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Road work to start soon

By Erica McClain
Heritage Media

Construction will begin on Main Street to replace five crosswalks, add curb bump-outs, lighting and trees on Aug. 15.

The construction area will begin on Main Street at Van Buren Street and end at Main and North streets, with a projected completion date of Sept. 28.

While the city initially tried to pitch nighttime-only construction hours, the Michigan Department of Transportation denied that proposal, according to Jim Valenta of Midwestern Consulting. The construction hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the street will be fully cleared before and after those times.

The five replaced crosswalks will feature adobe brown brick to match the existing streetscape. The curb bump-outs will bring sections of curb out further onto the street to both protect vehicles that are parallel parked and to add more space on the sidewalk for new lighting and trees. The bump-outs will be added in front of The Common Grill to give the restaurant an outdoor seating area.

MDOT is currently reviewing a revision of the streetscape project, and, according to Valenta, is projected to approve it. Valenta also added that the streetscape is about two

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Photo by Erica McClain

At right, DDA Board Member Palmer Morrel-Samuels explains to other board members why he feels the board should meet with the Kadushin-Beal developers again rather than allow the developers to withdraw their plan for the Longworth. Morrel-Samuels made a motion for the DDA to set a meeting time and date with the developers, but the motion failed with no one seconding.

Developers withdraw Longworth plan

By Erica McClain
Heritage Media

The Longworth Development Company has withdrawn its proposal for redeveloping a set of historic, but blighted, buildings just south of downtown Chelsea's railroad tracks on Main Street.

In a June 19 letter to City Manager John Hanifan, architect Alexander Pollock, who was a part of the development team, said the 110 Longworth Building Development Company was no longer interested in the project.

In his letter, Pollock wrote that the developers could not accept the additional condition set forth by the Downtown Development Authority on June 7, which included a bank letter of credit for \$1 million by the end of a 90-day period.

"In particular, the letter of credit;

The potential \$3.7 million development would have turned the buildings at the Longworth property into a mixed-use set of buildings, which would have included a restaurant, lofts and a pottery studio, as well as an outdoor plaza among other developments and improvements.

the short due diligence period, and reverter are unrealistic and unreasonable and we will not undertake the business risks to proceed under these conditions," Pollock wrote.

The potential \$3.7 million development would have turned the buildings at the Longworth property into a mixed-use set of buildings, which would have included a restaurant,

lofts and a pottery studio, as well as an outdoor plaza among other developments and improvements.

The fallout with the 110 Longworth Development Company team represents the fourth failed potential development with the DDA in three years, according to Preservation Chelsea member Cathy Bean. The

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Chelsea Alehouse receives beer barrels

The Chelsea Alehouse Brewery is one step closer to its fall opening with the delivery of eight new stainless steel beer tanks from Marks Design and Metalworks LLC in Vancouver, Wash. on June 19. The tanks were delivered to the soon-to-be-finished brewery space in the Factory Building at McKinley's Clocktower Complex.

"We're really excited to have the tanks onsite and that they are from a U.S. manufacturer," said Chris Martinson, founder and head brewer of the Chelsea Alehouse.

Eric Schroeder, associate brewer of the Chelsea Alehouse Brewery, said he couldn't wait to use the high-quality tanks.

Staff from Chelsea Lumber were onsite with a Hi Lo to help unload the tanks from a semi truck.

The eight tanks, four fermentation vessels and four bright tanks, are made to hold seven barrels of beer each or about 220 gallons. Beer is measured in barrels with a beer barrel defined as 31 gallons. Fermentation vessels are made with a conical bottom to allow for yeast to be easily removed from the bottom of the tank after fermentation prior to transferring to the bright tanks. The bright tanks are storage tanks used to carbonate the beer and to hold for serving or for packing in kegs or bottles.

According to Martinson,

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Chris Martinson (left) and Howard McCalla lead Tony Clemons as he operates the lift.

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Arbor Brewing Co. to focus on India expansion

Company sets sights overseas after Fenton location fallout

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Arbor Brewing Co.'s bid for a new location in Fenton fell through earlier this week when the Fenton Downtown Development Authority chose to go with another company.

The city had been looking for an occupant for its old fire hall building, which is located in Fenton's urban zone.

"DDA officials said they hoped the final choice of the companies that responded to the request for proposals would stimulate growth and urban renewal with its presence."

"It was a great decision by Fenton," said Arbor Brewing Co.'s Rene Greff. Greff said that Arbor

Brewing is not currently seeking another location to expand in Michigan at this time, as the Fenton building was "a unique opportunity" that behooved a bid to expand, rather than the company planning to expand before looking into the Fenton building.

Arbor Brewing Co. also happens to have an expansion in Bangalore, India, in the works, which was a cause for concern for the Greffs and the company if the Fenton expansion had gone through.

"I think we sort of felt all along that we'd be happy regardless of which

decision the DDA came to," said Matt Greff. "Before this opportunity came up, expansion (in Michigan) wasn't really on our radar. We felt like if there was an amazing opportunity we'd go through with it."

Without "being spread too thin," which was a downside to the Fenton expansion, Arbor Brewing can focus entirely on the Bangalore brew pub, which the Greffs say will be very much like Depot Town's Corner Brewery in both style and operation.

This will mark the company's very first foray into

the international market. A U of M graduate who was studying in Michigan after coming to the area from Bangalore decided that India, in general, would be a lucrative market for the Arbor Brewing brew-pub concept.

Arbor Brewing is working within the framework of a joint venture with the student on the licensing and the Bangalore location should be opened by the end of the year, according to the Greffs.

"Brew pub laws in India work the same as they do in Michigan in a lot of ways ... beer can only

be sold at the pub," Matt Greff said. "Ours will be a full-service restaurant with a full liquor license bar, and will make and feature a lot of the same beer fair and specialty beers for the Indian market."

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United Way of Washtenaw honors teens for community service

United Way of Washtenaw County's recognized 17 students from Skyline and Lincoln high schools with a varsity letter for their community service.

The Community Service Varsity Letter Program is sponsored by United Way of Washtenaw County's Labor Department and staffed by Rickey Banks and Sheila Pedersen.

In his opening remarks Banks addressed student and their parents: "United Way of Washtenaw County could not be more proud to be able to honor your efforts to make this world a better place."

The honorees from

Skyline High School were Adam Carbeck, Brandi Clair, Rebecca Dickey, Shoham Geva, Madeline Goodson, Meredith Grupe, John Houghton, Minjung Kim, Hanna Kline, Betsy Mansfield, Savannah Middleton, Niraj Patel, Kaavya Puttagunta, Samy Nivetha, Emma Whitaker and Yue Yin.

Lincoln High School honorees were Tiarra Braddock and Stacy Jordan.

Each year, United Way of Washtenaw County partners with Washtenaw County schools to recognize and reward students for their volunteer efforts in the community.

Students who volunteer 145 or more hours of service in a year can earn their school varsity letter; the same as those earned by athletes and musicians.

Applicants must meet the following basic qualifications:

• Be a student in grades nine through 12 in Washtenaw County.

• Complete at least 145 hours of community service between May 1 and April 30 of the following year.

• 50% of the total hours must be in non-school-related activities.

• Have at least one school-related volunteer activity.

• All volunteer activities

must be verifiable.

Completed applications must be received by May 1 to be considered.

This year's honorees provided more than 5,300 hours of community service, including volunteering at Alpha House, Neutral Zone, the VA Hospital, the YMCA and Arbor Hospice, among many others.

Special recognition was awarded to Betsy Mansfield, a second-year recipient from Skyline High School, who, in addition to receiving a chevron,

was granted a \$1,000 scholarship.

Kristen Holt, chairwoman of United Way of Washtenaw County Board of Directors, and Sandy Rupp, president of United Way of Washtenaw County, recognized each student individually for his or her service.

"As chair of the board, I know how our community's nonprofit organizations treasure committed volunteers. You are all an inspiration," Holt said.

Learn factors that determine if a small startup succeeds

By Scott Wolfis
Guest Writer

The Midwest has gone from being one of the hardest hit areas during the recession to being an engine that is driving the nation's way back to recovery. The job numbers are improving, incomes are up and so is consumer spending.

During the last two decades, small and new businesses have created two of every three new jobs in the United States. According to the National Economic Council, small businesses employ 60 million Americans — or half of all jobs in the country.

The numbers are impressive and the success stories are many, but even long hours of hard work and steadfast dedication don't guarantee success. In fact, more than half of small businesses fail within the first five years, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

What makes the difference between success and failure?

After years of helping entrepreneurs start everything from restaurants to biotechnology firms, I have found several fundamental factors that can determine whether a business succeeds or fails.

Experience. A business owner needs experience because he or she will initially play every role, with little room for learning on the job. It is difficult to imagine a mechanic switching professions and

operating a successful restaurant. A potential lender will want to be assured that the owner or an in-house expert knows how to run the business.

A plan. A solid business plan is a must. Include everything from prices to competition, as well as risks and financial projections. A banker will want to know if the business can be successful, but just as important, the owner needs to know what success looks like.

A number of resources are available to help you develop a business plan, including nonprofit organizations such as SCORE, your local chamber of commerce, colleges and universities and the Small Business Administration. Your banker is also a valuable resource for developing a business plan.

Money. Because most businesses will not make a profit initially, start-ups must be well capitalized. In fact, undercapitalization is one of the prime reasons small businesses fail. While banks and other lenders can provide the cushion needed, most lenders expect owner equity of 20-25 percent.

Strong credit. To attract financing, business owners must demonstrate that they are capable of meeting their obligations, and that means having a strong credit rating.

Outside income. The owner should have access to savings or outside income until the business does well enough to provide

a salary. **Bench strength.** A business owner needs to surround himself with a team of trusted advisers — an accountant, an attorney, an insurance agent and a banker. Small businesses,

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the landlord's build-out work for the brewery space should commence within the next few weeks.

"The plans are drawn, and the permits are pulled," he said. "Everyone is just waiting for approval from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission."

The Chelsea Alehouse's application is scheduled for review by the commission this week.

The Chelsea Alehouse Brewery will be at 420 N. Main St., Suite 100, adjacent to the Chelsea Teddy Bear Company. Beer brewed on-site will range from crisp American cream ale to oak-aged imperial stouts. The brewery will also feature cask-conditioned ales.

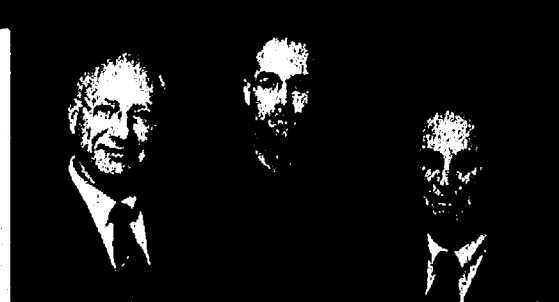
In addition to craft-brewed beer, the Alehouse will feature a menu of sandwiches, salads, soup, and hearty appetizers featuring local ingredients. The Alehouse will host live music and events and will feature

a large outdoor beer garden. The brewpub is scheduled to open this fall.

Founding Memberships for a mug club can be purchased on the Chelsea Alehouse website. Alehouse T-shirts and memberships will also be available during Sounds and Sights on Thursday Nights downtown

Chelsea near the Clocktower Building.

"We have a huge amount of community support for our project," said Martinson. "We launched our Founding Membership Club with great success in early June, people are really excited for the brewery to open."



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months behind schedule both due to MDOT's unfamiliarity with the plan and Valenta having a personal family emergency.

Bids for the project will

be received on July 17. Midwestern Consulting will bring its recommendation to the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority's July 19 meeting.

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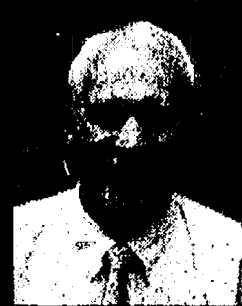
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More plug-in spots open for cars

Charge stations in Ann Arbor free for now

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Electric vehicle drivers who live in or are visiting Ann Arbor now have more options for a place to recharge.

Stakeholders and community members from throughout Ann Arbor came out June 19 to the Forest Street Parking Structure to celebrate the installation of 18 new electrical car charging stations in six locations throughout the city.

The number of chargers and locations are at parking structures on Fourth Avenue and William Street; Ann and Ashley streets; Maynard Street; South Forest Avenue; Library Lane; and Fourth Avenue and Ann Street surface lot. Signs are provided at each

lot showing the location of the chargers.

The charge stations will be available free of charge as the Downtown Development Authority is financing the cost of electricity. However, the user does have to pay the usual parking rate at the facility.

The project is due to a partnership between the Ann Arbor Downtown Development Authority and the Clean Energy Coalition. The chargers were funded primarily from a \$110,000 federal Clean Cities grant awarded to the Clean Air Coalition.

The chargers are Type 2, 220 volt, 30 amp and manufactured by Clipper Creek, a California-based company. The devices can charge a vehicle five times faster than the Type 1, which is commonly referred to as the "home" charger that plugs into a wall socket and is standard to most electric vehicles.

Most vehicles charge at 10 miles an hour on a Type



Photo by Amy Bell

The number of chargers and locations are at parking structures on Fourth Avenue and William Street; Ann and Ashley streets; Maynard Street; South Forest Avenue; Library Lane; and Fourth Avenue and Ann Street surface lot.

2 charger.

Equipment used to gather data is installed on all chargers to record time and amount of use. It will be supplied to the U.S. Department of Energy and used by the DDA for future planning. The organization plans to have a website available in the future with a map to show where all chargers can be found and

which are in use.

The stations are part of the DDA's effort to encourage a variety of transportation choices within the downtown and maintain Ann Arbor's position as a leader in sustainability, as well as help the city meet its emission reduction goals.

Sean Reed, executive director of the coalition, said the organization was founded on the belief that

the journey to using cleaner fuels and less petroleum is one we all must take. But, with so many choices and limited budgets, it can be difficult for even the most well-intentioned individual or organization to move forward with confidence.

However, that's where the coalition comes in as it helps to build partnerships that help turn high level sustainable goals into grassroots action, he said.

Reed said the coalition was awarded nearly \$15 million by the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities program and is working to create partnerships across the state with various organizations, utility companies and nonprofit organizations.

"Together we are working to encourage the adoption of alternative fuels and transportation technologies, including electric vehicles," he said.

Charles Griffith of the Ecology Center said the

organization has worked for many years promoting the use of fuel efficient cars and trucks.

The center believes that electric vehicles offer some of the biggest promise for serious and deep reductions in the use of petroleum and greenhouse gasses, especially if coupled with renewable energy, which will further decrease our burden on the electric grid, he said.

Furthermore, if this is combined with the expansion of the transit system and continuous improvements to make the city more walkable and bicycle friendly, it will make the entire transportation system better for the environment as a whole, he said.

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More fireworks legal in Michigan this July 4

Act allows sale of products that leave the ground

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

Consumer fireworks that can leave the ground such as bottle rockets and Roman candles will be legal for the first time in Michigan this Fourth of July.

Fire marshals throughout the state have voiced concerns with the new law, said Pittsfield Township Fire Marshal William Moffett. One concern is with such fireworks legal there will be an increase in structure fires, he said.

The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, passed Jan. 1, allows the sale and use of consumer fireworks that leave the ground. Low-impact fireworks such as sparklers, snaps and poppers remain legal.

Anytime when there are dry conditions, Moffett said there is an increased risk of sparks igniting a structure or even the grass.

State Fire Marshal Richard Miller has said there may need to be a complete statewide ban on fireworks due to the recent dry conditions while it remains dry, Moffett said.

Consumer fireworks can't be legally bought or used by anyone under 18 years old.

Use of them by anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal. They can't be used on public, school or another resident's private

property without permission. Fireworks only can be sold by those certified by the state to do so.

There's no controlling where consumer fireworks land, Moffett said, which is a danger. Every year, there are accidents throughout the country involving people injured or fires started by fireworks, he said.

Display fireworks are still illegal in Michigan outside of firework shows overseen by certified professionals.

TNT Fireworks spokesman Chris Giallanza passed along some fireworks safety tips, such as keep a water hose and bucket of water nearby in case of emergencies, light only one at a time, and keep it outside on flat, hard surfaces away from any buildings and dry grass.

Residents are advised not to relight fireworks that do not ignite. They should wait 15 to 20 minutes before approaching them to soak them in water before throwing them away.

Animals are often frightened by the sound of fireworks, which is why it's good to keep them inside while using them.

"Many Americans choose to celebrate their independence and express their patriotism on the Fourth of July with fireworks and sparklers," Giallanza said. "TNT Fireworks, the nation's largest distributor of consumer fireworks and novelty items, encourages families nationwide to follow these simple steps from the American

Pyrotechnics Association to ensure their celebrations are safe."

Moffett said residents should consider the weather and where the wind may end up carrying any fireworks.

One problem with fireworks is there's not a lot of education on how to properly use them, he said. He said it's important to follow all the instructions and guidelines on any fireworks before use.

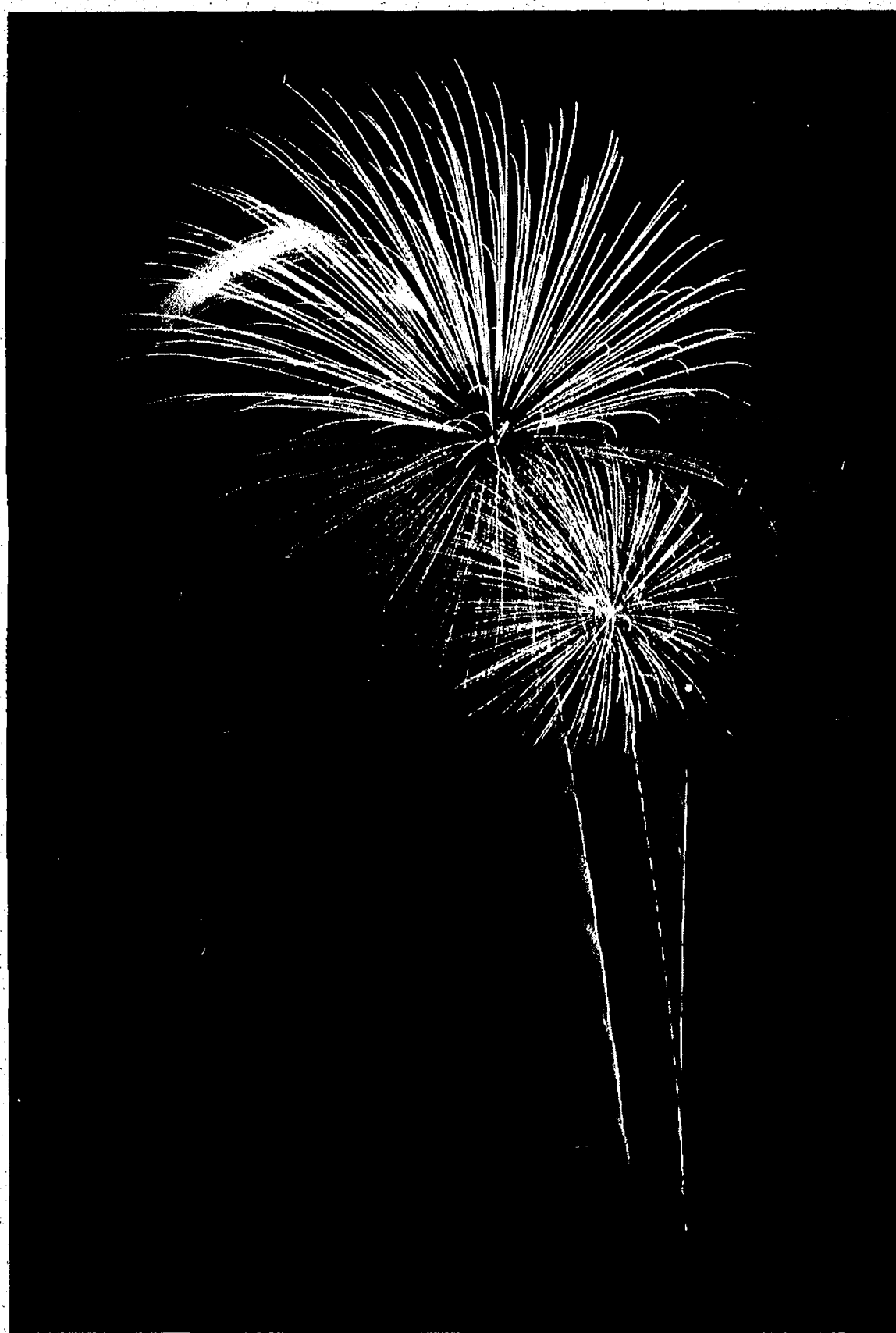
"Just use common sense is my best advice," Moffett said. "If you choose to do it, just be safe."

At this point, the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act's regulations are pretty vague, he said. Currently, the act only allows the use of consumer fireworks on holidays and the day before and after a holiday, but he said it doesn't specify what times and how it applies to local noise ordinances.

Michigan fire marshals have been voicing their concerns with the law through the state fire marshal, Moffett said. He said by next year some of the vague parts should be made clearer.

For more information about Michigan law on fireworks, visit www.michigan.gov/bfs.

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While display fireworks like this are still illegal except under special circumstances, consumer fireworks that can be shot into the air are now legal in Michigan. This is a cause for worry among firefighters when it comes to the approaching Fourth of July holiday.

Cargiving program allows seniors to help out each other

Seniors Helping Seniors assists with non-medical needs

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

A new local business is pairing seniors with other seniors to help provide non-medical care and friendship.

Seniors Helping Seniors Washtenaw is an in-home caregiving program that matches healthy, able-bodied older people with those who need care, said owner Mark Bobo.

"It's an opportunity for senior citizens to stay in their homes rather than have to go to an alternative, a nursing home or something," he said. "We help them do this by placing kind-hearted, healthy other

seniors in to help them."

Bobo said he uses an intensive interview process based on interests, experiences and needs to match the seniors together.

"It's going to be important to have the right people helping the people you love," he said.

The seniors employed by Bobo can help with a variety of non-medical needs, including house-keeping, meal preparation, yard work, transportation, grooming and companionship. The amount of the recipient gets is dependent on what he or she needs and wants.

Caregivers are usually seniors, Bobo said, because the pair can share life experiences with one another and can empathize, as well.

"They know how aging



Mark Bobo (center) has opened Seniors Helping Seniors Washtenaw, an in-home caregiving program.

feels," he said. "They bring a great deal of understanding and compassion to their

work."

The seniors who are care giving are paid for their

time, and are often retirees.

Bobo said he and his wife, Peggy, became involved with Seniors Helping Seniors after visiting the business owners. They were so impressed with the program that they decided to start their own franchise.

"I kind of just fell in love with the idea," he said.

The program helps take some of the stress and burden off of families, while helping seniors stay in their homes and avoid nursing homes, Bobo said.

He knows what it's like to have an older family member who needs care, and the toll it can take on families. His mother is wheelchair-bound and requires a lot of care from Bobo and his siblings. She is also one of Seniors Helping Seniors' first clients.

"It's just about care giving," he said. "There's a big need for it."

The Bobos are offering service in Washtenaw and western Livingston counties, and is one of 15 franchises in Michigan. They currently are accepting seniors who are interested in receiving and providing care.

For more information on Seniors Helping Seniors visit their website www.seniorshelpingseniors.com/washtenaw.

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Elysium Painting on track to reach 80 jobs this year

Company posted 184 percent sales growth in 2011, aiming for more positive results this year

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Washtenaw entrepreneur David Landau's skilled-trade business is booming at a time when, more than ever, Michigan needs small start-ups to take off from explosive growth.

Elysium Painting Company experienced 184 percent sales growth in 2011 and is already at 184 percent growth year-over-year,

according to Landau. With Michigan's official unemployment rate dropping to 8.5 percent in recent labor reports, down from nearly 11 percent, it's good news that Elysium will have about 80 contractors on the job by the end of the year, due to the company's strong reputation for high-quality work.

"We add business acumen to contractors," Landau said of his company, which is a combination of professional

services for skilled trades contractors in dry-wall, carpentry and painting.

Run like a tech company such as Google, Elysium is an open, collaborative work environment that encourages open exchange of ideas in a business framework that includes sophisticated tools for information management and communication.

"Our goal is to unite the



David Landau

best, most qualified workers with caring homeowners," Landau said. "Many people in the skilled trades say, 'Do a job and move on,' but you can't do that if you're an established organization that depends on reputation to grow."

That reputation has been built through what customers see when they hire Elysium: a group of devoted painters with an eye for quality, which is fitting since Landau got his entrepreneurial start when he was just 18 years old, when he began selling his original artwork through galleries.

Known for his murals, Landau was asked to paint

the walls of an entire room where his mural would be created, and thus the idea and process which are the foundation of his business now, smattered with a bit of his artistic way of seeing the world are at the heart of Elysium.

"When we come into a home, it is like the homeowner has a group of artists there to do the work," Landau said.

Elysium had a modest beginning in 2007 with a small core group of professionals servicing 40 homeowners that year, in order to confirm that his business model indeed worked.

"My goal was to offer all of

the quality, have this way of doing business, and not having to charge an arm and a leg - we try to charge within 10 percent of everyone else, while delivering a higher level of customer service and a higher level of work," Landau said. "We have earned an A+ with the Better Business Bureau, a positive reputation on Angie's List, and work with Ozone House."

From painting, Elysium has grown into driveways, siding replacement, fire and water restoration, and flooring services. Landau said his long-term goal is to have Elysium become a full-scale general contractor one day.

MONEY MATTERS

Creating a business plan? Here are some suggestions

Whether you're an entrepreneur who dreams of starting a business or an experienced owner in search of future growth, creating a formal business plan is likely to be a cornerstone of the process.

There are three reasons why a business plan is an indispensable part of a new-business proposition:

• **Researching and drafting the plan** forces a business person to make an objective assessment of both the business concept and the potential for successful execution.

• A business plan serves as a guide for ongoing management and work strategies once the business is established.

• A sound business plan communicates ideas credibly to potential financiers, managers, clients, and employees.

There are numerous ways to create a business plan, but many plans include the following elements.

Executive summary: A succinct first impression for readers frequently covers the business, its objectives,

legal structure, unique advantages, and the owner's skills and experience. If the business plan includes a proposal for a loan, it is important to mention the amount in question and identify how the money will be used.

Business description: The objective of this section is to answer the following questions: What type of business are you proposing? Are you planning to start a new business, expand your current business, or acquire an existing business? How will the business profit and grow? How will your skills and insights advance the organization's goals?

Substance usually is more important than style, so try to bolster the presentation with quantifiable information.

Product/service: It is important to explain why customers would come to you. Why is the product or service special, and how will you differentiate it from similar offerings?

If your products or services are not special, are there other reasons why

customers would choose your business?

Market/competition: Your success or failure may depend on whether you can find a niche in the right market and grow despite competition. Is your market competitive, and if so, who are potential competitors? What are their strengths and weaknesses? How much market share do you intend to capture?

Sales/marketing: This area outlines your strategy for accessing your marketplace. How will you get the word out, and how much will it cost you? You can't capitalize on a market opportunity when potential customers do not know you exist.


Management/personnel: This section typically identifies the management team's personal history and relevant work history, as well as their responsibilities and expected salaries. You may also want to mention your lawyer, accountant, and consultants at your disposal.

Financial data: The scope of this section will depend

on the nature and complexity of your proposal. A plan to create a home-based business from scratch will be less complex than a proposal that relies on financing to expand or purchase an existing business. Try to include a break-even analysis and projections for income and cash flow. Depending on your goals, you may need to discuss sources and applications of anticipated funding, capital equipment, balance sheets, deviation analysis, and historical operating records.

Appendices: Complementary information may include market research and any other information that supports your plan. Creating a sound business plan requires an intensive upfront investment of your time and other resources, but these costs may be minor compared with the financial ramifications of starting a business based on little more than guesswork and optimism.

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Compromise needed in deficit talks

Over the next few months, Congress faces a vitally important test. The question is whether we can balance the need to reduce the deficit with the need to protect important priorities at home and abroad.

There is a narrow path to passing that test, but we must try.

Last summer, during the crisis over raising the debt limit, Congress passed the Budget Control Act. That legislation established a special committee to try to agree on \$1.2 trillion in deficit reduction over 10 years.

Because the super-committee could not reach agreement, at the beginning of next year, automatic spending cuts to reduce the deficit will kick in, divided equally between defense and domestic spending, cutting programs and activities across the board through a process called sequestration.

These automatic cuts are large, across-the-board cuts that set no priorities. They will do tremendous harm.

I'm concerned about the impact sequestration could have on our national security, on our troops and their families.

The armed services would have to reduce personnel strength - that means men and women in uniform lose their jobs.

Training would be curtailed. Acquisition programs would be disrupted.

Many are concerned that sequestration threatens to leave us with a

hollowed-out military. I share those concerns.

We included in our defense bill a requirement that Department of Defense explain to us what the impact of sequestration would be.

But when I look beyond defense, I'm also concerned. These cuts could leave us not just with a hollowed-out military, but a hollowed-out economy.

Sequestration threatens our ability to continue the economic recovery, to educate our children, to care for the sick, to rebuild crumbling roads and bridges, to protect the environment, to invest in new technologies.

We should ask not just the Pentagon, but every department, what the impact of sequestration would be. The answers will surely give us a great incentive to avoid sequestration.

Our only option to avoid the economic train wreck triggered by sequestration is to produce a balanced bipartisan deficit reduction package.

There are not 60 votes in the Senate to change the sequestration formula and avoid sequestration unless those changes meet that test.

Balance requires three things. First, we need additional spending cuts - but prudent, prioritized cuts.

Second, we have to consider reforms of our entitlement programs. And third, we must include additional revenue.

Historically, federal tax revenue has been about 19-20 percent of our economic output. Today it's closer to 15 percent. Presidents Reagan, Bush and Clinton all reached deficit deals that got

at least one-third of their deficit reduction from revenue.

Our tax code is full of loopholes, including allowing offshore tax havens to help wealthy Americans avoid paying their taxes. Closing them down would restore billions of dollars in revenue.

One example: Facebook will get an estimated \$16 billion tax break from the recent sale of their stock, including a half-billion dollar refund check and no, federal taxes for up to 20 years because of a loophole that subsidizes stock options for executives.

We also must consider reversing Bush-era tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, who have prospered in recent years even as middle-class incomes have stagnated.

Most Republicans have signed a pledge they will oppose any attempt to add new revenue to reduce the deficit and protect vital programs. So far, that opposition has blocked attempts at comprehensive deficit reduction.

Those opponents have to choose: Will they continue to defend tax breaks and loopholes that benefit the wealthiest among us, who are the only group that has done well in the recession? Or will they choose to protect national security, students, seniors and workers?

Ultimately, I think we will reach a balanced deficit reduction agreement. The question is: Will it come in time?

The Pentagon and military services have to be able to make plans at least a few months in advance. Already, businesses are warning employees of potential layoffs if sequestration takes effect.

We can find agreement. But if it comes too late much of the economic damage will already be done.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

GUEST COLUMN



SEN. CARL LEVIN

OUR TAKE: Editorial

More parental involvement is needed in teenagers' lives

It isn't clear how dozens of revealing photographs of boys and girls ended up on a Fraser schoolteacher's cell phone, and whether the children knew to whom the photographs were going.

But a recent report describes a troubling trend: Adults are targeting children in chat and social networking sites by posing as children and inducing the kids to take a revealing picture of themselves.

From there, some kids can be blackmailed with the threat of exposure to take far worse.

The "sexting" phenomenon that makes this possible is still confined to a minority of teens, but use of the networking that provides the medium is increasing. A recent report indicates that 56 percent of young people 10 to 17 used chat rooms in 2000. That dropped to 30 percent in 2005, but went back up to 48 percent in 2010.

The surveys, conducted by the Crimes Against Children Research Center, reported 58 percent of kids on the Internet received sexual solicitations on social networking sites.

Other stats: a high percentage of children 12 to 17 have a presence on Facebook. Another 12 percent are on Twitter. Surveys of sexting, using a cell phone to transmit nude or revealing photos, indicate it's done by perhaps one-fourth of teenagers, but is a tiny proportion of the youngest surveyed.

What makes it easier for the young people to engage in impulsive, risky behavior on the Internet is more than the presence of predatory adults: It's that the youths can do so without adult interference.

The grownups in the lives of most of them don't know what the kids are doing. If they have any inkling, warning them is hardly sufficient.

