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9 seek office in Sylvan vote

Candidates running for several posts

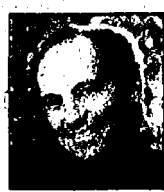
Sylvan Township has one candidate on the ballot for township supervisor, while two Republicans are competing for the clerk's post and two more are vying for the treasurer's seat, both in the primary. There are three Republicans competing in their own primary with one Democrat with no primary opponent are seeking two open trusteeships.

Heritage Media sent out questionnaires to each of

the and the following are their responses:

Scott Cooper

Office sought: Township supervisor
Political affiliation: Conservative
Occupation: Program manager for Independent Manufacturers
Education: Bachelor's degree in marketing, Western Michigan University.
Family: I have a wonderful supportive wife of 16 years, Jan Cooper, and a 13-year-old eighth grader, my son, Cameron.
Previous Elected office:



Cooper

Trustee Sylvan Township, president of Cavanaugh Lake Homeowners Association for 10 years.
Current Public or Community Service: Trustee Sylvan Township, township representative to the Wave Board, member of Sylvan Planning Commission, past member of the Sylvan Water and Sewer Authority.

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

Change the tone of politics and direction so that the people of the township

are served by the board and not the other way around. Customer service is going to be the No. 1 objective.

Market the township in a manner that improves the revenue and our reputation. We need to build relationships with developers/builders so that the township can grow fiscally, all the while re-focus our efforts on becoming a more futuristic township by improving our urban center, our recreation center, improved bike paths, public transportation and other 21st century ideas that bring young entrepreneurs to our area.

Improve our working and

developing relationship with our neighboring townships and our relationship with the City of Chelsea. The bad blood between the old board and the city need to be mended and the only way to do that is with a new board.

Douglas Smith

Office Sought: Sylvan Township clerk
Political Affiliation: Independent
Occupation: Social Worker
Age: 60
Family: Wife, Karen Woollams; son, Geoffrey, and daughter, Rose

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Sounds & Sights acts announced

Festival runs 3 days, starts on July 26

Chelsea's long-running Sounds & Sights Festival has announced its action-packed schedule for July 26-28.

Now in its 37th year, the Festival weekend features many of the popular attractions of previous years including the KidZone, the Friday night Classic Car Show with more than 300 vehicles, the Pet Parade and the Social Entertainment Tent.

Also returning is an expanded food court and Art Market featuring local and national artists from throughout the Midwest.

The 2012 nightly entertainment lineup features some of Michigan's finest groups. Headlining

this year are: The Hard Lesson playing Thursday's "Alternative" night, Whitey Morgan and Blue River Band performing country on Friday night, and Festival favorites Fifty Amp Fuse ending the event on Saturday evening.

"This is the best lineup we've had since I have been involved", said Craig Common, Festival committee member. "The event has a very strong reputation in the music circles and our entertainment guru Gary Munce has done a great job of booking top-notch talent each night ... and it's only \$5 to see them. We open with alternative bands on Thursday with some great local acts, come back with two well-known country acts on Friday night and close with a big dance party Saturday with one of the country's best cover bands



Whitey Morgan will be one of the headliners at this year's Sounds & Sights Festival. The event starts July 26 and runs through July 28.

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New owner set to take over at Garden Mill

Jennifer Fairfield purchased the garden mill in Chelsea and takes over for Trinh Pifer. The business was started seven years ago by Pifer.



Business was started seven years ago

A new owner has stepped forward for the Garden Mill in place of Trinh Pifer, who has owned the downtown Chelsea business for seven years.

On June 29, the Garden Mill was purchased by Jennifer Fairfield, an avid

organic gardener and birder.

Trinh Pifer held the grand opening of the Garden Mill, which is next to the Common Grill, seven years ago during Chelsea's SummerFest, and the business has grown into a destination with customers coming from as far as Pennsylvania and California.

Locals remember the early days of the business when Pifer's young daugh-

ters played in the kid's area of the store.

Last year, Pifer accepted a job offer as director of the Chelsea Senior Center and the store was listed for sale.

"We were committed to keeping the doors of the Garden Mill open because our customers asked us to preserve the tradition and character that it adds to downtown Chelsea," Pifer said.

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New law could help ease traffic congestion

New authority can apply for federal funds

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

The door has been reopened for Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Pittsfield and Ypsilanti townships to engage in a four-way corridor improvement

authority to ease congestion on Washtenaw Avenue between Stadium Boulevard and U.S. 23.

The Washtenaw Avenue corridor spans the four municipalities, which were making moves years ago toward cooperating to address a number of issues such as walkability and public transport accessibility, but hit a wall with the fact that a Corridor Improvement Authority could only have two municipalities.

Gov. Rick Snyder changed that law by signing House Bill 5142 into law on July 2.

Ann Arbor officials expect an action item on a future City Council meeting agenda, as well as that of the other three participating municipalities, to restart the corridor improvement collaboration in the future.

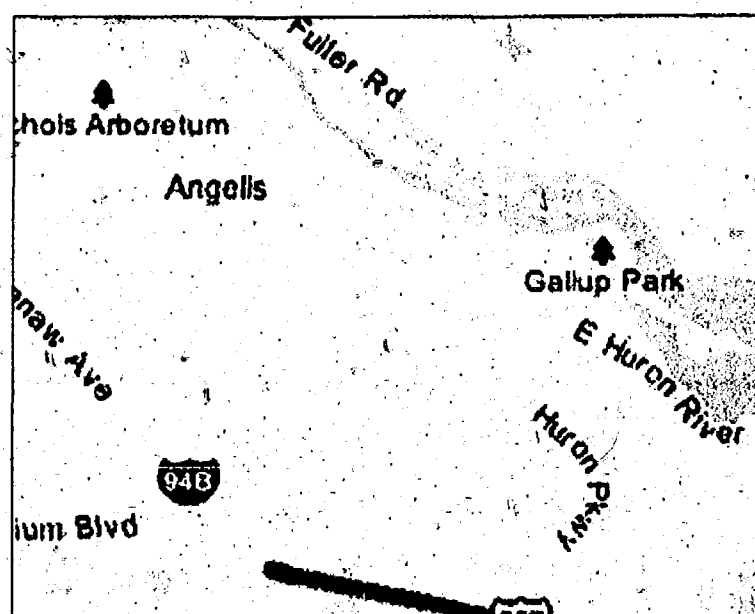
"Back in 2010, the charter township of Pittsfield, Ypsilanti, and city of

Ypsilanti, and us as well, started comprehensive strategic planning for that corridor and through that planning effort determined that a joint authority would be helpful for its redevelopment," Ann Arbor City Manager Steve Powers said.

The city's planning commission, as well as the planning commission or equivalents in the other partner municipalities will resume the corridor improvement effort after that point.

The ultimate goal of the authority would be the creation of a long-range street improvement plan, involving the acquisition of rights-of-way, improving public facilities, as well as addressing the needs of those who use nonmotorized and mass transit in the corridor zone, according to Powers.

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Those involved with drafting House Bill 5142 call Washtenaw Avenue "the most congested transportation corridor in Washtenaw County."

most congested transportation corridor in Washtenaw County," highlighting the need for a multi-pronged effort to plan the corridor's reshaping.

"The new law will literally change the landscape of Washtenaw Avenue and help make our area

more livable," said State Rep. Mark Ouimet, R-52nd District. "Working together, whether it's with Republicans and Democrats in the Legislature, or neighboring cities, is essential in order to move Washtenaw County and Michigan forward."

Ouimet said the legislation is a bipartisan effort, and especially thanked State Rep. Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, for his work on the issue.

"Everyone wants more accessible, walkable and livable corridors," Ouimet said. "I'm sure the governor has tried to navigate Washtenaw Avenue on occasion, and we all appreciate his willingness to enact this important legislation."

The new authority can apply for federal highway improvement funds. It also can levy a special assessment, issue revenue bonds and notes, or create a tax increment finance plan with a vote of its governing board, consisting of up to three members from each municipality.

The new law prohibits an authority board from adding a toll or user fees for any motor vehicle access to new or existing roads or bridges.

Urban Farming receives \$100,000 from Coca-Cola

Goal is to get 100M registered

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Urban Farming, a Michigan-based nonprofit geared toward promoting gardening in Detroit, Ann Arbor and other urban areas across the globe, announced a significant \$100,000 grant from Coca-Cola Corp. last week.

Musician Taja Sevelle founded Urban Farming after her music career brought her to Detroit, where she witnessed the effects of living in an economically depressed area that is one of America's more prevalent "food deserts," or urban areas cut off from easy access to fresh foods.

"It was a combination of the job loss and poverty in the city with the amount of unused land that was the catalyst for starting



Musician Taja Sevelle founded Urban Farming.

this in 2005," Sevelle said. "I put my music career on hold to headquarter Urban Farming in Detroit, which seemed like a good place to

start fighting the global issue of food insecurity and hunger."

Urban Farming also stresses the environmental benefits of a society that grows a significant quantity of its own food, not to mention the benefits to society of eating healthy home-grown fruits and vegetables.

The goal of Urban Farming is to get 100 million people worldwide registered at www.urbanfarming.org. Once registered, those community or personal gardeners provide basic information on their garden and receive tips and guidance provided by the staff of Urban Farming on best practices for maintaining small-scale agricultural practices.

Right now, the website has nearly 60,000 people registered after launching the initiative, which is based on World War II victory gardens from more than 60 years ago.

"The idea is to create self-sufficient

people so they can move beyond challenging circumstances and society can as well," Sevelle said. "We have hundreds of gardens in Michigan alone in backyards, on stoops or roofs, or on a wall even."

"We want to help create an abundance of food for our generation like the previous generation did with the victory gardens, where 20 million Americans grew half of the nation's produce all on their own. It's a great example of what we can do when we decide as a world to try."

The 100 million urban farmers campaign is being accomplished with the co-sponsorship of CNN.

Sevelle invited folks in Washtenaw to come to the Urban Farming Community Garden at Gladstone and Linwood Garden in Detroit, which will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 26 for free plants, food, garden books, CDs, cooking demonstrations and more.

Craig Donaldson named CEO of Service Brands International

Service Brands International, the parent company to service-based franchises Mr. Handyman, Molly Maid, ProTect Painters and 1-800-DryClean, has appointed Craig Donaldson to the role of the chief executive officer.

