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Relay raises hope

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With 232 participants and 22 teams, Chelsea Relay for Life's constant goal of raising awareness of cancer was met with the many volunteers spreading the word far and wide throughout the area.

Max Brennan, whose parents live in Chelsea, is the American Cancer Society organizer in charge of leading the Chelsea relay. He said that he was happy to begin his relay season on familiar ground this year.

"I always wanted to be a part of an organization that exists for a positive mission and to be a part of something bigger than myself," Brennan said.

After years of working in the religious community, the American Cancer Society and its mission seemed like a natural extension of what he had already been doing.

Brennan said that commercial sponsorships have been way up this year, with some businesses paying $1,000 to be featured prominently on the Chelsea Relay for Life 2012 shirt, while others can pay less for a simpler visual presence on the shirt.

"This year, we're got a ton of sponsors because made it more flexible and our team captains really blasted the community and got their own sponsors," Brennan said.

20 sponsors signed up in total.

Penni Cotcher of team Pamcakes said that their fundraising efforts have been "stellar" despite being a team of less than 10 people, thanks in part to the so-called "pamcakes." The little rubber breasts were sold in pairs or with a care card and flower for $5 each.

In addition to being a catchy fundraising tool, the little icons for breast cancer awareness were a bright spot in what is typically a very somber, even when it's uplifting, event.

Cotcher, who is a cervical cancer survivor for the past seven years, pays for the Pamcakes out of pocket and the overall sale costs goes into the team's fundraising coffers, which were at $2,200 or so Saturday morning.

"My sister was one somebody else's team four years ago and had so much fun that we decided to form our own," Cotcher said.

Her team draws people from Ohio, Lansing and elsewhere outside of Washtenaw County to participate in Chelsea's relay.

"We don't have a lot of coverage on the track so we need to make that 24 hours count," Cotcher said. "And you have to keep it fun so the kids will keep coming back and participating each year."

While some might be uptight about the Pamcakes, people walking by the Cotcher's table Saturday were laughing and smiling: "Survivors appreciate (the sentiment) because they understand the significance."

Next year Pamcakes will have a marble built in to simulate a lump, as a way of discouraging women from relying on self-examinations in lieu of seeking the examination and opinion of a trained professional.

Linda and Chuck Koch spent time chatting about their own backgrounds and lives being touched by cancer in the Covenant Church tent along the relay route.

"This is our fourth year ... fundraising is down this year a little bit, due to the economic situation of this area," Chuck said.

But the couple was still having

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Photo by Sean Dalton

Team Pamcakes poses for a photo at the relay. The team includes: Pam Janisse (left), Wendy Dembny, DeAnnah Morales, Pat Kotcher, Shawn Foor, Penni Kotcher, Julie Muncy.

DDA sets decision date for buildings

By Erica McClain
Heritage Media

Chelsea's Downtown Development Authority will move swiftly to make a decision on whether to accept a development proposal on the Longworth.

"I don't want to delay this any further," said Mark Heydlauff, DDA board member during a May 17 meeting, on scheduling both an interview session with the potential developers and making a final decision.

The DDA will hold a meeting 7:30 a.m. May 31 in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library to interview the two. They are Michael Prochaska and Ernest Zachary, developers who have proposed 20 units of housing and an unspecified retail space, and the Longworth Development Company, which pitched a mixed-use project with a restaurant from the owners of Ann Arbor's Red Hawk, a pottery studio, five loft spaces and space for boutique retail.

The interviews will be within half an hour to an hour, and although there will be no public comment, the public is welcome to attend.

A special meeting will then be held 7:30 a.m. June 7 in the McKune Room to reach a final decision on the Longworth property. The DDA may choose one or the other development or neither at all.

Public comment will be allowed at both the beginning of the meeting and the end with an as-yet-unspecified time limit to each comment in the interest of moving forward and not "rehashing" old concerns.

"I think we're all capable enough to make a decision on this, and we have spent enough time on this project ... The bulk of this meeting needs to be focused on this very important decision we have been charged to make," Heydlauff said.

Should the DDA choose a developer, the Longworth property would only cost $1, as part of a initiative by the city to get the buildings back on the tax rolls. The $1 price tag came with a host of requirements for a detailed request for proposal, such as the development has to be mixed-use and more than $1 million needs to be invested in the project.

The DDA previously discussed the

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- The Longworth Development Co. plan
- The Prochaska and Zachary plan
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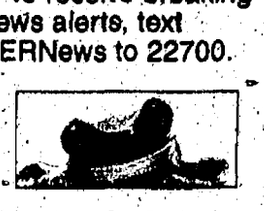
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EMU student gets call from U.S. Secretary of Education

Duncan sends congrats for student's work

By Malissa Martin
Heritage Media

When Benjamin White graduated from Stoney Creek High School in Rochester in 2004, he didn't have any desire to attend college


White

"My mom being an educator her whole life," White said, "I know it was hard for her, but she didn't pressure me in either direction. She just kind of spelled out what could happen and what were my options."

White decided to attend Oakland Community College, where he earned a degree in mental health and social work. White worked with autistic students at Meadow Brook Elementary School from 2006 to 2010 while in school at OCC.

White said his experience working at Meadow Brook influenced him to get a degree in education. He researched many local schools and decided to attend Eastern Michigan University, his mother's alma mater, and major in special education and elementary education.

"Just the tradition of preparing good teachers is really why I chose Eastern," White said.

White is involved in numerous education programs and is frequently on conference calls with the U.S. Department of Education. He recently, and unexpectedly, received a personal call from the U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan congratulating him on his hard work and participation in education programs at EMU.

"I've been a part of a lot of things," White said, "with the Council for Exceptional Children and through that I've been able to participate in conference calls and things like that with the Department of Education and different national organizations on teacher preparation and different aspects of teaching."

White said he thought he was participating in one of the usual conference calls in relation to teacher preparation programs and that's when Duncan came on the phone.

He said he was surprised and his first reaction was to call his mom.

"Cause my mom has been in education her whole life," White said, "and she tried to steer me into that direction when I was younger thinking about what I wanted to do and that's not what I wanted to do when I grew up. So, just to get that phone call from somebody that high up in education is something I knew my mom would really be proud of."

White is president of the Student Council for Exceptional Children for EMU campus, which is part of a larger organization. White is also president of the Michigan Student Council for Exceptional Children, which is the student chapter for the state.

"Those are two professional organizations that I'm a part of that have been really influential as I've been on my path to become a teacher," White said.

White said there are many teachers at EMU who have made an impact on his education. He said professor Jackie McGinnis is dedicated to education and "her passion has definitely rubbed off on me," White said.

White said professor Phil Smith, Special Education Department head at EMU, has been very supportive, while learning real-world examples in professor Jennifer Desiderio's classes have been very rewarding.

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>
> **BENJAMIN WHITE**
> Eastern Michigan University student

White said EMU gives education students many opportunities to get into the classroom to gain experience in addition to student teaching.

"It has been great having a lot of classes where I can get into the field and work and be a part of an actual classroom while I'm in school," White said.

He decided to major in elementary education instead of secondary because influencing elementary students is his passion.

"You need to make an effect on kids early," White said. "I guess one of the things that's really stuck with me is I've been able to be a positive male role model in a lot of elementary kids life as I was a peer pro. And I think that's really positive, and it's really powerful for me being a black man to be a positive example for young kids."

White said he had a few male teachers in middle school and high school, but none of them were black.

"So, I had very limited opportunities to see black men in the school setting," White said.

He also said that being a teacher allows him to give students tools "to do things independently that they may have thought they couldn't do," White said.

"Being a role model and helping kids being successful," White said, "I think that's what I get most out of it. Watching kids being able to do things on their own that they may not have thought they weren't able to."

White plans to graduate in the fall of 2014 and currently has a cumulative 3.6 grade point average.

"I think it's really important for students, especially students preparing to be teachers, to have a chance to get involved in education," White said. "Whether that's getting involved in different classrooms or getting involved in professional organizations like the Council for Exceptional Children, I think that's been one of the most beneficial things through my education is being involved in professional organizations and experience in the field. And I think all students should have that opportunity."

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Donations sought for Community Baby Shower

United Way of Washtenaw County is inviting residents and local businesses to donate essential items for expectant mothers, as part of its third annual Community Baby Shower.

United Way, in partnership with Reinhart Realtors, is collecting donated new items for expecting mothers and families with children younger than 3 years old. The items will be donated to local agencies, including Alpha House, Catholic Social Services, Corner Health Center, Home of New Vision, Hope Clinic, and SOS Community Services, who will, in turn, distribute them to low-income mothers and families.

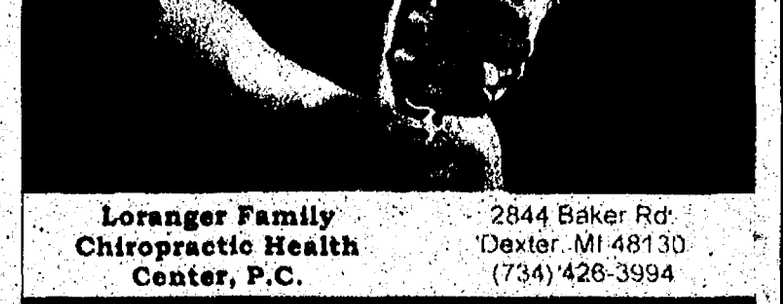
"The response from the community always has been positive," Sandra Rupp, president and CEO of United Way of Washtenaw County, said in a news release. "People come together and all step up to donate handmade blankets, diapers and clothing. It is so heartwarming."

The items needed are diapers, blankets, hats, socks, baby wipes, bibs, paciflers, formula and healthcare items. Gently used cribs, baby gates and strollers will be accepted.

Residents and local businesses can drop off their donated items throughout the month of May, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the United Way Office, 2305 Platt Road, in Ann Arbor, or at one of the six Washtenaw County Reinhart Realtors Offices: 2200 Green Road, Ann Arbor; 2452 East Stadium Boulevard, Ann Arbor; 500 E. Eisenhower Parkway, Ann Arbor; 2355 West Stadium, Ann Arbor; 1020 E. Michigan, Saline; and 800 S. Main St., Chelsea.

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School board promotes teacher to CHS assistant principal

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

The Chelsea School District Board of Education approved the selection of Luman Strong as assistant principal at the high school, to begin a two-year contract on July 1.

Strong rose to the top out of more than 200 candidates for the position through a three interview process. He holds a master of arts in school counseling from Eastern Michigan University and recently obtained a doctor of education leadership from Lehigh University. Strong has been employed by the Chelsea School District since 1997 as both a teacher and counselor, with the exception of a two-year hiatus to teach in South Korea.

At Monday evening's meeting, the board also approved the hiring of Bridgette Veeneman as a Spanish teacher at Beach Middle School. Veeneman is also endorsed as an English as a Second Language teacher.

North Creek Principal Marcus Kaemming and a group of his teachers, as well as Scott Wooster and Joe Tinsley of the district's technology team, presented a lengthy and detailed description of their plan to update technology at North Creek.

Wooster explained that technology is normally replaced about every five years, but it has been six years since there has been an update at North Creek. The improvements will be funded with 2009 bond money.

Kaemming said that the committee attempted to answer the question, "What technology tools will best meet the instructional needs of our youngest learners?" Through research, visits to other schools, and attending the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning conference, they determined that replacing North Creek's student computers with iPads will be the best option.

Advantages of the iPad include its ability to be individualized, allow students to take an active role in learning, and can be purchased and maintained at a substantial cost savings over the traditional laptop or desktop computer. Wooster also cited a study done in Maine in which students who used iPads performed significantly better than students who did not use them in every tested measure of literacy.

The plan as presented to the board, who will vote on it at the next meeting, included updating wireless access at North; and purchasing enough iPads to allow eight per classroom in kindergarten and first grade and one per student for second graders. Each device will also have appropriate filtering.

The technology change will include professional development and measurement of student outcomes.

First grade teacher Eric Robinson stressed to the board that the iPad will be used "to enhance learning; these are not for games or busy work."

Important upcoming events:

- Graduation – 2 p.m. June 3 at the high school.
- Last day of school – June 8, half-day only.
- Next school board meeting – 6:30 p.m. June 11 at the Washington Street Education Center.

In other board news:

Superintendent David Killips reported that two different and competing pieces of retirement legislation will be on the table later this week in Lansing.

The board approved contracting with Rehman and Robson as the district's auditor for the years ending June 30, 2012 through 2014.

The price for breakfast at North Creek, South Meadows, and Beach Middle Schools will decrease in the fall to $1.25. The price at the high school will remain $1.50.

The board accepted a donation of $1,140.36 from the Knights of Columbus for the high school's Independent Living Skills program to assist with costs related to Special Olympics and camping.

Chelsea High School students MacKenzie Cole and Sarah Allen shared their experiences in the mentorship program. Both girls spent nine weeks working with athletic trainer Tom LaFleur, which helped them to choose potential careers and colleges.

RELAY

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a good time, and why shouldn't they? Chuck still has his wife after she beat her skin cancer.

"She's a real fighter," Chuck said before looking lovingly at Linda.

"It was like hitting a wall," Linda said of her diagnosis five years ago.

Next July 23 will be the five year anniversary of her appointment for surgery to have the cancer removed.

"I had cancer, it didn't have me," Linda said.

Chuck says that the key and the whole point of Relay for Life is to not hide from it: "Let's bring it up from the dark and attack it ... let's get the key to unlock that door that's going to help all of us."

DDA

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development proposals at a May 10 work session.

A chief concern about the proposals included construction timelines developers might have considering there are issues with building deterioration over time.

Some DDA board members also noted a new streetscape would be needed, costing roughly $500,000, on top of what has already been invested in the Longworth. The streetscape would be necessary to add a sidewalk alongside the properties as well as streetlights.

Board members reported at that meeting that the DDA invested $400,000 in the property, which includes the Livery, the Daniels Showroom and the Mack, and would invest another $150,000 in a Residential Equivalent User fee schedule, or REU, giving a potential owner a break on service upgrades.

Those interested in reading the proposals may contact City Manager John Hanifan at jhanifan@city-chelsea.org or 734-475-1771, ext. 201.

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Memorial Day events set across the county

By Krista Gjestland
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Communities across Washtenaw County are gathering to honor American soldiers who have been killed while serving their country.

For residents looking to participate in remembrance services, here's a compilation of what is going on in our coverage area, organized by city.

Ann Arbor

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Monday, the Graf-O'Hara Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Ann Arbor will be hosting an open house to display military memorabilia. Uniforms, medals, boots, weapons and more will be on display. A multitude of wars will be represented in the collection, including the Spanish-American War and World War I.

Belleville

The Yankee Air Museum is hosting its annual Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to noon Monday. Cost is $6 for adults and $4 for children. The event will include a 50/50 raffle, fly-overs and speakers. The breakfast will be held in the Events and Collections Building, located off Beck Road.

At 11 a.m. Monday, the Brown Funeral Home and Brown Family Center will sponsor the Thunder Rolls in Belleville Motorcycle Ride to honor veterans who died while serving their country. More than 200 bikers are expected to participate in the 28-mile ride from Wayne County Community College to the Belleville Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park. To participate, bikers pay a $10.

Chelsea

The Herbert J. McKune American Legion in Chelsea will host its annual Memorial Day Parade 10 a.m. Monday beginning at Municipal Parking Lot 5, behind the Purple Rose Theatre. The parade will travel south down Main Street and end at Oak Grove Cemetery with a traditional ceremony honoring veterans.

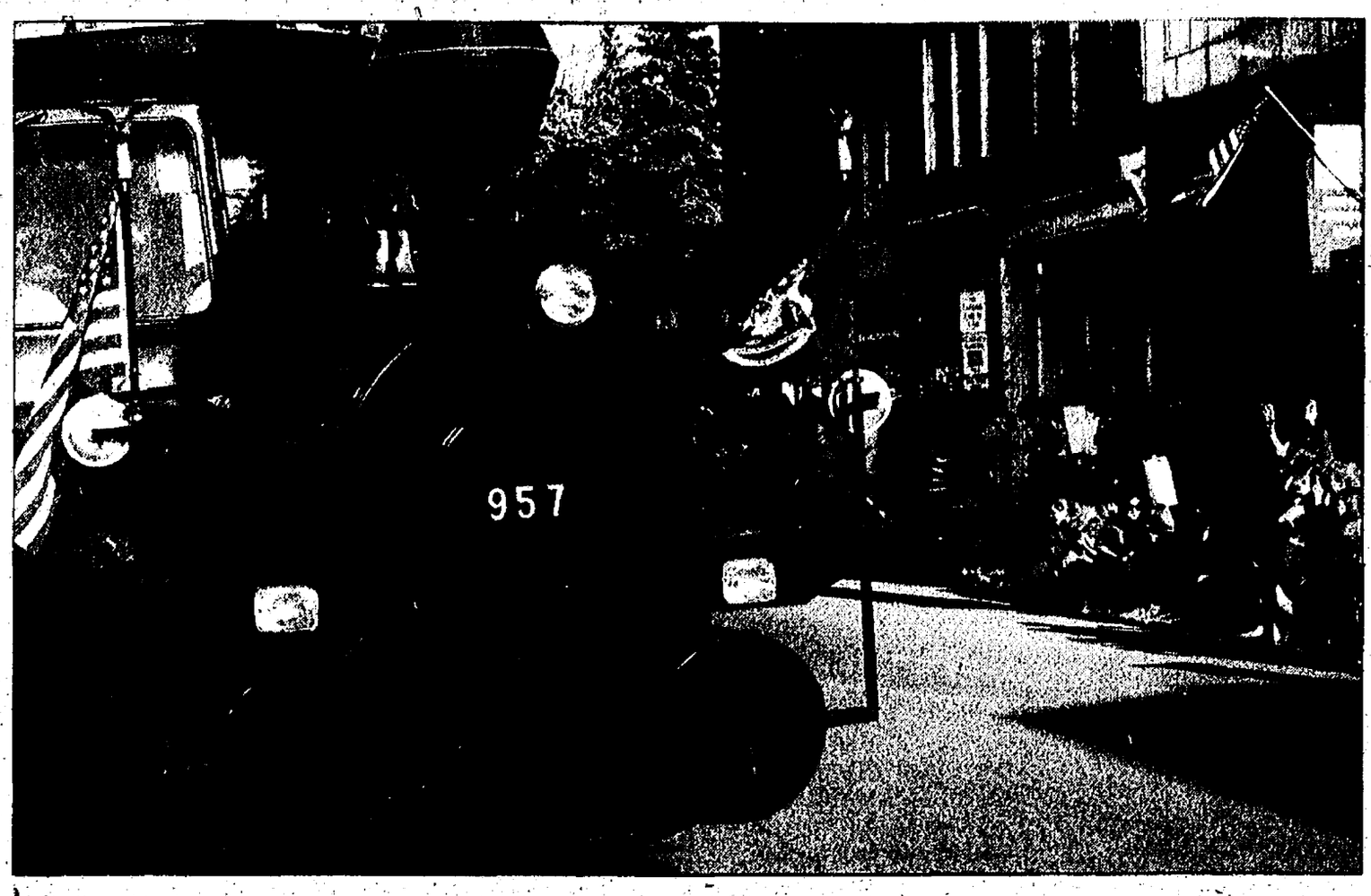
Dexter

American Legion Post 557, along with the Dexter Area Historical Society and Village of Dexter, will host a Memorial Day ceremony 9 a.m. Monday at the Monument Park Gazebo. The event will include patriotic music from the Dexter High School Marching Band, a placement of wreaths and a featured speaker.

A parade on Main Street will follow the ceremony.

Manchester

Manchester's annual Memorial Day Parade starts 11 a.m. Monday at the Main Street Bridge. The Manchester American Legion sponsors the event.



Many events are scheduled across Washtenaw County to mark Memorial Day.

Milan

Milan's remembrance services will begin 9 a.m. at the American Legion with a ceremony to remember those who died at sea. A wreath will be placed on Ford Lake and at the Blue Star Memorial.

The annual parade will begin immediately after, starting at the American Legion and will travel east down Main Street to Marble Park Cemetery, where a service will be held.

Saline

The Saline American Legion is hosting its annual Memorial Day Parade Monday. The event starts at 10 a.m., beginning at Harris Street and ending at Oakwood Cemetery.

Ypsilanti

Ypsilanti's annual Memorial Day ceremonies and parade will begin 9 a.m. Monday. The parade will begin on Huron Street and Michigan Avenue and will travel down Huron Street to Depot Town.

The processional will stop at the City Depot Bridge on Cross Street for the firing of the volleys and to pay tribute to those military service members who were lost at sea. Each city official and veteran in attendance will toss flowers into the Huron River to remember those who have died.

The parade will then continue down Cross Street to River Street and will end at Highland Cemetery, where Captain William McAffee will read the Logan's orders for the wreath laying.

The Ypsilanti High School band will play at the bridge, and the Lincoln High School band will perform at Highland Cemetery.

Compiled by reporter Krista Gjestland. She can be reached at kgjestland@heritage.com, 734-429-7380 or on Twitter @kgjestland.

Museum operators meet at Milan's Hack House

Meeting in Milan first in recent memory

By Martha Churchill
Special Writer

The parking lot was filled at the Hack House Museum in Milan as museum curators from across the county came for their regular meeting.

They visit different locations for their meetings every other month and this was their first time, in recent memory, at the Hack House.

Sally Clark, president of the Milan Area Historical Society, was on hand to welcome the guests, along with Mel Daily, Ann Farmer, and others from the Milan organization.

The speaker, Patricia Majher, was once a part-time curator for the Hack House. She now serves as curator for larger museums and edits statewide "Michigan History" magazine for the Historical Society of Michigan.



Majher

Majher said the financial landscape is changing for museums focused on local history. People are more likely to make contributions to social welfare organizations, so funding for local history is harder to procure.

Majher also noted that libraries are engaged in new activities not directly related to paper books, so that local history museums should work in concert with libraries to provide fun activities coming from local heritage.

Museums across the county are planning a variety of events this summer, including an appearance by a President Abraham Lincoln impersonator and his wife at Gordon Hall in Dexter, a trolley ride around Saline viewing historic windmills, and a tour of Manchester's blacksmith shop.

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Representatives from historical museums across Washtenaw County converged recently on the Hack House Museum in Milan for a presentation on Michigan History magazine. Pictured are Ann Farmer of Milan (left); Alexis Braun Marks of Eastern Michigan University archives, Carol Butram of Earhart Manor, and Nancy Van Blaricum of the Dexter Area Historical Society.

Ann Arbor Green Fair to offer education, fun

Annual event set for June 8 on Main Street

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Environmental enthusiasts will have a chance to learn more about local efforts throughout Washtenaw County to conserve resources at an upcoming event.

The 12th annual Mayor's Green Fair is set to take place from 6 to 9 p.m. June 8 on Main Street in Ann Arbor. The event will feature more than 120 exhibits, hands-on activities for children and several chances to learn about environmental projects taking place throughout the area.

"We just want to celebrate our community's environmental leadership," said Christine Schopieray, assistant to the mayor.

The fair was started in 2000, Mayor John Hieftje's first term in office, in an effort to celebrate sustainability and programs throughout the city that provide services in a greener, more cost effective way.

The fair took up only one block on Main Street and featured businesses that provided green services or products such as cleaning supplies, paper products and recycling. Then it evolved into featuring nonprofit, green businesses and WasteKnot partners, and groups, agencies and businesses devoted to protecting the environment through waste reduction and recycling.

Now, the fair encompasses four blocks of Main Street and features more than 120 vendors divided into three sections: environmental leaders, clean energy and green commute, or businesses that specialize in alternative forms of transportation.

This year's fair will feature vendors, numerous activities for children, organic fare and live music from Corn Daddy, a group that plays alternative country music. Live birds of prey from the Leslie Science and Nature Center will be on hand, as well as a conference bike, a bike with multiple seats where people sit in a circle and talk while six people pedal and another steers.

"It's (the Green Fair) a hub for people wanting to learn how to protect the environment, the parents are as fascinated as the kids," Schopieray said.

There is also an effort to make the fair a zero waste event. Volunteers will be stationed at compost and recycle bins placed throughout the festival to educate the public about what can and cannot be recycled and composted.

"It's to let people know that all trash doesn't have to go into a landfill," she said.

Vendor registration is open until May 21. Schopieray can be contacted at 794-6161.

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An employee from the Leslie Science and Nature Center shows off one of the birds of prey at the Green Fair last year in Ann Arbor.

County seeks $3.2M in funding for low-income residents

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Washtenaw County is eligible for more than $3.2 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approved an action plan for the next year of the Urban County Plan, currently in the fourth of five years in a federal program.

Another actionable item on the agenda during the May 16 board meeting involved Webster Township joining the Urban County Plan, along with the already incorporated city of Saline, Dexter Township, Lima Township, Manchester Township, Saline Township and the village of Manchester in the program.

The plan provides for a number of functions such as rehabilitating properties, demolishing them or building new residential buildings for ownership or rental by low-income residents of the county.

The program also provides direct assistance to low-income residents for their rental cost needs through the HOME Investment Partnerships portion of the program in participating jurisdictions.

The Emergency Solutions Grant is designed to assist individuals and families to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experience a housing crisis or homelessness.

The overall program is designed to avoid having longtime residents of communities who have fallen on hard times from having to leave their community, as well as prevent the creation of slums or blighted areas that could harm individual communities in terms of property value decline and increases in crime and other ill effects associated with poor neighborhoods.

Partridge said the money shouldn't only be bolstered but expanded to provide better public transportation and access to health care to make the most complete impact on the county's most economically vulnerable citizens.

Regular commentator and candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives Thomas Partridge got the first word on Washtenaw County's portion of the initiative during public comment at the meeting.

"Can this block grant meet even a token (of the) need for affordable housing?" Partridge asked.

Partridge said the money shouldn't only be bolstered but expanded to provide better public transportation and access to health care to make the most complete impact on the county's most economically vulnerable citizens.

He applauded the commissioners for the $3.2 million effort and what it would end up doing for those citizens.

Newly sworn-in Commissioner Felicia Brabec was the first to ask questions about the program.

She asked if there was any picture of what the third five-year term of the program would look like in terms of future projects.

Staff responded by saying that the next five-year term would begin in 2015 and would be a topic of review and discussion next year.

Commissioner Alicia Ping asked when the next opportunity would be for municipalities to join the program. The administration replied that it would be in 2013 and 2015.

Commissioner Wesley Prater asked where the matching dollars were coming from and the administration replied that general fund dollars were not involved and, aside from federal grant money, local materials and labor would fill in some of the gaps.

County officials also voted to set the 2012 Washtenaw County millage rate of 4.5493 mills, or $100 in taxes levied upon a home per $100,000 in taxable value each year.

Part of that overall mill rate includes 1.1275 mills for Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

Prater expressed concern over the county's parks and recreation's $29 million fund balance, although he later voted "yes" on the millage rate, along with the rest of his commission colleagues.

"I'm just wondering if we might consider not levying a portion of this tax ... I don't think a department in the county ought to act as a bank," he said.

His concern was that the money was being kept as a war chest, but several fellow commissioners who serve as liaisons to the parks and recreation governing body clarified the issue.

"I can assure you we have very detailed plans for the money to benefit all of the people in the county," Commissioner Levin Bergman said. "The fund balance for parks and rec goes up and down, depending on capital projects that go up and down. We have money now because we're at the beginning of many major projects."

Commissioner Yousef Rahbi gave the parks and recreation administrators a vote of confidence as stewards of money that the county taxpayer has agreed to provide while facing a question of the value of parks, recreation and land preservation at the polls.

"I think that the changing emphasis from acquisition to stewardship demonstrates that county parks is thinking of (the fact that the county can't keep acquiring new land forever in the face of rising maintenance costs)," Rahbi said.

Commissioner Leah Gunn, who was part of the push for the initial parks millage in 1976, added that the money has been well spent in the name of preserving land, as well as providing much needed facilities like the recreation center that will eventually be built on Water Street in Ypsilanti.

Berman reiterated that there will be a cap on the amount of land acquisition.

"There are real goals with how we want to do land acquisition," she said. "We're not going to buy forever."

Prater concluded by pulling back from the bank statement, explaining that he just wanted to have a look at what that department was doing financially and why its fund balance had gone from $20 million to $29 million in the past four or five years.

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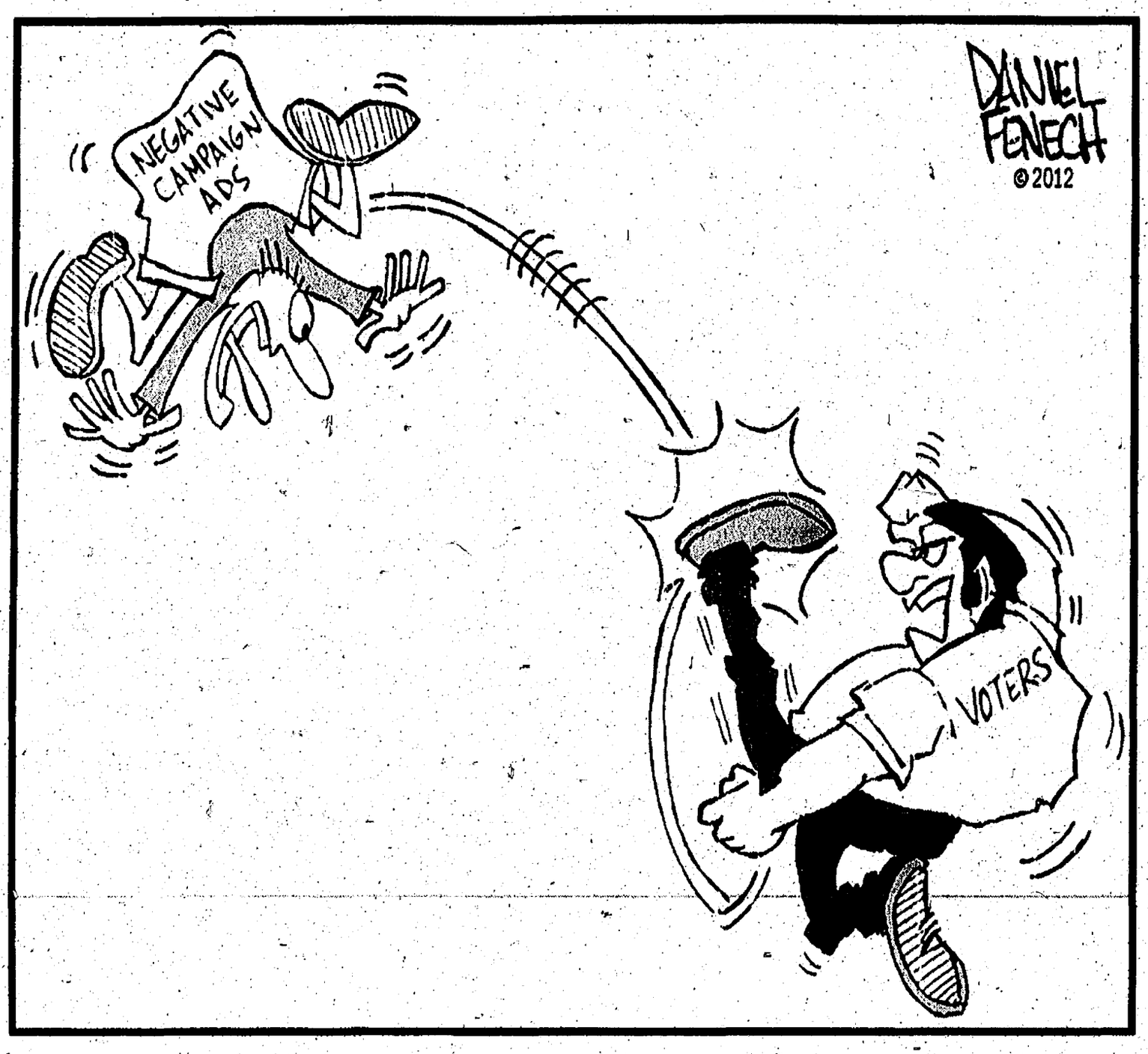
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OUR TAKE: Editorial

Schools must be fair with pay-to-participate fees

In this fast-paced marketing and advertising age, it was probably just a sign of the times.

But we couldn't help but notice how fast a neighboring school district responded when the L'Anse Creuse Public Schools decided to start charging middle and high school athletes for participating in sports programs.

It was only a matter of days before officials at New Haven Community Schools, located in northern Macomb County, sent out press releases stating quite clearly "New Haven allows all athletes to participate with no fee."

New Haven Superintendent Keith Wunderlich admitted to a reporter that the announcement was prompted by L'Anse Creuse's action.

A little friendly competition – whether on an athletic field or the board room bidding for students – never hurts.

What does hurt, however, is the willingness of school districts to pass along the cost of sports programs to parents who already pay taxes to support schools.

More than 50 percent of the school districts in Michigan now have some sort of fee schedule for participating in sports.

And, according to a year old study, the fees range from a low of $10 to a high of $450 with a median amount of $150. Most also have a family maximum fee with the median at $248.

We've always considered participation in sports an important part of the lessons of life – teamwork, leadership, dealing with success and failure.

Yet, while a majority of school districts are now charging students for sports, more than 70 percent report they have no additional fees for non-athletic extracurricular activities.

That's probably because it's easier to convince parents to support pay-to-play for sports than it is for cheerleading or the drama club.

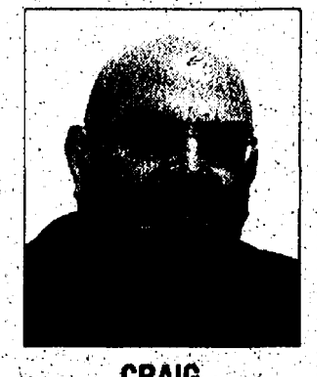
And that, we think, is wrong.

—Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

Schools of choice forces districts to market, recruit

Editor's Note: This is the second part of a two-part opinion series on schools of choice.

GUEST COLUMN



CRAIG FARRAND

With voter-approval of Proposal A in 1994, public education in Michigan took a hard right turn.

In that single piece of legislation, the way we fund education, the way we deliver education and the way education exists in our state was forever changed.

Funding was now a matter of aggregating property and sales tax revenue from across the state and then doling out dollars as foundation grants to each district, based on each pupil enrolled.

Under Proposal A, every student now had a price on his or her head, an embedded bar code that could be scanned into a district's budget.

Students were now commodities: The more who walked in the door, the more money a district received.

One note: Students from outside a district represent the lesser of two grants figures: If a student's home district got, say, $5,000 per student, but the students enrolled in a district that got $6,000, the new district would only get the $5,000 figure.

This method of funding was (again) supposed to help level the field: A rich district wouldn't gain at a higher rate for every out-of-district student it enrolled. But what happened to that $1,000? It didn't stay with the old district and it didn't go to the new district.

You'd think it would be spent back in the old district to raise standards and the educational model.

But it didn't.

Hmmmm ...

Obviously, if students across the state simply were worth a standard value, it would certainly fix things. Each child is worth $8,000, for example, no matter where he or she attends.

But that's not the case, and we continue with the inequities.

Charter schools

Also acceding to the desire for parental choice, Proposal A created a new way of delivering public education: the concept of an independent public school, not affiliated with any existing school district.

Today, these charter schools are more often than not called "academies," but in reality they're just schools. Nothing special, no unique programs or services.

But what does set them apart is that they also have no legacy costs, can hire their own staff (union or nonunion) and are free to operate the way they see fit, as long as they deliver a curriculum that meets state standards.

But because charter schools don't have a built-in captive audience — unlike traditional community schools in which students who live there go there — they need to operate a little differently.

First and foremost, they operate like a business and they're exceptionally aggressive when it comes to advertising, which they have to be: They only exist if they can attract consumers (I mean, students).

If they don't constantly recruit students, they collapse, because they don't have a ready supply of community students who automatically can enroll in their home district.

So charter schools use a very specific retail business model. They allocate funds for marketing and advertising on par with what any other private sector company would do to survive.

Public schools do not. Why?

