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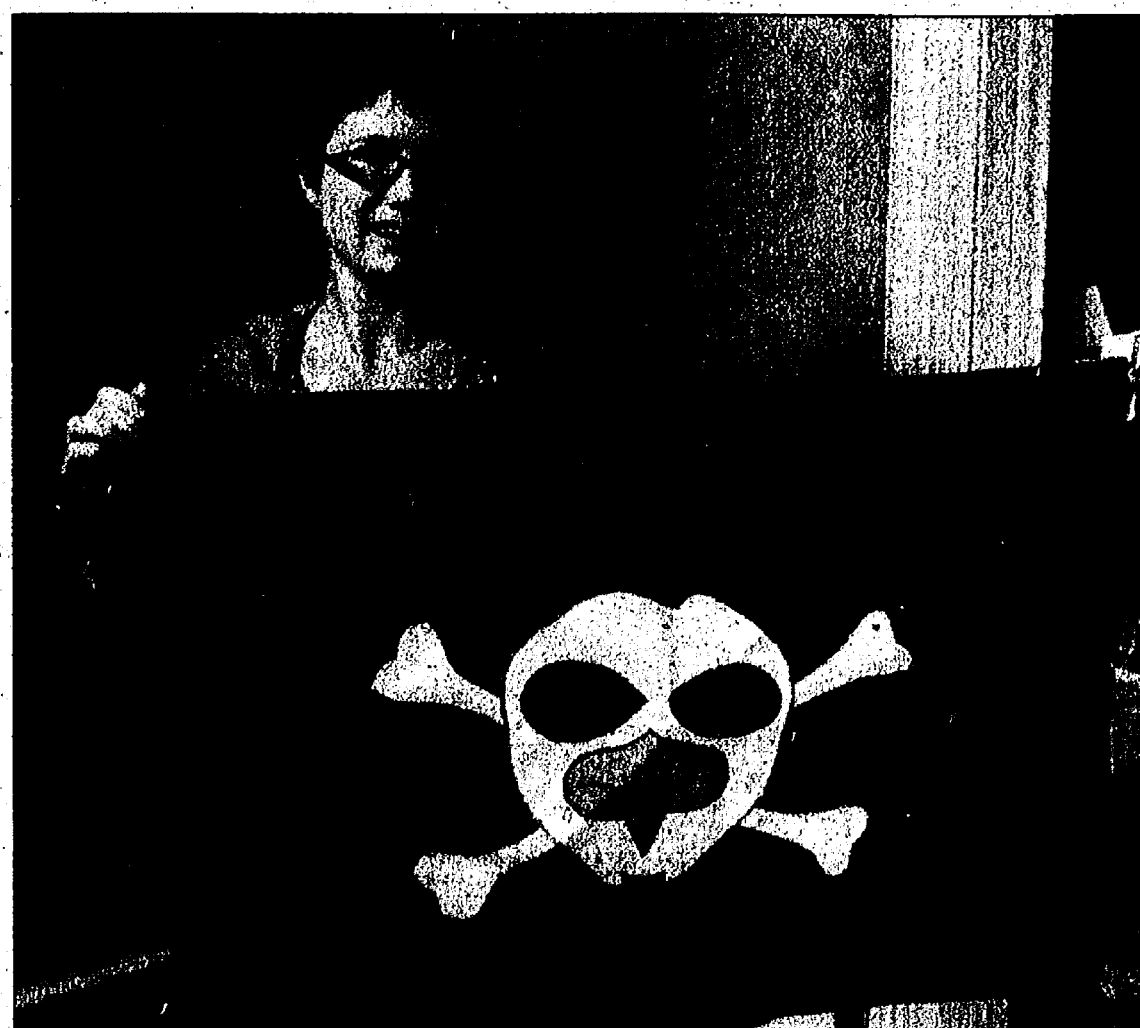


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Chelsea resident Roen Montalva holds up the flag she and her husband had made in protest of their chickens being kicked off their property. With the recent ordinance approved by the city council, the family can bring their hens back to their property.

City now taking permit requests

By David Veselenak
 Heritage Newspapers

Chelsea's recent adoption of a chicken ordinance means Roen Montalva's family's "hen and cross-bones" flag isn't needed as much anymore.

Montalva and her husband, Tim Farmer, said they were vocal opponents to the city's ban on chickens for more than a year. After being told to remove their chickens from their backyard, the couple had a flag constructed symbolizing their feelings against the city.

But with the passage of a chicken ordinance by the city council in April allowing residents to keep four chickens, those hard feelings may be softening.

"It's gone remarkably fast," Montalva said, referring to the beginning of the family's protest. "It makes me feel empowered."

While the family's chickens are still gone, they have moved forward and started

constructing a new coop to conform to the new ordinance.

Montalva wasn't sure when the chickens would return, but said it would hopefully be "soon." She said her children have missed having the birds around.

"They enjoy playing with them," she said.

The ordinance allows for a home to have up to four chickens with a coop.

Residents must submit a sketch of their property showing where the coop will stand and distances from the coop to other structures. The coop must not fall within 10 feet of a neighbor's property, and 40 feet from neighboring homes.

It was nearly three months ago when the Chelsea Standard wrote about the family's chickens, a story to which Montalva attributed to the hasty passage of the ordinance.

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City OKs \$239,450 to fill sidewalk gaps

By Krista Gjestland
 Heritage Media

Chelsea City Council approved an expenditure of \$239,450 to fill in gaps in the sidewalk along the south side of Old U.S. 12 between Feer Road and M52.

The project received a grant for \$225,000 from Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, leaving the city with \$14,450 to pay. Council also set aside an additional \$24,000, which is 10 percent of the total expenses, for unforeseen problems and expenses related to the project.

Constructing boardwalks, concrete sidewalks, a paved shoulder and guardrail will connect the two sidewalk gaps.

Included in the project is a mid-block crosswalk near Silver Maples Drive. The crosswalk will include a pedestrian-activated rapid flashing beacon and will be solar-powered.

City Engineer Christine Linfield told the council the need for the crosswalk came out of seeing pedestrians frequently crossing Old U.S. 12 in the middle of that block.

"We noticed we had a cattle path there where we saw a lot of seniors from Silver Maples were crossing

the road there to get on the sidewalk to continue west to the post office," she said.

During portions of the project, Old U.S. 12 will be down to one lane with a detour route for eastbound traffic. The detour route should be completed by June 29.

Cross Lake Construction, out of Horton, Mich., will be awarded the project.

In other news, council approved a first reading of Ordinance 173, dictating the private use of public spaces.

The need for the ordinance came about after a local group was

denied the ability to use the Palmer Lot for a live nativity scene last December.

Councilmember Rod Anderson then pressed the council to craft an ordinance detailing out how and when city-owned property can be used for public events.

The ordinance says that any person or group wishing to use public space will need to apply for a permit. Applicants must include details about the event such as date and time of the event, estimated amount of attendees and a layout or sketch of the area.

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Library opens Business Resource Center

By Krista Gjestland
 Heritage Media

The Chelsea District Library unveiled its new Business Resource Center Thursday night.

The Business Resource Center offers one-on-one business and artist counseling, a special collection of books on business and access to Reference USA, a business and customer research database.

Sarah Wedell, head of adult services at the Chelsea District Library, said the idea of the new Business Resource Center is to help connect small business owners with the information they need to be

successful.

"Hosting this special collection makes us a better-equipped library and demonstrates to our business community that we view supporting them as a priority," she said. "This serves a serious purpose to our community."

Chelsea District Library Director Bill Harmer reflected Wedell's sentiment saying the value of the resource center, and the library, is very high.

"We need to communicate the value of public libraries in many ways," he said. "Libraries make a difference. Libraries can transform lives. The Business Resource Center,

to me, is an example of how this library can have an effect on our community."

For a business to be able to access a tool like Resource USA, Harmer said, would cost \$3,400. The database helps business owners collect pertinent market data on their community, customers and other businesses.

Business counseling, which can be very helpful for new business owners, has an average cost of \$150 per hour. Counseling for traditional business owners as well as artists has been available at the library for the past three years.

"These are just a few of

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Area residents head to the polls Tuesday

A2 schools, Pittsfield, Ypsi have proposals

By Krista Gjestland and Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Voters in Ann Arbor, Pittsfield Township and Ypsilanti will head to the polls May 8 to vote on four local issues.

Ann Arbor residents will decide on giving the Ann Arbor school district almost \$46 million in bond funds for technology upgrades.

The bond would be used to purchase and implement instructional technology, technology infrastructure and equipment, as well as remodeling, equipping, and furnishing district buildings.

The millage is 0.48 mills or 48 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value. The estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds of this issue is 0.51 mills or 51 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value.

The 10-year bonds will be issued in three series in 2012, 2015 and 2018, with each paying for different phases of implementation. This would be the district's first technology bond.

In Ypsilanti, voters face two decisions. On the ballot is a proposal to levy income taxes and a millage to help pay for the city-owned Water Street Property.

The income tax would affect residents, as well those who work in Ypsilanti, but live elsewhere. If the ordinance

passes, residents will annually pay 1 percent of their yearly income, and non-residents will pay a half percent. The income tax would go into effect in January 2013, if passed.

The proposed income tax and millage would help Ypsilanti balance a projected deficit of \$13.3 million.

The Water Street millage will be 4.7 to 7.1 mills and will be determined on an annual basis by City Council based on how much money is needed to meet the year's principal and interest payments. The mill could go higher than 7.1, if the City Council deems it necessary.

The millage proposal says the estimated millage for 2012 would be 4.94, and the average millage needed to pay off the debt would be 5.40. If the millage were 5.40, residents would pay about \$5.40 per \$1,000 of taxable income.

The millage would help pay the bonds taken by the city for the Water Street project. Currently, the city's bonds on Water Street are outstanding in the amount of \$15.45 million.

The city also needs

to repay a Community Development Block Grant Agreement for the project totaling \$2,750,350.

Pittsfield Township voters will decide on their District 7 county commissioner.

Kristin Judge held the seat prior to Felicia Brabec's appointment as interim commissioner by her now colleagues on the commission.

Judge left the post last October to work for the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center.

The winner of the May 8 election will serve out the remainder of Judge's term until Dec. 31 of this year.

Brabec, a Democrat, and Republican Richard Conn are vying for the seat.

During the 2012-13 fiscal year county officials are looking at a \$20 million deficit that will have to be addressed, since county local governments are not allowed to file a deficit budget with the state of Michigan.

Polls open 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. May 8. To find your local polling place, visit Michigan.gov/

voter.

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Arbitrator sides with Lectures Employee Organization

Retirement program deal won't be altered

By Malissa Martin
Heritage Media

The Lectures Employee Organization saved its members' retirement plan and healthcare benefits from being altered by the University of Michigan.

An arbitrator ruled in their favor against the university in the dispute. The organization represents all three of the U of M schools, including Dearborn, Ann Arbor and Flint campuses.

"It's a wonderful win for our members," said Bonnie Holloran, president of Lectures Employee Organization. "This is going to affect all of our entire membership in some way, shape or form."

The university changed faculties' retirement and healthcare laws. The Lectures Employee Organization has a three-year binding contract with U of M that prohibits the university from changing its members' retirement plan and healthcare benefits.

"It was nice to see that our contract language actually held up to that kind of scrutiny," said Kristen Herold, vice president of Lectures Employee Organization.

According to the organization's website, the first sentence of the contract's section on benefits, Article XVIII, states: "All benefits described in this Article shall remain as they were at the time of ratification with the provision that the employer may make minor adjustments."

The organization challenged the university's decision, but U of M held its ground. Both parties

agreed to have an arbitrator decide the outcome of the dispute. Arbitrator David Wells began reviewing the case in November 2011. Mark Cousens represented Lectures Employee Organization and David Mason served as attorney for U of M.

"We had a very clear sense of what we agreed to, back when we bargained that specific language, and, so it came as a bit of surprise when management thought that, 'No, you gave us the right to change the retirement program' and we didn't think we did."

If Lectures Employee Organization had lost the arbitration, Herold said, part-time employees would have to work 25 percent longer to be eligible for retirement. Reducing the cost of healthcare benefits had the biggest effect on members, Herold said.

Lectures Employee Organization represents about 1,500 teaching faculty members who are not on a tenure track. Teachers are hired by contracts that can range from one semester to multiple years.

Most of the organization's members work part time. Teaching four classes a semester is considered full-time employment, according to Herold. Most Lectures Employee Organization members hold a doctorate and have additional employment. The median salary for the organization's members is in the mid-\$40,000 range. Herold said salaries could vary, depending on the department.

Herold said she's received numerous email messages from members in the past few weeks who are excited about winning the arbitration.

"It's nice to be able to give the members good news," Herold said. "It's a win one

for the entire membership."

U of M and Lectures Employee Organization will meet again in December to create a new contract. Holloran said members completed a survey to find out the main issues and concerns. Results were job security and salary. Starting this summer and into the fall, they will have meetings to come up with a bargaining platform in preparation for the December meeting.

For more information, visit <http://www.leouunion.org>.

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the essential resources at your fingertips," Harmer said.

Bob Pierce, executive director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, said having these resources can and does help new business owners.

"That's how I started my business, using the public library," he said.

The resource center is the result of collaboration between the Chelsea District Library and the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center of Washtenaw Community College. "We were looking to get more into serving the business community," Wedell said.

Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center Charlier Penner said Chelsea was a good place for a resource center because of its entrepreneurs.

"There's a lot of thriving small businesses here," he said. "We have pretty deep roots in Chelsea."

Penner said the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development

Center typically chooses libraries to partner with because of the role they play in the community.

"For a lot of people starting a business is intimidating," he said. "We really felt public libraries were a great place for people to feel comfortable."

After partnering with the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center, the library was awarded a grant for \$2,000 from the Small Business Administration, which funds a large part of the WCC program.

There are currently eight Business Resource Centers in the state that collaborate with the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center including Ypsilanti, Jackson, Howell and Adrian.

More information on the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center can be found at www.misbtdc.org. For information on how to access the Business Resource Center, visit the Chelsea District Library.

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Permits expire after 60 days.

City sponsored events would be exempt from the application process.

Farmers markets are also excluded, as they are allowed and addressed in the city's charter.

City Manager John Hanifan said the idea of the ordinance isn't to regulate small groups.

"We're not trying to regulate the family reunion or the Cub Scout group that just wants to go and lunch in the park or the school group that we get so often," he said. "It's

more for more formalized groups or special uses."

Anderson said he was pleased with the first draft and would only make a few changes.

"I think this is a very good effort," he said. "This strikes me as being intentionally too broad. The question is, is this not being cast a little too wide? I think it is."

Hanifan said he will adjust the vagueness of the ordinance, and the revised version will be brought to the next council meeting on May 8.

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CHICKENS

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The ordinance was approved by the city council March 27 and went into effect April 25.

Montalva said she and Farmer started getting involved about a year ago, with the group Chelsea Backyard Chickens, but no movement was made.

"That got us absolutely nowhere," she said. "I don't think the city would have done anything (otherwise)."

As of Monday morning, three applications had been turned in and approved for chickens within the city, said deputy clerk Laura Kaiser.

Montalva said she plans to pursue the issue with the city to adjust the ordinance with the required distances. She said she would like the ordinance to allow for a waiver if the neighbors approve.

She also plans to lobby the council on the requirement to re-apply for the permit each year. "With dog permits, you don't have to apply every single year," she said. "It just

seems like a bit much."

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CRIME BRIEFS

Police arrest area man for hitting door with hammer

A 42-year-old Chelsea man was arrested at about 8 p.m. last Thursday after he was seen trying to enter a residence in the 600 block of West Middle Street.

Police received a call after the suspect was seen hitting the door of a residence in the block with a

hammer. Officers responded and located the suspect. He was transported to Washtenaw County Jail pending arraignment.

Jackson sheriff turns over suspect

Chelsea police took custody of a 37-year-old Indian River man after he was arrested at about 9 p.m. last Thursday by the

Jackson County sheriff's department on a warrant issued for a traffic-related charge from the Chelsea area. He later posted bond and was released pending a court date.

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Help available for families living with autism

Snyder signs bill requiring insurance pay

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Recent legislation signed by Gov. Rick Snyder is requiring insurance companies to pay for treatments for people diagnosed with autism.

According to a series of bills signed April 18 by Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, insurance companies have 180 days to comply with the new laws. Calley has a daughter who was diagnosed with autism and has been a high profile-backer of the bills.

The new laws are good news for many, considering recent statistics released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which state that one in 88 children in the United States will be diagnosed with some form of autism.

This figure is up from six years ago, when the number was at one in 110.

Dr. Colleen Allen, president and CEO of the Michigan Autism Alliance, said there are factors contributing to the increase, including increased

awareness of the disorder, earlier identification and an unknown factor that is contributing to the issue.

"I try not to react too strongly (to the new statistics). I really do feel that it is (due to) more awareness," she said.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, Autism Spectrum Disorders are a range of complex developmental disorders that cause problems with thinking, feeling, language and the ability to relate to others. How the disorders affect an individual and the severity of the symptoms are different in each person.

The bills require insurers being an appropriations bill stating how the services will be paid. A family will still use its insurance policy, but the state will reimburse insurance companies. The coverage will include a number of expenses, including standard medical evaluations, neurological care and an array of therapies, such as speech, occupational and Applied Behavioral Analysis.

Families frequently pay thousands of dollars for services not covered by insurance or for other out-of-pocket expenses related to treatment.

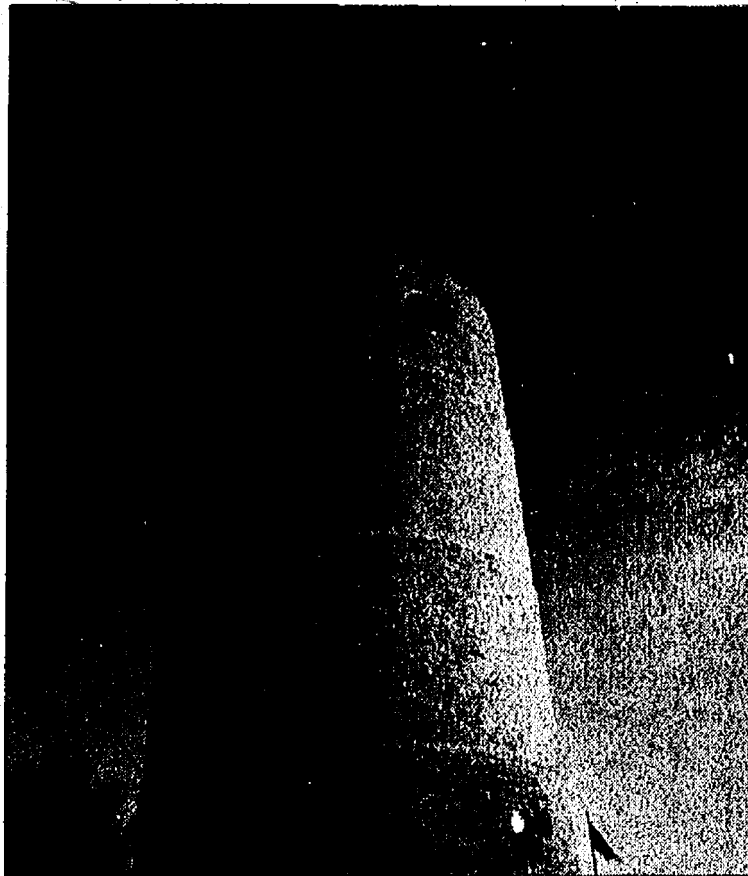


Photo by Krista Gjestland

As part of Autism Awareness Month, which took place in April, Eastern Michigan University hosted a number of programs and lit up the water tower blue, the color designated to promoting awareness of the disorder.

The bill sets the following limits on coverage according to age group: birth to 6 years old, \$50,000; 7 to 12 years old \$40,000; ages 13 to 18, \$30,000.

There is also a provision within the legislation that says if the state is unable to pay for the treatment, the

insurance companies will have to, she said.

To view the bills, visit <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2011-2012/billanalysis/Senate/pdf/2011-SFA-0414-U.pdf>.

Allen said the bills will help the state save money in the long run because 50

percent of children receiving help will be phased into a standard classroom. If the services are not provided, the increasing number of autistic children would strain the special education system and would depend on others and not be able to hold a job, she said.

Dr. Sally Burton-Hoyle is director of Eastern Michigan University's Autism Collaborative Center, which opened in October 2009. In 2007, faculty from several different departments at the university began working on the development of a center that could train students who would be ready to help individuals and families of children with autism.

The center provides an array of free and low-cost programs, along with services including intake, assessments and intervention and referrals. It offers a variety of programs, including speech, language, music, occupational therapy and academic support.

Staff members try to work cooperatively with local school districts in an effort to serve the entire community.

"All of us need to learn to support one another," she said. "We really want to work with everyone."

One of the more unique

programs is called "Move, play and groove" and involves a multidisciplinary approach, using music and speech therapists who work together with the students.

There is also a focus on the family and a way to customize treatment so the members determine what kind of help they need, she said.

One aspect of the program she is really proud of is EMU's support for programs for individuals on the spectrum who are being admitted to the university. The programs run the gamut, from helping the individuals become organized and working with them on academic challenges.

Since its opening, the center has grown substantially. The center serves students and families mainly from Washtenaw County, but there are now more coming from Oakland, Lenawee and Monroe counties.

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Students show off science knowledge at Olympiad

Volunteers make event possible

By Donna Iadipalo
Special Writer

Thousands of students brought science to life at the 10th annual Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad, the largest elementary Science Olympiad in the nation, held all day April 22 at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor.

"Are you excited to be part of the largest Science Olympiad in the United States of America?" asked Ann Arbor Board of Education Trustee Christine Stead, before the awards ceremony for the second- and third-graders. The crowd yelled and applauded, filling the Pioneer gymnasium with cheers and glee.

"We are doing this because we enjoy it," said Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad board member Olga Johnson. "We want students to learn science. We want to come together as a community

"This is a tribute to Ann Arbor that we are able to keep this together and that we are growing every year."

There were officially 1,621 student participants representing 25 area elementary schools. Students competed in 20 different events spanning every science category, ranging from "Water Rockets," where student design pop bottle rockets, to "Infinity and Beyond," an event about astronomy.

Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad was possible because of the tremendous outpouring of community volunteers. Volunteer event coaches at each school and additional volunteers of the day were estimated about 600 people.

Dr. Stephanie Goodson, a pediatrician at the University of Michigan and mother of three, for instance, was motivated to volunteer as a coach this year.