David McKinnon, the co-founder of SBI, will stay involved with the company as chairman of the board of directors.

Donaldson comes to SBI with extensive business management experience and background in the franchise industry.

For the last 15 years, he served as president and CEO of various entities with Harris Research Inc., a franchisor for 4,000 Chem-Dry Carpet and Upholstery Care franchises and more than 200 N-Hance Wood Renewal franchises. Donaldson was also involved in making Chem-Dry and N-Hance national service providers for The Home Depot.

Prior to that, he spent 13 years with Avery Dennison,

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working his way up from operations analyst to vice president/general manager.

"I am thrilled to build on the wonderful track record of success at Service Brands International. This company has helped so many franchisees achieve so much success over the years. It is exciting to be part of such a terrific business," said Donaldson in a news release.

"We have a great leadership team here at the home office. I consider it a great privilege to work with this team and to help David McKinnon and the other owners move this business to the next level. I have great confidence in the people, the brands, the fabulous franchisee network and our shared growth prospects."

Donaldson graduated from Brigham Young

University with a bachelor's degree in economics in 1982 and a master's of business administration in 1984. He and his family will relocate from Utah to Ann Arbor.

"Craig and I met seven years ago through the International Franchise Association, and I have been chasing him for this role ever since," said McKinnon.

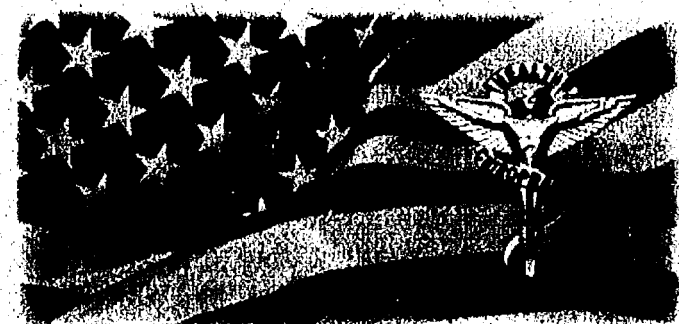
"I am looking forward to tapping into his knowledge when it comes to building brands and leveraging strategic relationships that will continue to move Service Brands in the right direction."

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4:30 PM Parade
5:30 PM Tractor Baseball
7:00 PM-9:00 PM Tractor Games
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Education: Bachelor's degree in political science, Roosevelt University; master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan

Previous Elected Office: None

Current public or community service: Since 2005, I have been the program coordinator at Faith in Action, serving the needs of low-income people living in the communities of Dexter and Chelsea.

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

Fostering an environment of transparency, making sure that the township's finances and business dealings are clear and concise, where citizen involvement in local government is encouraged not stymied.

Pursue every avenue to reduce our debt.

Add evening hours so that Sylvan's elected officials are more easily accessible to all residents, as well as create more working sessions for citizens to participate in to help their board make the right decision on any given issue.

LuAnn S. Koch

Office sought: Sylvan Township clerk

Political affiliation: Republican

Occupation: Sylvan Township Clerk

Age: 58

Family: Married with five children

Education: State accreditation for clerks

Previous elected office: Township clerk since 1992

Current public or community service: Served on the CAFA board, Water & Sewer Authority Board, Washtenaw County Clerks Association, Chelsea Centennial Committee

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continue to update election-day process, keeping website current for up to date information.

Rod Branham

Office sought: Sylvan Township treasurer

Political affiliation: Republican

Occupation: Retired federal government worker and current small business owner of Rerun Records, which I have owned for 37 years and it continues to grow.

Education: 1972 Chelsea High Graduate, two years at Washtenaw Community College, Graduate of NIT in computer science.

Previous elected office: Past president of Highland Lake Homeowners Association for two years, and trustee for two years. I also have the honor of being an Eagle Boy Scout.

Current public or community service: Volunteer, Shuttle Driver at Chelsea Community Hospital.

Age: 57

Family: Married with a son, daughter and three grandkids.

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

To provide positive leadership for Sylvan Township.

Transparency: Improve and expand better channels of communications, such as improving the township website to give more detailed and up-to-date information and to regain the trust of the Sylvan taxpayers.

Honesty: Inform the township residents of how and why decisions were made.

Integrity and Professionalism: Improve honesty and truthfulness.

Improved financial reports: If elected as treasurer, I will provide more in-depth financial reporting. This would include providing a detailed breakdown of why and how each item in

Factory tours. Other activities scheduled during the event include a chicken barbecue, a farmers market, artist demonstrations, sidewalk sales and more.

Sounds & Sights Festival Lineup

THURSDAY, JULY 26 (Alternative night)

The Juliets, Bear Lake, and The Hard Lessons

Social tent opens behind The Common Grill at 6 p.m., live music from 7-11 p.m. *\$5

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Arlene J. Grau

Office Sought: Sylvan Township treasurer

Political Affiliation: Republican

Age: 72

Family: Married with three grown children.

Education: High school and accounting classes taken at the collegiate level.

Previous elected office: 15 years as township treasurer.

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

The first one, of course, is to resolve our debt with our water and sewer debt with the county.

And to continue working well with the board of trustees.

And try and be proactive in development that we can lower everybody's debt to the county, while lowering everybody's taxes.

Kurt Koseck

Office Sought: Sylvan Township trustee

Political Affiliation: Republican

Age: 55

Family: Married, three sons

Occupation: Mechanical engineer for Consumers Energy

Education: Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, Michigan State University

Previous elected office: I have never sought publicly elected office. I have been president of a Sister City committee in Jackson and have served over 10 years as president of a condo association with 116 units. I also serve as a board member on the United States Ski Association, central region.

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

Gain an understanding

cover for Festival social tent (all ages show)

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of the current status of the Township, and communicate this to the citizens. I believe that I can help improve township processes.

I would like to see improved communications. This would include improving the township website and providing more detail on budgets. Sylvan Township needs to strengthen relationships with its citizens, the City of Chelsea and the Washtenaw County Board.

I would also like to see 'working sessions' with the citizens where we openly discuss issues facing the township.

Reuben A. Lesser Jr.

Office sought: Sylvan Township trustee

Political affiliation: Republican

Age: 74

Family: Married

Occupation: Farmer

Education: High school

Previous elected office: Sylvan Township trustee

Current public or community service: Chelsea Fair Board

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

Water and sewer debt.

Roy Schmidt

Office sought: Sylvan Township trustee

Political affiliation: Democrat

(*Important: My slate is made up of individuals with differing or no political affiliations. As an assurance of our intent to work together in the essentially non-partisan, township board roles, we have chosen to place our names on the Republican Primary ballot.)

Age: 50

Family: Wife, three children

Occupation: Business analyst, database administrator

Education: Bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Michigan Tech, 1985

Previous elected office: None

Current public or community service: Past board member,

Social tent opens behind The Common Grill at 1 p.m., live music from 7-11 p.m.

Additional live music featuring several local bands will be on stage from 2-5 p.m. Performing will be Los Dinos Del Norte (at 2 p.m.), Red Haired Molly (at 3 p.m.), and The Sarah Sherrard Band (at 4 p.m.)

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Computer Information Systems Advisory Boards at both Washtenaw Community College and Eastern Michigan University; co-chair, Chelsea Running Club of Michigan; volunteer, Heart and Sole, vice president and past president, Western Washtenaw Democrats; M-52 Highway cleanup crew; Published writer, writing on local and social issues; Successful business leader as a small-business owner and consultant for over 20 years, and as a general manager and chief engineer. Experienced public speaker and leader.

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

Issue No. 1: Restore the trust of the citizens of Sylvan in their township board by including them in future decisions and doing everything possible to reduce or soften the effect of the crippling debt load that was unfairly placed upon them.

Issue No. 2: Improve Sylvan Township's working relationship with the Washtenaw County Board and with the City of Chelsea. If these relationships were enhanced and strengthened, we could do more to soften the coming financial blow to our neighbors and ourselves. Also, we have an amazing depth and breadth of talent, knowledge, experience, and skill among our residents, and it's not being utilized.

Issue No. 3: Manage the water/sewer debacle. Sylvan Township is in deep financial trouble. The current board, along with

the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, made poor decisions years ago that have crippled us. There is an incredible level of opportunity to make positive changes in Sylvan Township and on the board. I, and the slate of which I am a part (Rod Branham, Kurt Koseck, Doug Smith in the Republican primary), plan to improve transparency by opening financial information, reports and voting records to our constituents; adhering to state guidelines regarding accounting, budget documents and separation of funds like the water and sewer accounts; and holding regular open working sessions, evening office hours, and general town hall-style meetings.

Sandra J. Egeler

Office sought: Sylvan Township trustee

Political affiliation: No answer

Age: 50

Family: Husband, Douglas

Occupation: Governmental accountant

Education: Bachelor's in business administration, accounting

Previous elected office: None

Current public or community service: No answer

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

My main goal is to assure the township residents of fiscal responsibility. Any possible ways to mitigate the millions we need to pay back will be explored.

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County commissioner candidates on Primary ballot

questionnaires to each of the Washtenaw County commissioner candidates, and following are their responses.

Heritage Media will publish detailed information on every candidate running in the Aug. 7 primary election ballot in the weeks leading up to the election.

Rob Turner

Office Sought: Washtenaw County Commissioner District 1
Political affiliation: Republican
Residence: Chelsea
Occupation: Electrical contractor
Education: Two years at Washtenaw Community College; Graduate of the IBEW Local Union #252; JATC Apprenticeship School

Previous Elected Office: Chelsea school board; Washtenaw County Commissioner District 1
Current Public or Community Service: Sunday school teacher; Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority Board; Washtenaw Housing Alliance Executive Board; Member of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce; assist with fundraising for the Chelsea School District Music Programs; and Spring Arbor University Board of Trustees.

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

Budget: Through the county cutting \$17 million from its budget for the 2012-2013 budget years by consolidation/downsizing county government, negotiated staff pay concession and cuts in human and animal control services, it was able to balance its budget with a little help from its general fund balance. Through this process many difficult decisions had to be made. Because of predicted property values, cuts in State of Michigan funding and rising cost of services in the county is facing a predicted deficit of approximately \$20 million for budget years 2014 and 2015. Though we have started the process to correct this imbalance, a lot of hard work will need to be done to balance these budgets by the end of next year.