Competing in the marketplace is an anathema to educators

Every school superintendent I've ever worked with or talked with has clearly despised having to market his or her district in the public arena.

Simply put, it's beneath them — and they hate "stealing" kids from each other.

And I understand that.

To a person, they've come up through a system built on public service, on teaching children, on being a key component of teaching good citizenship.

Marketing and advertising — and stealing (although we call it "recruiting") students — to them is crass and insulting.

And they're right.

But it's also a reality of Michigan's retail education system — and slowly they've come to understand its necessity.

They still don't like it and, for the most part, have tried to do what charter schools do. But every one of them does it on the cheap.

Why? Because they don't want to do it; they don't like to do it; the public doesn't like them spending the money to do it. So, they don't try to do it at the same level as charters.

A case in point: One district, which will go unnamed, with an operating budget of more than $100 million once spent just slightly more than $100,000 on a marketing campaign.

Sounds like a lot, doesn't it? Except that it represented one-tenth of 1 percent of its annual budget. By comparison, a corporation that size would spend between $15 million and $20 million to market itself and sell its wares.

Most districts spend dramatically less, in the $20,000 range — a mere rounding error on their balance sheets.

And they try hard to reconcile even those figures with their central focus on education — and with taxpayers who see it as an extravagance — or worse.

The fact is that stockholders expect their companies to compete, but taxpayers don't — at least not in the world of retail education.

To help them explain the cost to those same taxpayers, I always equate the cost of their campaigns to the number of children they enroll. For example, to pay for a roughly $20,000 marketing and advertising campaign, most Downriver districts need to recruit just three new students. It makes it more palatable.

So districts have had this quandary: Don't compete in this new marketplace and risk losing students (and money) through graduation (or choice) — and then have no one left to replace them, thereby facing serious financial stress.

Or, do compete and anger residents who want to protect their districts from interlopers and outsiders.

And making this doubly troublesome is the fact that our Michigan population is in decline, and the pot of education consumers is shrinking.

So now you have more districts, feeling even more of a pinch, competing for a smaller cadre of youngsters.

The pie is getting smaller and there are now even more slices being cut.

Please say hello to Trenton, which just got its pastry-cutting knife out.

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Of course, all of this begs the question: What does this mean for Michigan's public education future?

Taken at face value, this free market free-for-all — let consumers buy education where they want — will have dramatic consequences, many of them unintended, in the years to come.

Gov. Rick Snyder already has set an agenda to make all districts choice, and has taken limits off the number of charter schools that can be created in the state.

Not surprisingly, our self-professed nerd comes from a world where free enterprise is the solution to everything.

But, as I suggested last week, is that necessarily a good thing?

A free market certainly has its place — in ideas, invention, accomplishment and hard work.

But does it have a place in fundamental rights of existence?

Should a child, by fate of birth, be condemned to a lousy district — or rewarded with an excellent one? Or should the system create a truly equal method in which all children, regardless of birth, socioeconomic status or simply having a ride, have universal access to identical excellent education?

It's like being pulled over by the Michigan State Police: No matter where it happens — from Ecorse to Escanaba — we should expect the same standards of professionalism. Shouldn't we expect the same from our educational model?

Or from another perspective: Every convict gets treated the same, regardless of the prison — and a lousy education (or none at all) certainly helps with that "enrollment," doesn't it?

A special message to parents

You always hold the hot hand. Even if you tell a neighboring district that you want to bring your child over in the fall, you can change your mind — right up to the day school starts.

And, for the most part, any time after that: If you decide to return to your home district, your home district is always obligated to provide education to your child and all children who live within its boundaries. A dirty little secret is that charter schools have been known to use this fact to cherry-pick students in time for count day and then peel them back into their home districts afterward, using disciplinary or some other reason for "problems." But the foundation grant stays with the charter for a period of time; it doesn't follow the child right away, sticking the home district with the cost, but none of the revenue.

The fact is that picking a school for your child is not a binding contract. You can change your mind any time you want.

Districts know that, but will try to instill a sense of urgency in their messages; they'll try to lock you in as soon as they can.

And for good reason: Their budget year starts July 1 — but the school count isn't until the fourth Friday in September.

That's a long time to wait for numbers, so they would like to know as soon as possible how many kids they're going to have in the fall, so they can plan accordingly.

There's a lot more to the schools-of-choice issue than I could even begin to scratch here, but I hope I've at least given you a little more insight into how it works.

What it means remains open to interpretation — and the future.

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Chelsea author publishes second novel

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

One Chelsea grandmother has turned her lifelong love of writing from a hobby and into a career.

Patricia Stebleton, 71, has just released her second mystery novel, "Watched," through OakTara Publishing.

But Stebelton's interest in writing reaches as far back as her childhood.

"As a child I thoroughly enjoyed writing," she said. "I wasn't really faithful in writing journals, but I always wrote things down."

As an adult, Stebelton found she had more free time to pursue her writing.

"When my children were in school I had more time on my hands and I got into taking more art classes and I also took writing courses as well," she said. "When I could, I went to writing conferences. Then I just started submitting things with many rejections."

After submitting her work to an online agent, OakTara Publishing picked up her first novel, "The Sleeping Matchbook."



Patricia Stebleton

Now, she has two novels published, three novels written and ready for editing and a sequel to "Watched" that is set to be published by the end of the year.

Stebleton said it's her love of writing and a wild imagination that keeps her pen to paper.

"I love to write," she said. "I love the excitement of writing. I've always been a note writer. If something was really on my heart I found I could express it through writing better than I could speaking."

All of Stebleton's novels are mysteries, a genre that has enthralled her from a young age.

Classic mystery writers such as Dorothy L. Sayers, Phyllis A. Whitney and Agatha Christie have inspired her writings.

"I'm definitely a mystery writer," she said. "I love to read them. It's such a thrill to figure out who's doing what."

Stebelton's most recent novel, "Watched," is about a small-town girl who discovers her aunt's journals, who died under mysterious circumstances.

Though it's an intense drama, Stebelton said, the novel isn't all seriousness.

"There's also romance in this story," she said.

Both "The Sleeping Matchbook" and "Watched" are available for purchase on Amazon.com.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Preservation group pleased to see 2 proposals for Longworth property

Last winter the City of Chelsea offered to sell the Jackson Street buildings, commonly known as the Longworth Properties, for $1 to a responsible developer who would commit to rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the buildings, place the buildings back on the tax rolls and present a sound business plan.

Preservation Chelsea is pleased that two proposals have been submitted that meet these criteria. Each proposal preserves "landmark" visual qualities befitting the location of the site and would form a visual linkage between the historic downtown and the McKinley Clocktower complex. We believe that either proposal would be financially beneficial to the entire downtown by enhancing economic growth, increasing the tax base, attracting new businesses and promoting job growth while at the same time preserving important historic values that make Chelsea a unique destination city.

The Downtown Development Association deserves credit for having the vision to stimulate interest in this historic building complex by selling for $1 and by funding the Residential Equivalence Unit utilities hookup fees.

More information is available on the blog: http://thechelseaconnection.blogspot.com/. Both developers who have submitted proposals have been invited to present their proposals and participate in a question and answer session 7:30 a.m. May 31 in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library. The public may attend.

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Students named essay contest winners

Three students from Dwight Beach Middle School in Chelsea have been named local winners in the 43rd annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students, who earned the first, second, and third place awards for their school, are Katie Fischer, first, Karana Wickens, second, and Nora Dobos, third. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Katie's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Dwight Beach Middle School's participation in the America & Me Essay Contest was sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance agent Rick Eder of Chelsea.

Several thousand eighth grade students from over 400 Michigan schools participated in the 2011-'12 America & Me Essay Contest, which was conducted with the help of Farm Bureau Insurance agents across the state. The topic of the 2011-'12 contest was "My Personal Michigan Hero."

Started in 1968 and open to all Michigan eighth-grade students, the contest encourages Michigan youngsters to explore the greatness of America and its people. As sponsor of the contest, Farm Bureau Insurance has earned 11 national awards from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge.

The Sound of Music

By Katie Fischer

In Michigan, it plays in my ears all day long. Through thick and thin it has been there, to sooth my troubled heart. Some people just call it a nuisance, others call it sounds. In my mind it is a way of expression, a place where you sing and dance and not care what anyone thinks. Without music I would have no inspiration for my photography, writings and art. Music has been there for me, like a friend who is always at your side. It's a superhero, a soul mate, history.

Like Superman, music has its own way of saving people. For me, music doesn't have to jump off buildings and start flying to be a hero; it just has to play a beat. When my day just isn't going the way I'd planned, or the stresses of school have brought me to my knees, I just put my headphones on and turn up my music. In seconds I'm bobbing my head up and down while my feet tap like there's no tomorrow.

All my troubles just melt away like a weight lifted off my shoulders. Superman can't compare to my music, Superman may have super strength but he doesn't have the power to save a girl from stress.

Music is my life saver.

Love is a fickle thing to understand, but I know I love music with all my heart. My friends call it an obsession; I call it a soul mate. Sometimes I just want to lie in my bed and listen to music all day.

Whether I'm happy or sad, music will make my day one to remember. Once, my father and I were walking to our car from a baseball game. As we walked along the pavement, a homeless man playing the hand drums caught our eye. I put a few dollars in his cup and he sang "why this little girl all dressed in green, coolest chick I ever did seen." I laughed and started to tap my feet and walk away to the beat.

The rhythm of music is love to me.

Since I was a "little katydid" (as my dad calls me) I was used to hearing country music. So many times I still hear the "oldie" songs on the radio. As I got older I listened to songs from famous operas, like 'Phantom of the Opera' and 'Les Mis'. I was a music addict at that point. My day consisted of large amounts of music. Finally, after years of girly pop music, I became interested in a range of songs by a variety of artists.

A thing with extraordinary powers, a sweet love some call obsessive, and a rich history. To the world, music may just be an enjoyable sound, for me it's a gateway into pure happiness. Music is my history and like the history of Michigan, music is the book that says to the whole world, "This is who I am, enjoy."

The Teen That Stood Up

By Karana Wickens

The year was 1957. It was his senior prom night. He was with his date and another couple, and the group of four strolled into one of Detroit's fanciest restaurants. The teenagers, dressed to the nines, were summoned to the back of the restaurant. They waited and waited, but the waitress never arrived. She obstinately refused to serve them. Her reason why? The couple that he was with was African-American, and this restaurant didn't serve "colored" people. Although he observed the waitress's behavior with revulsion, he probably just wanted leave with his friends. After all, he would only get to experience senior prom once. Nevertheless, the teen made a bold decision; the kind of intrepid, heroic decision that left his heart pounding with adrenaline. He stood up.

My grandfather, Jack Wickens, courageously confronted the waitress on her behavior towards the couple. He continued to protest heatedly to the manager, and vowed to them that he would never return to the restaurant. The restaurant was filled with patrons who could have stood up, too; yet my grandpa and his three friends were the only ones who did. Around that same time, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. preached, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." He and his friends marched off together, protesting loudly as they were shown the door. Their prom night was over. Even so, my grandfather's valiant act will live on forever.

At only 17 years old, my Grandpa Wickens still qualified as a kid. Still, he had the audacity to stand up to adults for what he knew was right. In this, my grandfather demonstrated that even children can make a difference. Not only this, but he also showed that he believed in equality and was willing to fight for equal rights. The treatment of his friends didn't have to be his problem, but he made it his problem so that he could help. To me, his small act of standing up was as heroic as Rosa Parks sitting down.

My grandfather was a born leader – president of his senior class and quarterback of his football team at Saint Leo High School. His leadership didn't end after that night. Throughout his life, he continued to be heroic. He became a teacher, one of the noblest of jobs. Almost all successful students depend on teachers for their future, yet they get paid little money for the amount of influence they have.

A hero is a courageous leader that inspires others. My grandfather stood up in spite of any fears he had. He was never rewarded for what he did, his act never made him rich or famous; he didn't expect anything, either. He stood up for no reason other than because he knew that he should. He truly inspired me to stand up for others, too. That is what being a hero is all about. Because of this, my Grandpa Wickens will forever be my hero.

Spy, Nurse, Hero

By Nora Dobos

When asked to write about a Michigan hero, most people think of a family member or relative. Many have written about someone they are very close with that has helped them or someone else become a better person. Instead, I chose to write about someone who died 100 years ago.

Sarah Emma Edmonds, born a Canadian in 1841, was abused throughout her childhood by her father because he wished she had been a boy. When she was fifteen, her father's treatment became insufferable and she faced immense physical and mental anguish. In an effort to escape the pain, Emma moved to Flint, Michigan until about five years later, when the Civil War broke out. She enlisted in the war posing as a man, as a way to defend her new country. That in itself is heroic, considering at the time, society had created the stereotypical image of women as housewives; good for nothing more than caring for children and cleaning.

Women were not permitted the right to enlist in the army, so Emma, under the alias Franklin Thompson, joined the Second Michigan Volunteer Infantry as a male nurse. She was declined four times before being accepted into the military, but she persevered and finally succeeded. For a time, she served the Union nursing wounded soldiers back to health. Shortly afterwards, one of the primary spies for Officer George McClellan, a powerful Union leader, was shot and Franklin jumped at the opportunity to undermine Confederate strengths.

Franklin impressed Officer McClellan so much, the position was granted to "him" in a heartbeat. Adept at obtaining hidden information, Emma completed eleven successful missions during her career as a spy. One of her most famous successes was when she infiltrated enemy lines disguised as a black slave. She convinced another African-American to trade duties with her. Soon, she was doing laundry for an officer and a packet of official papers fell out of a jacket pocket!

Soon afterwards, however, her success took a turn for the worse when Emma contracted malaria. For fear of being discovered, she didn't admit herself to the military hospital but rather went to a private one nearby where there wasn't as much danger of being found out. Much to Emma's despair, when the disease subsided, she found Franklin Thompson on a list of deserters. Thus was the end of her military career.

Sarah Emma Edmonds was one of about 400 woman soldiers in the Civil War, and she was a hero. She demonstrated that women did not have to be the stereotypes that society created. She was truly brave; she did one of the most daring things one could have in her time. Nobly, she pursued a cause that she valued greater than her own safety and comfort. She is a role Emma fought for the Union, she fought for equal rights, and most of all, she never turned back, even in the face of death; boldly representing the land we call home — Michigan.



Sounds & Sights 2012 lineup released

Downtown Chelsea's summer music series, Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights, has announced their schedule for 2012.

The weekly Thursday event kicks off a week earlier this year on June 7 and runs through August 16.

The series is the combined effort of the Sounds & Sights Committee, the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce and the Chelsea Center for the Arts.

The event is sponsored the Chelsea DDA, Chelsea State Bank, Jiffy Mixes and Lake Trust Credit Union.

The 2012 music lineup features musical acts from across Michigan performing a variety of music from Zydeco, to Celtic, to blue grass and classic rock.

There a few new music genres on this year's lineup including honky tonk, electric punk and lounge-a-billy.

In addition to musical performances, there are a variety of children's attractions and activities including face painters, jugglers, balloon artists and magicians.

Returning for 2012 is the "SculptureWalk Chelsea," a self-guided walking tour of 10 juried art pieces, which are part of a year-long community arts project sponsored by the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority. The River Gallery in Chelsea is the project manager with support from CCA and the City of Chelsea.

Also returning in 2012 is the SRSLY Cinema free outdoor movies at dusk. After Sounds & Sights, films are shown on a 48-foot wide screen at the Clocktower complex with lawn seating and refreshments including fresh-made popcorn are available.

There are also a variety of food choices available from Jet's Pizza, Mike's Deli, Sietz's Tavern, and Zou Zou's Cafe. East Middle Street will be closed to accommodate a stage and food vendors.

"This kickoff of Sounds & Sights has become the official start of summer in Chelsea," co-organizer Craig Common said. "And this year we are kicking it off a week earlier."

There are several new faces and new sounds on this year's schedule and such as indie group Kelsey Rottiers & The Rising Tide, rock & blues band Fighting Unlucky, and Chelsea's own John Zainea and the Mania.

There are also some famous familiar acts coming this summer including Frank Allison (but without the Odd Sox) and from Flint The Mysterians and their number one hit from the '60s — "96 Tears." There is also a strong representation from the area including several high school bands.

In addition to Thursday nights, Sounds & Sights will also take to the streets during the Sounds & Sights Festival during the same evening hours. The Festival dates are July 26-28.

The open-mic stage will return for aspiring musicians.

"We added this a few years ago to give local musicians that were not booked a chance to be a part of the event and perform," Common said. "Some former open-mic acts are now a part of our lineup."

The first four weeks of Sounds & Sights will include comedians performing as part of Chelsea District Library's Comedy Showcase. That stage is located on the library lawn with seating provided. The series features professional comedians from across the country and opens with Jim McHugh.



Dragon Wagon, a bluegrass folk rock group, will perform at Sounds and Sights this year.

"We're seeing more and more communities follow our model for this type of event," said Bob Pierce, Chelsea Chamber director, one of the series organizers.

"Thursday night is now the new Friday night, and this has become a great boost for our community and local merchants, while at the same time supporting local arts."

Stages are located throughout the downtown area from the Clocktower complex to the library. South and East Middle streets will be blocked off to accommodate stages and food stations. The kid's main stage is located in the Clocktower Courtyard.

"The financial support we receive from our loyal sponsors continues to allow us to put on a first class, free event," Common said. "This community continues to embrace and support the arts.

"And the quality of performers that come from all over Michigan to perform here is a testament to our success."

Confirmed music acts performing in the social tent, which has a $5 cover, for the Sounds & Sights Festival, July 26-28, include: The Juliets, Bear Lake, and The Hard Lessons on Thursday night, Country bands Whitey Morgan and the 78's, and Blue River Band on Friday night, and Billy Mack & The Juke Joint Johnnies, and Festival favorite Fifty Amp Fuse on Saturday evening.

The social tent opens at 6 p.m. on Thursday and 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The music runs until 11 p.m.

Additional information is available by calling the CCA at 734-433-2787 or by visiting http://chelseafestivals.com/soundsights/.

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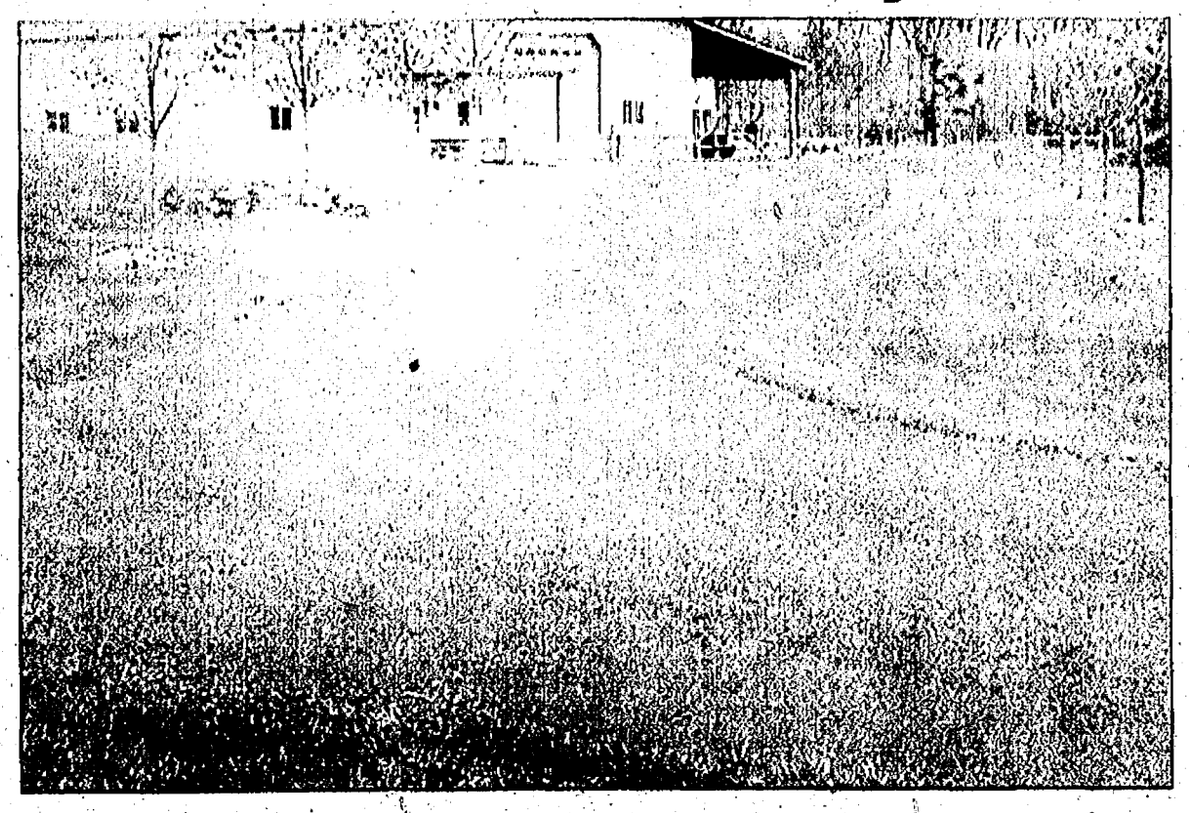
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Candidates file for August primary election

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

May 14 was the deadline to file for candidacy for this year's August primary. Here is a running list of who's filed for city and township elections so far.

ANN ARBOR

Mayor
John Hieftje (D-incumbent)
Albert Howard (R)
City council- Ward 1
Sumi Kailasapathy (D)
Eric Sturgis (D)
City council- Ward 2
Sally Hart Petersen (D)
Tony Derezinski (D)
City council- Ward 3
Christopher Taylor (D)
City council- Ward 4
John Eaton (D)
Margie Teall (D)
City council- Ward 5
Chuck Warpehoski (D)
Vivienne N. Armentrout (D)
Stuart Berry (R)

ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Michael Moran (D)
Clerk
Rena Basch (D)
Treasurer
Della DiPietro (R)
Trustees (four seats)
Kenneth Kohrs (R)
John E. Allison (D)
Claudia Sedmak (D)
Randolph S. Perry (R)

AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Pete Hafler (D)
William Tobler (D)
Richard Tsvetanoff (D)
Brian Shelby (R)
Kathleen M. Jackson (R)
Clerk
Kathy Giszczak (D)
Iva Bielec (D)
Kathleen McDonald (R)
Linda Adams (R)
Treasurer
Susan Burek (D)
Nevel Overton Slack (R)
Lynda H. Dew (D)
Trustees (four seats)
Judy Thornton (D)
Douglas Newsome (R)
Dwight Parris Bennett (R)
Laverne Kailimai (D)
Daniel K. Lula (R)
Michael J. King (R)
Joseph Keefe (D)
Dennis Chie (R)
Ira Todd (D)
H. Neil Johnson (D)
Cath Howard (D)

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Ronald H. Smith (R)
Clerk
Laurie Fromhart (R)
Treasurer
Michelle McQueer (R)
Trustee (two seats)
R. Geoffrey Oliver (R)
Wes Cowden (R)
David C. Faust (R)

DEXTER TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Kathryn M. Bowring (R)
James L. Drolett (R)
Karen Nolte (D)
Pat A. Kelly (D)
Clerk
Harley B. Rider (R)
Treasurer
Libby Brushaber (R)
Mark A. Wojno (R)
Trustees (four seats)
Steve Feinman (D)
Michael Howard (R)
John T. Emerick (R)
Bill Gajewski (R)
Carl J. Lesser (R)

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Dale Weidmayer (R)
Luther Schaible (R)
Clerk
Jennifer Alexa (R)
Treasurer
Kenny E. Siler (R)
Rudy T. Layher (R)
Trustees (two seats)
Dennis E. Huehl (R)
Daniel L. Schaible (R)

LIMA TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Craig A. Maier (R)
Kenneth B. Unterbrink (R)
Robert Spink (R)
Clerk
Arlene R. Bareis (R)
Treasurer
Nanette L. Havens (R)
Trustees (two seats)
Lawrence Risner (R)
Donald Laier (R)
Gregory A. McKenzie (R)

LODI TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Karen Edman (R)
Jeffrey Feldkamp (R)
Janann Godek (R)
Clerk
Elaine Masters (R)
Treasurers
Michelle K. Foley (R)
Trustees (four seats)
Byron Staebler (R)
William Lindemann (R)
Margaret Canham-Keeley (R)
Donald A. Rentscheler (R)

LYNDON TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Marc E. Keezer (R)
Clerk
Linda Lou Reilly (D)
Treasurer
Mary Jane Maze (R)
Trustees
John H. Francis (R)
Robert Mester (D)

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

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Leslie Kopka (R)
James Schiel (R)
Gene DeRossett (R)
Clerk
Ann Becktel (R)
Treasurer
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Trustees (four seats)
Lyle A. Widmayer (R)
Carl E. Macomber (R)
Pete Stumpo (R)

PITTSFIELD TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Mandy Grewal (D)
Clerk
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Treasurer
Patricia Tupacz Scribner (D)
Trustees (four seats)
Gerald Krone (D)
Frank F. Lotfian (D)
Chol Yi (D)
Stephanie Hunt (D)
Park Commissioner (five seats)
Karen A. Zera (D)
Cleveland Chandler (D)
Patricia Stanton-Kawalec (D)
Deborah Hoffman (D)
Theresa S. Tupacz (D)
Joan Coxton (D)
John R. Vidolich (D)

SALEM TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Robert E. Heyl (R)
Gary Whittaker (R)
Susan Bejin (R)
Clerk
Carol Liogghio (R)
Del Wensley (R)
Treasurer
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Dale Converse (R)
Trustees (four seats)
Patrick Curley (R)
Doug Shepherd (R)
Wayne W. Wallazy (R)
John Daniel (R)
T.J. McLaughlin (R)
Maribeth Schmidt (R)
Dennis Draplin (R)
David Trent (R)
Sandra L. Petroskey (R)

SALINE TOWNSHIP

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Clerk
Kelly Marion (R)
Treasurer
Judy M. Gordon (R)
Trustees (two seats)
Robert Julius Marion (R)
Robert L. Prehn (R)

SCIO TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
E. Spaulding Clark (D)
Clerk
Nancy C. Hedberg (D)
Treasurer
Donna E. Palmer (D)
Trustees (vote for four)
David S. Read (D)
Richard A. DeLong (D)
Jack Knowles (D)
Christine Green (D)

SHARON TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Peter Psarouthakis (R)
Roger H. Kappler (R)
Corey Schmitt (R)
Clerk
Teri L. Aiuto (R)
Chelsea Mikel (R)
Treasurer
Brian Simons (R)
Kathryn A. Parrish (R)
Trustees (two seats)
James Hopkins (R)

SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
William McFarlane (D)
Clerk
David M Phillips (D)
Treasurer
Brenda L. McKinney (D)
Trustees (four seats)
Lisa Lewis (D)
Nancy E. Caviston (D)
Alex Williams (D)
Kevin Jardine (R)
Rodrick Green (D)
Park Commissioner (seven seats)
Marion E. Morris (D)
Mirada C. Jenkins (D)
Sandi Lopez (D)
Terry Lee Lansing (D)
Martha Kern-Boprie (D)
Janice Berry (D)

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Scott E. Cooper (R)
Clerk
Douglas M. Smith (R)
LuAnn S. Koch (R)
Treasurer
Rodney J. Branham (R)
Arlene J. Grau (R)
Trustees (two seats)
Kurt P. Koseck (R)
Reuben A. Lesser, Jr. (R)
Roy Schmidt (R)
Sandra J. Egeler (D)

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
John V. Kingsley, Jr. (R)
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Treasurer
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Trustees (four seats)
Charles L. Estleman (R)
Robert J. Mitzel (R)
Gary J. Koch (R)
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YORK TOWNSHIP

Supervisor
Joan Alexander (D)
John W. Stanowski (R)
Joe Zurawski (R)
Chuck Tellas (R)
Clerk
Helen Neill (R)
Treasurer
Sally Benjamin Louis (R)
Trustees (four seats)
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Jill A. Hargrove (R)
Thomas L. Preston (R)
Brian F. Iott (R)
Dan C. Pichla (R)
Gary Zajac (D)

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City council- Ward 1
Lois E. Allen-Richardson (D)
Steve Pierce (D)
Tyrone Bridges (D)
City council- Ward 2
Susan Moeller (D)
City council- Ward 3
Ted Windish (D)
Peter J. Murdock (D)
Mike Eller (D)

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Brenda L. Stumbo (D)
John H. Hoops (D)
Brenda Meadows (D)
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Ruth Ann Jamnick (D)
Treasurer
Larry Doe (D)
Larry D. Davis (D)
Trustees (four seats)
Jean Hall Currie (D)
Scott Martin (D)
Stan Eldridge (D)
Mike Martin (D)
Maria Sheler-Edwards (D)
Sylvia D. Spurlock (D)
Carlton A. Fields (D)
S.A. Trudy Swanson Winston
Park Commissioner (nine seats)
William M. Odom (D)
Richard Roe (D)
Carissa Collins Watson (D)
Monica Ross-Williams (D)
Gail Boyd-Palmer (D)
Lonnie Scott (D)
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Hudson Mills to host antique tractor pull

The Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Show, featuring hundreds of antique gas engines, steam engines and tractors on display, antique tractor pulls, a pedal tractor pull for the youngsters, a craft show and more, will be held at Hudson Mills Metropark near Dexter on June 1 and 2.

The Metroparks and the Hudson Mills Old Power Club sponsor the event.

Junior, ladies and sponsor tractor pulls start at 6 p.m. June 1. The antique and classic tractor pull will take place at 11 a.m. June 2. A children's (3 to 10 years) pedal tractor pull will be at 1 p.m. June 2.

The antique steel wheel tractor pull will be that night immediately following the rubber tire pull. June 3 will be the rain day for the pulls.

Food service will be available.

For more information contact Hudson Mills Metropark at 734-426-8211.

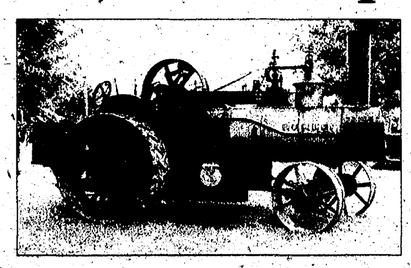
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General information can be found at www.metroparks.com or by calling 1-800-47-PARKS.



The Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Show will feature unique pieces such as this on June 1-2 at Hudson Mills.

Gallery looks for '10 under 40'

Chelsea's River Gallery is looking for emerging and established artists under 40 who are interested in taking part in the "10 under 40" exhibition this November.

The gallery is offering $1,000 to the artist who wins best in show, $750 for first place and $500 for second place, and all 10 selected artists will be fully represented and mentored by the gallery for one year.

The artists will be considered part of a creative team for the show and will be invited to collaborate with the directors on producing events and activities during the exhibition that reflect their energy and personal style. Experimentation will be encouraged and welcomed.

The selection process will include a review of the artists and their work by River Gallery's directors and an advisory board, comprised of eight individuals who are passionate about arts and culture and firmly grounded in the visual arts.

Submissions must be sent by July 14.

Depending on the scale three to five works will be selected by each artist for exhibition during "10 under 40." As a part of the marketing and publicity efforts leading to the exhibition, artists will be invited to display work in the gallery fall of 2012.

All media are welcomed. All forms of painting, drawing, sculpture, mixed media, photography, graphics, digital and installation art, video, environmental, et cetera are eligible. Entrants must be 18 or older to apply.

All works accepted into the gallery and exhibition must be for sale. The River Gallery will ask for a 50 percent commission on all sales.

Each artist must establish a retail market value for all artworks and this price must remain constant for one year, whether sold by River Gallery, the artist, websites, other galleries or art fairs.

The River Gallery directors will be happy to assist artists in establishing a market value for their work.

Artists accepted into the exhibition must be responsible for the transportation of the work to and from the gallery.

No entry fee is required.

Submissions must include all of the following:

Digital Files

3-10 digital images of work available for sale. Image file names must include artists last name and title of image.

Images must be on a CD, in .jpg format at 300 dpi, 4-by-6 inches and mailed to River Gallery. CDs preferred, but email submissions accepted at 72 dpi.

Image Identification List

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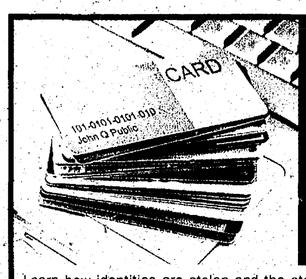
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The instruments and controls organization is intuitive and easy to use. The seats have a complex look with a multitude of trim lines and stitching.

A dramatic new look and EcoBoost engines mean a leap forward for Ford's 2013 Escape

By Bill Schaffer
Journal Register News Service



RICHMOND, CA - It's a good indication that new car shoppers are still interested in compact SUVs when the Ford Escape, which has changed little since it debuted in 2000, is the fifth bestselling vehicle in the U.S. In fact, it had its best sales year ever in 2011, selling 254,293 units.

Sales like that are unheard of for a model in its last year.

In a historic glass-walled building on east side of San Francisco Bay originally built in 1931 to manufacture Model A's, James Farley, Ford Group Vice President, Global Marketing, Sales and Service, introduced the all-new Ford Escape and said it'll now be sold worldwide. In Europe and China, it will be called Ford Kuga and offered with unique powerplants and features.

"The new Escape is a great leap forward," said Erik Loeffler, chief engineer, "and it delivers what customers around the world seek in a compact sport utility vehicle — eye-catching design, an engaging driving experience, outstanding fuel economy and the capability to take you on any adventure you have in mind."

After learning about the new Escape while sitting in the large room with walls of windows in the historic building filled with a dozen colorful new Escapes, my driving partner and I picked an Ingot Silver Metallic Escape with the 2.0-liter EcoBoost engine for our drive from Richmond through the coastal mountain range to Bodega Bay.

No longer a boxy looking wagon, the Escape designers have dialed in sleek lines more like those of its larger siblings, the Edge and Explorer, but with a front end similar to the popular Ford Focus. The result is a dramatic new look that changes the whole complexion of the Escape.

The interior is busy with several levels, shapes and visors covering the instrument panel. Although I personally prefer simpler lines and less clutter, the instruments and controls organization is intuitive and easy to use. Even the seats have a complex look with a multitude of trim lines and stitching, but they're comfortable.

Rear-seat legroom can get tight with tall people in the front seats, but headroom is generous, as is cargo space. With the rear seat backs in place, cargo space is a spacious 34.3 cubic feet and double that when seat backs are folded. Access to the cargo space is easy, too, with the clever available power liftgate. Walk up to the rear cargo door with the key fob in a pocket or purse, make a simple kicking gesture toward the bottom center of the bumper, and the liftgate unlocks and raises automatically. Make the kicking motion again and the door closes. The door can be programmed for a predetermined opening height for owners that might have a low garage door or other obstacles.

Driving on city streets, freeways and winding mountain roads, the Escape stayed nearly flat through the corners and felt more like one of the hot hatchbacks than an SUV. The 2.0 EcoBoost offers impressive acceleration for merging into traffic and it was quick to pass slow-moving vehicles. I'm guessing it will have a 0-to-60 time in the 7-second range. The Escape feels agile, precise and even has a 39.5-foot turning radius, which is tight for a four-wheel drive.

Escape comes in four models: S, SE, SEL and Titanium. The S is only available in front-wheel drive and with the 168-hp. 2.5-liter Duratec® four-cylinder engine. The SE and SEL models have a standard 178-hp. 1.6-liter turbocharged EcoBoost four-cylinder engine and available four-wheel drive. The standard engine in the Titanium, and optional in the SE and SEL, is the 240-hp. turbocharged 2.0-liter four-cylinder EcoBoost. All Escapes have a six-speed automatic transmission.

The transmission can be manually shifted using a thumb-operated toggle on the side of the shifter. It's easy to use and gives the driver more control for cornering and braking, but paddle shifters on the wheel or a gated shifter control would be better.