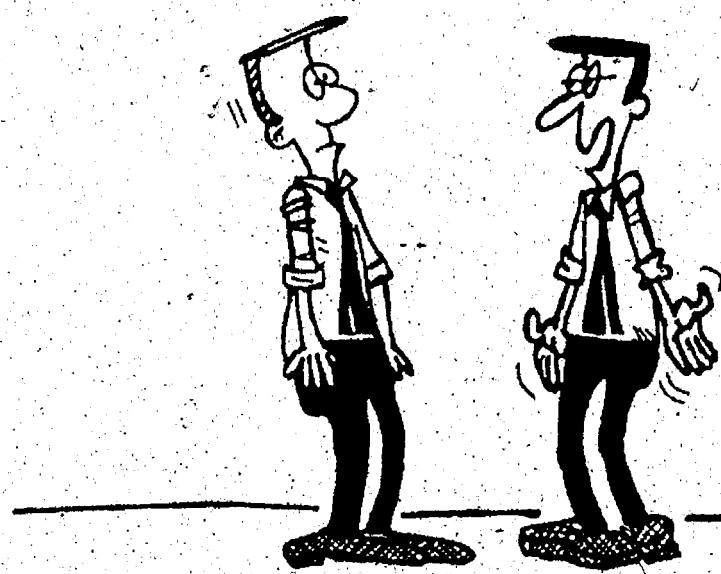
The report cites a psychologist, Robert Epstein, author of a book about raising teens. He says Smartphones and computers enable the kids to live in a world many adults rarely enter.

But that's related to a more serious problem. Our culture, more than many on this planet, has erected a wall between the world of adults and the world of adolescents. That means the kids are spending far too much of their time with their peers and not enough with those who can show them how to become adults. And that's a truly frightening thought.

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Kids are spending far too much of their time with their peers.

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"I'M NOT VERY GOOD WITH TOOLS... SO MY WIFE GIVES ME A 'HONEY DON'T' LIST..."

Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

Therapists should counsel gays out of unhealthy lifestyle

Therapists should counsel gays out about lifestyle

In his guest column, "Julia Ward House bill is a license to discriminate" June 20, David E. Rutledge says of Ward:

"What is not contested is that she refused to counsel an individual in need of help."

That accusation should be leveled against mainstream mental health professionals right now, who are refusing to provide real counseling to individuals engaged in a physically, emotionally and spiritually damaging lifestyle.

Laurel Federbush
Ann Arbor

GUEST COLUMN: By Sally C. Pipes

Accountable Care Organizations a costly gimmick

Say hello to Obamacare's latest technocratic gimmick - the Accountable Care Organization.

The first of these federally-chartered Pioneer ACO groups of healthcare providers just recently launched. Proponents of ACOs claim that the new entities will help doctors and hospitals better coordinate care in order to improve the health of Medicare patients and reduce costs.

Don't count on it. Instead of helping doctors and patients to make individualized treatment decisions, ACOs will empower government bureaucrats to consolidate healthcare providers into top-down organizations and dictate how care is delivered - at greater cost.

According to Obamacare's supporters, ACOs will streamline communication among doctors and thereby result in more effective care for patients.

Providers will be paid not according to the number of procedures they perform but according to the quality of care they deliver.

So doctors and hospitals will have a strong incentive not to repeat tests or perform procedures that don't improve patients' health.

The theory underpinning ACOs was based on the success of a small number of highly coordinated health systems like the Cleveland Clinic, the Mayo Clinic, Intermountain Health, and the Geisinger Health System.

Each of those organizations was once touted by Obamacare's backers as a model for ACOs envisioned by the federal reform law.

But all four have chosen not to participate in the initial 32 Pioneer ACOs launched this year, because the bureaucratic burden of following Obamacare's 696 pages' worth of new regulations is just too high.

According to a letter written by the Cleveland Clinic to the Department of Health and Human Services, the rules are "replete with prescriptive requirements that have little to do with outcomes" and "detailed governance and reporting

requirements that create significant administrative burdens."

A top official at Geisinger echoed the criticism, calling the regulations "problematic" and noting that the rules seem "to be very prescriptive and restrictive with a fair amount of administrative and regulatory oversight."

So the ACOs aren't about delivering better care. They're about empowering the federal bureaucracy.

And they won't save money as intended, either. According to the Congressional Budget Office, ACOs will reduce Medicare spending by about \$4.9 billion between now and 2019.

Annual Medicare spending is already north of half a trillion dollars and is projected to rise to more than \$920 billion in the next decade. So the savings from ACOs amount to less than 1 percent of the entitlement program's expected expenditures over the period.

And unless there are changes made to reduce costs, the program's Hospital Insurance Trust

Fund will be bankrupt by 2024, according to a report last year from the Medicare Trustees.

Some experts believe that ACOs won't yield any savings at all. Last fall, Federal Trade Commissioner J. Thomas Rosch warned that the overall result of ACOs may "be higher costs and lower quality health care - precisely the opposite of its goal."

How's that? In many cases, "coordination" will amount to "consolidation." And by encouraging consolidation through ACOs, Obamacare may end up giving health providers greater market power.

Facing less competition, the newly-formed ACOs will be freer to hike their prices. And consumers will be left with fewer healthcare choices.

Indeed, as University of California, Berkeley health economist James C. Robinson reported in a paper last year, "hospitals in concentrated markets charge significantly higher prices to private payers than do their peers in

more competitive markets."

And the consolidations have already begun. Back in 2010, St. Louis University health and anti-trust expert Thomas L. Greaney warned, "The new law is already encouraging a wave of mergers, joint ventures and alliances in the health care industry."

Since then, the trend has grown, with the total value of the top 10 hospital mergers and acquisitions coming in at \$5.6 billion in 2011, up from \$3.8 billion in 2010.

More bureaucracy. Higher prices. Worse care for Medicare patients.

The American people should hold Obamacare's ACOs accountable for inflicting major damage on our healthcare system.

Sally C. Pipes is president, CEO and Taube Fellow in Health Care Studies at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is "The Pipes Plan: The Top Ten Ways to Dismantle and Replace Obamacare" (Regnery 2012).

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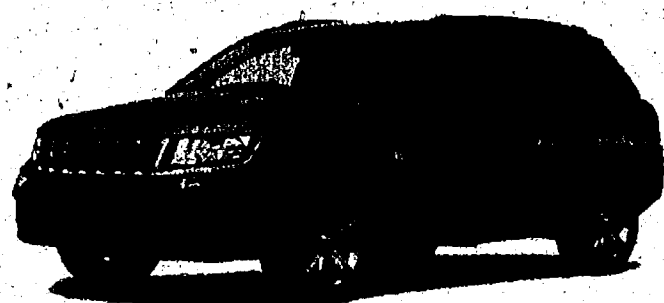
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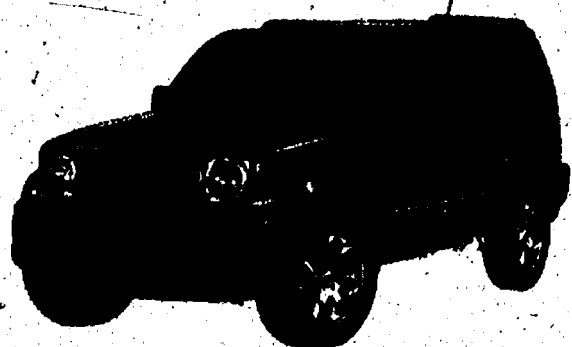
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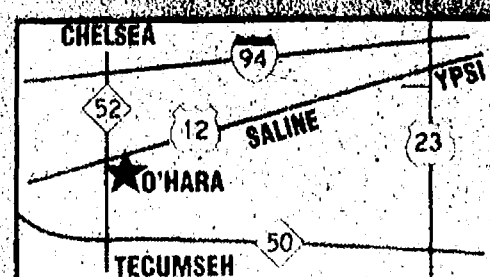
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Community creates 2nd SRSly comic

It was a special day at South Meadows Elementary School when CPTN SRSly and the Super Master Sentinels came to visit during an assembly to end the school year. CPTN SRSly and the Super Master Sentinels are a team of comic book superheroes who defend the world against the evil schemes of the Maniacal Monster Syndicate.

Local marketing firm Edgar Norman Creative came up with the idea in 2010 to create a comic book that would support the message of SRSly, a local community coalition dedicated to the prevention of destructive behavior in Chelsea youth. Through collaboration with the Chelsea District Library, Chelsea School District, and then-library artist-in-residence Jerzy Drozd, the group created a coloring comic book for first- and second-grade children in Chelsea. The book was released and well-received by children in

June 2011.

This year, the Chelsea Rotary Club and Rotary International awarded the group a grant to create a second installment of CPTN SRSly. Wanting to take CPTN SRSly to the next level, the group decided to print a full-color comic book.

Using the help of school officials and teachers, the books are designed to advance as the intended audience matures. Since the SRSly Coalition is dedicated to the prevention of youth substance abuse, the book promotes pro-social values, like family involvement, that help protect children.

"The comic book presents positive messages to kids, without hitting them over the head with the point," said Edith Burney, youth and teen librarian. "Like any good storyteller, Jerzy emphasizes the action and adventure the characters are experiencing, and allows the kids to realize

the message for themselves."

The new comic book was introduced to the students of South Meadows Elementary at the end of year assembly through a live reading of the book with the comic projected for all to see. Twelve fifth graders were selected by teachers to wear a T-shirt with a CPTN SRSly character from the book and read their character's lines at the assembly.

Drozd, as creator of the book, was present to help kids read through the book and lead the audience in providing the sound effects. Following the assembly, each student received his or her own copy of the comic book and a temporary tattoo of one of the characters.

"It was great fun to watch kids act out the story and hear the audience participation," said Jesse Kauffman, SRSly program coordinator. "The book has been so well received."

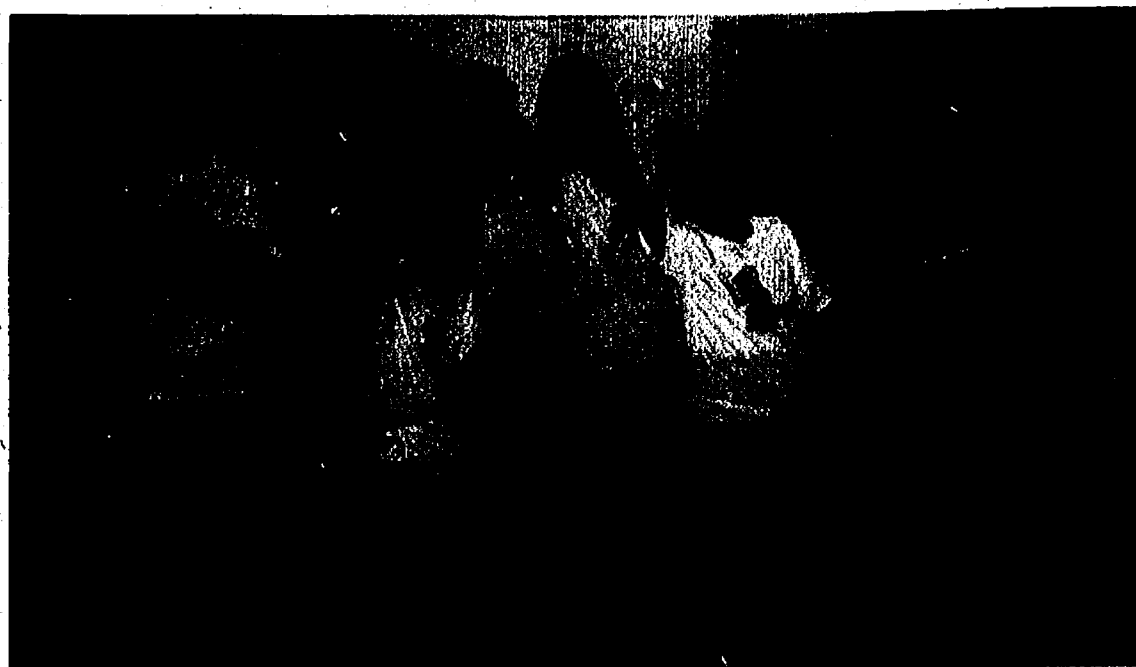


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Fifth graders at South Meadows Elementary School acted out the comic at an assembly and received CPTN SRSly T-shirts, each with a different character.

Chelsea resident and parent Leslie Sarel said when her 9-year-old son came home from school with his copy of CPTN SRSly No. 2, he sat down to read it right away.

"Afterward he went and found CPTN SRSly No. 1

and reread that one too," Sarel said.

CPTN SRSly is a great example of the spirit of collaboration in Chelsea, according to Kauffman. The schools, library, Chelsea Rotary Club, Edgar Norman Creative, SRSly, and Jerzy

Drozd all came together to create a comic book just for Chelsea kids.

"It's a special thing," Kauffman said.

The CPTN SRSly comic book released this year is available for checkout at the Chelsea District Library.

Art students to exhibit work

Silver Maples is pleased to host the Chelsea Center for the Arts After-school Art Program exhibit in Gallery 100. Running from July 1 through Aug. 31, the exhibit will feature the art of students ages 5 to 14.

"We're very pleased to be able to mount this show at Silver Maples' Gallery 100," said Lisa Powell, program coordinator for the Chelsea Center for the Arts.

"Arts education has a tremendous impact on the developmental growth of every child. Art stimulates and develops the imagination and critical thinking, and refines cognitive and creative skills. And to top off the creation process with an exhibit is like icing on the cake."

"We're very pleased to be able to mount this show at Silver Maples' Gallery 100."

LISA POWELL
program coordinator,
Chelsea Center for the Arts

The CCA's after-school art classes are taught by highly-trained professionals at North Creek, South Meadows and Beach Middle School. The exhibit is the second one in 2012 to feature

work from the CCA.

"We are currently exhibiting work from the Center Artists," said Shawn Personke, director of activities and public relations for Silver Maples. "One of the goals of the gallery is to provide opportunities for local and emerging artists to exhibit their work. This fall we are hosting the Ann Arbor Women's Artists, followed by photographers Angie and Jim George."

"We love that Gallery 100 is a chance for artists to exhibit their work, an opportunity for our residents to see what's new in the world of art, and an opportunity to contribute to Chelsea's growing art reputation."



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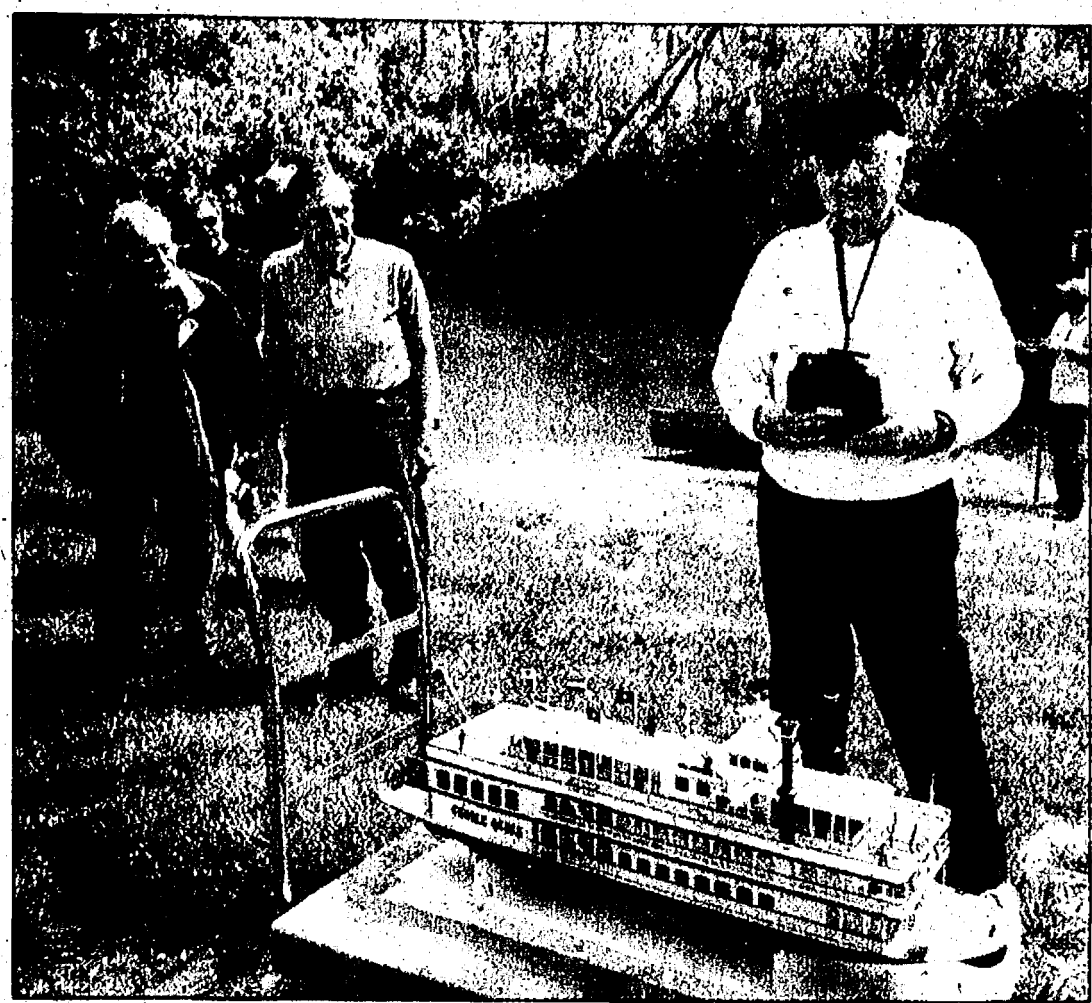
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Launch day

The Creole Queen, a radio-controlled authentic replica of a Mississippi River Boat, was launched in the Silver Maples pond on May 22 to a crowd of nearly 100 people. Built by Chelsea resident Jack Lane, the boat was built in 1994 and recently refurbished for its second maiden launch.



Pictured, left to right, videographer Lajos Rimai, first mate Dick Koester and ship builder Jack Lane.



"Ship engineers" Don Thiel and Dick Koester assist in moving the Creole Queen from dry dock to the pond for its launch.

Wellness coalition sponsors free 5k training program for Run Manchester

The Manchester Area Friends, Manchester Wellness Coalition and Village of Manchester are sponsoring a free Couch to 5K program. The program is in conjunction with Run Manchester and provides participants with a 10-week workout schedule to prepare them for the Run Manchester race Aug. 4.

Couch to 5K participants meet at 8 a.m. every Saturday for 10 weeks at Chi-Bro Park for a weekly walk/run. Exercisers are also given a workout schedule to follow the rest of the week. Workouts consist of a combination of

jogging and walking three or four times each week.

Exercisers who complete the free 10-week program will receive a Run Manchester T-shirt and \$10 off the Run

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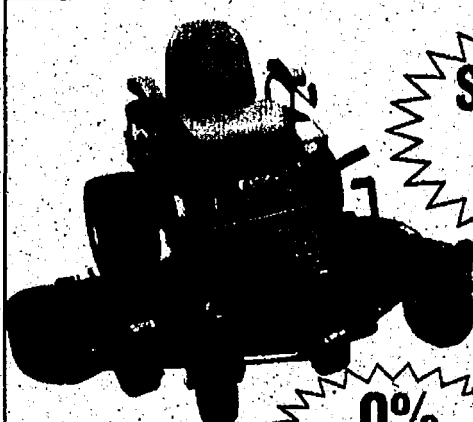
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| Fair Opens and Midways Rides | 3 pm |
| Natures Creek Zoo | 3 pm |
| Lamb Judging | 6:30 pm |
| Rodeo | 7 pm |

WEDNESDAY JULY 4

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| Swine Judging | 8:30 am |
| Horse Games | 12 pm |
| Midway Opens | 2 pm |
| Nature Creek Zoo | 2 pm |
| Fair Parade | 3 pm |
| Crowning of Fair Queen | (after parade) |
| Compact Tractor Pull | 5 pm |
| Cirque Amongus | 5 pm and 6 pm |
| Steer Judging | 8 pm |
| Kentucky Strait | 8 pm |

THURSDAY JULY 5

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| Midway Opens | 1 pm |
| Nature Creek Zoo | 1 pm |
| Senior Citizens Program | 1:30 pm |
| Buddy Holly Impersonator | 5:30 pm |
| Rodeo | 7:30 pm |
| Light the Night | 8:30 pm |
| Professor Cat | 9:30 pm |

FRIDAY JULY 6

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| Classic Tractor Pull | 10:30 pm |
| Midway Opens | 2 pm |
| Nature Creek Zoo | 2 pm |
| Antique Tractor Pull | 4 pm |
| Drawing for Kids Prizes | 5 pm |
| Carey Ann's Clown Caravan | 6 pm |
| Steer, Lamb and Swine Auction | 8 pm |
| The Matt Callaway Trio | 8:30 pm |

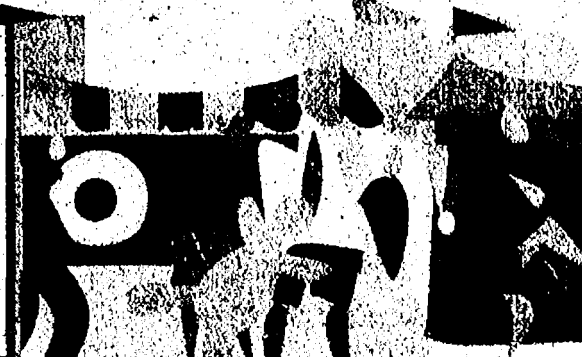
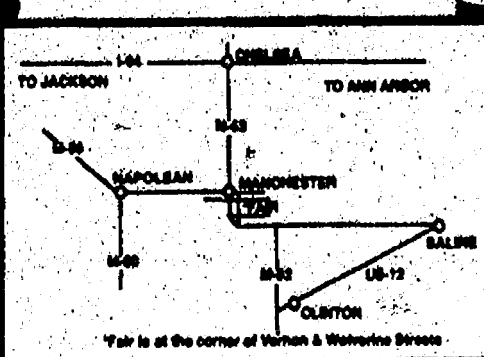
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| Dog Fun Show | 10 am |
| Ladies Day | 10-12 pm |
| Large Tractor Pull | 10:30-??? |
| Midway Open | 1 pm |
| Nature Creek Zoo | 1 pm |
| Scavenger Hunt | 1 pm |
| Pedal Pull Registration | 3 pm |
| Pedal Pull Youth and Adult | 4 pm |
| Hot dog eating contest | 5 pm |
| Battle of the Band | 6 pm |

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E-records may not be the cost-saver proponents claim

By Sally C. Pipes
Guest Writer

Researchers from Harvard University and the City University of New York have cautioned that the federal government's multibillion-dollar investments in health information technology might not be the boon their proponents claim.

In fact, replacing the racks of manila folders at doctors' offices across the country with electronic medical records might actually drive up the cost of health care without improving it.

The federal government has been an unabashed champion of health information technology as a way to better coordinate care, reduce duplicative testing and thereby trim excess health spending.

President Obama's 2009 economic stimulus bill included some \$20 billion for new health information technology. He claims the investment will save about \$80 billion a year, reduce lawsuits and cut down on medical errors.

But the researchers' analysis of records from nearly 29,000 patient visits found that access to computerized imaging results — often through an electronic health record

— "was associated with a 40-70 percent greater likelihood of an imaging test being ordered."

As the study, which was published in the March issue of Health Affairs, concluded, "electronic access does not decrease test ordering in the office setting and may even increase it."

Dr. Farzad Mostashari, the Obama administration's national coordinator for health information technology, criticized the study for

saying "nothing about the impact of (electronic health records) on improving care."

But the good doctor ignores the fact that that money spent on health IT can't be spent on more direct clinical applications — and might even cause health care providers to scale back other medical services.

For instance, in January, the University of Mississippi Medical Center

laid off 115 employees and decided not to fill another 90 positions to save \$12 million annually.

Why? In part because the hospital must spend \$80 million over the next five years to implement electronic records in order to comply with a federal mandate.

Health IT systems are not by definition wastes of money. The lead author of the Health Affairs

study, Harvard Medical School professor Dr. Danny McCormick, noted that he made the switch to electronic medical records in his own practice and can't imagine going back.

But as McCormick put it, the research findings should "prompt us perhaps to look elsewhere for answers to the cost crisis plaguing the U.S. health care system."

Even if President Obama's projection that

HIT could save \$80 billion a year were true, the savings would amount to just 3 percent of the \$2.6 trillion that America spends on health care each year. That's nothing to sneeze at, but it won't come close to solving our nation's health-cost crisis.

Sally C. Pipes is president, CEO and Taube Fellow in Health Care Studies at the Pacific Research Institute.

STARTUP

FROM PAGE 2-A

particularly new businesses, generally will not have enough funds to pay for a full-time employee to fill the accountant, legal and financial positions.

Strong financial controls. Every business needs quality financial reporting, accounting systems and controls. Everything learned in accounting class will come in handy.

Friends. The business owner needs a lot of support. Family, friends and advisors will help owners through the difficulties that come with starting a business, including long hours away from home.

Energy. The business owner needs to be ready and willing to work harder and longer than ever before.

A good team. A business owner can't know all and do everything. She must be able to trust in-house experts to help make the business successful.

A realistic perception of success. Know the timeline for success or failure. A business owner needs to know what success looks like so he or she can decide whether to celebrate or think of a new career.

The best part of starting a new business is that there are a number of resources to help with the process, including a personal banker. Remember, they've been there before and have helped many other businesses get off to a successful start.

Scott Wolfis has more than 15 years of experience working directly with small-business owners, helping them make the best possible decisions for their businesses. He is the market manager of business banking for Huntington Bank's Southeast Michigan region.



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INTERMEDIATE

Cherry Hill Farm awarded state land stewardship honor

Ford Motor Co.'s last working farm — Cherry Hill Farm in Superior Township — was honored by the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program on June 12 for effective land stewardship.

Ford's Cherry Hill Farm is an 800-acre working farm at 2734 Gottfredson Road, between Geddes Road and Cherry Hill in Superior Township. The farm produces corn, soybeans, wheat and hay.

Once used by Ford's Tractor Division for testing, the land currently is managed by Ford Land, the company's real estate arm and VanWashenova Farms.

The property includes three historic barns that are in the process of being restored and an old farmhouse.

The MAEAP verification is a voluntary program that shows producers how to identify and prevent agricultural pollution risks on their farms.

Immediately following the recognition event, farmer Al VanWashenova hosted a pig roast in celebration.

To become MAEAP verified, farmers must complete three comprehensive steps which include attending an educational seminar, conducting a thorough on-farm assessment, and developing and implementing an action

plan addressing potential environmental risks.

The program encompasses three systems — livestock, farmstead and cropping. The Ford Cherry Hill Farm is verified under the farmstead system.

"I am honored to farm land that has such strong ties to Ford Motor Co.," said VanWashenova in a news release.

"Getting the Ford Cherry Hill Farm verified was the right thing to do, and I am very proud of this accomplishment."

Donna Inch, Ford Land chairman and CEO said, "For the past 12 years, Ford and the VanWashenova family have made a great team. Today's recognition is another example of Ford's commitment to sustainability."

Starting in 1906 and continuing through the early part of the 20th century, Henry Ford acquired 26,000 acres of farm property in southern Michigan, and much of the farmland was managed in detail by Ford himself.

During these years Ford began his experimentation with farming techniques, crops and tractors using many of these farms as laboratories.

Ford's giant land holdings were made up of hundreds of small, family-sized farms

— many with a livable house and usable barns like the Cherry Hill Farm.

The Cherry Hill Farm was used to test tractors and their implements, and raise crops for experimentation including early biomaterials and food production.

Henry Ford made certain his properties were well fenced, the roads were in good repair and the schools for the farm children were the best possible.

Many of the farms were used as meeting places for much of the community, and Cherry Hill is no exception. Dances were held in the historic barns on the property, and community meetings were held in the old farmhouse.

In the past few years, Ford has begun restoration efforts at the Cherry Hill Farm. Of the three barns, one has been restored, one is in the middle of the restoration process and the third is slated to begin restoration next year.

In addition, work has been done to the old farmhouse including new siding and windows.

"With this farm's historical tie to both the automotive and agriculture industries, we congratulate Ford Cherry Hill Farm and the VanWashenova family on this verification," said Gordon Wenk, MDARD's

chief deputy director.

"This verification shows the strong commitment both Ford Motor Company and Cherry Hill Farm have to sustainable agriculture practices as well as safeguarding the environment."

MAEAP is a collaborative effort of farmers, MDARD, Michigan Farm Bureau, commodity organizations, universities, conservation districts, conservation and environmental groups, and state and federal agencies.

More than 100 local coordinators and technical service providers are available to assist farmers as they move through the MAEAP process toward verification.

An average of 5,000 Michigan farmers attend educational programs annually; 10,000 Michigan farms have started the verification process; and more than 1,100 farms have been verified to date. In March of 2011, Governor Rick Snyder signed Senate Bill 122 and House Bill 4212, now Public Acts 1 and 2 of 2011, to codify the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program into law.

MAEAP is a multiyear program allowing producers to meet personal objectives, while best managing both time and resources.

For more information, visit www.maeap.org or call 517-241-4730.



A New Business

Lynn Thomas-Perry hosted the opening of the new Farmers Insurance located in The Oaks, 960 E. Michigan Ave. in Saline, June 16. Pictured along with Thomas-Perry and her family at the ribbon cutting are Sandee Sheats (left), Art Trapp, Larry Osterling, state Rep. Mark Oulmet, Will and Ethan Hill, Josh Thomas, Kim Hill, Chris Aris, Mike Perry, Dana Barnhart, Lynn Thomas-Perry, Adam Perry, Dave Stanbury, Mayor Gretchen Driskell, Mickie Haskett and Bill Mangold.

Group urges: Don't leave kids in hot cars

With summer heating up, Safe Kids Huron Valley, a nonprofit organization working to prevent unintentional injuries to children, reminds caregivers to never leave children alone in a vehicle.

A child left unattended in a vehicle can suffer from hyperthermia or heat stroke when temperatures are as low as the mid-50s. On an 80-degree day, the temperature inside a car can rise 20 degrees in 10 minutes.

Although most parents assume this could never happen to them, it has happened to the rich and poor, educated and less educated, women and men, city dwellers and suburbanites, and in all but one state — Wyoming.

On June 18, a 9-month-old boy in Louisville, Ky. became the fifth child this year in the U.S. to die from hyperthermia after being left alone in a vehicle.

In May, a 7-month-old died after being left alone in a hot pickup truck in the Sugar Land area of Houston, Texas. Officials indicated the baby's father had dropped his older children off at school and then driven to a business conference, forgetting to drop off his 7-month-old.

Since 1998, more than 500 children have died from hyperthermia or heat stroke as a result of being left alone in a vehicle, and Michigan has not been

immune to these incidents.

"We simply must get that number to zero," said Amy Teddy, a member of Safe Kids Huron Valley and injury prevention program manager for Mott Children's Hospital, in a news release.

"We want to remind parents that there is no safe way to leave a child unattended in a vehicle — even for one minute. The inside of a car acts like a greenhouse, and because children's bodies heat up three to five times faster than adults, this makes them much more susceptible to heat stroke."

Here's what parents and caregivers need to know and can do:

- Lock cars and trucks. Thirty percent of the recorded heat stroke deaths in the U.S. occur because a child was playing in an unattended vehicle. These deaths can be prevented by simply locking the vehicle doors to help assure that kids don't enter the vehicles and become trapped.

- Create reminders. Many child heat stroke deaths occur because parents and caregivers become distracted and exit their vehicle without their child.

To help prevent these tragedies parents can:

- Place a cell phone, PDA, purse, briefcase, gym bag or something that is needed at your next stop on the floor in front of a child in a backseat. This will help

you see your child when you open the rear door and reach for your belongings.

- Set the alarm on your cell phone/smartphone as a reminder to you to drop your child off at day care. If you have a smartphone check out the Baby Reminder app, which was created to help prevent these tragedies. This application will automatically monitor and determine when you are driving and when not.

- Use your computer calendar program to ask, "Did you drop off at daycare today?"

- Establish a plan with your daycare that if your child fails to arrive within an agreed upon time that you will be called within a few minutes. Be especially mindful of your child if you change your routine for daycare.

- Dial 911 immediately if you see an unattended child in a car. EMS professionals are trained to determine if a child is in trouble.

Check vehicles and trunks first if a child is missing.

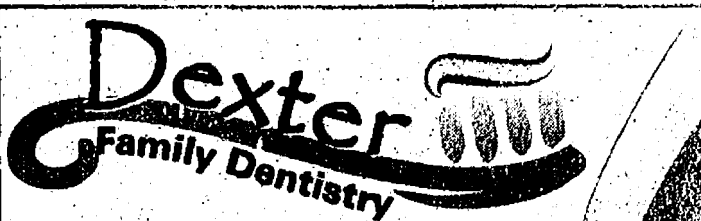
Safe Kids Huron Valley, which includes Livingston and Washtenaw counties, works to prevent unintentional childhood injury, the leading cause of death and disability to children, through age 14.

Safe Kids Huron Valley is a member of Safe Kids Michigan and Safe Kids Worldwide and is led by

University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

For more information on preventing child heat stroke deaths, visit www.ggweather.com/heat and www.safekids.org/nlyca.

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The 2012 Kia Sorento has the comfort, capability and features of any vehicle with which it competes. You can get the Sorento in either a five- or seven-seat version.

Kia's 2012 Sorento offers capability, comfort

Value is still important, but it's no longer the only thing

By David Schmidt
Journal-Register News Service

When you sit behind the wheel of this nicely sized sport utility vehicle, you simply cannot determine the price.

The 2012 Kia Sorento has the comfort, capability and features of any vehicle with which it competes. It's also Kia's first vehicle to be built in the U.S., and the company's first vehicle to sell more than 100,000 units in a single year.

