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Pinckney Expo Draws Crowds

The Laughing Duck Publication Introduced

The Pinckney Business Expo took place April 21 providing local business owners an opportunity to demonstrate their products and services to the community. The turnout was better than expected and may be signs of an improving economy.

Two local residents seized the opportunity to not only promote their businesses but maybe launch a new career. Charlotte Schiller of Klaves Marine and Victor Banta a freelance photographer teamed up to publish their first collaborative effort "The Laughing Duck" a collection of photographs and poems characterizing life on the Portage Chain of Lakes.

Shiller's passion for the Chain of Lakes and the environment led her to Banta, a world traveler and skilled artist in capturing photographic images of the natural world. Banta contributed images and Schiller created thought provoking poems of life and living on the Lakes.

The book was introduced to the public during the Expo. Shiller and Banta autographed and distributed copies at their first official book signing. All proceeds from the book will be



Victor Banta and Charlotte Schiller at the Pinckney Business Expo April 21, during a book signing event that launched their new publication "The Laughing Duck."

donated to a bigger dream - the Laughing Duck Nature Center, a vision of Schiller's that will permit families and educational groups to reconnect with nature.

The facility will be located near Little Portage Lake close to the recently established

Reichert Nature Preserve providing a location and environment for learning. Anyone interested in receiving more information about the Nature Center or where to find copies of "The Laughing Duck" can reach Schiller at Klaves Marina 734-426-4532.

Sun Times Office Has Relocated

The Sun Times office is located at **300 N. Main Street, Suite 1 in downtown Chelsea** (next to the Clocktower building). Please note the new address for mailed correspondents and payments. **The new telephone number is (734)562-2325. New fax is (734)562-2398**

All email addresses remain the same

See page two for a complete listing.

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The Sun Times coverage area of Chelsea, Pinckney, Stockbridge, Dexter, Unadilla and Waterloo remains the same.

Like Father Like Son

In 1986 RB Shepherd set the Stockbridge Middle School 800 meter record with a time of 2:13.7. This record would stand for over a quarter century until it was broken this year.

On the afternoon of April 18, RB's son Austin Shepherd broke his father's long-standing record. The new Stockbridge Middle Schools record time for the 800 meters stands at 2:12.2.

April 20, 2012 the official national ranking web site (<http://www.athletic.net>) had Shepherd seated as the 8th fastest middle school 800 meter athlete in the nation. Currently there are 4,620 sanctioned middle school runners in the 800m.

Austin Shepherd holding his dad's previous record plate.



After holding the 800 meter dash record time for 26 years, RB Shepherd's plaque was replaced - by his son's, Austin Shepherd. Photo courtesy of RB Shepherd.

Chelsea Wellness Center Shares Equipment, Stockbridge Coalition Considers Community Fitness Center

By Melinda Baird

Stockbridge Wellness Coalition members were visibly excited during last Thursday evening's regular meeting when Chelsea Wellness Foundation Executive Director Amy Heydlauff offered the coalition 24 strength training machines free of charge. The machines, all different, will be available this August when Chelsea Wellness Center upgrades its equipment.

In presenting the offer, Heydlauff added two caveats: the machines must be accessible to the Stockbridge community, and they must be picked up from Chelsea Wellness Center by a yet-to-be-determined date in August. "You need to make a decision quickly whether or

not you want the equipment," said Heydlauff. "Otherwise, we're going to look for other options." Coalition members did not hesitate in accepting, sparking lively discussion of a potential future home for the machines.

Coalition member Jo Mayer reported a strong interest in the equipment by high school football staff, generating discussion of a possible joint use agreement in which community members and student athletes would share access to equipment housed in the high school's existing weight room. Also mentioned was the possibility of a reverse joint use agreement which would allow for location change should a more appealing facility present itself in the future.

Mayer commented that the transition of machines to the high school would be smooth since the school already has a facility in place, insurance, and a population guaranteed to use the equipment, not to mention a football team eager to help move the heavy apparatuses.

The opportunity to replace the high school's existing strength training machines, estimated to be 40 years old, with CWC equipment made sense to coalition member Laura Hejnal in terms of safety and quality. "They're junk; they're dangerous," she said of the current machines.

However, hours of operation, proper supervision, as well as size and accessibility to the space itself raised concerns among members.

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Dexter Returns to (Mostly) Normal After Tornado

Melinda Baird

"Public safety has been secured and our role has been fulfilled," said Supervisor Pat Kelly to board members Thursday evening about Dexter Township's response to the March 15 tornado. "Now it is a matter of helping where we can as individuals."

At Tuesday's regular meeting, board member and Dexter Tornado Relief Fund committee member Libby Brushaber reported the initiative has raised approximately \$170,000. Organizers are continuing to process resident's applications for financial relief from tornado clean-up through mid-summer.

Approximately \$45,000 from the relief fund has already been dispersed to 40 different applicants, and 15 applications are ready for review.

Organizers are also awaiting further information from 60 applicants.

Additionally, the board discussed waiving the required \$400 zoning fee to residents who wish to expand, extend or move the structure of their homes while in the process

of tornado repair. Fees for zoning permits to simply repair tornado damage had already been waived soon after the tornado, but some residents further questioned township's regulations.

"If the replacement building is a different profile (including higher roof pitch), location, height, or square footage, then I am prohibited from issuing a zoning permit," clarified Director of Planning and Zoning Patrick Sloan. In that case, residents are required to pay filing fees of \$400 to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Some members believed waiving the \$400 for those making small changes to align with building code was a reasonable "extension of kindness."

"If they're expanding it, they should pay for it," said Brushaber in disagreement.

"Whatever we decide has to be fair. It's a slippery slope in the fairness world," Kelly acknowledged.

Ultimately, the board did not take action to waive the \$400 ZBA fee but reiterated residents aggrieved by a

Zoning Board of Appeals decision has the right to come before the board to plead a case for a waive or fee reduction.

WAVE (Washtenaw Area Value Express) representative Michaelene Pawlak was praised by board members for sending a brand-new bus to help shuttle hundreds of tornado clean-up volunteers in the aftermath of the storm. "I understand you had to clean up a whole lot of mud on a never-before-used bus!" said Kelly.

Members approved Pawlak's request for a \$5,000 contribution to the transportation service for 2012, equal in value to the 2011 contribution. According to Pawlak, ridership data indicated a 211% increase in Dexter Township since last year (473 rides in 2011 versus 1,472 rides in 2012). Based on the costs of these rides, Pawlak explained the requested contribution level of \$5,000 is far below the actual cost to provide the rides.

"Why didn't you ask for more?" inquired Kelly with a smile.

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Obituaries

Mary Francis "Marie" Morgan Stockbridge, Michigan

Passed away at age 89, Friday, April 20, 2012 at McLaren-Greater Lansing, Greenlawn Campus (Ingham Regional Medical Center) surrounded by her family. She was born June 17, 1922 to Anna and Louis Frank in Omaha, Nebraska. Her family moved to the Stockbridge area in 1932 where she resided until her death. Marie graduated from Stockbridge High School where she was active on the tennis and baseball teams. She graduated from County Normal with a teaching degree. During WWII she was a riveter at Willow Run Airport. She married Raymond E. Morgan on September 9, 1950 at SS Cornelius & Cyprian Catholic Church, Bunkerhill, where she was a lifetime member. They had five children: Julia Woodling of Temperance, Rita (Rich) McKellips of Spring Lake, Kathleen Porzolt of Stockbridge, Kevin Morgan of Fitchburg, and Shaun Morgan (Kim) of Stockbridge. She also had five granddaughters: Sheila Masters of Washington,

D.C., Lindsey Goss of Logan, Utah, Morgan (Mike) Graves of Clarklake, Stephanie (Bryan) Hoekstra of Grand Rapids, and Ashley Porzolt of Jackson, and one nephew, Paul (Pat) Patten of Tecumseh. She worked at the Stockbridge Post Office for 25 years, first as a clerk, later as a rural mail carrier and then as a clerk again. She delivered Meals on Wheels for several years. She was a very active lady through the years, playing sports, clogging, line dancing, etc. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and her sister and brother-in-law, Dick and Ceil Patten.

Funeral Mass took place Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at SS Cornelius & Cyprian Catholic Church, followed by burial at the church cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Town Hall Players of Stockbridge, 4515 Shepper Road, Stockbridge, MI 49285.

Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

Theodore L. "Ted" Watters Stockbridge Michigan

Passed away at age 76, Monday, April 23, 2012 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Funeral Services will take place Friday, April 27, 2012 at 2pm from the Family Tabernacle Church of God with Pastor Jeff Howard and Dan Miller co-officiating. Burial will follow at North Stockbridge Cemetery.