All three engines have significant increases in fuel economy over previous generation engines. The 2.5-liter has an EPA rating of 22 mpg in the city and 31 mpg on the highway compared to 20/27 mpg for the previous generation. The new 1.6-liter EcoBoost is rated at 24/33mpg and the 2.0-liter EcoBoost gets EPA estimates of 21/28 mpg, whereas the previous V-6, with the same horsepower, was rated at 18/23 mpg. The new Escape has a much lower coefficient of drag, thanks in part to the self-closing grille shutters that reduce drag at higher speeds.

Unlike the previous Escape, which was sold in hybrid form, the new Escape has only gasoline engines. Ford instead will offer a hybrid version of the upcoming C-Max in the U.S. market.

Ford marketing manager Jason Sprawka says the new SE, with more than $1,000 of additional content, is priced about $200 less than the previous generation, and the SEL gets $2,300 more content for $1,500 less. Prices range from $23,295, including the destination charge, for the S and go to $31,195 for the Titanium. Four-wheel drive is $1,750 extra. Loaded with all the available options, the Titanium 4WD tops $37,000.

In the Titanium trim, the Escape is solidly ensconced in the premium compact SUV category loaded with standard up level features like HD Radio™, remote start, heated leather seating (front), HID headlights, power liftgate and reverse sensing system.

Escape offers some "gee whiz" technology like the active park assist that steers the vehicle for you when parallel parking, and the MyKey®, which allows the owner to control how the vehicle is driven by other drivers.

Ford's also invested heavily in the SYNC® and MyFordTouch®, simplifying the system's voice commands and touch screen. The sound engineers should all get a bonus for their work on the Escape; it's quiet, especially for an SUV.

I wouldn't have recommended the previous generation Escape, but I can endorse this one.

Girl Scouts say summer camp a positive difference

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Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan camps make summer adventure affordable for every girl, and financial aid is available. To learn more, visit www.girlscoutcamp.org or call 1-800-497-2688.

Jan Barker is the CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan.

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HARBAUGH, RUTH E.; of Hastings Michigan; aged 81; passed away May 18, 2012, after a brief battle with cancer. She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Tribia Speicher of Nappanee, IN. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 61 years, Weldon; her daughter, Rebecca (Michael) Seaben; son, David Harbaugh. Ruth graduated from Nappanee High School, then Indiana School of Business. She was on the administrative staff at Mercywood Psychiatric Hospital of the St. Joseph Medical Center, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and retired in 1992. She was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star and American Legion Auxiliary and participated in volunteer work most of her life. She always had a smile on her face, and treated others with kindness, humor and compassion. Ruth loved spending time with her family and also enjoyed travel, shopping, cooking, and sewing, as well as a nice glass of wine. She had a fondness for animals, especially dogs. According to her wishes, Cremation has taken place and a private Service will take place at a later date. Cards and notes may be sent to P.O. Box 31 Hastings, Michigan 49058. Other expressions may be made in the form of donations to Spectrum Hospital Hospice at www.donate.spectrum-health.org or the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org The family is being cared for by **Lauer Family Funeral Homes-Wren Chapel**, 1401 N. Broadway in Hastings. Please share a memory with Ruth's family at www.lauerfh.com

MACOMBER, HARRY, age 71; died May 21, 2012. Harry is survived by his sons, Adam and Thomas; his daughter, Melanie and her three sons, Jovon, Daylon, and Issac; and his five siblings who all reside in Michigan, Shirley Sparks, Barb Harvey, Carl Macomber, Linda Brannock and George Macomber, Jr. Memorial Service Tuesday, May 29, 2012 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pleasant Lake Freedom Hall. **Hunter Funeral Home**, Watertown, TN (615)237-9318.

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2012 Acura TL prettier, still capable



The front wheel-base model is as fun to drive a its all-wheel big brother

By David Schmidt
Journal Register News Service

Acura's TL sedan most represents the spirit of Honda's luxury brand.

Unfortunately, the latest generation's looks became an issue for many who otherwise might've been interested in this sort of car.

Honda acknowledges that they took the looks too far when they introduced this latest generation, so for 2012, Acura "fixed" the car's looks, which have changed enough to get rid of the sort of universal love-it-or hate-it reaction among consumers.

Without having to do any sheetmetal renovating, they "diminished" the cutting-edge looks, as they were clearly slicing away sales.

For 2012, two distinct versions of Acura's performance luxury sedan remain: a 3.5-liter V6 front-wheel-drive TL producing 280-hp. or the 305-hp. TL with Super Handling All-Wheel Drive, which generates that horsepower from a 3.7-liter V6.

Even the front-wheel drive version of this car keeps you aware that there's plenty of power produced. You learn to carefully hit the gas pedal, because it's easy to get those 280 horses squealing the tires or even lay a bit of front-wheel rubber.

If you opt for an automatic transmission, you'll get a six-speed that's nicely sporty. Unlike many, if not most, automatics, this one will downshift two gears at one time if you command a double-downshift.

With the way cars are geared for best mileage, this is a useful feature for those who enjoy driving. It also "blips" the engine when it downshifts, which actually has advantages beyond sounding way cool — matching the engine revs with the transmission makes for smoother shifts.

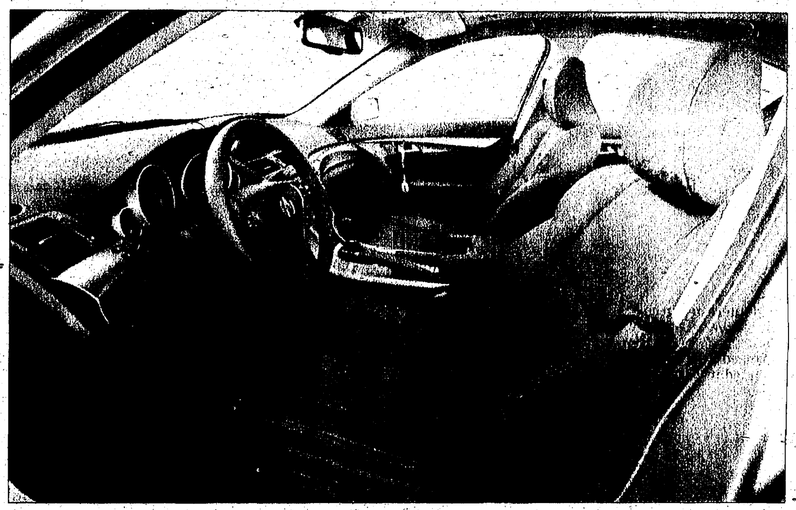
Up until this year, only the performance-oriented TL SH-AWD had an external transmission cooler. Now all the automatics have this feature.

There's also a new multi-clutch torque converter that widens the range of conditions under which the transmission will lock-up into a higher gear for better economy.

If you want even more performance, then the six-speed manual transmission, handling and steering improvements pushes the TL SH-AWD lineup nicely up the performance ladder.

The standard wheel and tire for the TL are new, 17x8-inch seven-spoke aluminum wheels while the TL SH-AWD is shod with new 18x8-inch five-spoke aluminum wheels with low-profile P245/45R18, or you can opt for 19-inch wheels and even higher performance tires.

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Even the TL SH-AWD with the automatic increases by 1 mpg in both city and highway fuel economy to 18 mpg in the city and 26 mpg on the highway.

There are also differences between the two models besides power. The TL uses a double-wishbone independent front suspension and a multi-link independent rear suspension.

On the SH-AWD model, special-rate coil springs and damper tuning improve handling performance.

The SH-AWD model also gets special brake tuning with racing-inspired front brake cooling ducts for those who will test the capability's limits.

The TL is an important car for Acura because it's the first of the real luxury Acura cars. Nothing against the other models, but they're high-content smaller cars.

It wouldn't be far-fetched to see them sitting on an American Honda showroom floor. It's really only Acura's TL and RL that wouldn't fit in that showroom.

There was a reason why Honda decided to invest in a new brand in North America.

They'd worked very hard to make Honda cars the icon of quality for the masses and prove the point that a mid-sized or compact car could have as much quality as their bigger competitors.

So they invented Acura as a way to offer more capability – not quality – to their customers as well as others who wanted more.

This worked, as Acura's Legend is still legendary. Owners delighted in them and many remember them as their best car.

The TL followed the Legend. Just because Acura has moved to naming their vehicles with initials doesn't take the Legend out of this luxury mid-sized car. It's also a car that deserves that reputation. Its mechanicals are good, and its capabilities are top-notch.

And now that the looks are again toned down, its appeal should mushroom.

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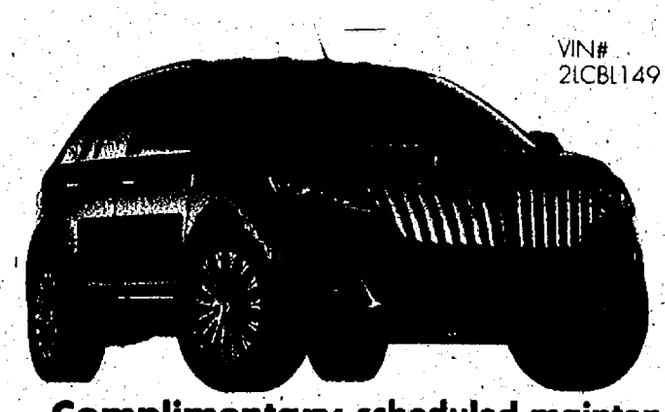
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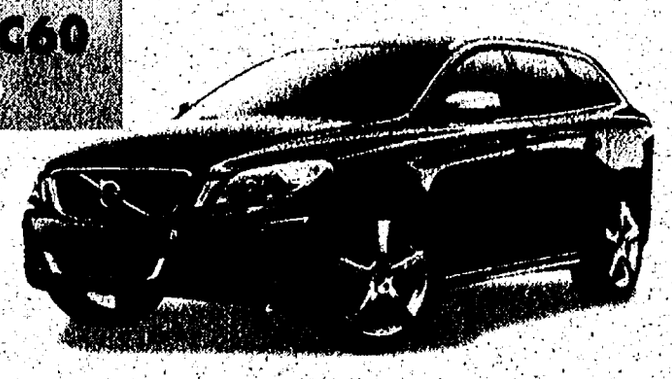
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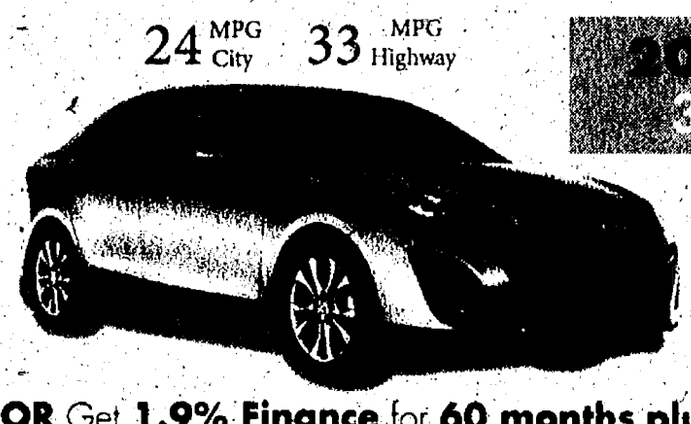
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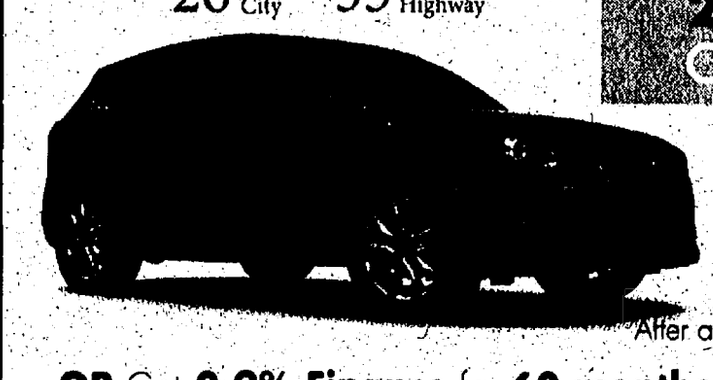


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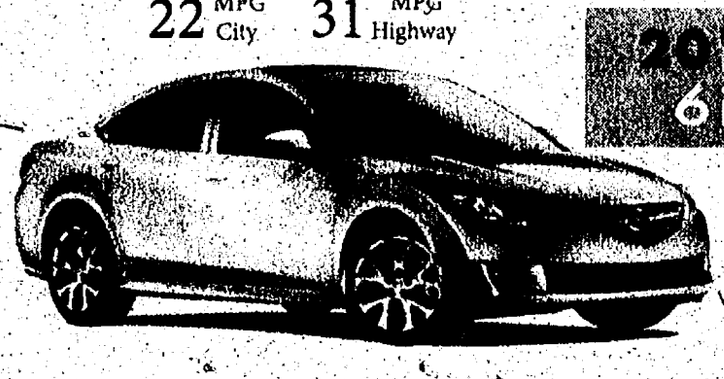


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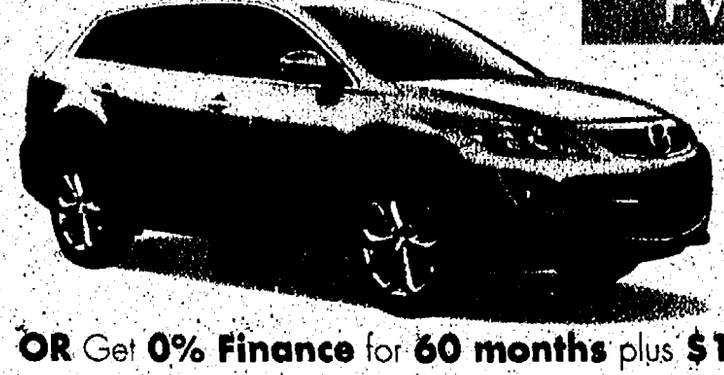


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Library asks patrons to get their 'geek on'

Residents of Chelsea may soon add a new verb to their vocabulary — "geek."

Chelsea District Library is participating in Geek the Library, a community based public awareness campaign. The campaign highlights what people are passionate about and how libraries can support them, in an effort to heighten awareness about the critical funding issues public libraries face.

A launch event will take place noon to 2 p.m. June 4 on the library's lawn. Geek posters will be unveiled, revealing initial "geeks" featured throughout the first phase of the campaign. Residents in Chelsea and surrounding communities are invited to this event to learn more about the campaign, pick up free Geek swag, share what they geek, and sign up to be on a geek poster.

Geek the Library features local educational material that introduces geek as a verb, and encourages the public to talk about what they geek — whether it's engineering, superheroes or art. The public awareness campaign illustrates the fact that everyone is passionate about something — everyone geeks something — and that the library supports them all.

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> **CATHY DEROSA,**
> OCLC global vice president of marketing

"This campaign is designed to provoke conversation about the vital role that public libraries and librarians play in today's challenging environment," stated Cathy De Rosa, global vice president of marketing for OCLC, a nonprofit library cooperative which led campaign development and conducted a pilot campaign from June 2009 to April 2010, in a press release. "We hope it will spark important community discussions about how public libraries can remain strong."

The awareness campaign features Chelsea community members on promotional materials, social networking elements, a website and grassroots community initiatives to draw attention to the need for increased library support.

The campaign website, www.geekthelibrary.org, provides information about how people can get active and support their local library.

As the economic downturn slowly recovers, millions of Americans are turning to local libraries for educational opportunities, job searching resources and entertainment, according to a press release from the Chelsea District Library, and that increased demand for library services is taking a toll on libraries already experiencing flat or decreasing budgets. State and local cuts are impacting public library hours, programs and staffing, forcing some libraries to close indefinitely, according to the press release.

While most people have visited their public library and understand its important role in their community, the Chelsea District Library believes many do not know that libraries are at risk or that local funding for libraries is heavily influenced by community members.

This public awareness campaign hopes to start a conversation about library funding to inspire more people to take personal responsibility for keeping their local public libraries vital in their communities. The campaign will not support or oppose any candidate for public office, nor attempt to influence legislation.

The Chelsea District Library is nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide equal access to quality resources that serve the lifelong cultural, educational and informational needs and interests of all people. The library currently serves 14,000 residents in the Chelsea district – City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships and more than 20,000 individuals visit the library each month. For more information, visit chelsea.lib.mi.us.

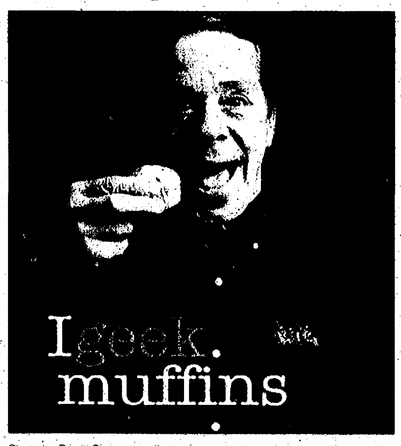
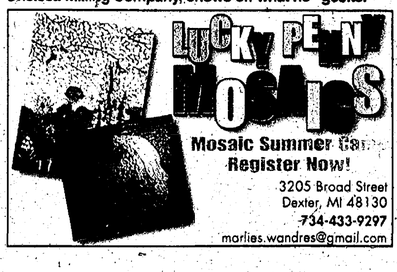


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Howdy Holmes, president and chief executive officer of Chelsea Milling Company, shows off what he "geeks."



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Federal, state, county candidates file for primary

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

May 14 was the deadline to file for candidacy for this year's August primary elections. Here is a running list of who's filed for federal, state and county elections in Washtenaw County so far.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

House District 12
Karen Jacobsen (R)
Cynthia Kallgren (R)
John Dingell (D-incumbent)
Daniel Marcin (D)
House District 7
Tim Walberg (R-incumbent)
Kurt Haskell (D)
Dan Davis (R)
Mike Stahly (R)
Ruben Marquez (D)
U.S. Senator
Debbie Stabenow (D-incumbent)
Pete Hoekstra (R)
Clark Durant (R)
Gary Glenn (R)
Randy Hekman (R)
Peter Konetchy (R)

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

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Gretchen Driskell (D)
District 53
Jeff Irwin (D)
Thomas Partridge (D)
John J. Spisak (R)
District 54
David Rutledge (D)
Bill Emmerich (R)
District 55
Andrea Brown-Harrison (D)
Owen Diaz (R)
Adam Zemke (D)

COUNTY-WIDE ELECTIONS

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Stanley F. Watson (R)
County Water Resource Commissioner
Evan Pratt (D)
Harry G. Bentz (D)
Eric Scheie (R)
County Prosecuting Attorney (four-year term)
Brian L. Mackie (D)
County Sherriff (four-year term)
Jerry L. Clayton (D)
Jeffrey R. Gallatin (R)
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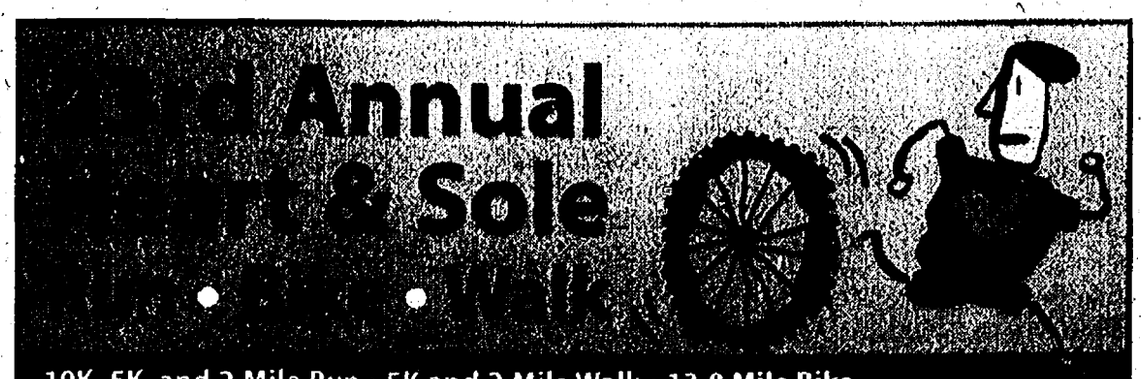
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Michael Woodyard
Circuit 22 Judge (non-incumbent seat, six-year term)
Jim Fink
Carol Kuhnke
Doug McClure
Erane Washington
Washtenaw County Probate Judge (six-year term)
Darlene O'Brien (incumbent)
District 14A Judge (six-year term)
J. Cedric Simpson (incumbent)
District 15 Judge (six-year term)
Joe Burke (incumbent)

A list of candidates for city and township seats is available here. The primary will be held on Aug. 7.

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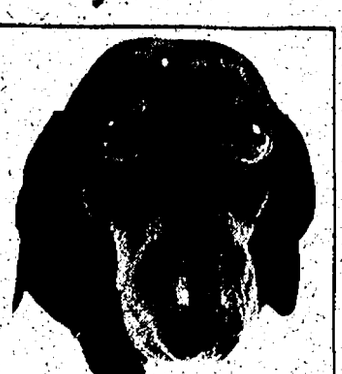
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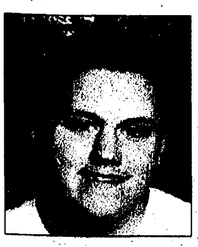
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Teenager killed in I-94 crash near Dancer Road

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

A 17-year-old Jackson resident died from a rollover crash May 15 on eastbound I-94 near Dancer Road in Lima Township.

Jeremy Newsome was among four occupants involved in a one-vehicle crash at 8:48 p.m. May 15. Funeral services for Newsome were scheduled at 11 a.m. Monday at Cole Funeral Chapel in Chelsea.


Jeremy Newsome

A 23-year-old Ypsilanti woman driving the vehicle suffered critical injuries, according to Michigan State Police. She and Newsome were both thrown from the vehicle. The other occupants, a 28-year-old man and 1-year-old boy from Ypsilanti, were not seriously injured.

AnnArbor.com has identified the occupants of the vehicle as Jessica Hafner, 23, Samuel Cannon, 28, and Darwin Hafner, 1.

All occupants of the vehicle were transported to the hospital.

The accident occurred when the driver went onto the left shoulder of eastbound I-94 trying to pass another vehicle, according to a press release from the state police. Witnesses told investigators the vehicle was being driven at a high rate of speed. The driver lost control of the vehicle, which went into the median. It rolled over multiple times before coming to rest on its hood in the eastbound lanes.

The 1-year-old was secured in a seat, according to state police, but the others were not wearing seat belts.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in the crash. Currently no charges have been filed against the driver. The crash remains under investigation.

Chelsea firefighters also responded to the crash.

Captain Augustine Syrovy, Chelsea Area Fire Authority, said all occupants were outside the vehicle when firefighters arrived to assist and provide some medical care at the scene.

The 1-year-old was airlifted by Survival Flight to the University of Michigan Health System based on the decision of Huron Valley Ambulance, Syrovy said. The others involved in the crash were transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Firefighters also secured the rolled over vehicle.

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office posted an online advisory at 9:28 p.m. May 15 on Nixle advising drivers to avoid eastbound I-94 near Dancer because of the accident, and the backups and detours it would cause for several hours. At about 3 a.m. May 16, the sheriff's office posted again that the accident had been cleared and traffic was able to proceed.

According to the Cole Funeral Chapel obituary, Newsome was born on Sept. 30, 1994, in Ann Arbor. He attended Northwest High School in Jackson and enjoyed football, music, dancing and hanging out with friends.

He is survived by his mother, Trina Newsome of Garland, Texas, and his father, Dan Newsome of Jackson; his two sisters, Alissa (Curtis) Zachary of Garland, Texas, Jessica Hafner of Ypsilanti; his grandmother, Mildred Newsome of Jackson; his girlfriend, Erica Stephens; and other family members including aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Mornie and Robert Brown, and Delmer Newsome.

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CRIME BRIEFS

By Ben Baird
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Driver arrested for operating under the influence

A 32-year-old Pleasant Lake man was arrested by Chelsea police May 16 for operating a vehicle under the influence of narcotics.

Officers responded to a report of a vehicle crash involving a utility pole at about 2:15 p.m. May 16 in the 500 block of North Main Street, according to police. The driver was not injured.

Police investigated the crash by questioning the driver and witnesses to the crash. Through these interviews, investigators determined the driver may have been operating of under the influence of narcotics and his driving ability may have been compromised.

A blood sample was taken from the driver and the case remains open pending a laboratory analysis of the sample by the Michigan State Police crime lab. The case has also been forwarded to the Washtenaw County prosecutor's office.

Retail fraud suspect arrested by sheriff's office

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office arrested a 36-year-old Chelsea man who had a warrant through the city Police Department for a charge of retail fraud. Police were notified on May 14 that the suspect would be held in Washtenaw County Jail until his arraignment.

Numerous mailboxes damaged

Numerous mailboxes were damaged May 14 along Lori Lynn Lane in Webster Township.

It appears the suspects responsible used a car to push over the mailboxes, according to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office. In some cases the suspects may have damaged mailboxes with their hands.

Sheriff deputies assigned to Webster Township investigated the vandalism that occurred during the morning hours of May 14 on Lori Lynn Lane between Webster Church Road and North Territorial Road.

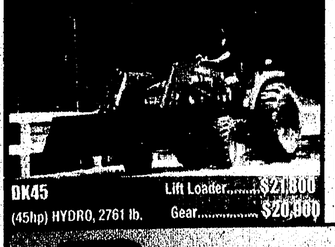
Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call the sheriff's office through its confidential tip line, 734-973-7711, or through Crime Stoppers, 1-800-SPEAKUP.

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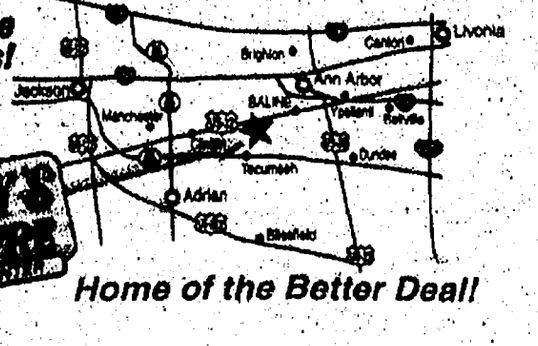
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OUT at HOME



Photo by Terry Jacoby

Chelsea's Taylor Hansen puts the tag on Dexter's Cara Taylor on a play at the plate during Monday's SEC battle.

Bulldogs sweep host Dexter

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

It was billed as perhaps the passing of the torch. The young, talented team from Dexter playing with a lot of fire and purpose and determination. It's a team that has gotten better with each game this season under first year varsity coach Mark Whitley.

They wanted to prove something on Thursday to Chelsea.

The Bulldogs came into town as an established softball powerhouse. A team of experience and poise that plays the game the right way and always has under veteran coach Bob Moffett. Oh yeah, the Bulldogs also brought with them a 28-2 overall record.

The passing of the torch will have to wait at least another year. It wasn't just the rain that put out the Dexter fire, but more the Bulldogs relentless offense. You see, Chelsea played these games with a purpose too.

"Mark (Whitley) is a great guy and he's doing a great job with that program, but when he said at the beginning of the year that they would beat Chelsea, well, we remembered that," Moffett said. They not only remembered it, they responded to it the way great teams do – by winning on the field.

The Bulldogs broke out the bats early and often, scoring one in the first, two in the second, four in the third, five in the fourth and one more in the fifth in a 13-3 win in the opener in five innings.

And Moffett and the Bulldogs didn't really have to say anything about how bad they wanted to stick these games in the win column. When they were ahead 12-1, a Chelsea runner stole second base – sorry, it's all out, all the time in a rivalry game.



Photo by Terry Jacoby

Chelsea was called out on this play for runner interference but the damage was already done with a big inning.

Chelsea opened the scoring in the opener when Taylor Hansen lined a single up the middle to score Taylor Cooley from second in the first inning. Cooley had walked and stole second.

The Dreads looked as if they would come right back in the bottom of the first. After Mara Bottomley walked, Brooke Lupi hit a shot just inside the third base bag and into left field. After a force out, Savannah Krull walked and the Dreads had the bases loaded with just one out.

But Hansen ended the threat with back-to-back strikeouts to keep Dexter off the scoreboard.

The Bulldogs went ahead 3-0 in the second on a one-out rip off the bat of Carley Wooster to right-center field that scored Sarah Bucholz and Allie Smith.

But Dexter starting pitcher Aubree Whitley was able to limit the damage with a strikeout and ground out to end the inning.

After Dexter went three and out, the Bulldogs broke open the game with four runs in the third inning. Hansen walked – she certainly seems to be the one who gets this team going quite a bit – and Bailey Darwin reached on an infield single. With runners at second and third and one out, Bucholz hit a single to right that scored two and pushed Chelsea's lead to 5-0.

Margaret Lindauer, who earlier hit a rocket but right at the Dexter centerfielder, singled up the middle to keep the rally going. Smith hit an RBI single up the middle to make it 6-0. With two outs and Cooley at the plate, Smith scored on a passed ball to make it 7-0.

The Dreads got on the board in the bottom of the third. Lupi singled to left and Cara Taylor hit a hard shot that the Chelsea shortstop couldn't handle. The runners advanced to second and third and Lupi scored on a passed ball with Krull, who walked, at the plate.

The inning ended on a play at the plate. A passed ball was quickly recovered by Wooster behind the plate and the catcher fired a perfect strike to Hansen covering. Hansen put the tag on a sliding Taylor for the final out of the inning.

The Bulldogs scored five more in the fourth. Katlyn Brosnan and Jessie Fox had RBI singles in the inning.

Chelsea added a run in the fifth. After Darwin ripped a double to center, Brosnan hit a single to make it 13-1.

Dexter showed some never-quit attitude by scoring two in the fifth. Michelle Metevier and Bottomley had back-to-back singles. The Dreads scored on a throwing error by Chelsea and then scored again on a fielder's choice.

Chelsea took the second game 6-2 as Bucholz allowed four hits with four strikeouts to earn the win. Chelsea scored one in the first, two in the third and three in the fifth. Dexter scored a run in the fifth and seventh.

Cooley and Hansen (two RBIs) each had two hits for the Bulldogs. Katie Olsen hit a double for the Bulldogs.

Chelsea improved to 30-2 on the season as the Bulldogs won their first SEC White Division title in eight years.

BOYS TRACK

Bulldogs send six to state meet

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The Chelsea boys' track and field team finished third Friday at the regionals at Livonia Ladywood High School. The Bulldogs finished with 91 points, behind only champion Dearborn Divine Child (109.33 points) and Adrian (96). Dearborn Heights Robichaud was a distant fourth with 61 points at the 16-team regional.

"This meet highlighted the team aspect of track and field, and hopefully taught us some lessons," Chelsea coach Eric Swager said. "Although we had many outstanding performances, it was four or five mental errors that cost us a chance to bring home the regional trophy. As long as I coach, it still remains frustrating to me when these types of things happen."

Still, there were plenty of positives on the day for the Bulldogs, Chelsea had six individuals and two relays qualify for the state finals in two weeks.

Travis Weiss and Mike Hovater each will represent Chelsea in the pole vault. Hovater earned third place with a jump of 14-4 and Weiss was fourth at 13-4. David St. Pierre had a nice showing with a jump of 12-4 to take seventh place.

Bryce Bradley qualified in the 1600 run and the 3200 run. The senior took first in the 3200 run with a time of 9:50 and was second in the 1600 run at 4:21. Junior Austin Horn had a solid fourth-place finish time of 10:04 in the 3200 run and right behind him was teammate Jacob Stubbs in 10:06.

Senior Luke Oliver will compete in the 400 dash at the state meet after finishing first with a time of 50.3.

Junior Berkley Edwards will compete in the 100 dash at the state meet after taking second overall in 10.9.

The 800 relay team of Edwards, Colton Dennis, Kenny McDowell and Christian Vosters qualified for states by placing second in 1:32.8. The 400 relay team of Edwards, Dennis, Oliver and Dominic Davis took third in 44.4 and qualified for the state meet.

Many non-qualifiers also had great days for the Bulldogs. Zach Rabbitt put together two quality efforts in his events, including fifth in the 800 run (2:01.9). Shane McGrath brought home medals in the 110 hurdles (16.1, seventh place) and the 300 hurdles (41.4, fifth).

Sam Katon was seventh in the discus (122.11) and Kirk Olsen was seventh in the shot put (42.3).

"We have one more chance as a full team to put it all together," Swager said. "By winning the SEC meet on Thursday, we could wrap up our second straight league title."

GIRLS TRACK

All four relays headed to states

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The Chelsea girls' track and field team had a strong showing in the regional meet on Friday at Livonia Ladywood High School. The Bulldogs finished second overall to Dearborn Divine Child.

Elaine Johnson was one of four Chelsea athletes to qualify individually for the state meet. Johnson took first place in the pole vault with a leap of 10 feet, 6 inches.

Freshman Rachel Yordanich qualified for the state meet after taking fourth in the 200 meters with a time of 26.83.

Dani Dahl is headed back to the states after the senior took first in the 800 meters with a time of 5:25.67.

Artemis Eyster, another freshman, took second in the 3200 meters with a time of 12:03.17 to qualify for the state finals.

All four Chelsea relays teams placed second and will go to the state championships: the 4x100 relay (Laura McGrath, Grace Sauers, Rachel Yordanich and Megan Lowe); the 4x200 relay (same group as the 4x100); the 4x400 relay (Danielle Dahl, Maria Osentoski, Victoria Collins and Rachel Yordanich); and the 4x800 relay (Artemis Eyster, Maria Osentoski, Danielle Dahl and Elaine Johnson).

Some other great performances were Laura McGrath in the 100, Elaine Johnson in the mile, Jessi Battaglia in the 2 mile, Fallon Mosier in the 100 meter hurdles, Zoe Sing in the discus and Talia Dyerly in the pole vault.

"It really is an accomplishment to take all the relays to the state meet, in addition to the individual qualifiers," said Chelsea coach Shane Rodriguez.

The Chelsea team will travel to Housman Stadium in Grand Rapids with 10 track athletes and look to improve on their sixth-place finish from last year.

"The team has really come together and is poised to make a strong finish at the SEC championship and the state finals," Rodriguez said. "This team has been really impressive with its strong work ethic, ability to overcome adversity and great sportsmanship."

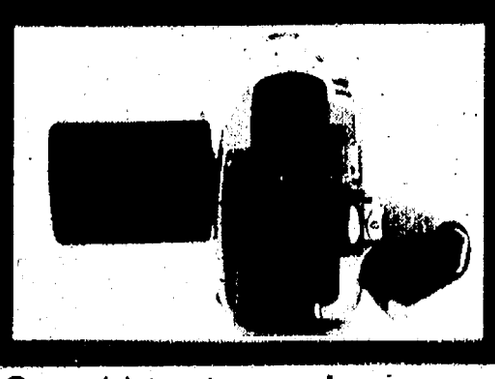
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Athletes of the Week



Sarah Silvasi, Dexter

The senior goalie added two more shutouts last week in wins over Tecumseh and Adrian and now has an area-best 12 shutouts on the season. Silvasi, who is attending Division I Valparaiso in the fall, also got a chance to play in the field against the Maples. She scored a goal in the Dreads' 8-0 win on Senior Night.



Katie Lee and Hannah Moore, Chelsea

The Bulldogs needed one more point to qualify for the state meet and it came down to two freshman, Katie Lee and Hannah Moore, playing at No. 4 doubles. And they delivered, playing a great match and winning a close one, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4 in the finals. "The freshman stepped up huge for us," Chelsea coach Matt Pedlow said. "I haven't seen them play like they did, they just seemed to have total confidence during the match. Grosse Ile's No. 4 doubles team had beaten us pretty handily the first time we played, so for Hannah and Katie to play like they did was remarkable. All of the pressure of making it to states fell on the shoulders of two freshman."