Pension funds: I have recently been appointed to the committees that represent the counties two pension funds. I was elected vice-chair of one and chairman of the other. Once placed on these committees I found both funds to have large unfunded liability which if left uncorrected will end up costing the taxpayers of the county a lot of money and hurt the funding of safety net programs that have helped many people get back on their feet during these hard times. I look forward to working with the others on these committees to make the difficult decisions and take the proper measures to correct these unfunded liabilities.

Local governments: My hope is that Sylvan Township millage will pass, but realistically I am prepared for its failure. If this is the case I am willing to again put in the many hours of work that will be required to work out the best position possible for the people of Sylvan Township with the court that will settle this matter, possibly for many years to come. Though I have

devoted many hours on the Sylvan Township and on the Dexter Tornado Relief during my first term as county commissioner, I do look forward to working once again with the local governments of my district to help them when I can and to collaborate with them where we can be the best help to one another.

Age: 55
Family: Wife of 26 years, Juli; daughters, Madeleine and Molly

Kent Martinez-Kratz

Office sought: Washtenaw County Commissioner, District 1
Political affiliation: Democrat

Residence: 698 Old Forge Court, Chelsea
Occupation: Special education teacher

Education: Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and master's degree from Eastern Michigan University

Previous Elected Office: Chelsea City Council 2005-present

Current Community Service: Chelsea Recreation board member; City Council liaison to Chelsea school board; City Council liaison to Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

I will work toward revitalizing Washtenaw County with an emphasis on collaboration between business and residents.

I will maintain fiscal discipline while honoring our responsibilities to public safety and other essential services.

I believe Washtenaw County should champion sustainable development, recreation, and healthy lifestyles.

Age: 48
Family: Married to Marina; sons, Maxwell and Jesse, and daughter, Sierra

Dan Smith

Office sought: Washtenaw County Commissioner, District 2
Political affiliation: Republican
Residence: Whitmore Lake

Occupation: Software Engineer
Education: Bachelor's degree, Calvin College; master's, Michigan State University

Previous elected office: incumbent; Northfield Township Board trustee

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

Finances: Being accountable for tax dollars — to day and in the future;

Public safety: Ensuring safe communities everywhere;

Mandates: the county can no longer do everything.

Age: 46
Family: Extended family

Wesley Prater

Office Sought: Washtenaw County Commissioner, District 3
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Residence: York Township

Occupation: Retired
Education: High School Grad; University of Michigan Institute of Labor & Industrial Relations graduate

Previous Elected Office: Washtenaw County

commissioner
Current Public or Community Service: State of Michigan Boundary Commission; Public Health Appeals Board; Workforce Development

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

Jobs, jobs, jobs; financial reform, avoiding wasteful spending of tax dollars; greater transparency in government.

Age: 78
Family: Wife, Barbara, and three sons

Alicia Ping

Office sought: County Commissioner, District 3
Political affiliation: Republican

Residence: Saline
Occupation: Marketing representative

Education: Saline High School and Washtenaw Community College

Previous elected office: County Commissioner and Saline City Council

Current public or community service: County Commissioner, Saline Local Development Finance Authority and Seeds for Change

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

The big issue is the budget. Specifically, what will be cut to balance the budget for 2014-2015 and making

sure the cuts are balanced across the county while continuing to advocate for programs and services in District 3.

Age: 39
Family: Husband, David Shand; and stepchildren, MacKenzie and Kevin Shand

Felicia Brabec

Office sought: Washtenaw County commissioner, District 4
Political affiliation: Democrat

Residence: Pittsfield Township

Occupation: Clinical psychologist and clinical social worker

Education: Doctoral degree in clinical psychology; master's degree in clinical social work; bachelor's degree in sociology and anthropology

Previous elected office: Washtenaw County Commissioner

Current public or community service: Washtenaw Community Health Organization, Community Action Board, Coordinated Funding Steering Committee, Community Corrections Advisory Board, Eastern Leaders Group Executive Committee, Sustainable Revenue for Supportive Housing Services Task Force, Health Emergency Response Coalition and Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments

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

At this point, the residents of Pittsfield have voiced concern over the following issues: the airport expansion, fracking, Smart Meters and the roundabout at Ellsworth and State. Another issue that will come before the commission that will impact our area is countywide transit.

Age: 38
Family: Husband, David; and children, Alex and Vivian

David Parker

Office sought: County commissioner, District 7
Political affiliation: Republican

Residence: Ann Arbor
Occupation: Certified Public Accountant and Certified financial planner

Education: Bachelor's degree in accountancy, Walsh College, Troy

Previous elected office: None

Current public or community service: former Treasurer of AAA Pregnancy Resource Center, current member of Calvary Presbyterian

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

History of Ann Arbor elections would say that is very improbable. Ann Arbor is a very diverse place in many ways. However, politically Ann Arbor is just not diverse, quite a contradiction. I hope by running that Ann Arbor starts to consider other points of view. One example, our workers at the polls and our elected officials swear before they start work to uphold the U.S.



Parker

Constitution and the Michigan Constitution. Those documents espouse the idea of limited government and the rights of individuals. Yet we as a government keep spending more and more and take over whole industries and then wonder why no growth or at best limited growth. Also our government is increasingly taking away our rights as individuals usually in the name of safety or what is best for us. That strategy is killing us slowly, in the name of safety. I hope by running to remind our officials of both parties to keep their promises.

Age: 57
Family: Two grown sons

Richard Conn

Office: County commissioner, District 4
Political: Republican

Residence: Ann Arbor
Occupation: Vice president and secretary-treasurer for Ervin Industries Inc., privately held company with its global headquarters in Ann Arbor.

Education: Bachelor's degree from Lubbock Christian College, Lubbock, Texas.

Previous Elected Office: None.

Current Public or community service: None.

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

First, Washtenaw County has a severe short fall in its pension plans. Not as bad as Wayne County, but corrective action needs to be taken or annual payments to this plan will continue to consume more of the general fund.

Second, Washtenaw County has a structural operating deficit resulting in lower operating general fund. Creative changes must continue to be explored and found and executed.

Third, continue execution of the counties strategic plan which is to make the county a safe and prosperous place to live and work.

Age: 51.
Family: Married with three children. One child is living and working in Japan. The second is a senior in college, and third an incoming senior at Saline High School. Older

two older children were also Saline High graduates.

Rolland Sizemore

Office sought: County commissioner, District 5
Political affiliation: Democrat

Residence: Ypsilanti
Occupation: Retired, Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority, wastewater plant

Education: Associate's degree from Washtenaw Community College, general studies

Previous elected office: County commissioner, Ypsilanti library board, Ypsilanti township park commission

Current public or community service: Board related

What are three key issues that you're seeking to deal with if elected? Recreation center for the east side of the county, jobs for youth and more collaboration between the colleges and the high schools.

Age: 62
Family: Wife, Sharon; son, Rolland; daughter-in-law, Tammie; grandson, Noah; granddaughter, Abby.

Christina Montague

Office sought: Washtenaw County commissioner, District 7
Political affiliation: Democrat

Residence: Ann Arbor
Occupation: Ann Arbor Public Schools social worker

Education: Master's in social work, University of Michigan

Previous elected office: Washtenaw County commissioner

Current public or community service: Ann Arbor NAACP member and American Red Cross.

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

The county's fiscal stability, human services, budget priorities

Age: 60
Family: Daughter and a grandson

Joe Baublis

Office sought: County Commissioner District 8
Political affiliation: Republican

Residence: Ann Arbor
Occupation: Real estate broker, real estate appraiser; general contractor

Education: Master's degree from Eastern Michigan University; bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College; Ann Arbor Public Schools

Previous elected office: Secretary of the Association, Kaiser's Patterson Lake Subdivision; precinct delegate.

Current public or community service: Volunteer producer for Community Television Network of Ann Arbor.

What are three key issues that you're seeking to deal with if elected? 1. Revise county priorities to promote its primary revenue source. 2. Convince the liberal community that the depleted private sector cannot sustain public expenses. 3. Prepare county residents for looming county, state and federal debt crises, and the artificially stimulated inflationary spiral.

Age: 52
Family: (No response.)



Baublis

Yousef Rabhi

Office sought: Washtenaw County commissioner, District 8

Political affiliation: Democrat

Residence: Ann Arbor
Occupation: Washtenaw County commissioner; Workday coordinator; Natural Area Preservation (Ann Arbor)

Education: I attended Ann Arbor Public Schools: Northside Elementary, Ann Arbor Open School, Clague Middle School and Huron High School.

I have a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from the University of Michigan, with a specialization in urban planning and ecosystem management.

Previous elected office: Washtenaw County Commissioner, District 11 (incumbent)

Current public or community service: County Board of Commissioners, chair of the Working Session; Urban County, Chair; Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee; Washtenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Coalition For Action on the Remediation of Dioxane; Head Start Policy Council; Southeast Michigan Council of Governments; Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Committee; Regional Partners Advocating for Transit Here (R-PATH); Taskforce on Animal Control Policy; Religious Action for Affordable Housing; Housing Access Oversight Committee; Solid Waste Management Consortium; Washtenaw County Board of Public Works

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

Protect and strengthen the network of human services in our community to take care of those in need.

Create a more efficient county government through inter-governmental collaboration

Engage the people of Washtenaw County in the political process and in the working of county government.

Age: 24
Family: I have been blessed with a loving and supportive family. My mother and father live with their dog and cats on the north side of Ann Arbor. My younger brother is currently a student at Michigan State University. My aunt is a public school teacher who lives on the southeast side of town with my cousin Marcus.

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Warren announces statewide essay contest on patriotism

Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson and Patriot Week co-founder Oakland Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren recently announced a statewide essay contest for kids to encourage them to learn about the importance of voting.

"We couldn't think of a more appropriate time to kick off the essay contest than just before our

Independence Day holiday," Johnson said in a news release last week. "We really want to encourage young people to look at what makes America great, our founding principles and how the right to vote — to have your voice heard — is so critical to maintaining our freedoms."

The essay contest is open to Michigan students in sixth through 12th grades. In 400 words or fewer, stu-

dents are asked to answer this question: "How does a citizen's right to vote help make America the greatest country in the world?"