"As a parent, and now as I coach, I can guarantee that every child with leave confident that they learned something that is above and beyond any elementary science curriculum taught in the classroom," she said.

"Also, seeing so many participants, it is easily evident

that science is important, no matter what your aspirations entail."

This is her son Jared Goodson's third year competing. He became involved as soon as elementary school students are allowed to participate, in second grade, and is currently in fourth grade.

"We never questioned if he was going to participate," said Goodson. "It was always what events he wanted to join. We were very supportive at home for the first two years, and this year I decided to coach the event Potions."

Students are allowed to be involved in many events. For instance, Jared also participated in "Pentathlon" and "Feathered Friends."

Goodson said that the educational benefits are numerous.

"They learn really specific scientific skills," Goodson said. "My fourth- and fifth-graders on the 'Potions' team could probably tell you more about the Periodic chart than a freshman in chemistry."

In "Feathered Friends," Jared can look in the sky and identify a bird by its flight pattern, time of year (migratory patterns) or



Leslie Science Center displayed a live owl as part of a workshop during Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad.

bird calls. In "Anatomy" I had to review my medical school anatomy books to keep up with his study guides."

Goodson said students learn how to "win with respect and lose with pride that they tried their best."

Another important skill students develop is perseverance, she said.

"It doesn't matter, win or lose, I know that my child has gained something that will follow them throughout their academic career," Goodson said. "Science is fun and important. We have already started to ask our first-grade daughter what events she wants to participate in and she has started talking about it with her

first-grade friends." Organizers said that Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad would not be possible without the support of sponsors including Ann Arbor Public Schools, Toyota Technical Center, Ann Arbor Public Schools Education Foundation and others.

Holocaust victims remembered at ceremony

Arie Lipsky performed at the event

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

Victims of the Holocaust were remembered through prayer, reflection and music April 19 at the Jewish Community Center in Ann Arbor.

The memorial service, the first of its kind in the Ann Arbor area, was created by a group of Holocaust survivors as a way to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive.

Todd Endelman, University of Michigan professor of Judaic Studies, gave a keynote address about how the Holocaust is

remembered and its effects, so far, on Jewish culture.

Endelman said there are two factions of thought behind Holocaust remembrance. The first is that it's not talked about enough and the second is that it's talked about too much and has morphed Jewish identity and definition into one of suffering.

The effect of the Holocaust, Endelman said, might be unknown still.

"We don't know the impact of the Holocaust," he said, "maybe because not enough time has passed. Sometimes things are so large, are so horrific, are so transcendent of existing categories of thinking, are so out of the ordinary that it takes a long

time for the whole impact to be made."

Regardless, Endelman said, the important thing for people to do is to be aware.

"I want us to remain, particularly those of my generation and younger, attentive, listening to whatever new themes or emphasis arise," he said. "Because we want to hear them clearly when they make their appearance and we want to absorb what they have to say to us."

During the service, survivors had the chance to share their stories and light a candle in memory of lost friends and relatives.

Survivor Miriam Brysk said the idea of the memorial was to continue awareness of the Holocaust and its effects.

"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."

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra conductor Arie Lipsky, the son of Holocaust survivors, performed two Holocaust-inspired pieces of music on the cello.

One of the pieces Lipsky played was initially written by Hannah Senesh, who parachuted into Yugoslavia to help save Hungarian Jews. She was eventually captured, tortured and killed for her efforts.

Cantor Annie Rose of Temple Beth Emeth in Ann



Photo by Chris Nelson

Holocaust survivor Henry Brysk shares a photo of his family and the story of an aunt who was killed during World War II.

Arbor closed the memorial by leading the group in Kaddish, a mourner's prayer for the dead.

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Project RED continues agriculture education

Students from across the county visited

By Tanya Wildt
Heritage Media

Project Rural Education Days continued educating Washtenaw County third-grade students about locally grown crops and the importance of Michigan agriculture for the 22nd year.

"The overall goal is to increase their knowledge of agriculture," said Nancy Thelen, Michigan State University Extension educator.

The event, held at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Ground near Saline, took place April 24-26 and required 325 volunteers.

"Without them we couldn't do it," Thelen said.

Upon arriving at the event, students learned about crops grown throughout the state of Michigan and what region they are most common.

They were then split into groups and moved through five additional stations.

Natalie Horning and Amy Ervin took students through the process of how milk travels from the cow to a refrigerator.

"I love talking to the children about what I know most about, dairy cows," said Ervin, a Manchester resident.

In another barn, Mitch Bristle of Manchester, a first-time Project RED vol-

unteer, talked about corn, including how it's grown and harvested and what products are can be made.

A combine, tractor, planter and chopper were on display. After one student asked how much gasoline the vehicles needed, Bristle talked about the financial requirements needed to successfully run a farm.

"You have to be a smart farmer to be a farmer," he said.

Diane Tenerowicz, of MSU Extension, stressed the importance of protecting our water resources in her presentation. She talked about how chemical products used daily can impact fresh water resources.

"Think about how we're using our water and the products we use with it," Tenerowicz said.

Another stop on the tour was a visit with farm animals. Students were able to pet and hold animals, including a llama, horse, cow, chickens, goats, rabbits, sheep and more.

The commodities station offered students a chance to sample Michigan products from ice cream to popcorn and gave them a taste of the state's agricultural products.

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Natalie Horning, left, and Amy Ervin lead a discussion on how milk travels from the cow to refrigerator.

Photos by Tanya Wildt

Students get hands on with Michigan commodities and learn how they are produced, including flour.

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Open House set at Hack House

The Milan Area Historical Society will hold an open house May 5 and 6 at the historic Hack House, 775 County St., in Milan.

A crew of workers has spent the winter making improvements to the out-

buildings, creating new displays, and the newly refurbished/renamed Vermont room. After a face-lift, the gift shop will be open with new merchandise. In addition to having tours of the house and grounds, the

Milan Garden Club will hold its annual Plant and Flower Sale. The "Sock Lady" will be among the entertainment. Using an antique knitting loom, she creates colorful, warm socks. A plant sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. The "Sock Lady" will be at the house Saturday only.

The Hack House will open from 1 to 4 p.m. every Sunday throughout the summer.



Ann Arbor Public Schools announces:

School Choice

AAPS is accepting enrollment applications for students living in Washtenaw County who wish to attend Ann Arbor Public Schools.

Applications accepted April 16 to May 16 for the 2012/2013 school year.

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Applications will only be accepted starting April 16. All applications must be received by May 16.

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Community Media Lab up and running

INSIDE THE NEWSROOM



MICHELLE ROGERS

In case you've missed all of the tweets and Facebook posts, our Community Media Lab is officially up and running at 215 W. Michigan Ave. in downtown Ypsilanti.

In a column published March 29 in print, I told our readers about the Community Media Lab and all of the opportunities in store for community contributors, public relations officials, local press secretaries and media liaisons, students, as well as anyone else with an interest in writing, photography, video production, audiocasts and social media. At the time, I promised to keep you updated on our progress, and I think we've done a good job of that on social media, but not in print.

On our Facebook page, we have 61 "likes" and if you haven't checked us out

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yet, I encourage you to do so as we use the page to link to our blog posts about all of our activities, and we have been promoting our upcoming workshops.

Our Twitter account has 147 followers and it's growing. We retweet community groups, local libraries, schools, key communicators and news outlets, so if you're interested in what we're up to and other news, please follow us @CommunityMediaL.

Our blog, at communitymedialab.wordpress.com, has had more than 643 views since its inception April 4. Our reporters and editors, who staff the Community Media Lab from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, each post on the blog about what they did during their shift, from working with visitors in the lab to exploring new digital tools and working on their own content for our publications and website.

I've been pleased with the public's response, so far, and hope it continues to grow. We've hosted visitors Frank Grohnert, secretary of the Western Washtenaw Democrats, who was interested in setting up a blog and Twitter account for the group; blogger Bob Cummings, who wanted

to explore new digital tools to enhance his blog; blogger and community activist Rose Martin; and Ed Vielmetti, former lead blogger for AnnArbor.com, who I've convinced to add his Vacuum blog, <http://vielmetti.typepad.com>, to our blog center at Heritage.com.

I am also excited about our upcoming workshops, and hope more people will sign up. We have events pages set up on Facebook, so please sign up.

Our first workshop will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. May 23 titled "What is AP Style and Why Should I Care About It," to be led by freelance copy editor Sarah Rigg, a former editor of The View newspaper in Belleville.

Char Luttrell, who is in charge of public relations for Girls Scouts Heart of Michigan, will teach "Working with the News Media" from 6 to 8 p.m. May 31. This will be a great workshop for anyone who submits news items for publication.

Eastern Michigan University journalism professor Carol Schlagheck will lead a workshop titled "Citizen Journalists and FOIA" from 6 to 8 p.m. June 13. This will be a great course for people interested in becoming a community contributor to Heritage.com and our eight local newspapers. In addition,

information about how to use the Freedom of Information Act to get public information will be useful to many people in the community.

Mark Noble, advanced solutions architect at Verizon Wireless, will present "Wireless Communications in Your Business" from 6 to 8 p.m. June 14 and Kristin Judge, a former Washtenaw County Commissioner who now works as a cyber security education and awareness professional, will teach a workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. June 27 called "Online Safety." Judge writes a regular column for Heritage.com about online safety.

While the month of April was more of a soft launch and period in which we were able to get our blogging station set up and become used to working in the lab weekdays, Thursday is our official launch party. We've been promoting it on social media and have an events page set up on Facebook. We hope you can attend from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Community Media Lab. The event will include appetizers and refreshments, and a video introducing the staff will be played.

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OUR TAKE: Editorial

Supreme Court correct in ruling against police

The Michigan Supreme Court recently ruled that a western Michigan man was within his rights to resist police officers who forced their way into his home without a search warrant.

In a precedent setting 5-2 decision, the court ordered that charges be dropped against Angel Moreno Jr., who was convicted of obstructing officers. The police were looking for someone and tried to enter his home without a warrant.

We're not surprised by the decision, but it's rather shocking that such misuse of police authority actually made it all the way to the state's highest court.

Lower courts had upheld charges of resisting police, based on a 2004 Supreme Court decision that justice recently said was wrongly decided.

Under the circumstances of the case, that should have been obvious to lower court judges.

According to a CBS Detroit report, Moreno's case started on Dec. 30, 2008, when Holland police officer Troy DeWys was going to issue a parking ticket for a vehicle owned by Shane Adams, who had several outstanding warrants.

A driver leaving a nearby house told DeWys that under aged youths were in the house drinking alcohol. The motorists told DeWys he did not know if Adams as in the house.

What followed was a lesson in abuse of police authority. The house was eventually surrounded by police, some of who were looking through windows.

When police knocked on the door, a woman answered, said she knew Adams, but he wasn't there. She refused to allow the officers into the house without a warrant.

Eventually, Moreno came to the door and also refused to allow police inside.

But when he tried to close the door, a police officer pushed back, a struggle took place and Moreno was subdued and arrested.

Despite repeated appeals claiming the warrantless arrest was illegal, the charges were upheld — until the Supreme Court decision.

We don't condone providing alcohol — and in this case possibly marijuana — to minors, but the Holland police and lower court judges should have seen this one for what it was — inappropriate actions by police.

— Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

Bullying can be lessened by those who stand for others

I have always had what some might call "a weight problem."

Throughout my life, I have been called "chubby," "big-boned," "tubby" and my favorite, "hussy."

But actually, fat is the word. I'm fat and I was a fat kid.

Because I was a fat kid, I received a lot of teasing. But don't feel sorry for me because I was quick to dish back insults in return. Today, we would call it bullying.

I was often hassled by older and bigger kids. That never stopped me from jawing back at them. I was always sharp-tongued so I could get any one angry very quickly. Sometimes, that meant I got into fights with older kids, as well as kids my age.

That's how we dealt with bullying back then. Two people would insult each other and if it got too heated, a few punches were thrown. The fights were rarely very long or brutal.

I can remember some of these incidents like they were yesterday. Honestly, the ones I remember the most clearly are the ones I started or when I spewed the most vitriol. The funny thing is, I remember the harsh words said between the other kids and me more than I remember the fistfights. I guess that's because the words were more personal.

Something has changed since I was a kid. Verbal bullying has not become

worse, although there are more ways to harass someone with texting and social media. Kids could be as mean back then as they can be today. What seems to have changed is how the physical bullying has become more violent. Kids today no longer are satisfied settling things with a quick fistfight. Now, kids use weapons and keep

pounding their opponents long after he or she has been beaten to the ground. Somehow, continuing an assault against a helpless opponent makes people feel like they restored their pride. Also, a violent fight could make a "cool" YouTube video and make someone "famous" among his or her schoolmates. I don't even want to get started on the idiot parents who encourage their kids to fight or the moms who encourage their teenage daughters to bully other teen girls over something so "important" as who the cute boy in class likes. Those parents are pitiful.

Bullying has always been around and as long as there are kids, it will be a part of childhood. It can result in very sad consequences such as depression and even suicide. Making anti-bullying laws sounds like a good

idea, but they won't help much. I like laws that punish parents who bully children or help their kids bully other kids, but laws dealing with kid-to-kid bullying won't accomplish much.

Kids will always bully others because there is a sense of strength that comes with dominating someone else. Kids also don't want to be considered different, so when one kid teases another kid for having glasses, braces, bucked teeth, greasy hair or some other insignificant reason, others join in out of fear of being the next kid singled out.

Also, many bullies lash out because they get bullied, as well. It is a vicious cycle.

So how should we deal with the problem of bullying? I look to my own experiences for answers.

I hated being teased, but I never fell into depression or considered suicide. While I did lash out with my mouth and fists at times, I do not endorse kids to do that today.

My quick tongue worked both ways. While it could be used as an instrument of teasing, it also allowed me to make friends easily. I am a very social person and have always had many friends. (I hope that does not sound like bragging.)

When I got teased, I always had friends to lift me up. I did the same for my friends. Even though I went through some teasing as a kid, I never hated going to school because I thought I would get hassled.

I also had the support of other kids who had the courage to stand up and condemn kids who teased

me. There were times when classmates I wasn't very close to stood and said calling me names was wrong. That made me feel pretty good.

On the flipside, when I got too mouthy and insulting of someone else, I was called out for being a jerk. That did not make me feel good.

While the support of friends can help someone through a bullying situation, there are many kids who don't make friends easily and don't have a support group. For those kids, they need others to step up and help defend them.

They need just one person in class or on the playground with the courage to stand up and say the bullying is wrong. I think the attention being paid to bullying today will help give kids the courage to stand up for the ones being attacked.

That happened in my day, and usually it was a girl who would speak up.

Boys seemed to be stuck in that "dog pack" mentality where they wanted to know where they stood in the hierarchy and were too afraid to be kicked out the pack for defending someone outside the group.

One time in high school, I had a class with a young man who wore clothes considered dorky. He spoke slowly and had an outdated hairstyle. The poor kid also suffered from horrible acne. One day, his face broke out so badly a few of the pimples bled.

The teacher stepped out of class for a few minutes and several kids picked on the young man and really teased him. He started crying and that made things worse. I am ashamed to admit that I didn't say a word in his defense. But someone did. One of the girls in class said a few comforting words to him and then blasted the class for being mean. She stood up and helped protect

someone when no one else would.

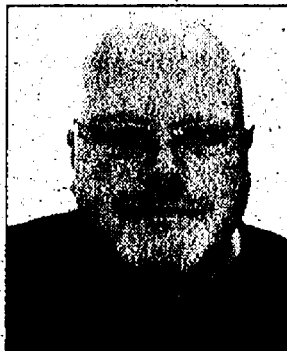
That's the best deterrent against bullying. Parents, teachers, administrators and lawmakers can only do so much. Every kid in school is part of a mini society that is run by kids and can be very brutal. At times, only the strong survive.

I doubt bullying will ever be abolished, but it can be curtailed if bullying becomes socially unacceptable and kids become willing to stand up for each other.

Kids who feel weak and helpless need to be lifted up by others.

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More than 2,500 students graduate from EMU

University holds two ceremonies for big class

By Malissa Martin
Heritage Media

Cameras and video recorders were used in abundance as family and friends captured their loved ones walking down the aisle at the Eastern Michigan University's graduation April 28.

EMU President Susan Martin said more than 2,500 students participated in this year's graduation from its six colleges, including arts and science, business, education, health and human services, technology and honors college.

EMU hosted two graduation ceremonies -- one in the morning and one in the afternoon -- to accommo-

date everyone.

Martin highlighted a few high-achieving graduates during the morning ceremony.

These students had a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Some were from other countries, and others were the first member in their family to graduate from college.

Award-winning cartoonist David Coverly, a 1987 EMU graduate, was the morning guest speaker. Lt. Gov. Brian Calley spoke during the afternoon graduation.

During Martin's introduction of Coverly she said he's "the perfect example of the hometown guy making it big while remaining in Michigan."

Coverly's cartoons were shown on screen behind him during his speech. His cartoons have been published in more than

400 publications, including The New York Times, USA Today, Newsweek and Esquire.

"College is about much more than deciding about what you want to do," Coverly told graduates.

"College is about understanding yourself to see more clearly the person you hope to be."

Coverly encouraged students to lead a creative life.

"You're unique," Coverly said, "so create the life you want."

Jelani McGadney, student body resident, started his speech by giving his classmates "good news," he said.

"We've done it," he said. "We made it here and we are leaving. We have achieved what, at times, seemed to be impossible, but let there be no doubt we are here and we are graduating."

McGadney told graduates that they have created a foundation at EMU and reminded them not to forget the people who have made an impact on their lives.

"Let us remember our professors who pushed us," McGadney said. "Let us remember our friends who lent us an ear. Let us remember our families who gave us the drive to keep going."

McGadney said he would forever be grateful to his mother, who is a single parent, for her encouragement throughout his college career.

Some graduates are worried about finding a job in a tough economy, McGadney said.

"These uncertain times give us a unique challenge," he said. "We now have the opportunity to be the change that we seek."



Olivia Villa picked up her diploma Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

Paxton says it won't be 'fracking' in county

Commissioners still opposed to drilling in area

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Representatives with Paxton Resources have maintained that they will not use hydraulic fracturing drilling methods in Washtenaw County.

Although the Washtenaw

County Board of Commissioners is still pressing forward with its opposition to drilling on the principle of environmental protection, particularly of the county's water resources.

Commissioner Yousef Rahbi led a recent working session of the County Board of Commissioners, which was the latest venue for the ongoing debate between the state Department of

Environmental Quality and Paxton in one corner and concerned citizens and public officials in the other.

One particular point that Rahbi made at the working session involved pointing out the Gelman Sciences plant contamination in Scio Township, which was only cleaned up after a court ordered the company to mitigate the dioxane contamination.

With real-world examples of industry failing

to live up to promises of doing right by the public and living up to promises of not damaging the public's health, assurances from Paxton Landman Greg Vadnais that current natural gas prices make "fracking" in Washtenaw not economical didn't satisfy Rahbi and his colleagues.

Although Rahbi was informed by County Administrator Verna McDaniel's staff that the

county's authority doesn't cut muster in the face of state and federal regulations of oil and gas recovery, the commissioners said that they are going to press on with a resolution condemning fracking and calling for reform of oil and gas regulations across the board.

For a full story recapping the past several discussions on the drilling concerns and various videos and audio recordings

from the recent flurry of meetings, visit heritage.com.

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Heritage Media reporters win journalism awards

Heritage Media-West, which produces eight weekly newspapers and the website Heritage.com, has won journalism awards in two recent contests.

In the Local Media Association 2011 Editorial Contest, The Chelsea Standard won second place for Best Front Page and second place for Best Arts and Entertainment Writing-Feature with reporter Sean Dalton's piece, "Purple Rose

Actors Celebrate 1,000 Performances Together."

The Dexter Leader grabbed third place for Best Front Page and The Milan News-Leader was awarded first place for Best Feature Series, "Young & Pregnant."

The Saline Reporter took home two awards -- first place in Best Arts & Entertainment Criticism/Commentary for Ann Arbor Skyline High School student Ryan Michaels'

movie reviews, and second place for Best Breaking News Story for its breaking election coverage.

In addition, two Heritage Media-West reporters walked away with awards from the Society of Professional Journalists annual editorial contest.

Reporter Sean Dalton and online coordinator David Veselenak captured awards in the online category, competing against every entering news orga-

nization across Michigan.

Dalton won second place in online news reporting for his piece, "Medical marijuana or employment -- a tough decision for some," a piece on a Battle Creek man who was fired from Walmart for having marijuana in his system. The story was part of a statewide project examining medical marijuana in Michigan.

"The piece demonstrates a thorough understanding

of the subject and the reporter's ability to explain the issue. Great example of enterprise reporting," the judges wrote.

Veselenak won third place in the blogging category for his posts on the Manchester-based blog, "The Wire."

"Veselenak's blog is a great read because it goes beyond the story, to reveal the details of 'local reporting' that used to be the grist of community

journalism," the judges wrote. "It's exceptional because it's so simple. Interesting stories about the community. His piece on a local candidate who failed to obtain a single vote, even her own, is great journalism because at its most basic level, is what we're here to do."

Judges for the competition were from SPJ members in other Midwest cities, including Chicago and Milwaukee.

Ann Arbor attorney to run for circuit judge

Ann Arbor attorney James A. Fink filed nominating petitions April 20 with the Secretary of State to place himself on the ballot for the election to fill the seat of retiring Washtenaw County Circuit Judge Melinda Morris.

"The outpouring of support we have received since announcing my candidacy has been overwhelming and shows that

the citizens of Washtenaw County understand the importance of maintaining the high quality of the Washtenaw County Circuit Court," Fink said in a news release.

Fink has received a number of endorsements in support of his campaign, including sitting Washtenaw County Circuit and District Court

Judges Archie C. Brown, David S. Swartz, Richard E. Conlin, Christopher S. Easthope, Kirk W. Tabbey and Charles J. Pope, as well as Magistrates Mark W. Nelson, Thomas Truesdell and Elisha V. Fink.

Among other endorsements are Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner Janis Hobrin, Court of Appeals Judge Mark Boonstra and retired District Court Judge Julie Creal.

Fink, who practices law in Ann Arbor, attended

the Detroit College of Law while working as a deputy for the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

During his 20-year career in the Sheriff's Department, Fink rose through the ranks, retiring as the police services commander, a position in which he was responsible for more than 150 employees and a budget of over \$10 million.

In addition to his career in law enforcement, Fink's public service includes sitting on the Dawn

Farm Board of Trustees, the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board and the Hope Clinic "One Hope" capital campaign committee, as well as providing free legal services to local non-profit organizations.