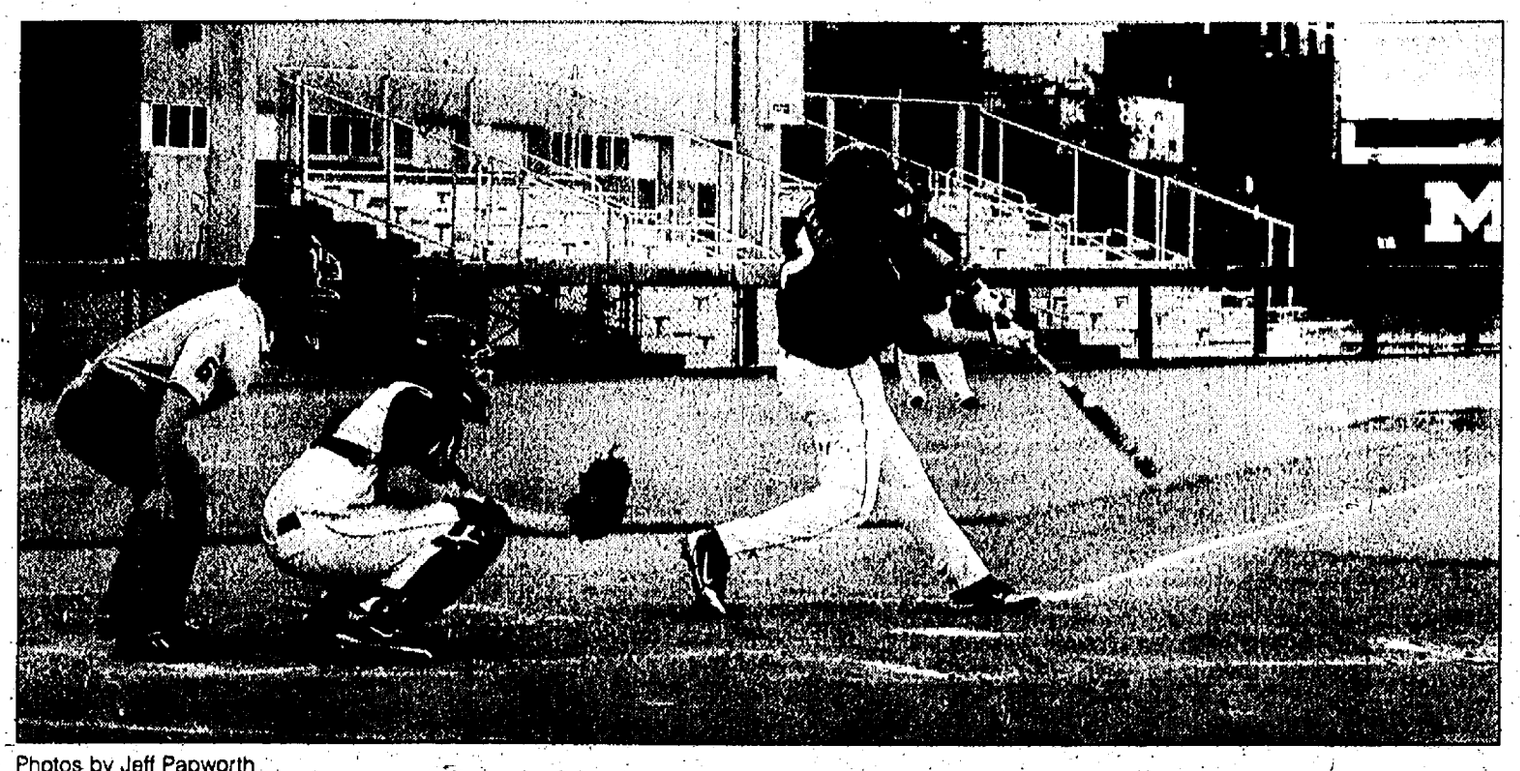
Justin Goike, Saline

Saline pitcher Justin Goike threw a gem against Huron on Thursday, throwing a complete game while giving up just two hits and one walk. Goike did not allow any runs, struck out two and walked one as Saline cruised to a 7-0 win in game one of the Hornets' doubleheader.



Katie McClure, Manchester

McClure started all five games for the Lady Dutch this week, going 4-1 overall and 2-1 and the Diamond Classic tournament. McClure racked up 28 strikeouts at the tournament as well as 21 in one game against Hanover Horton earlier in the week. McClure also had nine this in the week and three RBI's to go along with her great pitching performance.

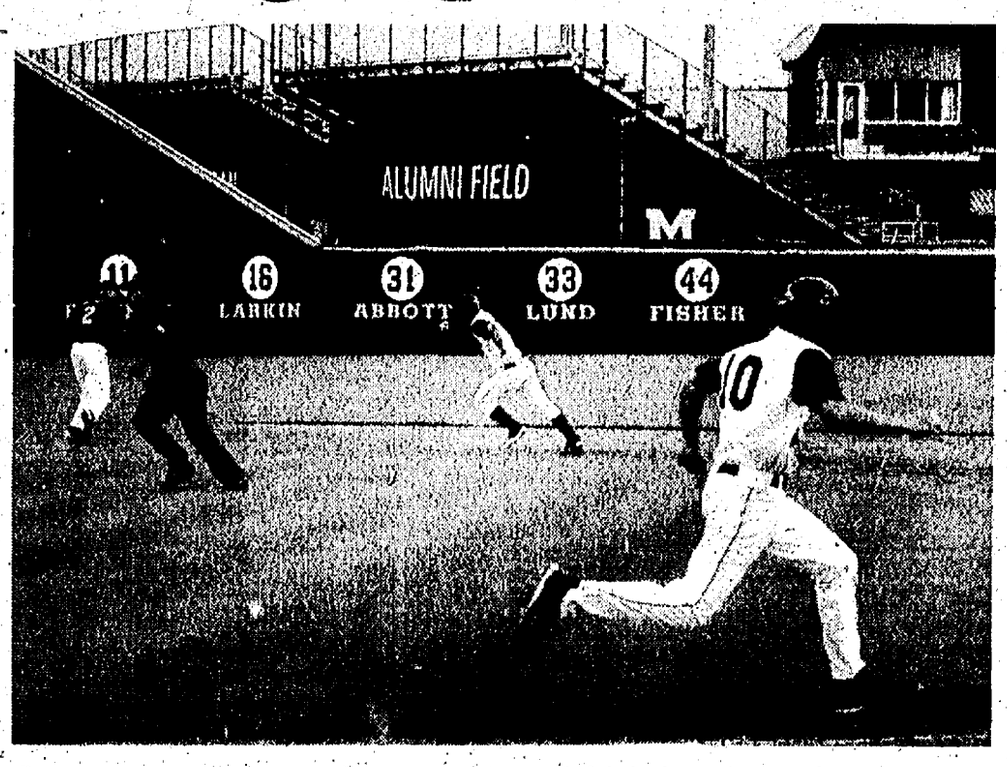


Photos by Jeff Papworth

Chelsea's Tanner Starkey (above) lets one rip during Monday's game against Dexter at the University of Michigan.

Dreads, Bulldogs split at U-M

By Jeff Papworth
Heritage Media



Rivalries often bring out the best in everyone, and it did Monday, in a game that featured Chelsea and Dexter at Michigan's Ray Fisher Stadium.

But not in the way one would think. The game was used as a way to raise proceeds for the building of Field of Champions, a field where mentally and physically challenged youth in Washtenaw County can enjoy America's past time.

Players of the Challenger Division of Little League, which is who will predominately use the field, ran the bases in the middle of the double-header.

"I think it was a nice event," Dexter coach Don Little said. "We tied in a game here with our rival, and we tried to raise some money for the challenger league for the field they're trying to build in Dexter."

Additionally, everyone was provided plenty of entertainment in way of intense games between two neighboring rivals.

Dexter beat Chelsea in a high-scoring game 14-7 in the opener. In the second game, Chelsea played better than its 12-17-1 record and beat Dexter (24-10-1) 3-1.

"We played a good first game. We pounded the ball," Little said. "We were obviously flat the second game. I thought Mackay (Little) did a good job on the mound for five innings. Bryce (Walls) did a good enough job. We only allowed three runs, but it just wasn't enough."

Leadoff hitters Zack Byron of Dexter and Ryan Koenn of Chelsea tallied runs in the first inning of the first game.

The seventh and eighth hitters in both team's lineups grabbed runs in the second inning. The Dreadnaughts took the lead after Bryon had his second run in the inning.

Dexter did not look back once they grabbed the lead. Their offense contributed nine runs in the next three innings, and their defense allowed four the rest of the game.

While starting pitchers Mackay Little of Dexter and Logan Marable of Chelsea deserve a lot of credit for their performances in the second game, the bats seemed less swift as night began to fall.

The Dreadnaughts only run came from Mike Mioduszewski in the second inning. He scored after hitting a double.

"I think throwing strike one is a key to the whole deal, as any game," Chelsea coach Adam Taylor said. "If you throw strike one, the game becomes a lot easier."

Chelsea's Logan Brown also had a run in the second game.

The score remained 1-1, until the fifth inning. Koenn gave the Bulldogs a lead, after an error pushed him to home plate. He also gave Chelsea breathing room in the seventh with the aid of Dreadnaughts errors.

"I thought our guys competed well," Chelsea coach Adam Taylor said. "We struggled a little bit at times, in the first game, put up quality at-bats throughout the game. And in the second game, we came back and competed again and did the little things we didn't do in the first game to win."

Chelsea freshman sweeps Pioneer

On May 8, the Chelsea freshman baseball team swept Pioneer 10-2 and 5-3.

"We really played well all day and minimized the mistakes," Chelsea coach Joe Welton said. "We picked it up, swung the bats and pitched it good all day. I couldn't really ask for much more than that."

On May 10, the Bulldogs split a doubleheader with host Monroe. The Bulldogs won the first game 6-4 in nine innings and then lost the second game 10-9 in five innings.

"The second game was really a heart breaker because we had played so well up until the last inning," Welton said. "But those things happen, we'll learn from them. As disappointing as it was, we will come back strong and learn that a lead is never safe in this game."

Kolten Savery pitched eight innings of great baseball for the Bulldogs.

"He had a good feel for his breaking ball and picked us up in the first game," Welton said. "I was glad to see him pitch so well."

On May 14, the Bulldogs took a pair from Milan. Chelsea took the opener 9-8 in nine innings and the second game 2-0.

Mason Jacobusse pitched a great second game of the double header, going six innings only giving up one hit and no runs for the Bulldogs.

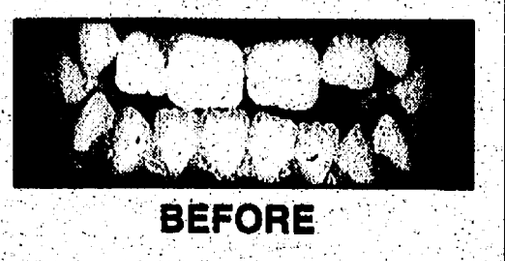
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State-ment

Bulldogs net spot in state finals

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

Coaches always try and get their teams to play their best at the most important times of the season. For high school tennis, that would be the state regionals. Teams do want to win their league or rack up as many dual-meet wins as possible, but the ultimate goal is to be at the top of your game on the day of regionals.

Chelsea coach Matt Pedlow and the Bulldogs arrived at the top of their game on Friday and turned opportunity into another day of tennis after advancing to the state meet by placing third at the Grosse Ile regional.

"Well, we made it back to states," Pedlow said. "We really weren't expected to make states when we went to regionals this year since we only got three flights seeded. So we knew it would be tough going in. The girls however, played by far the best tennis of the year for us. I couldn't have asked more out of each girl."

As expected, host Grosse Ile dominated the regional finishing with 27 points. Neighboring Trenton crossed the river and racked up 19 points to take second place. And just one point behind the Trojans was Chelsea with 18 points. Parma Western finished fourth with 14 points.

After the first round, the Bulldogs were in third place behind Grosse Ile and Trenton, but seven out of the eight flights won their match and moved on.

In the semifinals, the Bulldogs had a chance to watch Chelsea's Ellen Christie play Liz Tyburski from Grosse Ile at No. 3 singles.

"Ellen has played her three times in the past and never beaten her, but she played a brilliant match and won 6-4, 6-1," Pedlow said. "Ellen completely controlled the match throughout. Tyburski's a big hitter who wanted to really stroke the ball, but Ellen lobbed her and her drop shot was on. It was a great way for Ellen to play her last regional match. Once she won, I think the girls started believing they could get to the state final tournament."

After the semifinal round, Chelsea sat at 17 points. A team needs 18 points to get to states (each time a girl wins a match a team point is awarded).

Luckily, the Bulldogs had four flights advance to the regional finals.

"Three of the matches ended up being played at the same time, so coach Osbeck took 4 doubles and I tried to run between EJ Lin at 4 singles and the 3 doubles team of Micayla Zynda and Hope Morrow," Pedlow said. "All three matches were extremely close, and both doubles matches went into three sets. I'm not sure if the girls were just trying to keep coach Osbeck and myself on edge, but it was tough to watch knowing that we were so close to making states and they were in such tight matches."

At No. 4 singles, EJ Lin lost a nailbitter to the Parma Western girl, losing 6-4 in the second set. Lin defeated New Boston Huron's Alyssa Skene 6-1, 6-0 in her opening match and then knocked off Trenton's Elle Kersten 6-1, 6-3 to reach the final.

At No. 3 doubles, Micayla Zynda and Hope Morrow went to three sets, eventually losing 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 to Grosse Ile. Still, it was a great run for the three doubles team.

"Zynda served incredibly well (Friday), she's improved throughout the season on her serve and it was definitely keeping them in the game," Pedlow said. "Hope played tough at the net, and made some great shots during this long match. After only playing together for just over half the season, the two of them have really gelled into a nice team."

It all came down to the No. 4 doubles team of Hannah Moore and Katie Lee.

"The freshman stepped up huge for us," Pedlow said. "I haven't seen them play like they did, they just seemed to have total confidence during the match. Grosse Ile's No. 4 doubles team had beaten us pretty handily the first time we played, so for Hannah and Katie to play like they did was remarkable.

"All of the pressure of making it to states fell on the shoulders of two freshman."

And the freshmen delivered, playing a great match and winning a close one, 6-2, 6-7, 6-4.

"After being up 5-4 in the second set and losing in a tiebreak, I knew it would be tough for them," Pedlow said. "But they adjusted their game and never let up. Their level of net play was the difference. They absolutely refused to back away from the Gross Ile girls. At one point, Moore ran toward a girl hitting an overhead at her, I'm not sure the GI girls were expecting them to play like this. It was great, the whole team was excited for them and they've certainly come a long way since the middle of March."



The Bulldogs were all smiles after netting enough points to reach the state finals.

At No. 2 singles, Lauren Schad won her opening match against Airport's Nicole Frommann, 6-3, 6-1. The junior lost in the next round to Trenton 6-0, 6-1.

At No. 1 doubles, the team of Sarah Oberholtzer and Rachel Katz opened the regionals with a convincing win over the team from Parma before falling to the eventual champion Grosse Ile team in the semifinals.

At No. 2 doubles, the Bulldogs team of Delaney Osbeck and Laurel Hall opened up their regional with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Robichaud and then a 7-5, 4-6, 6-0 win over the team from Parma. They lost in the semifinals to the team from Carleton Airport.

The Bulldogs play in the SEC tournament on Wednesday at Ypsilanti, then the state finals are June 1 in Holly and Fenton.

Chelsea golf plays 'best' round

Chelsea hosted its Invitational on Monday with 15 teams competing at the par 72 Reddeman Farms Golf Club. The tournament was won by Ann Arbor Skyline, with a score of 313, Chelsea was second with 314. Huron was third at 317 and Dexter fourth with a 318.

"It was the best we have played all year, but it's tough to miss by one shot," Chelsea coach Joe Ewald said. "The lesson is that every shot counts. When you are in the middle of a round, you never know whose score is going to count, or what your opponents are doing, you have to keep focused, and keep grinding."

Mason Wagner led the way with a new 18-hole Chelsea school record of 4 under par 68. Bourke Lodewyk had an 80, Cole Mauti 82 and Wesley Mitchell shot an 84.

"Mason has been a great player for four years," Ewald said. "It is fitting that he closes out his career (last home match) by setting a new school record."

Chelsea had a second team in the tournament that took 13th place with a score of 365. Scoring for the second Chelsea team was Teddy Darr 86, Zach Mckinley 88, Sean Lyons 94, and Blake Salgat with a 97.

Last Wednesday, the Bulldogs hosted Ypsilanti at Reddeman Faarms. Chelsea won the match 169-204. Scoring for Chelsea, Mason Wagner 40, Bourke Lodewyk 41, Wesley Mitchell 42 and Cole Mauti & Joe Slusser each with a 46.

Last Monday, Chelsea played a quad meet at the Legacy golf course against Bedford, Monroe, and Dexter. With four players in the clubhouse, Chelsea was leading all three matches and that would have significant impact on SEC standings.

Dexter's last two players came in with good scores, and the sixth player on Bedford & Monroe both came in with fantastic scores to take Chelsea down in all three matches.

"It was so close, that this one hurt," Ewald said.

Final scores were Dexter 158, Bedford 161 and Monroe and Chelsea 163. (lost to Monroe on 5th score tie-breaker).

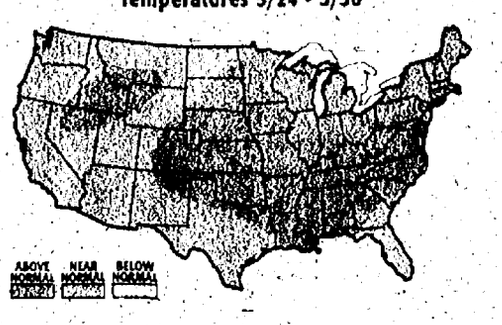
Scoring for Chelsea: Mason Wagner with a fine even par 36, Bourke Lodewyk 40, Joe Slusser 42, Wesley Mitchell and Michael Purdy each with 45.

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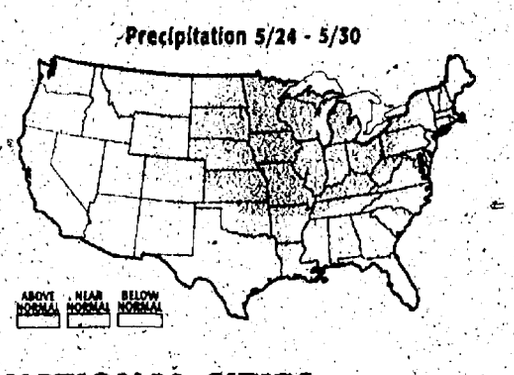
Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Lots of sun; breezy, warm	Partly cloudy and mild	Chance of a thunderstorm	A thunderstorm possible	Partly sunny and warm	Warm with clouds and sun	A thunderstorm or two	Mostly sunny
85° to 91°	58° to 64°	82° to 88° 52° to 58°	85° to 91° 53° to 59°	85° to 91° 59° to 65°	84° to 90° 54° to 60°	74° to 80° 44° to 50°	65° to 71° 42° to 48°

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Temperatures 5/24 - 5/30



Precipitation 5/24 - 5/30



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Statistics for the week ending Monday, May 21

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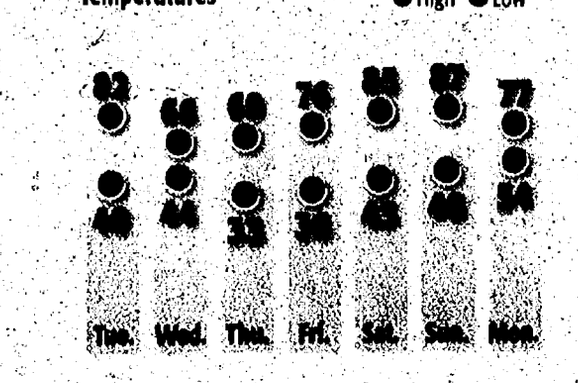
High/low for the week	87°/33°
Normal high/low	70°/49°
Average temperature	60.0°
Normal average temperature	57.4°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	0.03"
Total for the month	0.76"
Total for the year	9.30"
Normal for the month	2.29"
Normal for the year	10.69"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures ● High ● Low



THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature®

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
7	7	6	7	7	8	8
89	88	90	92	92	76	71

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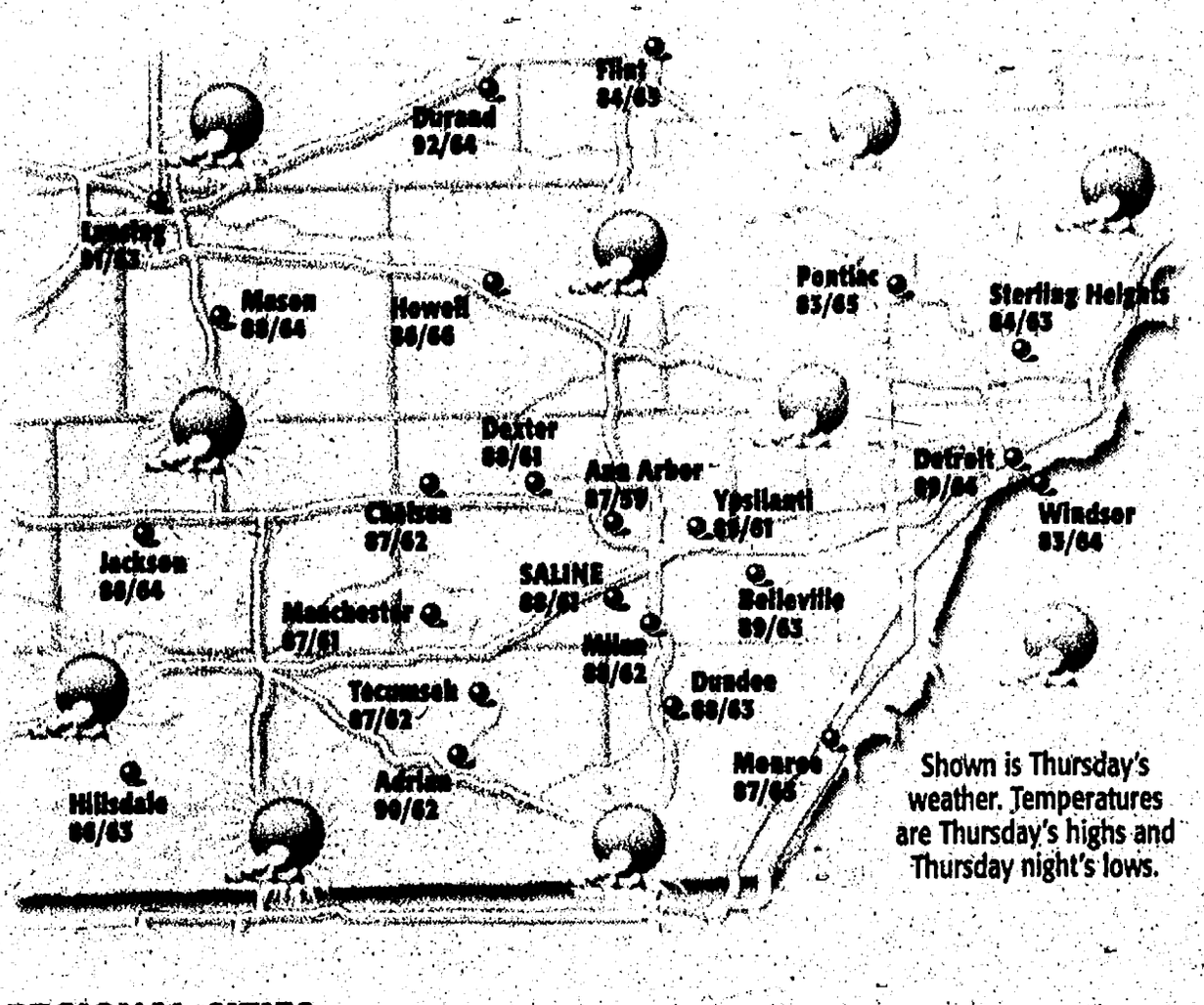
RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek		
Dearborn Heights	--	2.22 ft
Huron River		
Ann Arbor	16 ft	12.72 ft
Mallets Creek		
Ann Arbor	--	3.01 ft
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	6.08 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester	--	2.35 ft

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	570.11 ft	571.77 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	574.05 ft

THE REGION



Shown is Thursday's weather. Temperatures are Thursday's highs and Thursday night's lows.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Adrian	78/56/s	90/62/s	87/60/pc	90/58/pc
Ann Arbor	76/50/s	87/59/s	84/55/pc	87/56/pc
Battle Creek	77/58/s	87/65/s	83/60/pc	86/61/pc
Bay City	76/56/s	89/63/pc	82/55/pc	87/55/pc
Detroit	78/57/s	89/64/s	86/60/pc	86/62/pc
Flint	78/54/s	84/65/s	84/58/pc	87/58/pc
Grand Rapids	78/58/s	91/64/pc	82/59/pc	88/61/pc
Kalamazoo	78/57/s	88/65/s	82/61/pc	86/61/pc
Lansing	78/55/s	91/63/s	83/57/pc	87/58/pc
Livonia	78/57/s	89/65/s	86/61/pc	83/62/pc
Manistee	74/53/s	83/58/pc	71/49/pc	73/53/pc
Midland	78/55/s	88/66/pc	82/57/pc	87/54/pc
Muskegon	72/57/s	86/64/pc	76/57/pc	85/60/pc
Pontiac	76/55/s	83/65/s	84/58/pc	86/59/pc
Port Huron	75/51/pc	82/60/s	84/54/pc	80/53/pc
Saginaw	78/56/s	89/65/pc	83/57/pc	86/54/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	69/50/pc	81/54/c	68/43/pc	72/50/pc
Sturgis	78/58/s	87/64/s	83/64/pc	84/60/pc
Traverse City	78/55/s	87/60/pc	73/49/pc	76/55/pc
Warren	79/56/s	84/63/s	85/61/pc	83/62/pc

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

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Thursday	6:06 a.m.	8:58 p.m.
Friday	6:05 a.m.	8:59 p.m.
Saturday	6:05 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
Sunday	6:04 a.m.	9:01 p.m.
Monday	6:03 a.m.	9:02 p.m.
Tuesday	6:03 a.m.	9:03 p.m.
Wednesday	6:02 a.m.	9:03 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	9:06 a.m.	11:58 p.m.
Friday	10:05 a.m.	none
Saturday	11:06 a.m.	12:33 a.m.
Sunday	12:12 p.m.	1:04 a.m.
Monday	1:18 p.m.	1:34 a.m.
Tuesday	2:25 p.m.	2:03 a.m.
Wednesday	3:26 p.m.	2:32 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
May 28	Jun 4	Jun 11	Jun 19

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	89/68/pc	90/67/pc	90/69/s
Boston	75/61/t	76/64/pc	83/62/pc
Chicago	89/66/pc	80/58/pc	82/62/pc
Cincinnati	86/64/s	91/66/pc	93/67/pc
Cleveland	83/66/s	86/66/pc	82/64/pc
Dallas	93/72/s	92/70/s	91/70/s
Denver	70/40/sh	73/47/pc	81/40/pc
Honolulu	86/73/s	86/74/s	87/73/s
Houston	90/72/s	90/72/s	90/72/pc
Kansas City	86/67/pc	83/67/pc	91/67/s
Las Vegas	91/68/s	87/63/pc	85/66/s
Los Angeles	72/56/pc	68/54/r	73/55/pc
Miami	87/77/t	90/76/t	90/76/pc
Minneapolis	71/54/t	70/50/s	70/58/c
New Orleans	89/72/s	90/70/s	91/73/s
New York City	76/64/t	80/66/pc	85/66/pc
Orlando	88/71/t	90/72/s	88/72/pc
Philadelphia	80/64/t	84/65/pc	88/67/pc
Phoenix	99/74/s	97/67/s	92/67/s
Pittsburgh	84/63/t	88/65/pc	89/66/pc
St. Louis	92/71/s	93/71/pc	97/73/s
San Francisco	64/48/s	67/50/pc	67/50/pc
Seattle	61/42/c	69/46/c	70/49/pc
Wash., DC	83/68/t	88/70/pc	92/72/pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Athens	77/63/sh	79/64/s	81/64/pc
Berlin	75/50/s	70/50/s	64/50/sh
Buenos Aires	64/56/pc	64/55/sh	66/55/sh
Cairo	93/71/s	96/70/s	95/71/s
Calgary	49/35/c	58/37/pc	60/41/pc
Hong Kong	88/81/pc	88/81/sh	86/79/r
Jerusalem	78/61/s	85/64/s	83/61/s
Johannesburg	72/47/s	70/44/s	67/45/s
London	77/61/t	72/52/s	70/54/s
Mexico City	78/54/c	76/54/t	77/56/sh
Montreal	82/61/pc	81/63/pc	77/62/pc
Moscow	61/39/s	63/39/s	69/48/s
Paris	78/62/t	79/54/s	74/53/s
Rio de Janeiro	81/69/s	81/68/sh	78/67/sh
Rome	79/61/pc	79/61/s	75/61/sh
Seoul	79/61/pc	81/59/pc	81/57/pc
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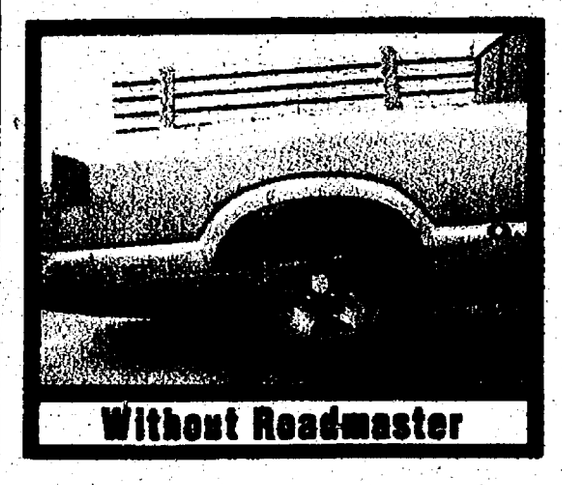
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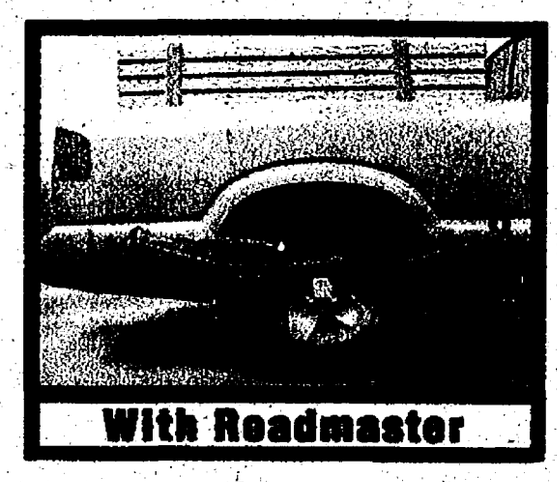
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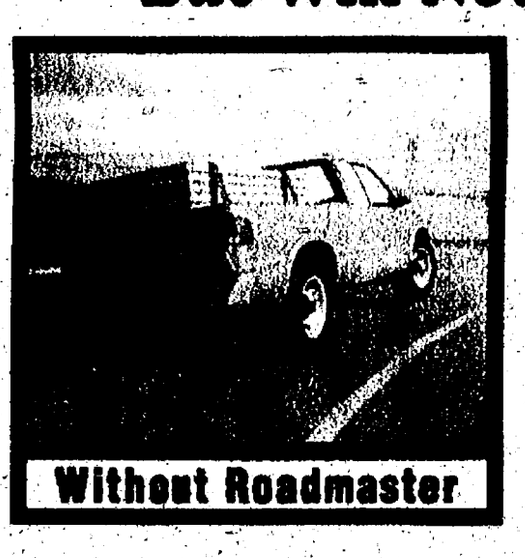
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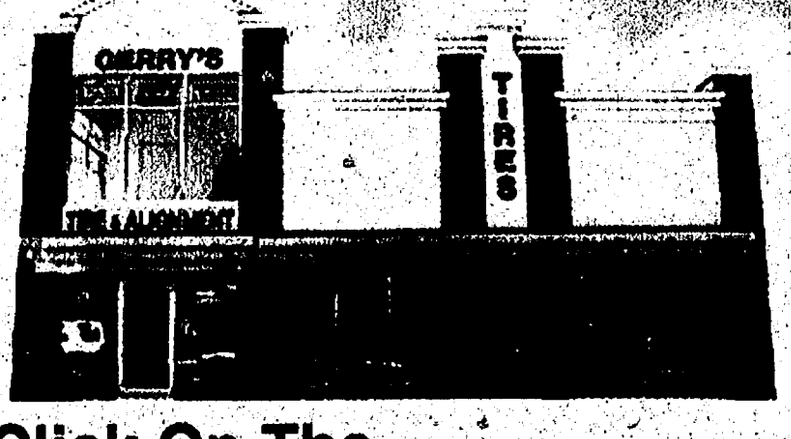
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In good company

Cheyenne's Company C and Jr. C. paid tribute to the Motown sound last weekend with "Motown Soul," featuring performers decked out in retro costumes and hair styles singing the songs that made Detroit record labels famous in the 1960s.





Farida Aljaschell sings "A Song for You."

Photos by Burrill Strong



Farida Laryea, Allie Reynolds, and the Delicacies perform "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay."

Reeve Segrest croons "My Girl."





Tyler Frisbie plays Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean."

Company C members sing "Shop Around."





ENTERTAINMENT

'Sweeney Todd' to be staged June 7-10

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre presents the Sondheim musical "Sweeney Todd," directed by Rachel Francisco, June 7 through 10, at the University of Michigan's Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, 911 N. University St., in Ann Arbor.

"Sweeney Todd," the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, tells the story of Benjamin Barker, a barber who was exiled from gritty, 19th century London by an evil judge who ravaged Barker's wife and stole his daughter.

Years later, Barker comes back to London as Sweeney Todd, and vows revenge against the judge who destroyed his life. Aided by Mrs. Lovett, a slatternly, diabolical baker, Todd enacts his revenge as the (Demon) Barber of Fleet Street in a most gruesome way, as unwitting Londoners develop an insatiable appetite for "meat" pies.

"I wanted to do a show that is artistically challenging for both the production staff and the performers," said director Rachel Francisco in a news release.

"Sweeney Todd fits the bill nicely. There are meaty (pun intended) characters to work with and intricate and difficult music to master, and this cast is more than equal to the task. We have amazing singers, actors and musicians who bring Sweeney Todd to its full, chillingly wonderful potential."

Sweeney Todd features music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and the book by Hugh Wheeler. Musical direction is by Jennifer Goltz-Taylor.

The cast features Richard Knapp as Sweeney Todd, Trisha Fountain as Mrs. Lovett, Matt Peckham as Anthony, Camila Ballario as Johanna, and Christopher Potter as Judge Turpin. Also in the cast are Amy Bogetto-Weinraub, Robby Griswold, Paul Clark, Ellington Berg, Chris Shewchenko, David Beaulieu, Paul Reece, Rachel Rose, Pat Ballnik, Nicholas Boggs, Alen Fyfe, Jen Buehrer, David Melcher, Jeff Miller, Christina D'Amato, Stephen Byars, Linda Lee Austin, Peter Kentes, Amanda Burch and Sarah Erlewine.





Photos courtesy of Charlotte Morrill

Richard Knapp plays the "demon barber" during Ann Arbor Civic Theatre's production of "Sweeney Todd" June 7-10.

"Sweeney Todd" contains adult themes and scenes of violence not appropriate for children.

Performances are at 8 p.m. June 7 through 9, with a 2 p.m. matinee June 10. Friday, Saturday and Sunday tickets are $22, with tickets at $20 for seniors and $12 for students. On Thursday only, all seats are $17, with $12 tickets for students.

Tickets and information are available online at www.a2ct.org; through the A2CT office at 971-2228 or at the door of the theater before each performance.

Children's Theatre Network offers kids acting class

The Children's Theatre Network will offer a youth acting class, taught by instructor and performer Anne Rhoades and CTN Director Becky Fox from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday starting June 18 and running through June 29.

Children are invited to participate in the series of classes called "The Play's the Thing!" regardless of previous experience in theater.

Both new and return students are welcome to join, since the June session will feature new games and exercises that stress innovation, creative thinking, self-esteem building and teamwork.

The two-week class will culminate in a presentation for friends and family.

Children's Theatre Network presents touring productions as well as performances one Saturday per month on the Performance Network Main Stage.