Warren and his daughter, Leah, 13, co-founded Patriot Week in 2009 as a means to celebrate America's core principles and history in a meaningful way. Today, many state institutions, from courts to schools, now recognize Patriot Week

(www.patriotweek.org) and the celebration of Patriot Week is marked in several other states.

Patriot Week is anchored by two key dates in American history — Sept. 11, the anniversary of the terrorist attacks, and Sept. 17, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

"Secretary of State Ruth Johnson's sponsorship of a Patriot Week essay contest

is a great way for our students to learn more about the blessings of liberty," said Warren. "This is an important step in furthering the cause of Patriot Week and renewing the spirit of America."

Essay winners will be announced during Patriot Week celebrations in September. Winners will receive a certificate of recognition, a small patriotic-

themed gift and be featured in statewide news releases.

Essays must include a title, the student's name, grade as of September 2012, address and contact information, including phone number and email address. The deadline for entries is midnight Aug. 10. Students can submit their essay on the Secretary of State website at www.michigan.gov/SOS.

BRIEFS

Rose's Ribs fundraiser set for Sunday

Rose's Good Co. will host Rose's Ribs Fundraiser from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Veterans Park Pavilion in Ann Arbor. All proceeds will support the nonprofit.

Tickets for a full picnic meal, beverages, entertainment and games are \$25 for adults, \$10 for kids and \$60 for a family.

Rose's Good Co. was formed in 2006 by Rose Martin. Many in the community know Martin from

her involvement at Peace Neighborhood Center from 1976 to 2006. She retired from PNC and created Rose's Good Co., an organization aimed at serving individuals who have lost hope due to loss of employment, loss of housing, addiction and/or lack of social and emotional support. These individuals are the homeless, dependent children, ex-convicts and recovering addicts.

Services include home-cooked meals, temporary safe housing, moral support for re-entry programs in

to the work force, college or training, counseling on developing useful positive life skills, and offering transportation.

The fundraiser will feature Martin's barbecued ribs, as well as many side dishes, beverages, games and picnic fun. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward such needed goods as gas cards for clients, food for weekly meals served and, eventually, a building that will serve as headquarters and temporary housing.

Ozone House names new board member

Susan Allison has been appointed to the Ozone House Board of Directors and brings to her new position a wealth of experience in the nonprofit sector.

Allison said of her association with Ozone House, "When we first made the decision to move to Ann Arbor, I began researching local nonprofit organizations that serve teens and young adults in crisis and Ozone House stood out as

a long-standing leader in this area. With so many different programs that are proven to be transformational, it is truly making a difference in the lives of the young people it serves. I am honored and excited to join the team."

Prior to joining the Ozone House Board, she was the Principal at The Development Team, an

Atlanta firm she founded to provide fundraising and development assistance to nonprofit organizations.

During her tenure at The Development Team, Allison's efforts resulted in acquiring nearly \$2 million for child welfare organizations in Georgia.

Allison and her husband, Ritch, reside in Ann Arbor with their children.

PRIMARY

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corresponding secretary; C.O.P.E., advisory board member; Washtenaw Democratic Party, board member; Eastern Leaders Group, member; Washtenaw Success By 6, leadership commissioner member; Washtenaw United Way, Community Investment Committee member; Washtenaw Health Initiative, Medicaid Work Group.

What are three key issues that you're seeking to deal with if elected? Protecting our human services; preserving our parklands and green spaces; ensuring we have budget that truly reflects our values as a county.

Age: 30

Family: Wife, Megan.

Richard Clark Deitering

Office Sought: Washtenaw County Commissioner District 5
Political affiliation: Republican

Residence: Augusta Township

Occupation: Pastor of Ypsilanti Free Community Bible Church

Education: Currently student at Moody Theological Seminary
Previous elected office: Augusta Township supervisor

Current Public or community service: Until filing to run for office I was the vice president of Washtenaw County Right to Life.

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

elected?

By 2016, if the county continues in its current budgetary process, only 45 cents of every dollar of revenue will be able to be used for county needs. We need to fundamentally change how the county does business, which will include how the county evaluates future revenue into the budgetary process, as well as cutting back or eliminating programs that are considered non-statutory discretionary spending.

The county needs to re-address how it views planning and development considerations to better protect individual property rights.

All in all, the county is broke, the spending habits of the county are no longer sustainable, nor does it show good stewardship of the taxpayers' money.

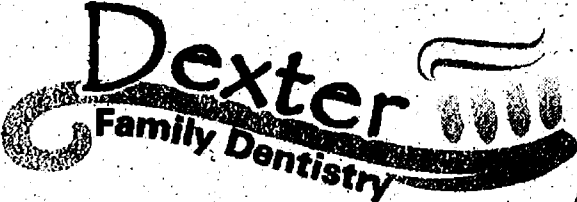
Age: 51

Family: Wife, Gaylene; two daughters, Amanda and Holly.

County Commissioner candidates Ronnie D. Peterson, David H. Raafaub, Conon Michael Smith, John Floyd did not respond to Heritage Media's email questionnaire, which was sent to all candidates who will appear on the Aug. 7 Washtenaw County Primary Election ballot.

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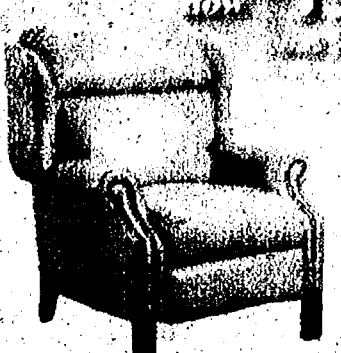
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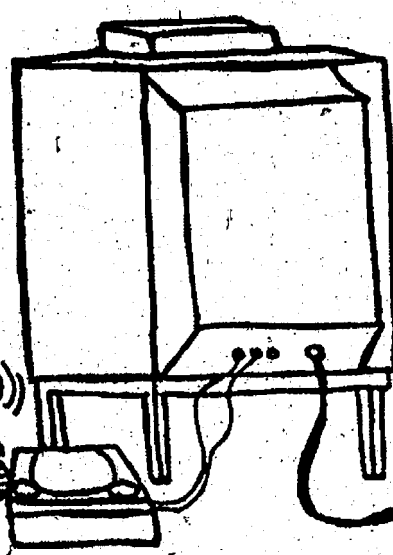
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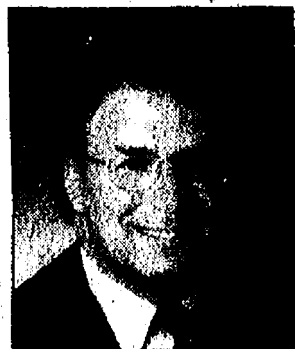
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GUEST COLUMN



TOM
WATKINS

OK, we have celebrated July 4 — our Independence Day — with family, friends, steamy weather, parades, backyard cookouts and, hopefully, a momentary thought about what it means to be free and live in a democratic society.

A piece of news reported by Associated Press gave me pause during the July 4 midweek break.

The news, a story with a headline: "Snyder, GOP

GOP passes 603 new laws since '11

lawmakers team up for 603 laws."

The story goes on to report that Gov. Rick Snyder and his lieutenant governor have signed 603 laws since taking office in 2011, a pace not seen in years.

Say what? I thought the Grand Ole Party stood for less government — not more?

The story continues, Republicans have changed the state's tax structure, made motorcycle helmets voluntary and passed laws that haven't been friendly to unions.

It seems when you have politicians gathered they will enact laws — regardless of if needed or not or if all this legislation is counter to one's political philosophy.

Now the "one tough nerd's" spokeswoman, Sara Wurfel, says the

governor is focused on "quality, not quantity." Now, clearly, this is good to hear — but 603 laws — really?

It is said that ignorance of the law is no excuse. Yet, how is one to keep track when our lawmakers are cranking out new laws at the speed of sound?

603 new laws. It seems our life, liberty and pursuit of happiness was just fine a year ago — prior to the enactment of 603 laws. Kinda makes one wonder how many were truly necessary.

The juxtaposition of the announcement of all these new "thou shalt

nots" being enacted in our state by a GOP-controlled state government — during Independence Day is a bit rich to say the

How is one to keep track when our lawmakers are cranking out new laws at the speed of sound?

least.

Just saying. Happy Independence Day — enjoy it while you can.

Tom Watkins has been a political participant and observer in Michigan for more than three decades. He can be reached via email at tdwatkins88@gmail.com.

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Court ruling against Stolen Valor Act was right decision

There are probably plenty of military veterans who disagree with the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that overturned a federal law making it a crime to lie about receiving a military medal.

By a 6-3 vote, the court said the Stolen Valor Act that Congress adopted in 2006 violated the constitutional right to free speech.

The decision did not come as a surprise to legal scholars. While we can't think of any non-violent action as despicable as falsely claiming you're a U.S. war hero, lying about your past is rather common.

It's often done by politicians — remember that guy who claimed he invented the Internet? — and job applicants trying to impress by creating fictional accomplishments.

They usually get caught, in some cases by media checking backgrounds or human resource departments verifying information.

In the case considered by the court, the culprit was Xavier Alvarez, who was elected to a California water board and at a 2007 meeting introduced himself as a retired Marine who received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

But Alvarez never served in the military and certainly wasn't presented a Medal of Honor.

The FBI investigated and Alvarez eventually pleaded guilty and was sentenced to a \$5,000 fine and 400 hours community service at a veterans' hospital.

As noted in a summary released by the Supreme Court, Alvarez had a habit of lying.

He had also claimed he played for the Detroit Red Wings and said that he once married a movie star from Mexico.

Those little lies, however, weren't part of the Stolen Valor Act.

"The nation well knows that one of the costs of the First Amendment is that it protects the speech we detest, as well as the speech we embrace," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in the court's main opinion.

While Kennedy labeled Alvarez' claim "contemptible," the justice said the right to make those statements was protected by the constitutional guarantee of free speech and expression.

There have been 3,457 recipients of the Medal of Honor since the Civil War. It's likely the 81 still living may not agree with the court ruling, but it's one of the rights they fought to protect.

And the court majority, we think, ruled correctly.

—Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

Marlene Chockley not right for treasurer post

I received my Primary Election absentee ballot for Pittsfield Charter Township and noticed that Ms. Marlene Chockley is the Republican candidate for county treasurer.