A lifelong resident of Washtenaw County, Fink and his wife, Beth, live in Ypsilanti, where they have raised their six children.

For more information about Fink's campaign, visit www.finkforjudge.com.



James A. Fink

Death Notices

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KEMP, R. IVAN; age 79; of Livonia; passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2012. A full obituary can be viewed at www.HandlerFuneralHomes.com

McALLISTER, NORMA M.; born in Ann Arbor; July 11, 1919 and passed away on April 28, 2012. She came with parents, Emil and Eva (Hankns) Kolander to Dexter in 1931. She is a Dexter High graduate in 1937 and was married to Joseph McAllister in August 1940. She was one of four of the graduates from Dexter High to be inducted in the D.H.S. Hall of Fame for her role in forming the Dexter Area Historical Society and her involvement in establishing the Dexter Area Museum. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, Henry and Alfred Kolander, and sister, Marian Kolander Ehley. She is survived by her son, George McAllister; a sister-in-law Carole Kolander; a niece, Joyce Oliver and family; three nephews Danile, Kerry and Kevin Kolander. She was a lifetime member of St. Andrews United Church of Christ. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2012, 11 a.m. at St. Andrews United Church of Christ, Dexter. Donations may be made to the Dexter Museum. www.hosmarmuseum.org

'American Reunion' unexpectedly bittersweet, expectedly raunchy

The "American Pie" franchise holds a bit of an awkward spot in the realm of contemporary comedy.

Having never seen them until roughly a week ago -- funnily enough, at the continued urging of my father -- it struck me how, well, tame it all seemed.

It certainly wasn't a strike against the films' qualities, which were respectable enough, but it was more of a comment on how these films have forced Hollywood to continually one-up itself in crudeness. It set the bar and was subsequently deemed outdated about 45 minutes later.

"American Reunion" here arrives in a landscape

MOVIE REVIEW



RYAN MICHAELS

that's seemingly passed it by with a once-promising cast of actors whose careers, Seann William Scott aside, seem to have passed them by. It's a bittersweet affair, and I'm not sure if it knows it.

The franchise kicked off with four nerdy West Michigan boys who vowed to lose their virginity by the end of their senior year. Now they've grown into full-fledged men with responsibilities, frustrations and babies: the earnest Jim, sweet Kevin, knuckle-headed Oz and mysterious Fink.

For the first time in

quite a while, they're back together for their high-school reunions, as are all their old (and new) flames.

What results is basically a series of romantic crisscrosses, permeated by a couple of outrageously crude set-pieces.

Most exciting is the return of Stifler, the outrageously funny man-child whose charm lands much better in his head than it does in real life.

Stifler really embodies what I dig the most about "American Reunion": It reunites all the elements and characters that gave the originals their personality, but adds a layer of bitter-sweetness, even sadness to it.

Yeah, Stifler's every ounce as immature and sexually frustrated as he was in high school.

Nothing's changed. That's the point. Helmed by the direc-

tors of the two great American-masterpieces "Harold & Kumar Go To White Castle" and its sequel "Escape From Guantanamo Bay," "American Reunion" admittedly doesn't have much flash or pizzazz going for it.

But two key sequences: a reunion party and subsequent reunion itself, are actually respectably edited and constructed, aptly juggling 10 or so different storylines and anticipating the moment where they all blow up in one another's face.

Many long-running jokes are resurrected: the characters' penchants for getting with one another's mothers, Eugene Levy's glorious eyebrows, et cetera.

The fact does stand that these characters are poorly handled, the plot is forgettable and the direction

merely competent at peak. But then again, "American Reunion" is no artful treatise on sorrowful longing for the past.

It has funny sex jokes, and never presumed to offer otherwise.

The fact remains that it's surprisingly poignant, even reflective at points.

It made me feel nostalgia for a franchise I hold no particular emotional attachment to, a feat more impressive than I'd like to admit.

I give it a B-

Film critic Ryan Michaels, a sophomore at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor and two-time winner of the Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest, can be reached through mrogers@heritage.com. All his reviews are on his website, <http://ryanthemovie-critic.com/>.

New Theatre Project offers 'The Tempest Project'

The New Theatre Project's upcoming production, "The Tempest Project," offers a never-before-seen look at Shakespeare's play.

The four-person cast created the piece by ruminating on the essential questions of humanity in the play, and "The Tempest Project" includes true stories from the actor's own lives.

Throughout the rehearsal process, the performers kept journals, created scene work, composed music and eventually found a deeply personal connection to the original text.

"The Tempest Project" casts actors in only the four roles of Miranda, Caliban, Ariel and Ferdinand, and it explores the question, "What holds you captive?"

Using inspiration from the original work, the piece also incorporates the performers' experiences surrounding this question. The production also features original music.

Audiences are asked to reflect on and contribute their own responses to the idea of captivity. By entirely optional and anonymous submission, these stories

could become part of the evolving project, changing nightly, until it reaches its final performance.

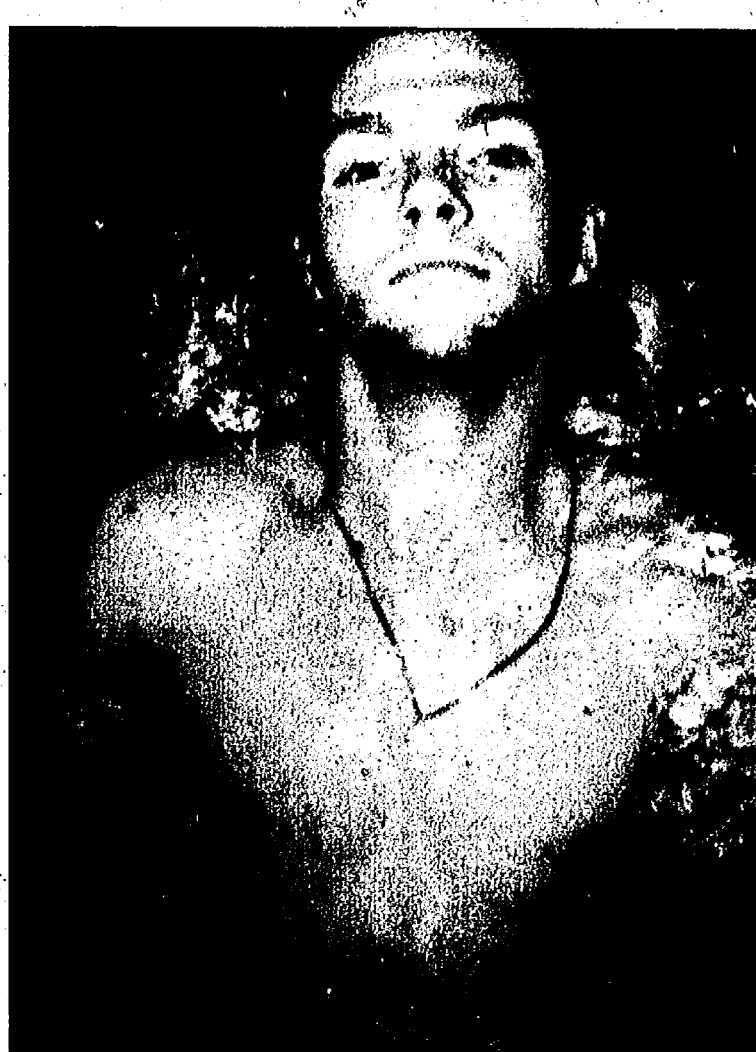
The New Theatre Project's "project plays" seek to connect audiences in an overtly personal and non-political way, illuminating the relevance of Shakespeare's centuries-old words in an entirely different way.

The cast features all current theater and musical theater students from the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University, including Luna Alexander of Ann Arbor, Jane Bruce, Dan Tracy and Andrew Whipple.

The production is also entirely designed by the ensemble members under the direction of Artistic Director Keith Paul Medelis.

The script is written in a collaborative adaptation by TNT Playwright-in-Residence Jason Sebachner. "Tempest" is stage managed by Emily Roll.

This project play features design elements including a stage covered entirely in dirt, an old-fashioned television set playing scenes from The Wizard of Oz and, of course, a pool of water. Audience members



Dan Tracy

may get wet.

The Tempest Project will have two pay-what-you-can previews at 8 p.m. May 8 and 9.

Regular performances will take place on at 8 p.m.

Friday through Sunday starting May 11 and running through May 27.

Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for students and seniors.

To reserve tickets, email



Jane Bruce and Dan Tracy are part of the four-person cast of The New Theatre Project's "The Tempest Project," loosely based on Shakespeare's play "The Tempest."

tickets@thenewtheatreproject.org or call the box office at 645-9776.

Performances take place at the Mix Studio Theater

at 130 W. Michigan Ave. in Ypsilanti.

For more information, visit www.thenewtheatreproject.org.

Severe Weather Awareness Week offers lessons

First step: Get inside, turn on TV, check news

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

While the area has already suffered from the March tornado in Dexter, it is still tornado season and it's important to know what to do in the event of an emergency.

Mid-April was Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Week, which encouraged residents to be prepared for emergency conditions.

Marc Breckenridge, director of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office emergency services division, said there are still many people who do not know the proper response for specific severe weather such as a tornado. He said during such an event is the worst time to call 911 to ask for advice and find out what they should do, because dispatchers could be inundated with emergencies.

The emergency services division encourages awareness and knowing key safety procedures ahead of time.

The first thing residents should do if they hear an outdoor warning siren is to get indoors, turn on the television and check a local media station.

Information will be broadcast regarding further instructions about what the warning siren is about. The siren tells residents something is wrong, Breckenridge said. He said it might not be warning about severe weather. It could be a different emergency, such as a chemical fire at a local plant, which would require a different response than if there was a tornado.

Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Week is observed between April 15 and 21.

The week aims to raise awareness on all types of severe weather in Michigan, which typically includes tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flooding. Severe thunderstorms can include dangerous wind, hail and lightning.

All these things really fall under convection weather and severe storms where there is warm air in motion, Breckenridge said, which can also lead to tornadoes and flooding.

During severe weather, particularly when there is a tornado, residents should take shelter indoors. The best place to be is a basement below ground, but if that's not possible residents

should move to an interior, windowless room. A small interior room such as a closet is preferred.

The idea is to put as many barriers as possible between residents and a debris field as possible, Breckenridge said. Windows can shatter and the wind can project the shards, which can cause serious injuries. Other debris can be moving around at the speed of a bullet.

Following these simple steps to seek adequate shelter save many lives, he said.

While there are statistically more deaths and injuries in Washtenaw County from lightning and wind damage than tornadoes, Breckenridge said tornadoes can still be a very serious threat.

According to the National Weather Service, there were four deaths and 31 injuries in 2011 throughout Michigan. The four deaths were from either lightning or thunderstorm winds. Severe weather, including tornadoes and flooding, caused \$150 million in damages throughout the year.

The area's most recent tornado in March caused significant damage in Dexter and there, fortunately, was no loss of life. Given the strength of the tornado and area it was in, Breckenridge said it was a miracle there weren't more injuries.

The Northfield Township Police Department recently posted a reminder online to be prepared during tornado season.

Tornadoes can leave behind devastation and fatalities within seconds, according to police, with winds up to 300 mph and with paths that can reach as wide as a mile.

A tornado watch is issued when conditions exist for severe weather to develop, which provides time to plan and prepare. A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has been sighted on the National Weather Service's Doppler radar.

FEMA recommends having a pre-designated shelter to go to in the lowest level of a residence or building that is away from windows, doors and outside walls.

"Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck," according to FEMA.

should get out immediately and find adequate shelter in the nearest building or shelter. Mobile homes provide little protection against tornadoes, even if tied down, according to FEMA.

FEMA also has some tips to residents caught outside without shelter during a tornado. Immediately get to a vehicle, use seat belts and drive to the nearest shelter if a vehicle is available. If the vehicle is hit by debris while driving, pull over and park. Residents should keep their heads below windows and cover up with a blanket, coat or other cushioning.

If residents can safely get to an area noticeably lower than the roadway, FEMA advises to leave the vehicle and lie in this area while using hands to cover the head.

Residents with vehicles should not try to outrun a tornado in an urban or congested area.

The county emergency services division also recommends getting a NOAA weather radio, which uses a service provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Breckenridge said he feels having such a radio should fall under the national standard alongside smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

The radio is important because if residents are inside, unable to hear an outdoor siren and aren't using something that would broadcast information in the event of an emergency, he said residents may have no way of knowing if there is a tornado. NOAA radios can be purchased in many electronics stores and online, Breckenridge said.

Having an overall emergency kit or supplies on hand is also recommended.

More safety tips and other important information, such as how to tune in to Washtenaw County-specific information, are available on the county emergency services website, ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/emergency_management.

More information from FEMA is available online at www.ready.gov/tornadoes.

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While the tornado that went through Dexter last month caused considerable damage, there were no serious injuries or deaths, and effective emergency preparedness has been credited as a major factor for why.

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WCSO finds cause of gunshot noises

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

Target practice within earshot of Dexter Community Schools campus was the cause of gunshot noises heard April 24.

The district's six schools were locked down briefly as a precaution after the sounds were reported at about 2:30 p.m., according to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office. A similar incident occurred April 18 when school district staff reported noises.

While searching for the source of the sound on April 24 in a secluded area near Walkabout Creek, sheriff deputies found shell casings. The investigation determined the area appeared to have been used for target practice and this led investigators to identify and question a subject in the area.

The sheriff's office confirmed the area has been used for target practice and fireworks. Students from nearby schools were not in any immediate danger from the activity, according to the Nixle alert posted the same day.

Superintendent Mary Marshall said the sheriff's office is always looking out for the safety of the community and the safety of the schools, and she has been assured there was no immediate danger to students.

Due to the noise, the schools were on lockdown for a few minutes before the sheriff's department gave the school district the go-ahead to send children home.

Although there is currently no evidence the noises on April 24 and the ones from April 18 are related, investigators believe the incidents are linked. On April 18, Dexter High School and Creekside Intermediate School students had

already left when the noise was heard, and the district's four remaining schools were locked down as a precaution.

"We have a similar situation to last week where we have unidentified

noises that sound perhaps like fireworks," Marshall said in a phone and email alert to parents.

Marshall said the lockdown gave the sheriff's department the chance to find the source of the

noises, which will be fully investigated. She said the schools would begin the dismissal process a few minutes before 3 p.m. and she thanked parents for their patience and understanding.

Discharging firearms within village boundaries is prohibited. Sheriff deputies will continue patrolling the area to ensure no further target practice is conducted. Residents who know of anyone using the area to shoot guns or use fireworks can contact the sheriff's office at 734-971-8400.

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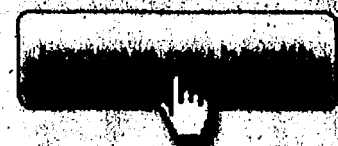
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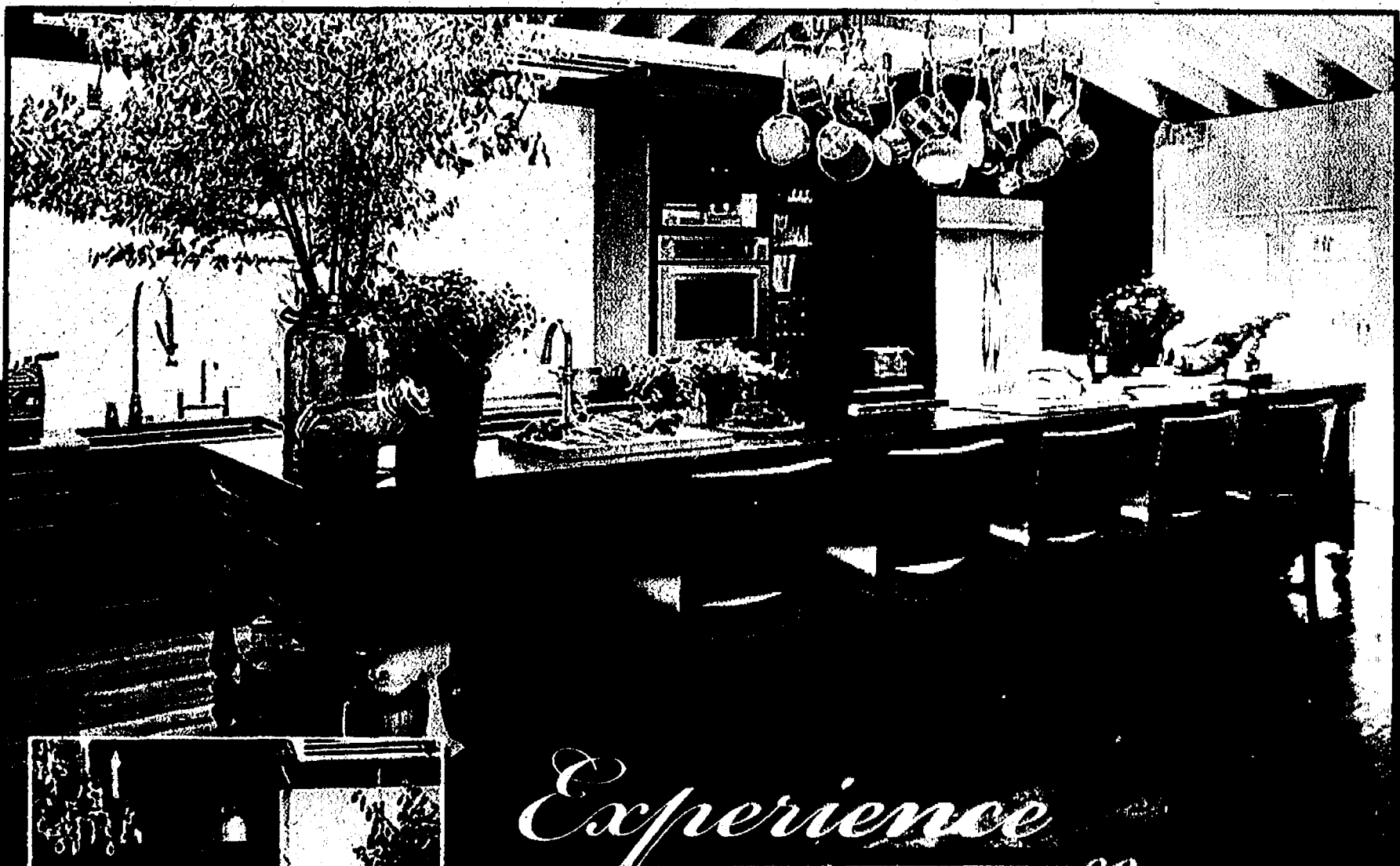
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Thursday, May 3

Meet the Chelsea Community Hospital CEO Nancy Graebner at the Chelsea Senior Center at noon.

The MADLAB Teen Advisory Board meets at the Chelsea District Library at 3:30 p.m.

Dr. Richard Omel presents Human Movement Management, Part 1: Strategies to improve body posture, movement habits and performance at 7 p.m. in the Dexter District Library.

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

The May monthly dinner at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ in Dexter will feature chop suey and egg rolls. This will be the last monthly dinner before taking a break over the summer months. Serving begins at 5 p.m. Tickets for both dine-in and carry out meals will be available at the door for \$8 for an adult meal, \$5 for youth ages 5-12 and free for children 4 and younger. The church is located at 7610 Ann Arbor St. For additional information, call 734-426-8610.

Friday, May 4

Join the Chelsea Senior Center and the Chelsea District Library for Great Books@CSC at the senior center at 1 p.m. The group will discuss "The Namesake" by Jhumpa Lahiri. Copies of the book are available at the library.

It's National Star Wars Day Celebration, and the Dexter District Library is celebrating all things Star Wars with themed snacks, trivia and chances to win prizes from 4 to 5:30 p.m. This pro-

gram is for youths in fifth through 12th grade and registration is required.

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Saturday, May 5

The Friends of the Dexter District Library hold a used book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the library, 3255 Alpine St. Prices range from 25 cents to \$2. The sale will also include various priced gift books for moms, dads and grads. Joining the Friends is free and applications are available at the library. For more information, call membership chair Joelle Moroz at 734-426-2006. The next used book sale will be June 2.

The Friends of the Chelsea District Library meet at 10:15 a.m. at the women's club table on the second floor of the library.

The Purple Rose hold a play reading at the Chelsea District Library at 10:30 a.m.

Super Stories, a book-themed discussion group for kids in kindergarten through second grade, will talk about "Skippyjon Jones" stories at 11 a.m. Registration is required.

Today is Free Comic Book Day for teens at the Dexter District Library from 1-2 p.m. Make a comic book magnet and take home a free comic book. This program is for youths in fifth through 12th grade and registration is required.

See "White Buffalo" at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. in Chelsea, at 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at purperose-theatre.org or by phone at 734-433-7673.

The Dexter Donation

Center hosts a rummage sale to benefit the victims of the recent Dexter tornado from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Area residents are invited to show their support by shopping at the donation center at Creekside Intermediate School. Payment for items will be in the form of donations to the Dexter Relief Fund. Items for sale include stacks of clothing of all sizes, shoes, handbags, toys, household items, backpacks and books. Any

questions about the sale can be directed to Barbara Read at barbararead@comcast.net. Sunday, May 6

The eReaders User Group meets at 1:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Ypsilanti teen in national music competition

'Selfish Love' single comes from the heart

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Abusive relationships, even those that don't involve physical abuse, are an emotional and social trap that many people find themselves mired in.

Ypsilanti musician Dymond Harding knows this firsthand, having a close friend who was herself in such a quagmire.

"The person she was with mentally abused her and her grades began to drop," Harding said.

That's why she was able to pull single "Selfish Love" from her heart for the sake of the PAVE The Way Project, which in turn exists for the sake of Harding's friend and all those like her who find themselves in a relationship with a significant other who utilizes the tools of intimidation and shame to tip the balance of their relationships.

The project focuses on raising awareness among teens, who typically lack the life and relationship experience to deal with an abusive partner. The project is sponsored by Verizon Wireless, which has teamed up and Cornerstone, a domestic violence agency based in Minnesota, and MTE Inc.

Harding is one of seven singers and songwriters between the age of 13 and 20 years who were chosen to submit original work for the cause.

Harding is a student at Lincoln High School, where she is currently a sophomore and an hon-



Photo courtesy of Dymond Harding

Dymond Harding, 15, is one of seven singers and songwriters competing in the PAVE the Way Project song competition.

ors student.

Having a strong family support system has led to an upbringing where scholastic achievement is of paramount importance, which is another dimension from which she sees this issue.

