Local Food Summit held Monday.

A number of area food businesses were highlighted in the presentation by using "victory clusters" or categories of businesses including those that create community, improve health, build economy and preserve history and land.

"Each of these victories is working toward a goal larger than themselves, they don't necessarily fit neatly into these categories," said Amanda Gallaher, summit volunteer.

Gallagher spoke about the Greenbelt Project and the Great Lakes Heirloom Seed Trial, which in 2011 gave 30 varieties of seeds to more than 60 gardeners and five Community Supported Agriculture farms.

Gallaher said all of the seeds are adapted to the area climate and are more resilient to pests, which is an important aspect of food security.

Prescription for Health, Project Healthy Schools are two of the many programs that work to improve health.

In 2011, more than 275 farmers sold more than \$1.3 million worth of fresh produce in Double Up bucks in the 54 participating markets, she said.

The Double Up program matches people who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food assistance with farmers markets throughout Michigan as well as Toledo.

This year, Food Gatherers will distribute more than 5-million pounds

of food, 50 percent of which will be fresh fruits and vegetables and protein. In 2012, 1 in 2 emergency food pantries will distribute fresh produce as compared to 1 in 5 in 2008, she said.

Jam By Hand, a Canton-based jam-making company was highlighted as well as the Local Honey Project in Ypsilanti and Sweet Heather Anne, an Ann Arbor-based bakery that makes artistic cakes using local ingredients.

Dawn Farm has expanded its garden, adding six times the space to cover more than half an acre with organic vegetables and blooms.

A hoop house is also on the property, where residents of the alcohol and drug rehabilitation facility help to care for the garden. Large amounts of fresh produce are also incorporated into the facility's menu.

This year, Michigan placed in the top 10 for having 33 winter farmers markets this past season, she said.

Downtown Ann Arbor's Mark's Carts was highlighted as it has fostered a sense of community in the area as well as contributed to the local culture with live music and large shared picnic tables, she said.

Other businesses that

create community were included such as Growing Hope, Ypsilanti Growers Co-Op, Bona Sera Supper Club, Agarian Adventure and Real-Time Farms.

Another part of the event included an opportunity for people with ideas to get up and give a one-minute pitch, detailing their idea.

Ideas included finding ways to get Blue Cross Blue Shield to contribute money toward an individual purchasing a CSA share.

Bayer said she got the idea from a friend who lives in Wisconsin that has a policy offering \$100 for him and another \$100 for his wife to purchase a share.

Other ideas included the creation of a farm degree program at Washtenaw Community College, health insurance for farmers and do it yourself machinery.

After the initial pitches, audience members got the chance to meet with the individuals who gave the pitches to find out more information.

Those with the more popular ideas were able to compete for \$500 mini grants from the summit.

The all-day summit also included chances for participants to go into break-out sessions to learn about a vast array of topics

ranging from using food hubs to build healthy, resilient communities to what you can do for a fair 2012 Farm Bill to a dietician's vision for connecting food to health in regard to the "School to Farm" program.

Bayer said sponsors and donations was the largest ever this year. Some of those included Darcy's Carts, the People's Food Co-op and Fork to Fork. Due to the large number, the group was able to offer the largest number of scholarships to date.

"More than 50 people who may not otherwise have been able to come are here today," she said.

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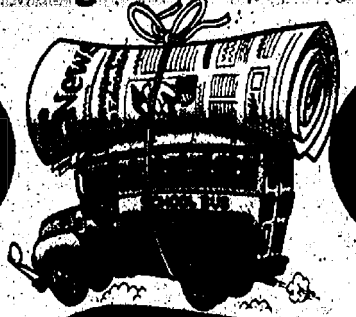
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## GUEST COLUMN: Local Dirt

## Newly planted colorful pansies greet library visitors

By Mary Jo Frank

Pansy fans, it's time to ogle. Nine flats of the cool weather annuals, sporting heart-shaped petals and impish center markings, are showing their colors in containers and the circle garden outside the Chelsea District Library entrance.

Members of the Chelsea Area Garden Club planted the pansies as part of the club's civic beautification program. Rita Dunlop, co-chair of the club's Library Planting Committee, predicts the pansies will thrive until they are replaced in mid- to late-May with showy summer annuals and perennials that will bloom until heavy frost.

The Library Planting Committee, chaired by Dunlop and Catherine Gillem, starts planning what to plant in the two large pots and the circle garden at the entrance and three medium-size pots along the library walkway early in the spring. Inspired by ideas from magazines, catalogs and visits to local nurseries, committee members create new designs each year.

"We look for thrillers, fillers and spillers," committee member Karen Lunsford said.

"Thrillers" are tall plants, often with colorful spikes, huge blooms or unusual foliage. Among the most successful "thrillers" in recent years were larger-than-normal succulents, a variety of hens and chicks and gigantic begonias. "Spillers" include vines such as sweet potato and licorice plants, and "fillers" are mid-height plants that bloom throughout the growing season.

Other members of the Library Planting Committee include Janet Birk, Gina Ekis, Ruth Hirst, Patricia Schmidt, Carol Strahler and Mary Wilkins.

Whatever the design, committee members adhere to basic principles when planning and planting the library gardens, particularly the pots, which 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 varieties.

- 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. Time-release and liquid fertilizers work well.

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

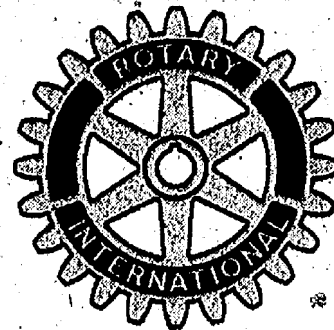
Chelsea Area Garden Club's civic beautification projects are supported by proceeds from the club's annual plant sale and every-other-year garden walk. This year's plant sale will be held 8:30 a.m. to noon May 12 at 222 S. Main St., the old Palmer Family Ford Mercury dealership, across from the Chelsea 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 com-

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## 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 Library. The group will be using the 3.5 edition of the game.

■ See "Godspell" at the Encore Theatre, 3126 Broad St. in Dexter, at 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 13

■ The Dexter District Library hosts an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-register at www.redcrossblood.org with the sponsor code: dexterlibrary.

■ Join the Dexter District Library for Friday Night Movies for Adults at 6:30 p.m. with the film, "Ghosts of the Abyss," rated-G with a runtime of 59 minutes.

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## Saturday, April 14

■ The Chelsea Spring Expo is at the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington St. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The expo features a bake sale, craft show and business vendors.

■ Martin Bertera and Kim Crawford, who researched and wrote "The 4th Michigan Infantry in the Civil War," will give a presentation at 2 p.m. about Col. Harrison Jeffords of Dexter, a heroic young officer who was mortally wounded in combat at the battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863.

The event is free and sponsored by the Dexter Area Historical Society.

■ See "Godspell" at the Encore Theatre, 3126 Broad St. in Dexter, at 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at theencoretheatre.org or by phone at 734-268-6200.

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## Sunday, April 15

■ The Chelsea District Library's Prom Dress Exchange is back with new dresses. Please bring a clean, gently used dress to be exchanged from 1-4 p.m. in the McKune Room. If you don't have a dress, please bring canned food or boxed food to donate to Faith in Action.

■ Miriam Winter, author of "Trains: A Memoir of a Hidden Children During and After World War II" will speak at the Dexter District Library at 2 p.m.

## Monday, April 16

■ Join the 6-11 Club at the Chelsea District Library as they celebrate Earth Day at 3:30 p.m. This program is for children 6-11 years old.

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

■ Learn more about Microsoft PowerPoint at the Chelsea District Library at 6:30 p.m.

## Tuesday, April 17

■ Get 1-on-1 Computer Help at the Chelsea District Library from 10 a.m. to

noon.

■ 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.

■ The Chelsea District Library holds its monthly board meeting at 6:45 p.m. in the McKune Room.

## Wednesday, April 18

■ The Chelsea District Library hosts Books & Banter, a lively discussion

group, at 1 p.m.

■ Grow Your Own Business One-on-One Counseling meets at 3 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

■ Optimum Nutrition hosts the Chelsea Spring Fling free clothing swap from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Optimum Nutrition is in the lower level of the Sylvan Building, 114 N. Main St. in Chelsea. Please bring clothing that no longer fits for something that does. Call 734-562-2170 for more information.

■ The Dexter District Library hosts Book Snackers, a book-themed discussion group for children in third through fifth grade at 4:30 p.m. Registration is required.

■ Learn more about social networking on Facebook and Twitter with the Dexter District Library at 6 p.m.

■ 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 space with "From Sputnik to SpaceX: Our past and future journeys beyond Earth," an Authors in Chelsea event, for youth 12-17 at 7 p.m. in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library. The program features author Jim Ottaviani and astronaut Tony England.

## Thursday, April 19

■ The Chelsea Downtown Development Authority meets at 7:30 a.m.

in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library.

■ The Dexter District Library hosts a Microsoft Excel 2007 learning session at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required.

■ Better off Read, a book club for adults, meets at 2 p.m. at the Dexter District Library. Registration is required.

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

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# Kaleidoscope Concert features Benny Goodman tribute

Chelsea's been waiting three years for the return of boy wonder clarinetist Dave Bennett and his tribute to Benny Goodman. They will perform 7 p.m. April 17 as a fundraiser for the Kaleidoscope Concert series.

Bennett performed at the inaugural Kaleidoscope Concert in January 2009 and wowed the crowd with his jaw-dropping clarinet and homage to Benny Goodman, the King of Swing. Bennett will be joined by his quartet on swing era classics like "Moonlight," "I've Got Rhythm," "Body and Soul," "Sing, Sing, Sing," and many others.