Michael "Mike" Wireman Chelsea, Michigan

Passed away at age 52, Thursday, April 19, 2012 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was born April 7, 1960 in Kentucky, the son of Morgan & Doria M. (Bailey) Wireman. Mike was a member of the Grass Lake Sportsman Club. He worked as a brick and stone mason, and as a truck driver. Mike loved to read cookbooks and try new recipes. He would never let you go away hungry. Survivors include his siblings, Lloyd (Eula) Eddy of Chelsea, Betty (Patchell) Minix of Kentucky, Penny Romine of Chelsea, Rosie (Kenneth) Burkes of Dexter, Dave (Joy) Wireman of Georgia, Eugene Wireman of Indiana, Ronnie Wireman of Indiana, Donna Craig of Indiana; one aunt, Dorothy (Ramey) Wireman of

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Legion Mackinder-Glen Post 510 in Stockbridge or Stockbridge Area Emergency Service Authority.

The family will receive friends at the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home in Stockbridge Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.



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Kentucky, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Morgan Wireman and Doria Abdon. No public services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel, Chelsea.

POLICE BEAT

Waterloo Township Police

- 4/9 ~ Handled a littering complaint on Waterloo-Munith Road where the suspect was identified and an appearance citation issued for littering on a public roadway.
- ~ Responded to a traffic crash near the intersection of Portage Lake Road and Huttenlocker at 3:31 pm.
- ~ Arrested a local man on a warrant after he was picked up by the Hillsdale County Sheriff Department at 4:14 pm.
- 4/10 ~ Began an investigation of a home invasion on Territorial Road, just west of Musbach Road at 8:50 am.
- ~ Began a parallel investigation into stolen checks from a local company and forged in Livingston County where the suspect is the same as the home invasion.
- ~ Arrested a Grass Lake woman on a felony larceny warrant from an investigation conducted by police into thefts from a home on Clear Lake Road.
- ~ Arrested a Gregory man for possession of a switch blade, possession of marijuana, and possession of burglar tools as part of the home invasion investigation.
- 4/11 ~ Executed two search warrants regarding the home invasion investigation.
- 4/12 ~ Executed another search warrant on a home in Gregory along with the Unadilla Township Police concerning the home invasion investigation.
- ~ Issued an appearance ticket to a man seen driving on M-52 who has a suspended driver's license at 4:28 pm.
- 4/13 ~ Arrested a Waterloo man for home invasion, felony firearms, and larceny of a firearm for the home invasion on Territorial Road.
- 4/15 ~ Did a personal welfare check on a woman sitting beside the road on Clear Lake Road at 3:40 pm.
- 4/16 ~ Responded to a report of a tree down in the road on Mt. Hope Road south of Hannewald Road at 1:05 pm.
- ~ Checked the area of Seymour Road near Trist for another tree down in the roadway at 4:23 pm.
- ~ Checked local businesses in Munith for power outage issues.
- 4/17 ~ Found a tree leaning into the traffic way of Waterloo-Munith Road south of Schumacher at 11:25 am.
- 4/19 ~ Assisted Blackman Department of Public Safety on a traffic stop on I-94 near Race Road for a drug search at 7:31 pm.
- 4-21 ~ Responded to a domestic dispute at an address in Coachman's Cove MHP at 4:38 pm.

Chelsea City Police

- 4/20 ~ S. Main Street at Old US 12, while on routine patrol at approximately 11pm, an officer observed a vehicle disregard a traffic signal and proceed through a red light. The officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the driver. It was later determined that the driver, a 59 year old Chelsea man was under the influence of alcohol. Standard field sobriety tests were performed on the driver and he was subsequently placed under arrest for operating under the influence of alcohol over .08% The suspect was transported to the Washtenaw County Jail, where he would be held until under the legal limit. Case open pending laboratory analysis by the Michigan State Police crime lab and authorization review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office.
- 4/20 ~ 1200 Block S. Main Street, while on routine patrol at approximately 10pm the Chelsea Police Department was requested to respond to the 1200 Block of S. Main Street for the report of a larceny that had occurred in the early morning hours of April 19. The complainant stated that an employee was observed on video surveillance taking a pack of cigarettes without paying for them. The suspect a 18 year old Stockbridge man was interviewed and released. Case open pending authorization review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutors Office.

Unadilla Township Police

- 4/15 ~ Trash dumping, Williamsville Road
- 4/16 ~ Suspicious vehicle parked in homeowner's field, Wasson Road
- ~ Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Williamsville Road
- ~ Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Roepke Road
- 4/17 ~ Loud noise disturbance, Lori Lane
- ~ Abandoned bicycle, Doyle Road
- ~ Breaking and entering of vacant residence and criminal damaging of property inside, Wasson Road
- 4/19 ~ Arrest of 43-year-old Unadilla Township man for possession of marijuana bench warrant, subject was transferred to MSP who transported him to Coldwater, W. M-36
- ~ Executed search warrant of residence regarding sex offender investigation, W. M-36
- ~ Attempted larceny of copper coils from air conditioning unit, Unadilla Road
- ~ Homeowner reported aggressive Pit Bull wandering in her yard, report to be forwarded to prosecuting attorney for review of failure to control dog complaint, Wasson Road
- ~ Assisted Livingston County Sheriff Department with investigation of fight in progress call at Pinckney Pub, suspect having a knife, Dexter-Pinckney Road
- ~ Two more home Invasions cleared, one on Williamsville Road and the other one on Roepke Road in Lyndon Township. UTPD Officers recovered stolen property from Detroit related to this investigation
- 4/20 ~ Child custody dispute, W. Trebesh Circle
- ~ Someone ringing doorbell at 2:00 am, San Marino Drive
- 4/21 ~ Assisted Livingston County Sheriff Department with arrest of 29-year-old Texas woman for domestic violence, Patterson Lake Road

Pinckney Village Police

- 4/15 ~ Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Pearl Street
- 89-year-old driver became lost and drove to Pinckney from Livonia, subject stopped for speeding infraction and examined by EMS, family member called to transport woman home, E. Main Street
- ~ Noise disturbance, Cricket Crossing
- 4/16 ~ Charges authorized by prosecutor against 30-year-old Putnam Township man for Felony resisting and obstructing a police officer, possession of Heroin, driving without a driver license and being an habitual offender, N. Howell Street
- 4/18 ~ 29-year-old Pinckney man arrested and released for driving while license suspended, E. Main Street
- ~ Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department for medical emergency, E. Hamburg Street
- ~ Domestic dispute, E. Hamburg Street
- 4/19 ~ Execution of search warrant at residence for child sexual abuse investigation which occurred in the Village of Pinckney and in Unadilla Township, W. M-36
- ~ Trespassing, W. Main Street
- ~ Open door investigation, S. Howell Street
- ~ Assisted Livingston County Sheriff Department with investigation of fight in progress call at Pinckney Pub, suspect having a knife, Dexter-Pinckney Road
- 4/21 ~ 16-year-old runaway located by Lucas County Sheriff Department near Toledo, Cattail Ln.
- ~ Assisted Livingston County Sheriff Department with arrest of 29-year-old Texas woman for domestic violence, Patterson Lake Road
- ~ Assisted Hamburg Township Police Department with intrusion alarm and open door investigation (location not published)

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To Fellow Residents of Sylvan Township:

As a librarian and a resident of Sylvan Township, I am writing in response to the letter from Arlene Grau, Sylvan Township Treasurer that was published in the April 18 issue of The Sun Times News. The analogy made by Arlene between the millage owed by Sylvan Township for the water/sewer system and the millage paid by township residents to be members of the Chelsea District library was totally ludicrous.

Sylvan township residents pay 0.8 mills to support the library. The water/sewer bond debacle will cost the township more than \$14 million.

The millage to repay the county for these bonds may range from 4.5 mills to something much higher if decided by a court judgment. The repayment period could range from 15 to 20 years. Compared to this, the library millage is a miniscule amount. I, for one, realize much more than 0.8 mills in value from using the library.

Thankful for the Local Waterloo Police

We want to say "THANK YOU Tom Cottrell and The Waterloo Police Department."

In less than one week they captured and arrested the two men responsible for the break-in of our home. In their prompt and persistent search for the two men responsible, they recovered just about all of our belongings and the belongings taken from other local homes.

A few weeks ago our TOWNSHIP BOARD wanted to do away with our township police or replace them with rent-a-cops from Jackson County.

We want to say... "THANK GOD for Tom Cottrell and the rest of our Waterloo Police Department." We need this group of people.

We want to remind the board and everyone else, how important it is to have a local police department. Remember how many meth cooks, sellers and users they have pulled off our streets, also the thieves that have invaded our homes. This police department has done more for us than we really know.