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Its design is its own, but there's a feeling of both Volvo and Lexus to the lines and proportions. You can get the Sorento in either a five- or seven-seat version.

Sorento's a good size for a mid-sized crossover at 183.9 inches long and 74.2 inches wide. Both five- and seven-seat configuration Sorentos give you a decent amount of space: 142.5 cubic

feet of interior volume for the five-seater and 149.4 cubic feet in the seven-seat version.

Legroom is good, even in back, although I haven't experienced the seven-seat seating. More than likely, it's okay for short trips and short people.

You also get decent storage and cargo space. In the five-passenger Sorento, there's 37 cu. ft. of cargo space for the fundamentals of family fun.

You can choose from three engines, the newest of which is a 2.4-liter direct gasoline injected

four-cylinder. This engine generates 191 hp. and 181 lb.-ft. of peak torque. Those are good numbers for an engine this size, and it's enough power to do the job's a Sorento is called upon to do.

There's also a 3.5-liter V6 that produces 276 hp. and 248 lb.-ft. of peak torque. This additional power makes everything smoother and quieter, but buyers can see this engine as an edge-up, not a necessity.

And for those who really want economy in a mid-sized vehicle, there's a 2.4-liter Multi-Port Injected four-cylinder that creates 175 hp. and 169 lb.-ft. of peak torque, which will get the best fuel economy of the lot. Fuel economy ranges from an EPA rating of 12 mpg city and 29 mpg highway for a front-wheel drive model fitted with the 2.4-liter Multi-Port engine to 18 mpg city and 24 highway for an all-wheel drive model with the six-cylinder engine.

No matter which engine you choose, the power gets to the road through a six-speed automatic transmission. Kia is proud of this tranny, as they both designed it and build it specifically for the Sorento. That's uncommon; most transmissions are "optimized" for the vehicle they're used in from a common unit.

Buyers can choose either front- or all-wheel drive. The all-wheel system uses a locking center

differential that evenly divides power to all wheels at low speeds during more severe weather conditions. Otherwise it's operating in the more fuel-efficient front-wheel drive mode.

The Sorento rides well, with a solid and comfortable relationship with the road, even on rougher roads. It uses a dependable MacPherson strut front suspension and a fully independent multi-link rear suspension, and drives much like a car. The days of trucks-based sports utility vehicles with their solid rear axles and "trucky" rides is thankfully gone from the ranks of family vehicles.

Inside the Kia, all is well. The conservative but modern design is both comfortable and attractive. In quality and features, it matches or exceeds any crossover with which it competes. You can even opt for features like power-folding side mirrors, a heated steering wheel, heated and cooled driver's seat, and a powered passenger seat as well as an upgraded audio system.

There are three trim levels: LX, EX and SX. The base car comes standard with 17-inch alloy wheels. The EX ups the wheel size to 18-inches and adds fog lamps, roof rails and a rear spoiler. EX adds a panoramic sunroof on V6 models, and finally, the DX gives you even more beauty features on the exterior

including a special 10-spoke 18-inch wheel, body color front and rear bumpers and LED tail lamps.

So this Kia is mainstream, as well as being built here. It's a big part of why Kia's reputation — and marketing placement — as the "cheap" option in its segment is a thing of the past. Value is still important, but no longer the only thing. Prices start at an MSRP for the Base

model of \$21,250 and grow to \$33,150 for the upper-scale Sorento SX.

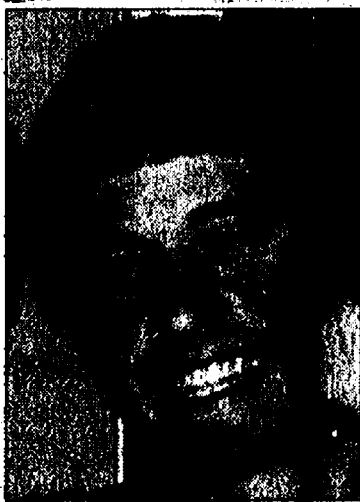
More than the price and the features, driving this crossover will potentially be a mind-changer about where Kia fits in relation to its competitors. Drive it so you can judge yourself.

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DISHAW, MICHAEL EDWARD, age 23; of Ypsilanti; passed away June 22, 2012. A graduate of Eastern Michigan University, Michael was an Economics Researcher for CFI Group in Ann Arbor. He loved playing Ultimate Frisbee and was involved with various local teams over the past few years. Michael was close to his brother, sisters, and cousins, often meeting for coffee and to engage in philosophical discussions. He also enjoyed stimulating his mind with books, movies, and listening to NPR. Always up for a challenge, he excelled at board games; he disliked losing and rarely did. Michael was the beloved son of Kristin Dishaw of Ypsilanti and Thomas Dishaw of Flat Rock; dear brother to Anna, John, Rebecca, and Pamela; cherished grandson of Thomas and Pamela Vreeland, and Earl and Alice Dishaw (deceased); and uncle to Malachi Real. A public Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, July 1, 2012; location to be determined. For updates, see: janewickfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made at dishawfamily.chipin.com



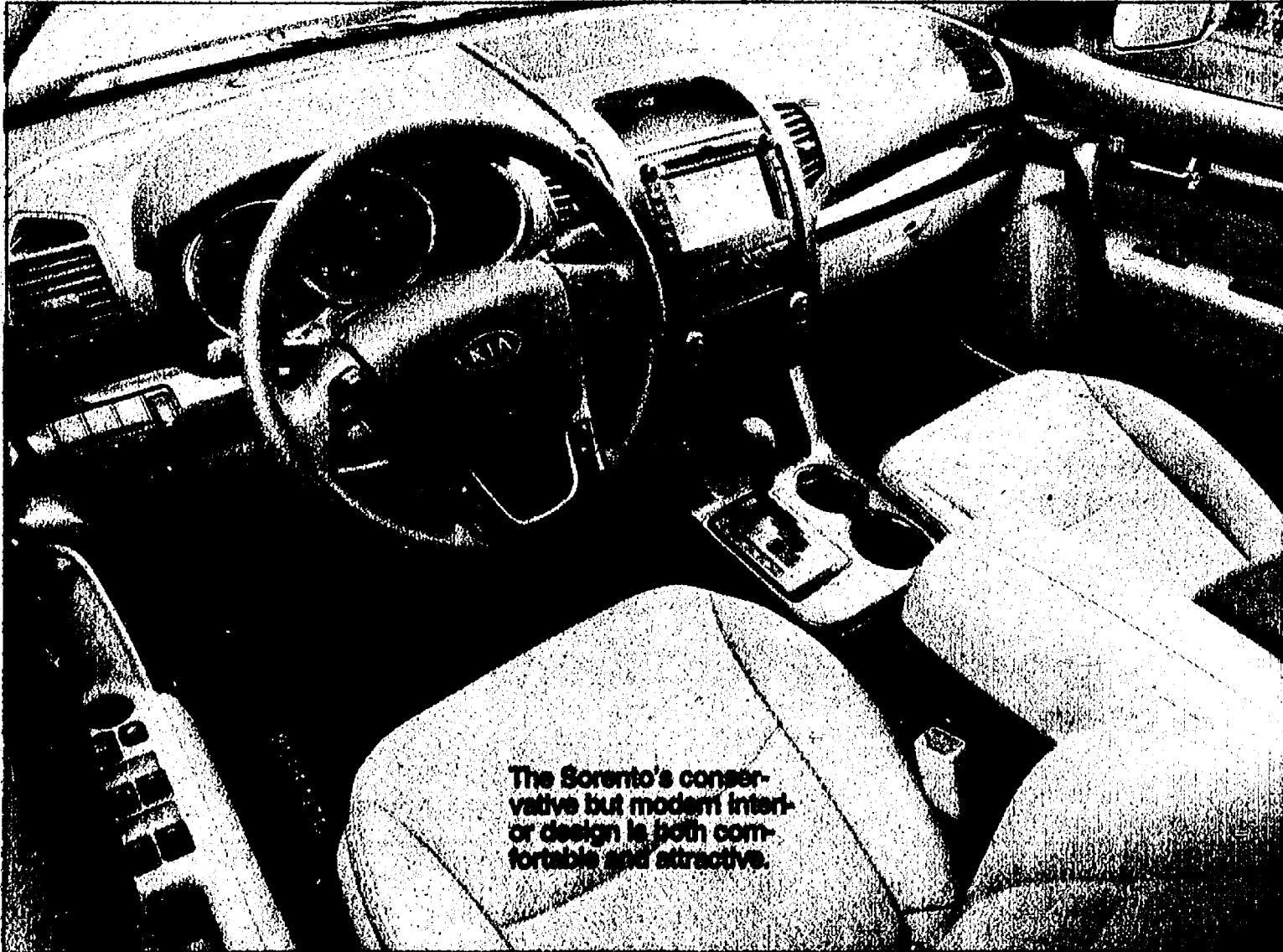
RYDZON, STELLA MARIE (Rudin); of Chelsea; age 91; died June 2012 peacefully at Chelsea Hospital with her family at her side. Stella moved to Chelsea in 2004 from the Downriver Area. A Private Service will be held at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Wyandotte. Preceded in death by her husband, Joseph J. Rydzon. She is survived by her two sons, Thomas (Janice) Rydzon of Clarkston, and Robert (Debbie) Rydzon of Chelsea; two granddaughters and four great grandchildren.

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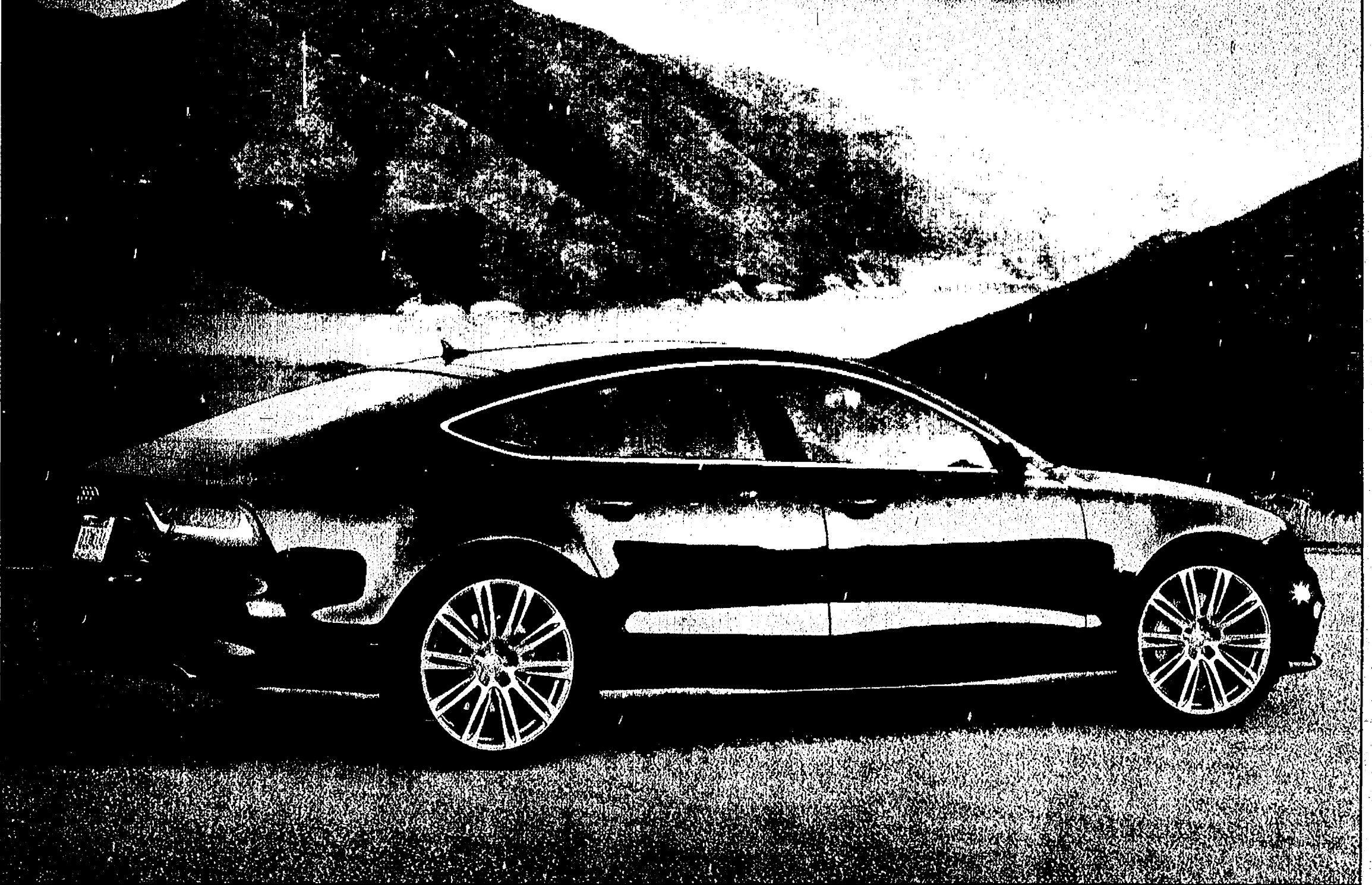
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The Sorento's conservative but modern interior design is both comfortable and attractive.

2012 Audi A7



Other than their looks, the Audi A7 and A6 offer the same excellent capabilities. Both sedans are comfortable, quiet and sophisticated.

Audi's A6 and A7: siblings without rivalry

By David Schmidt
Journal Register News Service

For 2012, Audi's given its mid-size car customers two attractive alternatives.

For those who like Audi's understated Teutonic appeal, the new A6 sedan will give them the classic German sedan — a car that never looks bad, but also never steps into the limelight. Or if beauty rocks your world, Audi offers what is perhaps its best-looking car design for a long time — the A7, a five-door sedan that looks like a stunning coupe.

Even if they're not Audi fans, most people like the looks of the A7. It's simply designed correctly, and that means its emotional appeal depends on nothing but its own aesthetics. This indefinable quality happens rarely, but in this case, Audi has a car that would meet even an Italian's artistic sensibilities.

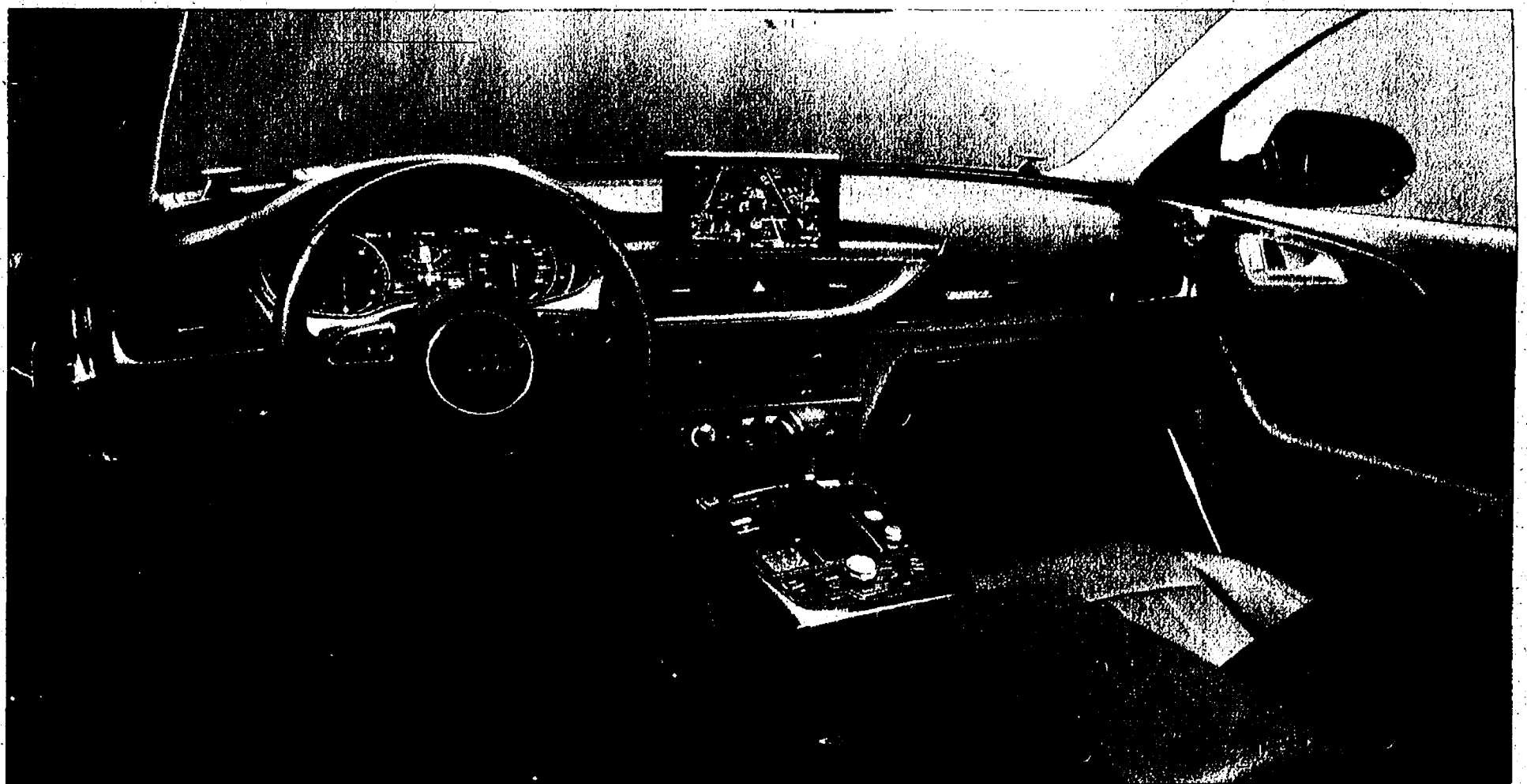
While beauty is in the eye of the beholder, good design requires that all this prettiness does its job effectively, too. The Audi A7 meets this criterion.

The stylish looks of a coupe let people enter and sit with the efficiency of a reasonably spacious sedan. Yes, the roofline is low in back, but not so much so as to interfere with most people's comfort. The rear doors are wide enough to make entering and exiting easy and dignified, something impossible with any true coupe.

The A7 is the next evolution of Audi design. There's a commonality with the A6 face, but the A7 stretches two inches longer at 195.6 inches, two inches wider at 84.2 inches and it's 55.9 inches high. So the A7 is longer, wider and lower, which is why it's so elegant.

Other than their looks, the A7 and the A6 offer the same capabilities, except the A6 offers a four-cylinder engine as its standard engine. The A7 only comes with the 3.0-liter supercharged V6 engine.

Both vehicles share the same interior look — a modern, yet spare design. When I first got into the car, I was less than impressed with its simplicity. But the interior works so well that soon I became an admirer



Both vehicles share the same interior look — a modern, yet spare design. Our reviewer says the interior works so well that he soon became an admirer of the seats as well as the appearance of the instrument panel.

of the seats as well as the appearance of the instrument panel. I like Audi's new Google Earth-based navigation system, which can overlay a satellite image on the map. I don't know what real value it has, but it's certainly cool.

You also get Wi-Fi connectivity that allows up to eight devices to access the Internet. The cars come with nice audio systems — either the standard 14-speaker, 630-watt Bose system or the optional 15-speaker, 1,300-watt Bang & Olufsen, which produces truly excellent music. Although it uses Bluetooth streaming, it almost seems like a waste to use it, given the limited bandwidth Bluetooth has and the level of technical quality of the signal.

Both of the Audis tested were powered by the supercharged 3.0-liter V6 engine, which generates 310 hp. and 325 lb.-ft. of peak torque. That power flows through an eight-speed transmission to all four wheels using Audi's Quattro.

This all-wheel drive system uses an asymmetric rear-biased torque distribution of 40 percent in front and 60 percent of the power in the rear.

In the A6, the standard engine is the small 2.0-liter

four-cylinder turbocharged front-wheel-drive with Audi's continuously variable transmission. This engine generates 211 hp. and 258 lb.-ft. of peak torque.

Audi says this should get 24 mpg in the city and 33 mpg on the highway. With the V6 engine, the mileage expectations change to 19 mpg in the city and 28 mpg on the highway. These numbers aren't too bad for cars of this size and this class. And after all, if you're spending more than \$60,000 for a car, your concern about the cost of gasoline is probably theoretical.

These are both quite comfortable cars to drive. They're stable, with decent electronic suspension assists for safety and comfort. The interior is quiet, even under hard acceleration. They both have good manners. In fact, that's a good definition of these cars: they're sophisticated and well behaved, and you become sure they'd never do anything embarrassingly impolite.

These cars are siblings, with the more similarities than differences, except when it comes to looks. Even then, there's no sibling rivalry. The A6 is sensible looking; the A7 is a real stunner.

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State House candidates weigh in for August primary

State House seats in the 52nd, 53rd, 54th and 55th districts are up for election this year. Heritage Media sent out questionnaires to each of the candidates, and following are their responses.

Coverage of the state Legislature will kick off Heritage Media's publishing detailed information on every candidate running in the Aug. 7 Primary Election ballot in the weeks leading up to the election.

Gretchen Driskell

Age: 53
Office Sought: State Representative, 52nd District.
Political Affiliation: Democrat.
Residence: Saline.
Occupation: Commercial Realtor and Mayor of Saline.
Education: Bachelor's degree in accounting, Lynchburg College; master's degree from George Washington University.
Previous election office: In seventh term as Mayor, and three terms as Saline City Council member.

Current public or community service: Mayor of Saline, Saline Area Fire District Board, Washtenaw Area Transportation Study delegate, Economic Development Corporation chairwoman, Saline Main Street Economic Restructuring Committee, Coalition for a Quality Community, Saline Planning Commission, Ann Arbor SPARK Public Sector Committee vice chairwoman, United Way of Washtenaw County board member, Southeast Michigan Council of Government vice chairwoman/Transportation Advisory Council member.

What are the three key issues that you're seeking to deal with if elected?

As Mayor of Saline, I know the importance of our excellent school system and quality of life when retaining and recruiting business. Last year, Lansing chose to cut or eliminate business taxes and have a majority of these cuts paid for by taxes on individuals, specifically seniors and cuts to our kids.

Education (early education through higher education). Last year, higher education budgets were cut 15 percent and K-12 budgets were cut 6 percent. Right now, our school districts are laying off teachers and eliminating curriculum. I know that good paying jobs come to states that invest in their future.

The priority in Lansing to eliminate businesses taxes (including personal property tax revenue) will cause a long-term tax shift to our citizens that is not justified. Low business tax states do not equate to higher per capita income. I believe our state priority should be to focus on educating our future workers, which will make us competitive in this 21st century economy. For our economy to grow, we need to be able to recruit talent globally, and compete with other communities across the country to provide great places to live, work and play.

Saline has been ranked as a top 100 small city in the country because our community has chosen to invest in our schools, infrastructure, and quality of life. We work together as a council in a nonpartisan manner to build a strong community that supports businesses, both small and large. We have been transparent in our communications and financial decision making for many years, before this became the state buzz word. I plan on bringing these skills to Lansing, work in a bipartisan manner to make our state stronger and better, and represent all of our constituents, so that we are all proud to call Michigan home.

Family: Ryan (24), Matthew (22), and Marielle (18), all Saline High School graduates.

Mark Oulmet

Age: 63
Office Sought: State Representative, 52nd District.
Political Affiliation: Republican.
Residence: Scio Township.
Occupation: State Representative, 52nd District.
Education: Bachelor's degree in business administration from Northwood

University.
Previous election office: State Representative, 52nd District; Washtenaw County Commissioner, 1st District; Ann Arbor City Council.

Current public or community service: Mott Children's Hospital, Rotary, Chambers of Commerce.

What are three key issues that you're seeking to deal with if elected?

Jobs and the economy, education, government spending and accountability.

Family: Mark (Kelli) and Courtney; grandsons, Trey and Cole

Jeff Irwin

Age: 35
Office Sought: State Representative, 53rd District.
Political Affiliation:

Democrat.

Residence: Ann Arbor.
Occupation: State Representative.

Education: Bachelor's degree, University of Michigan.

Previous election office: Washtenaw County Commissioner, 1999-2010.

Current public or community service: (Did not respond.)

What are three key issues that you're seeking to deal with if elected?

The three issues that I focus on in Lansing are education funding, environmental protection and equal rights. My top priority for state government is restoring education funding. Billions of dollars in funding meant for our schools have been diverted from K-12 classrooms in the last two years, and I intend

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Silver Maples to host 'Civil Discourse' evening

When Will Johnson has an idea, it's usually a good one. After seeing and hearing so much political rhetoric on the television and in the newspapers, Johnson, Chelsea Community Hospital's president emeritus, felt that the people who live in the Chelsea area are intelligent and concerned enough to discuss the real issues facing our society in a civil and thoughtful manner. Thus was born An Evening of Civil Discourse.

Now in its third year, the evening brings together State Sen. Rebekah Warren, State Rep. Mark Quimet, District 1 County Commissioner Rob Turner, U.S. Rep. Tim Wählberg and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Each will share, listen and discuss their perspectives about local, regional and state issues and opportunities with their constituents. Johnson will serve as moderator. Warren said events like this

are important to her because it's a great way to get to know the people she represents. "Events like the Evening of Civil Discourse allow me to engage with my constituency and learn about them and their particular legislative needs," she added. "Open discourse and transparency should be at the heart of every legislative office, and I truly appreciate the opportunity to have an unrestricted conversation with the citizens of Chelsea."

Shawn Personke, director of activities and public relations for Silver Maples of Chelsea, said the event can really help people understand an individual involved in politics better. "An opportunity like An Evening of Civil Discourse can really help you understand a person better by meeting and talking to your representative," said Shawn Personke, director of activities and public relations for Silver Maples of Chelsea.

Personke said that she had received many positive comments about first two years. "We're looking forward to hosting the event again." An Evening of Civil

Discourse will be at 6:30 p.m. July 10 at Silver Maples of Chelsea, 100 Silver Maples Drive. It is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.silvermaples.org.

DDA should reconsider Longworth development

The Downtown Development Authority in Chelsea has owned the vacant property - known as the Longworth Property - along the railroad tracks since early in 2009. The closest the DDA has come to turning the historic buildings into a vibrant addition to Chelsea's downtown was the creative mixed-use proposal put forward by well-regarded developers, the Kadushin/Beal team.

Unfortunately, the resolution adopted by the DDA on June 7 modified the Request for Proposal and was a show stopper.

No. 1, the agreement must be accompanied by the irrevocable bank letter of credit of \$1 million or other security acceptable to the DDA to secure improvements in the property and to cover any cost or damages incurred by the DDA and the city for site restoration or removal of incomplete improvements if the project fails, after satisfaction of due diligence contingencies.

No. 2, No tax abatements in the agreement.

No. 3, Due diligence and other contingencies, including financial commitments, shall end Sept. 7, when the agreement shall become

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firm and developer must proceed to closing.

No. 4, Any conveyance prior to final mortgage financing shall be subject to a right of reverter on the condition that the project is completed and on breach of the condition title shall revert to DDA.

No. 5, Developer can have immediate access upon the execution of agreement for due diligence activities.

Unable to seek clarification of what was meant by the resolution, the Kadushin/Beal team withdrew their proposal before

the DDA meeting on June 21. But, according to a few DDA members, they didn't mean what was written in the resolution.

After the withdrawal of the proposal, Bob Pierce, executive director of the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, said, "Giving them another chance, another whack at this - what are we going to get? We're going to get the same thing."

The DDA needs to rethink this position and collaborate with the developers who would invest \$3.7 million in Chelsea. That's a lot of busi-

ness to turn down. The community of Chelsea deserves "another whack at this."

Jan Bernath
Chelsea

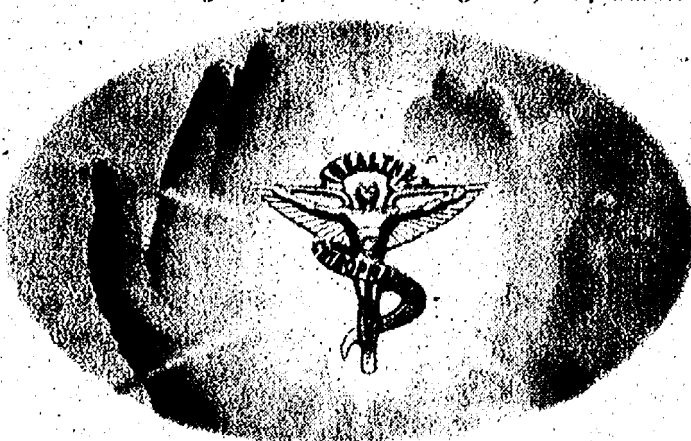
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Parallel Universes?

Have you ever thought about the possibility of "parallel universes"? Some individuals latch on to these theories and take them in quite extreme directions. A few people even imagine themselves living in several universes at the same time, with totally different lifestyles.

Obviously this line of thinking goes way beyond science, and leads to nothing but speculation about what might be going on somewhere else. Not only is this not useful; it can actually be harmful. Any time you dwell on what might have been and live in some imaginary reality, it detracts from your ability and commitment to live where you really are. God put you here, in this universe, in this galaxy, on this planet, and He has plans for you here. It is counterproductive to think about what you, or your other self or selves, might be doing today in some other galaxy or universe.

The Bible informs us that our first parents, Adam and Eve, lived in a beautiful garden. Because of a decision they made thousands of years ago, they were evicted from that beautiful garden, and we live today in a fallen world, as fallen creatures - fallen into sin and separated from God. No parallel universe has opened up, in which the human race has refrained from rebelling against God. Instead, our God sent His Son here to earth to offset the decisions that the human race made.

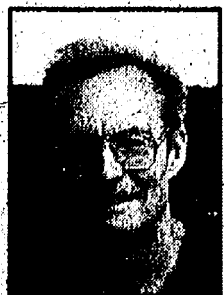
The Bible informs us, further, that God's Son Jesus was put to death as a sacrifice for our sins, and that He rose again and now fills the universe. No, He not only fills the universe, but He and His Father are outside the universe, and above the universe.

Anyone who believes this message of our God and His Son will one day experience what you might call a different universe, which we refer to as "heaven" - a universe not subject to bad decisions and full of problems and dangers, but a universe that is safe and glorious and full of light and joy.

We are not to be looking for something better somewhere else, to escape where we are now. The only reality for us is right here, not in some other universe.

Please join us in worship Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. or Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., as we get a glimpse of that future world, and at the same time prepare ourselves for life here and now

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to work on making education funding a top priority again in Michigan.

Also, I believe we have an opportunity to propel long-term economic growth with investments in clean energy. I have introduced legislation that will speed the development of wind and solar installations that make economic sense. I also will work to protect our Great Lakes and clean drinking water from polluters and fight for the public's right to know what chemicals are being injected underneath Michigan during hydraulic fracturing for oil and gas.

Finally, I hope to continue my efforts to make Michigan a more welcoming place for people and businesses. That's why I've introduced legislation that will allow the children of same-sex households to have two legal parents. Extending equal rights to these parents and their children is part of building a tolerant and just society for all of us.

Family: Wife, Kathryn Loomis; daughter, Sylvia; and son, Mackinac.

David E. Rutledge

Age: 67
Office sought: State Representative, 54th District.
Political affiliation: Democrat.

Residence: Superior Township.
Occupation: Small business owner.

Education: Undergraduate degree in political science from Tennessee State University in Nashville, and graduate work at both the Harvard Law School and the University of Michigan Law School.

Previous elected office: Served two four-year terms as supervisor of Superior Township in Washtenaw County; elected for three six-year terms to board of trustees at Washtenaw Community College.

Current public or community service: Currently serving as state representative for the Ypsilanti area. Community service over an extended period includes chairing the State Boundary

Commission, a former member of the board of directors for the Ann Arbor Community Foundation, the board of Dawn Farm drug rehab center, and the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.

What are three key issues that you're seeking to deal with if elected? My priorities include promoting quality in our K-12 education. I was appointed by the House speaker to a committee charged with recommending best practices that directly impact education quality.

Improving our economy through job creation. As a small-business owner, I support policies that encourage retaining businesses and attracting new ones while also balancing environmental concerns.

Promoting investment in our road, bridges, and mass transit. Our quality of life and ability to attract new businesses are seriously being compromised by our crumbling infrastructure.

Family: Married to Geraldine Simmons Rutledge, who is a retired

elementary schoolteacher. They have two children, Marcus and Felicia, and two grandchildren, Kelton Patton of Ypsilanti and Darius Rutledge of Knoxville, Tenn.

Adam Zemke

Age: 29
Office Sought: State Representative, 55th District.
Political Affiliation: Democrat.

Residence: Ann Arbor.
Occupation: Mechanical engineer.

Education: Bachelor's degree in engineering from Michigan State and master's degree in engineering from Michigan State University.

Previous election office: None.

Current public or community service: Western Washtenaw Democrats (past chairman), Ann Arbor Housing and Human Services Advisory Board, Washtenaw County Community Action Board. **What are three key issues that you're seeking to deal with if elected?**

Education: I believe that education is the best form of economic development. I

support investing in K-12 and higher education and emphasizing science, technology, engineering and math education.