In the case of her friend, there was a severe degradation in performance at school and handling of homework duties, as a side effect of the abuse that was taking place within that dysfunc-

tional relationship.

"Her grades began to drop and she became very distant and lost an excessive amount of weight too," Harding said. "I felt like I didn't know what to do. I feel like with this project it really allows me to help teens that are going through that same experience."

One way that Harding's music will help promote the cause is by drawing people to the PAVE The Way website to vote on the sub-

mitted songs between May 29 and June 12.

The recipient of the most votes will have their song used as a promotional tool for PAVE The Way, and to top it off, the winner will get to jam with Grammy winner Carlos Santana and his son, Salvador Santana.

Harding's music is described by her as pop and R&B-centric, which she has honed over many years of practice with her

musically inclined father Rickey Harding.

They co-wrote their first song together when she was 13 years old, and from their family friend and producer Chuck Slay recruited the daughter-dad duo for a collaboration with a group he was working with in Washington, D.C.

The now 15-year-old singer-activist has been producing melodious sounds with her vocal talent since the tender age of 2.

She also remembers listening to some Santana tunes back in the day when she was much younger, when her parents would get to his CDs in their collection, so she says she is looking forward to a chance to share the stage with a musical legend, should her song stand the test of public referendum.

In the meantime she is continuing to build her fan base. She thanked her street team, Miah Bell, Anthony Millan, Trenton Davis and Brionna Banks for their work in making that happen.

"This song means a lot to me, since it was inspired by my friend's experience," Harding said.

She will perform live for the first time this summer at the Canton Liberty Fest on June 15 and then Hamburg Hometown Idol contest June 16.

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THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, May 3

■ **"White Buffalo"**
8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and Wednesday, and 2 p.m. Sunday: Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. Call 433-7673.

Friday, May 4

■ **Great Books at the Senior Center**
1 p.m. Friday: Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Free. 475-8732.

Saturday, May 5

■ **Kayaking 101**
11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday: Mill Lake Boat Launch, follow the signs from the north end of Pierce Road, Waterloo Recreation Area. Pre-registration requested. Free. 475-3170.

■ **Chelsea Chess Club**
3 p.m. Saturday: Wendy's, 1640 Commerce Park. Free. 475-1583.

■ **Chelsea Teddy Bear Co.**
11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday: CTBC Warehouse, 400 N. Main St. Free. 433-5499.

■ **Heart & Sole Race**
8:15 a.m. (bike) and 9:30 a.m. (run/walk) Saturday: Chelsea High School, 740 N. Freer Road. 475-4157.

Sunday, May 6

■ **Bird Walk: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission**
8 a.m. Sunday: West Lake Preserve, north side of Waterloo Road between Werkner and McKinley, east of M-52. Free. 971-6337, ext. 334.

■ **Wildflowers of Embury Woods: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission**
2 p.m. Sunday: Park Lyndon North to carpool, North Territorial Road east of M-52, Lyndon Township. Free. 971-6337, ext. 334.

■ **"Michigan's Rattler"**

2 p.m. Sunday: Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road (west off Pierce Road from I-94 exit 157), Chelsea. \$2 (families \$5). Pre-registration required. \$10 annual vehicle entrance fee. 475-3170.

Tuesday, May 8

■ **Tobacco Treatment for Seniors**
1:30 p.m. Tuesday: A seven-week group for adults over age 50. Call 998-6222. Turner Senior Center, 2401 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor.

■ **Senior Supper Club**
4 p.m. Tuesday: Chelsea Community Hospital. Program followed by 5 p.m. supper. Preceded by cards at 2:30 p.m.

International Book Club

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

DEXTER

Friday, May 4

■ **"Chik-fil-A Leadercast"**
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday: Dexter United Methodist Church, 7643 W. Huron River Drive. \$55 in advance at dexterumc.org. \$65 at the door. 426-8480.

■ **Midnight Madness**
7 to 9 p.m. Friday: Downtown Main Street area, Ann Arbor. Free. 668-7112.

Saturday, May 5

■ **Quilt Show**
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday: St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, 7610 Ann Arbor St. \$4. 426-4980.

■ **Used Book Sale**
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free admission. 426-4477.

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

■ **Bark for Life Ann**

Arbor and Fido 5K Fun Run - American Cancer Society

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road. Visit www.RelayForLife.org/BarkAnnArborMI.

Antique Appraisal Clinic

10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday: Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St. Free admission. Appointments are 15-minutes for verbal appraisal with donation of \$7 per item. Call 424-9998.

Garlic Mustard Pull: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

10 a.m. Saturday: Scio Woods Preserve, north side of Scio Church Road west of Wagner. Free. 971-6334, ext. 334.

O-Meet: Orienteering Club

Noon Saturday: Peach Mountain, North Territorial Road. 657-4408. Free. \$10 (members \$5) for a map. michigano.org.

Sunday, May 6

■ **Horse Show: Spur of the Moment Club**
8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday: Woodbine Farm, 9976 W. Liberty Road, Lima Township. Free admission.

Spring Fling Regatta: U of M Sailing Club

10 a.m. Sunday: Baseline Lake, 8010 Strawberry Lake Road. Free. Pre-register by emailing fsleon@gmail.com. 426-0920.

SALINE

Saturday, May 5

■ **Gray Panthers of Huron Valley**
9:45 a.m. Saturday: U of M Turner Senior Resource Center, 2401 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor. Free. 973-5593.

Farm Festival: Braun & Helmer

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday: Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$2 (age

11 and younger, free). 368-1733.

Ann Arbor Juggling Arts Festival: Jugglers of Ann Arbor

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday: Wide World Sports Center, 2140 Oak Street Drive. \$2. (248) 990-8084.

Pittsfield Open Band

3 p.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 994-9307.

Drum 4 Wellness Circle

7:30 p.m. Saturday: Interfaith Center, 704 Airport Blvd. \$5 suggested donation. 480-1219.

Contra Dance

8 p.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$10 (members, \$9; students, \$5). 769-1052.

"Spiritual Spaghetti": One Voice Gospel Choir Fundraiser

6 p.m. Saturday: St. Paul United Church of Christ, 122 W. Michigan. \$15 (concert only \$10; age 11 and younger, free). Reservations requested. 439-8462.

Sunday, May 6

■ **Tour: Zingerman's Creamery**
2 p.m. Sunday: 3723 Plaza Drive. \$25 (includes a \$5 coupon). 929-0500.

Fairwalk 2012: Washtenaw Wanderers Volkssporting Club

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday: Maps available at TeaHaus, 204 N. Fourth Ave. Free. 649-5024.

Square Dance

2 p.m. Sunday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. \$8 (students, \$5; \$1 member discount; age 14 and younger with a parent, free). 994-6494.

Chill and Cornbread Cook-Off: Ann Arbor Democrats

4 to 8 p.m. Sunday: Elks Lodge 322, 220 Sunset Road, Ann Arbor. \$10 advance, \$15 door. 222-0787. www.annarbordems.org.

Monday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 8

■ **Euchre**
6 p.m. Tuesday: Tri-County Sportsman's League, 8640 Moon Road. 429-9561.

Wednesday, May 9

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

YPSILANTI

Thursday, May 3

"The Cricket in Times Square": Wild Swan Theater

10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Building Towlsy Auditorium, 4800 E. Huron River Drive. \$12 (children and seniors, \$8; lap passes for age 2 and younger, \$3) in advance and at the door. 995-0530.

Ypsilanti Community Choir Concert

7:30 p.m. Thursday: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St. Free. 481-9285.

Friday, May 4

Bee on Board for Literacy Spelling Bee

7 p.m. Friday: Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive. \$35 in advance only at familylearninginstitute.org, by emailing info@familylearninginstitute.org, or by phone. 995-6816.

Saturday, May 5

Show 'n' Shine Car Show and Swap Meet Kick Off Party: Ypsilanti Area Street Rods

6 to 9 p.m. Saturday: Riverside Park near Depot Town. 649-7980. yasr.com.

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9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday: Riverside Park near Depot Town. \$2 admission; \$20 to show a car. 649-7980.

Spring Ride & Festival: Bike Ypsi

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday: Recreation Park, 1015 Congress St. Free. bike.ypsi.org.

Puppet Show

3:30 p.m. Sunday: Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St. \$5 (age 3 and younger free). 657-2337.

Tuesday, May 8

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.

Dawn Farm: Teens Using Drugs - What To Know and What To Do

7:30 p.m. Tuesday: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive. Free. 973-7892.

Huron Valley Rose Society

7:30 p.m. Tuesday: Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road. Free. 277-0112.

"The Tempest Project": New Theatre Project

8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday: Mix Performance Space, 130 W. Michigan Ave. 645-9776.

Tuesday Evening Birders: Washtenaw Audubon Society

6 p.m. Tuesday: Meet at Miller Road Park & Ride off M-14. Free. 994-3569.

Wednesday, May 9

Amnesty International

7 p.m. Wednesday: Ecumenical Center, 921 Church St., Ann Arbor. Free.

Love story at heart of 'Titanic' stands test of time

There's really nothing I'm going to say here that hasn't been said before in another — and probably better — critique or dissection, but the fact that you're continuing to read this sentence certainly says something about "The Titanic's" lasting appeal.

Or my writing. Either way.

Director James Cameron's "Titanic" was up against almost insurmountable odds — a \$100 million budget that doubled over the course of the shoot, an unsafe set sending crew members away with illnesses and broken bones, a skeptical press who were all too happy to declare the film a studio-sinking disaster. But, much like the film itself, we all know how it ended.

I don't need to tell you that "Titanic" was a cultural juggernaut, nor that much of the film's appeal comes from our uneasy anticipation of the name-sake's disastrous sinking.

"Titanic" is about a boy and a girl who fall in love on a ship and the ship sinks and the boy dies. But you knew that.

The cringe-inducing "it's the journey, not the destination" aphorism holds true here.

The appeal and quality of this film is, very simply, watching it all play out.

This film fulfilled the fantasies millions of romantics out there for a reason, and that is because it's a damn good love story.

Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet still have an undeniable spark as the poor, artistic, dreamy

MOVIE REVIEW



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guy and the upper-class teenage girl who's being shipped off to marry a steel tycoon.

They meet aboard the 1912 luxury liner touted as "unsinkable."

Once the Titanic strikes a massive iceberg, however, everything descends

into utter chaos, since it's a mere matter of hours before everything sinks into the icy Atlantic.

Books have been written about the extensive production values at work here — the impeccable costumes, lavish sets, full-scale recreation of the true-life ship, etc. Today, they look every bit as excellent as they did when they swept the Oscars 15 years ago.

Still, ringing less true is writer-director-producer-editor James Cameron's shoe-horned, half-assed "rich people are stiff, poor Irish people rule" class commentary.

Never bought it, never will.

Billy Zane's overdone embodiment of the "rich white jerk" archetype still raises eyebrows. I still hate Celine Dion's song

with every fiber in my body.

Although Cameron stumbles in assigning social meaning to the characters, there's still some interesting stuff he gets across.

"Titanic" is an interesting snapshot of the moment that American class distinction began to fall into chaos, where humble immigrants and noble tycoons alike gained equal stature in society.

Cameron, too, is a fantastic emulator of the sort of old-school, epic Technicolor splendor that Hollywood once embodied.

It's a world of only good and bad, life and death, joy and sadness, beauty and chaos, with very little middle ground between the two.

Absence of subtlety isn't always a bad thing.

Seeing "Titanic" on the big-screen for the second time, this time older than the 13-month-old I was the first time around, was a revelatory experience, and not just because the added third dimension brings an entire layer of depth and splendor to the proceedings, but because it goes to show how, sometimes, works of art with wholly earnest intentions win out.

I give it an "A" rating.

Film critic Ryan Michaels, a sophomore at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor and two-time winner of the Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest, can be reached through mrogers@heritage.com. All his reviews are on his website, <http://ryanthemoviecritic.com/>.

IN BRIEF

Free workshops on caring for someone with dementia offered May-June

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan and Great Lakes Chapters are partnering to offer an educational training program for families who are caring for a loved one with a dementia-related illness, such as Alzheimer's disease, a closed head injury or dementia as a result of stroke.

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B is a nonprofit agency responsible for services to more than 500,000 people ages 60 and older residing in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties.

The Creating Confident

Caregivers training program has been proven to reduce caregiver stress by empowering caregivers with useful tools and information.

The CCC trainings are held for two hours once a week for six weeks at various locations in southeastern Michigan. Caregivers are encouraged to attend all six classes, from beginning to end, in order to complete the training.

Two trainings will be offered in Washtenaw County this spring and summer.

The first training runs from 2 to 4 p.m. starting May 23 and continuing each Wednesday through June 27 at Evangelical Homes of Michigan, 101 Brecon Drive in Saline.

The second training runs from 10 a.m. to noon starting June 5 and continuing each Tuesday through July 10 at The

Oaks Adult Day Service of the Ann Arbor Church of Christ, 2500 S. Main, Ann Arbor.

All materials, fliers, and training books are provided by the Agency on Aging 1-B, and there is no cost for the caregiver to attend the training. On-site respite care is also available to participants free of charge at both locations.

The class is limited to 12 participants. Up to three members from one family can attend a training together. Caregivers should plan to attend all six sessions to get the full benefit from the program.

"The CCC program is unique because it is designed to address very specific challenges that caregivers of a person with dementia experience," said CCC Trainer Cathy Backos. Backos has a licensed practical nurse degree and is respite

care manager at the Area Agency on Aging 1-B.

"Caregivers should not view this as a support group but as an opportunity to learn new information and strategies — that will make their job easier and more fulfilling."

The program is supported, in part, by the U.S. Administration on Aging through its Alzheimer's Disease Demonstration Grants to States, the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, the Area Agency on Aging 1-B, The Alzheimer's Association — Greater Michigan Chapter and the Alzheimer's Association — Michigan Great Lakes Chapter.

To register for the CCC training program, as well as on-site respite care, call the Area Agency on Aging 1-B at 800-852-7795, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Journalist Dan Rather at Michigan Theater May 21

The Ann Arbor District Library will host an evening with journalist Dan Rather as he discusses his new memoir "Rather Outspoken: My Life in the News" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. May 21.

Given his long exposure on television around the globe, Dan Rather may be the best-known journalist in the world. He has covered nearly every major event in the world in the past 60 years.

His resume reads like a history book, from his early local reporting in Texas on Hurricane Carla to his unparalleled work covering the assassination of President John F. Kennedy; the civil rights movement; the White House and national politics; wars in Vietnam, Afghanistan, the Persian Gulf, Yugoslavia and Iraq.

Rather served as anchor and managing editor of the "CBS Evening News" from 1981 to 2005, the longest such tenure in broadcast journalism history. He helped to found "48 Hours," a broadcast he anchored and reported for from its premiere on Jan. 19, 1988, through September 2002.

He was a correspondent for "60 Minutes" from October 1975 to September 1981, and again from March 2005 to the summer of 2006. Rather also helped to found and served as a correspondent for 60 Minutes II from its debut on Jan. 13, 1999 to its final edition in September 2005.

His regular contributions to CBS News Radio included "Dan Rather Reporting," a weekday broadcast of news and analysis on the CBS Radio Network from March 1981 to November 2004.



Dan Rather

In 2006 Rather founded the company News and Guts and became anchor and managing editor of HDNet's "Dan Rather Reports," which specializes in investigative journalism and international reporting.

During his 44 years with CBS News, Rather held many other prestigious positions, including anchor of the documentary series CBS Reports and anchor of the weekend editions of the CBS Evening News.

He served as the CBS News bureau chief in London and Saigon and was the White House correspondent during the Johnson, Nixon and Ford administrations.

Over the many years of his career, Rather has regularly landed interviews with the world's most important figures, from the famous to the infamous.

Among the landmarks of his career was his critically-acclaimed live reporting on the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Rather spent 53 hours and 35 minutes on the air over less than four days beginning the morning of the attacks.

In 2000, he anchored "Election Night 2000," a marathon that kept him on the air continuously from 6

p.m. on Nov. 7, to 10 a.m. on Nov. 8.

He has received nearly every honor in broadcast journalism, including numerous Emmy and Peabody Awards and citations from critical, scholarly, professional and charitable organizations.

Rather has also authored or co-authored seven books, four of which have become New York Times bestsellers.

His memoir "Rather Outspoken," is told in a straightforward and conversational manner, and in it, Rather discusses all the major stories from his decades of reporting.

This personal account includes his dismissal from CBS, the Abu Ghraib story, the George W. Bush Air National Guard controversy, his coverage of the JFK assassination, the origin of "Hurricane Dan" and inside stories about all the top personalities Rather has either interviewed or worked with over his remarkable career.

The book will also include Rather's thoughts and reflections on the state of journalism today and what he sees for its future, as well as never-before-revealed personal observations and commentary.

The event will include a book signing, and books will be on sale at the event. There is no charge to attend.



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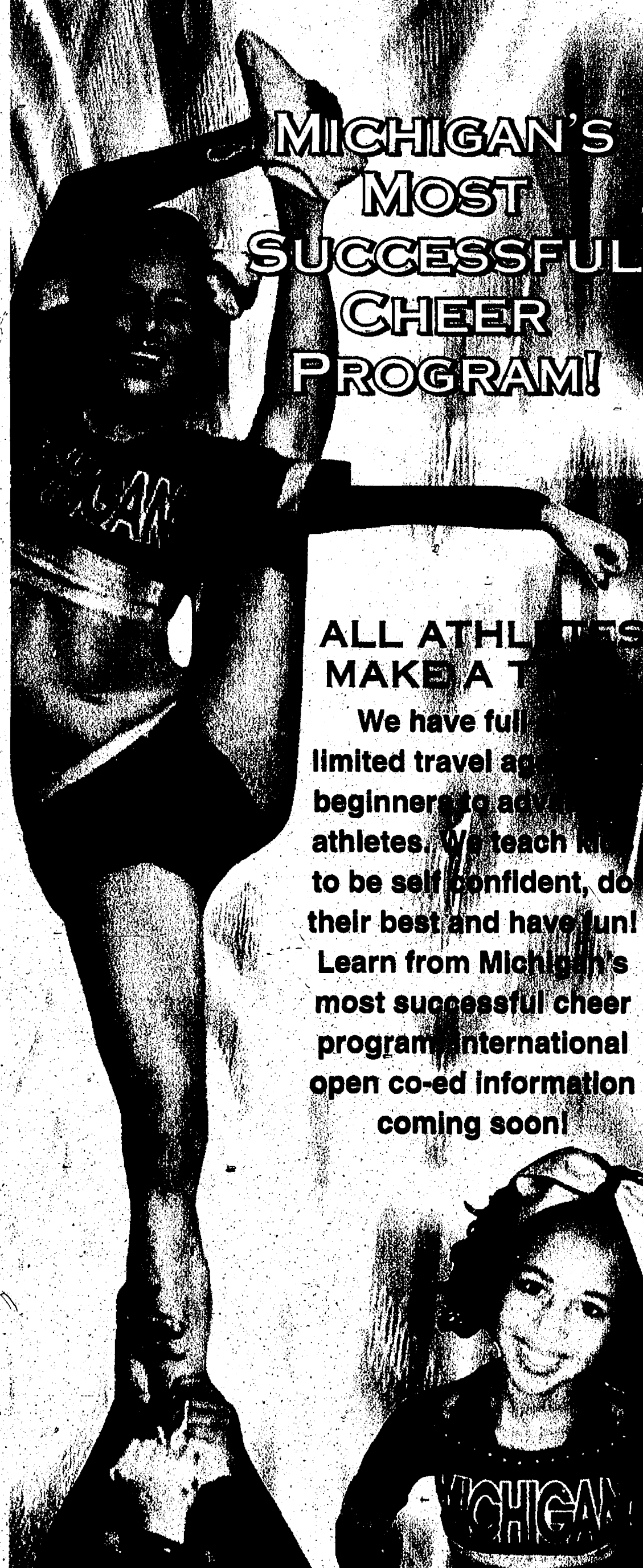
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Kick & Roll



Photo by Terry Jacoby

Kaitlyn Kivi and the Dexter Dreadnaughts have been ranked among the top teams in the state all season.

Girls soccer headed in the right direction

Dexter is a power,
Milan is arriving
and Manchester is
new on the scene

A long trip - hey, Grosse Ile isn't exactly down the street around the local soccer scene last week shows just how good some of the area soccer teams are and how others are fast approaching.

We have the juggernaut in Dexter where the Dreadnaughts have won eight in a row and have been state ranked all season. We have a team loaded with talent in Saline and a team showing steady improvement in Chelsea - the Bulldogs won the Carlson Tournament late last month.

We also have a new team in Manchester where the Flying Dutch already are showing signs of a promising future.

But we start with Milan. "Did we just win a soccer game on the island? I have to ask, did we just win a game on the island," one of the Big Reds players was asking out loud as she approached the visitor's bleachers on Grosse Ile.

And the answer, of course, was yes as the Big Reds knocked off the always tough Red Devils 1-0 on Friday afternoon.

Milan has now won seven games in a row and appear on its way to claiming a Huron League title.

The Big Reds are a young team, featuring six sophomores and a freshman on the varsity roster. They also have some experience with a number of seniors and plenty of highly skilled players.

But they beat Grosse Ile

on pure hustle. They rarely quit on a play and helped set up several good scoring chances just off of hustle plays.

Hanna Horton, the freshman, scored Milan's game-winning goal in the 1-0 victory on a perfectly placed lob shot from just outside the 18-yard box. Horton was always dangerous whenever she was around the ball, which was often.

Kaitlin Bagozzi and Bailey VanHarren, both sophomores, and junior Abby Billau were among many players all over the field for the Big Reds in their big win.

"We came to the island and took care of business," Billau said after the game. The junior had a simple reason why Milan has been so successful this season.

"We are all friends," she said. "We have each other's backs and we play for each other and not for ourselves."

Another club that plays the "team game" is Dexter, currently ranked ninth in the state for the second week in a row in Division 2.

The Dreads have been doing it this year with defense. Senior Sarah Silvasti - a Division 1 goalie - and the Dexter defense



TERRY JACOBY



Bradley runs into Chelsea HS record book

Senior sets mark in 3200 meters



Photos by Mark Siebelton

Bryce Bradley (top) and Cotton Dennis (above) have the Bulldogs on the right track.

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The Chelsea boys' track and field team headed to Mason on Saturday and took fourth place at the Mason Invitational. The Bulldogs finished with 84 points and finished behind Saginaw Heritage (130 points), Mason (95) and Holt (93) in the eight-team tournament.

"We used this meet to target a couple specific events, rather than go for a team win," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager. "Still, we finished in the top half of a very competitive field, and were within a couple breaks of trophy contention."