It takes police that work local, that know everyone local. As a local business owner and home owner, we feel safer having them here.

In addition, the library millage is one that was voted on by township residents, something we were never permitted to do for the water/sewer bond. Even though people may choose not to make use of library services, they remain available to all residents of the township whether they voted in favor of the millage or not. The water/sewer system will never be made available to the entire township of Sylvan, even if everyone desires it, which I certainly do not.

I can only urge that the residents of Sylvan Township take the opportunity to educate themselves regarding issues surrounding the township elections in November and that you will support the Freesylvan slate of candidates for a more honest, transparent and equitable township government.

Janice Carr
 Sylvan Township Resident

What Should You Do with a 401(k) When Leaving a Job?

Submitted by Edward Jones

Your 401(k) plan is a great way to save for retirement. But when you leave your job, what should you do with your 401(k)?

You've got a few options. You could cash out your plan, but you'll have to pay taxes, and if you're under 59-1/2, you may face a 10 percent IRS penalty.

If your former employer permits it, you could keep your money in your 401(k). Or, if your new employer allows transfers, you could move your assets to the new 401(k).

Finally, you could roll your 401(k) over to an IRA. Your money still has the potential to grow tax-deferred, just as it did in your 401(k), but with

an IRA, you'd have many more investment options available.

Before making any moves with your 401(k), consult with your tax and financial advisors. By looking closely at your options, and by getting professional guidance, you can make the choice that's right for you.

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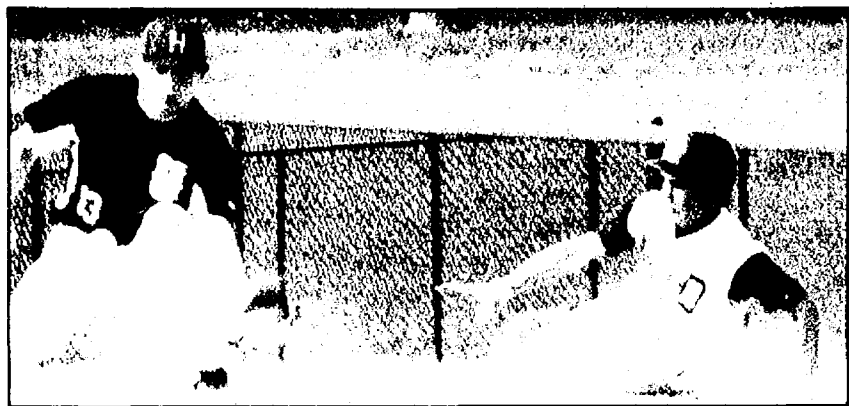
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Dexter COMMUNITY Baseball Squad Continues to Heat Up Diamond



Greg Goffee stealing 3rd base.
Photo by Dawn Miller

The Dexter baseball team continued its early season success as the Dreadnaughts went 8-0 over the past two weeks.

Dexter had an easy time with Salem as they took the doubleheader 12-1 and 13-2.

Brennan Maisch earned the win on the mound, striking out seven and going the distance.

The offense pounded out 11 hits. After a slow start the Dreadnaughts trailed 1-0 after three innings, but Dexter scored four runs in the fourth and fifth innings to take an 8-1 lead.

Hank Dreffs, Greg Goffee, Mackay Little, Jordan Sharp, and Chris Zalucha each had two hits. Zalucha added four RBI's.

Little earned the win in the nightcap, allowing four hits and two runs. He gave up a run in the first and then set down 14 batters in a row as Dexter took control.

Sharp led the offense with three hits, including a home run. He also scored three times and knocked in three runs.

"Jordan had a great day at the plate," coach Don Little said. "He is really seeing the ball well right now."

Goffee and Mioduszewski had two hits each.

The Dreadnaughts had another easy time with Gabriel Richard, downing the Irish 12-6 and 12-2.

The opener the Dreadnaughts scored five runs in the first and held the Irish off for the win.

Joel Gowen picked up the win, while Ben Finn struck out three in relief.

Zack Byron led the offense with three hits and three RBI's, while Dylan Pierce added three hits and two RBI's.

The nightcap saw Bryce Walls allowed four hits to earn the win for Dexter.

Byron again led the offense with two hits and three runs scored. Brett Garwood added two hits and three RBI's, and Goffee two hits.

The Dreadnaughts took a pair of games from Ann Arbor Huron Thursday, April 19, winning 4-0 and 4-2.

Gowen was dominant on the mound allowing just four hits and striking out five in the complete game.

Sharp led the offense with two hits, while Dylan Pierce added a double.

The Dreadnaughts pounded out nine hits in the second game, with Dreff picking up two hits and two RBI's. Mioduszewski added a double and triple, and Byron two hits, including a double.

Bryce Walls picked up the win going 5 and 2/3 innings, while Ben Finn earned the save pitching the final one and a third innings.

The Dreadnaughts took two from Monroe earlier in the week.

Brennan Maisch and Dylan Pierce picked up the wins on the

mound for Dexter. Maisch allowed just four hits in seven innings, while Pierce struck out 11 in five innings.

The first game saw Zack Byron pick up three hits, while Jordan Sharp had two including a home run.

Mike Mioduszewski had three hits in the night cap, while Chris Zalucha had two hits and two RBI's.



Taylor Schmidt slides into the base. Photo by Dawn Miller

Soccer Continues Hot Play

The varsity girls' soccer team continued to roll over its opponents as the Dreadnaughts swept three games last week.

Dexter opened the week by routing Monroe 8-0.

The Dreadnaughts scored six times in the first half and never looked back.

Olivia Vollmers led the offensive attack with two goals and two assists, while Nicole Lucas scored a pair of goals. Alex Dinsler assisted on three goals, while Victoria Pepper had a goal and assist.

Kaitlyn Kivi, Emily Tarnacki, and Celina Suneson all scored goals, while Kat Kerska and Madeline Judge recorded assists.

Sarah Silvasi recorded one save in net for the win.

The Dreadnaughts then won a hard fought 1-0 decision over Ann Arbor Huron.

Pepper scored the lone goal of the game in the first half, knocking

Dexter opened the week by defeating University Liggett 13-9.

The Dreadnaughts controlled the first half and led 9-2 at halftime, but the second half was a different story.

Liggett, chipped away at the Dexter lead and made things interesting, but the Dreadnaughts were able to hold on for the victory.

Tennis Improves to 3-0

The girls' tennis team saw its record improve to 3-0 on the season as the Dreadnaughts steam rolled Adrian 8-0.

Singles players dominated as the four combined to lose just two games out of eight sets.

Picking up wins were Carly Glahn, Kayla Harris, Shea Holman, and Maggie Chesborough.

The doubles teams were not much worse as the closest set out of the four victories was 6-2.

Winning doubles teams were Amelia Sadler and Polly Washabaugh, Christine Dezeuw and Elle Presley, Hannah Kimball and Jenna Quirk and Kristen Ewen and Natalie Josephine.

Water Polo goes 2-2 at Saline Invitational

The girls' water polo teams faced some stiff competition at the Saline Invitational this past weekend and came home with a 2-2 record.

Dexter used a big first half to cruise to a 10-2 win over Troy Friday night.

The Dreadnaughts jumped out to a 4-2 lead after one period and extended the lead to 7-2 by halftime and cruised from there.

Hailey Sheats stopped five shots in net to earn the win for Dexter. The defense stifled Troy, shutting them out over the last three periods. Molly Keenan led the offense with four goals and an assist. Callie Swan scored three goals, while Katie Kleinhenz scored a goal and an assist. Alicia Kloczek and Melissa Vesey also added goals.

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Softball Team Opens Season 3-1



Broke Lupi makes a diving catch in center field during the sweep of Huron. Photo by Dawn Miller

The Dexter varsity softball opened its season on a high note as the Dreadnaughts went 3-1 on the week.

Dexter opened the season by splitting a doubleheader with Jackson Northwest.

They dropped the opener 10-4, but bounced back to take the nightcap 16-5.

Northwest got off to a fast start in the opener and Dexter was never able to recover.

The Mounties scored three runs in the first and second innings to take a 6-0 lead after two.

Dexter cut the lead to 6-1 in the third, but Northwest scored two more runs to take a 8-1 lead.

The Dreadnaughts made it 8-4 in the fourth, but would get no closer.

Lauren DeHaan led the offense with two hits, including a double, while Megan Sweetland added a

double.

DeHaan took the loss on the mound, striking out two.

The second game saw Dexter fall behind 3-1 after two innings, but the Dreadnaughts bats exploded for eight runs in the third and two in the fourth to take a 11-5 lead.