Since 2005, he has been touring for symphony "pops" shows with his Benny Goodman tribute. Performances contracted include the orchestras of Nashville, Omaha, Rochester, San Antonio, Vancouver, Grand Rapids, Tacoma, Sarasota, Columbus, Orlando, Toronto and others. After his success with The Detroit Symphony at Meadowbrook in 2006, the DSO brought Dave's Goodman tribute for five shows at Orchestra Hall in

May 2008. Bennett played to 10,000 fans over four days.

The free concert series, funded for the last three years by a grant from the Chelsea Community Foundation, is a partnership between Silver Maples and the Chelsea Senior Center. The grant funding will end this May, but the series will continue because of the generosity of community sponsors such as Chelsea Lumber, the Doan Family Foundation, the Chelsea Retirement Community, and other business and a private family support. But more funding is needed.

"So far, we have pledges from area businesses and private family members, but in order to fully fund the nine-concert series, we need to fundraise from the general community," said Shawn Personke, director of activities and public relations for Silver Maples.

"We've moved the concert to the Washington Street Education Center auditorium because there's a lot more room for everyone. And because if everyone who attends can make some sort of dona-

tion - big or small - it will help fund the series into 2013," she added.

Trinh Pifer, executive director of the Chelsea Senior Center said the free series has been a great opportunity for Chelsea older adults.

"The Kaleidoscope Concert series is a wonderful opportunity for local seniors to enjoy an evening of friendship and musical experiences. With nine concerts a year, the selection and diversity of performances is truly phenomenal."

Headliners have included Three Men and a Tenor, the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings, the Royal Garden Trio, Picks and Sticks String Band, Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings, Mr. B, and the River Raisin Ragtime Revue.

"We really need to fill as many seats as we can," Personke said. "We're asking everyone to make some sort of donation - all sizes welcome."

Free transportation will be provided for seniors living within the Chelsea city limits. Reservations for transportation may be made by calling 734-475-4111. Space is limited, so please plan to make your



Dave Bennett's Tribute to Benny Goodman will perform 7 p.m. April 17 at the Washington Street Education Center, as a fundraiser for the Kaleidoscope Concert Series. Donations of all sizes will be accepted to help fund the 2012-'13 series. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call Silver Maples at 734-465-4111 or the Chelsea Senior Center at 734-475-9242.

reservation early.

"Normally free tickets are required for the concerts because seating is more limited at Silver Maples, but since there's plenty of room in the auditorium, tickets won't be needed for this concert," Personke said. "All of our concerts are

wonderful, but this band really swings the crowd, especially a big one like we hope to get in the auditorium. We hope everyone - young and old - will join us."

Dave Bennett's Tribute to Benny Goodman will be at the Washington Street Education Center, 500

Washington in Chelsea. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call Silver Maples at 734-475-4111 or the Chelsea Senior Center at 734-475-9242. May's Kaleidoscope Concert will feature the Motor City Brass.

## Wellness center offers cardiac fitness

For most people with heart disease or cardiovascular risk factors, exercise should be an important part of maintaining health and preventing future problems.

However, without professional guidance, it's often difficult to know what type of exercise routine is best. That's why the Chelsea Wellness Center offers a cardiac fitness program.

"The goals of the program are to educate participants on proper exercise and instruct them on the major components of fitness - including aerobic, resistance and flexibility training," fitness manager Dawn Lyons said. "We also provide nutritional counseling, instruction on lifestyle changes, and emotional support."

The six-week program is overseen by a certified and degreed fitness professional with specialized training and consists of a pre- and post-assessment, exercise prescription and orientation, two sessions with registered dietitian, weekly follow-up sessions with fitness specialists, and full access to the center's equipment, facilities, classes and pools. The focus is on improving the quality of life for those who are managing a medical condition post rehabilitation.

"We are dedicated to providing participants with the resources they need to be successful and feel confident about making exercise an enjoyable and rewarding part of their everyday lives. Studies consistently

find that light to moderate exercise is beneficial for individuals with heart conditions. Research also indicates it's helpful in preventing cardiac disease for those with risk factors. Exercise can improve health and quality of life by increasing strength, lowering blood pressure, relieving stress and controlling weight," according to Lyons.

For more information about the program, please call the center at 734-214-0220 or visit [www.chelseawellness.org](http://www.chelseawellness.org). It's important to note that anyone with a heart disease or risk factors should seek medical advice before beginning an exercise routine. Participants in the cardiac fitness program must have their physician's approval.

## New 'Pure Michigan' ad features county

Ann Arbor SPARK and the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, in collaboration with the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and the Ypsilanti Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, are leading a new \$1 million Pure Michigan advertising campaign that promotes the region.

The partnership is designed to attract visitors to Washtenaw County by leveraging key tourism and economic development assets.

The multimedia campaign is supported by \$500,000 from MEDC's Pure Michigan initiative and more than \$400,000 from the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau's marketing fund.

It will include national TV advertising, articles on the Pure Michigan website and a promotional video on the Ann Arbor SPARK website. Ann Arbor SPARK and its partners will also organize a press tour of the region for journalists from

around the country. "The time is absolutely right to promote Ann Arbor. There's growing buzz, nationally, and partnering with Pure Michigan opens up marketing opportunities that would be cost-prohibitive for the region on its own," said Paul Krutko, president and CEO of Ann Arbor SPARK, in a news release.

"National media is taking note of the qualities that make Ann Arbor a destination where people and businesses can thrive. This collaborative marketing effort promotes one of the state's shining economic stars."

Through its economic development activities, Ann Arbor SPARK promotes the Washtenaw County area as a destination where people want to live and work, and where businesses want to relocate and expand.

"Quality of life and quality of place are what attract people to live in Ann Arbor and want to be a part of Ann Arbor," said Mary Kerr, president

of the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"World-class cultural offerings, dining and entertainment, combined with family-friendly recreational opportunities, make Ann Arbor a desirable destination. This collaborative marketing effort helps us tell this important story to a broader audience and attract positive attention to Ann Arbor."

Like tourism marketing, economic development attracts attention to what Ann Arbor has to offer, and creates demand for Ann Arbor as a destination, said Donna Doleman, Ann Arbor SPARK vice president for marketing and talent.

"Both are about people: Tourists, visitors, students, families, business owners, job-seekers. Businesses want to locate in a desirable location where they can hire and attract workers, including those who would relocate for a job. This new marketing partnership allows us to scale and amplify our

economic development and business attraction efforts."

To support the campaign, MEDC will contribute \$500,000 from its Pure Michigan funds, with a matching amount from the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Ypsilanti Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and Ann Arbor SPARK.

The Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the economy of the Ann Arbor Area and the county of Washtenaw in general, through marketing, sales and promotion of the area as a destination for overnight visitors.

Ann Arbor SPARK is a nonprofit organization that encourages and supports business acceleration, attraction and retention at every stage, from startups to large organizations.

For more information about Ann Arbor SPARK, visit [www.AnnArborUSA.org](http://www.AnnArborUSA.org).

## CALENDAR

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3.5 edition of the game.

■ See "Godspell" at the Encore Theatre, 3126 Broad St. in Dexter, at 7 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased online at [theencoretheatre.org](http://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 [purplerose.org](http://purplerose.org)

or by phone at 734-433-7673.

### Ongoing

■ The Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month September through May at the Dexter Senior Center.

Each month features a different speaker or event.

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

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Nolan Peterson, Lauren Hirth, Olivia Catherman, Rebecca Gotha, and Artemis Eyster perform at last year's Mardi Gras celebration.

## Chelsea school jazz bands to play Mardi Gras for fundraiser

Some of Chelsea's finest young musicians will play Mardi Gras jazz April 28 at Beach Middle School.

The Chelsea High School and Middle School jazz bands will present their annual Mardi Gras celebration with the fun starting at 6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Tickets cost \$5.

It's a casual, open-house event - drop in any time and stroll Mardi Gras as long as you like. At a well-stocked table, kids can make their own festive Mardi Gras mask at no charge and vie to win T-shirts and prizes.

Mardi Gras features three stages of continuous live entertainment from Chelsea High School and Middle School jazz band students.

"The kids really look forward to Mardi Gras," said Rick Catherman, Chelsea band teacher. "They have a great time playing great music for great people."

Emcee Jim Otto will keep it lively, conducting his middle school jazz band and introducing student ensembles.

A new addition this year is the award of door prizes for children in the audience. Prizes will include gift certificates for free pizza, ice cream cones, skate passes, movie concessions at Quality 16 and Jiffy Mix.

Mardi Gras is a fundraiser for Chelsea Band programs.

"It's our biggest fund raiser of the year," booster president Kryss Patton said. "The community really comes out to support our kids and award-winning music programs."

A highlight of Mardi Gras is the silent auction - Chelsea's biggest - with donations from area merchants, restaurants and boosters. Also on the auction block is the coveted "best seat in the house" - a seat on stage at a Chelsea band concert. Pizza and snacks are available, along with Mardi Gras beads, party hats and favors.

Beach Middle School, 445 Mayer Drive, will be decked out New Orleans-style for the occasion.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$5 from any Chelsea band student or at the door on Saturday, April 28.

**Laissez les bon temps roulez!**

## HOSPITAL BRIEFS

### Hospital offers scholarships in health care

Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary is again providing scholarships for qualified area students pursuing a career in health care.

To qualify, applicants must be enrolled full-time in a health career program for which certification is given or a degree is granted, and must be a resident of Chelsea, Manchester, Dexter, Pinckney, Grass Lake, Stockbridge, or Gregory. High school seniors or adult students may apply. Scholarship awards are based on academic achievement, community involvement, and sincere interest in higher education in the health care field.