The cost is $100 per student.

Reservations can be made through the Performance Network Box Office at 663-0681, online at www.performancenetwork.org or by coming to Performance Network Theatre at 120 East Huron St., Ann Arbor.

New Theatre Project, Fratellanza present 'The Mute Quire'

Fratellanza — a new collaboration between Michigan brothers Jim and Paul Manganello — is creating a new show for The New Theatre Project, imagining the circumstances around the creation of Shakespeare's First Folio.

The result, titled "The Mute Quire," runs June 17 through July 1 at Mix Studio Theater, 130 W. Michigan Ave., in Ypsilanti.

Two forgotten actors, a printer and his apprentice, an absurd clown and a sad one. All these characters collide in a print shop to publish the plays of the recently dead Shakespeare.

Before ink meets paper, they're battling over the soul of poetry, drama and nonsense.

"The Mute Quire" is devised and performed by Jim and Paul Manganello with Josh Berkowitz and features original music by Michael Malis.

Jim Manganello graduated from the University of Michigan, where he directed shows for theater troupes Rude Mechanicals and Basement Arts.

Since 2009, he's worked in Chicago at theaters such as Redmoon, Next, Writers' and Remy Bumppo. Most recently, he directed his own movement-theater adaptation of "War and Peace" at Chicago's Viaduct Theater in May 2011.

Paul Manganello is a writer and actor and a recent graduate of the University of Michigan, where he appeared in plays with Rude Mechanicals and Basement Arts.

In April 2011, he wrote and performed "Zealous Whig," a one-man show about the Italian revolutionary Filippo Mazzei. He has designed video projections for "Richard II" and, recently, "Machinal."

Two pay-what-you-can preview performances of "Mute Quire" will be held 8 p.m. June 17 and June 18. Regular performances will take place at 8 p.m. Friday through Sunday from June 22 to July 1.

Tickets are $15 or $10 for students and industry members.

Tickets are available for purchase via Brown Paper Tickets accessible through the The New Theatre Project website at www.thenewtheatreproject.org.

More information is also available at the The New Theatre Project website or www.fratellanzatheater.org or by calling the box office at 645-9776.



Paul Manganello, co-creator of "The Mute Quire," is a writer and actor and a recent graduate of the University of Michigan.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, May 24

■ **Public Lecture Series: "Living with Alzheimer's: Legal and Financial Planning for the Future"**
6:30 p.m. Thursday: Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main St. Free. Pre-registration required. 475-3913.

■ **"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 25

■ **Community Drum Jam**
8 p.m. Friday: Tree of Life, 6065 Sibley Road. Free. 433-0697.

Saturday, May 26

■ **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.

■ **DJ Skate**
7:15 to 9 p.m. Saturday: Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Drive. $5 (ages 14 and under, $3) admission. Rentals $3. 433-4444

Monday, May 28

■ **Memorial Day Parade**
10 a.m. Monday: Downtown Chelsea.

DEXTER

Thursday, May 24

■ **"Nunsense"**
7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Encore Musical Theatre, 3126 Broad St. Tickets available at theencoretheatre.org and at the door. 268-6200.

Friday, May 25

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

Saturday, May 26

■ **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.

■ **Birding for Beginners**
7:30 a.m. Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road. $3. Pre-registration required. $5 vehicle entrance fee. 426-8211.

■ **Bird Walk: Washtenaw Audubon Society**
8 a.m. Saturday: Nichols Arboretum. Meet at the end of Riverview Drive, off of Geddes Road, Ann Arbor. Free.

■ **Garlic Mustard Pull: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission**
10 a.m. Saturday: Burns-Stokes Preserve, Zeeb Road just south of Huron River Drive. Free. 971-6334, ext. 334.

Sunday, May 27

■ **Dan Rice Memorial Regatta: U of M Sailing Club**
10 a.m. Sunday: Baseline Lake, 8010 Strawberry Lake Road. Free. 426-4299.

Monday, May 28

■ **Memorial Day Parade**
10 a.m. Monday: Downtown Dexter. Free. 426-4511.

SALINE

Friday, May 25

■ **Open House And Military Memorabilia Display**
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Monday: VFW Graf-O'Hara Post 423, 3230 S. Wagner Road. Free. 662-3972.

Saturday, May 26

■ **Grange Junior Makers**
10 a.m. Saturday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 926-5079.

■ **Spring Charity Tournament: Ann Arbor Ultimate**
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday: Lillie Park, Platt at Ellsworth. $10. a2ultimate.org.

■ **International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) Match**
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday: Tri-County Sportsman's League, 8640 Moon Road. $20 per round ($10 per additional round). 429-9561.

■ **Southside Gelato Social**
4 to 6 p.m., Saturday: Zingerman's Creamery, 3723 Plaza Drive. $20. 929-0500.

■ **Scandinavian Dance**
5 p.m. Saturday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. $5 (students, $3). 908-721-2599.

■ **English and American Dance**
8 p.m. Saturday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. $10 (students $5). 248-288-4737.

Monday, May 28

■ **Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony**
10 a.m. Monday: Michigan Avenue, downtown. Free. 429-7310.

Wednesday, May 30

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

YPSILANTI

Thursday, May 24

■ **Spring Migration Walk in Nichols Arboretum: Washtenaw Audubon Society**
8 a.m. Thursday: Meet at the cul-de-sac at the end of Riverview off Geddes, Ann Arbor. Free. 994-3569.

■ **"Arsenic and Old Lace": Explorers Drama Club**
7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday: Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St. 313-618-2615.

Saturday, May 26

■ **Pops Concert: Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra**
2 p.m. Saturday: Riverside Park Pavilion, East Cross at North Huron St. Free. 507-1451.

Monday, May 28

■ **Memorial Day at Yankee Air Museum: Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive**
8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday: Willow Run Airport, 47884 D Street, Belleville. Admission to the Museum and the Air Park is free and families are welcome. Pancake reakfast is $6 for adults/$4 for kids. For more information, call 483-4030 or visit yankeeairmuseum.org.

Tuesday, May 29

■ **History of Alcoholics Anonymous: Dawn Farm Series**
7:30 p.m. Tuesday: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive. Free. 973-7892.

■ **Tuesday Evening Birders: Washtenaw Audubon Society**
6 p.m. Tuesday: Meet at Miller Road Park and Ride off M-14, Ann Arbor. Free. 994-3569.

Wednesday, May 30

■ 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive. Free. 764-9466. umuccf.org

MANCHESTER

Saturday, May 26

■ **Great Lakes Special Stockdog Trials: Southeast Michigan Australian Shepherd Association**
8:30 a.m. through afternoon: Imagine Farm, 10202 Hogan Road, Manchester. Free. 718-5081.

Monday, May 28

■ **Memorial Day Parade**
11 a.m. Monday: Ceremony starts on the Main Street Bridge.

Washtenaw County's air quality among best

Report looks at ozone, particle pollution

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

According to a recent report, Washtenaw County's air quality is now one of the best in the state.

The State of the Air report, issued at the end of April by the American Lung Association, gave the county's air quality an "A" rating, an improvement from last year's "C" rating. The county's ozone pollution rating went from a "C" to an "A" and particle pollution improved from a "B" to an "A."

According to the report, nearly 1 in 4 people in the United States live in areas where there are unhealthful levels of ozone or particle pollution.

"There is absolutely no question regarding the need to protect our vulnerable populations, particularly children, from particle pollution," stated Dr. Nathan Moore, assistant professor at Michigan State University's Department of Geography, in a press release. "When you breathe particulate matter, you are inhaling a toxic mix of chemicals, metals, aerosols, ash, and diesel exhaust. It can cause asthma attacks, heart attacks, strokes, emergency room visits and even premature death."

The report addresses levels of ozone and particle pollution found throughout the county in three-year intervals, the most recent in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Data is collected at an official monitoring site monitored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The analysis uses a weighted average number of days to recognize places with higher levels of pollution.

Questions have been raised regarding Michigan's improvements because of a downturn in the manufacturing industry.

Jim Harrington, field representative for the American Lung Association, said similar results are being seen in other states that had more improved economies.

Harrington said air quality has steadily improved throughout the decade as a result of many improvements and provisions set forth in the Clean Air Act.

"That act has proven to be effective and a real public health success story," he said. "It seems to be having a big impact."

Several bills introduced by the Legislature have tried to weaken the EPA's ability to address air pollution through the act.

However, county officials have shown their support for the act.

On May 2, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution 6-1 in support of it.

"We continue to feel very lucky and fortunate that we have a county level board of commissioners that has been very supportive of public health issues like this," said Sharon P. Sheldon, health promotions, disease prevention program manager with the county.

The act, along with a number of other efforts, has helped to reduce pollution throughout the area.

Sheldon said there have been many cumulative effects from smoke-free policies in businesses and public spaces, which can contribute to overall air pollution.

More people are using public transportation and are cutting down on the number of days they are driving by carpooling and biking to and from the workplace, she said.

Improvements also have been made through reduced emissions from vehicles and coal-fire plants, along with the increased use of cleaner energy sources, Harrington said.

The ALA recommends the following steps to protect the air: protect the Clean Air Act; clean up coal-fired power plants, the largest contributor to particle pollution, ozone, mercury and global warming; clean up existing fleet of diesel vehicles and heavy equipment and strengthen particle pollution standards.

To help, residents can reduce their consumption of electricity, drive less, don't burn wood or trash and making sure the local bus system requires clean school buses.

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Veterans get new leader

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 310 of Washtenaw County, elected a new president in April. Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Martha "Marty" Cothorn of Ann Arbor has taken over the leadership of the Vietnam Veterans Chapter. Cothorn is a Vietnam veteran serving in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in Vietnam 1969-70. More than 5,000 nurses served in Vietnam from 1962 to 1973. Cothorn is now serving as the first woman president of VVA Chapter 310. Pictured is outgoing President Bob Kwiecinski of Saline, handing the gavel to Cothorn. To learn more about VVA Chapter 310, visit www.vva310.org.



'Tis the Season

Vicki Zilke celebrated her birthday and the opening of her farm stand May 19 with an open house and a cookie as a birthday cake. Locally certified and naturally grown crops are sold at the farm stand and area farmers markets. Residents can participate in the Community Supported Agriculture program offered by Zilke Farms, 12491 Carpenter Road in Milan, just north of US-23. For more information, email zilkevegetablefarm@gmail.com.

2012 DEXTER MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE

Memorial Day Ceremony Information

Date:	Monday, May 28, 2012
Location:	Monument Park
Starting Time:	9:00 AM

Parade Information

Date:	Monday, May 28, 2012
Location:	Main Street
Staging Time:	8:45 AM at Wylie Elementary School
Start Time:	Approximately 20-30 minutes following conclusion of Ceremony

Parade Registration Information

All parade participants are reminded of the theme of this parade: "A Time to Honor". The Parade Committee reserves the right to approve all parade participants.

If your organization wishes to participate, please review the allowed entries and restrictions listed and submit the Parade Registration Form. Forms are available at the Village Office and on the Village website (www.villageofdexter.org).

Registration approval is required to participate in the parade. All registrations must be submitted to the Village office no later than Friday, May 25th at Noon. Mailing address is 8140 Main Street, Dexter MI 48130 or drop off at the Village Office located on the 2nd Floor of PNC Bank 8123 Main Street. For questions Call 734-426-8303.

Entries Allowed:

- Veterans organizations and current members of the U.S. Military
- Dexter Area and Scio Fire Departments; Washtenaw County Sheriff Department
- Local community organizations conveying a sense of patriotism (as opposed to commercialism or fundraising)
- Dexter Schools organizations
- Governmental elected or appointed officials

Restrictions:

- Campaign or political displays other than those necessary to identify the dignitary or elected official are prohibited. No distribution of campaign material is allowed.
- Participants approved to walk in the parade may distribute candy, gum and flyers by hand along the curb line. Flyers must be about community organizations or upcoming community events. NO ITEMS may be thrown from vehicles, floats or wagons in the parade.
- All forms of advertising for services or merchandise, such as the distribution of business flyers or items with logo or company name are prohibited.
- Any organization with animals must have a follower to pick up dropping from their animals.
- All vehicles must be in safe, road-worthy condition and have full insurance coverage.
- Commercial vehicles are prohibited with the exception of those vehicles used to transport members of the allowed entries.
- Prohibited vehicles include: off-road vehicles, ATVs, go karts, mini-bikes, highly modified cars or trucks, motorcycles (except military or law enforcement).

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 24

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

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

Friday, May 25

Join the Dexter District Library for Summer on the Farm with Margaret Schmidt "The Farm Lady" at 1 p.m. to hear stories about life on a farm.

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

Saturday, May 26

The Chelsea District Library hosts a Purple Rose Theatre play reading at 10:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, May 27

The Chelsea District Library is closed.

See "White Buffalo" at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. in Chelsea, at 2 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online at purplerosetheatre.org or by phone at 734-433-7673.

Monday, May 28

The Chelsea District Library is closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Chelsea's Memorial Day parade is at 10 a.m. The parade ends at Oak Grove Cemetery with a ceremony for veterans.

Dexter's Memorial Day ceremony is at 9 a.m., and the village's parade will start at 9:30 a.m.

The Dexter Knights of Columbus Council No. 2959 are hosting their Annual Memorial Day Chicken Broil at the hall, 8265 Dexter-Chelsea Road from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. or until sold out.

Tuesday, May 29

Ancestry Aficionados meets at the Chelsea District Library at 10 a.m.

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

The Chelsea District Library hosts Medical Marijuana: What is Legal? at 6:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 30

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

Thursday, May 31

Chelsea's Downtown Development Authority meets at 7:30 a.m. in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library. Although the library is closed, entrance to the meeting is gained through the side door of the library near the pagoda.

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

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

Friday, June 1

The 21st annual Antique Gas Engine and Tractor show at Hudson Mills Metropark, featuring junior, ladies and sponsor tractor pulls starting at 6 p.m. Food service will be available.

Drop in to the Chelsea Senior Center to discuss "True Grit" by Charles Portis with Great Books @ CSC at 1 p.m. Copies of the book are available at the Chelsea District Library. All are welcome, and senior center membership is not required.

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

Saturday, June 2

The Friends of the Dexter District Library hold a used book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library.

The 21st annual Antique Gas Engine and Tractor show at Hudson Mills continues today. Food service will be available.

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

Tuesday, June 5

Deb Bauer of Raymond James & the Michigan State Police will present "Identity Theft: A Consumer's Guide to Protecting Personal Finances" from 6:30-8 p.m. in the McKune Room of the Chelsea District Library. Registration for the program is required. Call 734-475-8732 or go online at chelsea.lib.mi.us and click on the calendar tab. The registration deadline is June 1.

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BULLETIN BOARD

Senior center to host food festival

The Chelsea Senior Center will host its first annual Chelsea Food Festival on June 23 at the Washington Street Education Center from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to channel their creativity and design a table for eight.

Creative ideas are limitless; for example, gardening, nationalities, woodworking, technology and college themes.

Hosts are not required to sell tickets to fill their table but only to have fun decorating a table with their favorite theme. Hosts will receive a free lunch ticket for their effort (one per table). An enrollment form declaring your theme must be filled out at the Senior Center no later than June 1.

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Ann Arbor man wants to educate about kidney disease



Doug Thompson of Ann Arbor created a walk team called "You've got to be kidneying me." Thompson, pictured center with his team, was among the walkers and supporters of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at the Kidney Walk Sunday at the Detroit Zoo.

Ann Arbor resident Doug Thompson, 36, got a phone call in 2011 that changed the rest of his life.

Just days before, he went to his doctor for a routine physical and blood work. By the end of the week, his doctor told him that he was near kidney failure at just 19 percent kidney function. With such low kidney function, Thompson would either need to begin dialysis or receive a kidney transplant to stay alive.

Thompson says the initial news from his doctor was shocking.

"I didn't know much about what the kidneys do," he said. "Their main function, sure, but how important they are to your body was shocking to learn."

The hardest part about understanding his diagnosis, he said, was not actually feeling sick at first.

"I felt perfectly fine up until a point, but as the disease progressed, I became super tired all the time and had absolutely no appetite," he said.

After his diagnosis, things went downhill quickly for Thompson. In February 2012, he began hemodialysis treatments three days a week for four hours at a time. He says that hemodialysis was very challenging and demanding, often affecting his entire day.

"When I left the dialysis unit, my day was over. It took all of my energy to get home, and I had to have someone drive me," he said.

After about one month of hemodialysis, Thompson switched to peritoneal dialysis. Peritoneal dialysis requires regular exchanges throughout the day and can be managed without visiting a medical facility, but also has many risks related to having a permanent tube in the abdomen.

Despite the challenges that Thompson has faced in the last eight months, his own diagnosis has inspired him to help others.

"There are so many people that are going through this and don't know it," Thompson said. "I want to educate people about how to deal with kidney disease. Although you can talk to family and friends, they can only hear what you're going through, but can't know without first-hand knowledge."

Thompson quickly became involved with spreading awareness about kidney disease and signed up for the Kidney Walk at the Detroit Zoo, one of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's biggest and most popular fundraising events. After creating his walk team, "You've got to be kidneying me," Thompson set what he considers a conservative goal of $500 and topped it within hours.

Now that the team has raised more than $2,600, Thompson says he is "blown away with the support" he's received.

"It shows how my friends and family are willing to support me in any way possible," he said.

Thompson was among the walkers and supporters of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan at the Kidney Walk Sunday at the Detroit Zoo. Although he continues to face challenges, Thompson remains positive about educating others and raising awareness about kidney disease.

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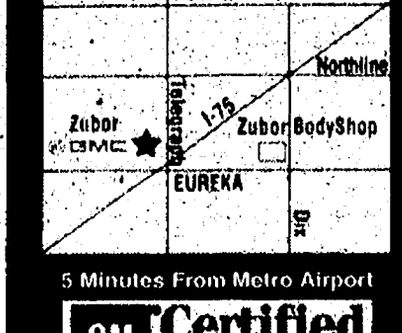
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DTE offers free check of home energy efficiency

DTE Energy representatives said in a press release that they are helping customers save energy and take control of their energy costs through personalized energy assessments evaluating the energy efficiency of their gas and electric usage.

The DTE Home Energy Consultation program was created to advise homeowners on ways to conserve energy with a goal toward helping residents to better manage their energy costs.

Energy consultants assess the customers' energy usage, make energy saving recommendations and discuss ways to reduce energy usage that will help lower energy costs.

During the assessment, energy consultants will install:

- Up to 40 compact fluorescent light bulbs, which generally use 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs and can often last 10 times longer.
- Water-saving faucet aerators in the kitchen and bathroom that can reduce water usage without lowering the water pressure in the pipes.
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- Wrap on the water heater pipes – up to nine feet from the hot water tank – an energy-saving measure that can reduce heat loss and increase water temperature in the pipes, which will save on water-heating costs.

In the first year of the program, DTE Energy visited more than 25,000 homes.

This year, they plan to reach more than 30,000 households with energy-saving tips and products.

To learn more about the DTE Home Energy Consultation program or to schedule an appointment for DTE to visit your home, call 866-796-0512.



DTE Energy representatives are helping customers save energy and take control of their utility costs through measures such as putting a wrap on water heater pipes.

GUEST COLUMN: By Kara Markusen

Holistic health coach teaches healthy eating

When Angelle Batten talks about fake food, she's not referring to the decorative plastic fruit bowl in your grandmother's house.

In fact, she's addressing specifically what you'll find on most grocery store shelves today — those popular, highly processed foods that, she says, are "far from their natural state" and would baffle your great-grandmother if she took a look at the ingredients label.

Enter "real" food: a menu comprised of edibles "pulled from the ground, plucked from a tree, or found on a farm," and free of genetically modified organisms (commonly referred to as "GMOs"), hormones, antibiotics, pesticides, partially hydrogenated fats, high-fructose corn syrup, and artificial colors, flavors and preservatives.

"My family and I eat a lot of traditional farm-raised foods and healthy fats," says Batten, a 44 year-old Brighton native and certified holistic health coach.

And that's exactly what Batten has built her life's work around.

Recognizing that many families aren't eating the "real" way is why Batten teamed up with Dr. Susan McCreadie, a holistic pediatrician of Ann Arbor, to create www.nourishmd.com — a website that educates parents and children about the benefits of "real food, real health and real parenting" and ways to implement the lifestyle into modern day living.

In addition, the duo caught the attention of actress and new mother Selma Blair, a childhood friend of McCreadie's, who has starred in box office hits like "Cruel Intentions" and "Legally Blonde."

With Blair's help, Batten and McCreadie created Get Real for Kids, a nonprofit organization with a goal to provide schools with organic gardens, in hopes of passing the "real" food movement on to the next generation.

"Selma pushing us to start a non-profit has really helped us gain national exposure quickly," says Batten.

"We've had a lot of visits to our website, and were even picked up by www.people.com."

And although Batten and McCreadie are currently in the process of consolidating the two organizations into one, with plans to strictly operate under Get Real for Kids, Batten says the primary mission will stay the same.

Batten, who received her master's degree in education, says she's always been "a teacher at heart."

In addition to the daily informative blogging she does on the site and its social media components, Batten lives out her passion by offering classes to those eager to learn how to live the "real" way.

In fact, Batten meets clients at their homes, in groups and even at the grocery store.

She says that so many people who have taken classes with her find the "real" food lifestyle much easier than expected.

"They feel very empowered," says Batten. "And it doesn't take that long."

Batten specifically recalls a woman whose 2-year-old son was diagnosed on the autism spectrum and was advised by his doctor to make diet changes immediately, coming to her for help.

"She was so overwhelmed and even started to cry because she didn't know how to cook," says Batten.

"So we started with something simple — chicken noodle soup and easy snack ideas," says Batten.

"She saw dramatic changes in her son," says Batten. "It made such a big difference."

But even in her current role as holistic health coach, Batten admits her journey to her own "real" food 'aha' moment was not an easy one.

She says she once drank Mountain Dew on a daily basis and describes her former self as "a sugar addict who survived on white flour and fake foods."

Batten now singles out these "fake foods" as the causes for chronic stomach aches, severe premenstrual syndrome and depression for which she was hospitalized at one point.

"I had tried pharmaceuticals and it just hadn't worked for me," says Batten.

After learning she was pregnant with her first child, Batten says she "didn't want to have to rely on pharmaceuticals" and wanted to find something that would make a difference in her health.

"That's when I knew I had to figure out a different way," says Batten. "I started researching, focused on my diet, and it helped me."

"It was more intuitive to me after that," says Batten. "I've become more in tune with my body."

Batten, a married mother of three, admits it's not always easy to maintain a real food lifestyle.

In today's fast-paced world of convenience, one might think that a non-processed, fresh, organic diet is next to impossible.

But Batten says it's prioritizing that makes it possible.

"It all comes down to what you value," says Batten. "Put it first and foremost — like there's no way around the time issue."

"My kids are really involved in sports, so we're pretty busy," says Batten. "The only way to navigate around that is to have our food prepped and ready to go."

Batten does so by preparing snacks at the start of the week that are easy to "grab and go," like hardboiled eggs, poached chicken meat, healthy homemade cookies and veggies with homemade dip.

"It's work," says Batten. "But it's worth it."

Scheduling pressure aside, the issue of the extra cost of "real" foods arises. Batten sympathizes and offers a solution.

"It's not exactly cost-effective," says Batten. "But it's important to us, so we just don't go to as many movies or buy as many videos, because our grocery budget is higher. But I don't think it's not affordable."

It's all about your choices, according to Batten.

"If you're happy with what you're buying and it's working, then go with that. But for me, that's not OK. I know too much," says Batten.

"So for us, it's about cutting back."

For anyone looking to venture down the path of better health through real foods, Batten suggests starting with three simple, manageable steps.

"The first thing: Start with water," says Batten. "Always look at your water intake. I'm all about adding things to crowd out other things. By adding more water, you'll eventually crowd out things like coffee and juice."

Batten also encourages parents to look at labels before buying food.

"Ask yourself, 'Would I find this in a farm or a garden?' If not, try to find an alternative," says Batten.

"Overall, just try to become more aware of what you're putting in your body."

Batten's third tip involves converting one meal a day to include only "real" food, then slowly working up to a full day's plan.

"Just pick one," says Batten. "First, focus on breakfast — or snacks — and make them as real as possible, then move on."

"Be realistic about it," says Batten. "What might be manageable for me might not be for others."

Batten encourages parents to make "real" food a family affair to help kids make good decisions when choosing food on their own.

"Along with modeling smart food choices for them, it's an ongoing conversation in our house," Batten says.

"I'm sure they probably get sick of it, but I encourage them to know what they're eating. If they're going to be away from us, sometimes I'll say 'no fake food today,' and other times I'll let them choose one or two things or give them a 'no boundaries' day, and we reflect on it after."

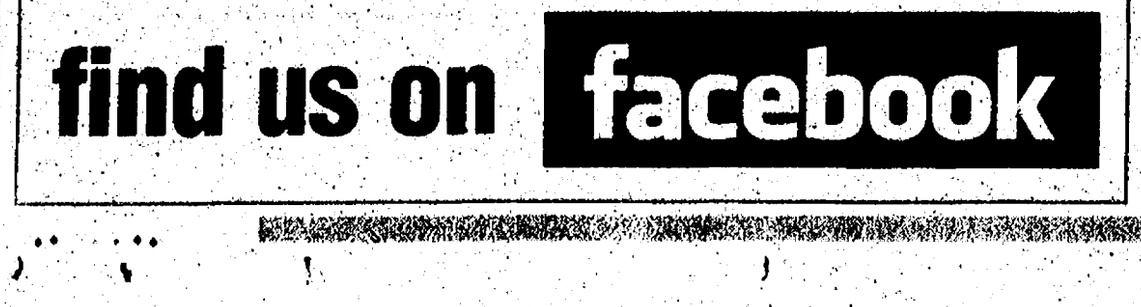
Battens says she lets her children know that they don't always have to be perfect not to judge how others eat.

"But whatever they decide on later in their lives," says Batten, "at least I'll know they have the foundation."

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GUEST COLUMN: By Lori Hunter

During Nurses Week, celebrate better health care for all

As nurses, we are not just confined to emergency rooms and the walls of a hospital, but we also work in school-based clinics and homeless shelters, to name a few locations.

Our roles are just as diverse, ranging from staff nurse to educator to nurse practitioner and nurse researcher.

It is no surprise then, that throughout my time in this profession, I have been exposed to innumerable different situations, both heartbreaking and heart-warming.

In celebration of National Nurses Week, I want to share one thing that I've been exposed to firsthand over and over again: the Affordable Care Act is working for millions of American patients.

Prior to the Affordable Care Act being signed into law, it grieved me to watch patients and their families strain to pay medical bills, struggle with complicated paperwork or, worst of all, be denied coverage and care. Yet, within the past two years, I have seen first-hand how much the ACA has helped patients from all backgrounds.

Parents can finally sleep at night, no longer worrying that their children will be turned away from the hospital and denied coverage on their parents' healthcare plans because of their "pre-existing conditions."

Before the ACA, insurance companies and health plans — concerned about their financial bottom line and their own best interests — had the ability to exclude people with a pre-existing condition, impose a waiting period before coverage starts or charge higher premiums and out-of-pocket expenses. Now, this one mandate of the Affordable Care Act has provided insurance to nearly 50,000 Americans who had been locked out of the insurance marketplace because of a pre-existing condition, such as asthma or diabetes.

What's more, by 2014, these protections will be extended to everyone.

Far too often, before the ACA was signed into law, I saw seniors' health deteriorate, as they were unable to get the proper care they deserved. Fearing the high cost of healthcare bills, many older patients would wait to be seen by a medical professional until it was too late. However, the new law has provided 32.5 million seniors with free preventive care benefits, including one free annual wellness visit and screenings for bone density, diabetes and certain cancers.

That means that seniors' health problems can be detected and treated sooner.

I've seen how the ACA protects women's care, too.

Now more than 20 million women receive preventative services, such a mammograms and cervical cancer screenings, without co-pay, deductible or any other out-of-pocket expenses.

And these benefits come with a fair price tag, as the ACA ends the unconscionable discriminatory practices against women that have allowed insurance companies to charge women higher premiums — even up to 150 percent more — than men.

And under the law, women struggling to support themselves and their families have no need to worry about the being denied essential benefits such as maternity care, newborn care and prescription drug benefits.

> Fearing the high cost of healthcare bills, many older patients would wait to be seen by a medical professional until it was too late.

With no-cost preventative care, I know that we will be put on the path to better heath for women and their babies.

I'm proud of what my fellow nurses and I do. We are committed to helping people and to delivering the highest quality care in our nation's hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and within the home.

And that is why I am committed to sharing my stories of the benefits and protections of the Affordable Care Act. I will not rest until I can be assured that this law remains a reality and hard-working Americans receive the care they

Lori Hunter is a registered nurse who has worked in a physician's office and a nursing home and has provided in-home hospice care.

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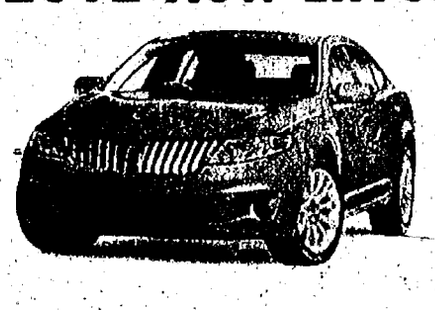


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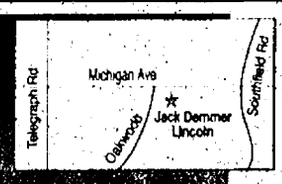
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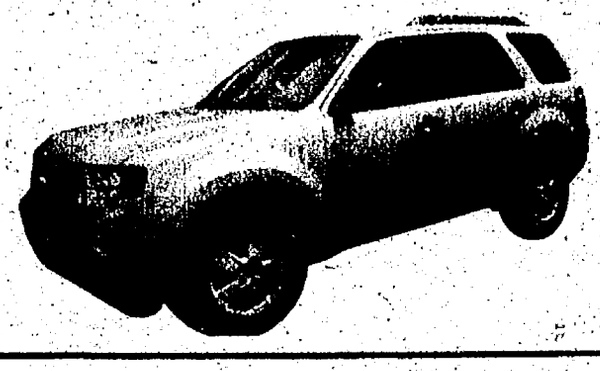


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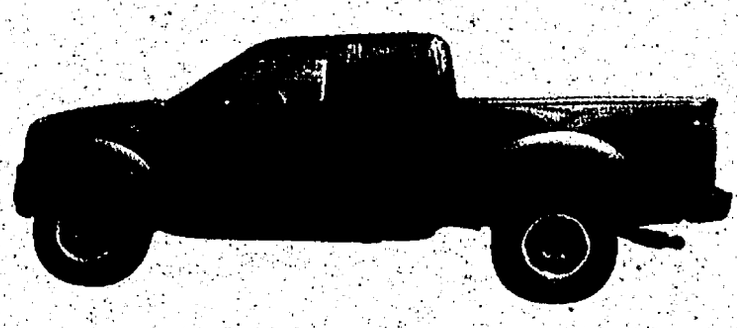
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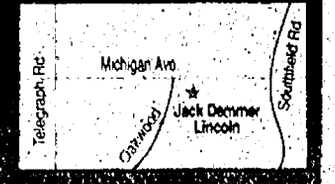
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Program benefits moms at SafeHouse Center

To offer support and make Mother's Day a little brighter for women in crisis, the national moving company Two Men and a Truck partnered with more than 200 schools and community organizations in early May for its Movers for Moms charity drive.

Locally, the Ann Arbor Two Men and a Truck franchise partnered with East Arbor Charter Academy, South Arbor Charter Academy and WAAM-FM to collect items — including food, clothing, toiletries and other essentials — for women staying at SafeHouse Center, an Ann Arbor-based shelter for victims of domestic abuse.

Franchise locations from 27 states collected more than 115,000 items for women living in more than 100 homeless and domestic abuse relief shelters across the country. Two Men and a Truck started the Movers for Moms collection drive five years ago in Michigan, with 20 franchises collecting a few hundred donations for women staying in eight shelters across the state. Since then, the program has experienced substantial growth. This year, 102 franchise locations were involved in what is evolving into a national program.

"The significant growth that Movers for Moms has seen these past five years has been absolutely incredible, and each year we are thrilled to partner with the community to support thousands of women in need who deserve to feel loved and appreciated, especially on Mother's Day," said Two Men and a Truck President and CEO Brig Sorber in a news release.

"I'm most excited by the passion our franchisees have exhibited for the program and their commitment to making it a success within the communities they serve."

For more information on Movers for Moms and how to become a community partner in 2013, visit www.facebook.com/MoversforMoms or follow it on Twitter @MoversforMoms.



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Two Men and a Truck is a moving company with more than 200 locations and more than 1,400 trucks on the road. Each location is independently owned and operated.

Ozone House a finalist in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good

Ann Arbor-based Ozone House announced in early May that it has been selected as one of 500 nonprofit finalists in Toyota's 100 Cars for Good program, a philanthropic initiative in which the automaker is giving 100 cars to 100 nonprofits over the course of 100 days.

Ozone House was selected as a finalist from more than 4,000 applications nationwide.

Each day, 100 Cars for Good will profile five finalists at www.100carsforgood.com.

Individual members of the public will be able to vote for which ever nonprofit they think can do the most good with a new vehicle. The nonprofit with the most votes at the end of each day will win one of six Toyota models. Runners-up will each receive a $1,000 cash grant from Toyota.

Ozone House will be up for consideration from 10 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. May 28.

"Everyone at Ozone House is thrilled to have been selected as a finalist for the 2012 100 Cars for Good program," said Katie Doyle, executive director of Ozone House, in a news release.

"We're grateful for this incredible opportunity to win a van to help us meet the needs of the young people we serve in Washtenaw County. We hope everyone will help us spread the word and will make time to visit www.100carsforgood.com on Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day – to vote for us."

Doyle said a new Toyota Sienna van would really be "a game changer" and would give the nonprofit the ability to provide transportation for youth in the Safe Stay Shelter, at the Ypsi Ozone House location and for youth at Miller House, the organization's transitional living home. I would also be used to transport a young person's belongings during move-in day for youth transitioning to independent living.

"At Toyota, we appreciate what a significant impact a new car can have for nonprofits nationwide," said Michael Rousé, vice president of philanthropy for Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A.

"Toyota has donated more than half a billion dollars to nonprofits across the U.S. over the past 20 years, and 100 Cars for Good allows us to expand that commitment to local communities in important new ways. The 500 finalists are an extraordinary group, and we look forward to the public learning more about them."

Ozone House is a community-based nonprofit agency that helps young people through intensive intervention and prevention services for runaway, homeless, and high-risk youth and their families.

For more information on Ozone House and its efforts to win one of Toyota's 100 Cars for Good, visit Ozone House's website at www.ozonehouse.org or follow Ozone House on Facebook.

826michigan Writers' Conference set June 15-17

Writers and aspiring writers from southeast Michigan are invited to join local nonprofit 826michigan and writers Kevin Haworth, Joyce Dyer and Margo Rabb for a weekend exploring the craft at the 2012 826michigan Writers' Conference in June.

With subjects ranging from "Why I Love Paul Auster" to "Making a Life as a Writer" to "The Role of Desire in Fiction," this three-day conference offers a friendly environment for writers to come together and discuss their work while also supporting a new generation of young writers. Proceeds from the 826michigan Writers' Conference will benefit 826michigan's free creative writing and tutoring programs for students aged 6-18 in Washtenaw County.

The 2012 826michigan's Writers' Conference will be held at 826michigan's downtown Ann Arbor location, located inside Liberty Street Robot Supply and Repair at 115 E Liberty, from June 15 to June 17. The conference offers two levels of participation: a three-day intensive workshop including a manuscript review, or a more casual offering of Saturday afternoon craft talks.

The 826michigan Writers' Conference is part of 826michigan's How To Write Like I Do series of writing seminars for adults.