I usually vote Republican for all elections because I am a conservative, and therefore more in line with Republican rather than the liberal Democrat positions.

With only one treasurer candidate on each party's Primary lineup, we know that the general election will pit Chockley against Catherine McClary.

Under normal circumstances, I would vote for Chockley; however, due to personal interactions with Chockley during the 2004 election cycle, I can't vote in her favor because her lack of consideration and loyalty to co-workers cause me to doubt her ethical mores and trustworthiness, especially for the office of treasurer.

The incident that caused this reaction on my part was when Chockley was chairwoman of the Washtenaw County Republican office since the 2000 election cycle and I was the

main office volunteer, and had been since 1998.

I announced my intention to run for the national convention delegate position for the 15th Congressional District from Washtenaw County early in the 2004 election cycle.

This was welcomed by Chockley and everyone affiliated with the office.

Late in the election cycle, Chockley decided to also run for the same position.

This, of course, was an indication that she had no consideration for my efforts and thought that she would be a best for the position.

My wife and I decided that I would continue with the effort and composed an election flier with a reference letter from Congressman Mike Rogers. At the county convention, state Rep. Matt Milosch offered to nominate me during the 15th District caucus at the State Convention.

At the 15th District caucus during the State Convention, my wife and I came early and passed out the fliers and talked up my attributes with favorable responses.

Chockley came into the room late, saw the flier, was shocked

by it, and then talked to Milosch to try to get him to not nominate me.

When she was told by Milosch to let it be, she waited until about three minutes before the vote and came over to me and pleaded with me to withdraw from the delegate contest and instead enter the alternate delegate contest.

This was unethical, but because she was the chairwoman, I agreed to withdraw. I should not have done this and have regretted it ever since.

The vote should have proceeded with whatever the result was; it should have stood.

For these reasons, I can't vote for Chockley in either the Primary or the General Election, and recommend that everyone follow suit because she can't be trusted to be for the people.

Charles Stevens
Pittsfield Township

Why are gas prices climbing so fast?

Shame on you, gas merchants in the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area.

I filled up my two cars with

gas July 2 and gas was 3.34 cents.

It felt pretty good to hear that we were right around the shrinking national average for a gallon of gas.

But just 48 short hours later, I went to fill a can of petro for my mower and it had shot up to 3.54 cents.

The national average was still trending down, but our area zoomed up. Why is that?

Also, I went to Briarwood Mall later that day and gas was only 10 to 12 cents away from the high watermark of \$4 a gallon.

Why are we being picked or, better yet, preyed upon in this already rough economy?

Anthony Weatherspoon Sr.
Ypsilanti Township

Opinion piece was poor journalism

Finishing last week's Milan Leader, I noticed Sally Pipes name twice in the edition.

Once, as a guest column in "Accountable Care Organizations a costly gimmick." This was clearly an anti-President Obama column.

However, appropriate, as an opinion piece on that page. However, then a second

"opinion" piece is run titled "E-records may not be the cost-saver proponents claim." This is another negative article regarding the administration.

In fact, Pipes is a "fellow" at the Pacific Research Institute. Check your sources for what this institute is:

"The Pacific Research Institute (PRI) or officially the 'Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy' is a think tank founded in 1979 whose stated vision is the promotion of 'the principles of individual freedom and personal responsibility.'"

"The Institute believes these principles are best encouraged through policies that emphasize a free economy, private initiative, and limited government."

The institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, and had \$4.9 million in revenue in 2005.

The Pacific Research Institute has associated with other think tanks like the American Enterprise Institute and the Cato Institute. (source: source-watch.org.)

I understand your paper often leans to the "right" politically; however, I think this is simply poor journalism.

Kit Moran
Milan

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chelsea leaders should pursue \$3.7 million Longworth redevelopment

I have been reading the coverage of the Downtown Development Authority on the issue of the Longworth property.

I commend the DDA for offering the attractive terms for redevelopment on the site and the subsequent invitation to the Kadushin/Beal redevelopment team for mixed use of the historic buildings.

What happened that caused the team to withdraw their proposal? How could the DDA let the \$3.7 million investment in Chelsea slip away?

In addition to the total investment dollars, the construction would generate revenue in Chelsea businesses beyond the DDA area while the redevelopment is underway. I urge the Chelsea leadership - DDA, city council and city manager - to make this redevelopment work.

In this economy, Chelsea needs to positively pursue business for Chelsea.

Lynn Meadows
Chelsea

Thank you to those who helped Pride and Honor Flights last six amazing years

It is with heavy heart and great pride that I write this letter of thanks. For six amazing years our hearts have been touched by angels that still walk the earth among us. The veteran men and women of World War II have changed our lives in so many ways, and my husband Jack and I have had the pleasure of meeting, laughing with and traveling with thousands of them to visit their World War II memorial.

Pride and Honor Flights of Michigan began in our living room when Jack and I decided to start our own chapter. We called on a few local friends and family and Heritage Newspapers and the Ann Arbor News to help us get the message out to the public. Soon we had more volunteers that we knew what to do with. The outpouring from the community was wonderful, while the care and respect shown to the Vets never ceased to amaze us.

Now that this chapter has come to a close, a letter of thanks seems imperative. Without the hard work and careful evaluation of each veteran, pride and honor would never have been such a success.

There are many, many people to give thanks to, and we love and appreciate each and every one of you for the time you took to make sure these Veterans full filled a dream.

A few special thanks go

out to our repeat donors: Ford Motor Company, Ambassador Ron Weiser and Elaine Weiser, and Richard and Carol Coy of Coy Labs. Many thanks to Lisa Kuebler, Mark and Sonja Wiseley, Brett and Tina Wiseley, Derek and Kathleen Wiseley, Dr. Martin and Katherine Fletcher, Lenore Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, Jerry and Betty Ritz, The Dexter American Legion, Larry Stalker, who were loyal volunteers on some very exciting trips to D.C., also to John Conklin, who has spent six years shuffling thousands of wheelchairs and making sure each veteran had just what they needed.

To Debi and Judy Samuels, Rich and Mary Jo Ulrich, Linda Vincent and Nola Snider: thank you for the countless hours spent on your feet fundraising.

You kept a smile on your face all the while washing dishes at the K of C and stacking chairs late at night after silent auctions.

To Johnny Weber and the Spare Parts Band: You kept us rocking at the American Legion while we sold 50-50 raffle tickets and honored many veterans, thank you to the K of C.

And finally to Joelle Moroz, a volunteer who assisted in any way needed and shared with us in organizing trips, making personal calls to thousands, and happily accepting return calls from nervous family members of veterans as the trips began to approach.

Joelle put the family at ease and assured them that this would be the trip of a lifetime for the veteran.

And it was. For all of us. We are all left with so many wonderful memories.

Jack and Faye Wiseley
Dexter

Vote 'no' on Sylvan Township debt millage

A lot has been written about the Sylvan Township water and wastewater systems. While not a single elected county or township official has publicly stated they were responsible for the decisions and apologized, the discussion about how to pay off the debt continues.

The township voters will again be asked to vote on Aug. 7 to approve a 4.4 millage for 20 years to pay for the systems that most of us will never benefit from.

So, who is to blame? The township board, all of them who served as our representatives during the period that this project was originally conceived through today when its true "value" and cost is still only partially known. These elected representatives did not perform a project with "due diligence." The township did not represent the facts openly and honestly to the constituents.

The Washtenaw County Commissioners and the county staff responsible for reviewing and investigating the project proposal did not perform a "due diligence" investigation of the project. If they had, they would have discovered that the project could not support the financing that the county offered with the county's "full faith and credit" support.

Are the current county officials holding anyone, other than the township property owners, responsible for this fiasco? No! Why not? In the private sector people lose their jobs when they demonstrate incompetence at this level.

So, now what?

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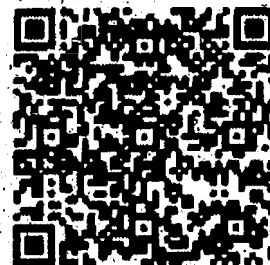
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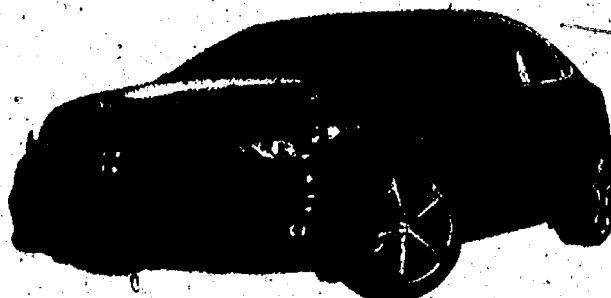
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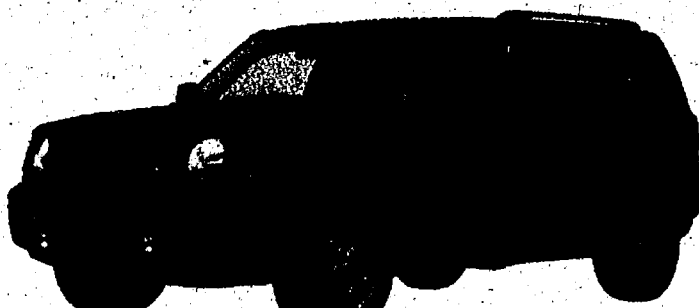
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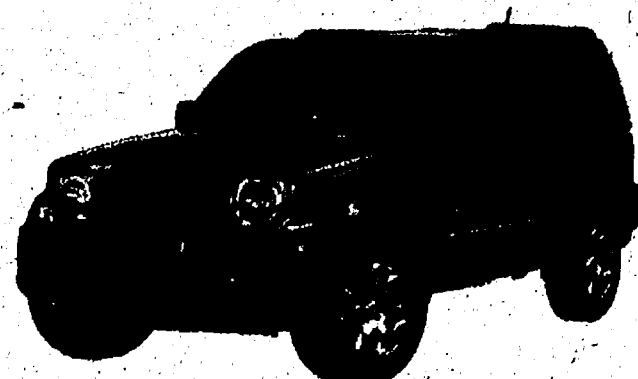
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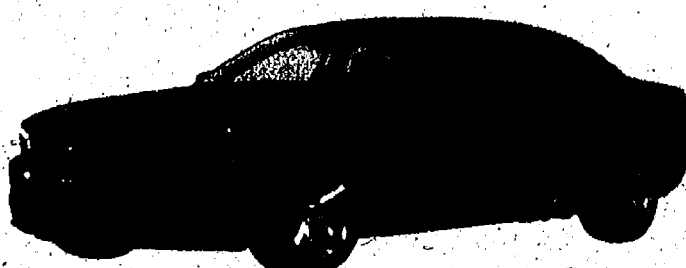
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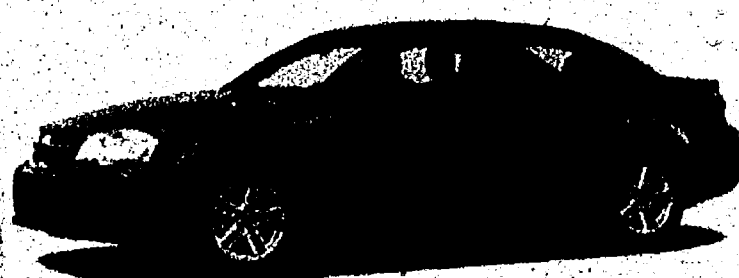
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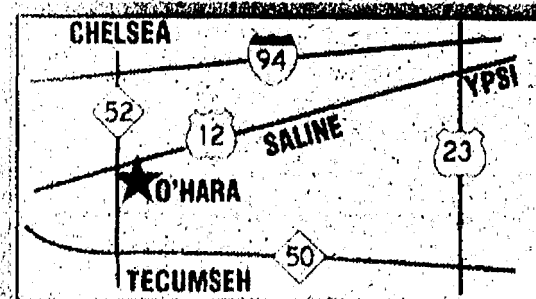
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Arbor Hospice offers tips to 'sandwich generation'