Applications may be picked up at the Information Desk inside the Hospital's Main Entrance from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, or will be mailed upon request. The application deadline is Monday, May 14th. Personal interviews of the most qualified candidates will be conducted on Friday May 18th. This is mandatory.

These scholarships are funded from Auxiliary projects. For more information or to request an

application, please call the Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary Office at (734) 475-3913. Please return your applications to Chelsea Community Hospital Auxiliary Department to the attention of Vi Morrison or Mary Alice Kalmbach, Counselors.

### Hospital offers free balance and falls clinic

Chelsea Community Hospital, in conjunction with Silver Maples Retirement Community, is pleased to offer a free balance and falls clinic to the public.

This clinic will tell participants their risk of a fall by guiding them through a series of stations that test balance. It is conducted by trained physical and occupational therapists, who will explain each person's results and offer recommendations.

Registration is required for the clinic, which will take place at Silver Maples on May 7. Appointments will be available in 10-minute increments from 10:30 am to noon. It is free and open to anyone. To register, please call 734-475-4111 or email [spersonke@silvermaples.org](mailto:spersonke@silvermaples.org).

### Free Alzheimer's lectures planned

Chelsea Community Hospital Behavioral Health Services is pleased to present two free lectures regarding Alzheimer's disease, facilitated by an expert at the Alzheimer's Association.

Stephen Campbell, LLMSW, will present two different sessions. The first session, titled, *The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's*, will be held on Thursday, April 26. Campbell will educate attendees about the difference between normal memory loss, and Alzheimer's disease. Topics include risk factors for Alzheimer's disease, the diagnostic process, and changes in the brain.

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

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

## Woman to speak on Holocaust

In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, author Maria Orłowski will speak 2 p.m. April 15 at the Dexter District Library about her memoir, *Trains: A Memoir of a Hidden Childhood*.

Orłowski, née Miriam Winter, was born in Lodz, Poland, in 1933. She and her family lived in the Warsaw ghetto in 1940 then in Ozarów in '40-'41 before her parents gave her to a Jewish woman in Lubicz. In a chance meeting one day on a train, that woman handed Orłowski over to a Polish woman named Maryla. Orłowski was 8 years old at the time and spent the war with Maryla as a hidden child.

She changed her name to Maria, became Catholic and a Pole.

Her book, *Trains: A Memoir of Hidden Childhood*, details her life as a Jewish child in hiding during the Holocaust.



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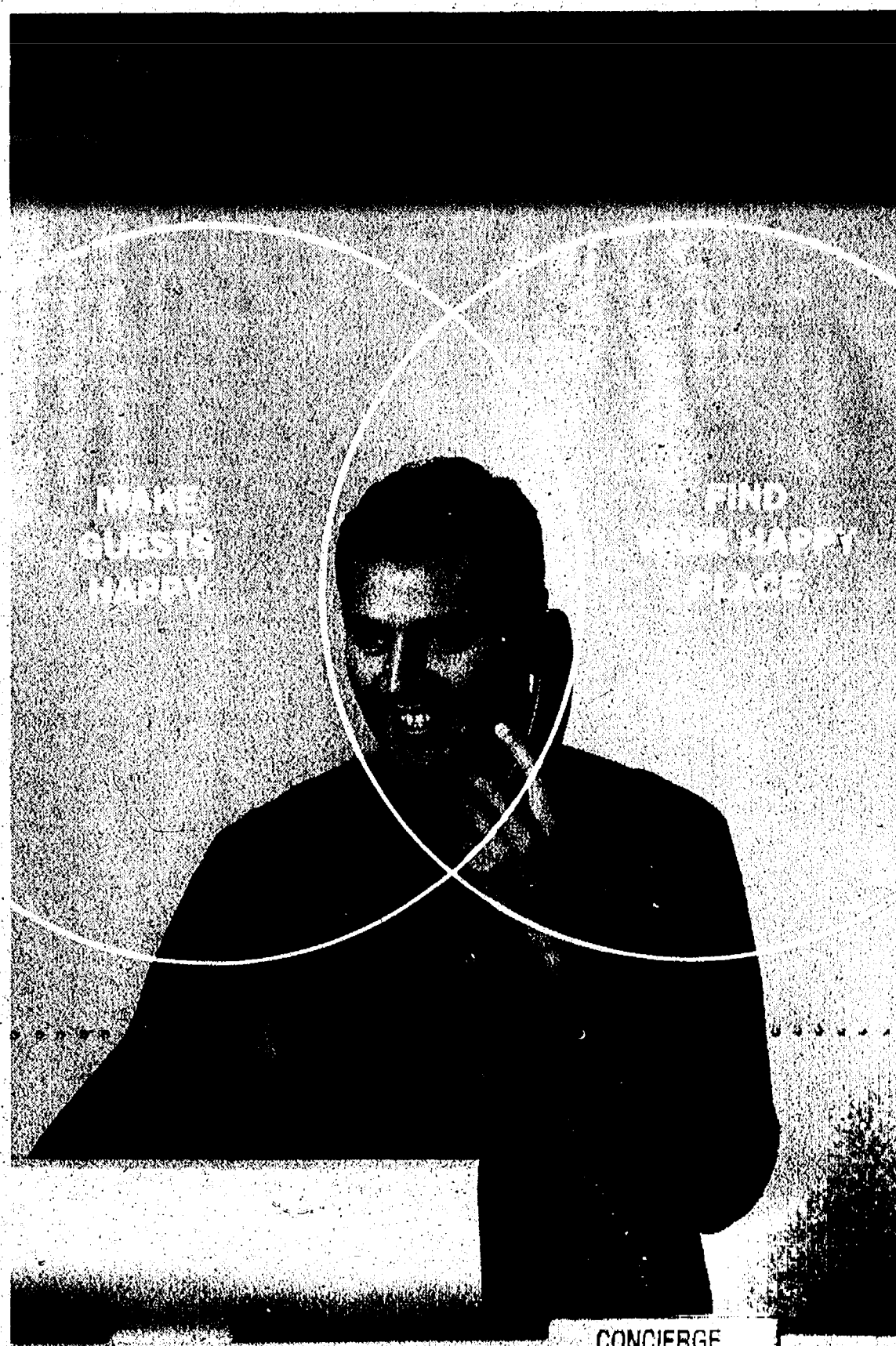
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# Youth, staff promote school based health centers

## Voice of youths 'critical' for policymakers

On Tuesday, March 13, more than 100 youth and staff from school based health centers across the state gathered in downtown Lansing to promote the concept with policymakers: healthy kids are better learners.

The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan and its membership of CAHCs are critical to supporting student health and education. The Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools is a SCHA-MI member organization and supporter of School Based Health Centers.

SCHA-MI's Advocacy Day 2012 was about educating members of the Legislature about SBHCs, a cost effective, evidence-based model for health care access for children and adolescents in medically underserved areas in the state while also improving educational outcomes.

It also served as an important reminder to the legislators that for every dollar set aside for school based health centers at the state level, the federal government sets aside two. Students reiterated the message that for youth to learn efficiently and effectively, support other than teachers and books is needed. Students then invited the legislators and their staff to visit their schools and health centers, to view first hand,

the work being done to keep students healthy. "The youth voice is very critical for policymakers to hear, especially as they make decisions that affect their health, their education and the future of Michigan," said University of Michigan Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools Director Jennifer Salerno.

"Advocacy day is a wonderful way to empower youth that their voices can and need to be heard regarding their health, education, and safety," said Liz Loomis, nurse practitioner and site supervisor of the RAHS Health center at Ypsilanti High School.

RAHS youth and health center staff met with State Senator Rebekah Warren (D-District 18) in the capital where they were seated in the Gallery and recognized from the Senate floor during session. At the conclusion of the session, they met with Senator Warren in her office and later toured the capital building.

The Advocacy Day program also included a legislative luncheon attended by nearly 50 legislators and staff who spoke with students from their districts. RAHS students and staff met with State Representative Jeff Irwin (D-District 53) and representatives from State Representative Mark Oulmet (R-District 52) for some lively discussion over lunch.

"It was fun going to Lansing. I enjoyed meeting with the legislators and telling them why the



The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan is a nonprofit organization supporting a network of over 100 school-based and school-linked health centers and health education programs across Michigan.

RAHS clinic is important to Ypsilanti High School and to ask them to continue funding our health center," said Sequoia Gilmore.

The 15-year old student from Ypsilanti High School was one of more than 16 youth from the Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools who attended Advocacy Day 2012.

A SBHC is like a doctor's office in school. They provide students with quality primary and mental health services in a safe, easily accessible location on school grounds. Today, there are nearly 70

state funded centers and programs in Michigan serving over 200,000 children of all grade levels in urban, rural, and suburban schools and communities across the state. These centers and programs are strategically located in medically underserved communities where access to health care for youth is an issue.

The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan is a nonprofit organization supporting a network of over 100 school-based and school-linked health centers and health education pro-

grams across Michigan. The centers annually provide over 300,000 health encounters/services. The centers are located in communities where the majority of children lack access to consistent, primary health care and as a result are at-risk of chronic health conditions. Visit [www.scha-mi.org](http://www.scha-mi.org).

The Regional Alliance for Healthy Schools is a collaborative effort between the University of Michigan Health System, the Michigan Department of Education and the Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Willow Run and Lincoln Public

School Systems.

The mission of RAHS is to provide school-based health programs and clinical services that improve the well-being of students, their families and their communities.

For more information about RAHS's school-based health programs, please contact Jennifer Salerno at 734.998.2159 or [jsalerno@med.umich.edu](mailto:jsalerno@med.umich.edu).