Economy: I believe that Michigan's path to prosperity is through our people. As a graduate of our public universities and an automotive engineer, I have witnessed the brain-drain of Michigan's talent. To create economic opportunity for all, I support diversifying our economy, expanding advanced manufacturing and green industries, revitalizing urban areas and investing in our local communities.

Environment: I believe that preserving our environment is an investment for our future. I will protect the Great Lakes, work to grow green technology and will oppose efforts to increase air and water pollution.

Family: (No response.)

Andrea Brown-Harrison

Age: 47.
Office Sought: State Representative, 55th District.
Political Affiliation: Democrat.

Residence: Pittsfield Charter Township.

Occupation: Pittsfield Charter Township, trustee.

Education: Bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University; completing master's degree in teaching at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Previous election office: Pittsfield Township Parks commissioner; Current public or community service: Pittsfield Township Board trustee.

What are three key issues that you're seeking to deal with if elected?

Restoring needed funding to education.

Protecting workers' rights, especially challenges to collective bargaining.

Protecting women's rights.

Family: Married 19 years to Ira Harrison, Ann Arbor firefighter, with two children.

Editor's Note: State representative candidate for District 53 John Spisak, candidate for District 55 Bill Emmerich and candidate for District 55 Owen Diaz did not respond to Heritage Media's email questionnaire.

ANNIVERSARY



Paul and Rose Marie (Kelly) Wagner

Paul and Rose Marie (Kelly) Wagner of Saline celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 23 with family.

The couple, originally from Detroit, married June 23, 1962, at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Richmond.

Their children are Eileen (Gerald) Mallory of Chelsea, Theresa (the late Thomas) Schmidt of Saline and Heidi Wagner of Saline.

The Wagners have four grandchildren, Kenny and Michelle Mallory, and Benjamin and Ava Schmidt.

The couple has lived in the Saline area for the last 49 years.

Paul is retired from Ford Motor Co., where

he worked as a prototype technician engineer. Rose worked part time at the University of Michigan as administrative support, as well as a hair stylist of many years.

The Wagners enjoy spending time with their family, especially their grandchildren and "grand dog," Ryder. Paul enjoys fishing and hunting and Rose loves to walk.

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REVIEW

Mario Tennis Open serves up fun for Nintendo 3DS

By Jeff Hoard
Journal Register News Service

Mario and company are quite the sports athletes. While they've showed off their skills in basketball, baseball, soccer, hockey and all kinds of Olympics activities, their most popular games have occurred on the tennis court and golf course.

Nintendo and Camelot have teamed up once again for Mario Tennis Open, now out for the 3DS. While it may seem a little light on content, newcomers and long-time fans of the franchise will enjoy the fun, fast-paced action it has to offer.

Playing the game isn't complicated. You run around and hit specific shots like a lob, drop shot, slice or top spin. You can do this by either tapping the color-coded touchscreen or pressing the physical buttons. Being a Mario Tennis veteran I went the physical route, as I expect most people would feel comfortable with. The controls are precise and shots can be aimed with ease.

There also are different ways to view the action. While there's the regular way, the dynamic view allows the player to hold the system upright to get an up-close perspective behind their character. The character will automatically move toward the ball and you can aim by moving the 3DS from left to right using the gyro sensor. Again, I didn't use this way, feeling more comfortable with the normal view.

In Mario Power Tennis for the GameCube, the big gimmick was specialized power shots that each character used to overwhelm opponents. There's none of that here. Instead, Mario Tennis Open focuses on chance shots, which allow

for souped-up slices, top spins, lobs, drop shots and power slams. From my experiences, these mostly show up when you or the opponents make a weak shot that can be taken advantage of. It's a welcoming twist that really sped up the matches. Without them, they would have gone on too long.

While there's not a lot of variety to the single-player content, there is a lot to accomplish. The majority comes from playing in singles and doubles tournaments to collect trophies for the cast of characters, including your Mii. A colorful array of courts are available that affect ball speed and bounce. The first set of tournaments can be breezed through in no time, but more are unlocked that bump up the difficulty. Collecting all the trophies for each character and unlocking their "star" versions will take dedication, but could become tedious since it's playing the same thing over and over again.

Exhibition matches allow you to customize opponent difficulty and length of games. The hardest difficulty available will really, really test your skills. Expect to lose a few times.

Besides normal tennis, four Special Games add a nice change of pace. These include Ring Shot - hitting the ball through rings; Ink Showdown - hitting balls past your opponent while Piranha Plants shoot ink that mucks up the screen; Galaxy Rally - keeping a rally going while parts of the tennis court disappear; and Super Mario Tennis - hitting the ball at a wall while old-school Super Mario Bros. scrolls across it.

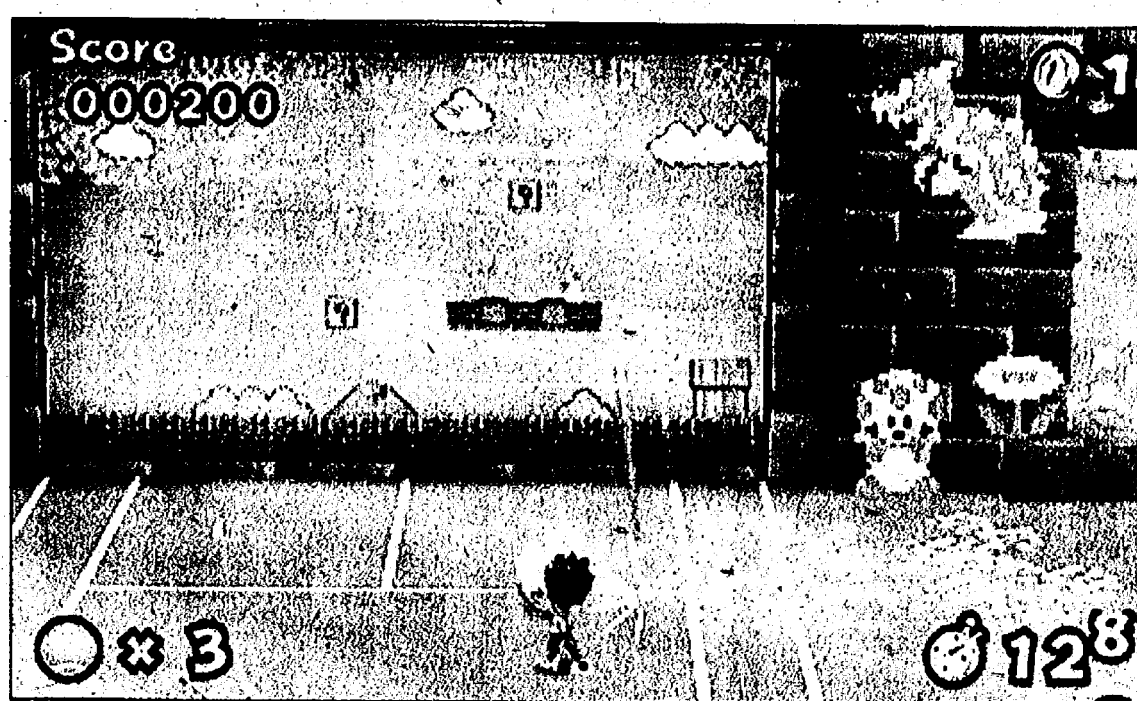
It's too bad the other three mini-games don't match up to Super Mario

Tennis. It's exhilarating to keep a rally going while smacking enemy Goombas and Koopa Troopas, collecting power-ups and lobbing the ball at the classic flagpole. It's the most fun I've ever had playing a mini-game, and it's unfortunate there are very few levels to play.

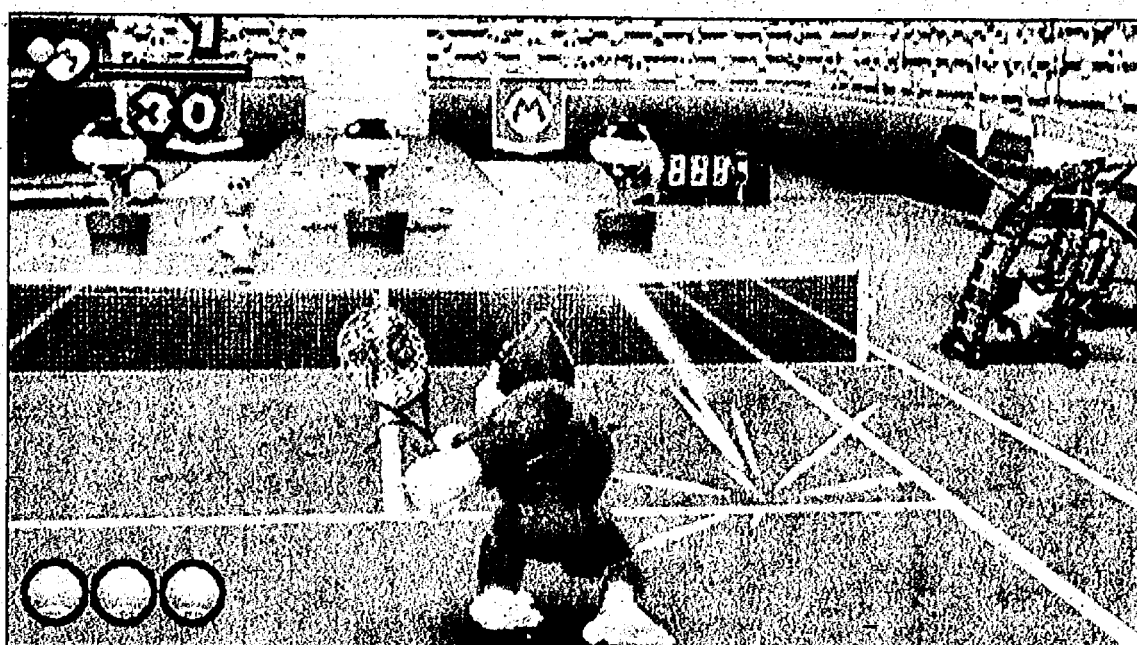
What there is a lot of in Mario Tennis Open is unlockable content. Each time you finish a match, a piece of equipment becomes available for purchase in the shop. All kinds of items like rackets, shirts, wristbands and shoes are at your disposal to customize your Mii. A pie graph accompanies each item, letting you know where your stats are going. Achieving certain objectives will unlock full character costumes. Finally, you can play tennis dressed as a Yoshi. Items are bought with coins, and playing the Special Games will rack them up in no time. Extra characters also are unlocked.

While there's no RPG mode like in past Game Boy games - an option some fans were clamoring for - online play is finally available. However, it's no Mario Kart 7 in terms of options. While you can play custom singles and doubles matches with those on your friend list, as well as Ring Shot and Super Mario Tennis, it's limited when it comes to taking on random players. It's simply tiebreaker or 2-game, 1-set matches. While these make for quick, fun games, I wished there was a tournament option, since the sport is known for that.

I had no major problems playing online. I had the rare laggy game, but that's to be expected. Winning matches will earn you Victory Medals, and there are monthly leaderboards. One big plus is the avail-



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ability of Download Play, offering limited multi-player options if only one game card is in the room. I didn't get to experience the StreetPass functionality, where computer-controlled Mii's duke it out if their respective 3DS owners pass each other. It'll be neat to see how mine does if I ever pass anybody.

I should also mention the 3D effect is nice and was

never a distraction to me.

Overall, Mario Tennis Open is a solid entry to the franchise. The fun, familiar gameplay is back again. I wouldn't recommend playing it for three hours straight or anything like that, but it's perfect for short bursts on the go - for quickly adding to your trophy collection, unlocking a few more items or challenging some fellow players

across the Internet.

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ☆
A copy of Mario Tennis Open was supplied by Nintendo for this review. Jeff Hoard writes about video games for The Oakland Press. He can be reached at jeff.hoard@oakpress.com. Follow him on Twitter @JeffHoard921. His blog is www.yay4videogames.blogspot.com.

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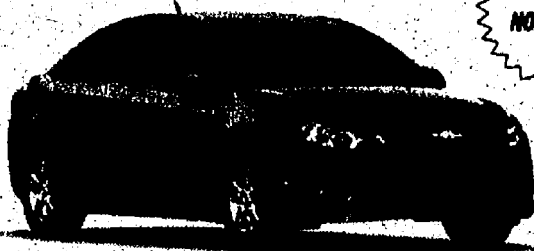
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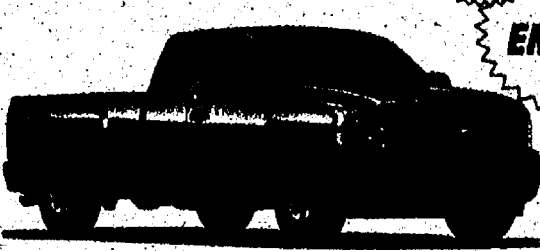
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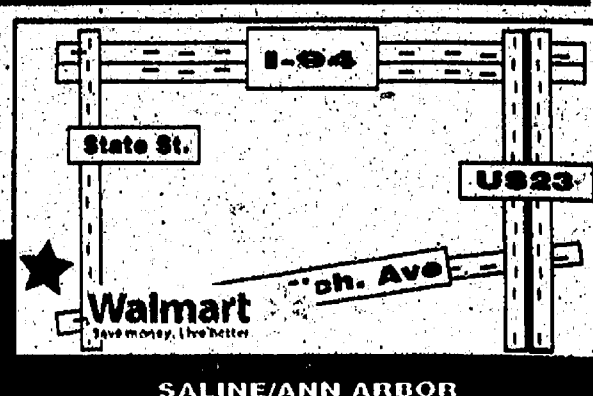
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first was a proposal set forth by Mark Creswell, who wanted to house his reptile zoo at the Longworth. The second was proposed by the Chelsea Connection LLC, and shortly thereafter, Lansing-based Kincaid Henry Building Group presented a mixed-use development project and pulled their proposal from consideration amid speculation.

The development team, which included Pollock, Abraham Kadushin, JC Beal Construction, Dangerous Architects and the Chelsea Connection LLC, did not make a formal appearance at the DDA's June 21 meeting, where DDA board members discussed the next step.

Although DDA board member Palmer Morrel-Samuels put out a motion for the board to set a mutually agreeable public meeting date to discuss the issues with Kadushin and Pollock, the motion failed with no one seconding.

"It would be a shame to let this go, and I think we all agree that it would be a shame to have them walk," Morrel-Samuels said.

Pollock's letter indicated the wish for the DDA to support the Longworth Development Company's request for a tax abatement on the property. The tax abatement would negate 100 percent of the taxes on the property at first, but would gradually expect more taxes paid over a maximum period of 12 years, as decided by the Chelsea City Council, before putting the property entirely back on the tax rolls. The negated taxes would total about \$10,000 at most.

The DDA does not have the ability to grant tax abatements, however. The abatement would fall within the city council's domain.

Despite that, Pollock's letter indicated that the developers wished the DDA would support the idea of the abatement, calling it "essential."

Several board members felt the tax abatement idea was the antithesis of getting the property back on the tax rolls.

"The original three premises of our (Request for Proposal): Item No. 1 was to return that property to the tax rolls. There's no getting around that - there isn't," Mayor Jason Lindauer said. "...I think the tax abatement defeats item No. 1 on our list of objectives."

DDA board member Bob Pierce was wary of the tax abatement as well.

"If \$10,000 a year makes or breaks a deal, then, to me, I read that as they are not very confident that this deal is going to work," Pierce said. "Giving them another chance, another whack at this - what are we going to get? We're going to get the same thing."

Morrel-Samuels said he felt the tax abatement was not something the development team needed financially, but rather wanted as a show of support.

"We're only talking about \$10,000 a year at most,"

Morrel-Samuels said. "It's to give the building a chance to get out of the red and start building some revenue. There's nothing inappropriate about that."

Though the \$1 million letter of credit was a sticking point for both sides, DDA board member Pat Cleary said he felt the Chelsea Connection LLC had more than enough time for the group to secure funding. Cleary said he felt it was a problem with the level of passion and pointed out that the DDA has been more

committed to the Longworth financially and in terms of risk than the other parties. The DDA has invested \$400,000 into the Longworth buildings.

"There was no skin in this game from the people that are making us look bad for a decision that might come from this," Cleary said. "I think if you had 50 people that came up with a collateral to a value of \$10,000 on their own personal property that would go a long way with how we're doing things, but what it comes

down to is every week we're the bad guys because of what we do. Again, it's so easy to get something for nothing or try to get something for nothing."

The DDA will reconvene at a July 19 meeting to discuss the next step with the property, which could include setting another request for proposals.

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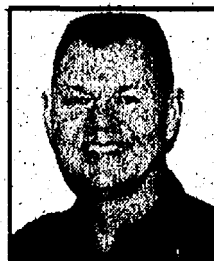
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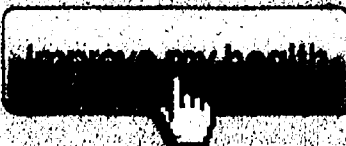


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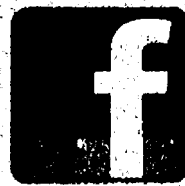
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4th of July

The 4th of July is the birthday of the United States of America. It is also known as Independence Day.

The Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

By declaring their independence, the 13 colonies were telling the world that they no longer belonged to Great Britain. The first celebration of Independence Day was a few days later, on July 8, 1776, in Philadelphia.

On the first anniversary of the July 4th holiday in 1777, Philadelphia was ablaze with bonfires, cannons firing from ships and church bells ringing.

Today, July 4th is celebrated with fireworks, picnics, flying the American flag, parades and much more. It was made a national holiday in 1941.

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The 13 colonies had been flying the Grand Union flag that had been authorized by George Washington, using colors from the British king's colors, when it was decided that a new flag was needed to represent America.

It is said that George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross (an uncle of Betsy Ross' deceased husband) went to Betsy Ross' home and asked her to sew a flag for America. The colors chosen for the

flag were red, white and blue.

George Washington wanted a six-pointed star, but Betsy Ross showed him that a five-pointed star could be made with a single cut. The men were so impressed that they agreed upon the five-pointed star.

According to the U.S. Department of State, red stands for hardiness and courage; white is the symbol of purity and innocence; and blue is the color of vigilance, perseverance and justice.

It wasn't until June 14, 1777, that the Marine Committee of the Second Continental Congress adopted the flag of the United States (Flag Day is June 14). Congress ordered 13 stripes for the original 13 colonies, and 13 original stars, with a new star added on the July 4th following the admission of a new state.

No one star represents a specific state, and there is no permanent arrangement

of the stars. Congress resolved that the flag of the United States be made of 13 stripes, alternating red and white stripes, that the union be 13 white stars in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

The Eagle

The first eagle to appear on a coin was in 1776 on a penny in Massachusetts.

The bald eagle was approved in 1787 by the United States with its wings outspread, a shield on its breast, an olive branch in one foot and a sheaf of arrows in the other foot. When the eagle is on the United States coat of arms it carries a scroll bearing the Latin words "E Pluribus Unum," which means "one out of many."

The 'Pledge of Allegiance'

The pledge we say today is: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

But it wasn't always that way.

The original Pledge of Allegiance was written by Francis Bellamy. It read: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands: one nation indivisible, with liberty, and justice for all."

The words "the flag of the United States" replaced "my flag" in 1923 so that foreign flags were not honored. A year later, the phrase "of America" was added to "the United States."

The pledge became part of the U.S. Flag Code on June 22, 1942. The official name, the "Pledge of Allegiance," was adopted in 1945. The final change came on Flag Day in 1954 when Congress passed a law adding the words "under God."



JULY CALENDAR CORNER

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------|
| 1 Praise a Postal Worker Day | 2 Forgot Day | 3 Dog Days of Summer Begin | 4 Independence Day | 5 Graham Cracker Day | 6 National Fried Chicken Day | 7 Cherry Spitting Day |
| 8 Liberty Bell Cracked (At the funeral of John Marshall in 1835.) | 9 Sugar Cookie Day | 10 Teddy Bear Picnic Day | 11 Cheer Up the Lonesome Day | 12 Paper Bag Day | 13 International Puzzle Day | 14 Blueberry Picking Day |
| 15 First Boeing 707 Flew (1954) | 16 Apollo Liftoff (To the moon in 1969) | 17 Wrong Way Corigan Day (Pilot who flew from NY to Ireland; he was headed to California.) | 18 Cow Appreciation Day (Celebrated the 15th in some locations.) | 19 Fitch Day (Give a slab of bacon to a newly married couple.) | 20 Lollipop Day | 21 National Tug of War Day |
| 22 Summer Leisure Day | 23 Ice Cream Cone Day (1904) | 24 Cousin's Day | 25 Threading the Needle Day (Walking the fine line between two points of view.) | 26 Aunt & Uncle Day | 27 Happy Birthday Bugs Bunny (1940) | 28 First Fingerprint |
| 29 Lasagna Day | 30 Cheesecake Day | 31 1st U.S. Patent Issued (To Samuel Hopkins in 1790.) | | | | |

4th of July Pops

1 cup of cranberry juice
1 cup of lemonade
1 cup of blue sports drink (like Gatorade)
8 - 3oz. paper cups
8 craft sticks

Line a cookie sheet with paper towels to catch drips. Place 8 - 3oz. paper cups in a row on cookie sheet. As evenly as possible divide cranberry juice among paper cups. Place in freezer for about 2 hours.

Insert a craft stick into center of frozen cranberry juice (stick may not stand straight). Divide lemonade evenly among cups and freeze about an hour, or an hour and a half (check sticks and straighten if necessary after 45 minutes or so).

Evenly divide blue sports drink into cups. Freeze solid — overnight is best. Remove from freezer and peel paper cup away. Serve immediately.

After eating a 4th of July Pop, look in a mirror. What color is your tongue?

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

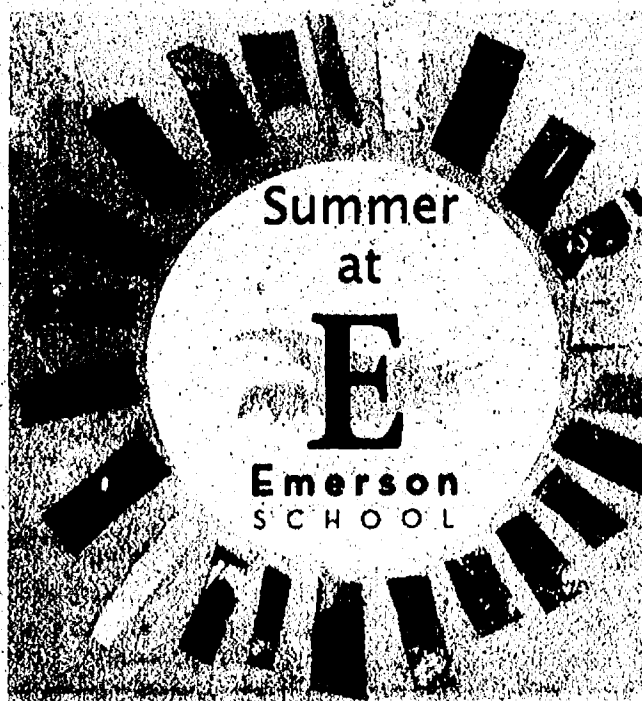
- One of three men who went to Betsy Ross about the new American flag.
- What do the stars on the American flag represent?
- Who made the first American flag for the United States of America?
- How many points did George Washington want on the stars for the American flag?
- What other name is July 4th known as?
- Who wrote the Pledge of Allegiance for the American flag?
- Red on the American flag stands for _____.

DOWN

- From whom did the 13 colonies declare their independence?
- Colors of the American flag?
- Which city was ablaze with bonfires and ringing church bells in 1777?
- How many stripes on the American flag?
- How many points do the stars on the American flag have?
- Who passed the law in 1954 adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance?
- White on the American flag stands for _____.

SOLUTION

1. George Washington
2. Francis Bellamy
3. Philadelphia
4. 13
5. 50
6. Stars
7. Independence Day
8. Red
9. White
10. 13
11. 1777
12. 13
13. 13
14. 50
15. 13
16. 1777
17. 13



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Thursday, June 28, 2012

Midwest theater veteran making his Purple Rose debut with 'On Golden Pond'

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

For John Peakes, a 79-year-old theater professional who has been in the business in one way, shape or form for 50 years now, stepping into the character of 80-year-old Norman Thayer feels like being in his own skin.

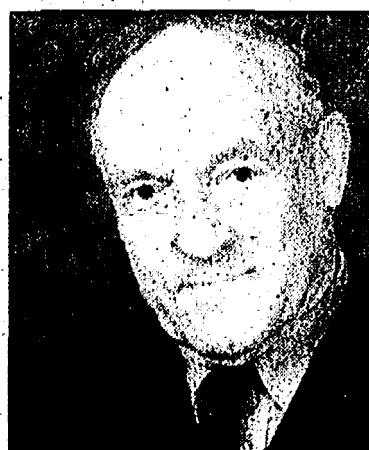
"I did this role back 20 years ago when I was 55 and I had to do a lot of acting to get the age right, and I had to wear some makeup," Peakes said dryly, before delivering the punchline. "There's no makeup anymore."

Norman is the lead character in Ernest Thompson's "On Golden Pond," which revolves around an elderly man's struggle to come to terms with the realities of being a bright personality in a body and mind that's not

keeping up, not to mention being married to a woman who is dealing with entropy with much more grace.

"He hasn't settled in to being OK to die, he's losing his memory or mind, but he's very bright," Peakes said. "It particularly bothers him. He takes an awful lot of frustration out on (his wife) and you have to blame someone for your problems. He finds everything that's wrong and everything that's not being done right. He is a retired teacher, we don't know exactly what I think personally that he's an English teacher. Having his birthday he realizes that he's getting up there and he probably doesn't have much time — that his wife is outliving him."

Peakes has a lot of history in the Michigan theater



John Peakes

scene, having founded the Boreshead Theater in 1966, where he was involved until 2003. He has more than 200 performances to his credit, 150 directing credits and has been on Broadway and in Hollywood films, although his preference is to stay off Broadway, particularly in the

Philadelphia theater scene, where he says there is just as much work as there is in New York. The paychecks at the top and upper middle may not be as big, but 90,000 theater professionals in the Big Apple verses 8,600 in Philly makes the city of brotherly love his top choice for carving out a satisfying career that can sustain a comfortable midwestern lifestyle.

"There's an awful lot of great work being done out in the regionals," Peakes said. "I've been to Broadway a couple of times and they don't do comedies for truth. They do it to show off. I recently saw Ben Stiller in 'House of Blue Leaves,' which I directed twice and have been in and they didn't have the same show. There was nothing about the

humanity and what is going on. It was all gag laughs. It sounded like a laugh track, out in the audience."

Going for truth and honesty is what regional theater clusters like the ones in and around Washtenaw County is all about.

"You don't go to the regionals to become a star. You go to the regionals to do theater," Peakes said, belying his true passion after providing when asked for advice for up-and-coming acting professionals, "Learn your lines and don't bump into the furniture," which was coined by the unflappable early 20th century actor Spencer Tracy. "And when you're directing all you can say is louder, softer, faster, slower."

"It's a simple process that we make very complex, and the more simple it is the

more honest it is, the easier it is, the sadder it is, the funnier it is," Peakes said. "You want people engaged and moved. When you've done that you've done the job. It's about truth and it's about a situation. This is about an old couple coming to grips with the end of the road — one not wanting to outlive the other and each one wanting to outlive the other, loving each other, pissing each other off."

Peakes promises to bring the life experiences of his own life's journey to the role of Norman Thayer, as well as his wife, son and several longtime friends who are coming from far away to see the opening night of "On Golden Pond," which Peakes will star in through Aug. 5, at which time Richard Henzel will step in.

Encore's 'Fiddler' features U of M voice professor West

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Stephen West is returning to the Encore Musical Theatre next month to perform in "Fiddler on the Roof."

The acclaimed show's music is credited to Jerry Bock, lyrics to Sheldon Harnick and script to

Joseph Stein.

West, who is a U of M voice professor and acclaimed opera singer, plays Tevye, alongside Marlene Inman-Reilly as Golde and Judy Dery as Yente.

"Stephen is a world-renowned opera star, who has performed in cities in the U.S. and Europe, so we're proud to have him," said

Assistant Artistic Director Thalia Schramm.

There is a great deal of personal admiration for West, who lives just two miles away from the Encore within the Dexter village limits.

"He has this booming speaking voice which you can just pick out of anywhere," Thalia said, adding the West is "ready."

"I don't know if he's played this part before off-hand, but if he hasn't, then he came into the rehearsal completely memorized."

Director and choreographer Barbara Cullen and music director Cheryl Van Duzen will head up the production of a story that takes place in Russia in 1905.

The production was nominated

for 10 Tony Awards, winning nine, including best musical, score, book, direction and choreography. It spawned four Broadway revivals, a successful 1971 film adaptation, and the show has enjoyed enduring international popularity.

Tickets for all performances are on sale now, and may be purchased by stopping in or calling.

Toppermost Beatles tribute band to headline Saline summer concert

Toppermost, a Michigan-based Beatles tribute band, will headline the 2012 Saline Summer Music Series from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

Toppermost has been entertaining fans across the region for five years, and each year they have been the most booked tribute act in the state. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the formation of The Beatles.

Toppermost performs a family-friendly and interactive show that appeals to all ages.

The band's co-founder Tom Diab plays Paul McCartney and is a former Saline High School teacher (1997-2002).

"So many people like the Beatles that it has given us more work than we can handle, in fact we had to turn

down a dozen requests this season because our schedule is so packed," Diab said in a news release.

The members of the Toppermost Beatles tribute are Ron Lockhart as George, co-founder of the band and a resident of Farmington; Ray Steinberg of Farmington Hills as Ringo and Tony Iadipalo of Livonia as John.

Toppermost has appeared on Detroit TV stations ABC and Fox 2 and Detroit radio stations WOMC 104.3 FM and WCSX 94.7 FM.

"We try to stay within a two-hour drive time radius from our homes because we are all family men," Diab said.

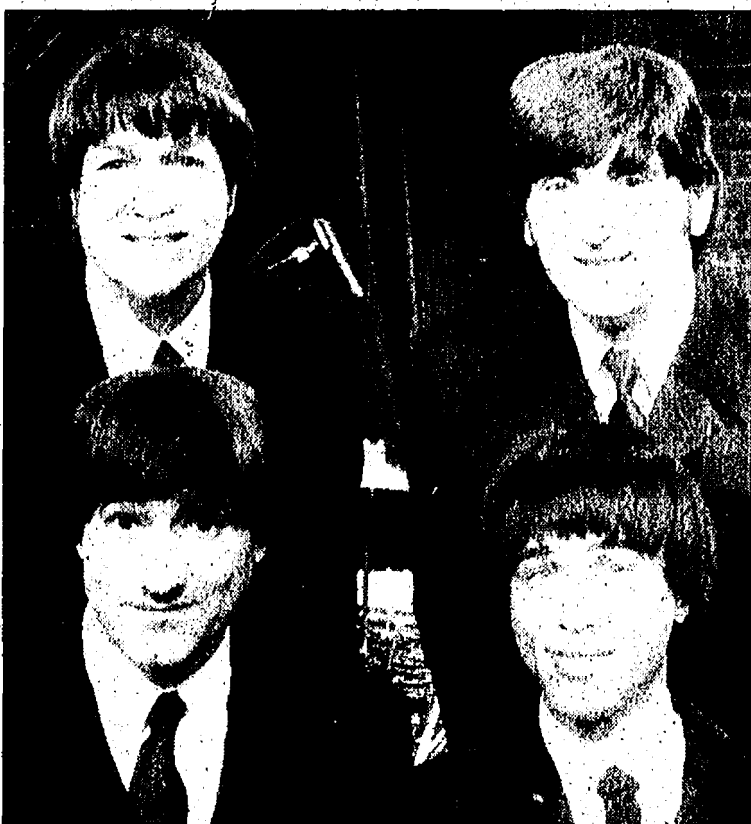
However, they have been coaxed to travel further distances on occa-

sion. For instance, they performed before the Paul McCartney concert at Comerica in the summer of 2011 and opened for acts such as Chaka Kahn and the Gin Blossoms.

"It really is an honor to open before such wonderful acts, but we prefer to have the focus on our show, since it is a concert and performance in one," Diab said.

The 2012 Saline Summer Music series takes place each Thursday during the summer in downtown Saline. Area residents are invited to bring lawn chairs and sing and dance to the sounds of the band.

For more information about Toppermost, including their calendar of performances, visit www.toppermost.info.



Toppermost features Tom Diab as Paul McCartney.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, June 28

■ **Comedy Showcase:** Dave Dyer
6:30 p.m. Thursday: Chelsea District Library lawn, 221 S. Main St. Free. 475-8732.

■ **Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights**
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday: Downtown Chelsea. Free. 475-1145.

■ **"On Golden Pond"**
8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 3 p.m. Wednesday and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday: Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St. Visit purplerosetheatre.org, or call 433-7673.