The highlight of the meet was the long-anticipated 3200 meter matchup between "Mr. Cross Country" Bryce Bradley of Chelsea and Cross Country National Finalist Evan Chiplock of Saginaw Heritage.

Also in the star-studded field was Tanner Hinkle of Mason, one of the top five finishers at last fall's cross country state meet.

The race went through the mile in a crisp 4:37 time, then with 800 meters to go, Chiplock made a surge and dropped Hinkle. Bradley responded by blasting to the lead, and held it until the final 100 meters, when Chiplock found one more gear and edged the Chelsea

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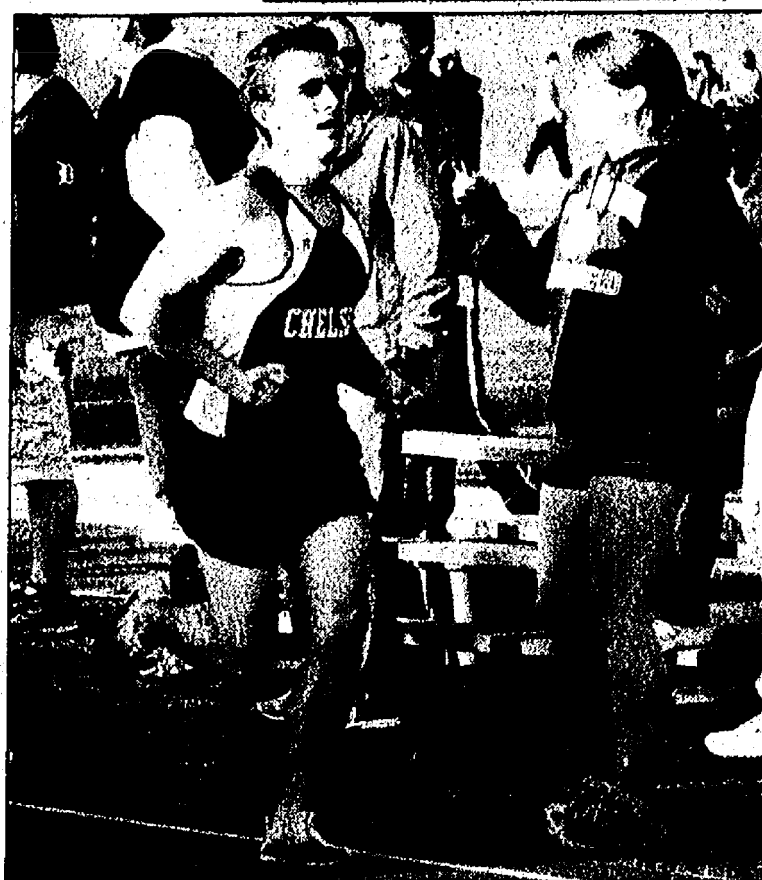
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Athletes of the Week



Bryce Bradley, Chelsea

The Chelsea senior broke a Chelsea High School record in the 3200 during Saturday's Mason Relays. Bradley set a school record with his time of 9:10.42, eclipsing the 9:16.6 time set last year by August Pappas.



Hanna Horton, Milan

The freshman scored on this shot in the Big Reds' 1-0 victory Friday at Grosse Ile. Milan has won seven straight games and are in control in the Huron League.



Kayla Harris, Dexter

Dexter senior Kayla Harris defeated Lincoln's Taylor Jones 6-2, 6-1 at No. 1 singles in last week's SEC showdown as the Dreads continue to roll.



Josh Wilson, Manchester

Josh Wilson continues to hit and drive in runs for the red hot Manchester baseball team. Wilson had a pair of doubles to help lead the Flying Dutch to an 11-1 win last week over Addison. "The ball looks like a watermelon to him right now," coach Corey Fether said of Wilson. "He's just hitting everything hard."

Serving up a title!



The Ann Arbor's Volleyball Club 18 Elite Team won the 2012 Motor City Madness Tournament in dominating fashion last month. The team went 7-0 for the two-day tournament, which included a 2-1 victory in the finals over a tough team from UNO volleyball club out of the Chicago area. Local players on the team include Saline's Marissa Owen and Dexter's Caitlin Foote and Talla Wood.

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have eight shutouts in its last 10 games.

Defense though starts in the midfield and that's where the Dreads have been dominating games. Victoria Pepper, Emily Tarnaski, Lindsey Lloyd, Kat Kerska and Kaitlin Kivi have been controlling the middle of the field so far this year.

"Our present winning streak can be attributed to pressuring both sides of the ball," said Dexter coach Scott Forrester. "That is when the other team has the ball, we pressure the ball and take passing lanes away from that player. With the ball, we look to attack as quickly as possible."

And they have several players, including junior Olivia Vollmers and senior Nicole Lucas (seven game point streak), who can attack as well as anyone in the area.

Not only is Dexter loaded with talent, but Forrester is an experienced coach who has been in the big games before. The girls have won district titles in six of the past seven seasons, winning three regional titles during that run. The boys were state champions in 2006 and state runner-ups in 2007 and 2008.

This could be a big year for Dexter soccer.

Meanwhile, it's the first year for Manchester girls' soccer. It's hard to believe that it took this long for the Flying Dutch to land a soccer program. But with a small school, the numbers aren't always there to field a team and even if they are, it could take away from other sports, such as track and field.

Manchester certainly proved this year that the numbers were there for a soccer team. And apparently, a good soccer team as well.

Because of injuries, the Flying Dutch only had 11 players for Friday's game against Grass Lake. Still, they went out and won their fourth straight game with a 5-3 victory to improve to 4-3-1 on the season.

Yeah, they did this without any subs!

It sounds like we have the beginnings of another quality soccer team in the area. Welcome to the show, Manchester.

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Photo by Terry Jacoby

Milan's Courtney Meyer is the center of attention during the Big Reds win over GI.



Photo by Terry Jacoby

Dexter's Andi Kimball is one of the Dreads' key players in their successful run.



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Manchester's Natalie Greenfield passes the ball during a game for the Flying Dutch.

U-K assistant coach to take over Eagles

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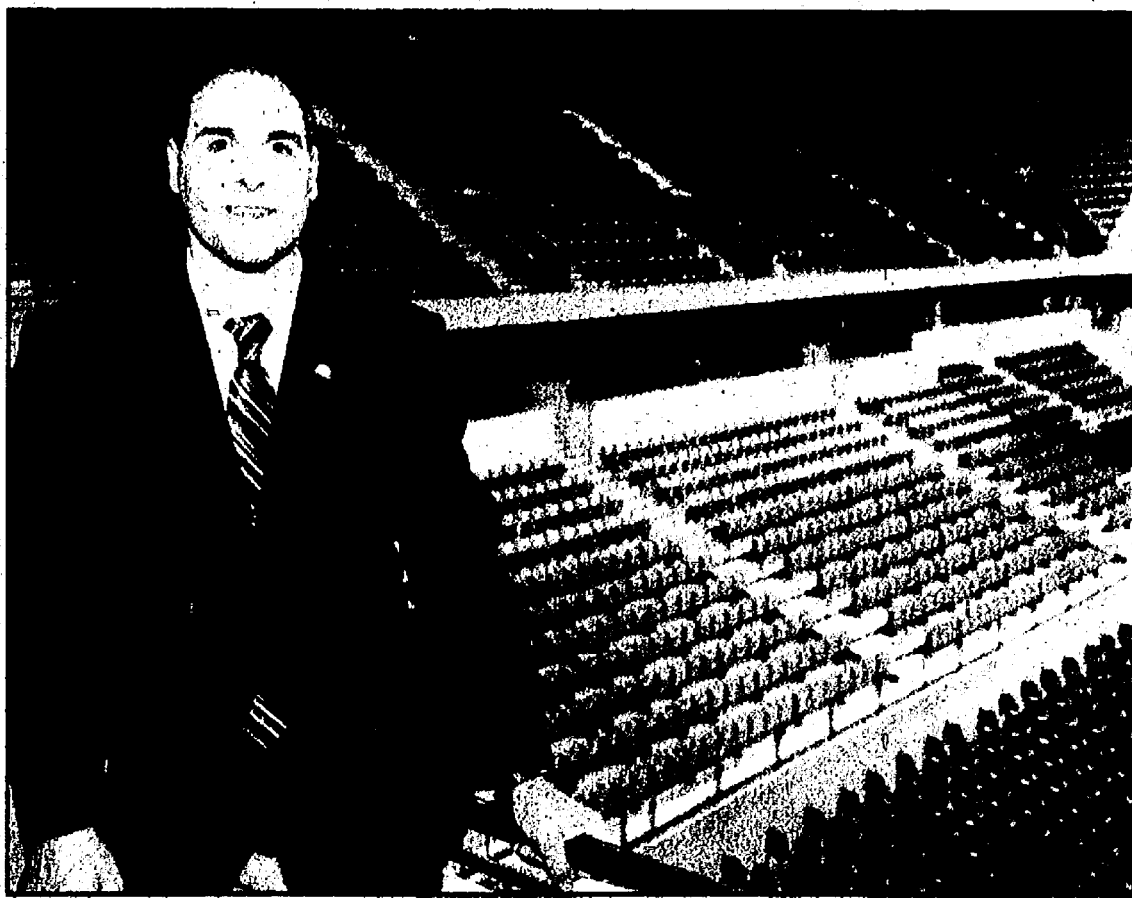
Tory Verdi, an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Kansas for the past two years, has been named the new head women's basketball coach at Eastern Michigan University. Director of Athletics Dr. Derrick Gragg announced last Thursday.

The 39-year old Verdi has strong ties throughout the Midwest and has worked at every level of women's basketball. An experienced coach at both the college and professional levels, he has been a part of 12 teams that have participated in the postseason since the 2001-02 campaign.

"We are excited about having Tory Verdi leading our women's basketball program into the future," EMU Director of Athletics Gragg said of the addition of Verdi. "Tory is one of the most well-rounded assistant coaches I have encountered. Not only has he been an assistant at two Big 12 programs for women's basketball who advanced to the 'Sweet 16' in recent years, he has also been an assistant in the WNBA and for a men's college basketball program as well. He is known as an outstanding recruiter and has been involved with winning programs everywhere he has been."

In 2011-12, Kansas posted a 21-13 overall record and an 8-10 league mark to finish tied for sixth place in the Big 12 Conference. The Jayhawks were awarded an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament and then surprised the hoops world with wins in the first and second rounds to advance to the team's first NCAA "Sweet 16" since 1998.

The Jayhawks, who finished the season ranked No. 25 in the final USA Today/ESPN's Coaches Poll, knocked off 23rd ranked Texas, Jan. 4, for KU's first Big 12-opening victory since 2006 and the program's first road win over a ranked



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opponent since 2000. The squad would also go on to upset No. 21 Texas Tech, No. 17 Nebraska and No. 7 Delaware.

Directly working with the post players, Verdi helped Carolyn Davis earn first team All-Big 12 honors as well as garnering honorable mention All-America accolades from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA). She also became the 14th Jayhawk to amass at least 1,000 points and 500 rebounds in a career. Davis was named to the watch lists for the Naismith Wooden and Wade trophies, while ESPN.com called the 6-foot-3 post player one of the top five centers in America.

Meanwhile, Aishah Sutherland was an honorable mention All-Big 12 pick after becoming just one of four players in the league to rank in the top 10 in the conference in both scoring

(13.9 ppg) and rebounding (8.9 rpg). Fellow post player Tania Jackson grabbed academic honors from the league office as well.

Verdi was instrumental in getting Asia Boyd and Chelsea Gardner to decide to play in Lawrence, Kan. A product of Detroit's Renaissance High School, Boyd was the 39th-best player in the country in the 2011 recruiting class and the second-ranked player out of Michigan by ESPN's Hoopgurlz.com. Meanwhile, Gardner named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) All-State Team in 2010-11 while earning back-to-back all-district first team appointments.

In his first year at Kansas in 2010-11, he helped the team to a 21-13 (6-10 Big 12) mark and an appearance in the Women's National Invitational Tournament (WNIT).

Before heading to KU,

Verdi spent five seasons at former Big 12 foe Nebraska from 2005-10 as the offensive coordinator and post players' coach. While Verdi was

on staff, the Cornhuskers completed their most successful season in school history in 2009-10, compiling a 32-2 record.

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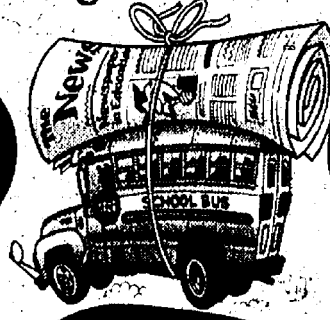
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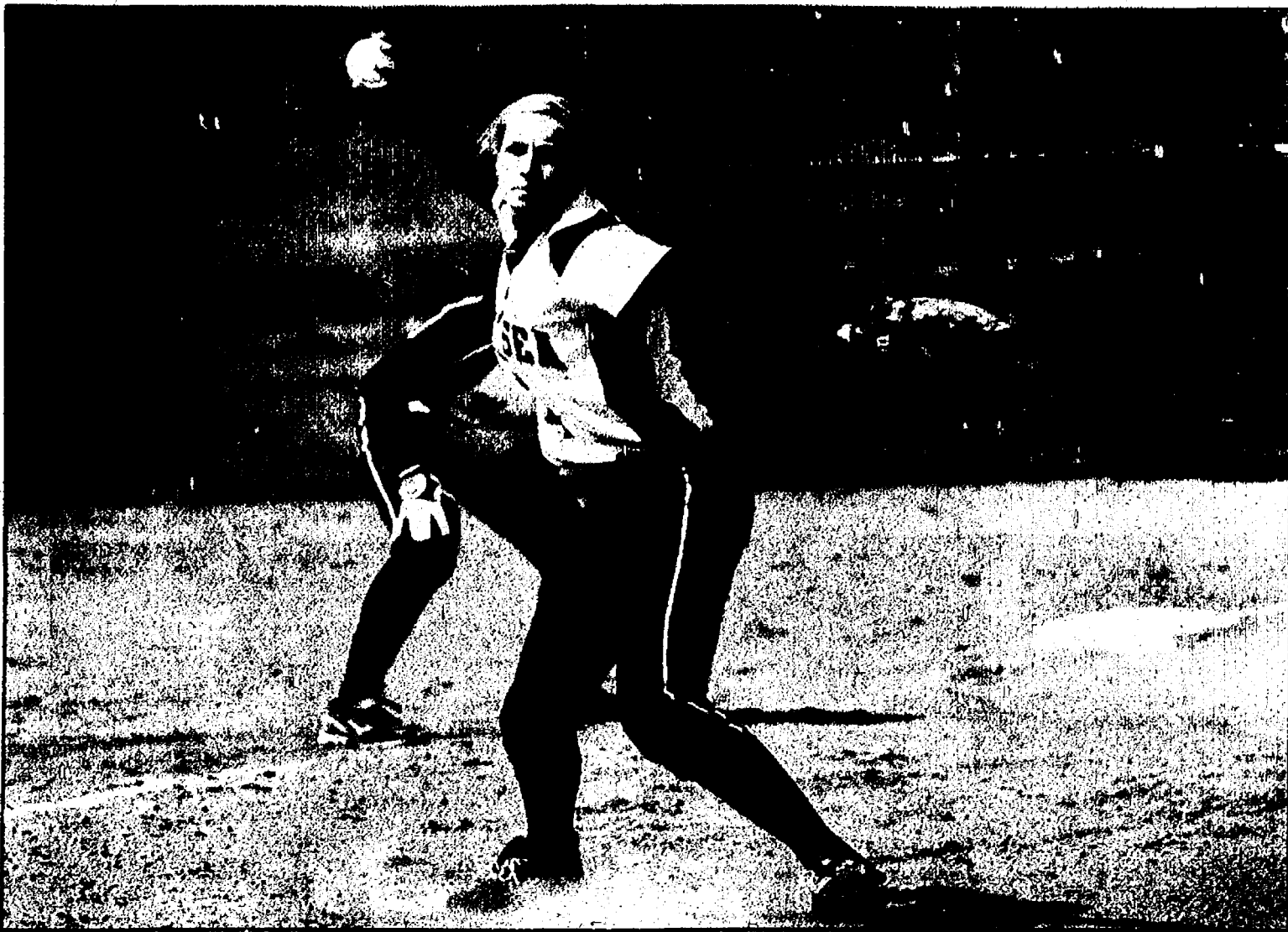


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Chelsea's Bailey Darwin makes the play at third base in the Bulldogs' win over Manchester.

Bulldogs (13-1) suffer first loss

By Terry Jacoby

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The Chelsea softball learned a few valuable lessons last week that should come in handy down the road when the Bulldogs take the field in games with bigger consequences.

The first lesson, taught by Tecumseh, was that despite having an abundance of both talent and experience, the Chelsea girls can't just throw their gloves and bats on the field and expect to win. They also learned they can't just throw the ball all over the field and expect to win.

After narrowly escaping with a 4-3 win in the opener, the Bulldogs suffered their first loss of the season with a 3-2 setback against Tecumseh.

"They may not be as good as they've been in the past, but they are still a strong team," Chelsea coach Bob Moffett said of the Indians. "And a lot of teams would beat us the way we played (Thursday)."

In the two games, Chelsea uncharacteristically committed nine errors

while their opponent made just one error. In the opener, the Bulldogs had 14 hits and had runner's in scoring position in every inning except one but only managed four runs.

"In the second game, we just couldn't hit the ball," Moffett said. Still, better to learn these lessons now.

Taylor Hansen got the win in the opener, going eight innings with eight strikeouts and allowing only one earned run.

Junior Taylor Cooley, who had a huge week at the plate for the Bulldogs, had four hits. Katlyn Brosnan, another junior, also had four hits in the win. Jessie Fox had two hits, Bailey Darwin had two RBI and Sarah Bucholz drove in two runs in the eighth to give the Bulldogs a 4-2 lead.

In the second game, Bucholz allowed only three hits and no earned runs but still took the loss. Darwin and Hansen each had two hits.

Bucholz, who returned to pitching after taking a year off as a junior, has

been lights out so far this year on the mound for the Bulldogs.

"Her drop ball is so nasty," Moffett said. "It's un-hittable at times. Batters can adjust to an upball but not a drop ball and when she has it working it's very hard to hit."

She had it working in the second game against Skyline last Monday when she struck out 11 and allowed just one hit in a 13-0 Chelsea win.

Cooley had three hits, Fox had two hits including a double, Darwin had a double and two RBI and Bucholz had a double and two RBI in the win.

In the opener, Chelsea won 15-1 in five innings. Hansen had five strikeouts and allowed just one hit.

Cooley, remember the girl with the big week, had a triple, an inside the park home run and drove in six runs for the Bulldogs. Hansen (a triple), Taylor VanRiper (three RBIs) and Carley Wooster had two hits apiece in the win.

The Bulldogs (13-1 overall, 7-1 SEC) host Adrian on Thursday and Ida on Friday.

Golf team opens SEC

The Chelsea golf team opened its SEC schedule on Monday at Leslie Park and came away with one win and one loss.

"The temperature was tolerable, but again wind was the theme, blowing at about 25 mph, making scoring conditions very difficult," said Chelsea coach Joe Ewald.

The low score of the quad meet was carded by Ann Arbor Huron with a 158. Chelsea shot a score of 169, and Ann Arbor Skyline a 171.

Mason Wagner was the low score for Chelsea with a 40 followed by Bourke Lodewyk at 41, Wesley Mitchell with a 43 and Cole Mauti 45.

On April 21, Chelsea played at the Mason Invitational and shot a score of 245 in very good and windy conditions, to place eighth out of 14 teams.

"Our scoring went the wrong direction, from our first event, but with the conditions, it was not a big surprise," Ewald said.

The event was won by Okemos with a score of 320.

Lodewyk and Wagner both shot an 81. Mitchell shot a 91 and Mauti shot a 92.

The Bulldogs suffered a tough loss last week in a dual match at Tecumseh.

The Bulldogs lost 158-177.

Wagner led all scorers with a one-over-par 37, followed by Bourke Lodewyk 46, Joe Slusser 46 and Cole Mauti 48. The other bright spot for the Bulldogs was sophomore Joe Slusser with a 46 in his first varsity match. Slusser became the first "non-senior" to score on varsity this season.

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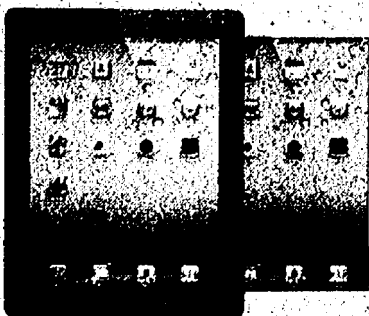
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Bulldogs make their pitch!

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Pitcher Alex Maloney brings the heat for the Bulldogs.



Brad Hepler puts the bat on the ball.



Jake Steinhauer makes the play at first.