Dexter added a run in the fifth and put the game away with four in the sixth.

Broke Lupi had a huge game with three hits, including two home runs and three RBI's. Mara Bottomley added two hits for the offense as the Dreadnaughts pounded out 15 hits. Aubree Whitley earned the win on the mound, striking out four.

The Dreadnaughts swept a doubleheader from Ann Arbor Huron, easily winning 10-0 and 12-2.

No individual stats were available.

Girls' Lacrosse Seeps Pair

The Dexter girls' Lacrosse team had a strong week as the Dreadnaughts swept a pair of matches.

Dexter defeated North Farmington 13-8 Friday, April 13.

Cassie Kloczek led the Dreadnaughts with four goals, while Sarah Prielipp added three. Megan Flocken also scored two goals.

Dexter jumped out to an early lead 6-1 against Plymouth Salem Monday and were able to hold on for the 12-8 win.

Kloczek led the Dreadnaughts with five goals. Prielipp chipped in with three goals, Amanda Reed two, Flocken and Tara Talbot one each.

Golfers Clip Tecumseh

The Dexter golf team kicked off its season by defeating Tecumseh 227-234 last week.

The Dreadnaughts were led by Brennan Conters round of 42.

Michael Garcia and Kyle Worthy each fired rounds of 45, while Ryan Shoner shot a 47 and Jeff Wicks 48.

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Dreadnaught Lacrosse Cruises to 3 Wins

The boys' lacrosse team continued its early domination as the Dreadnaughts rolled to three victories this week.

Dexter opened the week by defeating University Liggett 13-9.

The Dreadnaughts controlled the first half and led 9-2 at halftime, but the second half was a different story.

Liggett, chipped away at the Dexter lead and made things interesting, but the Dreadnaughts were able to hold on for the victory.

Andy McDonagh led the offense with five goals and an assist. Jake Waldrup added three goals and two assists, while Michael Spuller scored twice and had two assists.

Dexter took it to Tecumseh, pounding the Indians 16-6.

The Dreadnaughts once again got off to a fast start, taking a 9-2 lead at halftime and this time there was no let up in the second half as they cruised to the win.

Spuller led the offense with four goals and four assists, while Ian

Wiesenberg had four goals and one assist. Hunter Hook scored four goals, Connor Benson and Ed Hafner one each. McDonagh dished out five assists and Chris Staton stopped eight shots in net.

The Dreadnaughts continued their hot play as they crushed Ypsilanti 18-2.

Dexter took a 7-1 lead after one quarter and never looked back.

Waldrup had a monster game with eight goals and two assists, while Spuller added five goals and four assists.

Benson scored three goals, while Louis Kurcz and Wiesenberg each scored one. Staton made seven saves for the win.

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Stockbridge COMMUNITY

Panthers Take Two from Lansing Christian

The Stockbridge baseball team had a strong showing last week as the Panthers swept a doubleheader from Lansing Christian.

The Panthers dominated the Pilgrims 18-1 and 8-2.

The opener was all Stockbridge as they pounded out 14 hits in the five inning mercy.

Mitch Clark earned the win on the mound, striking out six and allowing just four hits.

Chris Balkus led the offensive explosion with four hits, four RBI's and scored three runs. Brad Breslin had three hits, three RBI and scored four times.

Tim Fullerton was the star in the second game as he went the distance on the mound, striking out nine and allowing three hits. He also led the offense with three hits and three RBI's.

The Panthers opened the week by dropping a pair to Haslett 11-1 and 10-7.

The offense could only muster two hits in the opener, with Nick Balkus picking up a triple and

scoring a run.

Anthony Rickle took the loss, striking out one.

The second game was a different story as the Panthers built 7-4 lead, but the Vikings scored three in the fifth and three in the sixth to pull out the win.

Nick Balkus again led the offense with a pair of hits and three RBI's.

Tyler Good took the loss, striking out one.

Stockbridge split a doubleheader with Erie Mason, winning the opener 15-8 and dropping the nightcap 7-6.

The Panthers pounded out 17 hits in the opener, led by Connor Knepley with a home run and four RBI's and three runs scored.

Justin Gipfert earned the win, striking out two.

The second game saw Erie Mason rally with runs in the sixth and seventh innings to pull out the 7-6 win.

Rickle took the loss, striking out three in seven innings of work.

Soccer Team Blanks Hillsdale

The girls' soccer team played probably its best game of the season last week as the Panthers shutout Hillsdale 2-0.

The defense stifled the Hornets, holding them to just one shot on goal that Marie Rodgers stopped to earn the shutout.

Kaila Arnett put Stockbridge on top with a goal in the first half with an assist going to Christa Maddick. Kairi Peterson sealed the victory

with a goal in the second half.

The Panthers opened the week by dropping a 3-1 decision to Leslie.

The game was tied 1-1 at half, thanks to another Arnett goal, but the Blackhaws put the game away with a pair of goals in the second half.

Rodgers stopped four shots in net for the Panthers.



Jessica Andrews makes a sliding steal against Leslie
Photo by Dawn Miller

Golfers 4th at SMAA Jamboree

The Stockbridge golf team came home with a fourth place finish at the first SMAA jamboree of the season last week.

Western easily won the jamboree with a team score of 164.

Columbia Central, Hillsdale, and Stockbridge were closely bunched in second thru fourth place. Columbia finished with 180.

Track Teams Split with Leslie

The boys' and girls' track teams splits their meets with Leslie last week, with the boys' coming out on top 81-55 amid the girls falling 82.5 to 44.5.

The boys' were led by the first place finishers of Marcus Prigge in the 300 hurdles and high jump. Josh Ensign in the 100 dash, Evan Upshur in the 400 and 800,

Hillsdale 180, and the panthers 187. Leslie was close behind with 190, and Lansing Christian sixth with 193.

David Campbell led the Panthers with a nine hole total of 43, followed by Riley Long with 46. Evan Fletcher shot a 48, while Garrett Battle and Alex Noffsinger each shot a round of 50.

Jake Hamblin in the shot put and discus, Kyle Losey in the 1600, Alec Armstrong in the 3200, and Scott Watson in the pole vault.

The girls' team had first place finishes by Jasmine Holloway in the 800, Jayme Plennert in the 100 and 300 hurdles, and Kelsey Crockett in the 400.

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Pinckney Track 9th at Balawajder Relays

The Pinckney boys' and girls track teams had a combined effort to finish in ninth place finish out of 16 schools at Milford's Balawajder Relay's Saturday.

The meet is special because the relay teams are a combination of boys and girls with two from each team competing in each event.

The Pirates finished with 36 points in the meet that Saline won with 67.

Pinckney was led by the first place finish of the high jump relay team of Peter Barry, Katie Yenor, Melanie Brennan, and Ryan Rogers.

They combined for a team leap of 20 feet six inches.

The meet also had some special races, which included a 4 x 1600 relay that the Pirates took fourth

in, and shuttle hurdles sixth. They also had a fourth place finish in the 400 relay and a sixth in the 800 relay.

The teams split a meet with Brighton last week as the boys' team beat the Bulldogs 77-60 and the girls falling to Brighton 106-31.

Eric Fegan led the Pirates by winning three events. He won the 800, 1600, and 3200. Peter Barry won the high jump and the long jump, while Tyler Wagner won the 110 hurdles and the 300 hurdles. Tyler Schingek won the 100 and 200 dashes and Mike Bloom won the discus.

Sarah Utchel led the Lady Pirates with wins in the 100 and 200, while Cassidy Lambert took second in the long jump.

Softball Drops Pair to Mott



Tricia Gray struck out eight in the 4-3 ten inning loss to Waterford Mott last week Photo by Bennie Hessling

The girls' softball team opened its season by dropping a doubleheader to Waterford Mott last week.

The Pirates dropped the opener 4-3 in ten innings and the second game 13-5.

The second game was closer than the final score showed as Pinckney trailed just 7-5 after five innings. Mott blew it open with

six runs in the sixth.

Tricia Gary struck out eight on the mound in the opener for Pinckney.

Cheyenne Wallace led the Pirate offense by slugging four doubles in the twin bill.

Chelsea Wilson slugged a home run, a triple, and a single in the second game.

Pirate Soccer's Rough Week

Coming off of the spring recess, the Pinckney girls' soccer team had a rough go of it as the Pirates were held scoreless in a pair of contests last week.

Pinckney opened the week by hosting Grand Blanc and could never get on track as they fell 6-0.

The game was tight for one half as Grand Blanc led just 1-0 at halftime, but exploded for five

goals in the second half to pull away.

Pinckney could muster just four shots on goal in the contest.