By Amy Bell
Herald Media

Arbor Hospice is offering tips to caregivers known as the "Sandwich Generation."

Members of the generation are those who are "sandwiched" between their elderly parents who need care and their own children while managing their own careers. Gloria Danna Brooks, chief executive officer of Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor, said balancing all of these responsibilities is a real challenge and burnout is something that is often

seen at the facility.

"I think we are so focused on providing care to everyone else that often times we often forget to make sure we are taken care of," she said.

According to the Pew Research Center, one in eight Americans ages 40 to 60 are raising a child and care for an aging parent.

On top of caring for both their parent and children, a caregiver also may have to deal with disagreements within the family, which can be challenging when trying to do the right thing for Mom and Dad, she said.

All of the responsibilities can lead to burnout, a condition with symptoms such as irregular sleeping patterns, change in appetite, stress eating and loss of interest in things once enjoyed. It also can lead to feelings of isolation as caregivers who are burned out can tend to isolate themselves from friends.

Danna Brooks advises caregivers to maintain open communication and advocate family meetings as a way to make sure everyone feels included and to clarify what the next steps may be.

"It's hard to do, but it's a way that people can agree to get together and have a conversation. It's easier to do it as a group than one-on-one," she said.

Caretakers should also make sure to use healthy methods to cope with stress and as a way to carve out time for themselves. Examples include journaling or other forms of relaxation like meditation or walking.

"Caregivers think they have to do it alone and there is something wrong if they can't do it alone," she said.

"There's nothing wrong with asking for some help."

In 2009, then-Gov. Jennifer Granholm declared July as Sandwich Generation Month as a way to recognize the patience and attention needed to care for an aging parent along with their own children.

Arbor Hospice offers a free, five-part community education series for those wanting to learn tips to avoid burnout and advice

on making health care decisions for aging parents.

For more information, visit www.arborthospice.org. Staff Writer Amy Bell can be reached at 429-7380 or abell@herald.com. Text HERNews and HERWeather to 22700 to receive news and weather alerts to your cellphone. Msg and data rates may apply. Text HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel.

Cases of West Nile Virus surfacing early

In recent weeks, West Nile Virus activity has been identified in two Michigan counties.

Being the earliest detection of activity in Michigan in several years, the Michigan Department of Community Health is urging citizens to remember to apply repellents during peak mosquito-biting periods, at dusk and dawn, and drain standing water around their homes during the holiday.

A mosquito pool sample collected in mid-June by the Saginaw County Mosquito Abatement Commission tested positive for the virus at Michigan State University.

In addition, a wild turkey in Washtenaw County was submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and also tested positive for West Nile Virus at Michigan State University. The findings show the virus is circulating in mosquitoes and birds in the state, which could present a risk to human health, health department officials stated in a news release.

Because of an unusually warm spring, mosquitoes

that can transmit West Nile Virus hatched early and are on the rise in Michigan, according to the state's mosquito control districts. The virus can cause serious neurological illnesses, such as meningitis and encephalitis.

Last year, West Nile Virus was responsible for 34 serious illnesses and two fatalities in Michigan. Nationally, 712 cases and 34 deaths were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Hot and dry conditions favor development of the virus and the mosquitoes that transmit it," said Erik Foster, medical entomologist at MDCH. "These mosquitoes may breed near people's homes in storm drains, shallow ditches, retention ponds, and unused pools. When these areas are not flushed out by rains, it becomes stagnant and highly organic, which is appealing to mosquitoes that can transmit the disease."

During the upcoming holiday, when people spend more time outdoors, it's especially important to take precautions against mosquito bites. While activ-

ity has been detected in only two counties so far, all Michigan residents should follow simple, effective strategies to protect themselves and their loved ones, health officials said.

In particular, citizens are advised to use mosquito repellent products containing EPA-approved active ingredients, such as DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Draining standing water, and making sure door and window screens are in good repair also will help keep mosquitoes out of the home.

"Adults who are 50 and older have the highest risk of illness caused by West Nile Virus. People who work in outdoor occupations like construction and landscaping are also at increased risk of getting bitten by an infected mosquito," said Dr. Corinne Miller, state epidemiologist at MDCH. "One bite from an infected mosquito can lead to a severe and possibly life-altering illness. Prevention is the key to protection."

For more information about West Nile activity in Michigan, precaution and treatment information,

or to report sick or dead birds, visit www.michigan.gov/westnile. Additional information can be found at the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/westnile.

Washtenaw 4-H Youth Show set July 22-27

The Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show will take place July 22 through July 27.

Among the highlights are project activities, including crafts, wood working, demonstrations and livestock exhibits, for more than 800 participating youth. Admission and parking for the event are free.

The show kicks off 11 a.m. Sunday with dog obedience and showmanship classes. Starting Monday, the Still Exhibits Building opens and more livestock arrives for display. Tuesday is the first full day in which every project, including livestock, is on public display. Also starting Tuesday, animal shows and other contests, such as the hands-on foam contest, are under way.

This year, 4-H will be

launching a Still Project Silent Auction involving handmade craft items by youth. Items will be on display during Fair Week, where the public may place bids on them to purchase. All proceeds will go to the selling 4-H member.

Special events on Wednesday include a Creative Chocolate Chip Cookie and Cupcake Contest at noon and the "Llama Leaping" contest at 2 p.m.

From 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, there will be hands-on take-home activities for youth or all ages. On Thursday evening, the 4-H Small Animal Silent Auction and 4-H Youth Livestock Auction will take place at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively.

Friday closes out the week with a barbecue sponsored by the 4-H

Advisory Council. At 1 p.m., the public can watch the Archery Contest and the Tractor Driving Contest, both taking place in the South Field. At 5 p.m., the Horse Grand Entry will take place and will be followed by the Sweepstakes Showmanship, which involves participants trying their hand at showing all species of livestock that are exhibited.

The 4-H Youth Show is held at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, between Ann Arbor and Saline. The show is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, and from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. the remainder of the week.

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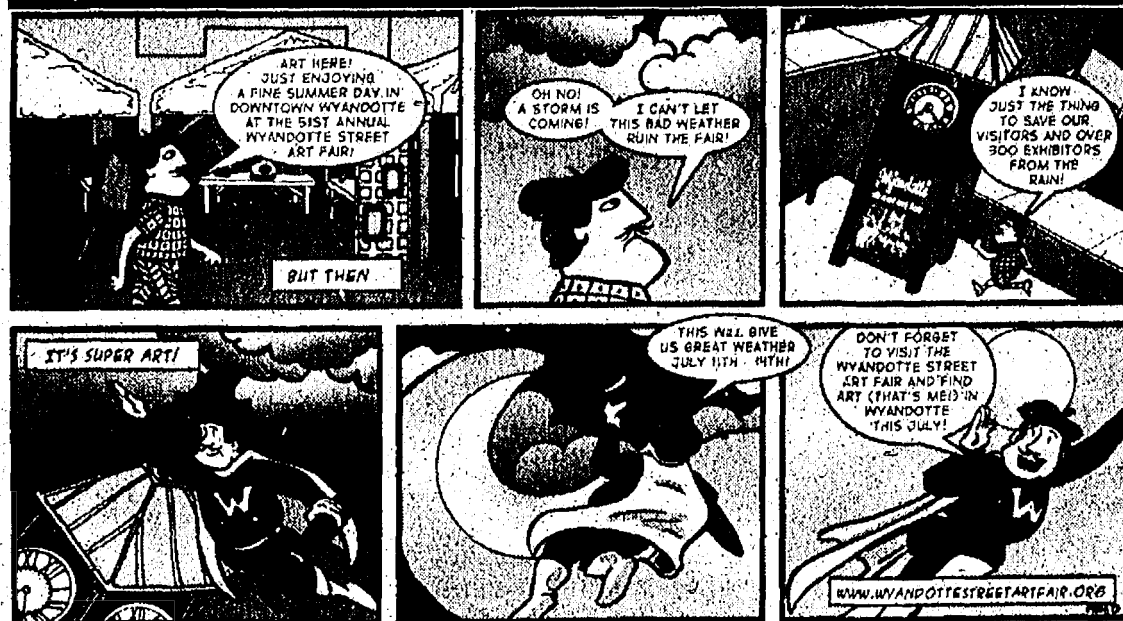
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Summer storms: What's covered under your policy?

In the wake of recent violent weather in south-east Michigan, residents may be wondering what damage will be covered by insurance policies. The Insurance Institute of Michigan offers the following points to consider:

Storm-related damage, such as wind and hail, is typically covered under a standard homeowners, renters or auto insurance policy.