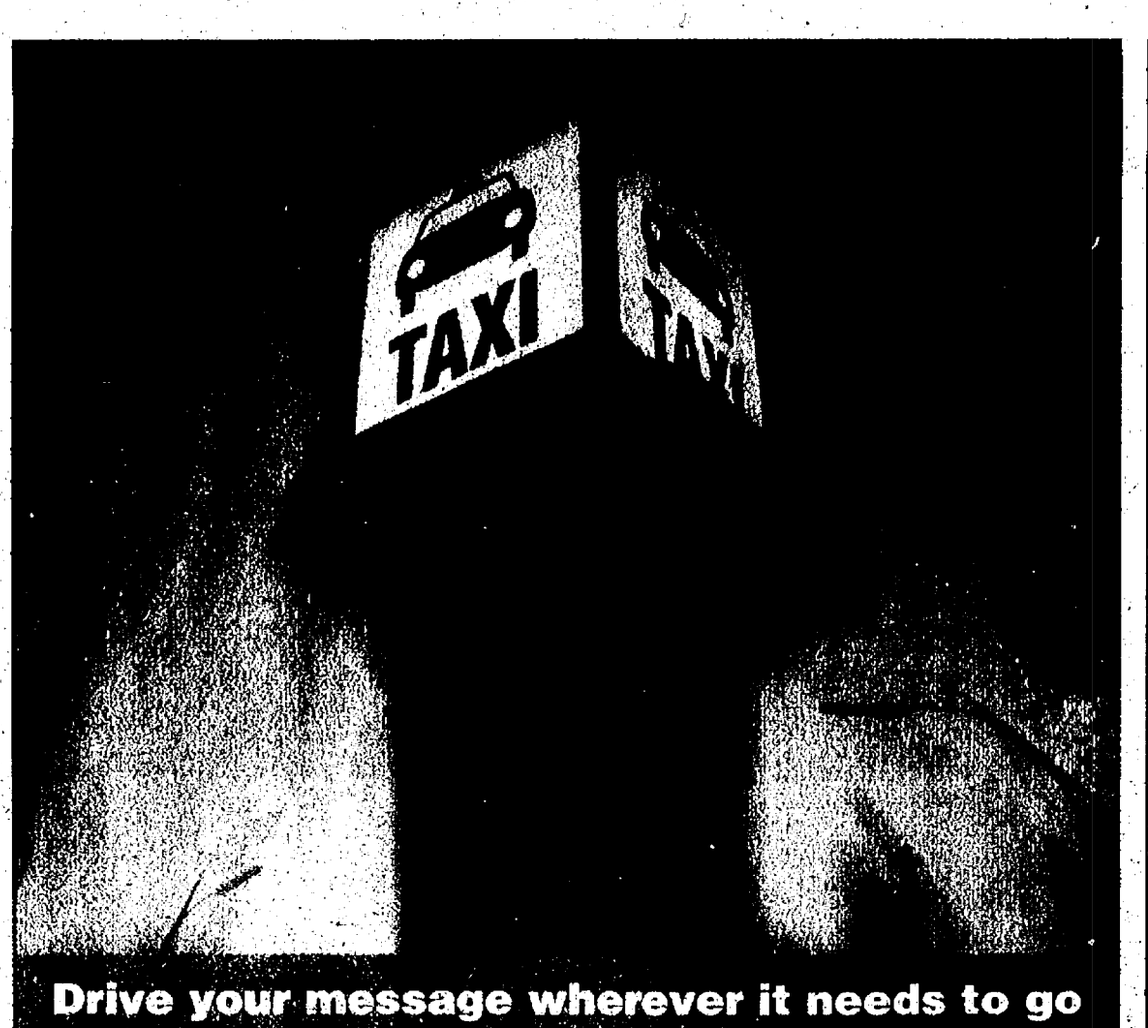
"Over the last three years, the 826michigan Writers' Conference has become such an important part of our work," said Amanda Uhle, 826michigan executive director, in a news release.

"We are fortunate to be here in Ann Arbor, with its incredibly vibrant literary community. The conference is a great opportunity for the writers of Southeast Michigan to come together, enjoy classes taught by our wonderful faculty Margo Rabb, Joyce Dyer and Kevin Haworth, and end the day on Sunday knowing they've done a good deed for the young writers of our community. We are grateful to our faculty and to sponsor Thomson-Shore for making it all possible."

Registration for the three-day intensive workshops is $340; Saturday afternoon craft talks are available for $25.

Manuscripts must be received by May 25.

For more information, class descriptions and registration, visit www.826michigan.org or call 761-3463.



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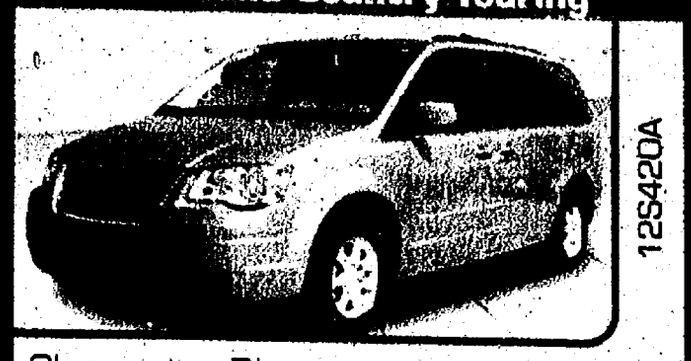
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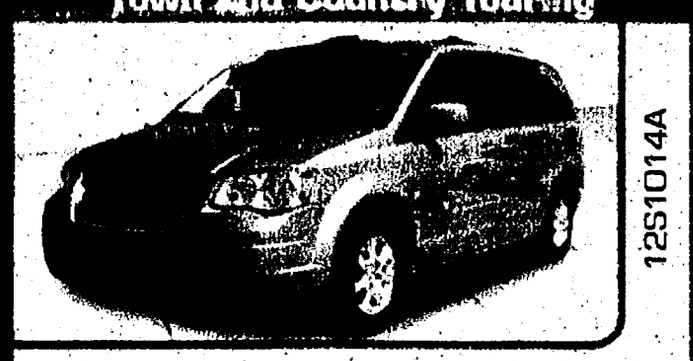
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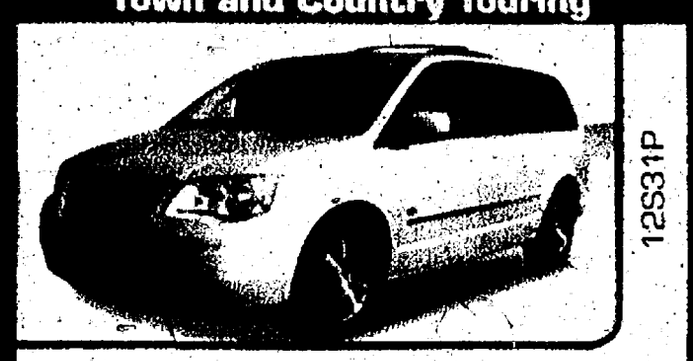
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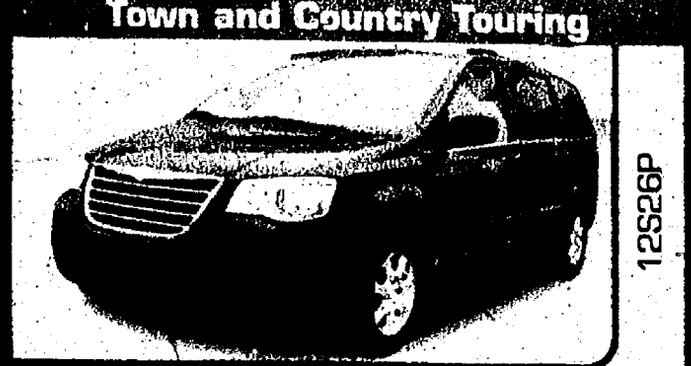
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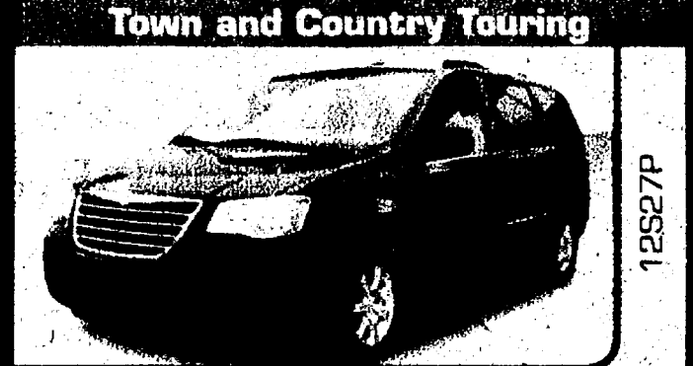


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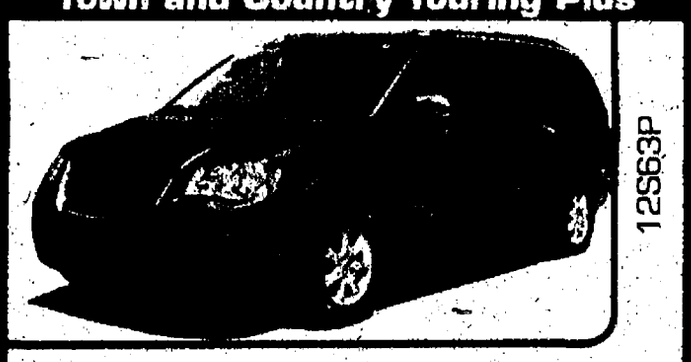
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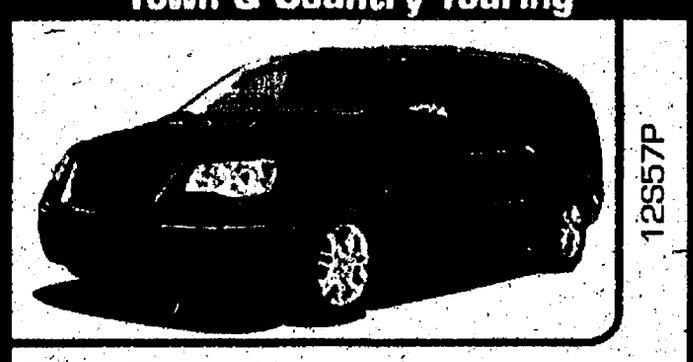
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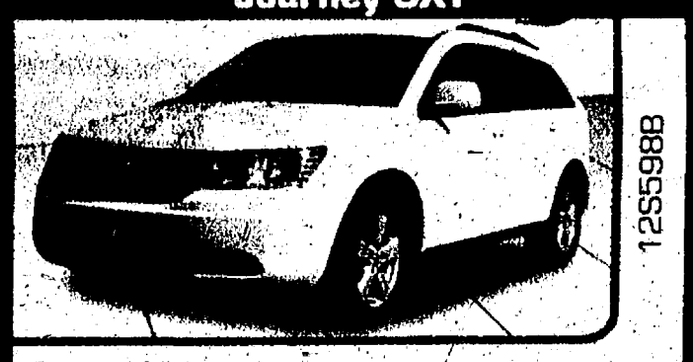
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Food Gatherers grillin' event set for June 10

Washtenaw County residents are invited to Grillin' for Food Gatherers from 3 to 8 p.m. June 10, rain or shine, at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road.

Guests will be treated to grilled chicken, gourmet sausages and tofu dogs, salads, grilled corn and dessert provided by Zingerman's Bakehouse and Creamery.

Local food businesses contributing side dishes and salads to the event include The Common Grill, Grange Kitchen and Bar, Shalimar Restaurant and the Quarter Bistro.

Musical entertainment will be provided by George Bedard and the Kingpins, The Appleseed Collective and Back Forty. The event will be broadcasted live by master of ceremonies Martin Bandyke and Ann Arbor radio station 107one.

Family and kids' activities will be offered by the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, and free mini-massages will be available from Body Wisdom Massage Therapy.

Additionally, more than 100 items will be featured in the event's silent auction, including:

- Backstage meet and greet and two tickets to the sold-out show, Florence + the Machine at the Fox Theatre July 31, plus a limited edition vinyl copy of "Ceremonials," autographed by lead singer Florence Welch.
- Samsung 51-inch plasma TV from Big George's Home Appliance Mart.
- Two Delta Airline tickets.
- One evening in the DTE Energy Suite for a Detroit Red Wings game.
- Season tickets to Michigan men's basketball and hockey.
- Four passes to Disney World.

Food Gatherers is Washtenaw County's food bank and food rescue program, distributing 5.5 million pounds of food to more than 150 nonprofit programs serving low-income adults, seniors and children annually.

According to statistics provided by Food Gatherers, one in seven adults and one in six children struggle with hunger in Washtenaw County. One adult ticket purchase will provide 120 meals through the Washtenaw County nonprofit.

Tickets are $50 in advance for adults ($60 at the gate) or $10 for kids ages 3-13, and kids under 3 get in free.

Buy advance tickets online at www.foodgatherers.org or call 761-2796. Tickets may also be purchased at Zingerman's Delicatessen, Roadhouse and Bakehouse, as well as Saline Picture Frame Co. and Dexter Picture Frame Co.

For more information about Food Gatherers, call 761-2796 or visit www.foodgatherers.org.



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Ann Arbor Garden Walk returning June 9

The public is invited to explore six private gardens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 9 during the 22nd annual Ann Arbor Garden Walk, presented by the Ann Arbor Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association.

Visitors will have a chance to meet the homeowner and see their varied creations: a quiet, flower-filled courtyard; a city lot overflowing with edibles; lush beds surrounding a historic home; and large properties featuring multiple areas of interest.

Additionally, a group of local Ann Arbor garden painters will present a sale of original artworks in oils, acrylics, and other media, created from the 2012 gardens over the past year.

A garden marketplace, presented by Artistica Gallery in Dexter, will offer a variety of handcrafted garden-related merchandise, including pottery, jewelry, garden art and more.

Garden Walk participants will also be able to tour the lower level of a home built in 1845, and at another site, view an installation of outdoor sculptures, acquired from River Gallery in Chelsea, nestled throughout the garden.

Proceeds from the 2012 Garden Walk will benefit Growing Hope, an Ypsilanti-based nonprofit dedicated to helping people improve their lives and communities through gardening and access to healthy food.

Ann Arbor Farm and Garden's grant will also enable Growing Hope to benefit from matching funds under a separate challenge grant.

Garden Walk tickets are $15 per person in advance or at the gate and can be purchased online and at the following locations: Artistica Gallery, Dixboro General Store, Downtown Home and Garden, Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nicola's Books.

A discounted rate of $10 per person is available to groups of 8 or more. Ticket information, a map and descriptions of the 2012 gardens are available at www.annarborfarmandgarden.org.

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Stamp Out Hunger collects 107,819 pounds of food

Washtenaw County letter carriers on May 12 collected thousands of orange shopping bags filled with nonperishable food items as part of the annual National Association of Letter Carriers and the National Rural Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

The orange bags provided by Food Gatherers, United Way of Washtenaw County and Bank of Ann Arbor were delivered by letter carriers to homes across the county as a reminder to participate in the drive.

The result, a record-breaking 107,819 pounds of food, was collected for Food Gatherers, a nearly 200 percent increase over the previous year's drive.

The Stamp Out Hunger food drive, held on the second Saturday in May, has become the nation's largest single-day food drive benefitting Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization.

This year's Stamp Out Hunger food drive broke Washtenaw County's previous record, which was 75,031 pounds in 2008.

"The City Letter Carriers of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Br 434 and the Rural Letter Carriers of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association would like thank everyone who donated food to make our Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive in Washtenaw County a huge success. We are overwhelmed by your generosity," said Bill Dawson, president of NALC Branch 434, in a news release.

"Many thanks to Food Gatherers and to the United Way for their efforts in getting the word out about the annual food drive, and to Bank of Ann Arbor for supplying the bags that you all so generously filled."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's annual study measuring food security in the United States, the number of Americans living in food insecure homes reached nearly 49 million in 2011 (the most recent year such data is available).

This year's Stamp Out Hunger food drive broke Washtenaw County's previous record, which was 75,031 pounds in 2008.

In Washtenaw County, one in seven individuals — and one in six children — are at risk of hunger.

Shopping bags provided by Food Gatherers, the United Way of Washtenaw County and Bank of Ann Arbor were part of a new initiative to remind residents to participate in the drive.

The shopping bags included messaging for United Way 2-1-1, a referral line for individuals seeking information about and referrals to human services such as emergency food assistance, senior care services, mortgage foreclosure assistance, and housing and utility resources.

The National Association of Letter Carriers is the union of city delivery letter carriers working for the U.S. Postal Service.

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Teen births drop across the county

Rate of low birth-weight babies up

By Amy Bell
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According to a recent report, Washtenaw County is ranked in the top 10 in the state in terms of factors affecting maternal and infant health.

The Right Start in Michigan 2012 report issued in late April by the Michigan League of Human Services, ranks 81 of 83 counties throughout Michigan in teen births, repeat births to teenage mothers, low birth-weight babies and mothers who smoked during pregnancy. Washtenaw County was ranked No. 9.

The report is calculated by taking the weighted average of data from 1998 to 2000 and comparing it to the weighted averages from 2008 to 2010.

According to the data, the number of teen births throughout the county dropped 19 percent from 262 to 201. This is similar for repeat births, which dropped from 47 from 1998 to 2000 to 30 from 2008 to 2010.

Richard Fleece, director and health officer for the Washtenaw County Health Department, said the numbers are relatively low when considering the population of the county, which is at nearly 345,000. The results should be used to ensure programs are planned appropriately, he said.

"It's not anything we want to ignore," he said.

The figures also could be related to the increased number of young adults who live in Washtenaw County because of the two major universities in the area, he said.

"We have a much higher young adult population than many counties throughout the state," he said.

In comparison, Ingham County, with a population of about 280,000, had an average of 418 births to moms younger than 20 years old from 1998 to 2000.

From 2008 to 2010, the average number was 338, or 9.9 percent. There was an average of 101 births to repeat teen mothers from 1998 to 2000 and 67 from 2008 to 2010.

The county offers a number of programs to educate teens about pregnancy including Planned Parenthood, Ypsilanti's The Corner Health Center, the health department and school health programs.

The number of low birth-weight babies increased from 279 to 311. Babies born with a weight of less than 5.5 pounds have greater chances of developmental delay and dying before their first birthday.

One factor is poor nutrition of pregnant mothers, which can be attributed in part to the overall lifestyle of Americans and more and more people eating fewer fruits and vegetables, he said.

Although the numbers may be low, taken collectively as a state, it adds more weight to the figures, Fleece said.

Jane Zehnder-Merrell, spokeswoman for Michigan Kids Count, said in terms of state figures, there is a slowing of positive trends and there is not a downward trend that has remained solid for more than a decade.

"These aren't big changes," she said. "Over a decade, that's not a lot of change and not a lot of improvement in a given length of time."

Zehnder-Merrell said this is the result, in part, to state cuts in pregnancy prevention programs. There are also more young people living in poverty, which plays a role in increasing teen births.

"Economic conditions might be playing a role in what is happening among young people," she said.

Zehnder-Merrell said this decrease speaks to the importance of intervening with young women, giving them information and educating them about how important it is to delay having babies.

Other points to note are that half of the births in Michigan are to women eligible for Medicaid and women in their childbearing years are least likely to have access to health care, she said.

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Arbor Hospice staff recognized for excellence

Arbor Hospice President and CEO Gloria Danna Brooks was recently named 2012 Educator of the Year by The Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization during its annual conference held in April.

In addition, two Arbor Hospice employees received "Dream Team" award in the support team member and social work/counseling categories for their work to improve the quality of life, safety and comfort of hospice patients.

Brooks was selected based on her proven performance as an advocate and educator in the hospice and palliative care field.

"I am humbled to have been awarded this recognition by peers that I hold in such high respect in our field," Brooks said in a news release.

"Hospice education is essential to ensuring all people receive the end-of-life care they deserve. Caring and commitment begins with advocacy."

Each year, MHPCO also recognizes individuals within the hospice industry who represent the "best of the best" in hospice care.

The awards celebrate excellence in individuals providing outstanding commitment and services to hospices and palliative care organizations in Michigan.

Annette Vondenberger of Ann Arbor received the Dream Team Award for support team member. She has been with Arbor Hospice since 1999. Vondenberger is responsible for many tasks at Arbor Hospice including auditing and maintaining medical records. She also serves as the notary public for Arbor Hospice, patients and their families.

Tyne Kreiner-Smith of Ypsilanti received the Dream Team Award in the social work/counseling category. She began her career at Arbor Hospice in December 2009.

As a social worker, Kreiner-Smith assesses the psychosocial needs of the patients and their families. She also provides support and training to Arbor Hospice staff.

Arbor Hospice provides hospice services, an inpatient hospice facility, grief support services and community education programs.

The nonprofit organization serves communities in Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties, with offices in Ann Arbor, Monroe, Plymouth and Woodhaven.

For more information, visit www.arborhospice.org or call 1-888-992-2274.

GUEST COLUMN: Money Matters

Conduct annual review to ensure 401(k) complies

Given the complexity of 401(k) plans, mistakes are made even when plan sponsors try to follow the letter of the law.

The Internal Revenue Service maintains several correction programs, as well as a 401(k) Plan Fix-It Guide, that can help plan sponsors determine whether their procedures adhere to IRS requirements, and if a sponsor discovers an error, how to amend the situation.

During an IRS conference call on March 6, Director of Employee Plans Examinations Monika Templeman mentioned several mistakes that could disqualify a 401(k) plan.

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- Failure to document actions taken by the board of directors.
- Failure to comply with a plan's definition of compensation.
- Failure to follow laws relating to eligibility and repayment periods for 401(k) plan loans.
- Failure to make matching contributions to eligible employees or making contributions to employees who are not eligible.

Note that this list is not all-inclusive, and it is important to conduct an annual review to ensure that your plan adheres to regulations imposed by the IRS and the U.S. Department of Labor.

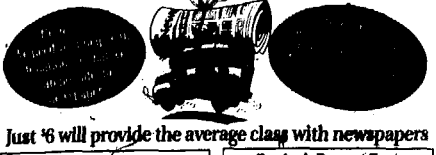
The 401(k) Plan Fix-It Guide prompts sponsors to ask themselves several questions in an attempt to determine whether their plans are compliant:

- Has your plan document been updated within the past few years?
- Do the plan's operations follow the terms stipulated in the plan document?
- Is the plan correctly applying the definition of compensation when determining deferrals?
- Has the plan satisfied nondiscrimination tests?
- Were all eligible employees given the opportunity to make elective deferrals?
- Are elective deferrals limited to the amounts stipulated by federal law?
- Were matching contributions made to the appropriate employees?
- Does the plan deposit deferrals as soon as they can be segregated from corporate assets?
- Do participant loans conform to the plan documentation and also to federal laws?
- Were correct procedures followed for hardship withdrawals?

If these or other questions reveal a mistake, you can contact your tax adviser or get in touch with the IRS directly.

A mistake doesn't automatically mean that a severe penalty will be levied. According to the IRS 401(k) Plan Checklist, depending on the situation, many errors can be corrected easily and without notifying the IRS.

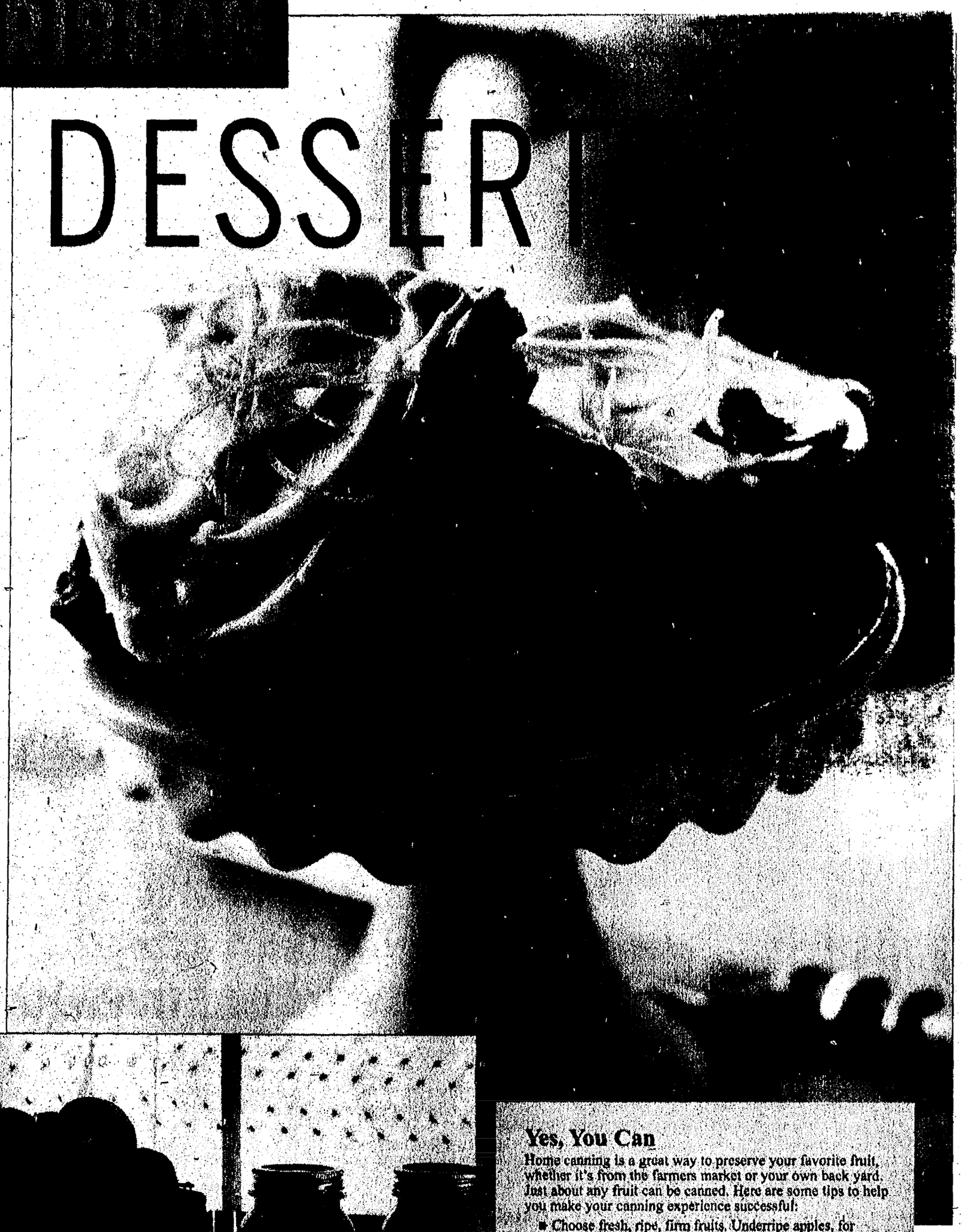
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FOOD

DESSERT





TAMMY FEATHERS

There's nothing quite like the taste of fresh berries and crisp, juicy apples. And when those mouthwatering flavors get paired with just the right spices in some delicious dessert favorites, it's even better.

You can enjoy fresh fruit flavors any time when you preserve your favorite fruits. With the perfect blend of all-natural spices from Mrs. Wages mixes, you can cook, then freeze or can your favorite fruits and they'll be ready for baking any time you're ready — it's like having a dessert in a jar.

These recipes for Spiced Applesauce Cake and Forest Berry Cobbler get their great taste from spiced fruit mixes — use them right after cooking, or can them so you can make these blue ribbon-worthy desserts long after fruit season is over.

Spiced Applesauce

Makes 3 quarts

8 to 10 pounds apples*
Granulated sugar
2 cups water
1 pouch Mrs. Wages Spiced Apple Mix

Prepare and process home canning jars and lids according to manufacturer's instructions for sterilized jars.

Wash, core and peel apples. Cut into halves or quarters.

Combine prepared apples with 2 cups water in a large saucepan and bring to a boil. Cover pan; reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes or until apples are soft.

Puree apple mixture and measure number of cups before returning to pot. Add 1/4 cup sugar per 1 cup puree. Stir to dissolve sugar. Stir in contents of spiced apple mix and heat just to a boil. Remove from heat.

To can applesauce: Carefully ladle hot mixture into sterilized hot jars, filling evenly. Leave 1/2-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles, wipe rims and cap each jar as it is filled.

Process in a boiling water bath canner, 15 minutes for pints and 20 minutes for quarts. Test jars for airtight seals according to manufacturer's directions. If jars do not completely seal, refrigerate and consume within 2 weeks. Applesauce is ready to eat after 24 hours.

***Suggested apple varieties:** Red Delicious, Gala, Fuji, Winesap, McIntosh, Yellow Delicious, Mutsu, Pink Lady and Honeycrisp.

Spiced Applesauce Cake

Yield: 24 pieces
Prep: 15 minutes
Bake: 40 minutes

Cake

1 1/4 cups Mrs. Wages Spiced Applesauce
1 package (15 to 18 ounces) spice cake mix
3 large eggs
1 cup water

Frosting

4 cups powdered sugar
1/4 cup butter, softened
1/4 cup milk
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Spray a 9 x 13-inch cake pan with non-stick spray and lightly coat with flour.

Combine applesauce, cake mix, eggs and water in a large mixing bowl. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Pour batter into prepared pan.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on a wire rack.

To make frosting: Combine all ingredients and beat on medium speed until smooth and fluffy. Spread frosting over cooled cake and cut into 24 pieces.

Photos courtesy of Getty Images

Yes, You Can

Home canning is a great way to preserve your favorite fruit, whether it's from the farmers market or your own back yard. Just about any fruit can be canned. Here are some tips to help you make your canning experience successful:

- **Choose fresh, ripe, firm fruits. Underripe apples, for example, will make hard sour slices, while overripe apples will be mushy and bland.**
- **To ensure even cooking, sort fruits for size and ripeness. If slicing fruits, slice evenly.**
- **Rinse and clean fruit thoroughly — dirt can harbor bacteria.**
- **To take the skin off peaches, dip them in boiling water for 30 to 60 seconds. Remove them with a slotted spoon and immediately dip into cold water. Slip off the skins.**
- **To keep apple slices from browning, put them into water containing ascorbic acid until you're ready to use them.**

Get more canning tips and recipes, as well as Mrs. Wages Home Canning Guide, at www.mrswages.com.



Forest Berry Cobbler Filling

Makes 3 quarts

3 1/2 to 4 pounds blueberries, raspberries, blackberries or cherries
3 cups sugar
3 cups water or fruit juice
1 pouch Mrs. Wages Forest Berry Pie Filling Mix

Prepare and process home canning jars and lids according to manufacturer's instructions for sterilized jars.

Wash berries or cherries. Blanch pitted cherries in hot water (200°F) for 1 minute, drain and keep in covered pot. Do not blanch berries. (Do not use strawberries.)

Combine sugar and water/fruit juice with 1 pouch pie filling mix in a large, non-reactive pot. Do not use aluminum. Cook mixture over medium heat (180°F), stirring constantly, until thickened. Remove from heat. Fold prepared berries or cherries into sauce.

To can berry filling: Ladle berries or cherries and sauce into sterilized jars, filling evenly. Leave 1/2-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles, wipe rim and cap each jar as it is filled.

Process in a boiling water bath canner, 30 minutes for pints or quarts. Test jars for airtight seals according to manufacturer's directions. If jars do not completely seal, refrigerate and consume within 2 weeks. Pie filling is ready to eat after 24 hours.

Forest Berry Cobbler

Yield: 4 servings
Prep: 15 minutes
Bake: 30 minutes

1 quart Mrs. Wages Forest Berry Pie Filling

Topping

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons cold butter, cubed
1/3 cup milk
Vanilla ice cream, optional

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Pour pie filling into a greased 8-inch baking pan; set aside.

In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Using a large fork or pastry blender, cut butter into flour mixture until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in milk slowly, until just combined.

Drop dough by tablespoonful over fruit filling. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the topping comes out clean. Serve warm with ice cream, if desired.

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FOOD

Host an easy and elegant backyard soirée

Warmer months provide the perfect opportunity to entertain your nearest and dearest outside, whether it's a casual backyard cookout or an elegant dinner on the patio.

When preparing for a gathering, think about the overall flavors of your meal and look for recipes that incorporate similar ingredients.

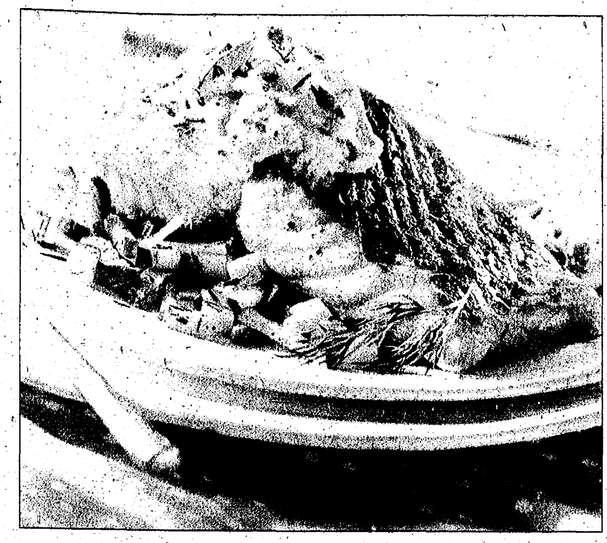
If you're going for a Southwestern theme, look for dishes that call for fresh tomatoes, onions and cilantro.

For a Mediterranean or Italian meal, try recipes with onions, garlic and parsley.

No matter the occasion, opt for simple, flavorful and quality ingredients to add some extra panache to your favorite dishes.

When entertaining, remember that while your focus should be on the main dish, providing appetizers that complement the meal can keep guests happy while you finish cooking. And when deciding what to serve, remember that easy crowd favorites are often best.

For example, you can serve a colorful display of sliced celery, carrots, bell peppers and fresh bread with a gourmet cheese spread like Boursin Garlic & Herb Gourmet Spreadable. The rich flavor and light, spreadable texture will pair nicely with crisp seasonal vegetables for an appetizer that will impress your guests and leave you with plenty of time to focus on the main course.



On warm afternoons and evenings, serving an array of refreshing beverages like cucumber, lemon or strawberry-flavored water is sure to be a hit. If you want to add a sophisticated touch, offer your guests sparkling mineral water in addition to still water.

And no matter what beverages you serve, make sure the ice bucket is always full.

For an elegant yet casual dinner party, try these flavorful Stuffed Mushrooms paired with seasonal Grilled Salmon and Cucumber Radish Relish.

For more easy and delicious recipes for appetizers, entrees and even desserts, visit www.boursin-cheese.com/recipes.

Grilled Salmon and Cucumber Radish Relish

Makes: 4 servings
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cooking Time: 10 minutes

Relish:
1/2 cup diced cucumber
1/4 cup julienne radish
2 tablespoons each lemon juice
chopped scallion to taste
chopped dill or parsley to taste
Salt and pepper to taste

In medium bowl, combine cucumber, radish, lemon juice, scallion and dill. Season with salt and pepper.

Salmon:
4 8-ounce salmon fillets
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Salt and pepper
1 package (5.2 ounces) Boursin Shallot & Chive

Preheat grill or broiler on high. Sprinkle salmon fillets with lemon juice, salt and pepper.

Grill or broil about 8 minutes. Spoon about 3 tablespoons Boursin on top of each fillet; continue cooking for another 2 minutes, until salmon is cooked through and Boursin has softened.

Serve with Cucumber Radish relish.

Stuffed Mushrooms

Makes: About 16 mushrooms
Prep Time: 10 minutes
Cooking Time: 25 minutes

1 package (10 ounces) white mushrooms
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
1/4 cup unseasoned dry breadcrumbs
1 package (5.2 ounces) Boursin Garlic & Fine Herbs
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Remove and chop mushroom stems. In 12-inch skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat and cook mushroom stems and onions, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes or until tender.

In medium bowl, pour mushroom mixture over breadcrumbs. Stir in Boursin, parsley, salt and pepper.

Evenly spoon mushroom mixture into mushroom caps; arrange on baking sheet.

Bake 20 minutes, or until mushrooms are tender and golden. Sprinkle with cheese.