Friday, June 29

■ **Movies at the Center**
12:30 p.m. Friday: Chelsea Senior Center, 512 Washington St. Free, but donations accepted. 475-9242.

■ **Guided Tours: Waterloo Area Farm Museum**
1 to 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday: 9998 Waterloo-Munith Road, Waterloo Recreation Area, Chelsea. \$5 (ages 5 through 12 \$2). (517) 596-2254.

Saturday, June 30

■ **Chelsea Farmers Market**
8 a.m. to noon: Park Street, downtown Chelsea.

475-6402.

■ **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.

Tuesday, July 3

■ **Chelsea Classic Cruisers**
5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday: Wendy's parking lot, Brown Drive at Commerce Park. Free. 649-1106.

Wednesday, July 4

■ **Firecracker 5K Champions for Charity**
8 a.m. Wednesday: Fourth Avenue and Liberty Street, Ann Arbor. \$26 (children admitted for \$13) by July 1 at a2firecracker5k.com, or \$32 (children, \$15) after July 1. 213-1033.

■ **Fourth of July Chicken BBQ**: American Legion Post 31
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday: American Legion, 1700 Ridge Road, off Cavanaugh Lake Road. \$9. 475-1964.

DEXTER

Thursday, June 28

■ **Lecture: "Introduction to the Safety Boat"**

6:30 p.m. Thursday: U of M Sailing Club, Baseline Lake, 8010 Strawberry Lake Road. 426-0920.

Friday, June 29

■ **Summer Concert: The Backbeats**
6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday: Monument Park, downtown Dexter. Free. 426-0887.

■ **"When You Wish Upon a Star": Family concert by Harpbeat**
11 a.m. Friday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. 426-4477.

Saturday, June 30

■ **"WWII In Their Own Words"**
10 a.m. Saturday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. 426-4477.

■ **Botany Hike: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission**
2 p.m. Saturday: Scio Woods Preserve, north side of Scio Church Road, west of Wagner Road. Free. 971-6337, ext. 334.

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

■ **Barn Dance: Tillam Farm Development Center Fundraiser**
6 p.m. Saturday: Rancho

Tranquillo, 11300 Island Lake Road. \$15 to \$25 suggested donation. tillamcenter.org.

Wednesday, July 4

■ **Independence Day Potluck: U of M Sailing Club**
10 a.m. to sunset Wednesday: Baseline Lake, 8010 Strawberry Lake Road. Watch fireworks over Portage Lake. Free. 426-4299.

SALINE

Thursday, June 28

■ **Summer Music Series: Toppermost**
7 p.m. Thursday: South Ann Arbor Street. Free.

Saturday, June 30

■ **Ballroom Dance Party**
8 p.m. Saturday: Come Dancing, 7025 E. Michigan Ave. (Country Creek Plaza). \$10. 944-1888.

■ **Contra & Square Dance**
8 p.m. Saturday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. \$18 (members, \$15; students, \$7). 717-8253.

Monday, July 1

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

Tuesday, July 3

■ **Music Appreciation**

2 p.m. Tuesday: Saline Area Senior Center, 7190 N. Maple Road. Free. 429-9274.

Farmer's Market

3 to 7 p.m. Tuesday: Saline District Library.

YPSILANTI

Thursday, June 28

■ **"Yankee Tavern": Emergent Arts**
8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St. \$20 (students and seniors, \$16). 985-0875.

Friday, June 29

■ **"Ringmaster Zeb Presents Kingdom of Fools"**
9:30 p.m. Friday: Followed at 11:30 p.m. by a pizza party and oldies sock hop. Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St. \$5. 657-2337.

■ **"The Mute Quire": Fratellanza/New Theatre Project**
8 p.m. Friday through Sunday: Mix Performance Space, 130 W. Michigan Ave. \$15 (students, seniors, \$10) by reservation at tickets@thenewtheatreproject.org and at the door. 645-9776.

Saturday, June 30

■ **German Park Picnic**
4 to 11 p.m. Saturday: German Park, 5549 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor. \$5 (ages 12 and younger, free). No one

under 21 admitted without parent or legal guardian. 769-0048.

Sunday, July 1

■ **Depot Town Flea Market**
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday: 100 Market Place.

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

MANCHESTER

Thursday, June 28

■ **Gazebo Concert: Cadillac Cowboys**
7:30 p.m., Thursday: Wurster Park, Main Street. Rain location is Emanuel Church hall, 324 W. Main St. Free, but donations appreciated. 428-0159.

Tuesday, July 3

■ **Manchester Community Fair**
3 to 10 p.m. Tuesday and 1 to 10 p.m. Wednesday: Runs through July 7. Parade 3 p.m. Wednesday. Alumni Memorial Field, Vernon and Wolverine. \$5 admission. 428-8429. For complete schedule, visit manchester-fair.org.

■ **Fireworks Show**
10 p.m. Tuesday: Gates open at 6 p.m. Carr Park, 600 W. Main. Donation. 428-8572.

Area residents raise money for American Cancer Society

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Eight years ago, Jim Dolan of Ann Arbor was at work when he got the call with news that anyone would dread hearing — he had cancer.

Now 67, Dolan was 59 years old when diagnosed with colon cancer. After having a number of symptoms, he had gone to the doctor, who performed a colonoscopy that led to the diagnosis.

Dolan underwent numerous rounds of chemotherapy and surgery to remove part of his colon at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. While undergoing treatment at home, the pump containing a week's worth of chemotherapy treatment malfunctioned, causing a week's worth of treatment to go into his body overnight.

Luckily, he ended up receiving a series of shots to counteract the medication and did not get severely ill.

"I was really fortunate," he said.

Dolan was one of hundreds of cancer survivors at the Ann Arbor Relay for Life held Saturday and Sunday at Washtenaw Community College.

His team, "Got TP?" composed of 20 friends and family members, were participating for the eighth consecutive year at Relay for Life. On one side of the booth hangs a quilt made by his oldest daughter, Kristine Lindmuller of Dexter, which is made of the survivor T-shirts he received at the events.

For Dolan, Relay symbolizes giving back to the community and giving back in general.

This year's Relay for Life had 36 teams and a goal of raising \$140,000, which is donated to the American Cancer Society.

"It's a true representation of the community of Ann Arbor and we're so proud of the fact that we have so many teams out here coming together to fight against cancer," said Alex Garnepudi, community representative for the American Cancer Society.



Huron High School had one of several teams at the Ann Arbor Relay for Life held Saturday and Sunday at Washtenaw Community College.

The event featured teams from schools, organizations, and friends and family members of those affected by cancer.

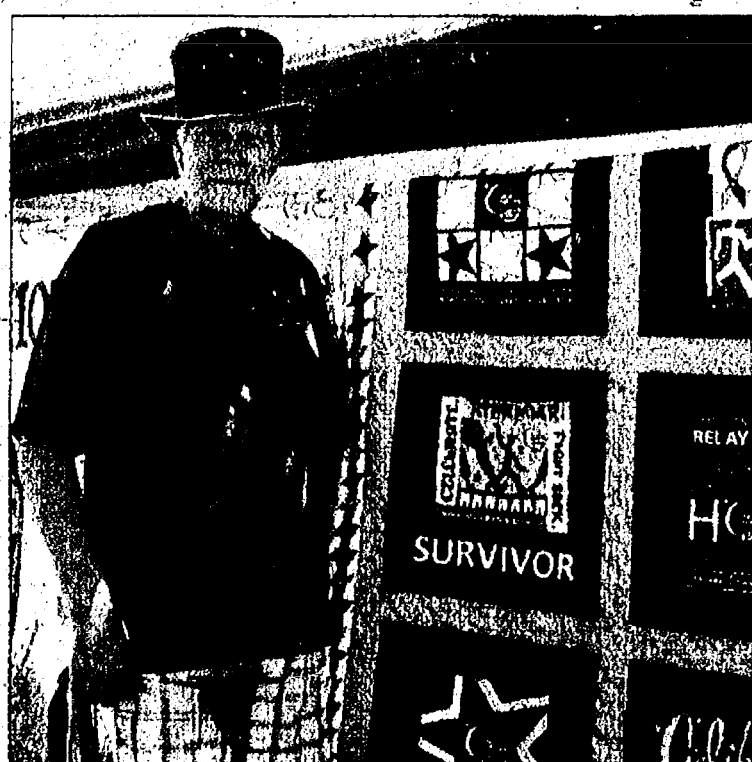
Many of the Relay teams had on-site fundraisers.

In addition to raising funds, participants

took part in various activities throughout the 24-hour event, played games and took part in the traditional Fight Back and luminaria ceremonies.

Stephanie Curtis, team development chairwoman, said 36 is an amazing number of teams to have, especially because the teams have grown in size.

Employees from the Ann Arbor Public Schools Balas Administration Building had a booth that was created for Laura Branham, a longtime employee and



Jim Dolan, 67, (left) from Ann Arbor is a colon cancer survivor who took part in the Ann Arbor Relay for Life held Saturday and Sunday at Washtenaw Community College. Pictured on the right, Jon McGregor, 13, and Samantha Endicott, 15, both of Ypsilanti, try to get out of the "Tiki Jail" during the Ann Arbor Relay for Life held Saturday and Sunday at Washtenaw Community College.

breast cancer survivor.

Kristi McGregor of Ypsilanti created a team called "Cupcakes for a Cure" in memory of a

number of family members she has lost to cancer, as well as for those she knows who are fighting the disease.

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'Men in Black 3' lacks heart and soul of predecessors

The biggest movie star in the world seems to have a hard time picking his roles these days.

Will Smith is a fixture in our culture, one about as concrete and as wholesome as American pie (the delicacy, for the record, not the movie franchise).

From a financial perspective he's as untouchable as they come, and for damn good reason: He has a particular persona and skill set, and chooses his films based on them — not a bad thing, just a safe one.

Perhaps one of his most distinctive roles is in the long-running "Men in Black" franchise, as one-half of a secret government duo dispersed to police undercover aliens in New York City.

It's been his rock for the better half of two decades, and he returns for another round with, get this, "Men in Black 3."

Smith's character, J, finds that he may have been warped into a different timeline, wherein his partner of 15 years, K, was killed four decades prior.

He then takes it upon himself to travel back to 1969 (by time, rather than car), saving K before his untimely fate and remedying the space-time continuum. Oh yeah, and saving

the world, of course. "Men in Black 3" has had a long, storied history in getting to the screen,

including a halt midway into production in order to finish the script, which in spite of the \$215 million budget... wasn't exactly, ahem, completed.

Resentful attitude, you say? Never. Creative re-tinkering, they say? Never.

The result is a film lopsided in tone and quality, with moments

sporadically veering from the dull to the delightful. "Men in Black 3" is a pastiche of wisecracks, action sequences, plot twists and digital bugs whose charm isn't intended to stem from these pieces themselves but rather from the pace at which they're lobbed. Needless to say, it doesn't quite work.

There is something seriously damaged about "Men in Black 3," evident from the second the credits begin to roll: tone.

This is not a film taking itself or its audience seriously, and that's not traditionally objectionable, were it not so dead-set on simplifying its dialogue and situations down to the simplest possible combination of words.

Instead of having a villain with some degree of depth or texture to him, we literally get conversations

in which two versions of him converse with each other, discussing "his" problems.

This is a film in which an impending alien invasion is established and suddenly depicted, all within a 60-second time span. It's not economic storytelling in the vein of, say, the recent "Mission Impossible." It's simple laziness.

Director Barry Sonnenfeld's ambitions seem to have dimmed pro-

gressively as he's continued with the series.

The 1997 first installment seemed to send, underneath all the quirk and all the goo, a fairly vital message about finding ways to assign meaning to our lives.

In his flawed 2002 sequel, while focusing more on the spectacle of his alien anarchy, he still found a heartfelt love story between Smith's character and Rosario Dawson.

With "Men in Black

3" he's become so buried under all his responsibilities as coordinator that he's neglected to lend any heart, any soul to it. It's all mechanism and no function, with a story that's as quickly forgotten as its protagonists are after one of their little memory-wipe gadgets.

I mean, sure, Will Smith is charming and series newcomer Josh Brolin brings dry humor and humanity to a revitalized K, but then, when isn't Smith charming

and Brolin dry?

They could have at least made the picture pretty. I give it a "D+" rating.

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

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National Aphasia Awareness Month sheds light on unfamiliar condition

June is National Aphasia Awareness Month, and Michigan is home to the nation's oldest program of its kind that provides intensive, state-of-the-art therapy to adults with aphasia and apraxia, the University of Michigan Aphasia Program.

Aphasia is a term unfamiliar to many, yet an estimated 1 million Americans of all ages have it, most as the result of a stroke, and 100,000 people are diagnosed with it each year. Approximately one-third of individuals with a severe head trauma have aphasia.

"Aphasia can affect all modes of language, including speaking, writing, gesturing, understanding what others say or write and using numbers," said Mimi Block, clinical services manager for the University of Michigan Aphasia Program, in a news release.

"Our goal is to reduce the social isolation that comes with an inability to communicate by facilitating our clients' interactions with their families and the world."

Established in 1947 to help World War II veterans, UMAP now helps people ages 16 to older than 80 who have aphasia as a result of a stroke or other brain injury.

UMAP's multidisciplinary approach creates a comprehensive

and intensive program. During a typical month, clients receive 28 hours of structured activity per week, 24 of which constitute speech-language therapy.

The remaining four hours consist of music therapy, caregiver education seminars and support groups and social-recreational activities.

In addition to the full-time program, UMAP offers part-time options for individuals who may require a reduced therapy schedule.

"UMAP was our next glimmer of hope," said Rochester, N.Y., resident Sandra Holloway, whose husband recently participated in UMAP.

"It is a very uplifting, comprehensive and intensive program. My husband, David, is speaking a lot better

having participated in UMAP. The skilled staff made our goals clear."

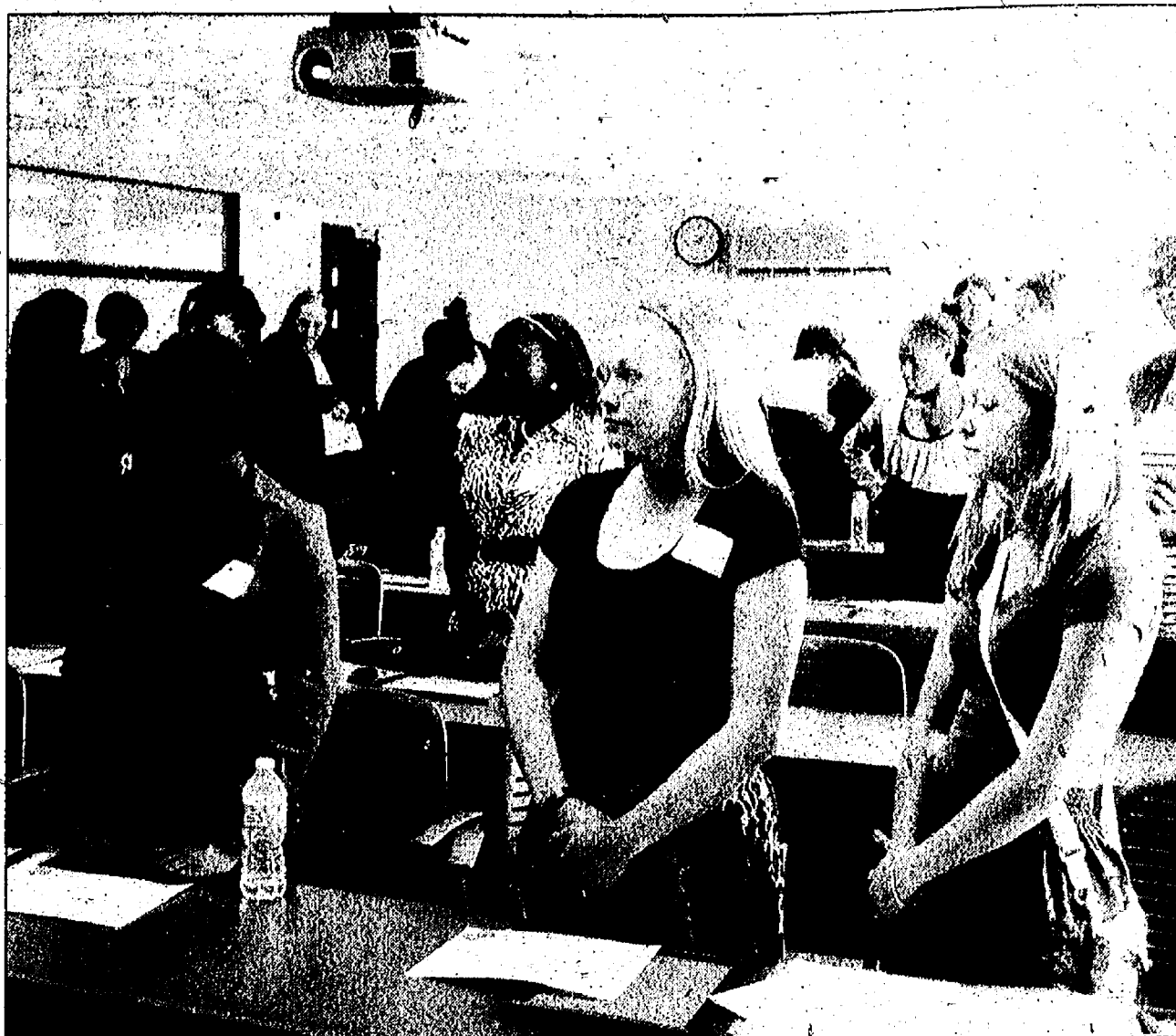
Outcome data show that most UMAP clients make measurable progress in communication in the intensive therapy program, Block said.

"We see benefits regardless of how long it has been since they suffered the stroke or brain injury, their age, gender or level of education," Block said.

For more information, contact the University of Michigan Aphasia Program at 764-8440 or visit www.aphasiahelp.com.

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This mentoring group pairs Ypsilanti High School students with Cooley Law School stu-

dents, whose focus is to educate and encourage young women about their worth.

Students toured the campus and participated in Professor Alan Gershel's Criminal Procedure class.

Cooley law student Tamaris Henagan-Sprock gave a motiva-

tional speech about believing and achieving as she shared how she conquered the many adversities in her life prior to attending law school.

Before leaving Cooley, the students signed a pledge to strive for excellence in their lives.

Local Farm Bureau disaster response team needs volunteers

The Washtenaw County Farm Bureau has launched an Emergency Assistance Team to assist farmers and other members of the rural community when disaster strikes.

The team, led by Freedom Township farmer John Ochs, is a rapid response effort that will activate when farmers and rural families are struck by fires, tornadoes or other natural disasters.

The team also will provide food, beverages and other assistance to first responders, who are often overlooked.

"The need for this effort became obvious at dawn following the Dexter tornadoes," said Ochs in a news release.

"There were more than a hundred power company vehicles and tree cutter trucks lined up waiting to be dispatched. Many had driven all night from adjoining states, and the crews were desperate for coffee, a sandwich, a doughnut or anything edible before they started work assisting the victims."

Utility crews and other

responders on standby couldn't drive their rigs around Dexter looking for a disaster-relief food station, Ochs added. Water, coffee and food needed to be delivered to them, but no one had thought of that, he said.

After a recent fire that destroyed a barn and livestock west of Ann Arbor, Farm Bureau members and neighbors immediately delivered hay for the surviving cattle and provided tools and equipment to replace those the farm family lost in the fire.

Members graded the driveway, walked fence lines to ensure the safety of the cattle and assisted in the cleanup effort.

"We are not minimizing the generosity of individuals who come forward to help on their own," Ochs said.

"However, organizing the WCFB EAT will allow us to respond more quickly, coordinate our efforts and pool our resources."

When the proposal to form a rapid response team was presented to the WCFB board of directors, they approved the idea, allocated initial funding, and several board members volun-

teered to serve on EAT.

Farmers, non-farming members of rural communities, as well as residents of neighboring communities are welcome to join the WCFB EAT.

"Neighbors helping neighbors in a time of need has long been a tradition in farm country," Ochs said.

"We will never ask you for money. We need your hands, your skills and an hour or two of your time when tragedy strikes."

Specifically, the team is seeking area residents who may be willing to donate hay, straw, a few bags of animal feed, tools or other items that might be needed by a farmer or a family.

Those able to volunteer an hour or two at the disaster scene, make coffee, serve sandwiches, clear debris, run a chainsaw, delivery supplies directly to individuals in need or perform other skilled tasks that might be necessary are asked to consider joining the WCFB EAT.

Interested volunteers or donors may email their name, contact information and what they might be able to donate to jochs50@aol.com. The WCFB EAT will maintain

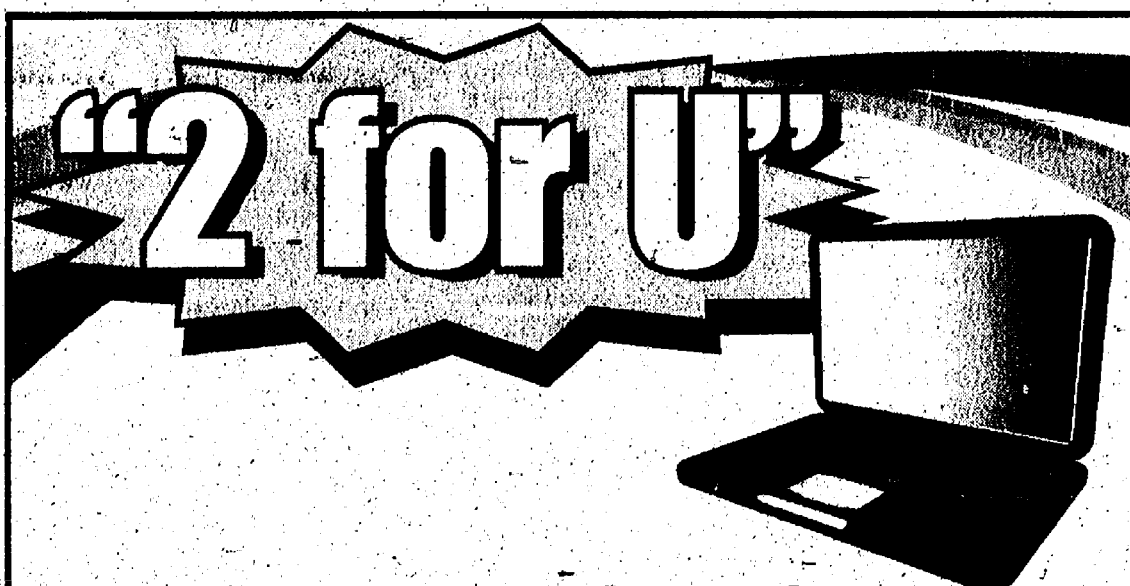
a resource list and contact donors when needed.

"As government and social service resources grow thinner, it's essen-

tial that we return to the culture and practices that were once common in farm country," Ochs said.

"That's our intention in

launching this new effort, even as we hope it's never needed. Helping our neighbor is just the right thing to do."



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Level: Intermediate

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, June 28

The Dexter District Library hosts a special Adult Summer Reading program showing of "Wait Until Dark," made in 1967, at 2 p.m.

The Chelsea District Library hosts Dungeons & Dragons Weekly Gaming Night at 3:30 p.m.

Sounds & Sights starts at 6:30 p.m. Tonight's performance will feature: Seven Bridges (country) at the South Street Tent, 3 Generations Entertainment (balloons) at Main Street Alley, Anna Elizabeth Schwartz at the East Alley, North Creek Fiddlers (bluegrass) at East Middle, Open Mic at the Total Fitness Lot, Cold Tone Harvest at the Sylvan Courtyard, Silver Lining at the Glazier Building, Mysterians with the Sax Man at the Clocktower Gazebo, A2 Magic (magic show) at the Clocktower Courtyard and a film at dusk provided by SRSly Cinema. The featured film is "Butch Cassidy & The Sundance

Kid." For more info about Sounds & Sights visit chelseafestivals.com.

See "On Golden Pond" at the Purple Rose Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at purplerose-theatre.org, by phone at 734-433-7782 or at the theater, 137 Park St.

Friday, June 29

The Dexter District Library hosts The Music of Harpbeat playing "When You Wish Upon a Star" at 11 a.m. This program is all ages with audience participation.

See "On Golden Pond" at the Purple Rose Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at purplerose-theatre.org, by phone at 734-433-7782 or at the theater, 137 Park St.

Dungeons and Dragons and Magic: The Gathering will meet at Cedar Lake Outdoor camp for an evening of gaming by the fire in the historic Cedar Lake

Camp Lodge at 8 p.m. Bring your dice, decks and enjoy a late night gaming experience you can't find elsewhere. Register for this program at chelsea.lib.mi.us. Cedar Lake Outdoor Center is at 2500 Pierce Road.

Cedar Lake Outdoor Center will host Moonlit Mayhem at 8 p.m. Experts will divide participants into teams and train everyone at the art of wilderness survival. When the sun sets, an all-out Capture the Flag game will begin. Register online at chelsea.lib.mi.us.

Saturday, June 30

The Dexter District Library hosts Larry Martin's WWII in Their Own Words: B-17 Pilot Francis Angier at 10 a.m. This program is for adults.

See "On Golden Pond" at the Purple Rose Theatre at 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at purplerose-theatre.org, by phone at 734-433-7782 or at the theater, 137 Park St.

Sunday, July 1

See "On Golden Pond" at the Purple Rose Theatre at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at purplerose-theatre.org, by phone at 734-433-7782 or at the theater, 137 Park St.

Monday, July 2

The Chelsea Senior Center hosts massage with Dawn by appointment at 10 a.m.

Build to your heart's content with Legos@McKune at the Chelsea District Library at 2 p.m.

Magic: The Gathering Weekly Gaming Night is hosted by the Chelsea District Library at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 3

The Chelsea Senior Center has free blood pressure checks at 10 a.m.

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

The Chelsea District Library closes at 5 p.m. for Independence Day.

Wednesday, July 4

The Chelsea District Library is closed all day in honor of Independence Day.

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Thursday, July 5

The Chelsea District Library hosts Toddler Time at 10:30 a.m.

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plerosetheatre.org, by phone at 734-433-7782 or at the theater, 137 Park St.

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Sounds & Sights begins at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Chelsea. Tonight's performance features: Bill Bynum & Co. (bluegrass) at the Chelsea District Library, Marvin Reuter at the South Street Tent, 3 Generations Entertainment (balloons) at Main Street Alley, Dave Boutette (American roots) at the East Alley, Bull Halsey (blues) at East Middle, Open Mic at the Total Fitness Lot, Isosceles at the Sylvan Courtyard, Comdaddy at the Glazier Building, Zero Gravity Band (jazz) at the Clocktower Gazebo, Dee Dee the Clown at the Clocktower Courtyard and a film at dusk provided by SRSly Cinema. The featured film is "The Sandlot," rated PG. For more info about Sounds & Sights visit chelseafestivals.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

"Around Town with Linda"

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Larry Ogden, artist and retired geology professor. "Around Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche.

The show airs daily on Channel 18 at 7:30 a.m., 1

p.m., 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

A new interview begins every Friday evening and runs for a week. The guests all live or work in Chelsea, and everyone connected with the show is a volunteer.

Previous shows are available to view at McKune Memorial Library or online at <http://storiesofchelsea.org>.

Workshops set at Community Media Lab

The Community Media Lab, located at 215 W. Michigan Ave. in Ypsilanti, is offering four free workshops in July and August. Eastern Michigan University professor Michael McVey is teaching "Editing with Audacity" from 1 to 3 p.m. July 18; EMU pro-

fessor Tony S. Jones will present "Creating Docs in Google Docs" from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 3; former Ann Arbor.com lead blogger Edward Vielmetti will teach "Building a city wiki" from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 16; and EMU professor Carol Schlagheck will present "Citizen Journalists and FOIA" from 6 to 7 p.m. Aug. 30.

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Boosters raise more than \$15,000 at golf outing

The Chelsea Athletic Boosters recently hosted the 22nd annual Bo Skelton golf scramble at Reddeman Farms Golf Club, where 110 golfers enjoyed the warmth and sunshine of a beautiful summer day.

The golf outing signaled the end of the Booster's fundraising activities for 2011-12 with a total of \$15,000 from this year's scramble.

"The Athletic Booster golf outing continues to be a wonderful opportunity for our coaches, families and community members to socialize and have fun on the links while financially supporting our student-athletes in Chelsea," said Mike Kapolka, recently-promoted Chelsea High School principal. "We are very fortunate to have such supportive parents and community members who serve on the Booster Board or as Booster representatives. The time, effort and energy they put in to make an event like this

a success is a testament to their dedication to our students here in Chelsea."

The boosters raised an annual total of \$97,000 through concessions sales, raffle ticket sales and income generated by staffing the gates at the Chelsea Community Fair.

New this year was a scrap metal fundraiser, held in April, which the boosters hope to make an annual event. A donation was made to South Meadows and North Creek schools from the scrap metal event to support initiatives at the elementary level.

Proceeds from Booster fundraising supports athletic activities at Chelsea High School and Beach Middle School, benefitting the hundreds of student athletes in the Chelsea School District.

Chelsea Athletic Boosters is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations may be sent to the Boosters at P.O. Box 428, Chelsea, MI 48118.



Golfers Laurie Martin, Sally Mark, Cindy Dempsey and Maureen Tait pose for a photo during the 22nd annual Bo Skelton golf scramble.

Arts center welcomes 2 new staff members

The Chelsea Center for the Arts is pleased to welcome Lisa Powell and Ashley Rop to its staff. The CCA's staff is made up of several part-time employees, which together are equivalent to three and one-half full-time staff members.

In addition, the CCA has a much larger number of music and visual arts instructors, working as independent contractors. Other critical assistance is provided by volunteers and members of the Board of Directors.

Lisa Powell joined the CCA as Visual Arts Programming Coordinator in May. Lisa will coordinate the visual arts programs of the CCA, including classes, lessons, camps, workshops, exhibitions, and other

visual arts educational programs, events and activities.

Lisa received her master of fine arts degree in textiles from the University of Michigan, and her bachelor of fine arts degree in textile arts, and bachelor of arts in the history of art from Indiana University. Her experience as an educator includes teaching at Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan's School of Art and Design.

Her experience as an arts administrator includes positions as gallery director of River Raisin Gallery and as museum director of the Tecumseh Area Historical Museum.

In addition, Lisa has held technical positions as a conservation techni-

cian at The Henry Ford Museum and as multimedia designer at Northernmedia Technologies.

Ashley Rop is the CCA's new office manager. Ashley comes to the CCA from her position as operations coordinator at the Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival in Kalamazoo, where she was responsible for organizing, processing and maintaining artist contracts, making venue arrangements and handling other operations and administration aspects of the festival.

Prior to that, she served as an operations intern for the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra and has also worked in retail and education. For the CCA, she will also be responsible for a number of administration

and operations activities, including program registrations and facility coordination. Ashley holds a bachelor of fine arts degree in dance from Western Michigan University and has been teaching and choreographing dance for the past three years, in addition to pursuing her career as an arts administrator.

"I am thrilled that we have been able to entice these highly qualified individuals to join our efforts to enrich the quality of community life through programs that foster the creation, understanding, and enjoyment of the arts. The right people are key to our ability to operate effectively and provide quality visual art and music offerings," said Lisa Baylis

Gonzalez, CCA executive director.

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Saline Celtic Festival kicks off in July

Event set July 13-14 at Mill Pond Park

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Millie the Mill Pond Monster has come roaring back from the depths of the Saline River. Her re-appearance can mean only one thing.

The Saline Celtic Festival, that annual celebration of Celtic music and dance, Highland athletics, pipe bands, clans, jousting knights, and more, will be back in town, July 13 and 14, at Mill Pond Park.

Two associated events are also planned. Mac's Acadian Restaurant in Saline will host a Gourmet Celtic Dinner and Whiskey Tasting 6:30 p.m. July 11, and Cleary's Pub Session Band will play traditional Irish music, 7 p.m. July 12 for the Saline Summer Music Series downtown. The band will also perform at the festival.

Mill Pond Park at Bennett and Mills streets will open 5:30 p.m. July 13, with gate admission of \$5. Music and dance workshops in Celtic Fiddle Styles, Tin Whistle, Guitar Accompaniment, and Irish Step Dance will run from 6 to 7:15 p.m., followed by a cello dance.

The \$8 workshop cost includes entrance to the Red Dragon Tent for music from Road Kilt and Beth Patterson, as well as the "Mr. Pretty Legs In A Kilt" contest and limerick contest winners. Regular admission is \$5.

A 5K Run/Walk is set for 8 a.m. July 14, with registration at 7 a.m. Participants will make their way from Saline Middle School at 7190 N. Maple Road, to Mill Pond Park.

The festival gates will open 9:30 a.m. July 14 and Highland dance competitions will start at 10 a.m. Opening ceremonies are set for 11 a.m., and activities and musical venues get under way at noon.

Highland Athletics, an amateur open event for men and women, will start at noon, with seven events: Heavy and Light Weight for Distance, Weight Over Bar, Sheaf Toss, Caber Toss, and Braemar and Open Stone. There may also be a keg toss after the competition concludes.