Some losses are covered to a noted limit, while others apply through

policy endorsement. Policy deductibles can apply for auto, homeowners and business-related insurance claims.

Expenses incurred when taking measures to protect against further damage (such as placing plastic over a damaged roof, covering windows to prevent further water damage, etc.) are usually reimbursable under homeowners insurance.

Saving these receipts for claims filing is a smart idea.

The tree damaged a covered structure such as the roof, garage or shed, or the fallen tree has not damaged covered property but blocks the insured's driveway or handicap access ways.

Damage to trees

The residence's trees, shrubs, plants or lawn are not covered from damage caused by high winds. Such damages are covered from the perils of fire, lightning, explosion, riot or civil commotion, aircraft, non-owned vehicles, vandalism, malicious mischief or theft. Generally, the limit is 5 percent of the dwelling amount, but no more than \$500 for any one tree, shrub or plant. If lightning strikes a tree, which then falls on your home, homeowners coverage applies as noted.

Flood insurance

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National Flood Insurance Program's agent referral program at 1-888-225-5356.

Also, visit www.floodsmart.gov to assess your flood risk, get an estimated cost for flood insurance coverage or browse through a list of insurance agents writing flood insurance coverage in your locale.

Water backup

Coverage for sewer drain backup is available through many insurance companies as an endorsement to your current homeowners or renters policy. The Insurance Institute of Michigan estimates the cost for this endorsement averages about \$50 per year. Coverage limitations vary by company, so it's important to understand how and where it applies. Some insurers offer coverage up to the limits of the policy, while other insurers limit the coverage to a specified amount such as \$5,000 or \$10,000.

Other variations include full coverage for sump pump failure to other insurers specifying what items will be covered in the event of such a claim.

Vehicle coverage

Vehicles damaged by debris or fallen trees/limbs are covered under the

"comprehensive" portion of an auto insurance policy. This is optional coverage that protects insured vehicles in situations other than a collision.

The Insurance Institute of Michigan recommends that if severe weather threatens, cars should be moved under cover to prevent damage from high winds or flying debris, when possible.

Home contractor repair tips

Carefully check the background of contractors and others who promise "cheap" repairs. IIM suggests checking with family and friends for referrals or contacting your local homebuilders association or local Michigan Better Business Bureau.

Food spoilage

Homeowners' insurance policies differ, but food spoilage is typically excluded if the cause of loss is an off-premises power outage (downed power lines, etc.).

Some insurance companies offer a "refrigerated property coverage" endorsement that provides coverage — typically up to \$500 — for frozen/refrigerated items due to loss of power. Contact your insurance professional to see if coverage applies.

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BROWN, PAMELA KAY, age 48; of Manchester; passed away on June 4, 2012 at her home in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She was born on May 5, 1964, the daughter of Sarah Faye Brown (Campbell) and Jerry Ross Brown in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Pamela graduated from Manchester High School in 1982 and attended Ferris State University where she graduated in 1986. Pamela worked at U of M for 10 years. In high school Pamela enjoyed cheerleading and spending time with her friends. Noted for her dry sense of humor and dry wit, she also was a very caring and warm person and especially loved animals. Reading was her favorite hobby, all subjects were interesting to her, and many times she would have two or three books going at the same time. Pamela is survived by her mother; and two brothers, Terry Ross Brown of Aliso Viejo, California and Jerry Lee Brown of Manchester, Michigan. Pamela was preceded in death by her step-father, Fay Edward Evilsizer in December of 2009 and her biological father, Jerry Ross Brown in 2004. Per her wishes Pamela was cremated and her ashes were taken to her mother in Tennessee.



STUTTE-HOCKING, MARY, Saline, MI; age 98; died on July 5, 2012, just 5 days short of her 99th birthday. She was born July 10, 1913 in Nanticoke, PA, the daughter of John and Mary (Roberts) Curran. In October of 1988, she married Rev. Reginald S. Hocking and he preceded her in death on February 7, 1999. Mary was one of the first residents of Brecon Village in Saline and was a member of the Saline United Methodist Church. She had an extensive career in advertising and worked at The Daily Tribune, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, and Campbell-Ewald Advertising Company. Mary was also a member of the Saline Womens Club, Friends of the Library of Saline, a member of the Saline Historical Society, and a volunteer at St. Josephs in Saline. Survivors include: daughters, Colleen (Franklin) Hilzinger, Nancy Schemp, and Julie (Nicholas) Porntas; other survivors include: grandchildren, Jeffrey, Kurt, Matthew, and Glen Hilzinger, Joshua, Adam and Samuel Womelsdorf, Alicia Ping, Jessica Hausman, David Ping, Mary Hipsher; and 26 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Reginald by husbands, William Sullivan, Thomas Stutte, and a dear companion, Kenneth Volz of Saline. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Saline with Rev. Dr. James E. Tuttle, officiating. Contributions may be made to the Church or to the Saline Public Library. Envelopes will be available at the Church where friends may begin calling on Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 10 until time of service at 11 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home of Saline. To leave a memory, for more information, or for directions please visit www.rbhsalinel.com

TOWNER, LEONA MAE "Dee", born September 19, 1922, in Milan, MI, passed away June 26, 2012, in East Lansing. The daughter of Charles Luther and Lucetia (Saffell) Clark. A 1940 graduate of Milan High School. On February 20, 1945, she married Robert Towner in Angola, IN. Together they ran the Towner Market in Mooreville, MI, until 1958. Dee used her General Business Degree from Cleary College to assist Bob with records for their businesses and investments. She was a devoted wife and homemaker. They lived in Plymouth, Ann Arbor, retired to Onkama and later moved to Williamston. Preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Margaret (Mrs. A. Newton Squires Sr.) and Mary Lou Clark; niece, Mary Lou Squires (Gary) Rooney. Surviving to cherish her memory: nieces, Jan (Gerald) Greashaber, Sara (Gerald) Siebert; nephew, A. Newton Squires Jr. (Linda); great nieces, Audra Siebert, Joanna Squires (David) Day; and nephew, Adam (Stephanie) Squires. In accordance with Dee's wishes, her body has been donated to Michigan State University Willard Body Program.

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Cruise is cocky fun, but 'Rock of Ages' falls flat; 'Seeking a Friend' has casual approach to depressing subject

'Rock of Ages'

One doesn't need to dislike hair-metal to have distaste for "Rock of Ages" — they just need to want a cohesive story.

Director Adam Shankman, whose distinguished past as a filmmaker includes "The Pacifier," "Bedtime Stories" and "Cheaper by the Dozen 2," seems to have little interest in such a thing. This may not be entirely of his doing, considering that "Rock of Ages" is based on a long-running Broadway musical.

To simplify the matter, it's a film where young, attractive people leap around belting 1980s metal tunes. On occasion, an older, attractive person may step in to croon their own number, and even rarer, an unattractive older character may be given a moment to speak.

It's a sanitized look at a subculture whose characteristics lean toward the loud, the abrasive and the out-of-control. It's Guns-N-Roses by way of "High School Musical," which is about as painful to watch as it is to type.

In the center of "Rock of Ages" are two young, star-crossed lovers, Drew and Sherrie. Sherrie's an Oklahoma teenager who arrives in Los Angeles with a case full of records and a heart full of dreams, both of stardom and of love.

She finds a good counterpoint in the talented bartender Drew, and the two fall in love. Duh.

"Rock of Ages" seems to use these two as an introduction to the dozen other characters it wants us to get involved in.

Alec Baldwin and Russell Brand play the co-runners of frequent metal hotspot The Bourbon Room, Tom Cruise plays Stacey Jaxx, an extravagant, talented rock star who plays at this venue, Paul Giamatti is his sycophantic manager, and Malin Akerman is a love-struck journalist who pursues him throughout the film.

Catherine Zeta-Jones plays the conservative mayor's wife whose attempts to shut the Bourbon Room

down are the dramatic hook of the film, and Mary J. Blige (Well, I took a two-minute bathroom break and appear to have entirely missed her top-billed role.)

The film intercuts randomly between these people, who all seem to be scamming each other or falling in love with each other. The general stakes are the love between

Sherrie and Drew, the Bourbon Room's existence and whether Stacey Jaxx will get a grip on his inflated ego and self-worth.

I can tell you that whatever it is Alec Baldwin did in this film, I was charmed and I smiled. This said, I don't recall what exactly he pulled off.

This sort of reserved praise is widespread for all of these immensely talented actors, making for a motley batch of performances with individual moments amusing enough for a smile but not for a memory. "Rock of Ages" is cinematic (and aural) cotton candy, dissolving in the mouth as quickly as one can register pleasure.

The song-and-dance numbers are choreographed with skill and clarity, but then, one can't be too sure how much is of the film's doing or its source material.

Aces to Cruise and Brand, two actors about as different as I can think of, who manage to bring the same sort of lively spunk to the film that it seems to miss. Cruise in particular taps into a bad-boy fury not seen since his turn as a contract killer in 2004's "Collateral," and watching him strut around with leather chaps, pet monkeys and endless booze is great fun.

The fundamental issue with "Rock of Ages" is that it's far too in love with its own music. This brings the film down on many levels: for one, it will often sacrifice an emotional moment or human gesture for more bombast and Journey.

True, this film is a musical, but it must also fulfill its role as a story. Sadly it just doesn't click.

But secondly, any film

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built on such a subjective ground is doomed to divide. Music is as difficult a topic to agree on as any other, and having a two-hour film with about 100 flat minutes of metal performances simply won't click for most.

"Rock of Ages" further digs its own grave by making these hard-rock tunes into ones of almost bubble-gum consequence, with about as much weight and heft as a Disney Channel musical. (And near identical faces, to boot.)

Sure, the stars look like they're having a blast, but they're making "hard" songs "soft," alienating both audiences in the process.

It's not a bad film or an offensive one, a mean-spirited one or a hard one to sit through. It's just hackneyed and inoffensive, which, in my eyes, may be the worst offense of all.

I give it a grade of "C."

'Seeking'

"Seeking A Friend For The End of the World" is no great step forward for American filmmaking, be it for the forces behind the camera, in front, or the dudes writing it all as they go along. But I'll be damned if it doesn't do things differently than we've come to expect, and for the better.