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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
A thunderstorm in spots	A strong thunderstorm	A couple of thunderstorms	Chance of a shower	Partly sunny and cooler	Partly sunny	More sun than clouds	Increasing cloudiness
82° to 88°	56° to 62°	78° to 84° 53° to 59°	70° to 76° 42° to 48°	59° to 65° 35° to 41°	62° to 68° 37° to 43°	61° to 67° 35° to 41°	59° to 65° 40° to 46°

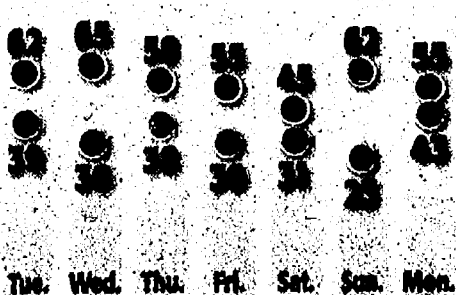
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Statistics for the week ending Monday, April 30

Temperatures:
 High/low for the week: 69°/23°
 Normal high/low: 65°/38°
 Average temperature: 47.4°
 Normal average temperature: 51.5°
Precipitation:
 Total for the week: 0.72"
 Total for the month: 1.85"
 Normal for the month: 8.34"
 Normal for the year: 2.95"
 Normal for the year: 8.40"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures ● High ● Low



THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature®



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RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Current stage
Dearborn Heights		3.06 ft
Huron River		16 ft
Ann Arbor		12.89 ft
Maletts Creek		3.37 ft
Ann Arbor		3.37 ft
Mill Creek		12 ft
Dexter		6.94 ft
River Raisin		3.29 ft
Manchester		3.29 ft

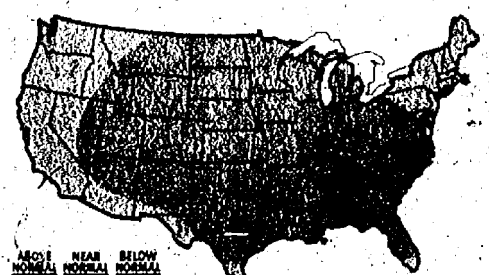
LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	571.47 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	574.04 ft

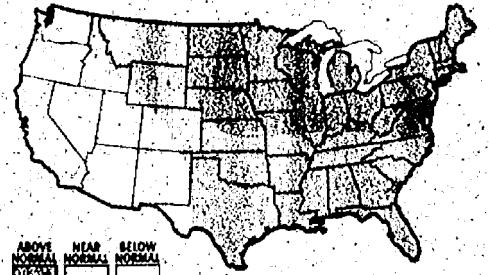
SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Temperatures 5/3 - 5/9



Precipitation 5/3 - 5/9



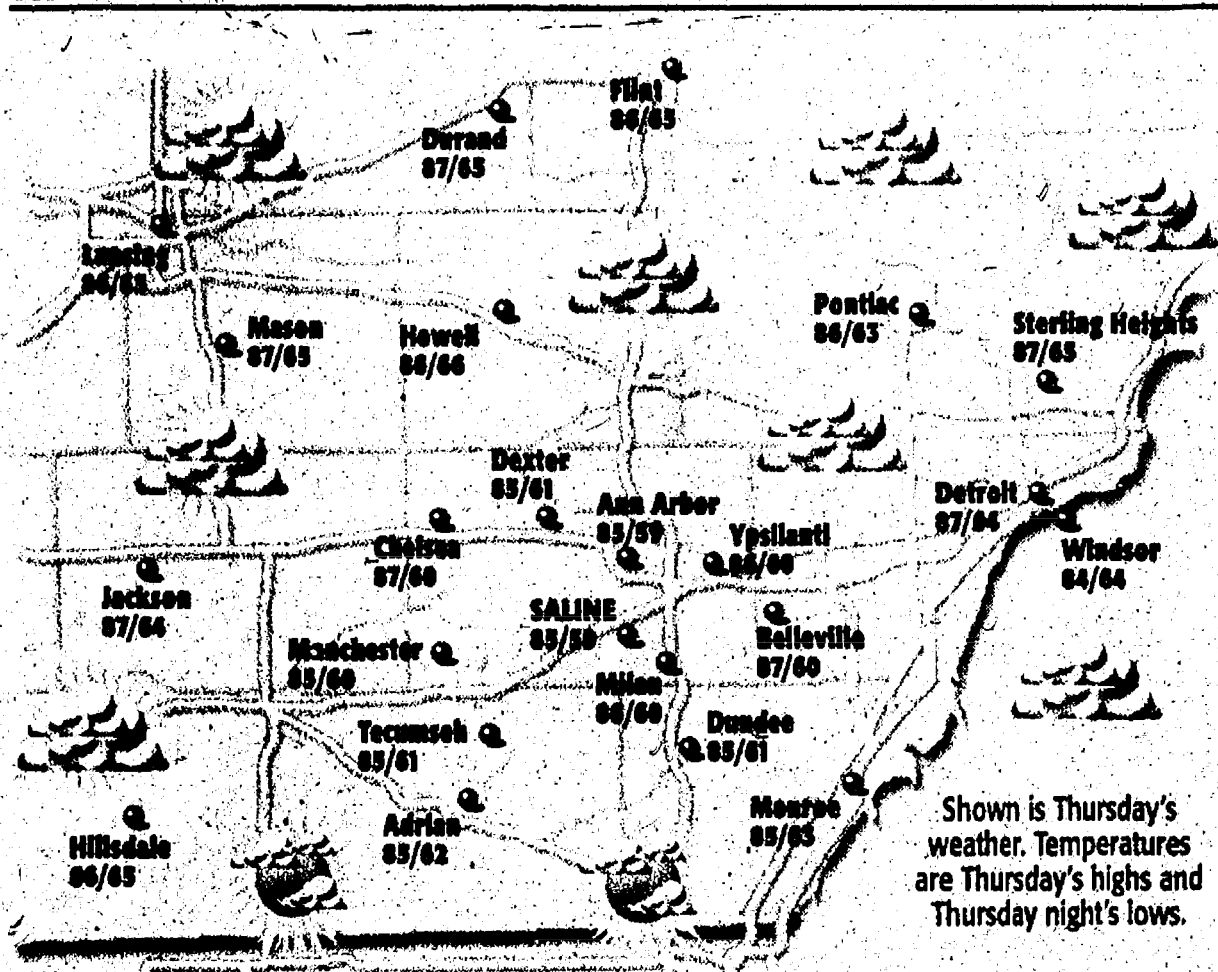
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W
Atlanta	86/63/pc	86/65/pc	84/66/pc
Boston	60/52/c	67/59/pc	67/51/c
Chicago	85/66/c	81/62/pc	81/46/pc
Cincinnati	88/63/pc	86/63/pc	84/57/pc
Cleveland	84/64/pc	80/60/pc	74/50/pc
Dallas	87/71/pc	87/70/pc	89/73/pc
Denver	78/46/pc	87/48/s	83/48/pc
Honolulu	85/71/s	85/72/s	84/71/s
Houston	86/73/pc	86/73/pc	86/73/pc
Kansas City	85/67/pc	88/66/pc	89/61/pc
Las Vegas	86/68/s	90/66/s	87/64/s
Los Angeles	67/56/pc	71/56/pc	71/57/pc
Miami	86/74/pc	86/73/pc	85/72/pc
Minneapolis	82/58/t	81/53/pc	69/47/pc
New Orleans	84/70/t	84/69/pc	84/69/pc
New York City	63/58/c	80/67/pc	75/58/pc
Orlando	88/66/pc	87/65/pc	88/66/pc
Philadelphia	69/60/c	84/64/pc	83/61/pc
Phoenix	95/68/s	101/70/s	98/72/s
Pittsburgh	85/63/pc	85/61/pc	78/55/pc
St. Louis	90/69/pc	89/68/pc	83/61/pc
San Francisco	63/52/pc	60/46/pc	61/48/pc
Seattle	59/46/r	56/42/sh	56/44/pc
Wash., DC	76/65/t	87/66/pc	85/63/pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W
Athens	84/62/s	81/61/s	82/60/s
Berlin	71/53/t	62/43/sh	57/39/r
Buenos Aires	73/55/s	75/57/pc	75/59/pc
Cairo	89/68/s	91/70/pc	96/68/s
Calgary	51/32/c	51/39/sh	52/37/c
Hong Kong	85/79/t	86/79/t	86/79/t
Jerusalem	70/57/pc	76/55/s	81/62/s
Johannesburg	77/53/s	79/52/s	79/54/s
London	53/45/sh	54/39/sh	50/37/pc
Mexico City	82/55/pc	81/54/t	81/54/t
Montreal	69/59/c	67/46/pc	65/42/c
Moscow	59/40/pc	69/54/pc	70/47/pc
Paris	68/48/pc	68/48/sh	62/50/r
Rio de Janeiro	78/65/r	78/67/pc	80/68/sh
Rome	70/48/s	68/47/s	70/54/pc
Seoul	79/54/s	75/52/s	72/48/s
Singapore	90/77/r	88/77/r	90/77/r
Sydney	70/55/sh	70/52/pc	70/54/s
Tokyo	72/63/r	73/61/sh	77/61/s
Warsaw	78/56/t	71/50/sh	63/48/r

THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W	City	Wed. HI/Lo/W	Thu. HI/Lo/W	Fri. HI/Lo/W	Sat. HI/Lo/W
Adrian	82/61/t	83/62/pc	81/60/t	78/47/pc	Manistee	76/56/t	77/60/t	76/47/t	65/40/pc
Ann Arbor	81/60/t	85/59/c	81/56/t	73/45/pc	Midland	80/62/t	82/63/c	78/55/t	70/43/pc
Battle Creek	83/63/t	88/66/c	82/59/t	76/47/pc	Muskegon	78/60/t	80/63/t	76/54/t	70/44/pc
Bay City	80/61/t	83/64/c	82/56/t	70/43/pc	Pontiac	80/62/t	86/63/c	83/57/t	71/44/pc
Detroit	80/63/t	87/64/c	83/61/t	74/48/pc	Port Huron	80/59/t	84/63/c	81/55/t	70/43/pc
Flint	80/61/t	86/65/c	83/58/t	72/43/pc	Saginaw	80/61/t	83/64/c	82/56/t	70/43/pc
Grand Rapids	82/63/t	86/64/c	81/59/t	74/46/pc	Sault Ste. Marie	75/52/sh	73/53/t	66/48/pc	61/34/pc
Kalamazoo	83/63/t	87/66/c	82/61/t	77/47/pc	Sturgis	84/64/t	89/64/c	83/62/t	78/49/pc
Lansing	82/63/t	86/65/c	81/57/t	73/40/pc	Traverse City	75/56/t	79/60/t	77/47/sh	67/40/pc
Livonia	81/65/t	86/64/c	83/61/t	74/48/pc	Warren	81/65/t	87/65/c	84/61/t	73/48/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set	The Moon	Rise	Set	Full	Last	New	First
Thursday	6:28 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	Thursday	5:58 p.m.	4:34 a.m.				
Friday	6:26 a.m.	8:38 p.m.	Friday	7:15 p.m.	5:09 a.m.				
Saturday	6:25 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	Saturday	8:33 p.m.	5:48 a.m.				
Sunday	6:24 a.m.	8:40 p.m.	Sunday	9:48 p.m.	6:34 a.m.				
Monday	6:23 a.m.	8:41 p.m.	Monday	10:56 p.m.	7:28 a.m.				
Tuesday	6:22 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	Tuesday	11:55 p.m.	8:29 a.m.				
Wednesday	6:20 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	Wednesday	none	9:36 a.m.	May 5	May 12	May 20	May 28

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WATER POLO

Bulldogs run into a storm of Hornets

Chelsea had a rough start to the week in more ways than one as they hosted the Hornets of Saline.

Chelsea hung tough through the first period of play scoring once on a very physical Saline defense. At the end of the period Chelsea was down 3-1 but felt confident in their play.

Kaila Croskey's goal in the first period was on a wonderful shot from 3meters. Chelsea took three other shots in the first period but Saline's goalie was tenacious knocking Katie Easley's two shots to the side and Maddie Doman's hard shot away as well. Lauren Jolly played well in the net knocking 4 of the seven shots away to keep Chelsea in the game.

The second period was a different story. The game became quite-chippy and Saline started to take control on both ends of the pool. Saline took another seven shots on goal and 4 of the shots found the back of the net. Play became physical with many fouls being called on both teams. Chelsea did find the back of the net on its only shot in the second period. Jessica Hinderer unloaded a bomb from 4 meter to move the score to 7-2 at half.

Chelsea did not score again in the contest as the play continued to deter ate on both ends of the offensive and defensive ends. With the game in hand, Saline continued to lay a barrage of shots on Lauren Jolly in goal. Jolly fought off 13 more shots in the 2nd half but allowed 7 more to get past her as the Chelsea defense crumble under the non-stop pressure by the Hornets. The final score of the contest was 14-2.

Over the weekend,



Chelsea coach Grace Benton talks strategy with the Bulldogs during a recent match.

Chelsea traveled to Grand Haven to play in the annual JV Tournament held at Grand Haven High School. Chelsea played on Friday night and played well. Their first opponent was Grand Ledge. This was a team that Chelsea lost to earlier in the season.

Chelsea played point for point with Grand Ledge and with 39 seconds left Chelsea gave the ball away in their own end. Emily Simons saved the day with one of the best defensive moves of the season knocking the ball away from the Grand Ledge athlete right in front of the net. It would have been a for sure goal and a loss for the Bulldogs if it wasn't for the outstanding defensive move.

Chelsea and Grand Ledge played to a 7-7 tie.

In the Ann Arbor Huron game Saturday morning, Chelsea played tough but lost 10-6. Kaila Croskey played incredibly well moving in and out of the defense to take on all Huron athletes. She also scored.

Chelsea played Forrest Hills in the second game and again played shot for shot with the opposing team. This game also ended in a tie 6-6 at the end of regulation.

Chelsea finished the weekend against the host team Grand Haven. It was a great game with lots of action throughout. Croskey was awesome throughout the game scoring and playing great defense. Josie Ewald scored twice in the game with two beautiful shots late in the game. Maddie Doman took a shot early in the first half of play that was a rocket and Hannah lobbed in a dandy that cleared the goalie out-reached hand and dropped in. Chelsea ended up losing 8-6 but had a great time through the weekend.

Chelsea next plays Dexter at home for senior/parent night. Game starts at 6 p.m. Chelsea will then have one more game in preparation for Districts vs. Mason at home May 8.

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Lax team wins in OT

The Chelsea Bulldogs and Ypsilanti Phoenix boys' lacrosse teams hooked up in one of those classic battles that will be remembered for a long time. It was back and forth and ended only after the teams battled to two overtime periods Friday night in Chelsea.

Ypsilanti led 5-2, before Chelsea tied things up 7-7 at halftime. The Phoenix scored twice in the third quarter to take a 9-7 lead into the final quarter. But the Bulldogs outscored the visitors 3-1 in the fourth to tie the game at 10-10 and force overtime.

"Ypsilanti took an early 2-0 lead before we got our first goal," said Chelsea coach Joe Koenigter. "We had a slow start to the game (as usual), but we had a great second quarter both offensively and defensively to tie the game at 7-7 going into half time."

After getting outscored 2-0 in the third, it was all Chelsea in the fourth as Chris Hudson and Nick Rosol scored goals to tie the game. With 2:48 left in the game, Mike Beneteau would get his only goal of the night to put Chelsea on top by a goal.

A turnover on offense would lead to Ypsilanti's game-tying goal with 1:50 left.

"Josh Galbreath stood tall in the fourth quarter allowing only one of Ypsilanti's seven shots to score," Koenigter said. "The defense, led by Tony Corazzol, Joe Downey and Brad Lotz, would stand tall the entire overtime."

The first overtime would come to an end with neither team scoring. But in the second overtime, Tony Corazzol had a takeaway on the defensive end and ran the ball down to the offensive end. He passed the ball off to Sean O'Quinn, who would get his only goal of the night with 26 seconds left in the second overtime giving Chelsea the win.

Rosol finished with five goals and Joe Olmsted had three goals and two assists for the Bulldogs. Galbreath had 16 saves including six in the fourth quarter and three in overtime.

This was Ypsilanti's third consecutive overtime game and their second consecutive overtime loss.

"This was a much needed win for us, the boys fought the entire game and came out on top," Koenigter said. "When a back and forth game goes into overtime the emotions show through even more. We used our emotions as fuel to get the victory. This is the reason we coach, and one of the best feelings as a coach is watching your players rush onto the field after an overtime win."

"There is also no better way to bring a team together than to win the close games. Hopefully this win will bring us together and help us to turn the corner for the remainder of the season."

Bulldogs fall to Lumen Christi in soccer

On Saturday, the Chelsea soccer team traveled to Jackson Lumen Christi to play the Titans.

On a cold and wet day, both teams battled back and forth in the first half with Lumen creating a few more opportunities than Chelsea. After a scoreless first half, Lumen scored off a corner kick.

Chelsea picked up the pace a little bit and was able to create a few more chances. Chelsea's co-captain Hayley Buntun scored the lone goal when she beat a defender down the left side of the field, cut the ball back to the middle and took a great shot from a wide angle that floated over the keeper's reach and into the back of the net.

Lumen scored the game winner within the last 3 minutes of play off another ball served in from the corner, this time a big throw-in, which found the head of a Titan.

Chelsea lost 2-1 to Lumen.

On Thursday, the Bulldogs beat Tecumseh 3-1 as all the goals came in the second half.

Tecumseh outshot Chelsea in the first half, but the Bulldogs were able to generate a little more offense in the second half to create better opportunities for the team. Within the first 3 minutes of the half, Chelsea's Emma Mathis was able to draw a penalty kick. Buntun converted the PK to put Chelsea up 1-0.

About 13 minutes later, Buntun received a ball in the midfield from junior Gabi Lantis, which led to another Buntun goal from about 30 yards out.

Roundup

About 5 minutes later, senior Tess Schuessler fed a nice through ball to co-captain Katelynn Stehlik, who got in behind the Tecumseh defense and was able to tuck the ball past the keeper to go up 3-0.

Tecumseh scored off a rebound from a corner kick late in the game to close the margin a bit, but Chelsea held strong down the stretch and pulled off a nice 3-1 victory.

Freshman baseball

The freshman baseball team took on Jackson on Monday in a double header and split the two games. Chelsea won the first game 9-4 and lost the second game 3-2.

"As a coach and a player you love those close games where both teams are really battling for the win and it goes right down to the wire," said Chelsea coach Joe Welton. "That was a fun game to be a part of even though we didn't win. Unfortunately, we just could not get a key hit in the right spot. Nonetheless, we played really good baseball all day, ran the bases well and got better. I was really proud of our guys."

Last Thursday, the freshman baseball team took on Tecumseh in an SEC White Division game. The Bulldogs won the first game 13-12 in an exciting baseball game.

"We got down early in the game but battled back, chipped away every inning

and were able to win the game on a Cam Starkey single up the middle," Welton said. "That was really a great win for our team."

In the second game, Chelsea fell 6-2.

"Tecumseh really used their bunting game effectively and that hurt us," Welton said. "We'll learn and continue to get better from this. I continue to be proud of the way we play the game and pick each other up as teammates."

Last Friday the Bulldogs played a non-league game against Trenton.

"It's always cool to get to play in the big stadium, that is a special ball park we have an opportunity to play in," Welton said. "The first game of the double header was a

struggle as we lost 16-6 and didn't play our best baseball but we really learned from it."

"The second game we played our best game of the year. It was a fantastic game to be a part of and I could not have been more proud of the way we played the game. We hustled on and off the field, played with emotion and looked like we loved to play the game."

Daniel Lindauer pitched a fantastic game going all six innings as it was called early due to darkness.

"All in all it was another good week of baseball for the freshman," Welton said. "We continue to do the little things to get better everyday and we are learning what it means to play baseball at Chelsea."

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TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE WATER, WASTEWATER AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES RATE SCHEDULES

A Public Hearing to receive public comment on a proposed amendment to the rate schedules for water, wastewater and electric utilities within the City of Chelsea will be held Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Washington Street Education Center, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea, Michigan. A copy of the proposed amendments will be available for public inspection at the City Office, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, Michigan, and online at the City's website www.city-chelsea.org as of Monday, April 30, 2012. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City Clerk at the Chelsea City Office, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea, MI 48118 or telephone 734-475-1771 no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

Terril Royal
City Clerk
Publish April 26 & May 3, 2012
Posted April 20, 2012

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.
ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Motion Smith: support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 26, 2012 with corrections.
Unanimous voice vote for approval
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion Semifero: support Smith to approve the agenda with additions.
Unanimous voice vote for approval
CONSENT AGENDA
Consideration of Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$412,405.18 and American Legion Poppy Sale on Village Sidewalks on Friday, May 18, 2012 and Saturday, May 19, 2012.
Motion Fisher support Smith to approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Agenda.
Unanimous voice vote for approval
OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:
Motion Cousins: support Carson to award the Central Street Project to Concord Excavating & Grading in the amount of \$469,219.23 with changes.
Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough Nays: Smith
Motion carries 6 to 1
NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:
Motion Carson: support Semifero to pass the resolution authorizing the issuance of 2012 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds for the purpose of refunding the Water/Sewer Rural Development Bonds.
Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough Nays: None
Motion carries
Motion Tell: support Cousins to approve the change orders to the Village Contract with Cedar for the Mill Creek Park Development not to exceed \$49,000.
Ayes: Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough Nays: Semifero
Motion carries 6 to 1
Motion Smith: support Cousins to approve the Park Use Permit for the Dexter Garden Club with the waiver of the insurance requirement.
Ayes: Tell, Carson, Cousins, Smith, Fisher and Semifero Nays: Keough
Motion carries 6 to 1
Motion Carson: support Cousins to pass the resolution to change the name of Warrior Creek Park to Mill Creek Park.
Ayes: Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough Nays: None
Motion carries
Motion Fisher: support Tell to pass the resolution to use funding from the Tree Replacement Restricted Account to resolve and replace public trees lost in the March 15, 2012 tornado.
Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson and Keough Nays: None
Motion carries
ADJOURNMENT
Motion Smith: support Cousins to adjourn at 11:01 PM
Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,
Carol J. Jones, Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: April 23, 2012
NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org
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Bulldogs slam Lincoln

By Terry Jacoby

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The Chelsea tennis team topped Lincoln 8-0 last Thursday in the Bulldogs only action of the week.

At No. 1 singles, Lauren Barbour defeated Taylor Ross 6-1, 6-0; at No. 2 singles, Lauren Schad defeated Briyanna Walker 6-4, 6-1; at No. 3 singles, Ellen Christie defeated Shanice Omoghile 6-1, 6-2; and at No. 4 singles, EJ Lin defeated Kaila Brady 6-1, 6-0.

The Bulldogs also swept the doubles events.

At No. 1 doubles, Sarah Oberholzer/Rachel Katz defeated Desiree Herron/Codie Nunlee 6-1, 6-2; at No. 2 doubles, Delaney Osbeck/Laurel Hall defeated Joanne Beltrad/Brianna Lemon 6-1, 6-1; at No. 3 doubles, Hope Morrow/Micayla Zynda defeated Taylor Hicks/Sara Sookmanan 6-0, 6-1; and at No. 4 doubles, Katie Lee/Hannah Moore defeated Taylor Hanes/Alexis Graham 6-1, 6-1.

"The girls played well, especially our three doubles team of Zynda and Morrow," said Chelsea coach Matt

Pedlow. "They controlled the match throughout."

"Lauren Schad at two singles had a tough match, down 4-3 in the first set. Then she came back and won 9 of the last 10 games. Lauren played much smarter in the second set, she was more patient but she began shortening the court against a talented opponent. This forced (Walker) to try and hit more lobs, but for the most part Schad was able to volley many of the shots and end points that way."

Pedlow called it a good tune-up for a tough stretch coming up, including Skyline, Divine Child and Riverview.

In two weeks, the Bulldogs head off to regionals with a chance at a state finals berth in site.

"The girls have begun to play their best tennis of the year so I'm cautiously optimistic that we should do well at regionals," Pedlow said.