The Pirates played much better against Brighton Thursday night, but still fell to the Bulldogs 2-0.

Kathryn Lundy stopped 11 shots on net for Pinckney.



Brianna Amat knocks the ball from a Grand Blanc defender during the Pirates 6-0 loss last week. Photo by Bennie Hessling



Kathryn Lundy dives for the stop. Photo by Bennie Hessling



PINCKNEY COMMUNITY

Golfers Win Pinckney Invitational

The Pinckney boys' golf team showed why they are the states third ranked team in Class A as the Pirates won its own Pinckney Invitational Saturday at Rush Lake Hills Golf Course.

The Pinckney Black team of Otto Black, Jason VanElzenga, Nick Morphew, Jordan Andrus, and Sam Black took first out of 22 teams at the event.

The Pirates finished with a team

score of 316.

Walled Lake Northern was second with 321 and Birmingham Graces third with 325.

Otto Black finished fourth overall and Andrus was seventh.

"The weather was an issue as far as temperature goes," coach Bruce Rabbitt said. "The boys' played through it and really learned how to grind one out."



The Pinckney boys' golf team holds the trophy for winning the Pinckney Invitational Saturday. Pictured are Otto Black, Jason VanElzenga, Nick Morphew, Jordan Andrus, and Sam Black.
Photo provided by Coach Bruce Rabbitt

Errors Send Pirates to 7-6 Loss

The Pinckney baseball team had its defense let them down in a 7-6 loss to Waterford Mott last week.

The Pirates built an early lead, but Pinckney committed three errors in the sixth inning that lead to the game winning runs by Mott. Duncan Purdy led the offense

with two doubles and two RBI's.

Jacob Clark collected two RBI and Michael Leech two hits for the Pirates.

Their doubleheader with Brighton scheduled for Friday was rained out.



Voight steps in to take the swing. Photo by Benny Hessling

Tennis 4th at Chelsea Inv.

A shorthanded Pinckney girls' tennis team finished in fourth place at the Chelsea Invitational Saturday.

Pinckney, which was missing several players, finished with 12

points in the event that Dearborn won with 25.

Amy Jackowski (number 2 singles) and Sarah Masinda (number three singles) each went 2-1 on the day and earned second place finishes.

The number two doubles team of Ashley Laramie and Kaitlyn Zdanowski finished third.

The Pirates struggled against Brighton earlier in the week, falling to the Bulldogs 8-1.

Leslie Wreford picked up the Pirates lone win at number four singles rallying for a 0-6, 7-5, 6-4 victory.

Masinda lost as hard fought 7-5, 6-2 match at three singles, while Rylie Haupt and Krusta Bagnick fell in one doubles 6-3, 7-5.



Dana Henderson ready to return the shot.
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April 27: 4th Friday Free Community Dinner, CE BLDG First Presbyterian Church, Stockbridge, from 5:30pm-7pm. Featuring spaghetti & homemade meatballs. All welcome.

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April 29: First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge, 101 S. Center St at 3pm. Celebration in joyful worship at the installation of Joe Ripley as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Stockbridge Reception immediately following.

May 2: 19th Annual Senior Concerto Concert, CHS on Freer Rd at 7pm

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STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF ED MEETING MINUTES APRIL 16 2012

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Board of Education Meeting Minutes April 16, 2012
President Goodlock called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The Board of Education approved/discussed the following items: As required by PA 241, a hearing was held to review Board Policy 8260 - Bullying. Copies of the policy were available for public review. Approved the minutes of the March 12, 2012 meeting. Authorized administration to enter into a Student Data and Assessment Management Software Consortium Agreement with the Intermediate School District. Authorized administration to recall a school secretary on layoff status for the period of May 11 through June 15, 2012. Approved the contract for Mike DeMint, Energy Management Coordinator, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, at no increased cost. Accepted the resignations of Karen Sheathelm, Curriculum Director, effective July 1, 2012; Marge Rivera, Elementary Teacher, effective October 31, 2012; and Leanna McCully, School Psychologist, effective July 1, 2012. Approved the first reading of the following Board Policies: 1030 - Membership; 3120 - Public Disclosure and Reporting; 8250 - Sex Offender Registry - Criminal Convictions; and 8260 - Bullying. Approved the participation in Section 105 and 105c School of Choice for the first semester of the 2012 - 2013 school year with unlimited openings. Extended the probationary period of high school teacher Bryan Tasior, through May 11, 2013. Granted tenure status to high school teacher Laura Bell, effective May 10, 2012. Approved the invoices in the amount of \$568,591.52 and payroll transfers in the amount of \$778,449.55, for the month of March, totaling \$1,347,041.07. President Goodlock adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.
Connie Risner, Recording Secretary - Complete minutes of the Board of Education meetings are posted on the district's website at www.panthernet.net

LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

PUBLIC HEARING RE: ORDINANCE OF EARTHEN MATERIALS

LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Lyndon Township Board of Trustees, 17751 N. Territorial Rd, Chelsea, MI 48118. Lyndon Township will hold a Public Hearing to consider an ordinance to regulate the Extraction of Sand, Gravel and Other Earthen Materials throughout Lyndon Township, on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7 PM at the Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Rd, Chelsea, MI 48118. Information and complete draft of the Ordinance Number 21 language regarding this matter may be inspected at the Township Clerk's Office during normal business hours. If you are unable to attend this hearing but wish to comment on this matter you may submit written comments to the Township Clerk's Office prior to 10:00 AM on May 15, 2012. If needed, requests for auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities may be made by contacting Lyndon Township in writing or by phone at 734-475-2401.

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Stockbridge Township Board Meeting Minutes

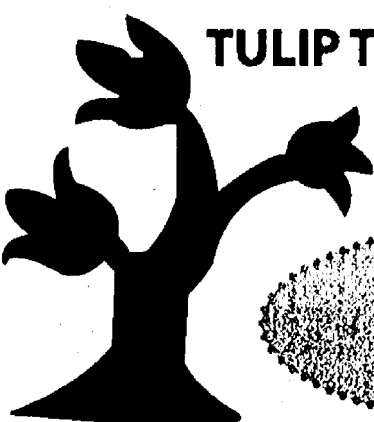
Stockbridge Township Board Meeting on April 16, 2012 was called to order, all board members present. Board accepted the March 21, 2012 Stockbridge Township Budget Meeting minutes as presented. Board accepted the March 28, 2012 Stockbridge Township Budget Hearing minutes as presented. Board accepted the March 19, 2012 Stockbridge Township Board Meeting minutes as presented. Board accepted the Stockbridge Township April 2012 Financial report as presented. Stockbridge Township approved to continue their contract with County Club Turf. Board approved "The Day in the Village" to continue using the Stockbridge Township Hall Ground's as in the past. Board approved Stockbridge Township monthly board meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM, also to continue using PHP firm as Stockbridge Township's auditing firm and to continue using SSB Bank and Farmers State Bank as Stockbridge Township's Depositories for the fiscal year April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. Board tabled Ingham County Public Safety Radio system cost policy. Board paid Stockbridge Township April 2012 bills. Complete minutes are available at webpage: stockbridge-township.com or at Stockbridge Township Office or any question 517-851-7658. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM. Submitted by Mary Wilson Stockbridge Township Clerk

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Stockbridge Coalition Considers A Community Fitness Center

Continued from the Front Page

Currently, the high school weight room is situated in the gym on an upper floor balcony behind bleachers. "The weight room's a cage," said member Tom Clark. "It's not monitored well."

Member Joe Muscato agreed. "And it's not a good place for the community to meet," he added.

"I think it should be in a place that is very visible, where it would hit you in the face," offered member Francis Laird. He suggested the creation of a new community center where all four aspects of the Chelsea Wellness Foundation mission - eat better, move more, avoid unhealthy substances, and make healthy connections - could be nurtured.

Realizing the costs involved, staffing, insurance, utilities, maintenance and additional equipment, members grappled with whether residents of the Stockbridge area would be willing to pay for membership to such a center. "We have not yet proven the concept that people in Stockbridge will do this. We need a strong sense the concept will work before putting money into a project," said member Dave Lindemer. "[A joint use agreement with the high school] would help prove the idea that people are going to use it."

Heydlauff suggested the coalition obtain a professional feasibility study which would examine a variety of variables, such as community interest in a center, individuals' willingness to pay, interest in particular services, per capita income and

Work Progresses On Pinckney Depot, Slowed Down On Lakelands Trail Project

By Lynne Beauchamp

A year has gone by since Pinckney High School student, Leslie Wreford, guided by then Pinckney High School teacher Joel Craig, presented depot renovation information to the Putnam Township board. The board voted in favor of applying for a Recreational Passport Grant and shortly thereafter a "Save the Depot" project partnership formed that includes the DNR, Putnam Township, Village of Pinckney, Friends of the Lakeland Trail, Stantec and Pinckney Community High School.