Visitors can try their hand at the Haggis Hurl, Golf Chipping and Celtic Clobber, and two "Celtic Survivor" contests, for adults and for children ages 12 through 17.

"Wee Folks" Chairwoman Katherine Downie is adding even more this year.

"It's so fun to come up with new ways to make it fun for the kids," she said. "Wee Folks Island will be transformed into a castle. The new bridge will be fronted by turrets and a small entrance, and the island will have a dragon that brave knights and maidens can slay."

Wee Survivor competitions will include a race, Ducky Drop, and dragon-slaying competition, with the winner crowned prince or a princess. Activities



Performers at the Saline Celtic Festival include (clockwise, from above) The Moxie Strings, Eileen Ivers and Fiddlers ReStrung.



Living history events will include jousting knights on horseback, MacFarlane's Company, Society for Creative Anachronism, Ann Arbor Sword Club and Ring of Steel.

include shield painting, beaded crowns, and swords from cardboard tubes.

"We'll also be tossing wee cabers and hurling water balloon haggis and, of course, have our annual ducky races in the castle's moat," Downie said.

The festival offers a wealth of Celtic music.

"We're very excited to have another great line-up," said Entertainment Chairwoman Sheila Graziano. "It's an honor to welcome back Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul as our headliners, a brilliant ensemble that brings the joy of Celtic music to life."

"Return visits are scheduled for Celtic Connections and two wonderful groups from Ontario, The Tartan Terrors and Rant Maggie Rant. Seven Nations will be joining us for the first time, shaking the tent on Friday and Saturday evenings with their powerful Celtic rock show."

Other performers include The Moxie Strings, The Bowzies, Beth Patterson, Fiddlers ReStrung, Road Kilt, Ann Arbor Morris & The Quality, Cleary's Pub Session Band, Bryan Kelso Crow, The Celtic Connections Band, Ealain Ceime Irish Dance Troupe, The Irish Dance Company of Lansing, Commonwealth Dance Collectivem and Damhsa Uisce Bán Mór.

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Bird Rescue of Huron Valley will bring a variety of birds of prey, and sheepdogs will demonstrate their prowess in herding sheep.

The five pipe bands are Detroit Caledonian, Cabar Feidh Pipes and Drums from Royal Oak, Glen-Erin Pipe Band from Lansing, Grand Rapids and District Pipe Band, and Flint Scottish Pipe Band, that will compete and perform short concerts, and a massed band performance.

Members of Spinners' Flock will demonstrate wool spinning, weaving and lacemaking, and sell items; and also demonstrate the ancient art of tweed "waulking," accompanied by Gaelic songs.

Tickets for the July 13 Pub Night are \$5 at the gate. Tickets at the gate on July 14 are \$5 for ages 13 to 17; \$15 for adults; \$12 for senior citizens. Active military, and children 12 and under are free. After 8 p.m., the cost is \$10. Adult tickets are \$10 when purchased online and groups of 10 tickets are \$80.

For more information visit www.salineceltic.org. Sheila Pursglove is a free-

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The band Seven Nations is making its first appearance at the Saline Celtic Festival this year on Friday night.

FOOD

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HAVE A Sizzling, Sparkling 4th

FAMILY FEATURES

On July 4th, the perfect party calls for friends, food, fireworks and plenty of red, white and blue.

"It's an easy party to pull off," says Nancy Siler, vice president of consumer affairs at Wilton. "Our celebration experts have created a patriotic themed spread of sweet and savory treats to provide star-spangled fun for everyone."

Start the festivities off with a bang using festive tableware and decorations like 4th of July party pies — a simple way to add spark to any celebration. Play up the Independence Day theme throughout — from beverage to dessert.

"Serve an easy-to-eat meal dressed up with holiday colors," says Siler. "All Star Sliders on Cornbread Buns are a delicious spin on the classic burger. The cornbread buns are baked using the Wilton Star Whoopie Pie Pan to add a festive twist to the traditional bun. Patriot's Peanut Butter Popcorn — a yummy mix of popcorn, peanut butter and colored candies — is an ideal salty-sweet treat. Packed in star-studded gift bags, this easy-to-make goodie is a party favorite and a perfect take-home for guests."

Cool down when the temperature rises with refreshing, fruity Red and Blue Raspberry Lemonade. Have a blast decking out the glasses with stripes, stars and swirls using edible blue Sparkle Gel.

What's more fun than the fireworks finale? Dessert! Guests will ooh and aah over Banana Split Surprise Cake — a decadent dessert with a surprise strawberry ice cream center. It's a new take on cake and ice cream, great for serving a crowd.

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All Star Sliders on Cornbread Buns

Makes 12 buns and 12 sliders

Cornbread Buns

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
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- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray Star Whoopie Pie Pan with vegetable cooking spray.

In medium bowl, combine flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, salt and pepper. Add sour cream, oil and eggs, stirring just until smooth. Fill cavities 3/4 full, spreading batter to edges of star.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until center of bun springs back when touched. Cool in pan 5 minutes; remove to cooling grid. Repeat with remaining batter.

Sliders

- 3/4 pound ground chuck
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 small yellow onion, minced (about 1/3 cup)
- 1/3 cup shredded pepper-jack cheese
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 5 to 6 dashes hot sauce, or to taste

Preheat grill or broiler to medium high heat.

In large bowl, combine all ingredients until well incorporated. Form into twelve 2-1/2-inch patties. Cook 2 to 3 minutes per side.

Serve with star buns and your favorite condiments.

Patriot's Peanut Butter Popcorn

Makes about 8 cups

- 1 bag (3.2 ounces) butter flavored microwave popcorn
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 cup firmly-packed brown sugar
- 1 bottle (3 ounces) Patriotic Nonpareils or other patriotic sprinkles
- 1 package (12 ounces) Red Candy Melts Candy

Make popcorn according to package directions.

In large bowl, microwave peanut butter and brown sugar for 1 minute; stir to combine. Add popcorn and stir until well coated. Sprinkle liberally with nonpareils, stirring to distribute. Spread onto parchment-lined sheet pan.

Melt Candy Melts Candy according to package directions. Drizzle over popcorn. Let set at least 10 minutes before serving.

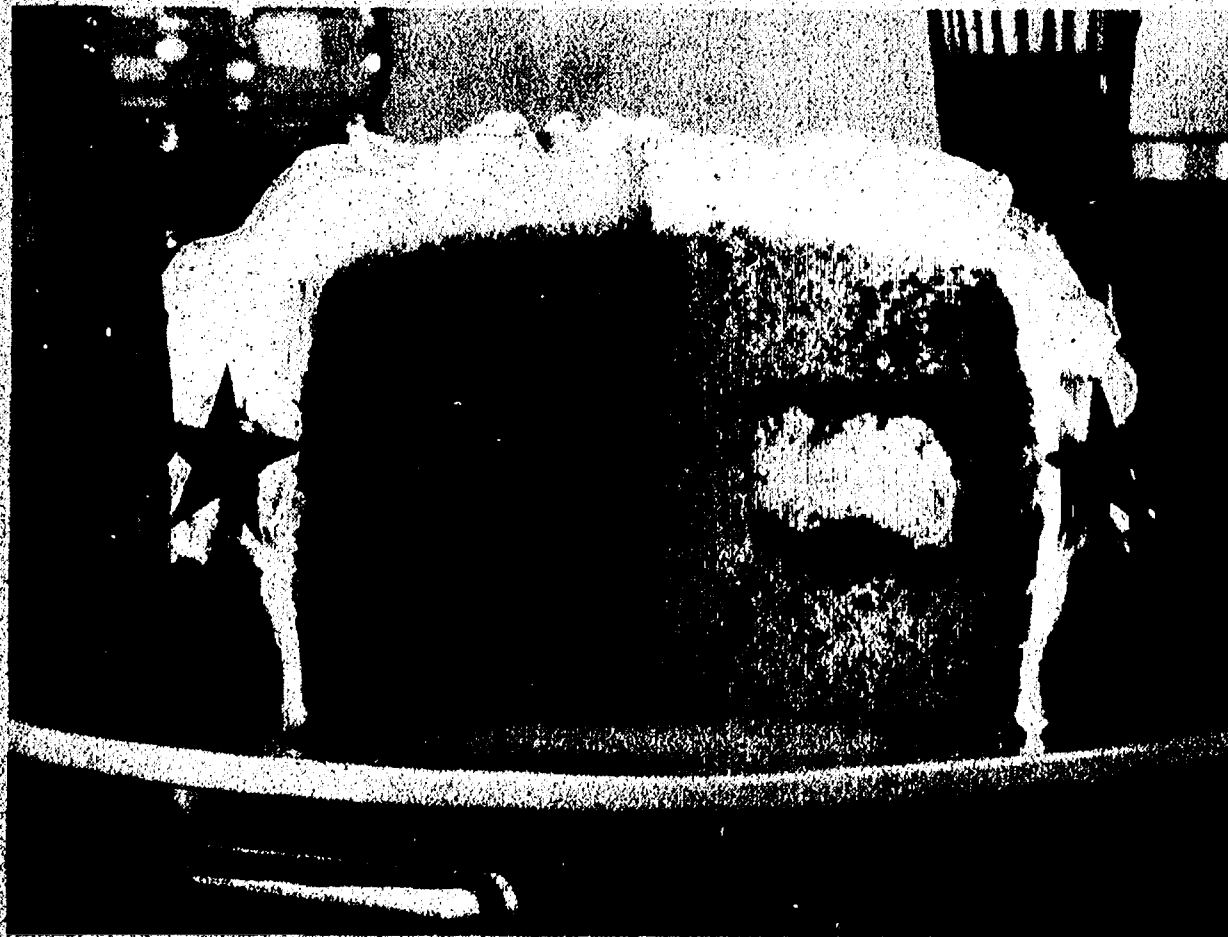
Red and Blue Raspberry Lemonade

Makes about 8 servings

- 1-1/3 cups (about 6 ounces) fresh raspberries, divided
- 1 can (12 ounces) frozen lemonade concentrate
- Water
- Blue Sparkle Gel

Place one raspberry in each cavity of the Star Ice Cube Silicone Mold. Cover with water; freeze several hours to set. Reserve remaining raspberries.

In large pitcher, mix lemonade according to package instructions. In food processor or blender, pulse remaining raspberries until smooth; strain through sieve to remove seeds. Stir raspberry puree into lemonade. Serve with raspberry ice cubes in glasses decorated with Blue Sparkle Gel.



Banana Split Surprise Cake

Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1-3/4 cups granulated sugar
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed (about 1-1/4 cups)
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup (about 8 ounces) hot fudge sauce
- 1 pint (about 2 cups) strawberry ice cream, softened
- 1 box (10 ounces) Vanilla Whipped Icing Mix
- Fresh strawberries, halved
- Star Pies

Preheat oven 350°F. Spray Fancy Fill pans from set with vegetable cooking spray.

In medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt; set aside. In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla and mashed banana; mix well. Add flour mixture alternately with sour cream; blend thoroughly but do not overmix. Pour into prepared pans.

Bake 33 to 38 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes in pan on rack; remove from pan and cool completely.

Divide fudge sauce and spread evenly into cavities of cake; freeze 10 minutes. At same time, remove strawberry ice cream to soften. Fill cake cavities with ice cream. Assemble cake by inverting top layer onto bottom layer.

Prepare icing mix according to package directions. Ice top and sides of cake; freeze at least 2 hours or until ready to serve. Garnish with strawberries and star pies.

FOOD

Celebrating summer cuisine, all-American style

It's that time again - cookouts, picnics, family reunions and backyard parties are happening all over the country. Grocery carts are getting filled with hot dogs, fresh fruit and condiments galore, all in anticipation of some outdoor fun.

Looking for some inspiration for a get-together? Look no further than time-tested and always versatile potato salad. There are many variations of this classic side, from mayonnaise-based dressings to zesty vinaigrettes. But it's the dish's delicious "accessories" that make it a crowd pleaser.

Black olives are a popular addition to American potato salad. Known for their versatility, black olives are the perfect accessory to potato salad, adding a subtle, savory flavor to this party staple. And here's something you might not know - 95 percent of the nation's black and green ripe olives are grown on family farms in California, making them a true all-American ingredient.

Here's an easy recipe for your next gathering. While red, yellow and purple potatoes provide the ideal canvas, it's the California Ripe Olives that make this potato salad a winner. For more recipe ideas, visit www.calolive.org.



Red, White and Blue Potato Salad

Makes 4 servings

1/2 pound red potatoes, diced
1/2 pound Yukon Gold

potatoes, diced
1/4 pound purple potatoes, diced
2/3 cup California Ripe Olives, halved
1/3 cup green onions, chopped
1/3 cup celery, diced

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons capers, drained
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1/2 teaspoon salt
1 pinch freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons flat-leaf parsley, chopped

In large pot, boil water and potatoes. Cook until

tender, drain and cool to room temperature. Combine potatoes, olives, green onions and celery in a large mixing bowl and set aside. In medium bowl, whisk together red wine vinegar, mustard and

capers. Gradually whisk in olive oil, then season with salt, pepper and parsley. Pour dressing over potato mixture and toss until evenly coated.

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Add more fire to the grill

Summer provides the perfect excuse to dust off the grill and add some sparks to a traditional backyard BBQ menu. This year, celebrate the best of the season with friends and family by serving up some classic grill-friendly dishes with a zesty twist.

Summertime Menu Planning

Here are a few dishes that will add a flavorful kick to any table spread:

No BBQ party menu is complete without a summer potato salad dish. Mix up a dish with red potatoes, green beans, olive oil, lemon juice, mustard and cheeses. Spice up this American classic with a few dashes of chipotle pepper sauce.

When it comes to summer fare, baked beans are a must. Add some extra flavor to your regular baked bean dish this year by adding bacon, onion and chipotle pepper sauce. While baked beans may be a standard summertime dish, the combination of sweet and smoky with the added kick of pepper sauce is anything but average.

To add some more flavor to your table, be sure to serve sliders with chipotle ketchup. These bite-sized burgers boast bold flavors of grilled ground beef, chopped scallions and Tabasco brand Chipotle Pepper Sauce. With each serving smothered in Colby Jack cheese and topped with smoky chipotle ketchup sauce, these sliders are a sure-fire way to spice up any grill master's menu.

For dessert, consider grilling some seasonal fruits. Toss some slices of pineapple, peaches, apples or even mangos on the grill, then serve over ice cream for a

refreshing finishing touch to the meal.

For more seasonal recipes with a kick, visit www.TABASCO.com.

Sliders with Chipotle Ketchup

Makes: 4 servings

Chipotle Ketchup:
1/2 cup ketchup
1 tablespoon Tabasco brand Chipotle Pepper Sauce

Sliders:
1 pound ground beef
1/4 cup chopped scallions
3 tablespoons Tabasco brand Chipotle Pepper Sauce
1/2 teaspoon salt
8 small rolls, about 2-inches round
2 slices Colby Jack cheese
Green leaf lettuce

In small bowl, combine ketchup and pepper sauce; set aside.

Preheat grill to high. Meanwhile, combine ground beef, scallions, pepper sauce and salt in bowl; mix well. Shape mixture into eight 2-inch round burgers.

Grill burgers about 5 minutes, or to desired doneness, turning once. Cut each cheese slice into 4 pieces. Top burgers with cheese; cook 1 minute longer or until cheese is melted.

To serve, cut each roll horizontally in half. Place leaf lettuce and cooked burger on roll. Serve with chipotle ketchup.

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REAL ESTATE

Garage/Rummage Sales 2160

ALLEN PARK: 8627 Becker Ave. June 29-30, 9am. Multi Family Garage Sale!

ALLEN PARK: 9210 Reesk Rd. (corner of Wick) June 28-30, 9-4p; small table saw

ALLEN PARK: 9717 Manor Ave. June 28-29, 9-4pm. Appl., pool table, clothes, much more

ALLEN PARK: Estate/Moving Sale, 6/30, 9-5pm, 14846 Harrison, high quality Furniture, art, tools, holiday decor, no clothing, Misc. household items

ALLEN PARK: Horgan ave. (off of Southfield & Outer Dr) Sat. 6/30 & Sun. 7/1, 10am-3pm. All Baby items, toys, clothes, sporting goods, motorcycle helmet, subwoofer, dishes, etc.

ANN ARBOR: Multi-family sale 2648 Gloucester Way, June 29 8-5pm, A/C, Sport equip, more

BELLEVILLE: Estate sale, 6/29-30, 8-1pm. Furn. & household items (702)292-6666

CHELSEA: MULTI-FAMILY SALE- Fieldstone Village, Sat. June 30, 9-4pm (old US-12, 0.6 miles W. of M-52 Intersection)

DEARBORN 1231: Linden 6/28 - 6/30 9am-6pm. Huge Sale - Tools, Poker Tables, Hummels, Much More

DEARBORN 22304: Gregory & Cass, June 28-29, 9-4. Longaberger, computer parts & more

DEARBORN 22761: Heinz Huge garage sale, Large assortment of items, June 28-30, 9-4pm

DEARBORN: 2600 Woodside, June 28-30, 9-6pm, exc. equip. toys, clothes & much more

DEARBORN: 2914 Geneva, June 28-30, 9-4pm

DEARBORN: 3547 Harding, June 29-30, 9-4pm books household items and more

DEARBORN HEIGHTS: 3 family Sale 4103 Mayfair, June 30 & July 1, 9-5pm,

DEARBORN HEIGHTS: 4203 Merrick, June 28-30, 9-3pm; Huge 4-family sale, Bath & Body Works & more!

Dearborn Heights: Multi-family Sale 5641 S Gulley, June 28-30, 9-7. Good clothes & shoes, Baby-adult, Lots of misc

DEARBORN Large ESTATE: Sale 23150 Lodge Lane, Fri. & Sat. 10-4pm, 70 yrs of household to much to list! Don't miss this one! No Early Birds!

DEARBORN: Moving sale 2932 Bennet (btw Princeton & Madison), One day only June 28, 7-7pm. Furn., cable-Nelson upright piano, Microwave, more

LINCOLN PARK: 1378 Charter, June 27-29, 8am-7pm; tools, furn., MOVING SALE!!

LINCOLN PARK: 1724 Myron off Emmons, betw. Dix/Fort, 6/30, 9-3pm, lots of misc. items

LINCOLN PARK: 1912 Montie, June 30, 10a-6p. - July 1, 10a-5p. MOVING/YARD sale! Furn., appliances, bike, LINCOLN Park Sports Jerseys & Hats, and much more!

LINCOLN PARK: 3 family sale! June 27-28, 9-5pm; office, golf, housewares.

LINCOLN PARK: 5 family sale, Thurs-Sat 9-5pm, 442 Lincoln; A lot of everything!!!

LINCOLN PARK: 824 Highland, June 28-30, 8-5pm; 3 family! Furn., clothes, household, and lawn, misc.

LINCOLN PARK: Big Sale, Low prices 2154 London, June 29-30, 9-4pm

LINCOLN PARK: Estate Sale, 1027 Liberty, June 28-30, Thurs., Fri., Sat., 9-5pm. Antique/vintage glass ware, China, linen, sewing notions/trims, cook books, Coke Cola cooler, Heywood Wakefield chair, Victorian rocker, Old/New house hold, bake ware, games, REF., freezer/ 100's items "to go"

Lincoln Park: Moving Sale! 917 Moran, June 29-July 1, 9am-4pm; appliances, furniture, woman's clothing, & more!

LINCOLN PARK: Multi family 2141 Euclid, June 27-29, 9-5pm clothes, toys, household, misc.

MANCHESTER: HUGE ESTATE SALE, Fri & Sat. 9-2pm, 7460 Hashley Rd.

MELVINDALE: 17326 Hanna, June 29-July 1, 9-4. 25 yr accumulation sale! household, Home Interiors, adult/teen clothing, sporting goods, some tools

MOVING SALE! 4512 High St., Ecorse, June 29 10-5p, June 30 9-4p. Antiques, furniture.

MOVING SALE! Grosse Ile 21901 Huron Circle, June 28-30, 9-4p. Furn., Golf clubs, collectibles (Dickens Village) Antique spoons, kitchen, Bottle Trees, tools, much more!

NEW BOSTON: June 28-30, 17324 Hannan 10-5pm, Patio stones, Iron Cauldren, & more

NEWPORT: Eagle Pointe Sub 3 FAMILY YARD SALE 8447 Talon Ct., Sat., June 30 & Sun., July 1, 9am-5pm

RIVERVIEW: 14099 Toll Oaks Ct., (across from Forest Elementary), June 27-28, 9-3pm, 51" Hitachi Rear projection HD TV, Ikea twin loft w/ shelf, scentsy, plus size clothes, teaching materials, home decor, & arts & crafts. No Early Birds

Garage/Rummage Sales 2160

RIVERVIEW: 2 Family 14339 Williamsburg, June 29-30 9-5p. girl & boys NB - 6, baby items plus size/maternity clothes

RIVERVIEW: 2 Family Sale, 15120 Old Town, June 29-30, 9-3pm, too much to list!

SALINE: 404 Mills rd., Fri. June 29, 8-4; Sat., June 30, 8-2. Baby and toddler toys and items, girls and boys clothes, newborn-4T, stroller, high chair, and household items.

SALINE: 9449 Moon (betw. Willis & Judd) June 29, 9-5pm, June 30, 9-3pm Don't Miss out!! Office Copy machine, chain saws, furnaces, ladders, wine press, boat, auto parts & wheels, window A/C, lock sets and brass hardware, Yorktown pottery, mirrors, kitchen table, teaching resources, linens, women's clothes (sizes 4-14), shoes & purses (many new), lots of household misc.

SALINE: Estate Sale, 20 Steiner Ct., off Ann Arbor Saline Rd. at Woodland Dr. June 29, 9-5pm, & June 30, 9-1pm. Many vintage household items & decor. Furn., dining table & chairs, Amish China Cabinet, sewing cabinet, patio table & hand tools

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TAYLOR: 6844 Weddel; June 30-July 1, 8-6p. Everything except the kitchen sink!!

TRENTON - ESTATE SALE: 2430 Chelsea, June 29-30, 10a-4p; furniture, tools, misc. jewelry, linens, gardening.

TRENTON Moving/Garage: sale, 2124 Vernon Ct. June 29-30, Fri-Sat; 9a-5p. Furniture, collectibles, and miscellaneous items. Priced to move!

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WYANDOTTE: 127 Bondie, off Biddle, June 29-30; 9a-4p. Imprinting machine, craft, misc.

WYANDOTTE: 1839 14th St., Sat. June 30th, 9-5pm; girls infant/todd., toys, mens/womens jackets/sweaters, golf stuff.

WYANDOTTE: 1852 Electric, 6/30-7/1, 9-6pm. Misc. tools, household, and more!

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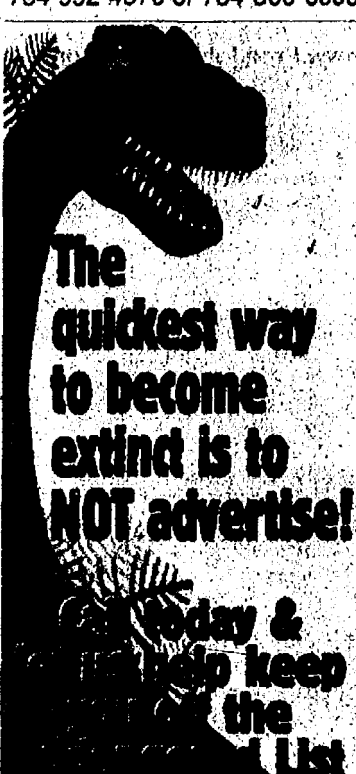
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Legal Notices 1050

In the Matter of North Branch of Swan Creek Consolidated Drain

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

Notice is Hereby Given to you as a person liable for an assessment or a public corporation subject to assessment that the Board of Determination will meet on **Wednesday, July 11th, 2012, at 5:30 P.M. at the Sumpter Township Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI, 48111**, to hear all interested persons and evidence and to determine whether the **North Branch of Swan Creek Consolidated Drain** (Drainage District No. B-104), as prayed for in the Petition to clean out, relocate, widen, deepen, straighten, tile, extend or relocate, dated April 5th, 2012 is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare, and whether said drain is necessary for the protection of the public health of the **Sumpter Township** in accordance with Sections 72 and 191 of Act No. 40, P.A. 1956, as amended.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provision of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and you are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the County Drain Commissioner. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Wayne County Drain Commissioner at the number noted below (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance. Minutes of the meeting will be on file at the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Field Office; 3501 Henry Road Westland, Michigan 48186.

You Are Further Notified, that persons aggrieved by the decisions of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review in the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne within ten (10) days of the determination.

Dated: June 19th, 2012

Lavonda R. Jackson, ESQ.
Wayne County Drain Commissioner
Deputy Director of Department of Public Services.
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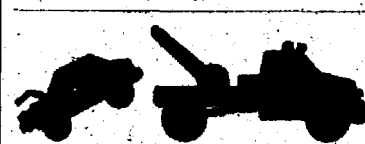
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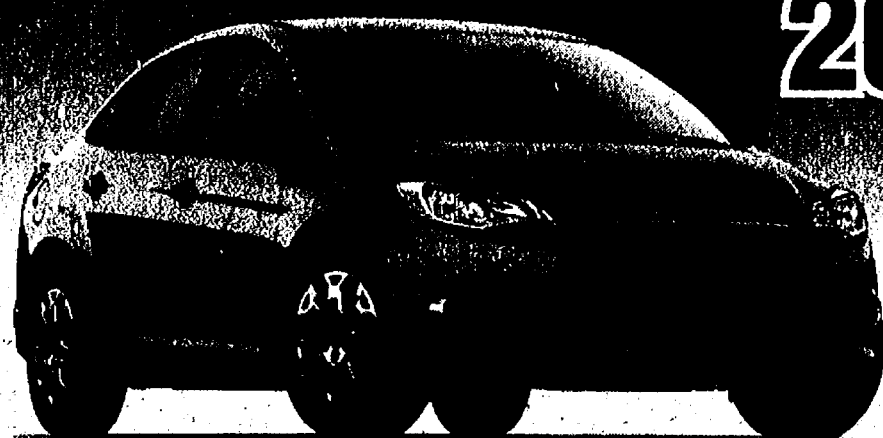
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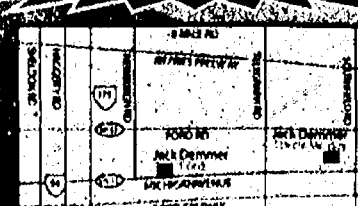
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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS: A LOOK INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Are the rising costs of sports keeping kids on the sidelines?

Story by Jeff Papworth / Heritage Media

On the surface, it was just a baseball game pitting Manchester and Clinton. There were students taking in advice from their respective coaches, families given an avenue to cheer on their teams and — at the heart of it all — the student athletes participating on the field of play.

It is an experience that happens across the national landscape, and something many agree is beneficial for kids priming for adulthood. "Being involved in sports in high school and coaching for the 37 years I've been at Manchester, yes, I think it's important," Manchester Athletic Director Wes Gall said. "I think there are kids in our school that we keep in school because they are associated with athletic teams."

Saline Athletic Director Rob White added, "It teaches how to be a teammate; How to work hard; How to be dedicated; How to be loyal; How to deal with adversity; How to deal with frustration. So there are so many life lessons that are taught through athletics."

Yet nearly one-in-five parents, with an income of less than \$60,000, report their children have decreased their level of activity in

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scholastic sports because of cost, according to the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health.

The cost not only lies in the equipment for the sport, but also the cost of athletic

fees that some schools have started requiring for participation.

According to the respondents of the poll, 61 percent of children playing middle or high school sports were

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| Manchester | | \$100 | \$80 | \$70 | None |
| Milan | Free | | | | |
| Saline | \$250 | | | | None |
| Ypsilanti | Free | | | | |



MHSAA reports the first drop in athletic participation in high school in eight years

For the first time in eight years, participation in high school sports in which postseason tournaments are sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association dropped below the 300,000 mark during the 2011-12 school year, but the decrease was still slower than the drop in the general student population at member schools.

A total of 297,317 participants took part in the 28 tournament sports offered by the Association in the past year — a 1.5 percent decrease from the 2010-11 school year figure of 301,921.

Student enrollments at MHSAA member schools were down by 3.7 percent for the past school year. Girls participation was down 1.2 percent from a year ago with 124,724; and the boys total of 172,593 was down 1.7 percent. Since 2006-07, the student population at MHSAA member schools is down from 531,903 to 487,651 — a drop of 8.2 percent. Participation in that time span has dropped from 313,093, a decrease of 5.0 percent. The

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'Rising Freshman'

Ann Arbor's Kerst serving up success at young age

By Randy Castro
Heritage Media

At 14 years old, Jason Kerst is more heavily engaged in tennis than most.

An avid fan, a player and even a writer, Kerst embraced the sport at an early age, getting his start as a spectator as a toddler and fostering his passion from then on.

"I became interested in tennis when sitting at Liberty Athletic Club watching the 'big kids' play when I was just 3 years old," Kerst said. "Just wishing that I could be out there playing and competing with them."

Fast forward little more than a decade, and Kerst has far exceeded those early expectations. Kerst, who will be a freshman at Skyline in the fall, is ranked No. 111 nationally among Rising Freshman by Tennisrecruiting.net.

Though, Kerst has learned not to put too much stock into his ranking, regardless of how high or low it gets.

"It sometimes hurts me thinking, 'Oh, I'm higher ranked than this person, so I should win, or I'm lower ranked than this person, so they are better than me,' before going onto the court in a match against them," Kerst said. "I like having my name out there, but I really try not to get caught up in it because I know that no matter how many times my name is out there, or how

ever well-known I am, there is always room for improvement.

"And focusing on [the exposure] will bring me away from what is important, such as working on my game and giving my all in both practice and matches."

But Kerst the player is just one-third of the equation.

The Ann Arbor-native runs his own blog, "JJ's Tennis View," on Blogspot at <http://jjstennisview.blogspot.com>. Kerst takes an analysts' position on the blog, breaking down professional tournaments and making predictions on what's to come at the international level.

"I have always had a big interest in professional tennis, like most kids who are interested in the legends of whatever sport they love," Kerst said. "My favorite class in school has always been language arts, and more specifically creative writing. Creating JJ's Tennis View was a way to combine those two interests into one product."

Kerst showcases his analytical chops in his most recent entry, dated Sunday June 24. He doesn't shy away from defending his position. When asked why he picked Maria Sharapova to win the Women's Singles at Wimbledon and Roger Federer on the Men's side, Kerst was ready to stand by his picks.

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Long-ing to bowl

Saline High's Cheyenne Long is rolling up an impressive bowling resume

By Jeff Papworth
Heritage Media

Cheyenne Long is a bowler — to the core.

She has competed in a bowling league, named the Michigan Junior Masters Association. She works at Saline's Maplewood Lanes and practices four days a week.

Long played for the Saline Hornets bowling team, was in a Saturday league and the MJMA in the last two years of her high school career.

Her favorite bowler is Kelly Kulik. She tries to emulate her form. She

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Red Cross continues to make waves

By Claire Smith
Guest Writer

It's not everyday that swimming means saving lives.

Last week, Georgetown Country Club (GTCC), Adrian Waverunners (ADW), Barton Hills Country Club Barracudas (BHCC), and Saline Stingrays Team (SST) went the distance for the American Red Cross. The teams hit the pools to support the 35th Annual Swim-A-Cross Plus (SAC), which raises funds for the critical life-saving programs that the Red Cross provides in local communities. The GTCC, ADW, BHCC, and efforts were the first of many SAC team events scheduled across the Southeastern Michigan Region this summer.

During their second day of practice, GTCC athletes were eager to jump into the pool for the Red Cross cause. A total of 53 swimmers and divers raised more than \$1,300 by swimming 41 miles and completing 62 dives. GTCC traditionally kicks off the SAC season and this year was no different. Coaches Kevin Naud and Jake Englemaier were happy to participate again because the fundraiser not only helps raise money for a great cause, it really pumps up athletes for their first meet. Many athletes stayed past their normal practice time to hear the ringing of the infamous cowbell. SAC tradition is that every time an athlete reaches 100 lengths, a cowbell is rung and everyone cheers. Coaches appreciated seeing so many swimmers complete 100 lengths with enthusiasm and look forward to carrying that excitement through the season.

The cowbell kept ringing at Adrian on Wednesday, thanks to 58 Waverunners who swam 77 miles. Coach Laurie Lilly was excited about her team's participation in the Swim-A-Cross



ABOVE: Barton Hill Country Club swimmer Danny Weiser, who is serving as the official spokesperson for the 35th Annual Swim-A-Cross Plus this summer, brought his own cheering section. He completed 101 lengths and collected over \$11,800 during his team's event. **TOP RIGHT:** Grace Murphy flips for Red Cross during Georgetown Country Club's Swim-A-Cross Plus. **BELOW RIGHT:** Coaches Michael Kinross and Jacob Hanson offered a two tiered Coaches Challenges to inspire their athletes to raise over \$14,700 during Barton Hills Country Club's Swim-A-Cross Plus.