Sudoku solutions

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5	7	4	3	8	6	9	2	1

BEGINNER

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Webster Township Board of Trustees Special Meeting
April 24, 2012

The Webster Township Board of Trustees Special Meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm by Supervisor Kingsley at the Township Hall at 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter: MI 48130.

Members present: Supervisor Kingsley, Clerk Heller, Treasurer Whitney, Trustees: Koch, Kleinschmidt, Estleman and seventeen citizens. Absent Westman.

Supervisor Remarks
Public Participation
Agenda:
Consideration of a Gordon Hall Festival/Permit
Motion Kleinschmidt second Heller to grant Dexter Area Historical Society a permit to hold the Civil Wars Days event from June 8-10 2012 with the stipulation the event is in full compliance with the Township Conservation easement.

Adjourn
Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to adjourn meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township
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SYNOPSIS APRIL 24, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supr. Clark at 827 N. Zeeb Road Present: Hedberg, Paluer, DeLong, Knowles, Reed, Clark, Green

Public Hearing on Trenton Corp for the establishment of an Industrial Development District Approved authorization of expenditure of funds to match funds from the Washtenaw County Road Commission 2012 Local Road program

Approved three year contract for sanitary sewer cleaning and associated services

Approved appointment of Erik Petrovskis as alternate Township representative to the Huron River Watershed Council

Approved recommendation of LPC to expend LPC funds for the purchase of 33.6 acres owned by the Sloan family on Baker Road.

Approved the placement of a proposal to renew the Farmland and Open Space Land Preservation Millage for ten years commencing in 2014 on the November 2012 ballot

Approved application by Trenton Corp to establish an Industrial Development District

Approved amendment of the Township's Pension Plan and 457(b) Retirement Plan to conform to the mandated requirements of federal legislation, for Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Act of 2008 and the Worker, Retirement and Employer Recovery Act of 2008

Approved April invoices to be paid as presented

Adjourned at 8:45 pm

Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk
Scio Township
Publish May 3, 2012

ATTENTION CITY OF CHELSEA RESIDENTS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO DISCUSS THE CITY'S PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for May 8, 2012 at the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center (WSEC), 500 Washington Street, for the purpose of discussing the 2012-2013 City Budget.

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the City Office, 305 S. Main Street, Chelsea, Michigan, and online at the City's website www.city-chelsea.org as of April 30, 2012.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL ALSO BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing. Handicapped persons needing assistance or aid should contact the City Offices during regular working hours forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Teresa Royal
City Clerk
Publish April 26 & May 3, 2012
Posted April 20, 2012

Synopsis of the CITY OF CHELSEA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 10, 2012
Washington Street Education Center

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Consent Agenda
MOVED: Hammer SECONDED: Anderson to approve minutes; bills as submitted. Annual PILOT Transfer and Major/Local Transfers. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Approval of Regular Agenda
MOVED: Albertson SECONDED: Holmberg to approve the agenda as submitted. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Council Business
1. Set Public Hearing for Utility Rates
MOVED: Feeney SECONDED: Hammer to set a public hearing regarding the City of Chelsea utility rates for May 8, 2012. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. Set Public Hearing for City 2012-2013 Budget and Millage
MOVED: Martinez-Krutz SECONDED: Albertson to set a public hearing regarding City of Chelsea 2012-2013 budget and millage for May 8, 2012. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Chelsea Fairways - Storm Sewer Repairs, Sign Replacements & Pavement Markings
Motion to contract PK Contracting, Inc. to install one crosswalk at the intersection of Freer Road and Old US 12 in the "not-to-exceed" amount of \$1,000 and amend the budget as needed.

MOVED: Holmberg SECONDED: Hammer to award the storm lining and repairs to M&K Jetting & Televising, Inc. in the "not-to-exceed" amount of \$18,600 and amend the budget as needed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MOVED: Albertson SECONDED: Hammer to authorize the DPW to purchase & install new regulatory traffic signs in the "not-to-exceed" estimated amount of \$8,000 and amend the budget as needed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

MOVED: Feeney SECONDED: Albertson to contract PK Contracting, Inc. to install one crosswalk at the intersection of Freer Road and Old US 12 in the "not-to-exceed" amount of \$1,000 and amend the budget as needed. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Chelsea Fairways - Acceptance of Platted Streets
MOVED: Hammer SECONDED: Holmberg to adopt the resolution approving the acceptance of the platted streets within the Chelsea Fairways Subdivision. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Adjournment
MOVED: Hammer SECONDED: Feeney to adjourn at 7:25 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NOTE: This is only a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Clerk's Office at 305 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI or online at www.city-chelsea.org.

Respectfully submitted, **Teresa Royal, Clerk**
Publish May 3, 2012

Bulldogs run second at Mason, continue winning season

By Terry Jacoby
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The Chelsea girls' track and field team continued its successful season last Friday at the Mason Invitational. Chelsea placed second out of eight teams, just narrowly being defeated by Grandville with 139 points while

Chelsea scored 132.

Mason was third with 92 points.

Leading off with a great 3200 meter relay was Elaine Johnson, Artemis Eyster, Jessi Battaglia and Dani Dahl. The relay team clocked a time of 10:06.9. "We look for this relay team to really start dropping time and be very competitive in some

big meets coming up," said Chelsea coach Shane Rodriguez.

Rachel Yordanich was second in the open 100 meter dash, running a 12.7 in the finals.

The 800 meter relay team of Megan Lowe, Laura McGrath, Megan Hall and Grace Sauers finished first with a time of 1:49.3.

Johnson was third in the open mile, clocking 5:27.3.

The 400 meter relay of McGrath, Lowe, Yordanich and Hall took first in 52.5.

Freshman Victoria Collins was second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 62.8. Hall was third.

Dani Dahl was first in the 800 meter dash with a time of 2:25.1. Freshman Maria

Osentoski impressed in her 800 meter dash performance, earning third in 2:32.1.

Yordanich collected another gold medal with her first-place finish in the 200 meter dash, clocking in at 27.7.

The mile relay team of Sauers, Collins, Osentoski and Dahl won the event with a time of 4:11.3.

In the field events, Sauers

won the long jump with a 15-foot, 10.5-inch jump.

"These girls have had great performances week in and week out all season, and the coaching staff is looking forward to having them peak in the next few weeks as we come across the regional and SEC meets," Rodriguez said.

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senior by less than 2 seconds.

Their last mile was run in 4:33, and the last 800 in an amazing 2:11.

Bradley set a school record with his time of 9:10.42, eclipsing the 9:16.6 time set last year by August Pappas. Chiplock ran 9:08.7, and Hinkle finished in 9:14.

"All three times were faster than any other time run in the state since prior to 2007, and this might have been the fastest Michigan 3200 meter race of this cen-

tury," Swager said.

A number of other Bulldogs also stood out in the meet.

Luke Oliver earned three medals on the day. He was second in the 200 meters (23.2 seconds) and fourth in the 400 (52.1). Berkley Edwards won the 100 meters with an impressive time of 11.1.

"The two-three-four finish by the pole vaulters was nice to see, and the performance by the distance crew continues to amaze me," Swager said. "We qualified two more 3200-meter runners for the regional meet, and Bram Parkinson's time was another huge personal best and Jacob Stubbs (fifth, 4:39)

joined the rare club of sophomores that have broken 4:40 in the mile. Our 800 meter runners (Zach Rabbitt and James Biller) continue to show consistency and Colton Dennis had a nice meet in his multiple events as well."

In the pole vault, Mike Hovater was second (13 feet), Travis Weiss was third (12.6) and David St. Pierre was fourth (12). In the 200 meters, Dennis was fifth (24.3), Sam Katon was eighth in the discus (120.2) and Shane McGrath took seventh in the 300 hurdles (43.8).

"We now get a two-week stint where we can get healthy, focus on a couple issues, and give some young-

er kids a chance to really improve as the weather turns nicer," Swager said. "As long as we keep working hard, like where the season is going."

Chelsea takes win over Lincoln

The Chelsea boys' track and field team ran up against a tough Lincoln team and won by only a few steps, 70-67 in an SEC showdown on Tuesday at Chelsea. Chelsea took first and third in the shot put with Kirk Olsen taking first (42 feet) and Sam Katon taking third (38-11). Katon was second in

the discus (117-4).

The Bulldogs swept the pole vault with Mike Hovater taking first (14-6), Travis Weiss taking second (12) and David St. Pierre taking third (11).

Chelsea's 3200 relay team Avery Osentoski, Jack Baylis, Adam Bowersox and Kyle McGregor took first in 10:02; and the 400 relay team of Ty Nelson, Max Giller,

Luke Oliver and Colton Dennis won in 45.2.

Oliver took first in both the 100 dash (11.3) and the 200 dash (22.7). In the 3200 run, Bryce Bradley took first in 10:20, Jacob Stubbs was second in 10:22 and Austin Horn third in 10:22. Stubbs was second in the 1600 run in 4:47. Beau Prenevost was third in the 110 hurdles (19.4).

MORE GIRLS TRACK

The Chelsea girls' track and field team (3-0) edged SEC rival Lincoln on Tuesday night 70-67. The victory enabled the Bulldogs to keep its current win streak alive, now at an impressive 22 meets in a row.

"We knew going into this meet that Lincoln posed a

great threat in beating us," said Chelsea coach Shane Rodriguez. "However, the team came together and narrowed its focus against the highly talented Lincoln squad."

Standout performances were turned in by the 3200-meter relay team of Ella

Fritzemeier, Sofie Gonzalez, Artemis Eyster and Jessi Battaglia. The foursome finished in 11 minutes, 16.6 seconds.

Dani Dahl won the 800 dash in 2:31.45; Elaine Johnson won the 1600 run in 5:34.2; the mile relay team of Grace Sauers, Victoria

Collins, Megan Hall, and Dahl was first in 4:13.8; Maddie Browning-Perry won the pole vault with a jump of 6-6; Grace Sauers won the long jump with a fantastic jump of 16-9.5; Hall won the shot put (30-10) and Zoe Sing won the disc (88-11).

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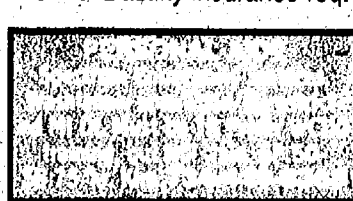
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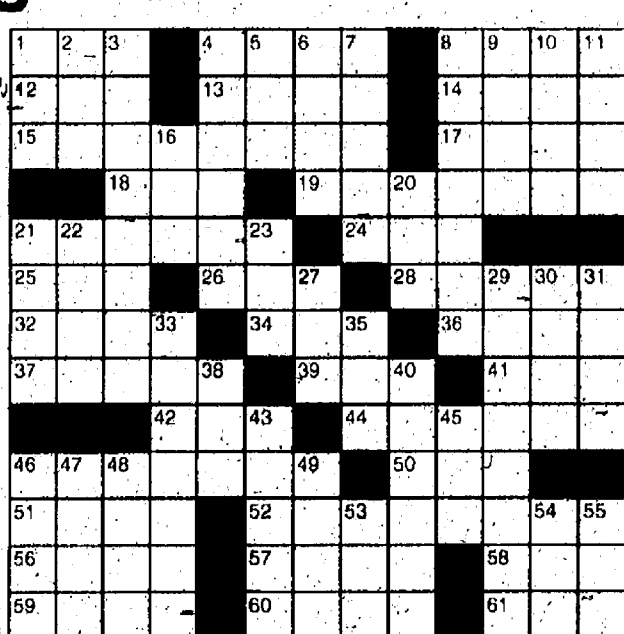
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Dated: April 17, 2012

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITYDEPARTMENT OF
SUPERVISOR OF WELLS

IN THE MATTER OF:

THE PETITION OF PAXTON RESOURCES, L.L.C. FOR AN ORDER FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF WELLS FORMING A 80-ACRE TRENTON FORMATION DRILLING UNIT BY COMPULSORY POOLING ALL INTERESTS INTO THE DRILLING UNIT IN SALINE TOWNSHIP, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN.
CAUSE NO. 06-2012

NOTICE OF HEARING

Take notice that a contested case hearing will be held before the Supervisor of Wells (Supervisor) in the city of Lansing, Michigan, on the THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY (MAY 31) 2012, BEGINNING AT 1:30 P.M. AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ), TOM DOWNS HEARING ROOM, ATRIUM LEVEL, SOUTH TOWER, CONSTITUTION HALL, 525 WEST ALLEGAN STREET, LANSING, MICHIGAN. The hearing will be conducted pursuant to Part 615, Supervisor of Wells, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), MCL 324.61501 et seq.; the administrative rules, 1996 AAC, 2001 MR 2, 2002 MR 23, R 324.101 et seq.; and the Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; MSA 9.560(101) et seq.

The hearing is for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence pertaining to the need or desirability of issuing an order in the matter of the petition of Paxton Resources, L.L.C. (Petitioner), 132 North Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan 49735.

The Petitioner seeks an order of the Supervisor, approving an exception to the 40-acre drilling units established by Supervisor's Order No. 18-2007, to form an 80-acre Trenton Formation drilling unit for the proposed Lutz D2-22 HD well by compulsory pooling all interests into the drilling unit, pursuant to R 324.304. The proposed drilling unit consists of the S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 22, T4S, R5E, Saline Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

You can obtain a copy of the written petition by requesting one in writing from Mr. Gregory J. Vodnals, 132 North Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, telephone number 989-732-9400.

Take note that if you wish to participate as a party in the hearing by presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses, you shall prepare and mail or otherwise deliver to the Petitioner and Supervisor, not less than five days before the hearing date, an answer to the petition in the manner set forth in R 324.1204(6). Proof of mailing or delivering the answer shall be filed with the Supervisor on or before the date of the hearing. The answer shall state with specificity the interested person's position with regard to the petition. Failure to prepare and serve an answer in a timely manner shall preclude you from presenting evidence or cross-examining witnesses at the hearing. If on answer to the petition is not filed, the Supervisor may elect to consider the petition and enter an order without oral hearing. Mail the answer to the petition to Mr. Gregory J. Vodnals at the above address, and to the Supervisor in care of the Assistant Supervisor of Wells, Mr. Harold R. Fitch, at the address below.

Take further note that you may request a change in the location of the hearing to the county in which the proposed drilling unit is located. If the majority of the owners of the oil and gas rights, which are listed in the petition as not voluntarily pooling their interests into the proposed drilling unit, include in their timely filed answers a request to hold the hearing in the county where the proposed drilling unit is located, the Assistant Supervisor of Wells shall: (i) at the time and place scheduled in this notice adjourn the scheduled hearing; (ii) reschedule the hearing for a location in such county; and (iii) provide, by first-class mail, notice of the rescheduled hearing date, time, and place prior to the rescheduled hearing date to all persons who filed an answer in response to this notice.

Questions regarding the Notice of Hearing should be directed to Ms. Susan Maul, Resource Management Division, DEQ, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, Michigan 48909 7741, telephone number 517-241-1552. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this hearing should call or write Ms. Maul at least a week in advance of the hearing date to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Dated: April 26, 2012

HAROLD R. FITCH
ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR OF WELLS
Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals
P.O. Box 30256
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7756

Publish May 3, 2012

Legal Notices
1050NOTICE OF MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVEN R. COBB and DAWN M. COBB, husband and wife (collectively, "Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the "Mortgage"), dated May 26, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw County, Michigan on June 2, 2005, in Liber 4482, Page 298 (the "Mortgage"). By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage. Mortgage Electronic Registration System (MERS) is not the sole foreclosing party.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Forty-Seven and 15/100 Dollars (\$63,047.15). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the main lobby of the Circuit Courthouse, Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Thursday the 7th day of June, 2012, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Lyndon, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:

Land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 35, T1S, R3E, Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel A1/B1 (combined): Commencing at the center corner of said Section 35; thence South 87°20'40" West along the East-West 1/4 line of said Section 35 a distance of 38.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing South 87°20'40" West along said 1/4 line 362.46 feet; thence North 00°04'50" East parallel with the North-South 1/4 line of said Section 35 a distance of 266.16 feet; thence South 82°38'01" East 132.96 feet; thence North 23°45'09" East 70.03 feet; thence East 40.00 feet; thence South 00°04'50" West 82.30 feet; thence South 82°38'01" East 163.36 feet; thence South 00°04'50" West 193.17 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Together with all fixtures, tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances belonging or in any way appertaining to the premises.

Commonly known as: 19560 Waterloo Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48118
P.P.#E-05-35-200-024

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.

If the premises are sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA 600.3278 the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the Mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period.

Dated: May 3, 2012
GREENSTONE FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA
Mortgagee

Appliances
2020

REFRIGERATOR, RANGE, WASHER & DRYER, 60 DAY WARRANTY/ DELIVERY 734-796-3472

WANTED: MAYTAG (Only), Square or Round Tub Wringer washer, Model E2L Will pick up. 419-522-8043

For Fast Results Use Classified To sell all those unwanted items Call today!

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As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Nine Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Nine and 60/100 Dollars (\$9,699.60). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.

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Mortgagee

Arts/Crafts/Bazaar
2030

MOTHER'S DAY Bazaar Free Admission May 5, 2012 - 11:30pm VFW Hall #78 25650 Van Born Road For info call 313-444-9512

SPRING FLING Craft & Vendor Show. Saturday, May 5 10a-3p at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 25535 Ford Rd, Dearborn Heights (b/w Beech Daly & Telegraph.) \$1 admission, 30+ Vendors, Bake Sale & Snacks.

HAVE YOU checked the many interesting offerings in today's classified columns?

Auctions/Estate Sales
2040

ANNIE'S Estate Sales 2, 20 Yrs. Exp., 3 day sales & lower rates means more cash for your treasures. 313-918-6439

Cemetery Lots
2080

FOR SALE: 2 Cemetery plots, Detroit Memorial Park west. Normally \$3540 Selling for \$1750 313-834-6983 Ask for John

Lawn/Garden
2100

42 INCH Craftsman Lawn Tractor Like new, w/ 42inch two stage snowblower. \$1500 734-231-4163

MANTIS DELUXE Tiller, NEW! FastStart engine, Ships FREE. One-Year Money-Back Guarantee when you buy DIRECT. Call for the DVD and FREE Good Soil book! 1-866-989-1041.

PATIO SET Martha Stewart 7 piece set like new \$400 firm 734-626-4733 after 4

Bargain Hunter
2145

CARDINAL PRINT Catherine McClung framed matted numbered, \$100; more available. 734-429-4675

GO KART complete except engine repair or parts, \$75 or best offer. 734-428-0407

TIRE 4 Royal semi truck size now a sand box, make offer. CALL 734-223-0602

Furniture
2150

2 YR old bedroom set, H/F board, dresses w/ mirror, chest & nightstand. \$200. 734-250-7716

A QUEEN Pillow top Mattress Set Never used, Still in plastic \$125 734-730-3419

Legal Notices
1050NOTICE OF FIRST HEARING
Board of Road Commissioners of Washtenaw County
Proposed Fairways and Preserves at the
Polo Fields Condominium project.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that this Board is in receipt of a petition and application for improvements of Polo Fields Drive, Fairway Park Court, Bogey Court, Chipshot Court, Birdie Lane, Dornoch Drive, and Eltham Court, in the Township of Scio, Washtenaw County, Michigan which petition and application complies with Act 246 of Public Acts of 1931 as amended.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a survey has been made, plans have been prepared, specifications of the kinds of improvements suitable for the purpose have been made, an estimate of the cost of said paving improvements has been prepared, and plats of the proposed paving improvement and of the lands that may be benefited thereby has been prepared.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said survey, plans specifications and estimates of costs are now on file in the office of this Board and open to examination to all persons interested.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this Board has tentatively determined that the said proposed improvements are necessary for the benefit of the public and for the benefit of the public welfare and convenience.

ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The assessment district which may be liable for assessment for the benefits on account of the proposed improvements are as follows:

Lots 2-5 and 10-45 of the Fairways at the Polo Fields Condominium, Lots 1-49 and 53-69 of the Preserves at the Polo Fields Condominium, parcels H-08-27-300-022, and H-08-27-415-002.

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Act 246 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended, and other applicable statutes of the State of Michigan, a hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time at the Scio Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 for the purpose of hearing objections, if any, to the proposed improvements.

Publish May 3 & 10, 2012

NOTICE...

is hereby given that on
May 18th, 2012 at 12:00 pm
Full House Self Storage at
7886 Belleville Road,
BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
is holding a public auction.
Unit(s) may or may not include the
following: Household Items, Recreational
Items, Appliances, Furniture and/or
Miscellaneous Goods.

L-303 & O-704
Gwen Hill

J-602
Diann Smith

C-100 & C-123
Stephen Vignani

J-403 Kimberly
Gordin

K-671
Stephen Redden

L-518
William Blazo

L-529

Jayme Stratton

N-818

Joshua Shelton

O-721

Linda Martin

N-816

Diana Samonak

A-5

Travis Conyock

Legal Notices
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NOTICE OF FIRST HEARING

Board of Road Commissioners of Washtenaw County
Proposed
Saginaw Greens North and East Subdivision project.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

TAKE NOTICE that this Board is in receipt of a petition and application for improvements of Polo Fields Drive, Glenmoore Drive, Birkdale Drive, Gullane Drive, Lytham Lane, Burnswood Court, Kilkenny Court, St. Anne's Court, Cavendish Court, Carlele Court, and Dornoch Drive, in the Township of Scio, Washtenaw County, Michigan which petition and application complies with Act 246 of Public Acts of 1931 as amended.

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Saginaw Green North Subdivision Lots 1-117, Saginaw Greens East Subdivision Lots 1-49, Lots 1 and 6-9 of the Fairways at the Polo Fields Condominium, Lots 50-52 of the Preserves at the Polo Fields Condominium, parcels H-08-27-100-006, H-08-27-100-007, H-08-27-300-015, H-08-27-300-014, H-08-27-300-016, and H-08-27-415-701.

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Foreclosures
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 734-665-5355 IF YOU ARE IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY

Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tri-County Investments III, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, to University Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, dated August 3, 2004, and recorded on August 12, 2004, in Liber 4416 of Mortgages, beginning on Page 747, Washtenaw County Records.

There is claimed to be due as of the date hereof the sum of \$592,616.04, including interest at the rate of 7.25 % per annum.