Putnam Township Supervisor, Ron Rau, indicated last year the depot renovation would be completed in four phases: phase I roof repair; phase II ramp and interior work; phase III water and

sewer hook-up; and phase IV consisting of whatever remained to be done.

During the Putnam Township meeting April 18 Rau reported the roof is completed and the bill was paid by the state. Cleaning and painting of the depot is scheduled for June 2, from 11am-2pm and volunteers are needed. If enough people volunteer trail clean up will begin that day as well.

Rau said the DNR is considering replacing and priming wood and Stantec has offered their services for free to develop floor and ramp plans.

While the depot project continues, the Pinckney Lakelands Trail project has stalled. According to township trustee and Lakelands Trail

Committee member, Norm Klein, a bat is slowing the project. Klein told board members that this particular bat likes to live in dead trees and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has adopted a rule prohibiting the removal of dead trees until October. "So we have learned that this project will most likely see some construction in the fall and final construction in spring [of 2013] because we can't do all the clearing we need to."

Klein added the trail work will mostly begin with the rebuilding of bridges and culvert/drain repair near Peaceful Valley Road, where the trail is caving in. "We are moving forward, just don't bet on it being done by this fall,"



Sporting a new roof paid for with state grant funding, the historic Pinckney Depot is beginning to show the benefits of efforts by the "Save the Depot" project partnership. Pinckney Community High School student Leslie Wreford initiated the building rehabilitation project one year ago. Since that time she was joined in her efforts by the DNR, Putnam Township officials, Pinckney Village officials, Friends of the Lakeland Trail, Stantec and Pinckney Community High School. Photo by Lynne Beauchamp.

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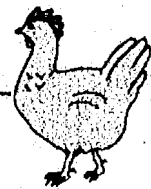
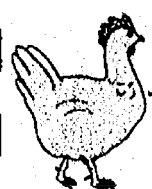
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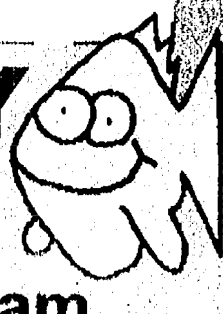
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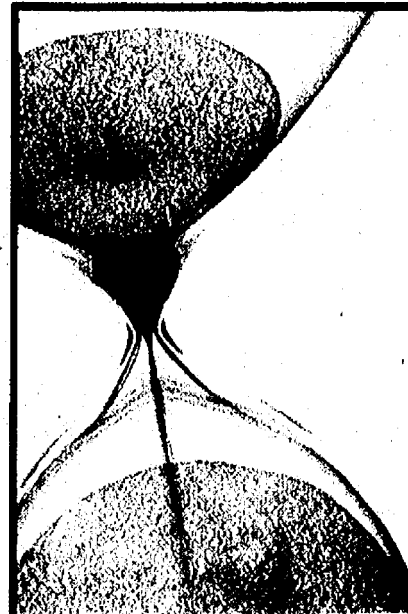
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Chelsea DDA Discusses Fire Authority and Longworth Building During Regular Meeting

By Lucy Silverio

Chelsea Area Fire Authority (CAFA) Board Chair Rod Anderson asked for possible future assistance with funding during a meeting of Chelsea Downtown Development Authority (CDDA) April 19.

Anderson said that because the economy is weak CAFA members are concerned the 1.8 mills currently levied for the authority may not be renewed in November.

Property owners in the City of Chelsea, Sylvan, Lyndon,

and Lima Townships pay the millage and receive dedicated fire department services.

CAFA board members believe renewal is warranted because they have balanced their budget, maintained their facility, and upgraded their fleet even as revenues have decreased. The Fire Authority has also received a PPC (public protection classification) score in the top 10% of fire departments in the country. These improved scores decrease the cost of

fire insurance for all of the municipalities and by 10-20% for those in the city.

Anderson's request was for financial assistance should the millage be voted down.

The CDDA did contribute \$30,000 toward a vehicle entry area during remodeling of the fire station this past year. However, the CDDA was not presently inclined to replace a millage.

"The DDA's mission," said CDDA President Peter Flintoff, "is to spend on public improvements not on operating budgets."

Board members approved giving \$20,000 towards the Sights and Sounds events, and \$25,000 to Chelsea First.

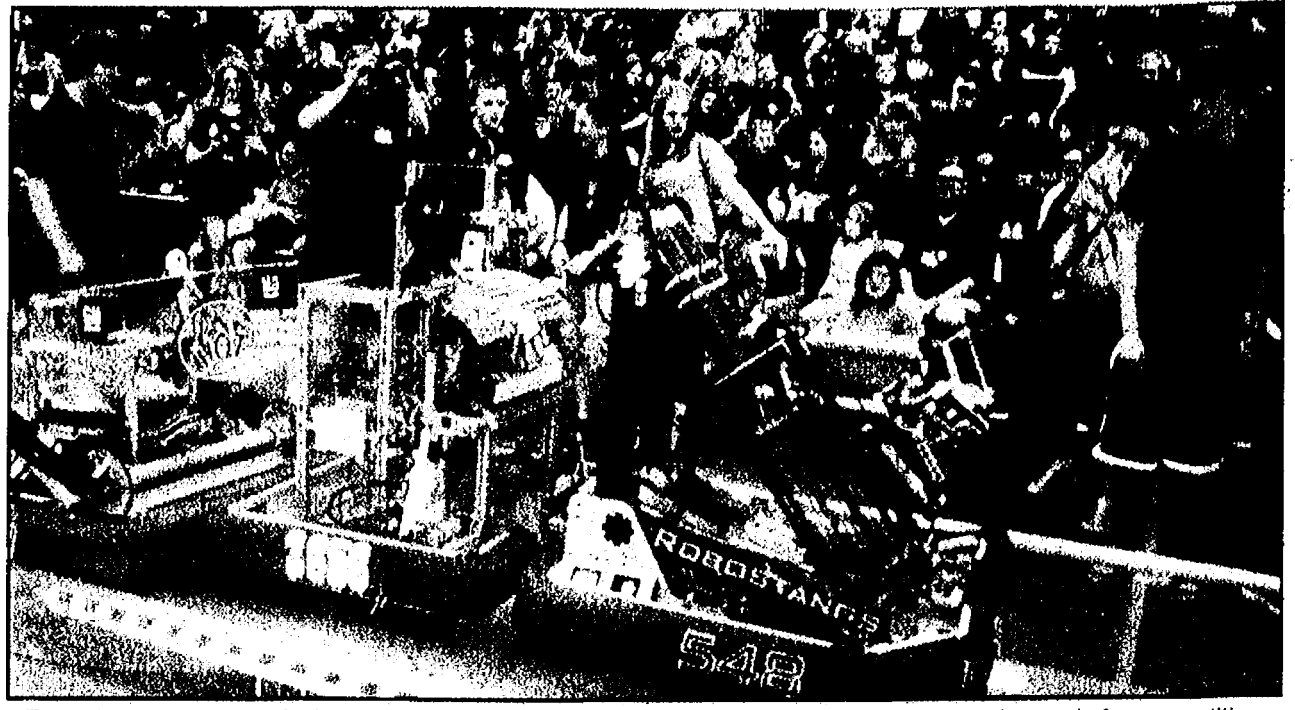
Bill Harmer, Director of the Chelsea Public Library announced the library will celebrate the opening of a Business Resource Center April 26 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The public and the small business community are invited to view the materials available. There will be a presentation about Reference USA a research database for marketing and demographics data.

Every month there will be small business counselors available at the library to meet one on one with business owners or people interested in starting a business to assist with business and marketing plans.

Harmer said the library would continue to host workshops for the small business community. One on one counseling sessions, and workshops are open to all, however, Chelsea District library patrons have priority. Call (734) 475-8732 for more information.

Finally, proposals for purchase of the Longworth Building, which the CDDA offered to sell for \$1, are due by April 27th. Sale of the building is contingent upon a return of the building to the city's tax rolls, a minimum of \$1 million for investment into the building, and a business plan and timeline that is acceptable to the CDDA. City Manager John Hanafan said there have been interested parties viewing the property and several groups came back for repeat visits.

The DDA will have a work session on the proposals for the Longworth Building May 10 at 7:30 am in the McKune Room at the Chelsea Public Library. The public is welcome to attend.



The Dexter Dreadbots designed, built, programmed and tested their robot in six weeks to be ready for competition.