## Grieving kids need more support

A nationwide poll of bereaved children, compiled by the National Alliance for Grieving Children, found that half of the grieving children surveyed gave their school a "C" grade or lower at helping them cope.

Ele's Place, an Ann Arbor-based nonprofit for grieving children, helps local schools by providing presentations at faculty meetings, workshops and written materials for teachers and counselors to help them successfully guide students through the grieving process.

Dealing with the death of a loved one is devastating for children. Three quarters (75 percent) of the kids surveyed said they are currently sad - even though the loss was experienced on average more than two years prior to the report.

Nearly seven out of 10 children agree the death of their loved one was the worst thing that ever happened to them. Seventy-six percent of the children surveyed said they enjoyed grief support programs because it introduced them to other children who are going through similar situations.

"The death of a loved one is incredibly difficult and isolating for children," said Laurie Baumer, Ele's Place president and CEO, in a news release.

"All too often, grieving children suffer alone. They

need to share their sadness, anger, loneliness, confusion and guilt with others their age."

The poll of 531 children age 18 and under who have experienced the death of a parent or sibling was conducted in-person at bereavement centers nationwide by the NAGC with the support of the New York Life Foundation between Nov. 21, 2011, and Jan. 5. It is believed to be the first public opinion poll of grieving children.

Ele's Place is a founding member of the NAGC. "The poll results are clear," Baumer said. "Friends, neighbors, teachers and counselors - and society at large - all have a crucial role to play helping kids regain some stability."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, one in 20 children under the age of 18 will experience the death of a parent.

In Michigan, that statistic represents more than 117,000 children grieving a parent's death, while thousands more grieve the death of a sibling or other loved one.

To help fill gaps in support services across the State, Ele's Place created the Michigan Network for Grieving Children ([www.kidsgrief.org](http://www.kidsgrief.org)) in 2011. Michigan's First Lady, Sue Snyder, is a supporter of Ele's Place and serves as a spokesperson of the MNGC.

"We need to bring child-

hood grief out of the shadows," said Baumer.

"It's critical to help children voice their struggles and hopes - and in the process, shed light on what each of us can do to help. We can't eliminate their grief journey, but we can all ease their burden along the way."

Founded in 1991, Ele's Place provides grief support to children and families who have experienced the death or life-threatening illness of a loved one. Grieving children and their family members can attend peer support groups in the organization's Lansing and Ann Arbor locations.

In addition, Ele's Place serves as a resource and referral agency for health-care providers, schools, community organizations,

or anyone seeking to help grieving families. All services are provided free of charge.

For more information about Ele's Place, visit [www.elesplace.org](http://www.elesplace.org).

For more information about the NAGC and poll results, visit [www.children-grieve.org](http://www.children-grieve.org).

### Village of Dexter

Public Notice: Alpha Metal Finishing has been found in significant non-compliance of Part 23, R323.2302 of the Michigan Industrial Pretreatment Regulations for being 30 days late for filing reports in May, August, and September of 2011.

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### SCIO TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER ACT 198 OF P. A. 1974.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 24, 2012, at 7:00 P.M., a Public Hearing will be held at the Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, phone 734-369-9400, on the request of the Trenton Corporation of 7700 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI for the establishment of Industrial Development District under Michigan Act 198 of P.A. 1974.

Please take further notice that said Industrial Development District for the Trenton Corporation is more particularly described as:

Commencing at the NE corner of Section 19, thence S 01-06-40 E 1418.90 FT, thence N 84-29-40 W 683.61 FT, thence N 01-06-40 W 99.70 FT to POB; thence N 84-21-26 W 479.25 FT, thence N 01-12-35 W 639.40 FT, thence S 84-29-40 E 480.22 FT, thence S 01-06-40 E 640.43 FT to POB, being part of NE 1/4 Section 19, T2S, R5E, SCIO TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN (6.999 ACRES; 08-19-100-015)

Any resident or taxpayer of the Township of Scio or other interested persons shall have the right to appear and be heard at such hearing.

Nancy J. C. Hedberg  
Scio Township Clerk

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### WEBSTER TOWNSHIP WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING ON INTERPRETATION OF SECTION 12.70 (B) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

THE WEBSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT THEIR MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1, 2012 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, 5665 WEBSTER CHURCH ROAD, DEXTER, MICHIGAN 48130.

Purpose: To interpret Section 12.70 (B) regarding how the 100-foot setback applies to a residential structure with a proposed restriction within the structure on where animals will be housed. This interpretation pertains to the Special Use Application of Lapham's Yorkies located at 7464 Jennings Road. Copies of the Zoning Ordinance are available at the Township Hall for review. They may also be viewed at [www.twp.webster.mi.us](http://www.twp.webster.mi.us).

Written comments may be made in advance by mailing or delivering to the Township Hall at the above address.

Those with disabilities must notify the Township Clerk no less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting, so that accommodations may be furnished to satisfy their disability and allow for meaningful attendance.

Jennifer Simonds, Chairperson  
Webster Township Board of Appeals

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### MEETING NOTICE

Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet On Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd. Dexter, MI 48130.

Members of the public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. Written comments may be sent to Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI 48130, and must be received by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item: #1	Appeal Number: 12-ZBA-755	Applicant: Tom Ehman (owner and applicant)	Name(s):
Property Tax ID: D-04-01-300-045, D-04-12-200-004, and D-04-12-200-005	Property Address: 8930 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Pinckney, MI 48169		
Purpose of Variance Request: To appeal a decision of the Township Supervisor to deny a Land Transfer application (12-LD-160) that involved the subject parcels.			

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#### INTERMEDIATE

### SCIO TOWNSHIP Public Act 198 of 1954 Proceedings NOTICE OF IMPROVEMENT HEARING PARK ROAD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2012-1

TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SCIO, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 50 percent of the total area of the hereinafter described Park Road Improvement District 2012-1 special assessment district and the Scio Township Board proposes to improve a portion of Park Road with asphalt paving, curb and gutter, drainage construction, earthwork, pavement markings, signs and slope restoration, and to create a special assessment for the recovery of the costs thereof by a special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed, is more particularly described as follows:

Sites 1 through 20, Hunter's Crossing, Washtenaw County Condominium Plan #240; Sites 1 through 11 (no site #9 exists), The Woods of Park Road, Washtenaw County Condominium Plan #230; and also a 2.81 Ac. notes and bounds parcel of land described as: COM AT W 1/4 POST OF SEC 27 TH N 00-58-40 W 1260.24 FT, TH N 60-12-00 E 775.25 FT TO A POB, TH N 01-10-25 W 576.81 FT, TH S 64-24-03 E 222.52 FT, TH S 29-48-00 E 323.14 FT, TH S 60-12-00 W 402.71 FT TO THE POB.

Pt NW 1/4 Sec. 27 T2S-R5E

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received engineering plans showing the improvements and an estimate of the costs of such construction in the amount of \$242,700, and has placed them on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make the improvements and to create a special assessment district. The Township Board has tentatively found the petitions to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, estimates of cost, proposed special assessment district and petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice through the date of the public hearing and may be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing on the petitions, plans, district and estimate of costs will be held at the Scio Township Hall, Ann Arbor, MI on Tuesday, April 24th, 2012 commencing at 7:00 PM.

At the hearing the Township Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which is filed with the Board at or before the hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to the plans, estimates and costs or to the special assessment district.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing and to submit any comments that they may have.

Nancy J. C. Hedberg  
Scio Township Clerk  
827 N. Zeeb Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
734-369-9400

Publish April 12 & 19, 2012



# Dance marathon donates to pediatric camp

In its 15th year on campus, the student-run nonprofit Dance Marathon at the University of Michigan recently gave a gift of \$500,000 to the new North Star Reach Camp in Pinckney.

Dance Marathon raises funds and awareness for pediatric rehabilitation programs at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor and William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

The gift is part of Dance Marathon's goal to further expand its mission of improving the quality of life for children with

disabilities, both at the hospitals it supports, as well as in the surrounding communities.

Dance Marathon's gift was made possible as a result of a project account established several years ago in which a small amount of funds were set aside each year in the hopes that an opportunity to make a big difference would present itself. With the account, Dance Marathon continues to further their goal of supporting children with disabilities.

The \$500,000 gift will be recognized through the

In partnership with hospitals of southeastern Michigan, including C.S. Mott and Beaumont Children's Hospitals, North Star Reach provides year-round, cost-free camp programming to children with serious health challenges.

building of the "Dance Marathon at the University of Michigan Tree House" at the camp.

The North Star Reach

Camp was chosen for support because their mission is aligned with that of Dance Marathon.

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hospitals of southeastern Michigan, including C.S. Mott and Beaumont Children's Hospitals, North Star Reach provides year-round, cost-free camp programming to children with serious health challenges.

As an aspiring Hole in the Wall certified camp, North Star Reach seeks to extend the unique experiences of summer camp to more than 300,000 children in the Michigan area that are unable to attend regular camp due to medical conditions.

A few of the programs that Dance Marathon already funds will become

part of the camp's programming.

The Dance Marathon at the University of Michigan Tree House will be fully accessible for North Star Reach campers, regardless of their medical condition or disability.

The 15th annual Dance Marathon took place March 24 and 25 at the University of Michigan Indoor-Track Building, during which Dance Marathon formally presented the donation to representatives from North Star Reach.

For more information about the Dance Marathon, visit [dmum.org](http://dmum.org).

# Huron Valley Ambulance seeks award nominations

Huron Valley Ambulance is seeking nominations from the community for its 2012 Life Saving and Heart Safe Awards. The awards are a part of its annual Emergency Medical Services Recognition Awards.