Under the Power of Sale contained in such mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at or in the main lobby of the Washtenaw County Courthouse, in Ann Arbor, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 17, 2012. Said Premises are located in the city of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 240, Washtenaw Clubview Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 5 of Plats, Pages 24 and 25, Washtenaw County Records

Commonly known as 2506 Burns, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who purchases the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 17, 2012

Fulton B. Eaglin

Attorney at Law

310 S. Main St., Ste 13

Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

Attorney for Mortgagee

Publish April 19, 26 and May 3, 10, 2012

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Lots(s) 408 of NORRIS & CROSS ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF YPSILANTI, according to the plat thereof Recorded in Liber D of Deeds, page(s) 884 and 865 of Washtenaw County Records.

Commonly known as 307 N. Adams, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197.

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Garage/Rummage Sales
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DEARBORN 3503 Smith
May 3-5 9am-4pm
3 family, furniture, household, misc, 75+ porcelain dolls

DEARBORN HEIGHTS: 26930
Cherry Hill, May 2-4 9-5p
Designer clothing, household items, pet supplies, video/computer games & much more

DEARBORN HEIGHTS: 27009
Timber Trail, May 5; 9-3pm, household items, toys, clothes

DEARBORN Heights: 3912
Kingsland, May 2, 12p-4p. May 3-4, 9a-4p.

DEARBORN - Moving Sale:
1037 N. York, May 3-4, Thur & Fri., 9-4:30p

DEARBORN ONE STOP SHOPPING
Sub division sale, Golden Tri-angle, bordered by Ford Rd., outer drive & Golfview.
May 3-5, 9-5p.m. Large variety of items for kids & Adults.

DEARBORN: St. Clement
Orthodox Church Rummage & Bake Sale, 19600 Ford Rd
May 4 & 5, 10-6pm

DEXTER: 6868 Rolark Dr. S.E. corner,
N. Territorial & Webster Church Rd. May 3, 9-4:30. Household, ball cards, electronics.

GROSSE ILE 24277 W. River
May 4 - May 5, 9am-5pm
3 Family Lots For Everyone

GROSSE ILE: 7800 Grosse Ile Pkwy,
8 FAMILY! 5/4-5/5, 7-4pm. Antiques, clothes, Military items

GROSSE ILE - 9286 Church
Rd & Meridian, May 4-5, 9a-3p. Tools, decoys, collectibles, carvings, jewelry.

GROSSE ILE, Garden Art
Party, 21901 Huron Cr. May 4-5, 10-5p. Hand-made yard art, jewelry, elegant "redneck" glassware, clothes, ready-made gift baskets. "Do your Mother's Day Shopping here!"

GROSSE ILE - Multi Family
Garage Sale, Antiques, Collectibles, Filing Cabinets, Colonial Ct. (off Church Rd.), May 4-5, Fri. & Sat., 9-3pm.

GROSSE ILE: Spring Rum-
mage Sale, St. James Episcopal Church Fri. May 4, 9-4pm. Sat. May 5, 9-12pm, 25150 E. River Rd.-South of Parkway

HURON HILLS CHURCH
GIANTIC INDOOR SALE! Ann Arbor, May 5, 8am-2pm, 3150 Glazier Way. "Something for everyone"

LINCOLN PARK- 1586 O'Con-
nor, May 4-6, 8-4 pm.

LINCOLN PARK: 2 family sale
915 Merrill Ave, May 3-5, 9-5p. Tvs, jewelry, sm appl. furn.

LINCOLN PARK - 3107 Chan-
der, Thur. - Sat., 9-dusk. corner of Capital, 4 family sale!

LINCOLN PARK Block Sale
Leblanc St. May 4-6 9a-5p
Sports Memorabilia, Some Auto-graphed & Much More

Lincoln Park: Flea Market,
Lincoln Park Church of God, 888 Southfield Rd. May 5; 9-4

MANCHESTER: Multifamily /
Moving sale 18075 Harman, May 4 & 5, 10-4p.

MONROE: Estate Sale 738
Ruff Drive, May 3-4, 10-5 May 5, 10-3 Clean loaded, vintage collectible Home decor, furn, garage, garden, & household.

RIVER ROUGE: Estate sale,
113 Oak, May 4-5, 9-5p, 46 yrs of treasures something for all

RIVERVIEW: 14306 Williams-
burg, May 4-5 from 9-3pm. Boys toys, clothes & more!

Riverview 18865 Marsha
May 4-5 9a-5p (No Earlybirds) Something For Everyone

SALINE 755 N. Harris, May
4-5, Fri. & Sat. 9-5p.m. Multi-family! Furniture, household, material, new bike, golf clubs.

SALINE RIDGE Subdivision
Garage Sale! Willis & Warner May 4 & 5; 9-3pm. Lots of kids toys, clothes, etc.

SOUTHGATE: 11029 Suffolk
Dr. (Northpointe-Sub), May 4-5. Antiques collectibles, & More

SOUTHGATE
11125 Oaklawn
5/2-5/4, 8am-5pm
Tools & Household Items

Southgate: 11521 Dorchester
#141, Fri & Sat, 9-4pm.
Bedroom Set, Recliner,
Microwave, Much more!

SOUTHGATE: May 4-6, 9-5p,
14332 Kennebec
Huge Variety of everything

Auctions/Estate Sales
2040**ESTATE AUCTION**

20 Guns • Tools • Reloading Equip. • Antiques • Cameras
Furniture • Books • 30 Cabbage Patch Dolls • More!

Thursday May 10th @ 10:00 AM

509 Marvin St, Milan, MI

Estate of Barbara Atkinson

Complete details w/pics @ BraunandHelmer.com

Jerry Helmer 734.368.1734

Braun and Helmer Auction Service Inc.

Braun and Helmer Auction Service with
Washtenaw Farm Council present the 5th Annual

Farm Festival

Oliver, Oddballs, and Everything Else

Free Entry

Auction • Tractor & Engine Show • Tractor Pull

Toy Show • Flea Market • Petting Farm • Kids Free Pedal Pull

Working Displays • Lunch • Trade Show

Saturday May 5th 2012 10:00 - 4:00 PM

Auction Starts At 10:00am

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds • Ann Arbor, MI

5055 Saline • Ann Arbor Rd. Ann Arbor, MI

Auction featuring:

Farm Toys • Pedal Tractor • Go-Karts • Tractor Pulling • Collection • Estate Decor

& Outdoor Motor Collections • Coins • Guns • Disney Toys • Tin Toys • Antiques

Rare Trophy Baseball Radio • Farm Primitives

-10% BP

For complete details go to BraunandHelmer.com or call 734.368.1733

Garage/Rummage Sales
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TAYLOR: 14 Garage Sales at
Coachlight Circle Condos (off
Pardee, btw Northline & Eureka)
Friday, May 4 & Saturday,
May 5, 9-6p.m. Furniture,
Stove, Golf items, Mens Levi's,
Coach Purse, Self-propelled
Lawn mower, Toro Snowblower,
Children Clothes & Toys,
Plus More!!!!

TAYLOR 9113 Dudley
May 3-5 9a-5p
3 Family, Baby/Kids Toys,
Clothing, Household, Furniture

TAYLOR: 9816 Dudley (off
Wick near Pardee). Thurs-Sat.
May 3-5; 8-4. Kids' clothes, \$1.
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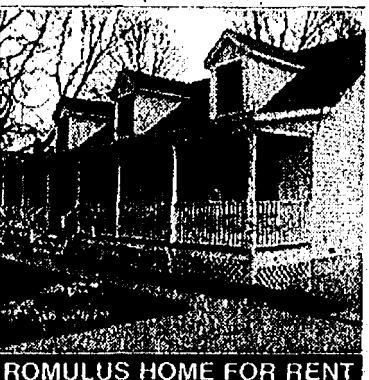
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Tips for refreshing your home with paint color

For many people, the onset of spring and summer is the ideal time to take on a home improvement project.

Paint is a popular choice for those looking to freshen up their space, given that it is an easy, economical activity and a fun way to make a dramatic difference.

In fact, painting tops spring home improvement wish lists, according to the 2012 Spring Home Improvement Survey by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI).

With seven of 10 homeowners planning home improvement projects, nearly half (49 percent) cite painting as the most desired need.

They say that bedrooms and bathrooms are the first targets for fresh paint

(both at 29 percent), followed by living or family rooms (28 percent).

To help people jump start spring endeavors with low-cost project ideas and tips, NARI and Sherwin-Williams held National Painting Week April 16-22. "People are looking for more cost-saving ways to enhance their spaces," says NARI chairman Paul Zuch, certified remodeler. "Some of the most dramatic transformations are projects like resurfacing cabinets or changing kitchen or bathroom hardware, as well as painting the interior or exterior of your home."

With today's technologies at your fingertips, determining the right paint color is easy and anyone can be their own interior decorator.

• Choose colors like a

pro using coordinated color collections. "It's easy to achieve designer looks in your own home with HGTV HOME by Sherwin-Williams," says David Bromstad, HGTV designer. "Each of the collections represents a style to match your own, and features colors that work together in any combination."

The wallpaper coordinates with the colors and the exterior color collections highlight your home's architecture to achieve a harmonious look room to room, inside and out."

• See your finished look without picking up a brush with Sherwin-Williams' color visualizer, where you can digitally repaint your space, or get inspired with Chip It! (www.letschipit.com), which instantly turns

any online image into a color palette using more than 1,500 colors. With the mobile ColorSnap app, you can turn anything that inspires you into paint colors. Capture an image with your smartphone and you will be able to see the paint color and two complementary colors.

• Liven up your living area by revamping the bedroom, giving new life to an old piece of furniture or staining the deck.

• Define your style. Make a statement combining bolder paint colors with their neutral counterparts.

• Use high-quality materials. Spending a little more at the outset saves money in the long run.

For more tips, visit www.NationalPaintingWeek.com.

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Renovations to make an even bigger splash with your pool

If you added a pool to your home in the past few years, or moved into a house with an existing pool, you may wonder what more you can do to enhance the value and enjoyment your pool brings to your home and family.

You may even think there's not much you can do beyond keeping it clean and well maintained.

"Pools are a great investment, and the vast majority of owners say their pool is a great place to entertain," says Bill Weber, president and CEO of the Association of Pool & Spa Professionals (APSP). "Fortunately, some simple upgrades and renovations can help pool owners enjoy their investment even more."

APSP points to five renovations that can offer homeowners the most satisfaction and value for their investment. The Association suggests homeowners consult with and hire an APSP-certified professional for the best possible results from any of these renovations:

1. Resurfacing. If your in-ground pool is made from concrete, time and use can cause the surface to deteriorate and become rough or even cracked. Resurfacing can restore the beauty and comfort of the pool and extend its functional life. Choose options that provide durability, and consider multiple manufacturers' products to ensure the best selection.

For pools with a vinyl interior, a host of new patterns, available for replacement liners, can transform the appearance of the pool overnight.

Fiberglass pool owners also have several resurfacing options. Consult with an APSP-certified professional to determine the

best product to make your fiberglass pool look like new.

2. New tile. Just as a kitchen backsplash can transform the overall look of the room, tile can set the tone for how your pool looks. Pool tile options are vast, and changing the tile is one of the most dramatic improvements you can make; it will give you the biggest bang for your buck in terms of appearance.

3. Change the look of the pool deck. The current design trend is to extend the look of interior flooring out into the pool area to create the effect of an outdoor family room. Deck choices range from man-made and natural materials to staining existing concrete.

Know that old concrete does not necessarily need to be removed. Often you can fix unsightly cracks and dated concrete decks with a thick overlay and new finish.

4. Add a water feature. Installing a waterfall or fountain is a great way to bring the sound and beauty of moving water to your outdoor environment. Water features also create a strong focal point for the pool. A dramatic spillover or sheer water feature can be dynamic additions to an ordinary pool.

5. Lighting. While safety is a primary function of lights, today's pool lighting also adds touches of beauty and pizzazz.

Standard incandescent and halogen pool lights are functional staples, and fiber optic lighting can add striking color to a nighttime poolscape. Fiber optics are especially great around pools and landscaping because there's no electrical current to worry about.

Long-lasting LED replacement lights can typically be installed with little or no modification to the existing pool. The colored LED lights can create an entirely new mood around your pool while providing energy savings at the same time.

"Of course, there are many more renovations and improvements to consider," Weber says. "Digital controls make operating pool equipment easier than ever, allowing you to control lighting, heating and cleaning with the touch of the button. And upgrades like adding a salt chlorinator system, solar cover and heater can improve the functionality and efficiency of a pool."

Keep in mind, you don't have to do everything at once.

Pool renovations can be done over several seasons, allowing you to make the improvements and fund your investment at a pace that works for you.

Of course, to ensure you get the most for your money, you'll want to hire an experienced pool contractor. You can find an APSP-certified building or service professional through the organization's website, www.apsp.org. APSP-certified professionals are required to demonstrate proven knowledge of design, construction and service, follow a strict code of ethics, and must engage in continuing education to maintain their certification.

"Most renovations are quite affordable, and can dramatically change the look of your backyard," Weber says. "It's important to ensure your project is performed by a certified professional who can help you turn your vision into reality safely, efficiently and cost-effectively."

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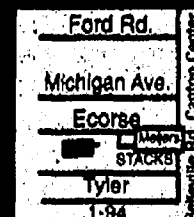
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Yearning to escape to a tropical paradise?

This spring, look no further than your own backyard to capture the romance of the tropics and create a sense of optimism to lift your spirits.

"People are craving vibrant colors to add energy and excitement to their outdoor spaces," says James Farmer III, a hip, young trendsetter and professional landscape designer. "It's simple to add tropical flair and recreate your favorite dream vacation with the right plants - and few plants say 'tropics' as clearly as the hibiscus."

This spring you easily can transform your patio, deck, porch or balcony into a tropical oasis with the new Tropic Escape Hibiscus Collection from Costa Farms.

The new flamboyant hibiscus collection comes in 12 varieties with big, showy blooms in tropical colors of yellows, reds and oranges. All are easy to grow and bloom twice as long as traditional hibiscus.

The eye-popping flowers feature oversized blooms ranging from 7 inches to 9 inches, with some the size as dinner plates and others with double flowers. Many are two-toned to give extra punch.

Whether grown in a container or in the garden bed, Tropic Escape Hibiscus will reward you with show-stopping blooms all season long.

Blooms with boom. Bold color is showing up in fashion, home decor and in the garden.

Tropical colors are "in" this year says the Pantone Color Institute, who named Tangerine Tango the color of the year for its "spirited reddish-orange that provides energy to boost our batteries and recharge."

Trendy gardens are wearing this orangey hue this spring in petal form. Try Tropic Escape "Tiki Temptation" or "Mandarin Mojito" to infuse this vivacious color on your patio, deck or balcony.

Punch it up. For immediate impact, add flower color at all levels.

Tropic Escape Hibiscus grow great in the ground or in large containers. The frilly flowers work in any setting, from decorating containers for your outdoor festivities to accenting your backyard garden.

"Hibiscus is perfect for sprucing up your outdoor space for a big party or small intimate gathering," says Farmer. "They're versatile and look great as a centerpiece and can even be used for garnishes for salads, decorating dishes

or making your own tea."

Plant and go. Easy to grow hibiscus thrive in sunny locations and grow like crazy in summer's heat and humidity.

Keep the soil consistently moist and fertilize every one to two months.

Tropic Escape hibiscus are must-haves for the hibiscus collectors as well as for those with brown thumbs. They are easy to overwinter indoors if you want to replant and enjoy them next spring.

Farmer adds, "Think of hibiscus as your ticket to paradise. It's a state of mind, a destination that lets you transform your backyard into a relaxing retreat or an island paradise that's perfect for entertaining."

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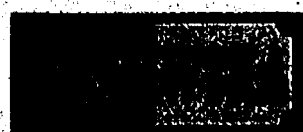


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Protect large investments with small home fixes

Today's consumers are under mounting financial pressure at every turn, and are forced to be much smarter in buying decisions, especially for major investments. One big investment every consumer needs protected is their house and property. This is especially true as warmer weather arrives. From simple preparations like servicing your heating and cooling system units (HVAC), to protecting yourself against unexpected home emergency repairs, many homeowners often overlook simple measures that can end up having costly consequences.

Here are five tips:

Service your air conditioner:

Spring is the perfect time to get your air conditioner into shape before the hot summer months.

To ensure your system runs as efficiently as possible, replace your air filters at the beginning of the season, and ideally every 90 days. This will keep your air cleaner, reduce energy consumption and extend the overall life of your HVAC system. Another simple step is to clear away any debris from your outdoor AC unit, which will improve airflow around the unit. Also, make sure your vents are open and not

blocked by furniture or any other items.

Check out your heating system:

Spring is the perfect time to make sure your furnace is in full working order before a winter emergency occurs. Consider heating system coverage for emergency repairs not generally covered by home insurance.

Curb unanticipated financial responsibilities with extra protection:

Homeowners insure their homes to protect it from unanticipated home emergencies - such as broken water service lines - as well as for peace of mind. However, homeowners often don't know where their utility company's responsibility ends and theirs begins. Many are surprised to find out they are typically responsible for repairs to the pipes and wires in and around their home (as the local utility is usually not responsible for these emergency repairs).

Look closely at your home insurance policy and check if your utility offers an emergency service contract. If not, consider signing up for an emergency repair service plan that covers gaps in your home insurance policy, which can range from exterior water and gas lines to plumbing and drainage systems to

complete electrical and heating/cooling configurations. HomeServe USA offers affordable emergency repair service plans, starting around \$5 a month, to cover plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems not typically covered by homeowner's insurance, and will dispatch a local, licensed and insured contractor to make the necessary repairs.

Ensure your home is properly ventilated:

Excess moisture in homes can tarnish expensive fixtures, cause paint to peel and accumulate in wall cavities which can lead to the growth of mold and mildew. To avoid moisture build-up, make sure basements and crawl spaces are free of water infiltration. Check that dehumidifiers or kitchen and bath ventilation fans are working properly to remove excess moisture. If not, a small investment today could not only save you money in the long run, but also provide cleaner indoor living environment for you and your family.

Prevent excessive energy bills:

Random air infiltration through gaps and cracks is a leading cause of energy loss in homes, accounting for 25 to 40 percent of energy loss in most residential

structures, according to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Air sealing and insulation is one of the most cost-effective ways to get the highest return on investment for the home, since the monthly amount saved on heating and cooling bills often exceeds the cost for these improvements. Home improvement retailers offer a variety of inexpensive (less than \$15) insulating foam sealants that homeowners can apply to gaps and cracks around the home to literally "seal" against unwanted airflow to reduce energy bills.

As you start slathering on sunscreen this season, think about not only protecting your skin, but protecting your home with simple fixes that can keep it as healthy as can be.

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Time to grow for it: Homegrown on your own

Who would have thought getting dirt under your fingernails would ever be considered one of the hottest trends going? According to Doug Jimerson, garden core director for Better Homes and Gardens, "growing your own fruits, veggies and herbs is something Americans are doing in record numbers this season."

"It's cheaper to grow your own produce than buy it - one \$3 tomato plant will yield pounds of produce all season long," Jimerson says. "Plus, the produce you grow just tastes better than even your grocer's best. And while it's healthy to eat and grow your own, gardening is rapidly gaining popularity as a great way to get some exercise, relieve stress and spend healthful family bonding time."

Eating foods grown in your own backyard means you won't be contributing to the carbon footprint left behind by the "food miles" it takes to bring imported produce to your local grocers - so you're helping the environment, too.

Growing vegetables is easier than you think. Plan it properly, and you can enjoy a healthy, home-grown harvest from the fruits of your labor - without having to spend hours tending it.

Gardening 101

Sunshine is sustenance - Vegetables need at least six hours of full sun per day. The easiest thing to do is to place your garden in full sunlight. Make sure it's easily accessible for watering; if the garden is too far from your house it could get neglected. Check the last frost date in your region and wait until threat of frost is past before you begin planting.

No yard necessary - Gardening doesn't require a lot of room - although if you have the space and time to go large, go for it! Many popular vegetables and herbs grow just fine in containers, making them a great option for those with limited space. For smaller yards, raised beds are an easy, low-maintenance option. If your garden is going right into the ground, just turn the earth with a shovel, toss out roots and rocks, mix in a soil amendment for healthy soil, and plant.

Water relief - Water regularly, but avoid doing so during the heat of the day when evaporation will diminish the effectiveness of irrigation. Water to wet the soil about 8 inches deep, but don't over-water.

Feed your food - All edible plants draw nutrients from the ground, and can quickly exhaust the

soil without the help of a fertilizer. Always follow label directions.

Growing for it

Now that you've got an idea of the basics, it's time to pick your plants.

Start with transplants - seedlings are way easier to get growing than seeds, so you'll save loads of time and enjoy improved success. Fortunately, national purveyors like Bonnie Plants make it easy to find hardy, high-quality, regionally appropriate plants at your local garden retailers. Bonnie offers time-tested vegetable and herb favorites, as well as new varieties, in eco-friendly, biodegradable pots that not only reduce plastic waste in landfills, they reduce transplant shock. Simply tear off the bottom of the pot and set the whole thing - plant in pot - directly into the ground. Be sure to pay close attention to plant tags, they're packed with facts and details to help you successfully grow your plants.

Here are some favorites to consider for your garden:

• **Tomatoes** - The most popular, most-grown vegetable, tomatoes are always a best bet. Disease-resistant Bonnie Original is a hardy, flavorful addition to



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any backyard garden. For containers or small spots, try Sweet n' Neat, a prolific plant that sets fruit in grape-like clusters.

• **Basil** - The perfect complement to tomatoes, basil works well in gardens and containers. New Greek Columnar Basil is particularly bountiful, as it grows high, leafs out densely and rarely flowers. The flavor blends traditional basil with spicy overtones of cin-

namon, allspice and cloves.

• **Bell peppers** - Versatile, flavorful and nutritious, bell peppers are great raw snacks and make an awesome ingredient for a variety of cuisines. Harvest peppers when they're green or red when the vitamin levels are higher.

• **Eggplant** - Black Beauty is the quintessential eggplant with a deep purple, glossy skin and meaty texture, and thrives in hot

weather. White-skinned varieties like Cloud Nine offer a sweeter, bitter-free flesh.

• **Mints** - Easy-to-grow mints are available in traditional spearmint and peppermint and in more exotic flavors like Bonnie Plant's new apple mint, orange mint and even chocolate mint, which has a flavor that echoes the classic Girl Scout cookie.

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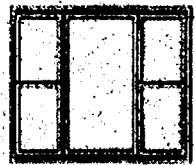
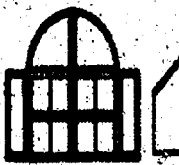
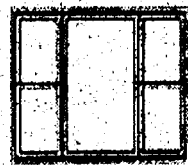
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