Plus. "It was a great first time experience. The kids are familiar with the services that the Red Cross provides in Lenawee County and they were inspired by the great cause," she said. Isaac Hughes took the fundraiser to heart and swam 100 lengths raising \$175 for Red Cross. Brothers Devin and Zac Daniels swam 300 and 222 lengths respectively setting a team record. Athletes at all skill levels enjoyed swimming and raised \$774.

The next day, with temperatures in the 90's, 27 BHCC Barracudas attacked the pool and raised over \$14,700. The heat didn't beat eleven-year-old Danny Weiser. He took his role as the official spokesperson for SAC seriously, and led his team toward achieving its goals. Having seen friends' homes damaged and destroyed by fires, floods and the recent tornado, he was determined to support Red Cross. To raise awareness,

Weiser invited several family and friends to support him, swam 101 lengths and collected over \$11,800. Exhausted when he climbed out of the pool, Weiser commented that it felt great to know he was raising money that helped people.

Teammate, Michael Farrehi set a goal to swim the most lengths for BHCC and achieved that goal completing 302 lengths the equivalent of four and a half miles.

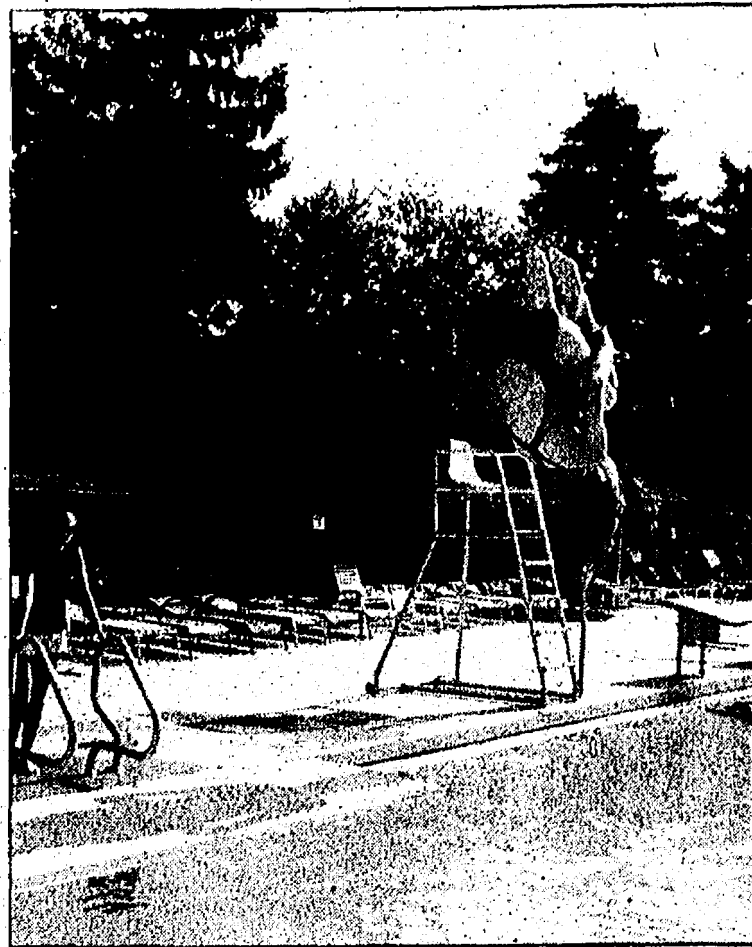
Coaches Michael Kinross and Jacob Hanson helped to inspire Barracuda's participation in the fundraiser by offering a two part challenge to harness their competitive energy. They offered to bring in treats if the Barracudas beat last year's fundraising total, and if the team was the top fundraiser this year, they agreed to allow the swimmers to write a practice and swim it with them.

Kinross commented, "It was a great experience! I'm

so excited that we were able to exceed our expectations and raise more than double our goal."

The Saline Stingrays had their own goal in mind. While swimming 22 miles and completing 180 dives, their athletes were motivated by Coach Doug Fischer's challenge - whoever swam the most lengths and/or completed the most dives could cut his hair into a style of their choice. Mollie Phelps swam and chose a curly Mohawk for her coach. The athlete who collects the most donations will be able to cut Coach Andrew DeVries hair in July. Throughout the week, Mary Kumbler, Red Cross Regional Events Coordinator, was impressed with the energy and passion of the athletes.

"Coaches definitely provided inspiration for their team's this week," Kumbler shared. "They offered several creative challenges harnessing their athletes com-



petitive energy and enthusiasm to add a dimension of fun into the first week of practice and successfully kick off our season."

Local sponsors Powerade, Barry Bagels, Jimmy Johns and Whole Foods Market provided refreshments to motivate the athletes to do their best and raise money for the American Red Cross.

Nearly 25 teams have signed up to participate, but while everyone benefits from the fundraiser, only one team will be awarded the coveted Swim Stanley - a traveling trophy awarded to the team earn-

ing the most donations. But BHCC Coach Kinross knows that there are other benefits to participating in SAC. "Participating was a great team bonding experience. Winning the Swim Stanley would be a bonus."

Hosting events this week are Milan Swim Club, Racquet Club of Ann Arbor and Dexter Community Aquatic Club.

For more information or to view the Master Calendar visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.wc-redcross.org"](http://www.wc-redcross.org) or contact [HYPERLINK "mailto:Mary.Kumbler@redcross.org"](mailto:Mary.Kumbler@redcross.org)

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charged a fee. The average fee is \$93. A fee of \$150 or more was charged to 21 percent of students.

"I can see that as being a problem," Gall said. "And it's not just because of a player's fee. It's because all of the other cost associated with that too."

"When you're playing football, it's not just your shoes. You're buying, maybe, special pads here or there to help. Maybe you don't like the school's mouth guard."

Equipment, uniforms and additional team fees, drive the average cost for a child's sports participation to \$381, according to the poll.

Shelli Gary has three kids and two play sport at Dexter. Like many other parents, including Donice Webb - who has a kid that plays sports at Chelsea and Lori Arvidson - who has kids that play sports at Ann Arbor schools, Gary sees the need for schools to charge an athletic fee.

"It was a surprise at first, but I understand why they do it," Gary said. "It costs money to run a good sports program. You've got equipment that needs to be replaced. You've got coaching transportation, uniforms all of that."

One parent, who was against it, was Shelli's husband, Mike Gary, who made his words known as soon as he finished speaking.

"We pay taxes for kids to get an education and athletics is part of the education," he said. "Just like drama is. School is more than just the classroom. It's on the basketball court. It's in the gymnasium. It's in the theater, it's on the debate team, all of those things, contribute to a rich high school experience."

A position statement made by the Michigan Board of Education in 1972 states: "School districts may not make charges for any required or elective course,"



but "school districts may charge fees for extracurricular activities when students are not graded or evaluated and academic credit is not given, or for any activity in which participation is not required for obtaining a diploma."

Ann Arbor, Belleville, Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, and Saline are among the local communities that charge students to participate.

Dexter charges \$100 per sport for high school students, with a \$300 limit per family. The district has donors, who can aid kids, who cannot afford the fee.

The district also is in the process of a potential increase in athletic fees. But it has to be presented and approved by the board of education first.

Dexter Superintendent Mary Marshall said the cost of their athletic program is a half million dollars per year.

"It's a big number out of a \$34 million budget," she said. "What we're trying to do is find the right balance of supporting athletic, supporting the classroom, making sure our students have opportunities, and trying to balance it all budget wise. It means we're having to make some difficult choices."

Saline's Rob White and John Young, athletic direc-

tor of Ann Arbor Skyline, called athletic fees "a necessary evil."

Ann Arbor high schools have students pay \$150 for the first sport, \$75 for the second and the third is free of charge. Anyone who is on free or reduced lunch has athletic fees waived. In a hardship case, where a parent loses their job, for instance, there is a waiver process.

"I don't like it," Young said. "I grew up in a family of five kids, and we didn't make a lot of money. If I had grown up in this atmosphere it would have been difficult, but we probably would have qualified for a reduced lunch."

It is \$250 for Saline High School students to participate in athletics and \$200 at the middle school per year. Free and reduced lunch students play for free. Payment plans are also available. They have had athletic fees for the last six years.

"I don't like the price at all. I don't think anybody likes a participation fee," White said. "Considering the financial climate that were facing here in Saline and also in the state of Michigan, it's like I said, a necessary evil."

Ypsilanti and Milan are two of the only schools that let all students play free of charge.

Ypsilanti Superintendent

Dedrick Martin said a fee has been considered, but in a community, which he said sports means "a lot," the school decided against it.

"We decided it was not right for our district," Martin said. "In the athletic department, no one was recommending it."

More important than the popularity of Ypsilanti's love of sports, was the 67 percent of students that he said either qualify for free or reduced lunch.

"Everything is on the table," he said. "But am I spending a lot of time looking at athletics? No. It's not even one percent of the total amount of money we need to save."

He said they are facing over \$9 million in structural deficits.

Ypsilanti track and field coach Torin Moore said his program would dissolve, if students were charged.

"(Athletic fees) are talked about, but I don't see it happening," he said. "If that's the case, and we charge for track, we won't have a track team."

"If it doesn't come out of our pockets, they won't have it."

Chelsea and Ann Arbor schools are in their second year of charging students a participation fee.

Chelsea high school charges \$100 a year per high school student, with a

cap of \$300 for families of more than three children. Scholarships are given out to kids, who do not have enough money to pay for the fee. Students on reduced lunch pay \$10. It is \$50 for middle school students.

"We as a district were faced certainly with, like many districts are, budget cuts," Chelsea athletic director Mike Kapolka said. "We did community forums to kind of figure out would the community be supportive of this. We got input from our coaches as well, before we made the decision of what we're going to set the fee at."

Chelsea men's track coach Eric Swager sees no problems with the athletic fees.

"The goal of the athletic department is so every kid can play if they really want to," he said. "I haven't heard of any stories that a kid has, and I may be wrong, but I haven't heard of any stories where a kid that really wanted to compete and couldn't solely because of the money."

Manchester schools enacted a student fee, in 1999, which was earlier than most. For their high school, the first sport requires a \$100 fee, the second sport is \$80 and the third of the year is \$70. It is \$10 less at each level for middle school students. There is a group in Manchester called "Manchester Friends" that helps kids, who are struggling to pay the fee.

Gall had to come up with a solution in 1999, or the middle school would have to eliminate all of its sports programs. He did not want to go through with that. He still remembered when fall sports were cancelled in 1980 because the millage failed.

"It was the toughest fall of teaching that I had," Gall said. "The discipline problems were up. The attitude of the kids going to school was not good. They didn't look forward to coming to school."

"Sports give something

to the school to give it some school pride and have something to wrap their hands around other than just a book. Education is No. 1. It should always be No. 1, but this is something that helps every school system."

Most athletic directors agree on two other issues. They said the school made sure to put in place a fee that would not discourage a single student from participating. Additionally, contributing money to an athletic program, by way of fees, does not give students a right to be granted a certain allotment of playing time.

"We were very clear that we wanted to call it 'pay to participate,'" Kapolka said. "Participation in an athletic team and playing are two very different things. So your fee gets you the opportunity to participate with the team. It doesn't necessarily mean it's going to equate to playing time."

The University of Michigan poll also showed 5 percent of children in families earning more than \$60,000 decreased participation in sports because of the cost. Overall, 12 percent felt the effect of the cost of school sports, which led to a decrease in participation in at least one of their children. It was 19 percent of children in families that make under \$60,000.

Looking back at that baseball game between Manchester and Clinton, Curt Fielder's son, Jake Fielder was a member of the Flying Dutch. Curt came to watch his son play that afternoon.

He said the fees are just a "sign of the times."

"Educational money has been cut back so far that the money we do have needs to be spent in the classroom," he said. "The extra-curricular activities are great and the kids are excited to be playing in them, but at the end of the day, when they take those test, whether they can hit a home run or not is not going to help them test better on that math or science test."



Dexter softball honors

The Dexter softball team enjoyed an impressive season under first-year varsity coach Mark Whitley. The team recently celebrated their accomplishments during an awards night ceremony. **TOP PHOTO:** Players honored by the SEC included (left to right) Brooke Lupi, First Team; Mara Bottomley, Honorable Mention; Megan Sweetland, Sportsmanship Award; Michelle Metavler, HM; Cara Taylor, HM; and Savannah Krull, First Team. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Seniors Cara Taylor, Megan Sweetland and Courtney Cook were named to the All-SEC All-Academic Team. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Brooke Lupi, Aubree Whitley and Savannah Krull were named to the All-District First Team.

U-M's Tillman fuels rivalry

Logan Tuley-Tillman is a junior in high school. Let's remember that for the next few minutes, shall we.

And flashback to when you were in high school. Think of some of the immature or dumb things you did at that age – my guess is burning a letter wouldn't crack the top 10.

Most people have never heard of Tuley-Tillman. Even those who follow Michigan football may recognize the name from a list, but few know anything about the young man.

Well, that all changed with the flick of a match.

Tuley-Tillman is catching flack-ridicule from Ohio State fans for posting a picture of himself on Twitter burning a recruiting letter from Ohio State.

OK. Your first thought is what?

As a Michigan fan, my initial thought is, "sweet...like the young man already." We don't like Ohio State and they don't like us.

This is Tuley-Tillman's way of saying, "I am with Michigan."

My second thought was that,

this young man knows what's important.

Even though he is from Peoria, Ill., he didn't burn a letter from Illinois – because Michigan doesn't care about Illinois. Even though this was an unusual way to show it, Tuley-Tillman understands this and he gets how important this rivalry is and what it means to the folks in

Ann Arbor.

Here is a young man excited about going to Michigan pulling what amounts to a harmless prank in which no one got hurt – feelings or otherwise. And it's been done before so delete any points for creativity.

He said he did it to prove to everyone that he wasn't going to change his mind and switch schools. Apparently, that rumor was out there and Tuley-Tillman lit a match to it in an attempt to extinguish that thought.

Of course, you could fill

Michigan Stadium with all the over reaction and hatred coming from Columbus. But I find it hard to believe that there were serious death threats. In today's computer age, it's easy to fire off a death threat in a comment's thread and then go hide beneath your desk.

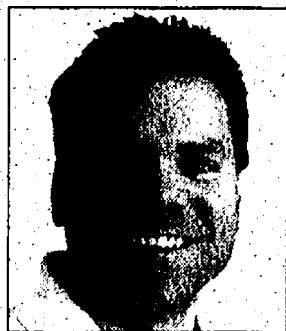
And don't think the media won't try and blow it out of proportion to create more interest and more hits and more blah, blah, blah. Sometimes, a story isn't a story. And that's what we have here.

Many of the message boards and comments over this so-called story end up in the great debate about which state is worse, Ohio or Michigan. It's never which state is better.

And one Ohio State fan said Michigan should expel him – even though he's a junior in high school.

After going through all the comments and stepping back from this story I have a new opinion on it all – WHO CARES? It's a young man showing his pride for the school he decided to attend. Was it the best way to do it? No. Was it the worst? No.

Rock on, Logan! But put the matches away!



TERRY JACOBY

Devil Dogs go 5-1



The Dexter Devil Dogs went 5-1 at the Chicago Cup, a tournament that features some of the best lacrosse talent in the country. The team's only loss was to the 2012 Illinois State champs Loyola Academy 10-7 – the game was tied 5-5 at half. "The boys played well," said coach Brian Callanan. "There were numerous college coaches in attendance watching the games. Overall, a great trip."

Running: With John Farah

Physical fitness: Kicking butt and taking names! (A brief introduction)

We know, we know – the last thing you need is yet another person telling you to get off your butt and go out there and start exercising.

Blah! Leave us out of it.

That's why we're not going to tell you to exercise, lift weights, run, or lose weight. We're going to tell you to have fun. To enjoy yourselves. To dominate every

single day. To feel better about your body, mind and soul than you have in your entire lives. After all, that's why we run too: because we like to feel great, spend time with our friends, and have amazing adventures, whether it's beating someone twenty years younger than us in a race, getting chased by a goat down a country road or being ticketed by a cop for public urination in San Francisco – which all happened, not coincidentally, while we were running.

And if, in the process of having all this fun, you just so happen to get in better shape and maybe even burn off some calories, so be it. It'll be our little secret. (Although we also highly recommend bragging about your accomplishments to your friends. Trust us, they'll be jealous as heck. And might even join you – which will only add to everyone's fun.)

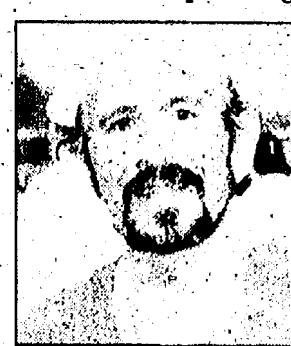
With all that in mind, here are some ideas for your first week of having more fun and feeling better about yourself than you ever thought possible. And yes, you'll be running. (Sssshh!)

* Find a buddy to help plan and join your outings. We've run more than 140 marathons, and we never would've done it without our buddies. It doesn't have to be a best friend, or even a good friend – the experiences you have will bring you closer together. Having a friend makes any kind of journey a lot more enjoyable.

* Make it an adventure! Some people recommend starting small. We say to heck with that. Sure, for your daily jogs it's great to keep things local, but create bigger cool goals for yourself too. Find a fun trail or location to travel to each Saturday that you can go explore, places you haven't been before. It can be as simple as a country road – we like Joy Road – or a little more elaborate, like the Potawatomi in Pinckney. Pack a snack and make a morning out of it.

* To prepare for your

Saturday adventure, get ready closer to home. Figure out a road course that covers one to three miles. If you get bored easily, figure out a few so you can change them up during the week. Pick something that takes you and your buddy by interesting stores or houses that you can look at – keep things new and fresh.



JOHN FARAH

* Your first week start-out with one-mile or half-mile

jogs during your week. Go in the morning, before work – if you wait till after work, you'll find a million excuses to stop you. On Saturday, make it two miles. Hike for part of the time if you'd like.

* Each following week, increase your mileage by a half mile or a full mile, depending on how you feel. Feel free to walk or hike part of the time. The main thing is to be consistent. Go every weekday, with a bigger Saturday adventure as your fun bonus. Take Sunday off. You deserve it!

* After four weeks, you should be doing at least three miles a day.

* Be patient! You won't feel like a superstar on your first outing, or even on your fifth. But you'll be amazed by how much you improve over time, and how much better you start to feel – not just on your adventures, but all day long.

* Keep track of your trails and distances with a running journal – not just to note your improvement, but so you can remember all the quirky things that happen to you on your runs.

That's it – you're well on your way to feeling great, looking great, and kicking butt. That wasn't too hard, was it?

Next time we'll give you some easy steps for preparing for your first 5K race, which we guarantee will be a blast. In the meanwhile, if you have any questions or want more inspiration and amusing stories, check out our website, www.letspickupabit.com.

See you running!

Order John's book

John W. Farah and Nelson Williams are local Michigan runners with more than 140 marathons between them, and countless other road races. They recently authored the running memoir, "Let's Pick It Up a Bit," which is available on their website and at Running Fit, Nicola's Book Store, and Crazy Wisdom in Ann Arbor.

Saline's Ellis among athletic administrators honored

Four athletic administrators who additionally have made significant contributions at the league, state and MHSAA tournament levels – Curt Ellis of Saline, Robin Dilday of Utica, Robert Dowd of Troy and Greg Lattig of Maso – have been named the recipients of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Allen W. Bush Award for 2012.

Al Bush served as executive director of the MHSAA for 10 years. The award honors individuals for past and continuing service to prep athletics as a coach, administrator, official, trainer, doctor or member of the media. The award was developed to bring recognition to men and women who are giving and serving without a lot of attention.

This is the 21st year of the award, with the selections being made by the MHSAA's Representative Council.

Ellis served as an athletic administrator in Michigan for 18 years, including the last eight at Novi High School before leaving the district in the fall to become executive director of human resources for Saline Area Schools.

His Novi athletic program was a recipient of the Exemplary Athletic Program Award from the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

He's served as a tournament manager for multiple MHSAA ice hockey and soccer finals over the last decade and for more than 125 District and Regional tournaments since 1997. He's also served on the ice hockey, volleyball, officials and site selection committees, among others.

Additionally, Ellis has served in various leader-

ship roles statewide.

He was president of the Oakland County Athletic Administrators Association in 2002-03 and joined the MIAAA executive board in 2008. He was named OCAA Athletic Director of the Year in 2007 and MIAAA Region 11 Athletic Director of the Year in 2007, and is a regular speaker at the MIAAA's Mid-Winter Conference.

Ellis earned his bachelor's degree in organizational communication from Eastern Michigan University and is pursuing his master's in educational leadership also at EMU.

"Curt Ellis has been a consistent source of leadership and a true advocate of high school athletics," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA. "He has brought great perspective to those working with him both locally and through the MIAAA, and been of great assistance in his work as an MHSAA tournament host."

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EMU makes the grade

Eastern Michigan University's student-athletes turned in their best-ever cumulative GPAs and the second-highest semester GPAs in Winter 2012 according to the latest report from the EMU Athletic Department Student-Athlete Support Services.

The cumulative GPA report showed the Eagles at a 3.177 cumulative GPA and a 3.120 semester GPA.

"This latest academic report is another example of our entire student-athlete population continuing to improve in the classroom," EMU Athletics Director Dr. Derrick Gragg said. "The 2011-12 athletic year has been an excep-

tional one in the competition arena as well with the women's basketball team winning the Mid-American Conference Tournament and advancing to the NCAA Tournament, the men's basketball team winning the MAC West Division title, the men's cross country and swimming and diving teams capturing MAC titles, the football team posting its best season since 1995, and the entire men's athletic program finishing runner-up in the competition for the Reese Cup, symbolizing the top all-around athletic program in the league."

"Our Student Athlete Support Services office is proud that our student-ath-

letes continue to challenge themselves in the classroom," said Erin Burdis, EMU assistant athletic director for academics.

"Obviously, our staff and student-athletes take pride in academic success and this latest report proves that the hard work is worth the effort."

The baseball squad led all of the men's teams with a 3.302 GPA while the women's cross country squad was tops on the women's side with a 3.635 GPA.

There were 28 student-athletes that posted 4.0 GPAs during Winter 2012 while 294, or 61.8 percent, had 3.0 or better GPAs. In addition, 15 teams, or 78.9 percent, had 3.0 GPAs or better.



Ann Arbor's Jason Kerst with tennis superstar Serena Williams.

TENNIS

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"Even though she hasn't played on grass since losing to Petra Kvitová in the Wimbledon final last year, I think she will be able to win her fifth Major here, by using her big serve and overpowering groundstrokes," Kerst said of Sharapova. As for Federer, he noted the following:

"Federer doesn't really have that many good chances left to win more majors, but his best chances are going to be at Wimbledon and the US Open...Federer needs to hit big first serves and come to the net as often as possible, but I think he will do it and walk away from this event with a record-tying seventh Wimbledon title."

The long and short of it, Kerst knows his stuff. There's no doubt about that.

But beyond the player, beyond the analyst, there's Jason Kerst the fan.

He's listed Federer, Novak Djokovic, Caroline Wozniacki and Victoria Azarenka as his favorite players (with in-depth reasons as to why on each) and has served as a ball boy for Li Na, Mardy Fish, Samantha Stosur, David Ferrer and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga at the Western and Southern Open in Cincinnati last summer. He was also fortunate enough to watch Serena Williams and Roger

Federer within the past year.

Kerst lists a picture with Serena Williams among his most prized pieces of memorabilia because "she is such an amazing champion and legend, not to mention practically impossible to get a picture with."

Other prized items in Kerst's collection include a match-worn John McEnroe shirt and an autographed personalized sign he made for Wozniacki.

With his entire high school playing career—and potentially beyond—still ahead of him, Kerst said there are plenty of things that he will work on moving forward.

While he lists stamina, speed and his backhand among his strengths, Kerst said he will look to improve his serve speed and dealing with the sheer strength of some of the larger competitors.

"Since I am one of the smallest players competing

at the top level at my age, I really have to withstand the power from the larger boys," he said.

Ideally, Kerst said he would like to play tennis at the college level somewhere down south. He listed Duke, Georgia, North Carolina and Stanford as possible dream destinations. He added that he would love to one day go pro, but maintains a grounded perspective on his long-term dreams.

"I know the percentage of people who actually make it in tennis are smaller than just about any other sport," he said. "So I am going to have to keep working very hard if I am going to make it to the top of the game."

MHSAA

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totals count students once for each sport in which he or she participates, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

Records for participation in 2011-12 were set in four sports—two for boys and two for girls. Once again, cross country and lacrosse numbers hit all-time highs in both genders.

Also of note in this year's survey:

* Only two sports exhibited a drop in participation that was well beyond that of the drop in student enrollment. Boys golf was down 6.6 percent, and boys swimming and diving was down 4.7 percent.

* Boys tennis continues a downward slide, with this year's participation of 6,815 the lowest point since the Association began tracking the numbers in 1991-92. Its losses since 2006-07 are the highest in terms of percentage of any sport at 21.5 percent (1,868 participants). By comparison, girls tennis participation is stable—up 0.6 percent in the same time period.

* Girls cross country set another record at 8,135, and participation in the sport is up 15.0 percent since 2006-07. In that same time period, boys cross-country participation is up 6.1 percent.

* Basketball figures dropped 1.9 percent for boys and girls in 2011-12; also continu-

ing a decline faster than the drop in student enrollments, and participation in both sports are at their lowest points since the Association began tracking the numbers in 1991-92. Since the 2006-07 survey, girls participation is down 10.9 percent and the boys number is down 8.8 percent—the second highest drops in raw numbers of all sports—girls are down 2,100 participants, boys 2,131.

In terms of raw numbers, football has seen the biggest drop since 2006-07, down 3,203 participants—a drop of 6.9 percent.

* A total of nine sports have participation dropping at a faster rate since 2006-07 than enrollment numbers would suggest—boys tennis, girls swimming & diving, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls skiing, girls gymnastics, softball, and girls track & field.

* Seven sports have seen significant increases in participation since 2006-07—boys & girls cross country, boys and girls bowling, boys swimming & diving, and boys and girls lacrosse. In percentages, girls lacrosse is up 30.3 percent—and boys lacrosse is up 26.2 percent.

* Ten sports had increases in participation in 2011-12 (7 girls-3 boys) and 18 sports had drops (7 girls-11 boys).

* The participation figures are gathered annually from MHSAA member schools to submit to the National Federation of State High School Associations for compiling its national participation survey.

BOWLER

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pointed out she was the first to win on the men's professional tour.

"It is a lot harder than people think it is," Long said. "That's what keeps me going at it because people would be like 'bowling is not a sport.' Well, that's your own opinion. But you guys that are hating on the sport are only my motivators, pretty much."

Long started bowling when she was 5 years old. She said her biggest accomplishment came 15 years later on June 17.

She won her first MJMA title in the Daniel C. Ottman Memorial Championships at Monroe. It took over 30 games from June 15 through June 17 to complete the task.

"It was a long battle, for sure," she said. "It took a toll on me. I had cuts and blisters on my hands and stuff, but I mean, overall, I look back on my weekend and wouldn't want it any other way."

It all came together as the season came to a close, she said. MJMA has one event per month from August to June. It is her last year in the youth league.

"I came out of the blue and won," she said. "I was

happy with that, and the pain that I was in was set aside."

She said she competed against 40 to 50 girls. It was her second time qualifying in the top eight of the event.

"I learned I need to make my spares, and make good shots and stay on top of moves," she said. "That's exactly what I did this year, and that's how I got so far."

She will leave in July for nationals in Indianapolis. Long earned the spot after winning a Junior Tournament Bowlers Association event in Ohio. She said she hopes to do much of the same, which is staying on top of her moves, by reading the lanes and controlling the ball reaction.

Long will attend Lindenwood University in the fall. She spent a year in a half at Saginaw Valley State, and attended Washtenaw Community College the last semester.

She is majoring in Early Childhood Special Education. Her interest in the profession blossomed because her day care provider, when she was a child, had a daughter with Down syndrome.

"My parents were in the military, so I was always was at their house for day care, so I seen the girl grow up," she said. "I've just

always been interested in that, helping those kids."

Long said she has a spot on the bowling roster at Lindenwood, a third-place finisher in the 2012 Intercollegiate Team Championships.

"One of my dreams was to bowl for a college that is in the top ten in the nation," she said. "Lindenwood is exactly that. So I'm just preparing myself and practicing more to be a part of their team."

SYNOPSIS OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES JUNE 11, 2012

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. and opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Present were Clerk Barais, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laier. Absent Supervisor Unterbrink. Also present several residents and guests: Clerk Barais appointed Trustee McKenzie to chair the meeting. In the absence of Supervisor Unterbrink.

Motion by Laier, supported by Havens to approve the Agenda as printed. Motion carried. Public comment was received.

The Treasurer's report was received.

Motion by Laier, supported by Havens to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012 Regular Meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Old Business: There was none.

Motion by Laier, supported by Havens to table the CAFA Articles of Incorporation for more information, then, set work session.

Motion by Barais, supported by Laier to schedule a public hearing to hear public comments on the proposed Ordinance to License Home Based BUSINESS, 2nd Draft dated May 21, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. on July 9, 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by Laier, supported by Barais, to use the WCRS remaining matching funds, with the balance coming from the Highway Road Fund, to complete the Wylie Road project, as outlined in the Washtenaw County Road Commission Annual Report, for a cost of \$25,000.00. 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 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene R. Barais, Clerk

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LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE Monday, July 9, 2012

FOR
PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012

TO: QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LYNDON TOWNSHIP
QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LIMA TOWNSHIP
QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF DEXTER TOWNSHIP
QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WEBSTER TOWNSHIP
QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF CHELSEA

NOTICE: The Lyndon Township Clerk, Linda Reilly, will be in the office at 17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI on Monday, July 9, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to register qualified electors and to amend registration records.

The Lima Township Clerk, Arlene Barais, will be in the office at 12172 Jackson Rd., Dexter, MI on Monday, July 9, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to register qualified electors and to amend registration records.

The Dexter Township Clerk, Harley Rider, will be in the office at 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, MI on Monday, July 9, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to register qualified electors and to amend registration records.

The Webster Township Clerk, Mary Dee Heller, will be in the office at 5665 Webster Church Road, Dexter, MI on Monday, July 9, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to register qualified electors and to amend registration records.

The City of Chelsea Clerk, Terri Royal, will be in the office at 305 South Main Street, Suite 100, Chelsea, MI on Monday, July 9, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to register qualified electors and to amend registration records.

IF YOU HAVE MOVED RECENTLY, YOU MUST AMEND YOUR REGISTRATION RECORD

For the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:
United States Senator
Representative in Congress
Representative in State
Legislature
Prosecuting Attorney
Sheriff
Clerk/Registrar of Deeds
Treasurer
Drain Commissioner/Water Resource Manager
County Commissioner
Township/City Supervisor
Township/City Clerk
Township/City Treasurer
Township/City Trustee

Also, to elect the following officers:
Precinct Delegates

Published in compliance with MCL 168.498.

Linda Reilly, Lyndon Township Clerk
Arlene Barais, Lima Township Clerk
Harley Rider, Dexter Township Clerk
Mary Dee Heller, Webster Township Clerk
Terri Royal, City of Chelsea Clerk

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NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by SAM PFEIFFER III of 644 W. MIDDLE ST., CHELSEA MI, for a variance from the requirements of Section 3.10 G & H, of Ordinance No. 166 (Zoning Ordinance), to INCREASE THE ACCESSORY BUILDING ALLOWANCE FROM 900 SQUARE FEET TO 1100 SQUARE FEET, AND INCREASE ACCESSORY BUILDING HEIGHT FROM 14 FEET TO 22 FEET MIDPOINT BETWEEN THE PEAK AND EAVES TO THE GROUND.

TAX CODE: # 06-06-12-325-018
644 W. MIDDLE ST., CHELSEA, MI

Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request, a Notice of Hearing shall be given and will be served personally or by mail at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property and occupants of property located within three hundred (300) feet of such premises in question.

You are hereby notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, JULY 18, 2012 at 5:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea City Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

The petition is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LIMA TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012,

AT 7:00 P.M.

AT THE LIMA

TOWNSHIP HALL

11452 JACKSON ROAD

A public hearing will be held by the Lima Township Board of Trustees to consider the proposed Ordinance to License Home Based Business: To provide for the processing of applications and administration of licenses; to provide for fees; to provide standards; to provide for variances; to provide penalties. A complete copy of this proposed Ordinance to License Home Based Business is on file at the Lima Township Office: 12172 Jackson Road. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Written comments may be sent to: Arlene Barais, Clerk
Lima Township Board of Trustees
P.O. Box 59
Chelsea, MI 48118

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Dexter Township
6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.
Dexter, MI 48130
(734) 426-3767

Summary of Action of the
Dexter Township Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting June 19, 2012

Called to order at 7:01 PM

Members Present: Supervisor Kelly, Treasurer Kooyers, Clerk Rider, Trustees Brushaber, Feinman, Lesser and Maciejewski

Also Present: Patrick Sloan, Director of Planning & Zoning; David Waymann, David VanderYacht, Brent Courson, Steve Burch, Kevin McNulty, members of the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Absent: None

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, along with General Fund bills totaling \$70,481.09, Fire Fund bills totaling \$38,390.43, Police Fund bills totaling \$37,825.75 and gross Monthly payroll of \$23,933.30.