First responders often say that they don't do what they do for recognition, but rather for the satisfaction in knowing they truly make a difference in the lives of people needing help.

That being said, officials at HVA say it is good to stop once a year to say "thank you" and recognize the

often-heroic actions taken by bystanders and first responders in the community.

Businesses and organizations in Washtenaw County are also making a difference by creating "heart safe" environments for its employees and customers. When someone has a heart attack, every second counts, and these organizations have a plan in place to save lives.

To recognize these men and women, an awards program will take place during National EMS Week May 24 in Ann Arbor. The deadline

For the Life Saving Award, nominees can be citizens of any age who live in the HVA service area who have saved, or attempted to save, a life under unusual or extraordinary circumstances.

to make nominations for both awards is 5 p.m. April 20.

For the Life Saving Award, nominees can be

citizens of any age who live in the HVA service area who have saved, or attempted to save, a life under unusual or extraordinary

circumstances.

Nominees also must not have previously received an award for their life-saving deed from any other organization.

For the Heart Safe Award, nominees can be any business or organization located in the HVA service area that meets the following criteria for creating a "heart safe" environment at their workplace:

- Automated external defibrillators in all buildings
- Regularly practice of cardiac emergency

response plan.

■ Staff trained in CPR and the use of AEDs in all buildings.

Based in Ann Arbor, Huron Valley Ambulance is a nationally accredited, nonprofit community ambulance service covering Washtenaw County.

Forms for both award nominations are available at [www.hva.org](http://www.hva.org).

To request a nomination form or for more information, call HVA Community Relations at 477-6782 or e-mail [communityrelations@hva.org](mailto:communityrelations@hva.org).



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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 24, 2012 at 6:30 o'clock p.m., at Ackerson Building Boardroom, Manchester, Michigan, the Board of Education will hold a public hearing to discuss the Manchester Community Schools Anti-Bullying Policy and the Internet Safety Policy.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Vicki Miller, Secretary

Published April 12, 2012

## NOTICE OF HERBICIDE APPLICATION

The Daltons Inc., their main office at 936 Eagle Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580, has been contracted by the Washtenaw County Road Commission to perform chemical vegetation control maintenance services around guardrail sections throughout the county. In doing so, they will be applying Aliflor's Diuron 80 DF (active ingredient Diuron), Proflam 65 VDG (active ingredient Proflam), SFM 75 (active ingredient Sulfometuron Methyl), Imazapyr 4 SL (active ingredient Imazapyr), Glyphosate 4 Plus (active ingredient Glyphosate), and 2, 4-D Amine (active ingredient 2, 4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid). The application will take place between April 1st and the 30th. Additional information may be requested by contacting Lex Dalton at 574.287.7511.

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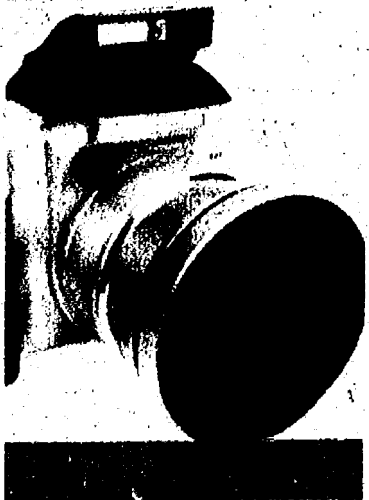
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**INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR**  
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**N.B. Big Swan Creek Intercounty Drain Improvements**  
**Project No. 119385SG2011**

Issue Date: April 10th, 2012

**Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference:**  
**Tuesday, April 24th, 2012 at 10:30 am local time**  
Located at  
Wayne County Department of Public Services

3501 Henry Ruff  
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**Pre-Bid Question Deadline: Friday April 27th, 2012**

**Bid Deadline: Thursday, May 3rd, 2012 at 10:30 am local time**  
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**Description:** The County of Wayne is requesting bids for the cleanout of the N.B. Big Swan Creek Intercounty Drain in accordance with the Bidding Documents prepared by the Engineer, Spicer Group, Inc.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained at Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office, 3501 Henry Ruff, Westland, MI 48186 at no charge. They can be picked up beginning Monday, April 16th, Monday-Friday, 8am-3pm.

Written questions regarding the substance of the IFB must be submitted via e-mail to David Valler, Project Manager, Spicer Group, Inc., at [davev@spicergroup.com](mailto:davev@spicergroup.com) no later than the Pre-Bid Question Deadline indicated above.

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Robert A. Ficano  
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**ALLEN Park.** 15224 Paris (between Southfield and Outer Dr.) Apr. 12-14; 10-4p. Furniture and miscellaneous items.

**ALLEN PARK:** Moving Sale 14843 Englewood Apr. 12-14 9-3pm. Appl., furn., tools, holiday items, household & Misc.

**ALLEN PARK Nazarene Church.** 10944 Rebeck Rd. (corner of Goddard & Rebeck), Sat. April 14th from 9am - 3pm

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**Garage/Roomage Sales 2160**

**DEARBORN- 7333 Orchard.** April 19-22, 10a-6p. Everything goes! Appliances, furniture, clothes, china, more.

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April 13, 14, 15, 9am-5pm.  
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**Foreclosures 1051**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE** THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW. Notice under MCL 600.3278: Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under MCL 600.3201 et. seq., the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. ATTENTION! POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Bank of America, N.A., successor in interest to LaSalle Bank Midwest N.A., by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as Servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. Default having occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Jimmie D. Way, a single person, ("Debtors") to Bank of America, N.A., successor in interest to LaSalle Bank Midwest N.A., ("Green Tree"), dated June 30, 2007, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Wayne in the State of Michigan on July 11, 2007, in Liber 46476, Page(s) 267, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of \$104,728.86, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Debtors to Green Tree together with interest at 7.10 percent per annum. NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on May 3, 2012 at 1:00 p.m., inside the Jefferson entrance at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Wayne, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows: to-wit: LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: NORTH 50 FEET OF LOT 83, VENOY GARDENS SUBDIVISION, OF PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 9 EAST, NANKIN TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN AS RECORDED IN LIBER 79, PAGE 84 AND PAGE 85 OF PLATS, WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS. The redemption period shall be six (6) months unless the property is established to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed, or unless under MCL 600.3240(17), prior to the foreclosure sale the borrower follows the procedure set forth in that section to establish the presumption that the property is used for agricultural purposes, in which case the redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of the sale. Dated: March 28, 2012 Bank of America, N.A., successor in interest to LaSalle Bank Midwest N.A., by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as Servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents By: DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183) BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & PEZZETTI, P.C. Attorneys for Green Tree 1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817 Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817 (231) 941-9660 File No.: 6140.1061 Ad #24525 04/01, 04/08, 04/15, 04/22/2012

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**THE CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
FOR  
**Desbrow Consolidated Drain**  
(Desbrow, West Branch and Northrup Drains)  
Project No. 119273SG2011

**Issue Date:** April 10th, 2012

**Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference:**  
**Tuesday, April 24th, 2012 at 10:00 am local time**  
Located at  
Wayne County Department of Public Services  
3501 Henry Ruff,  
Westland, MI 48186

**Pre-Bid Question Deadline:** Friday April 27th, 2012

**Bid Deadline:** Thursday, May 3rd, 2012 at 10:00 am local time  
Wayne County Department of Public Services  
3501 Henry Ruff  
Westland, MI 48186

**Description:** The County of Wayne is requesting bids for the cleanout of the Desbrow Consolidated Drain in accordance with the Bidding Documents prepared by the Engineer, Spicer Group, Inc.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained at Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office, 3501 Henry Ruff, Westland, MI 48186 at no charge. They can be picked up beginning Monday, April 16th, 2012, Monday-Friday, 8am-3pm.

Written questions regarding the substance of the IFB must be submitted via e-mail to David S. Vallier, Spicer Group, Inc., at [davev@spicergroup.com](mailto:davev@spicergroup.com) no later than the Pre-Bid Question Deadline indicated above.

Sealed Bids are due prior to the Bid Deadline indicated above and must be delivered to Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office, located at 3501 Henry Ruff, Westland, MI 48186. Late bids will not be accepted - NO EXCEPTIONS.

Robert A. Ficano  
County Executive

Lavonda R. Jackson, ESQ.  
Wayne County Drain Commissioner

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**Garage/Roomage Sales 2160**

**HURON TWP.** 27557 & 27615 Bredow (S. Sibley, W. Inkster), April 13-14, 9a-5p. household, tools, clothes, toys, misc.

**LINCOLN Park.** 1633 Riverbank. Fri-Sun, 10-5pm. Moving Sale. EVERYTHING must go!! No early birds, please.

**LINCOLN PARK- GIANT MOVING SALE.**  
1557 Chandler, April 12-14, 9pm, household items, furniture, antiques, and collectibles.  
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**Taylor:** 9401 Sylvester St. April 12, 8am-6pm. Moving Sale - Everything goes!