Courtesy of Family Features

Bringing families closer together in the kitchen

It's not always easy to make healthy food choices, particularly if it involves changing your eating habits.

Start by bringing your loved ones together in the kitchen - studies have proven that cooking together as a family not only strengthens the bond between parents and children, but encourages healthy eating habits.

Allowing kids to help in the kitchen and get their hands dirty by washing, measuring and mixing teaches them where their food comes from and builds a sense of accomplishment. Cooking healthy meals together is the perfect family activity to encourage healthy habits and reinforce family time.

The trick is finding recipes that encourage participation from children of all ages and make parents happy with good healthful nutrients and flavor.

"Cooking recipes that include whole grain ingredients like rice can lead to better meal options for your family as it attracts healthier, more colorful foods such as vegetables and fruits," says Chef Chris Skolmutch, Culinary Innovation Manager for Mars Food USA and participant in the Chefs Move to Schools campaign. "Rice serves as the perfect kitchen ingredient because kids enjoy making and eating meals that are simple yet tasty, while parents want to make sure they're eating something full of protéins, fiber and vitamins."

For families looking for ways to get together in the kitchen and start cooking, here are a few tips provided by Rachael Ray's Yum-O, a non-profit which empowers kids and their families to develop healthy relationships with food and cooking:

• Measuring: Allow your kids to measure ingredients using traditional tools (i.e. cups and teaspoons), and nonconventional methods (i.e. pinch and dash), to build their own sense of taste.

• Knives and cutting: Instruct your children on how to use kitchen shears instead of knives to cut things like herbs and soft fruits and vegetables until they (and you) are comfortable with them using knives.

• Clean up time: Teach your children the importance of cleaning cutting utensils and cutting boards after finishing up, especially when handling raw meat or poultry.

For more recipe ideas and information, visit www.UncleBens.com or www.Facebook.com/UncleBens.

Chicken and Rice Pot Pie

Total Cook Time: 1 hour, 50 minutes
Makes: 8 servings

1 cup Uncle Ben's Converted Brand Rice, dry
3 1/2 cups frozen carrot, peas and corn blend
1/4 teaspoon cracked black pepper
2 cans (15 ounces) cream of chicken condensed soup
2 cups water
1 cup milk
1/2 pound chicken breast, 1/2-inch dice
1 sheet puff pastry, commercially prepared

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 375°F.

Mix rice, vegetables, pepper, soup, water, milk and chicken in a casserole dish.

Cover in foil and bake in oven for 45 minutes.

Uncover and top with puff pastry dough, and bake for another 30 minutes or until top is golden brown.

Serve warm and enjoy together.

Nutrition Information (per serving):

Calories: 210; Fat: 3 grams; Cholesterol: 25 mg; Carbohydrates: 32 grams; Dietary Fiber: 2 grams; Protein: 14 grams; Iron: 10% DV

Courtesy of Family Features

The City of Chelsea is currently accepting applications for a vacant City Council seat which expires in November 2015.

Qualifications include:

1. A resident of the City of Chelsea for at least one year.
2. A registered elector.
3. Must not be in default to the City.

City Council meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month except for December which only meets the second Tuesday.

Interested applicants should apply prior to May 30th to the City Clerk or download the form from the City website at www.city-chelsea.org.

Chelsea City Clerk
305 S. Main St. Ste 100
Chelsea, MI 48118

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Legal Notice:

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Lawn Mowing Services for Various County Locations. There is a **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid meeting scheduled for 9:00am on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at Meet at Purchasing Department, located at 220 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor. Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Washtenaw County Finance/Purchasing Department located at - 220 North Main Street, Room B-35, Lower Level, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. RFP 6676 Due: Monday, June 11, 2012 by 3:00PM local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or logon to our website at http://bids.ewashtenaw.org and click on "open bids".

Publish May 24, 2012

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW, MICHIGAN, AND THE USERS OF THE VILLAGE'S SEWER SYSTEM OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan (the "Village"), intends to issue and sell revenue bonds pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Three Million, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,300,000), in one or more series for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring and constructing additions, extensions and improvements to the Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant, including upgrades to the sludge handling system and related components, including the digesters, gas collection and heating systems, pumps and other appurtenances, together with all necessary interests in land, rights of way and all appurtenances and attachments therefor, to serve the users of the system.

SAID BONDS will be payable in annual installments not to exceed thirty (30) in number and will bear interest at the rate or rates to be determined at a public or private sale but in no event to exceed the maximum rate permitted by law on the balance of the bonds from time to time remaining unpaid.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF REVENUE BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE REVENUE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE from the revenues received by the Village from the operations of the sewer system except as provided below in the case of bonds sold to the Michigan Finance Authority in connection with the State of Michigan's State Revolving Fund program. Said revenues will consist of rates and charges that may from time to time be revised to provide sufficient revenues to provide for the expenses of operating and maintaining the system, to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and to pay other obligations of the system.

ALTERNATE SOURCE OF PAYMENTS IN THE EVENT BONDS ARE ADDITIONALLY SECURED BY THE LIMITED TAX FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE VILLAGE

IN THE EVENT THAT THE VILLAGE COUNCIL DEEMS IT DESIRABLE TO SELL SAID BONDS TO THE MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE VILLAGE MAY PLEDGE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS MONEY RECEIVED OR TO BE RECEIVED BY THE VILLAGE DERIVED FROM THE IMPOSITION OF TAXES BY THE STATE AND RETURNED OR TO BE RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE AS PROVIDED BY LAW, except for money the use of which is prohibited for such purposes by the State Constitution. The Village may enter into an agreement providing for the payment of taxes, which taxes are collected by the State and returned to the Village as provided by law, to the Authority or a trustee, and such funds may be pledged for the payment of the bonds.

IN THE EVENT THAT THE REVENUE BONDS ARE SOLD TO THE MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE VILLAGE MAY PLEDGE ITS LIMITED TAX FULL FAITH AND CREDIT AS SECURITY FOR THE REVENUE BONDS, IN WHICH EVENT DEBT SERVICE ON THE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE EITHER FROM REVENUES OF THE SEWER SYSTEM OR FROM AD VALOREM TAXES THAT MAY BE LEVIED ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE, SUBJECT HOWEVER, TO APPLICABLE CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY TAX RATE LIMITATIONS.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE REVENUE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE IS FILED WITH THE VILLAGE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE, 8140 MAIN STREET, DEXTER, MICHIGAN 48130, WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 33, Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

Carol Jones, Village Clerk
Village of Dexter

Publish May 24, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center - 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding a proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increase.

Water Rates	Current Rates	Proposed 3% increase
Ready To Serve Monthly Fee	$6.71	$6.91
First Meter Per 1,000 Gallons	$3.03	$3.12
Second Meter Per 1,000 Gallons	$4.09	$4.21
Sewer Rates	Current Rates	Proposed 6% increase
Ready to Serve Monthly Fee	$5.80	$6.15
Per 1,000 Gallons	$7.14	$7.57
Other Charges and Penalties	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
Penalties on Late Charges	2% Cumulative	2% Cumulative
Turn-on and Turn-off Charges	$35	$35
Meter Calibration Charge	$35	$35
Water Only Meter 1 inch	$250	$250
Refuse Rates	Current Rates	Proposed Rate
Monthly Charge	$17.50	$17.50

The chart below illustrates the impact the proposed rate adjustment will have on a family using 10,000 gallons of water during a 2-month billing cycle. The overall increase during a 2-month billing cycle would be $6.30 each billing cycle or $3.15 per month. The overall percentage increase is 3.89%.

	Current	Proposed
WATER- 3%		
Ready to Serve Charge	$13.42	$13.82
Commodity Charge 10,000 gallons	$30.30	$31.20
SEWER- 6%		
Ready to Serve Charge	$11.60	$12.30
Commodity Charge 10,000 gallons	$71.40	$75.70
REFUSE	$35	$35
	$161.72	$168.02

Donna Dettling,
Dexter Village Manager

Publish May 24, 2012

FOOD

Almonds make gluten-free lifestyle more delicious

For people who avoid gluten, it's a daunting task to find nutritious and delicious foods every day.

Gluten can be found in nearly everything from baked goods to beer, and it's easy for the gluten-sensitive diner to feel deprived of flavor and fun in their foods.

Fortunately, they can go "nuts," as naturally gluten-free almonds can be used in an extensive variety of ways, bringing a balance of taste and texture to a host of recipe favorites.

"Maintaining a gluten-free diet can be challenging for many people, especially when it comes to avoiding classic baked favorites, like breads, cookies and cakes," says John Csukor, chef and CEO of KOR Food Innovation, and an expert in creating gluten-free recipes. "Almonds provide those living with celiac disease or otherwise avoiding gluten with the flexibility to enjoy the foods they love in a way that is healthful without compromising taste."

Try these tips to turn a typical recipe into a gluten-free feast:

• Almond flour is essential in gluten-free baking; replacing 20 to 25 percent of a gluten-free flour mix with almond flour can result in a more tender crumb in cookies or cakes.

• Toasted, slivered almonds can be added to breakfast parfaits to provide a decadent flavor and satisfying crunch.

• Chopped almonds can take the place of crunchy croutons in hearty dinner salads.

• Ground almonds can be used instead of traditional breadcrumbs to coat chicken or fish.

• Whole almonds are always a great go-to party snack when enjoyed plain or seasoned.

Visit www.AlmondBoard.com/gluten-free for nutrition information, helpful tips for living gluten-free, and delicious gluten-free recipes, such as Almond Alfajores (pictured), a delectable sandwich cookie filled with dulce de leche.



Gluten-Free Almond Alfajores

Makes: 12 sandwich cookies

1 1/2 cups almond flour
1/2 cup potato starch
1 teaspoon gluten-free baking powder
1 pinch ground anise
1 stick unsalted butter, softened
3/4 cups confectioner's sugar, plus more for dusting
2 egg yolks
Juice of one 1/4 lemon
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup coarsely chopped natural almonds
1 cup (about) of dulce de leche (store bought, gluten-free)

Sift together almond flour, potato starch, baking powder and anise; set aside.

Cream butter and sugar in electric mixer until light and fluffy.

Add egg yolks one at a time; continue to beat. Add lemon juice and vanilla; beat again until light and fluffy. Fold in dry ingredients.

Turn out dough on work surface lined with potato starch; use your hands to gently pat dough together. Roll dough into a 2 1/2-inch-diameter log.

Roll log in chopped almonds; cover in plastic wrap and freeze for 30 to 45 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Using wire cheese cutter or sharp knife, cut dough into 1/4-inch slices. Place 1/2-inch apart on parchment-lined baking sheet, patting each cookie with your fingers as necessary to ensure it's circular.

Bake for 15 to 17 minutes, until lightly golden. Let cool completely.

Spoon generous tablespoon of dulce de leche onto underside of half of cookies.

Create sandwiches with the remaining cookies, gently pressing down. Dust with confectioner's sugar and serve, or keep tightly wrapped for up to 4 days.

Courtesy of Family Features

Chocolate and health benefits

Every day, more and more health benefits are being associated with chocolate and Americans are in the know - nine in ten Americans are aware of the health benefits associated with cocoa and dark chocolate, according to HealthFocus. But, the truth is, the benefits come from the cocoa flavanols - not from how dark the chocolate is or the percent of cocoa, also known as cacao.

Cocoa flavanols are good-for-you phytonutrients found in nature; no other food on Earth can match its particular blend of flavanols. "As you age, your blood vessels may become less flexible and less able to expand when needed to keep circulation running smoothly. Cocoa flavanols are scientifically proven to help support healthy circulation by helping your blood vessels stay flexible and expand as needed, even as you age," says Bonnie Taub-Dix, registered dietitian. "Heart, brain and eye health - even exercise performance - depend on a healthy circulatory system, which supports your overall health."

Although all chocolate is made from cocoa beans, a natural and abundant source of cocoa flavanols, not all chocolate or cocoa-based products contain cocoa flavanols, because most traditional cocoa handling and processing procedures can destroy them. "That's why the color of the chocolate and the percent of cocoa are not reliable indicators of the level of cocoa flavanols," continues Taub-Dix. "Gentle handling and processing of the cocoa bean, from harvesting of the bean through delivery of product, are critical in preserving the cocoa flavanols."

Guaranteed cocoa flavanol levels can be found in CocoaVia, a powdered daily cocoa extract supplement that delivers 250 mg of powerful cocoa flavanols in every serving. It is offered in both chocolate and fruit flavors. The delicious chocolate flavors feature both unsweetened and sweetened options. The refreshing fruit flavored varieties come in Summer Citrus and Cran-Raspberry. These supplements are made using a patented process that preserves cocoa flavanols at the highest concentration available and is the only product that offers cocoa extract made from 100 percent pure cocoa.

To learn more and to win daily prizes, connect with CocoaVia via its Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/CocoaVia and play the "You. Renewed." instant win game for a chance to collect free samples, discounts and a $5,000 grand prize. You can also follow CocoaVia on Twitter at @CocoaVia or visit www.CocoaVia.com for more information.

Try this delicious recipe, created by Taub-Dix, which can help you renew and be your inner best.

Chill Smoothie

Makes: 1 smoothie

1/2 cup nonfat vanilla Greek yogurt
1/2 cup skim milk
1/2 ripe banana
1/2 cup frozen raspberries
1 packet dark chocolate unsweetened CocoaVia Cocoa Extract Supplement
1 tablespoon almond butter
3 ice cubes

Combine all ingredients in a blender and mix for one minute.

Courtesy of Family Features

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Summary of Action of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting May 15, 2012

Called to order at 7:00 PM

Members Present: Supervisor Kelly, Treasurer Kooyers, Clerk Rider, Trustees Brushaber, Feinman, Lesser and Maciejewski

Also Present: Patrick Sloan, Director of Planning & Zoning

Absent: None

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, along with General Fund bills totaling $38,587.39, Fire Fund bills totaling $31,056.61, Police Fund bills totaling $39,083.00 and gross Monthly payroll of $21,657.82.

The Board received committee reports from: Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC); Regional Fire Committee; Dexter Tornado Relief Fund Committee.

The Board took the following actions: Directed the PSAC to commence a study on the potential cost of a permanent fire station, storm warning system, and associated maintenance costs; Agreed to enter into a contract with Harry Fox, Inc., for two days operation of a grinder to assist with the continued clean-up efforts from the tornado, permitting township residents to bring tree stumps and tree debris to the grinder for disposal at no charge to the residents; Approved fireworks display permits for the Portage Lake Area Community Service Organization (PLACSO – July 7), North Lake Area Community Service Organization (NLACSO – July 7), and the Hudson Mills Metropark (July 3).

The Board also approved a contract with the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) for preventive maintenance to the roads in the Fox Ridge Site Condominium, with full funding from the Fox Ridge Homeowners' Association; Extended the AT&T METRO Act right-of-way permit for three years; Authorized up to $500 to process and print a Public Safety News Letter to be included with the summer tax bills.

The Board also directed that the plans for the repaving of the Township Hall parking lot, along with related improvements, be sent to the Planning Commission for consideration.

The Board entered into closed session to discuss a potential real estate transaction, and in open session, authorized the Township Supervisor to enter into negotiations on the property at the south-east former of N. Territorial and Dexter Town Hall roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Harley B. Rider, Clerk, Dexter Township
Summary approved by
Pat A. Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township

Publish May 24, 2012

Washtenaw County
Legal Notice:

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Commissary Services for the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office WCSO Jail, which is located at 2201 Hogback Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. The Pre-Bidders Conference will be at the WSCO on June 1st at 4 PM. Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Washtenaw County Finance/Purchasing Department located at 220 North Main Street, Room B-35, Lower Level, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. RFP 6675 Due: June 14, 2012 by 3 PM local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or logon to our website at http://bids.ewashtenaw.org and click on "open bids".

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Legal Notice:

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Landscaping & Maintenance Services. There is a MANDATORY Pre-Bid meeting scheduled for 9:00am on Tuesday, June 5, 2012. Meet at Purchasing Department, located at 220 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor. RFP 6677 Due: Monday, June 11, 2012 by 4:00 pm local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-6760 or logon to our website at http://bids.ewashtenaw.org and click on "open bids".

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VILLAGE OF DEXTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2012-2013 MILLAGE RATE AND PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Council will hold a public hearing Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the proposed 2012-2013 Millage Rate and the Proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget.

The proposed millage rate for real and personal property is 14.6678 levied as:

General Operating - 9.8807
Streets - 3.952
General Obligation Debt - 0.8351

Information regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 Budget is available for public inspection at the Village Office, on the second floor of the PNC Bank Building, 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI weekdays between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm and online at http://www.villageofdexter.org on the Reference Desk.

Statement as required by MCL 141.412 – "The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing"

Donna Dettling
Village Manager

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SYNOPSIS OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES
LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge to The Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laier. Also present several residents and guests.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laier to approve the Agenda with the following additions: Under old business, CACA site plan extension request, under new business, designate temporary zoning administrator, under correspondence, resignation of current zoning administrator, e-mail requesting information on West Hershey Lane property and blight notification letter.

Motion by Laier, supported by McKenzie to approve as printed, the minutes of the April 9, 2012 regular meeting and the April 30, 2012 work session.

The Treasurers' report was received.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laier to acknowledge the WAVE invoice and fund WAVE $1000.00, and amend the Lima Township Budget to allow for that amount to be provided to WAVE. Ayes: Bareis, Laier, McKenzie and Unterbrink. Nays: Havens. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie, supported by Laier to inform the Washtenaw County Road Commission that Lima Township intends to allocate the remaining matching funds to one of the following: Minor surface road gravel applications, or the Wylie Road Project as outlined in the 2012 WCRC Annual Meeting Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Unterbrink, supported by Laier to grant an additional two year extension, for the CACA site plan completion, to June 1, 2014, as outlined in their letter dated May 14, 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by Havens, supported by Bareis, to appoint Elizabeth Sensoli as Lima township representative to the Chelsea District Library to complete the term of Kathrine Frisinger, to December 31, 2013. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie, supported by Bareis to authorize the Clerk to send a letter to Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, indicating the review of the Lima Township Section 9 property nomination has been made, and outline the comments of Lima Township. The following comments are noted; The loss of tax base for all agencies, increased traffic on Trinkle Road, possible trespassing onto private parcels, no hunting allowed, (permitted hunting should be allowed at Washtenaw County Parks in Lima Township), preserves open space and wetlands, and is reasonably consistent with the Lima Township Master Plan. Property line fencing is requested. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier, supported by Bareis to grant Lenny Calus a one year extension for his proposed private road variance, to June 1, 2013. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier supported by Havens, that Lima Township approach Tom Caplis, to request he serve as temporary zoning administrator for Lima Township for a period of 90 days at a rate not to exceed $19.00 per hour, three hours per week, or as needed. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier, supported by McKenzie to pay bills as submitted, and any others as may be required. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier, supported by Havens to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk

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WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

Webster Township Regular Board Meeting
May 15, 2012

The Webster Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, by Supervisor John Kingsley on May 15, 2012 at the Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Road Dexter, MI 48130.

Members present: Supervisor: John Kingsley, Clerk: Mary Dee Heller, Treasurer: Carol Whitney, Trustees: Gary Koch, Charles Estleman, Richard Kleinschmidt, John Westman, Zoning Administrator Bruce Pindzia and 1 citizen.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag:

Approve Minutes
Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to approve the minutes of the Webster Township Board of Trustees Board Meetings on April 17 & 24, 2012 as amended. All ayes and carried.

Supervisor Remarks

Approve Agenda
Motion Koch second Whitney to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes and carried.

Public Hearing: Deletion of Section 5 B of the Webster Township Private Road Ordinance

Supervisor Kingsley opened the Public Meeting at 7:40 pm

No public comment

Supervisor Kinsley closed the Public Meeting at 7:41 pm

Call to Public

Reports

A. **Treasurer's Report:**
Motion Heller second Estleman to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented as well as those anticipated bills received before June meeting. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

B. **Planning Commission:**
Report received.

C. **Parks & Recreation Committee:**
No report received.

D. **Zoning Inspectors Report:**
Report received.

E. **Sheriff's Report:**
Report received.

F. **Zoning Board of Appeals:**
Report received.

G. **PDR Committee:**
Report received.

H. **Fire Department:**
Report received.

Old Business:

New Business:

A: **Nixon Fireworks**
Motion Heller second Kleinschmidt to approve festival permits and displays on the dates as presented to us in the May 2nd & 7th requests to this board. All ayes and carried. See attached.

B. **Webster Township Private Road Ordinance Section 5 B**
Motion Estleman second Heller to delete section 5 B of the Webster Township Private Road Ordinance 92-5, last revised on 3-21-2006. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

C. **Winter Tax Due Date**
Motion Westman second Heller to change the winter 2012 tax due date to February 14th 2013. All ayes and carried.

D. **Copy Machine**
Discussion took place

E. **Computer Support**
Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to approve the expenditure of up to $500 to Steven Whitney for Website support work. Roll call vote: Koch aye, Kleinschmidt aye, Estleman aye, Kingsley Aye, Heller aye, Whitney abstained, Westman aye. Motion passes 6-0

Correspondence

Call to Public

Adjourn
Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

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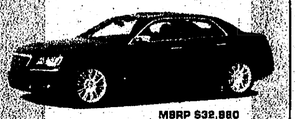


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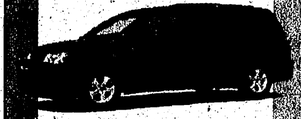


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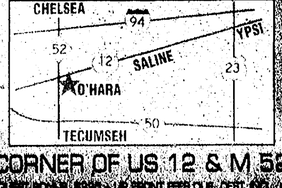
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Garage/Rummage Sales 2160

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ALLEN PARK: 6574 Shenandoah, May 25-26; 9a-5p. Harley Davidson Motorcycles (gear & accessories) clothes, utility trailer, household, books, toys, tools...

ALLEN PARK 7174 Shenandoah; May 24-25; 9a-4p. Depression glass, toys, more.

ALLEN PARK - 8065 Buckingham; May 24-26, 10-3pm, no early birds; multi-family sale!

ALLEN PARK: 9295 Ruth Ave. May 25-28, 10-6 p.m. Pool cues, bikes. No early birds!

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BROWNSTOWN: HUGE 5 Family Garage Sale, 25544 Van Horn (btw. Telegraph & Inkster), May 24-26, 9-5pm.

CHELSEA - 515 S. East St. May 25-26; 9-3pm. Furniture, toys, clothing, household misc.

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Garage/Rummage Sales 2160

CHELSEA: 5 family garage sale, Thur-Fri May 24-25 8-4pm, 144 Dewey St., Children's clothes & toys, Like new designer purses, Dog crates, books, misc., more

DEARBORN: 2416 Academy, Fri. 5/25 & Sat. 5/26 9am-4pm. 2 Family Garage Sale!

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DEARBORN: Estate Sale 1815 Kingsbury, May 24-26, 9-4p Furn., household, & some tools

Auctions/Estate Sales 2040

Garage/Rummage Sales 2160

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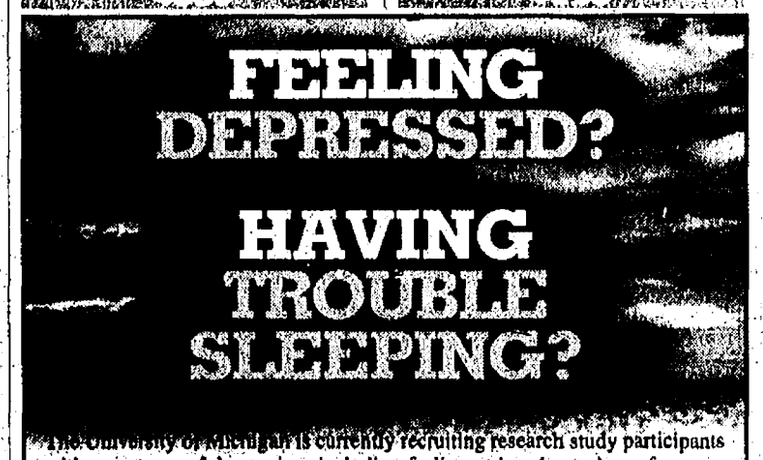
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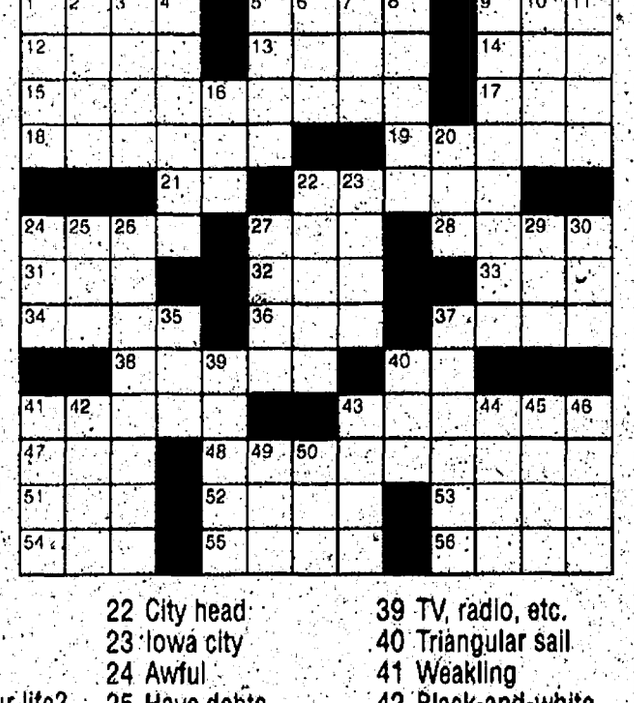
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5 Bit of derring-do
9 Wager
12 Top-notch
13 Jason's ship
14 "Go, team!"
15 Fictional girl detective
17 Work with
18 Plumed military hats
19 Host
21 Type measure
22 Donny's sister
24 Brazen
27 Highland hat
28 Skirt feature, maybe
31 Shock and -
32 Catcher's place?
33 A billion years
34 Accomplishment
36 Dawn goddess
37 Penny
38 Marine from Mayberry
40 "Little Women" woman
41 Less improved
43 Mountain range
47 A Gershwin
48 Super Bowl XLIV MVP
51 Chaps
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55 Vacationing
56 Art Deco pioneer

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26 "Shampoo" Oscar winner
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29 Charged bit
30 Stick with a kick
35 Two, in Tijuana
37 Strong-arm
39 TV, radio, etc.
40 Triangular sail
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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVEN P. 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 "Mortgagee"), 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 06°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

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

Legal Notices 1050

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.
Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by STEVEN P. 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 "Mortgagee"), dated November 21, 2005, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw County, Michigan on December 7, 2005, in Liber 4525, Page 639 (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 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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Garage/Estate Sales 3000

DEARBORN: Multi family sale 3205 Vassar St. May 24-25, 9-4p May 26, 9-2p. Furn., video's CD's household & more

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LINCOLN PARK: 2135 Reo, May 25-26, 9-2p Home interior, lawn/garden tools, Misc. tool, camping & sports equip, jewelry and some collectibles hundreds of items priced $1 or less everything must go

HUGE SALE
LINCOLN PARK: 666 Lincoln., May 24-28, May 31-June 3rd, 8 to 5pm. Collectible and Much More this Year!!!

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MELVINDALE - 18875 Prospect, huge garage sale, loads of misc, May 25-26, 9-5pm.

MILAN: 3372 Judd (E. of Platt, S. of Willis), May 23-24, 9-4, 2 Family Sale, $0.50 cent clothes & books

MILAN 5 family garage sale 276 County st., May 24-25, 9am

MULTI-FAMILY sale! Tools, household, clothes, hunting/camping, lawn decor., Memorial Weekend, Fri-Mon; 9a-5p. 13724 Maywood, Southgate.

Pittsfield Twp - May 24-25th, 9-3pm, 2 locations! 7727 Crane & 4343 Bemis, Multi-Family!!!

RIVERVIEW- Huge Yard Sale
17647 Brinson
May 24-26; 9-5pm

SALINE- 356 W. Bennett St.; May 24-26; 8-4pm; power tools, Amish fireplace, and something for everyone!

SALINE Moving Sale! Yorkshire Hills Sub. 9252 Cambridge Dr. May 25; 9-5p. May 26; 9-1p. Many household items w/ furniture, kitchen ware, 10K generator, hand tools, clothes, much more!

SALINE: Multi family Sale, Park place condominiums (off Clark St.) May 25-26 8-4pm

SOUTHGATE: Estate Sale 14710 Brest St. May 26, Saturday only 9-5

TAYLOR: 10130 Katherine (at Kinyon), May 26-27, 9am-4pm, household, clothing, furniture, video games & more!

TAYLOR: 15078 Gage St., May 26-27, 10-4pm, Plus size clothes,Tools, No Early Birds

TAYLOR: 23011 Bernard St. May 24-26, 9-4pm. Don't Miss This One !! HARLEY DAVIDSON - Parts, acces., clothing, & much more!

TAYLOR: 24601 Ward. Keyboard, golf clubs, patio set, lady's clothes misc. May 24-27; 9-4:30p.

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TAYLOR: Moving Sale 10626 Katherine, May 26-27 9-5 Everything must go!

TAYLOR - small organ & lots of everything. 11647 West Point, May 24-26, 9am-4pm.

YPSILANTI: Depot Town Flea Market. 100 Market Place Sunday's May - Oct. 8-5pm For more info: 734-340-4241

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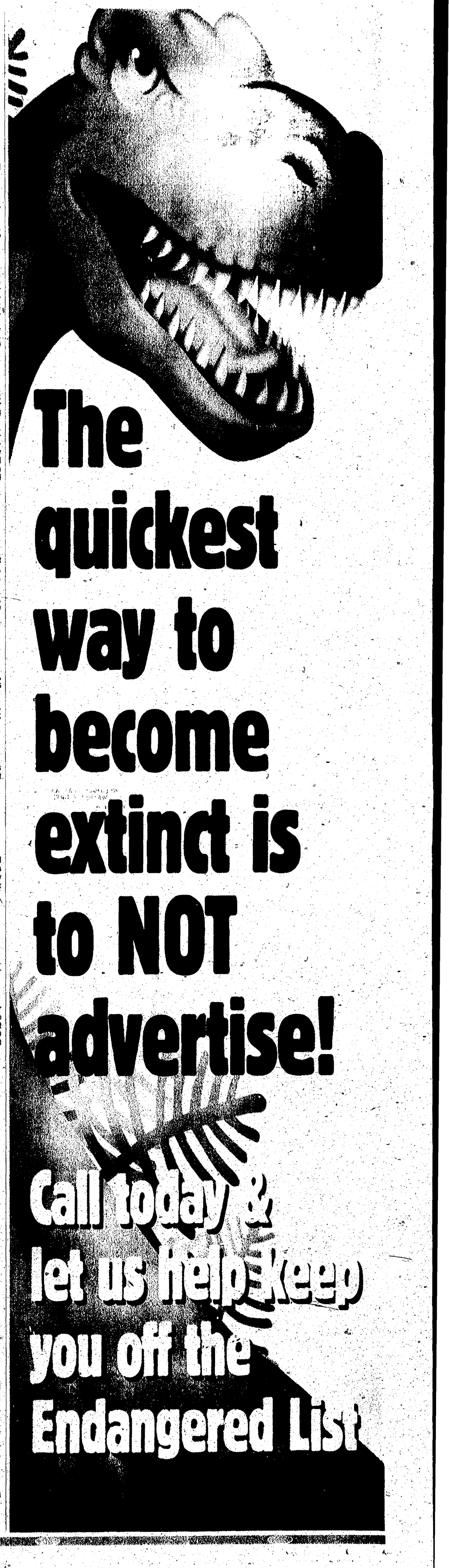
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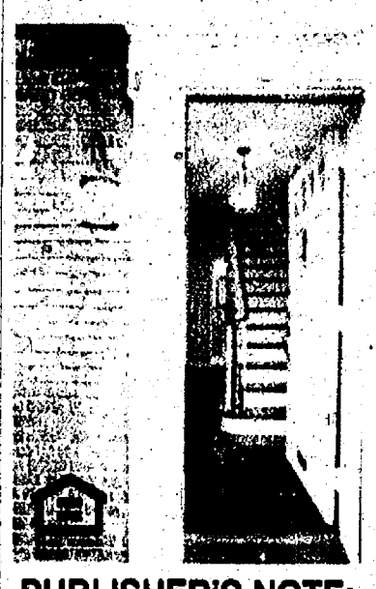




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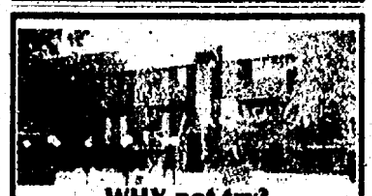
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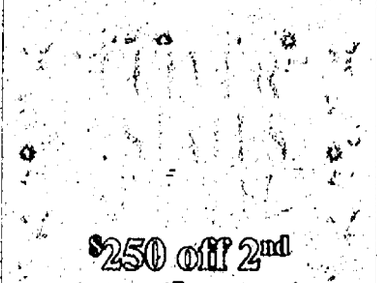
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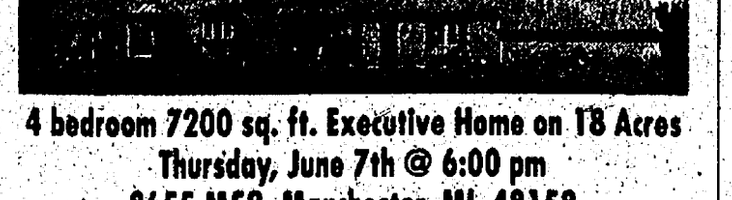
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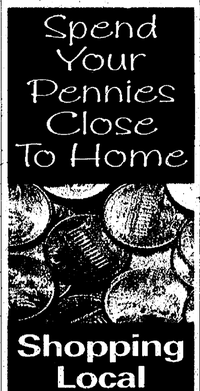
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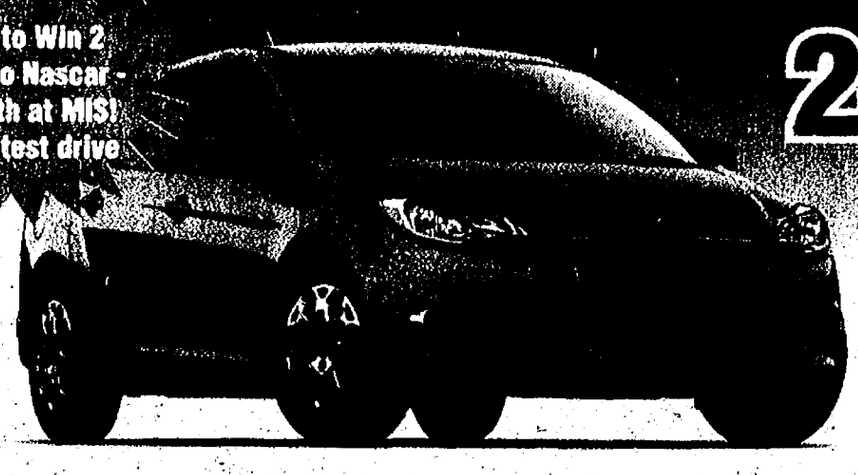
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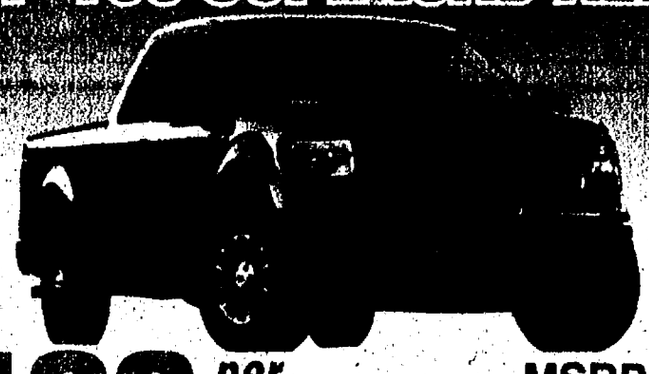