Young Dexter Dreadbots Compete Well, Excited About the Future

Submitted by Dreadbots Robotics Team

Dexter High School's Robotics Team, the Dreadbots, completed their season at the State Championships the weekend of April 12-14. While the team did not make it to the elimination rounds in this competition, the team considers the season a great success, especially in light of qualifying for the State Championship in only their second year.

January 7, 2012 thirteen students and five mentors of the Dreadbots, attended the FIRST robotics competition kickoff event in Novi.

FIRST "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology" was founded by Dean Kamen (inventor of the Segway) in 1991. It is an international organization seeking to get students excited about science, technology, engineering and math.

The students develop skills such as brainstorming, decision making, consensus building, time management, meeting deadlines, and public speaking. It is often said within the FIRST community that this is the "only varsity sport where every participant can turn pro." In order to accomplish these goals, the organization develops an annual game to be used by the FIRST robotics teams.

After learning the game, students, supported by corporate

and individual sponsors (such as NuStep, Terumo, Dapco, the Dexter Lions and Hackney Hardware) worked with volunteer mentors from the community to develop a robot. The team had six weeks to build, program and test the robot to have it ready for competition.

The game was played in alliances of three robots working together to score points during a match that was two minutes, 15 seconds long. This year's game was basketball that included an autonomous period where the robot was programmed to shoot baskets in a fifteen second match. Thereafter, the robots were operated by students who drive it to pick up balls and shoot them into one of four staggered baskets.

Toward the end of the match there was a bridge for the robots to attempt to balance. This may be done by one, two or all three of the alliance's robots thereby earning the team 10, 20 or 40 points. It was said early in the season that "a triple balance would be about a rare as a sighting of the Loch Ness monster," due to the extreme narrowness of the bridge. The Dreadbots and their partners readily accomplished triple balance five times during this competition and went on to win

the Northville District.

The Dexter Dreadbots competed in three events this year. In the first competition at Gull Lake High School the Dreadbots were ranked 10th out of 36 teams. In the second, the Northville District, the team's performance qualified the Dreadbots for the FIRST Michigan State Competition. In order to qualify for the State competition, a team has to be ranked in the top 64 teams of the 190 teams in the state of Michigan. This is where the Dreadbots performed their triple balance.

In finals, they were selected to join the 4th ranked team's alliance. This alliance made it to the competition's semifinals match before being beaten by the 1st ranked alliance.

This degree of success in only their second year against much more experienced teams encouraged the Dreadbots to aim high in coming years in hopes of having future opportunities to attend the State competition and maybe even qualify for the World Championship.

In order to accomplish these goals, the Dreadbots will need ongoing community support in the form of corporate sponsorships and team mentors. Please contact the team at dhsdreadbot@gmail.com to help with sponsorship or mentoring.

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Enbridge Pipeline Replacement To Include Properties In Bunker Hill Township

By Lynne Beauchamp

Enbridge, Inc. notified Bunker Hill township officials by letter this month that it intent to replace segments of line 6b pipeline between Griffith, Indiana and Marysville, Michigan. A portion of this pipeline runs through Bunker Hill Township prior to the Stockbridge pump facility.

The letter from Enbridge explains that line 6b is a 30-inch diameter crude oil pipeline that transports crude oil to various refineries in the region, including Marathon Petroleum Company's Detroit Refinery, the BP-Husky refinery near Toledo and other refineries in eastern Canada and western Pennsylvania.

In addition to 75 miles of line 6B replacement that is expected to be completed by the end of the year, Enbridge, Inc., has proposed replacement of the remaining 210 miles of line 6B throughout 2012 and 2013.

Joe Martucci, Enbridge Community Relations Consultant, explained Enbridge conducted civil surveys and environmental assessments along this pipeline route after reviewing maintenance activities and evaluated present and future shipper demand. He indicated Enbridge officials determined replacement of remaining segments of line 6B was the most cost effective option.

The letter went on to state Enbridge would be contacting landowners and affected adjacent property owners

during the spring and summer to finalize proposed placement of the new pipeline with respect to the existing line 6B.

Property owner and Bunker Hill township trustee, Damon Rhines was cautious, "Don't sign off on anything right off the bat... have a lawyer read everything."

In other Bunker Hill Township news - the township board, at its regularly scheduled meeting April 17, approved a letter of intent to have the entire township serviced by Stockbridge Area Emergency Service Authority Ambulance. According to Township Supervisor Gene Ulrey only parts of the township were covered by SAESA Ambulance and the remainder called on Lansing/Mason Area Ambulance for service.

Ulrey explained he has been working with 911 Emergency Dispatch officials over the past year to get the boundaries changed. By doing this said Ulrey the first 911 tone will go to SAESA. In the event they are unable to respond, the call would be deferred to Lansing/Mason Ambulance.

Taxpayers in Bunker Hill pay for SAESA services by a special assessment.

Ulrey also introduced Russ Stowe to the township board. Stowe, a Bunker Hill resident, indicated he along with Mark Armstrong and Shane Batdorff were reassigned to deputy chief of fire operations with SAESA. Stowe was available during the meeting to answer residents' questions regarding SAESA fire operations.

Dexter Recovers After Tornado

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"I asked myself that very question!" laughed Pawlak, stating her plan to reexamine amounts requested next year.

Pawlak indicated non-emergency medical as the largest transportation need among riders, of whom only 20% are under 65 and not disabled.

Board members approved a resolution to renew a special assessment to provide funds for weed management on North Lake. Weed control measures started in 2008 at the request of North Lake residents. North

Lake Protection Association President Richard Frendt requested the renewal indicating a majority of North Lake residents were in favor of continuing the assessment in exchange for a more accessible lake.

Because lake access varies among its residents, assessment levels will now add a third tier level of benefit, explained Washtenaw County Environmental Programs Supervisor Jeff Krcmarik. The estimated yearly assessment range is \$220 for lake owners, \$140 for those with lake access, and \$70 for those with

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Education Under Fire Considers Iran's Attitude Towards Higher Education

Submitted by the Baha'i Group of Chelsea

The Baha'i Group of Chelsea announced Education Under Fire (EUF), a Documentary and Discussion will take place April 29 at 2pm at the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library. The documentary addresses Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which guarantees education as an inalienable right of every human being and current events in Iran.

The film focuses on the experience of one Iranian group, the Baha'i community. In 1987, the semi-underground Baha'i Institute for Higher Education (BIHE) was formed to give young Baha'is their only chance for a university-level education.

Despite repeated raids and arrests, volunteer teachers and administrators created an independent, decentralized university system. The BIHE was referred to by

the New York Times as "an elaborate act of communal self-preservation."

In May, 2011, an organized assault was launched by the Iranian government in an attempt to shut down the BIHE. Over 30 homes were raided and over a dozen BIHE professors and administrators were detained. Several are still in prison.

The Iranian government bans students from pursuing higher education if they have expressed views, joined organizations or engaged in activities that are construed as critical of the government. In addition, the authorities have attempted to prevent instruction in several fields in the humanities and social sciences and have dismissed faculty for ideological reasons.

About Education Under Fire (EUF):

Education Under Fire (EUF) is a campaign developed to address the Iranian government's denial of the right to education for ideological and religious reasons. Beyond the goal of encouraging specific action in order to mitigate the effects of these policies in Iran, the campaign will begin conversations on university campuses and within communities around the country in order to raise awareness of the importance of defending Article 26.

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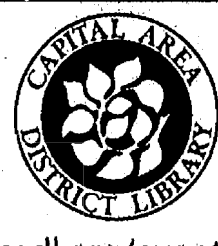
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Narrated by Meryl Streep, "Beyond Organic: The Vision of Fairview Gardens" tells the story of a 12-acre organic farm in California. Surrounded by subdivisions and urban development, the farm has become a model of sustainable food production and community involvement.

Market Music Series

Fridays, beginning May 4 • 5:30 pm

Every Friday from May-August, weather permitting, the library will host live music on our front patio to complement the Open Air Market across the street. Pull up a chair, or listen while shopping at the market or browsing in the library. This series is a joint effort of community groups including the library, Stockbridge Community Education, the Stockbridge Area Wellness Coalition, the Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Stockbridge Area Farmers Market.



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Chelsea Farmers Market Opens May 5

The Chelsea Farmers Market is set to open Saturday May 5 and organizers are anticipating a fun and eventful 2012 season. For over 20 years the Chelsea Farmers Market has offered a variety of food and artisan products.

This season promises several new vendors along with the return of musical entertainment and new events to engage visitors - both young and old.