**TAYLOR:** Huge Multi Family Sale, Fri & Sat., 9-4pm, 13501 Mulberry Trail, off Racho Rd.

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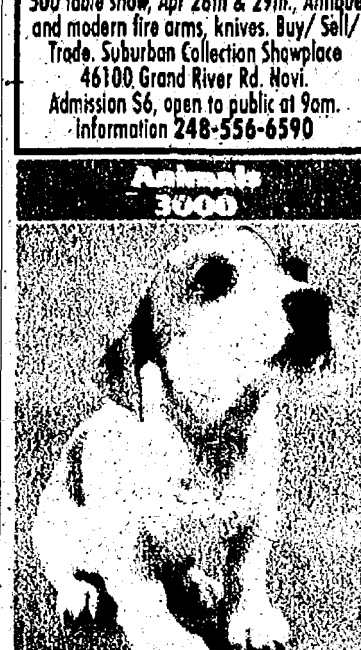
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**NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT AND DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS HENRY DRAIN**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,** That I, Lavonda Jackson, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, will, on **Thursday the 3rd day of May, 2012**, at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office, 3501 Henry Ruff Road, Westland, Michigan 48186, in said County of Wayne at 11:00 a.m. in the forenoon of that day receive sealed bids, when bids will be opened and publicly announced for the reconstruction of certain drain known and designated as "Henry Drain", located and established in Van Buren Charter Township in said County. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office at (734) 326-4500 at least one week in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Said Drain is divided into 2 sections as set forth: All stations are 100 feet apart. Section 1, Station 0+00 to Station 4+00, consists installing a 12" diameter storm sewer approximately 400 feet in length at an average depth of 6 feet. Section 2 Station 9+65 to Station 34+58, consists of an open channel approximately 2,500 feet in length with a typical 4 foot bottom width, and 2 on 1 or flatter side slopes with an average depth of 5 feet. This Notice of Letting, the plans, specifications, and bid proposal shall be considered a part of the contract. The following items will be required and a contract let for same:

- Storm Sewer Construction (Furnish and Install)**  
15 Lin. Ft. 15" Dia H.D.P.E.  
1 Each 15" Dia. H.D.P.E. Flared End Section  
437 Lin. Ft. 12" Dia H.D.P.E.  
3 Each 4' Dia Manhole/Catchbasin (Frame and Cover)  
1 Each 24" Myoplast Drain Basin and Grate  
**Open Drain Construction**  
1,318 Lin. Ft. Open Channel Excavation  
1,318 Lin. Ft. Spoil Removal in Drain R.O.W.  
1 Lump Sum Site Clearing  
**Crossings (Furnish and Install)**  
NO. 1 - STA. 10+90 - Earl Farr (Native Ground)  
240 Lin. Ft. 18" Dia H.D.P.E.  
NO. 2 - STA. 15+30 - John Marin (Native Drive)  
40 Lin. Ft. 18" Dia H.D.P.E.  
NO. 3 - STA. 21+01 - Assembly of God (Native Drive)  
40 Lin. Ft. 18" Dia H.D.P.E.  
NO. 4 - STA. 34+42 - Sheldon Road  
1 Lump Sum Cleanout Existing Crossing  
NO. 5 - STA. 0+00 - HJD Enterprises Inc. (Gravel Drive)  
1 Lump Sum Cleanout Existing Crossing  
**Siltation and Sediment Control**  
50 Sq. Yds. Miscellaneous Plain Riprap  
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4 Each Riprap Splash Pad  
4 Each Tile Outlet Repair  
1 Each Sedimentation Basin  
1 Lump Sum Seeding, Muckling and Fertilizing of Project  
850 Sq. Yds. Gravel Drive Restoration  
1 Lump Sum Cleanup and Restoration  
1 Lump Sum Traffic Control

Each proposal shall be accompanied by certified check or bidder's bond in the amount of 5% of the bid. Checks shall be drawn payable to the Henry Drain Drainage District as security for the acceptance of the Contract and subject to the conditions stated in the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid, to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid which is considered most favorable to the Owner or in the best interest of the County.

**A mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held at 11:00 a.m. on the **24th day of April, 2012** at Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office, 3501 Henry Ruff Road, Westland, Michigan 48186. Representatives of OWNER and Engineer will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference. Engineer will transmit to all prospective Bidders of record such Addenda as Engineer considers necessary in response to questions arising at the conference. Oral statements may not be binding or legally effective. Bidders not on time for or not in attendance of the pre-bid conference will not be allowed to bid on this Project. Plans, proposal forms, and specifications may be obtained by qualified bidders at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office, 3501 Henry Ruff Road, Westland, Michigan 48186, at no charge, beginning on the **16th day of April, 2012**.

Said job will be let in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said Drain, in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the County of Wayne, to which reference may be had by all parties interested and bids will be made on received accordingly.

Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in the sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids, and to adjourn such letting to such time and place as I shall publicly announce.

The date for the substantial completion of such contract is 60 calendar days after the date when the Contract Times commence to run. Any persons desiring to bid on the above mentioned work will be required a 5% bid bond deposit (certified check or money order - cash is not acceptable) as a guarantee that they will enter into a contract and furnish the required bond as prescribed by law. The checks shall be drawn payable to "Henry Drain Drainage District". The checks of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned after contracts are awarded. The payment for the above-mentioned work will be made as follows:

**NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN,** that on the **15th day of May, 2012**, at the Wayne County Department of Public Services Field Office, 3501 Henry Ruff Road, Westland, Michigan 48186, or at such other time and place thereafter, to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "Henry Drain Special Assessment District," and the apportionments against municipalities within the Drainage District will be subject to review for one day, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five in the afternoon. At said review, the computation of costs for said Drain will also be open for inspection by all parties interested. Persons wishing to make recommendations for effective participation for the above mentioned work will be made as follows:

The drain assessments against land in the drainage district will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the land owner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges. Please contact the office of the [County] County Drain Commissioner with any questions about payments of drain assessments.

Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code, any owner of land within the drainage district or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the day of review of apportionment by making an application to the [County] County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review.

The description of area that is served by the Henry Drain consists of lands situated in Section 7 of Van Buren Charter Township, T.35-R.8E., in Wayne County, Michigan.

The following public corporation will be assessed at large to pay part of the cost of the Drain:  
Charter County of Wayne  
Charter Township of Van Buren

NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above-described lands, and you:  
Clerk of Wayne County, Cathy M. Garrett  
Clerk of Van Buren Charter Township, Leon Wright  
Wayne County Department of Public Services, Hassan A. Soab, Director

are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said letting may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said "Henry Drain". In the manner hereinbefore stated; and, also, that at such time and place as stated above from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Henry Drain Special Assessment District will be subject to review.

**AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU,** Owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such reviewing of apportionments as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

This review of apportionment is consistent with Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2012.

Lavonda Jackson, ESQ.  
Wayne County Drain Commissioner.

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**Mr. Lynn Bollman**

Assistant Superintendent  
[lbollman@chelsea.k12.mi.us](mailto:lbollman@chelsea.k12.mi.us)

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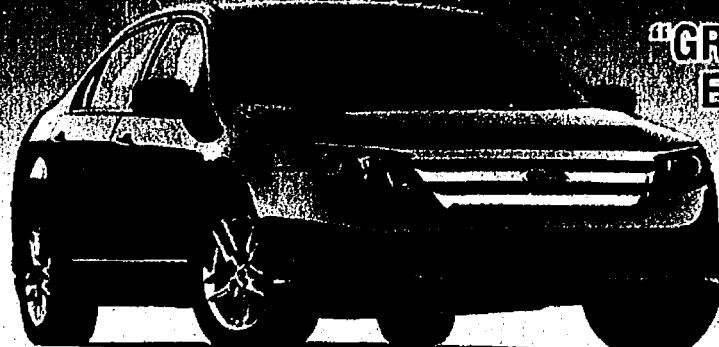
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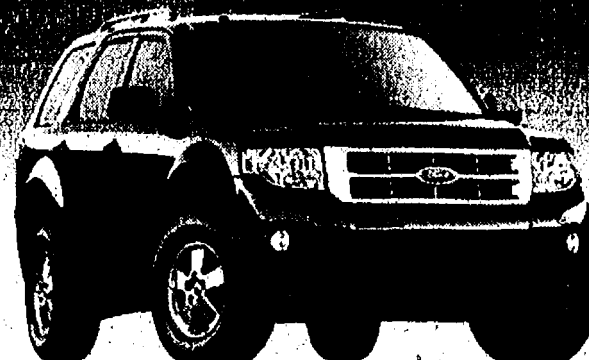
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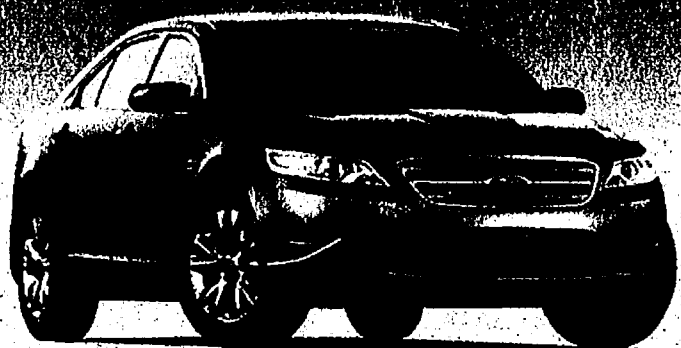
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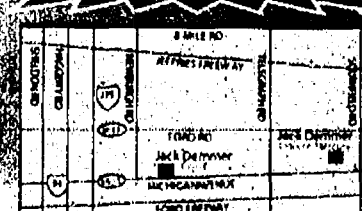
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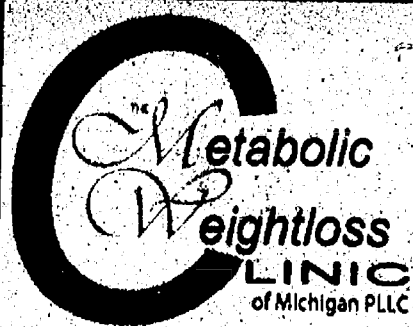
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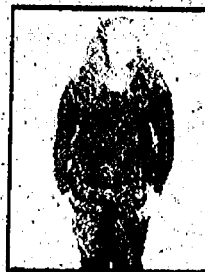
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# Don't let varicose vein myths prevent treatment

Only 6 percent of the 30 million people suffering from varicose veins seek treatment.