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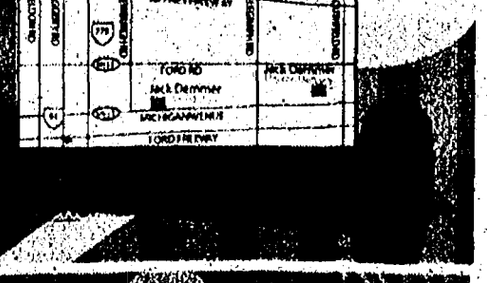
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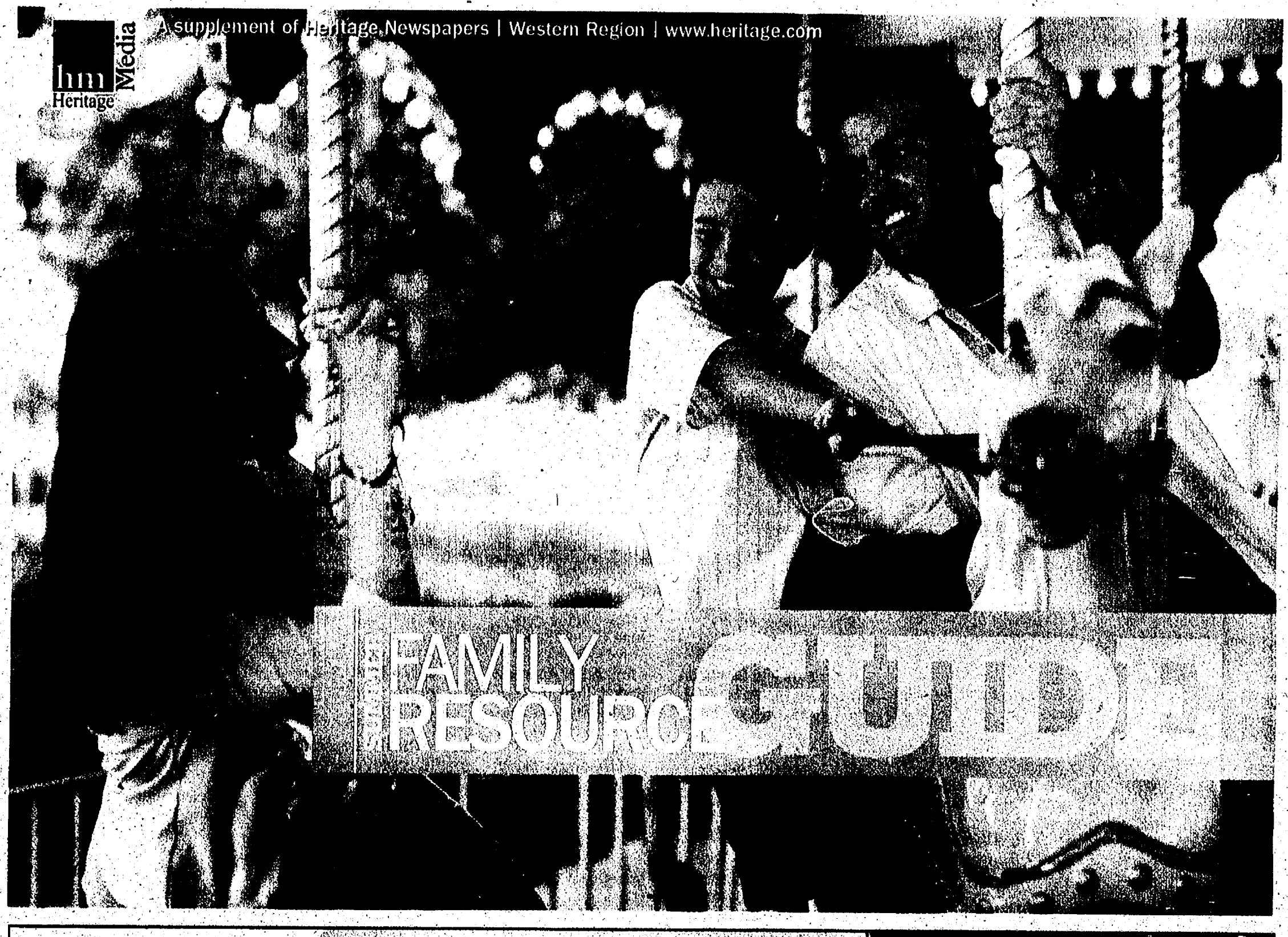
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MAY

• **Bonnie Raitt: Ann Arbor Summer Festival May 25,** Hill Auditorium

• **Birding for Beginners May 26,** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **"Journey to Freedom" Underground Railroad Bus Tour May 26,** African-American Cultural and Historical Museum, Ann Arbor

• **Great Lakes Special Stockdog Trials: Southeast Michigan Australian Shepherd Association May 26,** Imagine Farm, Manchester

• **International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) Match May 26,** Tri-County Sportsman's League, Saline

• **Pops Concert: Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra May 26,** Riverside Park

• **Memorial Day Democratic Ride: Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society May 28,** Wheeler Park, Ann Arbor

• **Memorial Day Parades May 28,** Glacier Area Homeowners
Saline
Dexter
Chelsea
Manchester

• **Milan Community Fair Parade May 31**

• **Milan Community Fair May 31-June 2**

• **Milan Fair Fireworks June 1**

JUNE

• **Tractor and Engine Show June 1, 2,** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Ya'ssoo Greek Festival June 1-3,** St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Ann Arbor

• **"Dressage at Waterloo" June 1-3,** Waterloo Hunt Club

• **Waterloo Farm Museum June 1 to Sept. 2,** Weekend tours

• **African American Downtown Festival June 1, 2,** Ann Arbor

• **Wet Plate Weekend June 2, 3,** Waterloo Farm Museum

• **Bird Hike June 2,** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Taste of Ann Arbor June 2, 3,** Downtown Ann Arbor

• **Chelsea Painters Art Fair June 2, 3,** Chelsea Community Hospital

• **Chelsea Garden Walk: Chelsea Area Garden Club/The Garden Mill June 2,** Chelsea

Ice Cream Social: Dexter Senior Center June 2 Monument Park, Dexter

• **Dexter-Ann Arbor Run June 3**

• **Saline Rec Center Open House June 3**

• **Chelsea Area Golf Outing June 5,** Reddeman Farms Golf Course

• **Saline Mid-Week Farmers Market June 5,** District Library parking lot

• **"Sounds and Sights on Thursday Nights" June 7 to Aug. 16,** Chelsea

• **Civil War Days at Gordon Hall June 8-10,** Dexter

• **Ann Arbor Green Fair June 8,** Downtown Ann Arbor

• **Saline Area Chamber of Commerce 2012 Golf Outing June 8,** Stonebridge Golf Club

• **Family Fun Day June 9,** Two Twelve Arts Center, Saline

• **22nd Annual Garden Walk June 9,** Ann Arbor

• **Horse Show: Spur of the Moment Club June 10,** Woodbine Farm, Lima Township

• **Fishing Fun, June 10** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Grillin' for Food Gatherers June 10,** Farm Council Grounds

• **Ann Arbor Restaurant Week, June 10-15**

• **Summer Music Series June 14,** Saline

• **Ann Arbor Summer Festival June 15-July 8**

• **Dexter Summer Concert Series, Starts June 15,** Gazebo, Monument Park

• **Movie in the Park June 15,** Tefft Park, Saline

• **Ann Arbor Antiques Market June 16, 17,** Farm Council Grounds

• **Ann Arbor Marathon, Half Marathon, 5k: Champions For Charity June 17,** Ann Arbor

• **Father's Day Fishing June 17,** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Mini Fest June 15, 22, 24,** Kerrytown Concert House

• **Ann Arbor Marathon June 17**

• **Summer Music Series June 21** Saline

• **Relay for Life, Manchester June 22, 23**

• **Tri Kids Tri: Epic Races June 23** Portage Lake, Waterloo Recreation Area

• **Amazing Amphibians June 23** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Relay for Life June 23** Liberty School, Saline

• **Sportscars to Saline June 23** Downtown Saline

• **Relay for Life, Ypsilanti June 23, 24** Eastern Michigan University

• **Relay for Life of Ann Arbor June 23, 24** Washtenaw Community College

• **Gazebo Concerts Thursday evenings, late June through early August** Wurster Park, Manchester

• **Blacksmiths, Soldiers & Log Cabin Weekend June 23, 24** Waterloo Farm Museum

• **Tri Goddess: Epic Races June 24** Portage Lake, Waterloo Recreation Area

• **Juneteenth June 26,** Ann Arbor

• **Summer Music Series June 28,** Saline

• **The Great Race June 30, July 1,** Ypsilanti Heritage Auto Museum,

• **German Park Picnic June 30,** Ann Arbor

• **Manchester Golf Outing June 30**

JULY

• **Fireworks July 3,** Carr Park, Manchester

• **Fireworks, Huron Mills Metropark July 3**

• **Manchester Community Fair Parade July 3**

• **Manchester Community Fair July 3-7,** Alumni Memorial Field

• **Ann Arbor Firecracker 5K July 4,** Downtown Ann Arbor

• **Independence Day Celebrations July 4,** Cobblestone Farm, Ann Arbor

• **Summer Music Series July 5,** Saline

• **Camaro Superfest July 6-8,** Riverside Park, Ypsilanti

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• **Bird Hike July 7,** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **National Unicycle Convention July 10-13,** Saline

• **Summer Music Series July 12** Saline

• **Saline Celtic Festival July 12-14** Mill Pond Park

• **Rolling Sculpture Car Show July 13,** Downtown Ann Arbor

• **Michigan Elvis Fest July 13, 14,** Ypsilanti

• **Kids' Insect Hunt July 14,** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Jackson Road Cruise July 14,** Ann Arbor

• **Ann Arbor Antiques Market July 14, 15,** Farm Council Grounds

• **Fishing Fun July 15,** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Huron River Day July 15,** Gallup Park, Ann Arbor

• **Townie Street Party July 16,** Downtown Ann Arbor

• **Manchester Chicken Broil July 19,** Chi-Bro Park

• **Ann Arbor Art Fairs July 18-21**

• **Summer Music Series, July 19,** Saline

• **Movie in the Park & Family Camp Out July 20,** Mill Pond Park, Saline

• **Windmill Tour July 22,** Saline

• **He Tried, She Tried Triathlon: Epic Races July 22,** Portage Lake, Waterloo Recreation Area

• **4-H Youth Show July 22-27,** Farm Council Grounds

• **Sounds & Sights Festival July 26-28,** Downtown Chelsea

• **Summer Music Series July 26,** Saline

• **Michigan Summer Beer Festival July 27-28,** Riverside Park, Ypsilanti

• **German Park Picnic July 28,** Ann Arbor

• **A Dog Day of Summer July 28,** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Riverfolk Festival July 31-Aug. 4,** Manchester

AUGUST

• **Faerie Festival Aug. 2,** Adrian Street, Manchester

• **Summer Music Series Aug. 2,** Saline

• **Run Manchester Aug. 4,** Main Street Bridge

• **Milan Car Fest Aug. 4,** Wilson Memorial Park, Milan

• **Milan Summer Fest Aug. 4**

• **Bird Hike Aug. 4** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Thunder Over Michigan Air Show Aug. 4, 5,** Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti

• **Fishing Fun Aug. 5,** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Milan Blue Grass Festival Aug. 9-11,** KC Campground, Milan

• **Michigan's Longest Garage Sale along US-12 Aug. 10-12**

• **Dexter Daze Aug. 10, 11**

• **Saline Summerfest Aug. 10, 11**

• **5K Walk/Run Aug. 11,** Saline

• **Pet Emporium Pet Fest Aug. 11, 12,** Farm Council Grounds

• **Antique Tractor and Equipment Show Aug. 11,12,** Waterloo Farm Museum

• **Ecological Restoration Volunteer Workday: Huron-Clinton Metroparks Aug. 11,** Dexter-Huron Metropark

• **Huron River Cleanup Aug. 11,** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Kids in the Creek Aug. 12,** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Swim To The Moon: Epic Races Aug. 12,** North Star Reach Camp, Pinckney

• **Summer Music Series—Fiddlers Restrung Aug. 16,** Downtown Saline

• **Ypsilanti Heritage Festival Aug. 17, 18, 19,** Riverside Park, Ypsilanti

• **Ann Arbor Antiques Market Aug. 18, 19,** Farm Council Grounds

• **Battle of Waterloo: Epic Races Aug.19,** Portage Lake, Waterloo Recreation Area

• **Chelsea Community Fair Aug. 21-25**

• **Movie in the Park Aug. 24,** Liberty School, Saline

• **German Park Picnic Aug. 25,** Ann Arbor

• **Ecological Restoration Volunteer Workday: Huron-Clinton Metroparks August 25,** Hudson Mills Metropark

• **Tri Goddess Tri Half Distance: Epic Races Aug. 26,** Portage Lake, Waterloo Recreation Area

• **Saline Community Fair Aug. 28-Sept. 3,** Farm Council Grounds

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Sounds & Sights kicks off summer fun in Chelsea

Chelsea's official start of the summer begins with Sounds & Sights on Thursday nights, starting a week earlier this year on June 7.

The 11-week summer entertainment series features music and children's entertainment performing at multiple stages around the city's downtown area.

The 2012 lineup features musicians across Michigan, including returning favorites like Bill Bynum & Co. and Creole Du Nord.

In addition to regular weekly performances until Aug. 16, Sounds & Sights will take over the streets of Chelsea July 26-28 for the Sounds & Sights Festival.

Stages for the event will be located throughout the downtown from the Clocktower complex to the library, and certain streets will be blocked off to accommodate food stations and stages.

Additional information about Sounds & Sights and the Sounds & Sights Festival is available by visiting www.chelseafestivals.com/soundsights.

The Chelsea Painters Art Fair precedes Sounds & Sights and takes place June 2-3 in the courtyard of Silver Maples of Chelsea.

The courtyard is a new setting for the fair this year, and this year's event will be the Chelsea Painters 39th art fair. Silver Maples is near Chelsea Community Hospital at 100 Silver Maples Drive.

As the summer draws to a close, the city will have its community fair at the Chelsea Fairgrounds, Aug. 21-25.

For more information about the fair, visit chelseafair.org.

Ann Arbor offers fun activities throughout summer

"Tree Town" offers a huge variety of summer fun; here are just a few places to entertain your family.

• The free "4th Annual Classics at the City Club Car Show" is set for noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw.

• The Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society's Memorial Day Democratic Ride will take place Sunday, starting from Wheeler Park, N. Fourth Ave.

• The 28th annual Memorial Day Observance will be held 2 p.m. Sunday at Arborcrest Memorial Park, 2521 Glazier Way, with congressman John Dingell and other speakers, veteran associations, Boy Scout troops, and bugle salute.

• June kicks off with the Ya'ssoo Greek Festival, June 1 to 3 at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 3109 Scio Church Road; and the African American Downtown Festival, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. June 1-2, Fourth Avenue between Ann and Catherine, with crafts, merchandise, food, kids' activities, music, drama and dance.

• Take your taste buds downtown for the Taste of Ann Arbor, June 3, Main Street between William and Washington.

• The City of Ann Arbor's Green Fair, 6 to 9 p.m. June 8, on Main between William and Huron, will feature a clean energy expo, alternative fuel vehicles, live music, and kids activities.

• The 22nd Annual Garden Walk, hosted by the Women's National Farm & Garden Association, will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 9, with visits to 6 private gardens.

• Ann Arbor Restaurant Week, with its slogan "one price dining, one week, several options," will run June 10-15.

• The Ann Arbor Summer Festival brings fun, food, dance, theater, and music to town June 15 through July 8, with Top of the Park concerts, movies and family activities Tuesdays through Sundays. Visit annarborsummerfestival.org.

• Juneteenth, celebrating the announcement of the end of slavery in Texas and the Southwest in June 1865, will be celebrated June 26 at Wheeler Park with music, games, kid's activities and more.

• Three German Park Picnics are planned, with the first 4 to 11 p.m. June 30, and others on July 28 and Aug. 25, at 5549 Pontiac Trail.

• The American Cancer Society 24-hour Relay for Life of Ann Arbor starts 10 a.m. June 23 at Washtenaw Community College.

• The Fourth of July will be celebrated with the Ann Arbor Firecracker 5K and Kids Dash 100 meters, a fund-raiser for Champions for Charity, 8 a.m. Fourth and Liberty. Participants will finish just in time for a 4th of July Parade.

• More than 400 antique, classic and concept cars will be displayed in the Rolling Sculpture Car Show 2 to 10 p.m. July 13, downtown Ann Arbor.

• The 4th annual Jackson Road Cruise is set for 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 14, on Jackson Road between Weber's Inn and Lowe's. The event includes a display of hundreds of classic and custom cars, a parade, entertainment and other activities.

• Huron River Day on July 15 offers fun in Gallup Park, with discounted canoe and kayak rentals, 1-mile run, a 5K walk and run, live music, food vendors, and a children's activity tent.

• The popular Townie Street Party gets under way at 5 p.m. July 16 on East Washington Street between Thayer and Fletcher and on Ingalls Mall. The event is a kick-off fundraiser for the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, set for July 18 to 21. Four fairs – Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, State Street Area Art Fair Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair and South University Art Fair – draw artists and crowds, who also enjoy free concerts and a variety of food and drink vendors.

For more information visit www.artfair.org.



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Milan's summer activites

Milan offers a variety of fun events to fill the summer months, including the fast action at the Milan Dragway, 10860 Plank Road, where the excitement runs through November.

The squeals on wheels events include Nostalgia Drags, Muscle Cars, Mustang Racers, Junior Drags, and more.

For more information, email info@milandragway.com, call 439-2617, or visit the website at www.milandragway.com.

Thursday nights will never be the same, once you've experienced the BackStreet CruiZers' weekly meets from May 17 to Aug. 23 at Wilson Memorial Park on Wabash Street across from Ford Park.

The CruiZers, whose motto is "It's Never Too Late to Have a Happy Childhood," also will host the 16th Annual Milan Car Fest, Aug. 4 at the park.

Over 30 awards will include Best of Show, People's Choice, Sponsor's Trophy, and the aptly named Blood, Sweat & Tears Award. The event will feature cars and trucks from 1949 and older up to the present day. Gates open at 10 a.m., and the show gets under way at noon.

For more information, visit http://backstreetcruizers.smugmug.com.

The annual Milan Chicken Broil Dinner is set for 5 to 7 p.m. May 25 at People's Presbyterian Church, 210 Smith St. The event honors military veterans and net proceeds will go to the VA Ann arbor Health Care System. Advance tickets are required; for ticket information, call 439-1922.

The Milan Community Fair will run May 31 to June 2. The fair parade, with the theme "Wild, Wild West," will get under way at 6:30 p.m. May 31 with participants lining up at 5:30 p.m. on Marvin Street behind Milan Middle School.

Events include the Annual Cruise with the Back Street Cruizers, Milan Idol karaoke contest, live music from Time Machine, a western saloon, baby contest, and fireworks on the Friday night. Saturday is Kids Day.

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Parade starts things in Manchester

The start of summer in Manchester marches into town at 11 a.m. Monday with the Memorial Day Parade, which starts on the Main Street Bridge.

The Community Business Expo happens from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. June 7 on Adrian Street in downtown Manchester, giving patrons the opportunity to get to know the business community better.

Relay for Life will take over the Manchester High School Athletic Field June 22-23.

Gazebo concerts will run from late June to early August every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Wurster Park gazebo. They'll take place in the Emanuel Church Hall in the event of rain.

To celebrate Fourth of July, the Manchester Men's Club sponsors fireworks at Carr Park on July 3.

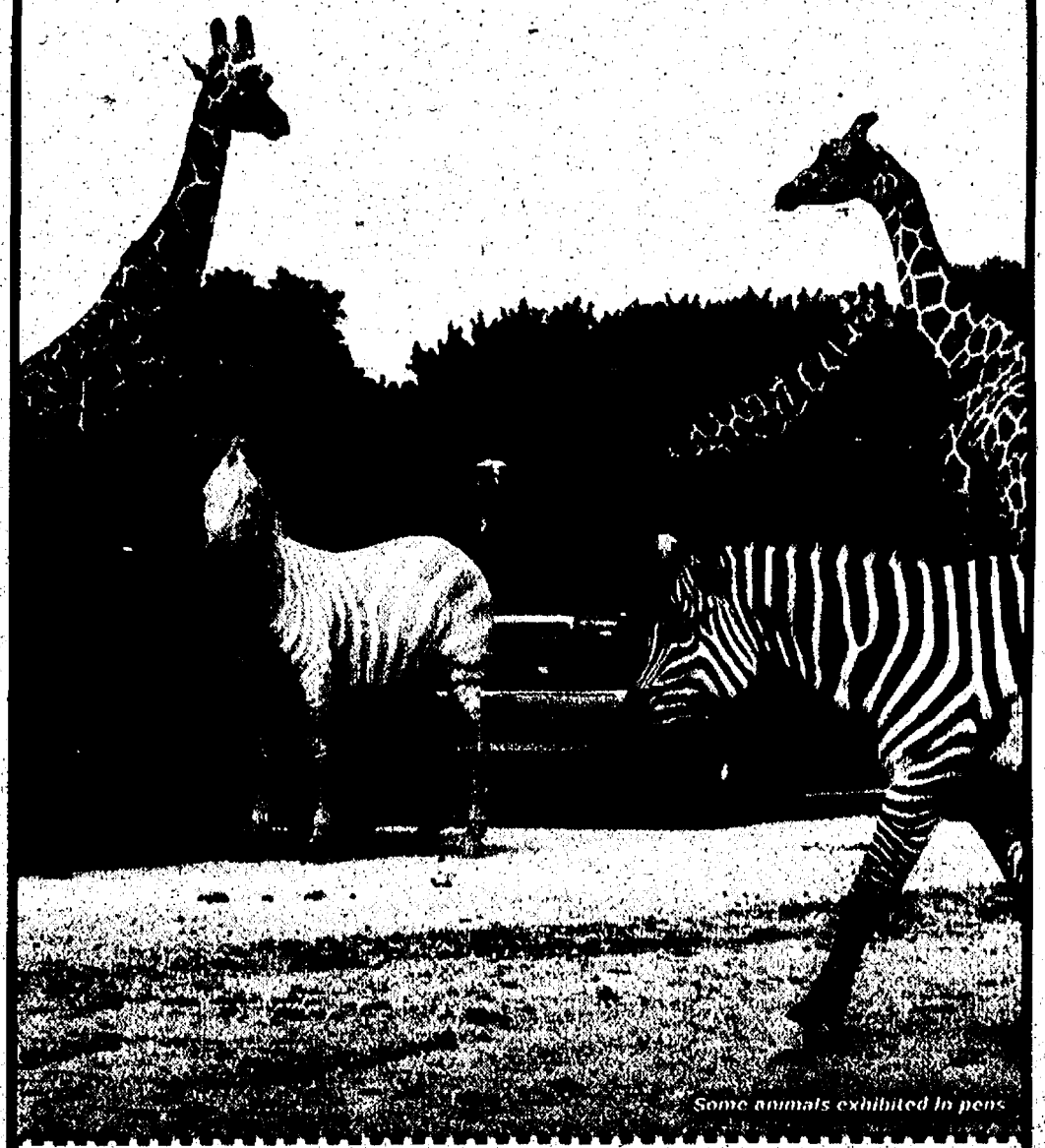
The Manchester Community Fair happens from July 3-7 at the Alumni Memorial Field.

The big event of the summer, the 58th Annual Chicken Broil, takes place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. July 19 at Alumni Memorial Field.

Riverfolk Festival has events in Manchester on July 31 through Aug. 4, with the Jam Camp Experience, Riverfolk at the Gazebo and Party at the Park.

The Faerie Festival happens Aug. 2 during the Manchester Farmer's Market from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Run Manchester will take place Aug. 4 and starts downtown on the Main Street Bridge.

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Ypsi Symphony ushers in summer

The sounds of the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra will usher in summer this year with the Annual Riverside Park Pops Concert at 2 p.m. Saturday at Riverside Park.

Depot Town Bike Night happens 5:30-9 p.m. every Tuesday through October as motorcycles line Cross Street.

The Crossroads Summer Festival will take place June 8. The festival is located on Washington Street, between Pearl and Michigan Avenue and will feature live music.

Relay for Life will take place from 10 a.m. June 23 to 10 a.m. June 24 at Eastern Michigan University's Lake House, 100 College Place.

Depot Town will again fill with motorcycles June 30 for the Ton-Up Motorcycle show on Cross Street and in Riverside Park.

The Great Race old car rally is scheduled July 1 at the Ypsilanti Heritage Auto Museum, 100 E. Cross St.

Riverside Park will also host the 21st Annual Camaro Superfest, July 6-8. Registration runs from 6-9 p.m. July 5 and 7-9 a.m. July 6 at the Marriott at Eagle Crest, 1275 S. Huron St. Visit www.camarosuperfest.com for more information.

Elvis look-alikes will head to town July 13-14 for the Michigan Elvis Fest. Events will take place 5 p.m. to midnight July 13 and noon to midnight July 14 at Riverside Park. Visit mielvisfest.org for additional information.

Local artists will gather to exhibit and sell their work at the Shadow Art Fair on July 21. The 12-hour event beings at 12 p.m. and takes place at 720 Norris Street. Local music, featured brews and other activities be available.

Just in time for the hot July weather, the Michigan Summer Beer Festival will take place July 27-28 in Riverside Park. Friday's events will be held 5-9 p.m. Things pick up again 1-6 p.m. Saturday.

The Ypsilanti Heritage Festival runs Aug. 17-19 in Riverside Park. Area artists, performers and musicians will be on hand to entertain participants.

The Heritage Festival parade will take place at 10 a.m. Aug. 18 and start at Ballard Street and Michigan Avenue.

More information can be found at www.ypsilantiheritagefestival.com.

Summer comes to a close with the Michigan Firehouse Museum Fire Truck Muster from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 25 at 515 E. Cross Street. Fire trucks owners and enthusiasts will display trucks.

Dexter offers a lot of fun for the family

Dexter will have a host of summer entertainment in 2011 with the new addition of Civil War Days and the always-entertaining Dexter-Daze.

Daze will be back for its 40th year, featuring more than 100 artisans and crafters and free entertainment. Originally known as "Sidewalk Days," this year's festivities will be Aug. 10 and 11 and includes a 10 a.m. parade on that Saturday that wraps around the downtown area and features classic cars, floats, horses, tractors and other parade regalia.

Civil War Days, created by the Dexter Area Historical Society, will recreate the Civil War in style at Gordon Hall on June 8-10.

The event will feature open encampments, artillery firing, flag sewing, historic music and more. The Sons of the Union Veterans will be on hand with brown books to help the public discern whether they had family in the army.

There will also be a chance to understand what a day in the life of a military chaplain was like as well as a day in the life of women and children during the Civil War-era.

Saturday night's festivities include a Lincoln Dinner at 6 p.m., complete with President Abraham Lincoln and First Lady Mary Todd impersonators. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance and will cost $125. They can be purchased through Dexter Area Historical Society member Donna Fisher at 734-649-5169 or donnadf@gmail.com. Dinner will begin at 7 p.m., and period dress is suggested.

Kid-friendly activities are also scheduled throughout the celebration, including a games corner, storytelling, children's knitting and a scavenger hunt.

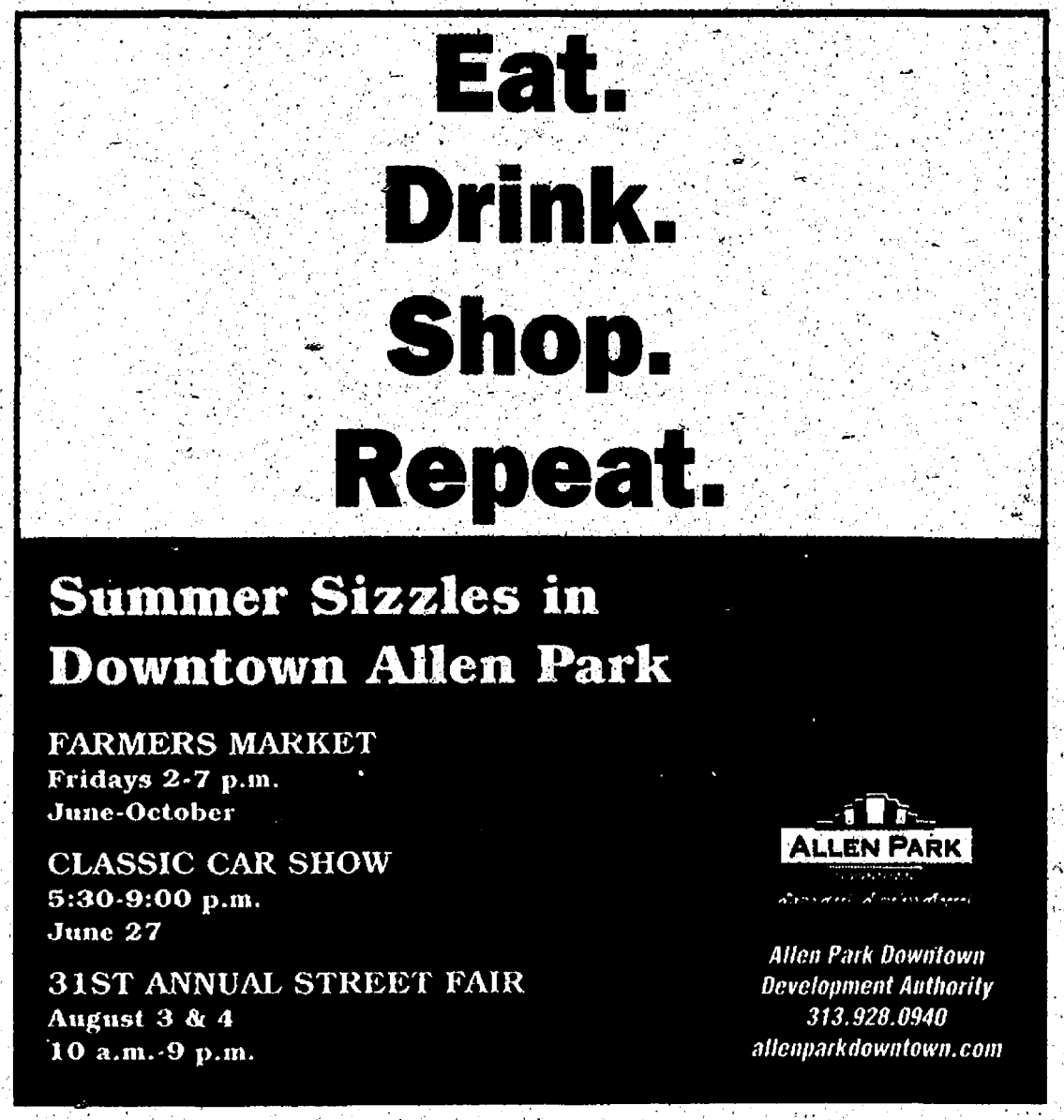
For more information about Dexter Daze, visit dexterdaze.org. For more information about Civil War Days or an updated schedule, visit dextermuseum.org.

Throughout the summer in Dexter, the sounds of various musical acts will be featured in the center of the downtown at Monument Park each Friday night, beginning to June 15 with the Dexter Community Orchestra.

Running for 11 weeks, the Summer Music Series will close on Aug. 31 with the Jake Reichbart Trio.

For more information on the music series, visit dexterchamber.org





Saline area summer events

Summer in Saline offers a variety of fun events for the whole family.

The Memorial Day Parade, hosted by the Saline American Legion, starts 10 a.m. Monday, wending its way from Harris Street down Michigan Avenue to Oakwood Cemetery for a ceremony.

The Rentschler Farm, at 1265 E. Michigan Ave., opened May 5 and welcomes visitors 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

The 212 Arts Center, 216 W. Michigan Ave., will hold a Family Fun Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 9. Visit twotwelvearts.org, or call 944-2787.

The free Summer Music Series starts 7 p.m. June 14 on S. Ann Arbor Street, and will feature entertainment every Thursday, with new bands as well as favorites from previous years. Musicians include Saline Fiddlers, Saline Big Band, The Bluescasters, Toppermost, Cleary Pub Sessions Band, Creole du Nord, Kari Holms, Bill Bynum & Company, Fiddlers ResStrung. If bad weather prevails, concerts will be held at Liberty School.

Bring blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a Movie in the Park, 6:30 p.m. June 15, in Tefft Park. Pre-show activities include an obstacle course, bouncer, sand castle building, concessions, games and more. The movie begins at dusk. The July event, which also features a family camp out, is set for July 20 at Mill Pond Park. The Aug. 24 movie will take place Aug. 24 at Liberty School.

The American Cancer 24-Hour Society Relay for Life is set for June 23, 24 at the Liberty School track.

Also on June 23, Sportscars to Saline returns after a one-year hiatus, to run 3 to 6 p.m. downtown; and the National Unicycle Convention comes to town July 10 to 15.

Events on tap at the Farm Council Grounds include Grillin' for Food Gatherers on June 10; 4-H Youth Show July 22 to 27; and the Ann Arbor Antiques Market on May 19, 20; June 16, 17; July 14, 15; and Aug. 18, 19.

The annual Saline Celtic Festival is set for July 12 to 14, at Mill Pond Park, with music, dance, workshops, sporting events, food, merchants, and more.

The entertainment line-up on the Friday night will be Road Kilt and Beth Patterson, along with assorted music and dance workshops.

Saturday's entertainment will include The Bowzies, The Moxie Strings, Beth Patterson, Rant Maggie Rant, Fiddlers ReStrung, CommonWealth Dance Collective, Irish Dance Company of Lansing, Ealain Ceime Irish Dance School, Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul, 7 Nations, The Tartan Terrors, Cleary's Pub Session Band, and the Detroit Irish Music Association.

For more information, visit www.salineceltic.org.

The Saline Area Historical Society offers a free Windmill Tour from noon to 5 p.m. July 22. Participants can ride the bus with an on-board guide, walk, run, bike, or drive to three locations within a 5-mile radius, covering windmills and their uses from 1880-2012.

Additional activities include tours of a furnished caboose, visiting a 1950s farmhouse and farm with live animals, kids' activities, entertainment, Kiwanis and Lions Food Wagons, gift shop. The first 100 kids will get a free wind spinner.

Tours get under way at any one of three places: Railroad Depot Museum 402 N. Ann Arbor Street; Braun Farm 1995 W. Bemis Road; and Rentschler Farm Museum 1265 E. Michigan Ave.

Michigan's Longest Garage Sale is set for Aug. 10 and 11, running for miles along U.S. 12.

Saline's Summerfest, Aug. 10,11, features food, music, and fun at the annual Picnic in the Park, casino games, remove controlled car racing, a juried craft and art show, trolley tour of historical sights, a 5K run/walk event, euchre tournaments, tricycle reaces, Saline Street Machines, teen block party, kids' fishing contest, and other treats.

For more information, visit www.salinesummerfest.org.

The 77th Annual Saline Community Fair, Aug. 28-Sept. 3 at the Farm Council Grounds, will feature the carnival, animals, exhibits, and more. Aubrey LaVasseur Miss Saline 2011, will crown her successor in the pageant.

For more information, visit www.salinecommunityfair.org.

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The USA Demolition Derby State Finals, sponsored by the fair, will be held 7 p.m., Sept. 8, at the Farm Council Grounds.

For information about Saline events, call 429-4494 or visit www.salinechamber.org.

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For more information, visit www.milanfairsmugmug.com.

The Milan Summer Fest will be Aug. 4.

Three days of music will thrill festival-goers at the annual Milan Blue Grass Festival, Aug. 9 to 11 at the KC Campground, 14048 Sherman Rd. There is a playground for the children, a swimming hole, camp store, and pavilion for shelter in case of rain.

For more information and tickets, call 248-435-2828 or visit www.thewilderfestival.com.

The 24-hour Relay For Life of Milan fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society will kick off 9 a.m. Aug. 25, at Wilson Park.

For information on these and other summer fun events in Milan, visit www.milanchamber.org or call 439-7932.





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