"We are pleased to have 14 full-season vendors this year," said Market Manager Stephanie Doll. "Returning are Back Forty Acres, Frog Hollow Farms, Greystone Farm & Creamery, Heim Gardens, Kapnick Orchards, Kapp Farms, Merkel Gardens, Ruhl's Produce, Stone Hearth Bakery and Tantre Farm. New vendors are Cookies by Caitlin, Fairy Hill Woodworks, Johnny Secret Foods and Papa Tom's Cajun Boiled Peanuts. Our customers know that after visiting our Market they will eat well-rounded, healthy, fresh meals from Saturday to Saturday. These are all local farms - all Michigan products."

The Market promotes seasonal vegetables and fruits of all types, meat and poultry, eggs, honey, maple syrup, coffee, a wide variety of breads and bakery items, herbs, nuts, and prepared artisan foods such as hummus, cheese, soup and barbeque and spaghetti sauces. There are also Organic and naturally-grown offerings available.

Hand-crafted artisan products include jewelry, soaps and lotions, hand dyed and spun yarn, wood crafts, dog beds, silk scarves, purses, Celtic arts and more.

To join the email list send an email to coordinator@chelseafarmersmkt.org to receive weekly emails describing what vendors will be there that Saturday (including the group of 23 day vendors that come from time to time), what products can be expected, and the music and event listings.

"The Market is the place to be on a Saturday morning," says Doll. "It makes for a great community gathering space."

Chelsea Moms of Preschoolers (MOPS) will again sponsor the

Children's Booth the second Saturday of each month and the Waterloo Area Historical Society plans several visits to share traditional skill demonstrations.

New this year is a plan to provide Bridge card holders the ability to purchase food items using SNAP food assistance benefits.

"We are putting together the final details, but it looks promising for a June or July start," added Doll.

The Chelsea Farmers Market is vendor-run and volunteers are always needed for assistance. If interested, contact coordinator@chelseafarmersmkt.org.

The Market runs 8am to Noon every Saturday May through October in the parking lot off Park Street east of Main (M-52) in downtown Chelsea. For more information contact Doll at (734)216-8832 or visit www.chelseafarmersmkt.org.

Church Collecting Used Medical Equipment to Be Loaned to Those in Need

Webberville United Methodist Church is taking donations of used medical equipment to loan people in need. Examples of what we are collecting are: crutches, wheelchairs, shower chairs, grabber arms, walkers, toilet chairs, etc. All items must be in good, safe condition.

Please bring items to the church at the corner of M-52 and Holt Road in Webberville Saturday, May 5, 2012, starting at 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Retreat for Breast Cancer Survivors

By Lucy Silverio

The Grass Lake Sanctuary, located at 18580 Grass Lake Road, about 6 miles south of Chelsea at Washtenaw County's Clarke and Avis Spike Preserve is 103 acres of wetland, woods and fields that surround the 42-acre sanctuary on three sides.

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Mid-Michigan Affiliate recently awarded a grant of \$75,130 to Grass Lake Sanctuary to provide 80 breast cancer survivors a 3-day stay at the 145-acre retreat center and nature preserve.

Women between the ages of 25 and 80 who have completed treatment are invited to apply. The program, Women's Wellness Retreat, will address the sense of isolation that can follow medical treatment for breast cancer. While the treatments are centered on eradicating the disease, the patient is often left feeling alone and betrayed by her own body.

The chemotherapy and radiation treatment women go through to treat their breast cancer is extreme.

"A military expert visiting the sanctuary was shocked to recognize the patients were suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD)," said Tom Egan, Executive Director of the Grass Lake Sanctuary.

"Breast cancer survivors say that one of the hardest things about the disease is they can't talk to the people they love most about what is going on. They say, 'I don't feel to be in the same world anymore' There is a disconnect that creates isolation which creates the kind of PTSD world they are living in. We seem to be able to really effect that right away and get great results."

The retreat at Grass Lake Sanctuary is an opportunity for women to be with other women who have a shared experience. The women rejuvenate as they connect with nature, each other, eat wholesome organic foods, enjoy programs, and therapeutic massage. "This program is about pampering every cell of the body," said Chris Morgan, Director of the Women's Wellness Programs.

While not a religious organization, the sanctuary offers support for whatever spiritual path retreat participants follow. They are given time and transportation if needed for religious services.



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Stockbridge Township Board Commends Library, Considering Student Inters

By Melinda Baird

The Capital Area District Library - Stockbridge Branch Head Librarian Paul Crandall began Monday night's Stockbridge Township regular board meeting with a "Year in Review" presentation highlighting the library's 2011 activities. Most memorable to Crandall were the 16 live musical performances hosted by the library last summer to complement Stockbridge's first annual Open Air Market. "It was a tremendous success, and it's going to happen again this summer."

Crandall described the library as an active supporter of the market, particularly that which relates to small business success. He indicated library personnel provided market vendors with detailed bibliographies of small business start-up resources. "I wanted to be involved in both the entrepreneur and entertainment aspect of the market," said Crandall.

The Open Air Market 2012, presented jointly by Stockbridge

Community Education, Stockbridge Area Chamber of Commerce, The Sun Times, Stockbridge Area Arts Council and the Stockbridge Library starts May 4 from 4-7 p.m. with Market Music from 5:30-7 p.m.

Crandall invited township board members to consider involvement in the Stockbridge Wellness Coalition, a citizen's group focused on creating a culture of wellness in Stockbridge and the driving force behind the market.

Crandall went on to describe the full spectrum of ongoing library programs, including storytime, adult and teen book clubs, computer classes, films and a new Farm to Table series, as well as 90 various programs and events supported by Friends of the Library group.

"The library does seem to be picking up," noted Township Supervisor Paul Risner. "It seems full whenever I go there, and I believe to educate young and old alike is quite a feat."

In other board news, members decided to pursue the possibility of giving high school National Honor Society students' the opportunity to volunteer in the township office. "We want our kids to know about government, but how can they if we don't involve them?" asked member and main proponent Kris Lauckner. Student volunteers would partake in basic office duties under supervision. "It's amazing how many people don't know how to answer phones properly," Lauckner observed.

Board members were supportive of Lauckner's idea and encouraged further investigation of details through Michigan Township Association for next month's meeting. "We would only want the cream of the crop," added member Terri Sommer. "We only want the students we can really trust."

Township Clerk Mary Wilson reported denying a recent request by Office of Ingham County Treasurer Eric Schertzing, explaining the county asked the township to remove residents owing less than ten dollars in delinquent property taxes off the record as the county won't attempt collection.

"No way am I going to consider this," vowed Wilson. "We do things exact. We're not going to start altering and doctoring our books saying people paid in full when they didn't." She reported having contacted Michigan Township Association who was in agreement with the township's stance. "According to the MTA,

there is no statute that allows the county to do that. In fact, all refunds are to be refunded, even if it is a penny."

Risner informed members he contacted Ingham County Road Commission (ICRC) after noticing many holes in township roads. According to Risner, ICRC responsiveness has slowed dramatically since a change in management in the last six months. Risner encouraged those in attendance to call the commission at (517) 676-9722 to report holes, or call Risner directly at the township office.

He also indicated Enbridge, Inc. will be contacting landowners and affected adjacent property owners during spring and summer to notify them of upcoming fall construction planned across their property. "We'll see a lot of digging," he noted, referring to the much-publicized replacement of the Line 6B crude petroleum pipeline.

Finally, lighthearted discussion took place between board members and Stockbridge Town Hall Players representatives during Monday's meeting despite township complaints of the group's behavior observed during play practices. Risner praised the thespian group for high quality performances while requesting better supervision of children during practices, particularly when meetings are being held in the same building.

"The Stockbridge Town Hall is a very important building in state history, and is in the State Register of Historical Sites. The township board is obligated to protect the building from misuse as well as the township residents from a catastrophic injury claim."

Town Hall Players President Mike Glaire was eager to remedy the issues cited, including potentially dangerous unsupervised behavior by children and failure to keep premises clean after practices. Glaire said the problems have been addressed and expressed his gratitude to the township for the use of the historic building.

"The town hall is a jewel for the Town Hall Players and the town itself. We understand it is a rare opportunity we are given to perform here," added former president Michael John.

Still eager to resolve the conflict, Glaire asked if there was anything more he could do to satisfy the board. "Got any free passes?" joked Risner.

What is Organic Gardening

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Another organic gardening practice is to continually replenish the soil resources the plants consume by adding organic matter in the form of compost or rotating crops to prevent over use of nutrients.

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Chelsea Baha'i Group invites you to:

Education Under Fire

Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 PM
McKune Room, Chelsea District Library

Young people in Iran are being denied admission to universities due to their being members of the Baha'i Faith. When Baha'is set up the Baha'i Institute of Higher Education to educate these young people, the lecturers were arrested and imprisoned. Program will consist of video and discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

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