Are the myths surrounding varicose veins keeping you from getting the treatment you need?

Varicose veins, though often thought of as a cosmetic nuisance, can actually progress to a more serious form of venous disease called chronic venous insufficiency. CVI is a progressive disease that can result in increasingly serious signs and symptoms if not treated, including leg pain, swelling, restlessness, skin damage and ulcers.

Genetics and age are

large contributors to varicose veins and CVI develop-

ment. In fact, women older than 50 are most likely to develop venous disease. And, if you have a family member who suffers from varicose veins or signs and symptoms of CVI, you are more likely to develop varicose veins in your lifetime. Men are also

at risk for experiencing varicose veins as well as more severe signs and symptoms of CVI. In fact, 43 percent of men are expected to develop venous disease by the time they reach their

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Since varicose veins cannot always be prevented, it is important to talk to a vein specialist about treatment options before the condition progresses into CVI and symptoms worsen.

60s; however, a majority of those do not seek treatment until the condition worsens. Given the prevailing misunderstanding that varicose veins are only a cosmetic issue, only 1.9 million of the more than 30 million Americans who suffer from varicose veins or CVI seek treatment. Those with the disease may experience symptoms that make walking and everyday tasks difficult. And, as a treatable condition, varicose veins can be addressed by various minimally-invasive treat-

ments before they progress.

For mild forms of venous disease, lifestyle changes may be recommended to control symptoms. Managing risk factors such as blood pressure and weight and staying physically active can all help ease the pressure on the veins in the legs.

While treatments like lifestyle changes and compression stockings are often first prescribed to manage symptoms, there are a variety of other treatments that can actually treat the

diseased veins to eliminate varicose veins and halt the progression of CVI. Since varicose veins cannot always be prevented, it is important to talk to a vein specialist about treatment options before the condition progresses into CVI and symptoms worsen. When symptoms progress, they can be treated with numerous minimally-invasive procedures that are covered by many insurance plans, including Medicare.

Recognizing that myths about varicose veins may be preventing those suffering from seeking the treatment needed, a trio of well-respected vascular societies has come together with a mission to provide greater understanding. Rethink Varicose Veins is an educational campaign that encourages individuals to think differently about

varicose veins and understand that if left untreated, varicose veins can progress to a more serious form of CVI.

The campaign brings together a coalition of professional partners for the first time:

- Society for Vascular Surgery
- American Venous Forum
- American College of Phlebology

If you are one of the millions of Americans afflicted with symptoms of varicose veins and CVI, don't let old myths keep you from getting the treatment needed.

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## Nip allergies in the bud

When everything comes up roses, so do spring allergies.

Forty million Americans suffer from outdoor and indoor allergies in the United States, making it one of the country's most common, yet overlooked health conditions.

In fact, allergies are the fifth-leading chronic disease in the U.S. for all ages.

Allergic symptoms occur when a person's body overreacts to "allergens," often referred to as triggers. While people can experience allergy triggers any time throughout the year, the pollen released from trees, grass and

weeds in the spring is a big trigger for many sufferers.

Allergy symptoms may include sneezing; runny nose; itchy, watery eyes and itchy nose or throat.

More than 2 million school days and 4 million missed or lost workdays are racked up each year due to seasonal allergies.

However, with proper management and education, allergy symptoms can be relieved, allowing adults and children alike to continue their favorite activities inside and outside.

"As an allergist, I'm often addressing my patients' concerns about

treating their allergy symptoms with a medicine that can relieve their symptoms quickly and doesn't make them tired or groggy," says Dr. Eli Meltzer, Allergy & Asthma Medical Group and Research Center. "I often recommend a trial of the newest option in the over-the-counter category, Allegra, to my patients. Allegra is the only branded antihistamine that combines fast\*, non-drowsy, 24-hour relief from indoor and outdoor allergy symptoms. Patients don't have to accept their allergy

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# A parent's guide to foot health for athletic kids

With the Olympics approaching in July, you can expect to witness some amazing feats of athleticism this summer. But Olympic athletes won't be the only ones competing hard in summer sports - so will your kids.

Millions of American children will participate in warm weather sports this year, from softball to soccer and swimming to cycling. No matter what their sport or whether they play competitively or just for fun, they will have one important thing in common: They'll need their feet to be pain-free if they're going to play their best and prevent injuries.

"Sports play a significant role in the lives of millions of young athletes," says Dr. Michael King, a podiatrist and president of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA). "Parents need to be aware that sports, which require a substantial amount of running, turning, and contact, can translate to injuries. Protecting children's feet from injuries, and bringing them to a podiatrist when



problems occur, can help keep kids in the game and make the sport more enjoyable."

APMA offers some tips for helping protect children's feet while playing warm weather sports:

- Protective taping of the ankles is often necessary to help prevent sprains or fractures.

- Buying a shoe designed for the specific sport your child plays not only

improves your child's performance in the sport, it also can help protect him or her from serious foot and ankle injuries. APMA has given its Seal of Acceptance to a select number of sports footwear, which offer all-leather materials and protective support.

- Without the right sock, even the best athletic shoe won't score points on the field or off. Athletic socks should consist of a natu-

ral/synthetic blend, which is best at wicking away moisture and minimizing foot odor. Socks should not have large seams that might cause blisters or irritation.

Commonly played warm-weather sports and the risks associated with them include:

- Basketball - Children playing basketball may be at risk for ankle sprains, tendonitis and plantar fasciitis (inflammation of the thick

band of tissue on the sole of the foot). To minimize the risk of foot injury, choose a shoe with a thick, stiff sole, high ankle support and shock absorption.

- Tennis - The rapid, repetitive lateral movements and shifting of weight required of tennis players can lead to injuries such as ankle sprains, plantar fasciitis and corns or calluses. Tennis players will do best with a flexible-soled shoe that supports both sides of the foot.

- Running - Movements required of runners include leg extension and hitting the balls of the feet with a great deal of force. Running can lead to shin splints, heel pain and blisters. A good running shoe should offer good support and shock absorption. In some cases, custom orthotics may be necessary to provide additional support and control of foot motion.

- Soccer - The running, jumping and lateral movements required of soccer players can lead to many foot injuries, with heel pain and shin splints being among the most common. Soccer shoes should provide

multiple cleats in the heel area and enough room for thick soccer socks.

"Sports-related foot and ankle injuries are on the rise as more children participate actively in sports," King says. "Parents need to be vigilant to ensure children's feet remain healthy and safe. And remember - lack of complaint by a child is not a reliable sign that everything is fine. The bones of growing feet are so flexible that they can be twisted and distorted without the child being aware of it."

Ensuring your child's feet stay healthy could go a long way - your young athlete could one day be the next LeBron James or Brandi Chastain. If your child participates in strenuous sports, monitor his or her foot health closely. If you suspect a problem, take your child to a podiatrist for evaluation and treatment. Find one in your area by visiting APMA's website at [www.APMA.org](http://www.APMA.org).

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symptoms or dismiss the possibility of their relief."

Dr. Meltzer has some additional tips to reduce allergen exposure and/or relieve allergy symptoms this spring:

- Garden with greater ease: When doing yard work, keep hands away from your face to avoid contact with your eyes and nose.

When finished pruning, planting and potting, don't bring gardening tools indoors, and immediately change into clean clothing.

Showering following a gardening session can also

help reduce symptoms.

- Sleep more soundly: Place removable allergen-resistant coverings on mattresses, pillows and box springs, and wash your bedding in hot water every 7 to 14 days.

- Keep indoor air clean: Keep the windows in your home and car closed, and don't forget to change filters in air conditioning units and vents frequently this time of year.

- Monitor the pollen count: Seasonal allergy symptoms can flare up when pollen counts are particularly high.

Before heading out, check the local news or Internet for current pollen counts.

If high pollen counts

are forecasted, take an allergy medication before symptoms set in, and keep outdoor activity to a minimum when possible.

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# Feeling thirsty? You may want to talk to your doctor

Back pain, headaches and difficulty sleeping are common symptoms many people discuss with their doctors during routine checkups.

Yet one symptom many patients overlook is dryness, especially dry mouth. If you think dry mouth isn't serious enough to mention to your doctor, think again.

Are you drinking lots of liquids and yet your mouth still feels dry? Do you have difficulty talking, chewing or swallowing? If so, you could be experiencing dry mouth.

While dry mouth may seem manageable on your own, it could be more serious than you think. In many instances, poor oral health can be an indication of a more serious medical condition, like Sjogren's syndrome, which affects

as many as 4 million Americans.

Sjogren's is a chronic autoimmune disorder in which a person's immune system attacks and destroys the moisture-producing glands in the body. Often, the condition leaves patients with chronic dry mouth as they experience a decrease in saliva. Many patients also frequently experience a dry or a gritty, sandy feeling in their eyes. Both dry mouth and dry eyes are the hallmark symptoms of Sjogren's. Other symptoms may also include joint pain, fatigue, a change in taste or smell, or tooth decay.

"April is Sjogren's Awareness Month, which makes it a great time to make an appointment to talk to your doctors about dryness," says Steven Taylor, CEO of

the Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation. "Every doctor will tell you that no symptom is insignificant, so speak up and Defy the Dry by visiting DefytheDry.com for more information about dry mouth and Sjogren's. You can even download dryness screeners to help you assess your dryness symptoms."

Need more motivation to speak up about dry mouth? The average time from onset of symptoms to diagnosis of Sjogren's is almost seven years.

One reason for the delay may be that patients wait months (and even years) before discussing their symptoms with their doctors. Additionally, patients may not connect their symptoms, like cavities or cracked lips, with dry mouth and many of them may not describe their

dry-mouth symptoms thoroughly when they finally do speak to their physicians.