The Board received committee reports from: Public Safety Advisory Committee (action under New Business); Personnel Policy Committee; Regional Fire Committee; Capital Improvement Plan Committee; and Tornado Relief Fund.

In addition, the Board took the following actions: Set a public hearing for 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, for input on the proposed \$370,940 emergency warning system; Agreed to maintain the sign at the corner of N. Territorial and Dexter-Pinckney Roads, and to extend the sign leases through September 2012, without additional charge; Accepted the recommendation of the Dexter Township Public Safety Advisory Committee regarding a permanent fire sub-station, and to put the funding question to the voters on the November General Election ballot.

The Board also approved a permit for a fireworks display over Portage Lake on Friday, July 6, 2012. Contracted with Creature Control to address insect and woodpecker damage on the Township Hall; Regretfully accepted the resignation from Patrick Sloan, Director of Planning & Zoning, and thanked him for his service; Agreed to post the vacancy in the appropriate publications; Accepted Trustee Maciejewski's resignation from the Dexter Area Fire Board and Treasurer Kooyers's resignation from the Planning Commission; Appointed Treasurer Kooyers to the Dexter Area Fire Board; Confirmed Supervisor Kelly's appointment of Trustee Maciejewski to the Planning Commission.

The Board also entered into closed session as provided for by MCL 15.268(d), to discuss possible acquisition of the property at 11452 N. Territorial Rd. Following closed session, the Board agreed to authorize Supervisor Kelly to negotiate for the property based on the terms she recommended in the closed session.

The Board was also introduced to Washtenaw County Sheriff's Sergeant Keith Flores as the new commander of the Dexter Area Contract Station, replacing Sgt. Beth Gieske, who has moved on to another assignment.

The Board discussed, but did not take action on: Lyndon Township vs Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority; Township Hall Parking Lot; Employee handbook; MLWSA indirect tap-in fees; Special event reporting and permitting procedures; Chelsea Area Fire Authority report.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Harley B. Rider, Clerk, Dexter Township
Summary approved by
Pat A. Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township

This Summary of the June 19, 2012, Regular Meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees was prepared by Harley B. Rider, Dexter Township Clerk, and approved by Pat A. Kelly, Dexter Township Supervisor, in accordance with the provisions of MCL 41.72a(6). A draft of the full minutes of the June 19, 2012, Regular meeting of the Township Board is available for examination at the Township Hall during regular business hours (8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday, except holidays). The full minutes of the June 19, 2012, Regular meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees will be presented at the July 17, 2012, Regular meeting for review and approval by the Board. Following approval the full minutes will be posted on the Township's web site www.twpdexter.org.

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Chelsea's Trester obtains High Status



Chelsea resident Michael Trester (right), owner of Commando Krav Maga (CKM), traveled to Toronto to test and certify as a Level 5 Instructor in Commando Krav Maga (CKM). Trester achieved his status testing in front of Ian Rosenberg. Rosenberg is a level 8 Elite Team Instructor as well as a stuntman for movies such as 300 and TV show 'Nikita.' CKM is a reality-based self defense system taught to civilians, military entities, and law enforcement agencies. Currently there are only nine other CKM instructors in the United States certified at level 5 or higher. Trester is a local law enforcement officer and also owns Kitchi Tae Kwon Do.

Webster Township Regular Board Meeting June 19, 2012

The Webster Township Board Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm, by Supervisor John Kingsley on June 19, 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 Pindia and 5 citizens.

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Approve Minutes

Motion Koch second Kleinschmidt to approve the minutes of the Webster Township Board of Trustees Board Meeting with corrections on May 15, 2012. All ayes and carried.

Supervisor Remarks

Approve Agenda

Motion Estleman second Koch to approve the agenda as modified with the addition of Item J. PDR Committee Request, under New Business. All ayes and carried.

Audit Report/John Pfeffer, Hanniford & Palka

Motion Heller second Westman to accept the 2012 audit report as presented. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

Public Hearing: Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Thomson-Shore, Inc.

Application Withdrawn

Call to Public

Reports

A. Treasurer's Report:

Motion Heller second Kleinschmidt to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills as presented as well as those anticipated bills received before July 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:

No report received.

G. PDR Committee:

Report received.

H. Fire Department:

Report received.

Old Business:

New Business:

A. Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Thomson-Shore, Inc.

Application Withdrawn

B. Interlocal Agreement

Motion Heller second Koch to submit the 5/12/12 revision of the Interlocal Agreement to Fahy, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes PLC. for review.

C. Audit PDR

Motion Heller second Kleinschmidt to approve the expenditure of \$3,800.00 to Pfeffer Hanniford, Palka, CPA for a supplemental audit of the PDR fund. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

D. Huron River Watershed Council Dues

Motion Estleman second Westman to approve the expenditure of \$632.80 to the Huron River Watershed Council for annual dues. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

E. Western Washtenaw Recycling

Motion Heller second Whitney to approve the expenditure of \$15,800.00 to Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority for service during the 2012-2013 year. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

F. Webster Township Historical Society

Motion Kleinschmidt second Koch to approve the expenditure of \$350 to the Webster Township Historical Society for record keeping & positive relations. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

G. Copy Machine

Motion Kingsley second Westman to approve the expenditure of up to \$4,385.00 to University Office Technologies for purchase of a copy machine. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

H. MTA Dues

Motion Heller second Kleinschmidt to approve the expenditure of \$5,144.00 for MTA annual dues. Roll call vote, all ayes and carried.

I. Deputy Clerk

Motion Westman second Estleman to confirm Clerk Heller's appointment of Cynthia Zuccaro to the office of Deputy Clerk, effective July 1, 2012. All ayes and carried.

J. PDR Committee Request

Discussion took place.

Correspondence

Call to Public

Adjourn

Motion Kleinschmidt second Westman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:26pm. All ayes and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Dee Heller, Clerk
Webster Township

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Dexter football hosts golf outing Aug. 4

The Dexter football program is kicking off the season on the golf course.

The Dexter Touchdown Club will host its fourth annual Golf Outing Fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Ann Arbor Country Club.

The event begins with check-in from 7-7:45 a.m. and an 8 a.m. shotgun start with a scramble format. There also will be a silent auction, hole contests and lunch at the turn. The evening will conclude with a steak or chicken dinner and raffle.

LaFontaine is sponsoring a hole-in-one contest. Make an ace and get a 24-month lease on a Chevy Malibu.

Cost is only \$85 per person and guests can register as individuals or as foursomes.

To register or for sponsorship opportunities,

News in Brief

email Patty Birmingham at pbirmingham9917@comcast.net

Golf outing July 9

The Alzheimer's Association, Michigan Great Lakes Chapter is seeking sponsors and golfers to participate in the 2012 Ann Arbor Charity Golf Outing on Monday, July 9 at Travis Pointe Country Club.

The chapter is very excited to announce this year's Presenting Sponsors: Absopure Water Company and EQ, the Environmental Quality Company, who have been long-time sponsors of this event. Bill Young of Absopure and David M. Lusk of EQ will continue to serve as Honorary Co-Chairs and Representative David

Rutledge as Chair of the outing.

Highlights of the event, which begins with registration and breakfast at 8 a.m., include 18 holes of golf, lunch and refreshments on the course, and a buffet dinner.

Over the last 14 years, this golf outing has raised more than \$394,000 to support thousands of Michigan residents with Alzheimer's disease and their families. All proceeds raised from this outing will support local programs and services, including the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline, education programs, support groups, and family counseling services.

The golf fee for the event is \$200 per person or \$800 per team of four. Corporate sponsorships are also available and range from \$100 - \$5,000. For more information about the outing and sponsorship opportunities or to register, call 734-475-7043.

VILLAGE OF DEXTER WATER QUALITY REPORT 2011

The Village of Dexter strives to provide the best quality drinking water possible. This report is intended to provide you with useful information about your drinking water and satisfy United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) notification requirements.

Dexter's water comes from 2 well fields, one in Dexter Community Park, behind LaFontaine Chevrolet, the other by the new Dexter High School, off of Parker Rd. There are 4 wells in the well field at the Dexter Community Park, which feed the Village's water filtration plant on Central St. The water is filtered, iron is removed, fluoridated, orthophosphate added for corrosion control, then disinfected. Then it is pumped to the water tower to be used by the public. The well by Dexter High School has its own treatment onsite. The water is fluoridated, treated with polyphosphate for iron sequestration and corrosion control, disinfected and pumped to the water tower for public use.

So what is new for 2011? The fifth well at Dexter High School was finished and put on line in June 2011, as part of a SRF loan from the State of Michigan, and the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. The treatment facility at Parker road was also built for a future 6th well to be put at the Dexter High School well field. The Village finished the fluoridation system for the Dexter's water system. The Village designed and installed a orthophosphate system at the water filtration plant on Central St. for corrosion control, which was put in operation in December 2011. Now 8 inch water main was installed along Fourth, Fifth, Hudson, Dover and Edison, and water services were replaced on those streets from the water main to the water stop box. The following is the official EPA language on contaminants that may be in untreated water:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include: rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. These include microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria; inorganic chemicals, such as salts and metals; organic chemical contaminants, pesticides, and herbicides, and radioactive substances, which can be naturally occurring. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants even after treatment. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about the contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1.800.426.4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe, the EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems.

The following is official EPA language on low resistance to infection: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1.800.426.4791).

The following is official EPA language on arsenic: Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

The following is official EPA language on copper: Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal doctor. The following is official EPA language on lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Village of Dexter is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/>.

The following is official EPA language on trihalomethanes and haloacetic acids: Trihalomethanes occur when naturally occurring organic and inorganic materials in the water react with the disinfectants chlorine and chloramine. Some people who drink water containing total trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years could experience liver, kidney, or central nervous system problems and increased risk of cancer. Haloacetic acids occur when naturally occurring organic and inorganic materials in the water react with the disinfectants, chlorine and chloramine. Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Frequently asked questions:

Q: How will I know if my water is not safe to drink?

If there is a chance your water may not be safe to drink, you will be notified by newspaper, mail, radio, television, e-mail or hand delivery. The notice will describe any precautions you need to take, such as boiling your water.

Q: Why is the water sometimes discolored?

There are three main causes of discoloration in Dexter's drinking water.

Some of Dexter's water flows through cast iron mains. These mains can rust, making the water yellow or orange. Normally the rust is flushed out of the system as the water is used. Rusty water is most often observed first thing in the morning after the water has experienced slow flow conditions overnight.

Tiny amounts of sediment remain suspended in the water as it leaves the treatment plant, normally in amounts too small to measure. However, with millions of gallons of water flowing through a water main, the sediment can accumulate to visible levels. The sediment sticks to the walls of the water main and stays there until a fire hydrant is opened, a valve is operated for construction or maintenance, or a water main breaks. Preventative maintenance to remove the build-up is done twice a year when the fire hydrants are flushed throughout the community.

If the water is milky white, there is extra air in the water. Once water is drawn from the tap this "color" clears quickly from the bottom up. At that point, the water is no longer under pressure and the extra dissolved air is free to escape in the form of tiny bubbles. This is normal, and in fact desirable, since non-aerated water tends to taste flat.

Although discolored water may be aesthetically displeasing, contact with discolored water is not normally a health risk. Persistently discolored water should still be reported to the Dexter Utilities Department.

Q: How can I lower my water bill?

There are a number of things you can do to reduce water use and lower your monthly bill.

Inside the house you can:

- Check toilets and faucets for leaks and repair

- Take shorter showers

- Turn off water while shaving or brushing your teeth

- Only run your dishwasher when it is full

- Install water-saving showerheads and low flush toilets

Outside the house you can try these steps:

- Use a broom to sweep your sidewalk or driveway, rather than hosing it off

- Only water your lawn when it is needed - use soakers rather than sprinklers

- Water in early morning or late evening - this avoids evaporation, and is actually better for your plants

- Allow your grass to grow to a greater length

- Plant native trees, shrubs, flowers, and grasses which are more drought-tolerant and need less watering.

Q: What can I do to help protect the watershed?

The Village of Dexter needs your help to protect our drinking water and its source. Here are tips on actions you can take to help protect the watershed:

- Recycle, recycle, recycle! Properly dispose of household toxics such as cleaning products, paint, pesticides, solvents, and used motor oil.

- Recycle grass clippings or mulch them.

- Remember that all storm drains lead to the Huron River. Don't dump into the street or drains.

- Scoop the poop! Pick up after your pets.

- Don't flush prescription drugs. Place Water Treatment Plants are not equipped to filter out all the chemicals that are used to create prescription drugs. Wrap unused medication, wastewater in an unmarked container and dispose of it in the trash.

- Minimize water runoff from your property. Be sure your house gutters and downspouts lead to your lawn, not to paved surfaces.

- Avoid erosion. Seed exposed dirt and restore any bare patches on your lawn.

- Do not overuse fertilizer or pesticides. Test your soil first to see what it really needs. Do not fertilize before rainstorms. Rain washes both soil and fertilizer into the storm sewer which drains to Mill Creek and the Huron River.

- Water your lawn as little as possible. Remember, reducing watering will also reduce your bill.

- Eliminate abandoned wells. These should be properly plugged and removed from your property. Every well is a direct connection to the groundwater source.

Report all spills or suspicious activities in the watershed to the police by dialing 911.

Public Participation is Welcome. The Wellhead Protection Team is open to any private citizen who is interested; call Community Development Director Allison Bishop at 734.426.8303 ext. 15 for more information.

If you have additional questions concerning this report, please call the Village of Dexter Water Utilities Department at 734.426.4572, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm on weekdays, or the MDEQ at 517-780-7875.

For after hours emergencies, including water main breaks, emergency water turn-offs and sanitary sewer back-ups call 734.368.5212.

The Village of Dexter is online at www.villageofdexter.org.

If you would like more information about your water, or copies of this newsletter, please call the Dexter Water Utilities Department at 734.426.4572, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm weekdays.

WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS FOR 2011

The Village of Dexter regularly tests its drinking water for various contaminants. The results of the 2011 testing are listed in the tables below.

Terms and Abbreviations:

MCL Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as possible based on using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected health risk, allowing for a margin of safety.

MRDL Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. Disinfectants are necessary to control microbial contaminants.

MRDLG Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal: The level of disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

ppb Parts per billion

ppm Parts per million or milligrams per liter (mg/L)

N/A Not Applicable

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements a water system must follow.

Action Level Goal: The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products

| Regulated Chemical | MRDLG or MCL | MRDL or MCLG | Dexter Water | Range | Violation | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|---|
| Chlorine | 4 ppm | 4 ppm | 0.3ppm | 0.1-8 ppm | No | Water additive used to control microbes |
| HAA5 (total haloacetic acids) | 60 ppb | | .9 ppb | 0-2 ppb | No | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| THMs (total trihalomethanes) | 80 ppb | | 35 ppb | 32 - 37 ppb | No | By-product of drinking water disinfection |

Inorganic Contaminants

| Regulated Chemical | MCL (ppb) | MCLG (ppb) | Dexter Water (ppb) | Range (ppb) | Violation | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|--------------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|--|
| Arsenic | 10 | 0 | 2.7 | 1.5-3.4 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Barium | 200 | 200 | 120 | N/A | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Chromium | 100 | 100 | 1 | N/A | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Fluoride | 4 | 4 | 0.45 | N/A | No | Erosion of natural deposits, water additive for strong teeth |
| Nitrate | 10 | 10 | 0.9 | N/A | No | Fertilizer runoff, natural deposits, leaching septic tanks |

Radioactive Contaminants

| Regulated Chemical | MCL (pCi/L) | MCLG (pCi/L) | Dexter Water (pCi/L) | Range (pCi/L) | Violation | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| combined radium | 5 | 0 | 1.5 | 0-1.5 | | Erosion of natural deposits |

| Regulated Chemical | Action Level (ppb) | Action Level Goal (ppb) | 90% of Samples at or below Action Level | Number of 40 Samples above Action Level | Violation | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|---|-----------|---|
| Lead | 15 | 0 | 4.7 | 0 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits |
| Copper's | 1300 | 1300 | 1980 | 10 | Yes | Corrosion of household plumbing systems, water softeners, erosion of deposits |

Dexter conducted lead and copper testing in September and December of 2010. The results from the first round of testing 40 houses in Dexter are in the table. Copper levels were found to exceed the action limit set by the EPA. The high copper levels were mainly found in the new subdivisions. As a result of these tests, the Village of Dexter constructed a corrosion control system to add to our water treatment.

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DNR

War of 1812 offers lessons on sacrifice, 200 years later

The stories and events surrounding the War of 1812 may seem far removed from most Michiganders' lives. In truth, it was a critical time in our state's history - with outcomes that influenced the realities of everything from Michigan's geographic boundaries to the opportunities available to those who wished to build a home and find their livelihood here.

FYI

For full details about the War of 1812 commemoration - including lesson plans, calendar of events, speakers bureau, history and more - visit www.michigan.gov/war1812.

was the first military encounter on U.S. soil," Porter said. "While Detroit was later retaken by American troops, Mackinac remained in British hands throughout the war. Had the Treaty of Ghent (Dec. 24, 1814) not returned Mackinac to the United States, the border between Michigan and Canada might well begin at the Straits of Mackinac rather than Sault Ste. Marie."

While thoughts of a Michigan without "Yoopers" or the magnificent natural spaces of the Upper Peninsula may seem impossible to grasp, at the time there were far graver consequences to consider.

When the British captured Mackinac Island on July 17, 1812, they required civilians living on the island to sign an oath of allegiance to King George III. Three civilians, including Ambrose Davenport, boldly refused and were sent to Detroit on parole with the American soldiers.

"In rejecting the offer to sign and stay on Mackinac Island, Davenport, a former U.S. soldier who was stationed at Fort Mackinac from 1796-1802, stated, 'I was born an American and am determined, at all costs, to live and die an American,'" Porter said.

Davenport left behind a wife and six children. After the war, he returned to his family and lived the rest of his life on Mackinac Island.

One small story out of countless others, but it accurately reflects the fierce determination of many of Michigan's early residents as well as the age-old belief



This painting by Amedeo Forestier, 1914, depicts the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, Christmas Eve, 1814, which ended the War of 1812. Smithsonian American Art Museum.

that freedom isn't free.

"Freedom is bought and paid for by the sacrifice of those who are willing to defend the freedoms that we all enjoy," Porter said.

"By putting together a pretty amazing collection of entertaining and educational events surrounding this piece of our history, we hope people will have fun while learning about the Michigan Territory's role as a key battleground in the War of 1812," Porter said. "The U.S. was fighting to protect the right of American citizens to settle in the territory and pursue their livelihoods, most especially farming and the fur trade."

Jim McConnell agreed. McConnell, special projects coordinator and news editor of the Michigan Council for History Education - as well as a War

of 1812 commission member - said the summer months are full of opportunities for people to take part in the War of 1812 commemoration, "from Monroe to Mackinac and everywhere in between!"

"No matter where you live in the state, chances are there's a War of 1812 event happening nearby," McConnell said. "This was a pivotal time in Michigan history and we are proud to offer so many ways for people of all ages to recognize their connections to times long gone but still very much a part of how we live today."

Highlights include: "Americans Surrender to the British and Native Americans"

Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m., Mackinac Island
Enjoy a re-enactment

that draws out the drama and history of a fateful day. Details at www.mackinacparks.com

"Friends Good Will" War of 1812 Cruise on Lake Michigan
Saturday, Aug. 4, 10 a.m., South Haven

Take part in a lake journey that includes narratives on "The War of 1812 on the Great Lakes" and "The Story of Friends Good Will; enjoy an exhibit tour at the Michigan Maritime Museum and more. Details at www.michiganmaritime-museum.org

War of 1812 Muster in Greenfield Village
Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18-19, Dearborn
The Porches and Parlors Historic District of Greenfield Village will come alive with citizen soldiers, craftsmen, merchants and

a host of ladies and gentlemen all representing the War of 1812 era. Details at www.thehenryford.org

"This is just a sample of all you can see, do and experience as part of this War of 1812 commemorative year," said McConnell. "Michigan has long been known for its natural and recreational resources. This year, we're especially proud to also shine a light on the historic and cultural resources that set Michigan apart."

The governor-appointed Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 is charged with encouraging, planning and developing activities, events, programs, observances and services appropriate to commemorate Michigan's role in the War of 1812.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

| Thursday | Thu. night | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| Partly sunny and warmer | Mostly cloudy, a t-storm | A thunderstorm possible | Partly sunny | Partly sunny; very warm | Mostly sunny and pleasant | Mostly sunny and warm | Warm with some sun |
| 89° to 95° | 68° to 74° | 86° to 92° 59° to 65° | 83° to 89° 58° to 64° | 87° to 93° 60° to 66° | 80° to 86° 54° to 60° | 81° to 87° 56° to 62° | 82° to 88° 60° to 66° |

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Statistics for week ending Monday, June 25
Temperatures:
 High/low for the week 95°/48°
 Normal high/low 81°/54°
 Average temperature 72.9°
 Normal average temperature 67.6°
Precipitation:
 Total for the week 0.01"
 Total for the month 1.03"
 Total for the year 10.77"
 Normal for the month 3.08"
 Normal for the year 14.84"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

| Temperatures | High | Low |
|--------------|------|-----|
| 95 | 94 | 94 |
| 84 | 83 | 88 |
| 75 | 75 | 75 |
| 70 | 63 | 61 |
| 54 | 50 | 62 |
| 48 | | 48 |

Tue. Wed. Thu. Fri. Sat. Sun. Mon.
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THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature*

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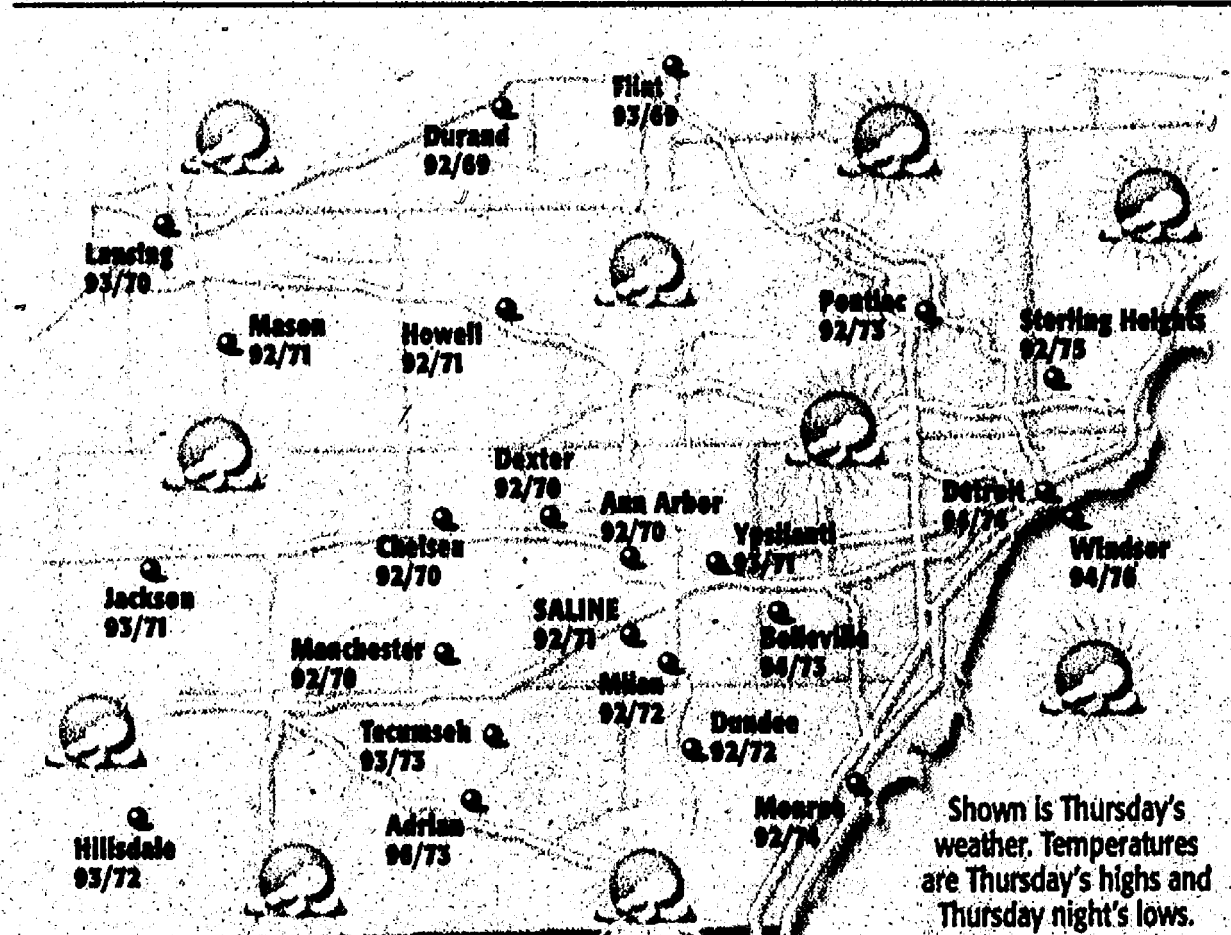
RIVER LEVELS

| As of 7 a.m. Monday | Flood stage | Current stage |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Ecorse Creek | | 0.54 ft |
| Dearborn Heights | | |
| Huron River | | |
| Ann Arbor | 16 ft | 12.21 ft |
| Malletts Creek | | |
| Ann Arbor | | 3.11 ft |
| Mill Creek | | |
| Dexter | 12 ft | 5.75 ft |
| River Raisin | | |
| Manchester | | 2.15 ft |

LAKE LEVELS

| Lake | Normal | Current |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Lake Erie | 580.11 ft | 571.93 ft |
| Lake St. Clair | 575 ft | 574.23 ft |

THE REGION



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

REGIONAL CITIES

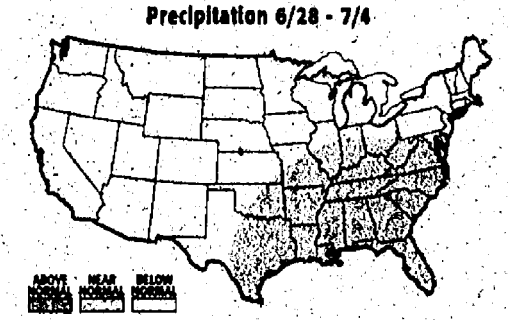
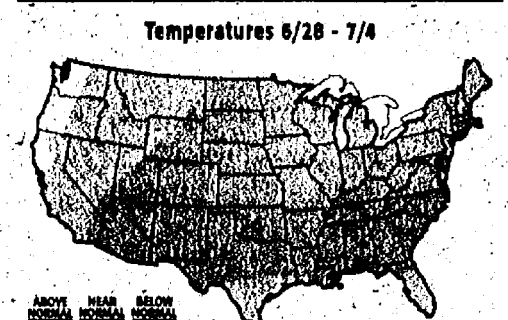
| City | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. | City | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Adrian | 87/63/s | 96/73/p | 91/66/p | 87/66/p | Manistee | 83/63/s | 85/58/p | 83/60/p | 84/59/p |
| Ann Arbor | 85/60/s | 92/70/p | 90/63/p | 85/63/p | Midland | 84/64/s | 90/68/p | 89/60/p | 84/62/p |
| Battle Creek | 86/68/s | 94/72/p | 89/64/p | 90/66/p | Muskegon | 83/70/s | 87/69/p | 87/61/p | 88/63/p |
| Bay City | 84/65/s | 89/68/p | 87/60/p | 81/64/p | Pontiac | 85/64/s | 92/73/p | 90/67/p | 85/66/p |
| Detroit | 87/68/s | 94/74/p | 89/67/p | 90/70/p | Port Huron | 81/59/s | 88/70/p | 89/61/p | 82/62/p |
| Flint | 84/63/s | 93/69/p | 91/64/p | 85/64/p | Saginaw | 85/67/s | 91/69/p | 89/63/p | 83/64/p |
| Grand Rapids | 84/70/s | 92/72/p | 92/62/p | 89/65/p | Sault Ste. Marie | 81/60/p | 81/60/p | 80/55/p | 82/58/p |
| Kalamazoo | 86/67/s | 95/73/p | 89/64/p | 91/66/p | Sturgis | 86/65/s | 94/73/p | 89/65/p | 90/66/p |
| Lansing | 84/66/s | 93/70/p | 91/63/p | 88/66/p | Traverse City | 86/67/s | 93/73/p | 92/67/p | 87/68/p |
| Livonia | 87/67/s | 94/74/p | 91/67/p | 89/68/p | Warren | 87/67/s | 93/73/p | 92/67/p | 87/68/p |

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

SUN AND MOON

| The Sun | Rise | Set | The Moon | Rise | Set | Full | Last | New | First |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------|------|-----|-------|
| Thursday | 6:01 a.m. | 9:15 p.m. | Thursday | 3:44 p.m. | 1:37 a.m. | | | | |
| Friday | 6:02 a.m. | 9:15 p.m. | Friday | 4:57 p.m. | 2:14 a.m. | | | | |
| Saturday | 6:02 a.m. | 9:15 p.m. | Saturday | 6:08 p.m. | 2:57 a.m. | | | | |
| Sunday | 6:03 a.m. | 9:15 p.m. | Sunday | 7:16 p.m. | 3:49 a.m. | | | | |
| Monday | 6:03 a.m. | 9:15 p.m. | Monday | 8:18 p.m. | 4:49 a.m. | | | | |
| Tuesday | 6:04 a.m. | 9:15 p.m. | Tuesday | 9:07 p.m. | 5:56 a.m. | | | | |
| Wednesday | 6:05 a.m. | 9:14 p.m. | Wednesday | 9:50 p.m. | 7:07 a.m. | | | | |

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NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Atlanta | 94/72/s | 99/75/s | 101/75/s |
| Boston | 82/66/t | 86/69/p | 90/72/p |
| Chicago | 98/76/s | 89/70/p | 93/70/p |
| Cincinnati | 98/73/s | 97/73/p | 96/74/s |
| Cleveland | 90/74/s | 88/68/p | 88/68/p |
| Dallas | 101/79/s | 103/78/s | 100/77/s |
| Denver | 99/66/t | 94/65/s | 96/63/s |
| Honolulu | 85/72/s | 87/73/s | 87/70/s |
| Houston | 100/78/s | 97/76/s | 95/75/s |
| Kansas City | 103/75/s | 96/75/s | 93/74/s |
| Las Vegas | 105/82/s | 105/83/s | 106/82/s |
| Los Angeles | 81/59/p | 80/61/p | 78/64/p |
| Miami | 90/79/s | 89/78/p | 92/80/p |
| Minneapolis | 90/65/p | 90/65/p | 88/69/p |
| New Orleans | 93/73/p | 95/76/s | 93/76/s |
| New York City | 90/72/s | 92/75/p | 92/71/p |
| Orlando | 87/73/c | 90/74/s | 90/73/p |
| Philadelphia | 91/74/s | 94/76/p | 93/75/p |
| Phoenix | 110/89/s | 112/87/s | 111/88/s |
| Pittsburgh | 90/68/s | 88/68/p | 88/65/p |
| St. Louis | 103/76/s | 101/78/s | 97/74/s |
| San Francisco | 70/54/p | 66/53/p | 68/55/p |
| Seattle | 70/54/p | 75/57/c | 72/55/p |
| Wash., DC | 95/76/s | 98/79/p | 98/77/p |

WORLD CITIES

| City | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Athens | 90/71/s | 92/72/s | 91/72/s |
| Berlin | 77/61/r | 86/66/p | 86/63/sh |
| Buenos Aires | 70/44/s | 61/46/s | 63/47/p |
| Cairo | 98/74/s | 97/76/s | 98/76/s |
| Calgary | 74/51/p | 72/53/c | 70/51/p |
| Hong Kong | 91/81/c | 91/81/c | 90/82/t |
| Jerusalem | 84/68/s | 88/70/s | 89/71/s |
| Johannesburg | 67/43/s | 67/43/s | 69/43/s |
| London | 73/54/sh | 70/52/sh | 68/54/sh |
| Mexico City | 74/58/t | 75/56/t | 74/55/r |
| Montreal | 78/63/s | 84/68/s | 83/68/p |
| Moscow | 69/53/sh | 69/50/r | 68/46/c |
| Paris | 89/61/r | 74/57/p | 73/58/sh |
| Rio de Janeiro | 80/70/p | 81/71/s | 81/70/s |
| Rome | 87/68/s | 88/69/c | 90/67/s |
| Seoul | 91/68/p | 88/69/c | 82/74/r |
| Singapore | 89/79/r | 90/79/p | 90/79/r |
| Sydney | 64/44/p | 68/45/s | 63/40/s |
| Tokyo | 73/64/r | 82/71/r | 83/72/p |
| Warsaw | 73/52/c | 80/60/p | 87/68/sh |