If this sounds like you, visit DefytheDry.com to download the Sjogren's symptoms checklist and bring it to your next doctor appointment to help guide you and your physician through a productive and accurate conversation about your symptoms.

"By increasing the conversation around dryness symptoms and Sjogren's syndrome between doctors and patients, we hope to decrease time to diagnosis by 50 percent in the next five years," adds Taylor.

While there is no cure for Sjogren's, treatment options are available to help manage symptoms. For more information on Sjogren's and its symptoms, visit DefytheDry.com.

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# Surprising facts you should know about hearing loss

When it comes to our health, many Americans have two realities: what we know and what we think we know.

When what we think we know is less than accurate, it can be as harmful to our health as the things we don't know at all. Perceptions about hearing loss are a good example of this phenomenon.

You may think you already know a lot about hearing loss and treatment, but some of the facts surrounding this prevalent problem - for instance that, according to the Better Hearing Institute (BHI), 11 percent of Americans report having hearing difficulties - could surprise you.

Here are some realities that may make you reconsider what you think you know about your hearing, what puts it at risk and what you can do if you suffer a hearing loss:

**Surprising fact No. 1**  
- Not everyone who has hearing loss is old. In fact, most people with hearing problems (65 percent) are younger than 65, BHI reports. And, more children and teenagers are experiencing hearing loss. Nearly one in five American teens now has some level of hearing loss, according to a 2010 study by researchers at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

While you may think the volume dial on Johnny's iPod is directly related to his hearing problems, there's more to the story, researchers say. Which leads to the next fact.

**Surprising fact No. 2**  
- Threats to our hearing lurk in places you might not expect. Protecting your ears while engaging in activities you know are loud - such as attending a

rock concert or a visiting a shooting range - is only the start. Gradual hearing damage can begin to occur with prolonged exposure to sounds of just 85 decibels - roughly the volume generated by a kitchen blender.

So while that MP3 player may be a contributing factor to a child's hearing loss, it's not the only one.

In fact, very loud toys - those that emit 90 decibels or more - can be a risk factor, too, according to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Hearing experts take the toy risk so seriously, that every November the Sight and Hearing Association publishes a list of the noisiest toys.

**Surprising fact No. 3**  
- Loud noise isn't the only thing that can damage hearing. In reality, many outside factors - from some medications to a blow to the head - can cause hearing loss. Pressure differences between the inside and outside of the eardrum can be harmful, putting SCUBA divers and frequent flyers at risk.

Diseases like sickle cell anemia, kidney disease, toxoplasmosis and even herpes have been linked to hearing loss. Chemotherapy drugs, loop diuretics and some antibiotics also can affect your hearing. Even large quantities of aspirin (salicylates) may cause hearing loss.

**Surprising fact No. 4**  
- Hearing loss not only affects your ability to hear and your quality of life, it may even hurt your earning potential. The BHI reports that untreated hearing loss may decrease your income by up to \$30,000 a year. The good news is that treating hearing loss with hearing aids can reduce the risk to



your income by 90 to 100 percent if your hearing loss is mild, and from 65 to 77 percent if it's moderate to severe. Which leads to fact five.

**Surprising fact No. 5**  
- Hearing aids change lives. Technology has made modern hearing aids more effective, versatile, convenient and discreet than ever before. Advances like completely-in-canal styles make it virtually impossible for observers to know if someone is wearing a hearing aid.

Wireless hearing aids, such as those marketed by Starkey Hearing Technologies, can even stream sound directly from your TV, MP3 player or radio to your hearing aids, all without a relay device.

The aids automatically transition from one device to another when you move from room to room. And the Starkey Hearing Technologies wireless hearing aids come in three custom styles including completely-in-canal (CIC), in-the-canal (ITC) and in-the-ear (ITE).

**Surprising fact No. 6**  
- Despite the prevalence of hearing loss, less than 15 percent of American adults who get a physical exam this year will also have their hearing screened by their physician or nurse during that exam, a BHI survey indicates.

"The vast majority of doctors in today's health care system don't include hearing health as a routine part of annual exams,

despite the fact that more than 95 percent of those with hearing loss could benefit from hearing aids,"

Dr. Sergei Kochkin, executive director of BHI, said in a press release announcing the survey.



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# How to prevent accidental medication poisoning in children

Every day in the United States, about 165 kids - or roughly four busloads of children - are seen in emergency rooms for accidental medication poisonings. Medications are the leading cause of accidental child poisoning deaths today, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

A new report by Safe Kids Worldwide found that the percentage of child-poisoning deaths due to medications has nearly doubled - from 36 percent to 64 percent - even though the death rate among children from poisoning overall has been cut in half since the 1970s.

The report offers several reasons for the increase in medication poisoning:

- More medications than ever are in the home, especially prescription pain medication.

- The pace of today's lifestyle may prevent caregivers from immediately putting medicines away in a high, out-of-sight and locked location after every use.

- The rise in multi-generational households means children may now have greater access to grandparents' medications.

"More than 60,000 children are treated in emergency rooms each year due to accidental medication ingestion when they were unsupervised," says Kate Carr, president and CEO of Safe Kids Worldwide, who released the research. "Every one of those trips could have been prevented. We can and must do better to ensure parents, grandparents and caregivers have the right information when it comes to safely storing and dosing medication."

Among young children, 95 percent of medication-related poisoning visits to emergency rooms are caused by a child ingesting



medication while unsupervised, and approximately 5 percent are due to dosing mistakes made by caregivers, according to published studies.

Safe Kids Worldwide recommends the following tips to protect young children:

1. Always put medicines and vitamins up and away and in a locked location after every use. Never leave them on the counter between dosings. Don't be tempted to "keep them handy" in a purse, backpack or briefcase, or in an unlocked cabinet or a drawer within a child's reach.

2. Always read and follow label instructions when giving medicines to children. If your child's medication does not have dosing information or instructs you to call a doctor for the dose, be sure that the doctor knows the exact product you are trying to use, because dosing

differs among products.

3. Only use the dosing device packaged with the medications.

Never use a household utensil, such as a teaspoon or tablespoon, to measure medicine.

4. Up to 20 percent of pediatric poisonings involve a grandparent's medication, according to the Journal of American Osteopathic Association. Make sure that all medications in the child's environment are stored out of reach and out of sight.

5. Program the nationwide Poison Help number (800-222-1222) into your phones.

For more helpful tips and to read the full report, "Safe Storage, Safe Dosing, Safe Kids: A Report to the Nation on Safe Medication," visit [www.SafeKids.org](http://www.SafeKids.org).

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## Steps to prevent heart disease

You may already know that heart disease is the No. 1 killer in America, and that factors like obesity increase your risk of developing it. But of all the shocking things you know or believe you know about heart disease, here's the statistic that you might find the most eye-opening: 80 percent of all heart disease is preventable.

"It's important that everyone understand as much as possible about heart disease prevention, as 80 percent of heart disease can be avoided," says Dr. Martha Grogan, medical editor-in-chief of the new book "Mayo Clinic Healthy Heart for Life!"

Heart disease claims the lives of 600,000 Americans each year, and another 12.7 million suffer from heart attacks. One in three women are diagnosed with heart disease and 50 percent of men are at risk of heart attacks before age 65. Those statistics may make you feel like you, too, are in the cross-hairs for developing heart disease. Some lifestyle changes, however, can help you greatly reduce your risks.

In the new book, available now online and in bookstores nationwide, Mayo Clinic experts discuss risk factors for heart disease, how to recognize the symptoms, and what lifestyle steps you can take to help reduce your risk. The catchphrase "Eat 5, Move 10, Sleep 8" sums up the approach Mayo experts advocate to minimize heart disease risks. The slogan reminds you to eat five servings of fruits and vegetables each day, do at least 10 minutes of moderately intense physical exercise daily, and get at least eight hours of sleep per night.

In addition, Mayo experts say, 10 simple steps can help you minimize your risk of heart disease. Here's a sampling of the steps that



you'll find in the clinic's new heart healthy book:

- **Eat healthy** - Adopt simple dietary changes such as eating at least five fruits and vegetables each day, switching to whole grains and lean proteins, and eating a healthy breakfast every day.

- **Be active** - A sedentary lifestyle is as deadly as smoking, experts say. Exercising just 10 minutes a day can deliver significant heart-health benefits. Have trouble sticking with an exercise plan? Finding something you enjoy doing, whether it's playing a sport, running, tai chi, yoga or extreme house cleaning, can help you maintain your commitment to exercising.

- **Sleep well** - Sleep deprivation has serious health repercussions, including increasing your risk of heart disease. Conversely, getting adequate sleep can actually have a restorative effect on the heart. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says sleep deprivation has become a national public health epidemic. Creating a bedtime routine and a relaxing sleep environment can help you get the eight hours of sleep per night that your body

needs.

- **Plan for emergencies** - A heart emergency can happen at any time, so it's important to know the warning signs of a problem. Learn to recognize symptoms of a crisis, and act quickly to get medical help.

- **Enjoy life** - A positive attitude, supportive network of family and friends, and good management of your stress not only improve your heart health, they can improve your overall enjoyment of life, as well.

In addition to offering solid advice and the 10 steps to heart health, the "Mayo Clinic Healthy Heart for Life!" also discusses how the heart functions, what can go wrong, tools for ongoing heart health, and tips on how to keep your whole family heart healthy.

"Following these steps can help you dramatically reduce your risk of heart disease, even though it can't be completely eliminated," Grogan says. "If you've done everything in your power to prevent heart disease or live with it as effectively as possible, then you have, indeed, conquered it."

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