Its major gimmick lies in its casual approach to an otherwise hyper-depressing subject matter, namely, the end of the world. It's a bold move, perhaps the film's only bold move. But it's a great one. The leads here are Steve Carell and Keira Knightley playing into type as actors yet against type as a romantic pairing.

The announcement has been made around the world that last-ditch efforts to destroy a 90-mile-wide asteroid have failed, and that it will obliterate Earth in two weeks' time. Carell and Knightley's characters, Dodge and Penny, narrowly escape rioting

crowds in Los Angeles and head out onto the road to dwindle away their last few days. Along the way, they encounter many quirky passersby, grapple with their upcoming death, and confront possible feelings for each other.

"Seeking A Friend" stands out for its application of a standard formula, the romantic comedy, to an outlandish setting. Writer-director Lorene Scafaria has great fun simply thinking up the logistics of a world facing its end. Highlights of the film are concepts such as self-hired assassins, well-stocked "apocalypse" bunkers, et cetera.

But for the film's high-concept energy, it's the simple interactions between Carell and Knightley that stick. About 70 percent of the film consists of simple exchanges between the two, so needless to say, their chemistry is pretty vital to the film's success. It clicks. Their dynamic is basically a bounce between weary skepticism and jumpy energy, with both actors hitting their mark effortlessly.

Particularly in the final third of the film, as the characters come ever closer to their doom, does the poignancy and despair land. The final five minutes truly are heartbreaking, if not particularly original. It's perhaps the only part of the film where the true weight of the situation comes to light, something that makes for a good piece of entertainment, if not necessarily a daring one.

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

MOVIE REVIEW



RYAN MICHAELS

Leaders discuss how to prevent elder abuse

Police say most elder abuse involves fraud by someone an elderly person knows, trusts

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

People from area organizations and various community members gathered recently to discuss ways to protect the elderly living in Washtenaw County.

The Elder Justice Coalition met June 29 at the Washtenaw United Way. Guests included Washtenaw County Sheriff Jerry Clayton, Ann Arbor Police Chief John Seto and county prosecutor Brian Mackie, who all led a panel discussion about elder abuse in the area.

"We should judge ourselves by how we protect the poor and vulnerable and that is how we should judge ourselves as a society," Mackie said. "I think we all know we aren't doing so well."

Recently, Gov. Rick Snyder approved a package of 10 bills designed to protect the elderly and vulnerable adults.

"The abuse of seniors and vulnerable adults is one of the fastest growing crimes in our state, and law enforcement agencies will now have better tools to help protect potential victims from financial and physical abuses," Snyder stated in a press release.

Highlights of the package include Public Act 175, which requires the development of state protocol to investigate elder abuse cases. P.A. 168 strengthens the penalties for criminals who embezzle from seniors. Another bill

establishes a public notification system for missing seniors.

Clayton said it's still too early to digest the ultimate impact of new legislation.

Panelists discussed issues occurring throughout the county and ways to help prevent abuse.

Both Seto and Clayton stated that reports show the majority of reported abuse involves fraud by someone an elderly person knows and trusts and a small percentage involve physical abuse.

According to Seto, since Jan. 1, there were 171 crimes in Ann Arbor involving victims older than age 60. Nine of those cases involved physical abuse while the others involved property related crimes. In addition, medication thefts are occurring within retirement communities.

"In a lot of the cases ... the perpetrator is known, it could be a family member or a caretaker, it's someone that is known or is trusted," he said.

Several barriers exist that may prevent victims from reporting crimes such as embarrassment, causing many to just take the financial loss. Other times, victims may not want to report a crime because of fears it may interfere with their level of independence and result in being sent to live in a nursing home.

Other issues involve a lack of consumer protection, data collection and funding for preventative



Brian Mackie
Prosecuting Attorney
County prosecutor Brian Mackie was one of the panelists at the Washtenaw County Elder Justice Coalition meeting on June 29 at the Washtenaw United Way in Ann Arbor.

programs.

Mackie said there is a need for changes in state and federal legislation. He referred to a blueprint report released in 2006 by the Task Force on Elder

Abuse, which identifies problems and solutions surrounding elder abuse.

Panelists also spoke about the importance of educating the public.

Recently, what's com-

monly known as a "grandparent scam" resulted in a Dexter woman losing nearly \$4,000. Another man received the same call and went to an area Western Union to wire money to

his grandson, who he believed was stranded overseas. However, the Western Union employee had heard of the scam and warned him and saved the man from sending the money.

Panelists all agreed that prevention should be a collaborative effort involving law enforcement, community organizations and educating the public.

Clayton referenced tools available through the sheriff's department such as Crimestoppers. He also recommended using a "checks and balance" system where someone else also keeps track of an elderly person's finances.

The Elder Justice Coalition is a collaboration of organizations and systems aimed to prevent elder abuse.

Its last meeting at Cobblestone Farm in Ann Arbor featured speaker Paul Greenwood from San Diego.

"That was very successful and we got a lot of great feedback," said Jill Kind, senior director at Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County. "We went from having about 50 people on our mailing list to about 300."

Kind said the coalition is getting past the point of informing the public about the issue and is beginning to take action steps to make Washtenaw County a better place for seniors.

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Snyder signs legislation to change kindergarten age requirement

Children must be 5 by Sept. 1 to attend

By Danny Shaw
Heritage Media

New legislation to change the kindergarten age requirement by three months was signed last week by Gov. Rick Snyder.

The bill, which passed the House and Senate June 13, would require children to be 5 years old by Sept. 1 rather than Dec. 1. The change will be phased in over three years, changing

the requirement by one month each year.

Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, children must be 5 years old by Nov. 1, then the following year Oct. 1, and the 2015-2016 year will be the new permanent requirement of Sept. 1.

According to the bill, the change will help give the children additional time to mature mentally, socially and physically.

There are 38 other states that require kindergarten students to be 5 years old before enrolling.

"I think it's good to be consistent with

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how other states have the kindergarten start dates," said Washtenaw Intermediate School District Superintendent Scott Menzel. "So, kids will be measured comparably with other states with the common core curriculum and assessments. It makes sense to move in this direction."

Parents can still opt to sign a waiver, however, if they desire their child to attend school under current Dec. 1 date after the new Sept. 1 date takes effect.

According to the legislative analysis on the state's website, the waiver option

will help to alleviate enrollment declines during the three-year change.

"The bill would likely lower enrollment and pupil membership counts for school districts," states the analysis, "by making 5-year-olds born between Sept. 2 and Dec. 1 ineligible (over a three-year phase-in) for enrollment in kindergarten in the school year in which they turn five."

The analysis goes on to state the lower enrollment over the three years will save upward of \$150 million in state spending.

State Reps. Mark Ouimet, R-52nd District, and Rick

Olson, R-55th District, voted for the bill, while state Reps. Jeff Irwin, D-53rd District, and David Rutledge, D-54th District, voted against the bill.

It passed the Michigan House 66-44 and passed the Senate 25-11.

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Policy leaders weigh in on Michigan election reform bill package

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Gov. Rick Snyder's pen approved a majority of changes to voting procedure in Michigan, although he skipped over part of the bill package, House Bill 5061 and Senate Bill 803, due to a requirement that voters would have to prove citizenship with a photo ID to receive a ballot.

Snyder's office deemed that portion of the package "confusing" to those casting absentee ballots, among other concerns, which State Rep. Mark Ouimet, R-Scio Township, hopes will be clarified so the measure will be added to the changes with the rest of the bill package.

"The governor felt that it was too confusing ... the governor and the House need to get together and look at other language," Ouimet said. "I think what the bill was trying to accomplish was to make sure that the people who were receiving the ballot are the ones who should be receiving it."

Ouimet said that if both Democrats and Republicans are required to present picture IDs when voting at the state conventions, then

it is not unreasonable or exclusionary to set the same standard for members of the public who find themselves at their local polling station to make their voice heard.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson applauded what did pass in the bill package, such as strengthening campaign finance laws to those who break them face felony charges and fund forfeiture, as well as requiring organizations to file campaign finance reports and forcing political action committees and ballot question committees to file campaign statements, with the latter having to file earlier.

The changes also include restrictions on using campaign money to pay for legal expenses that aren't directly related to a candidate's campaign.

Johnson said that she is disappointed that Snyder didn't sign the portions of the package, which she pointed to as having bi-partisan support. "The fact remains that the citizenship checkbox has prevented unqualified voters from casting ballots," she said, adding that she will continue to require them on ballot applications as a measure to keep those who shouldn't legally vote from doing so

anyway.

Rep. David Rutledge, D-Ypsilanti, said that he was glad to see what he terms "voter suppression" measures fail to pass the governor's desk.

"I think the governor showed a great deal of courage in vetoing the three worst aspects of this legislative package that had nothing to do with anything but suppressing the opportunity of people to vote," Rutledge said. "When you register to vote there are requirements to vote that you must go through just to register and that whole process can happen at the Secretary of State's office, the county clerk's office or the township clerk's office."

"There aren't any cases of voter fraud in this state, because of the strenuous requirements already established and the severe penalties. These bills sought nothing but to put another roadblock in the way of people legitimately voting."

Rutledge expressed concern that Republicans would bring the three failed pieces of the election reform package back with more appealing phrasing but the exact same result.

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Several candidates seek seats on Lima Township board

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Heritage Media sent out questionnaires to each of the Lima Township candidates for the Aug. 7 primary election, and following are their responses:

Craig Maier

Office sought: Lima Township supervisor
Political affiliation: Republican
Residence: No answer
Occupation: Retired, U.S. Army Reserve (Engineers) 2000; and Public Works Superintendent City of Chelsea, 2010
Education: Two years of college
Previous elected office:

None
Current public or community service: No answer.
Age: 56
Family: Married for 26 years to my wife, Stacy, with one crazy labrador, Lefty.

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

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Kenneth B. Unterbrink

Office Sought: Lima Township supervisor
Political affiliation: Republican, past vice chair of Washtenaw County Republican Executive Committee, and 7th Congressional District delegate.
Residence: Lima Township since 1976
Occupation: Lima Township Supervisor, third of four-year terms; and retired from Ford Motor Company
Education: Associate's degree, Ongoing Michigan

Township Governance Academy
Current public or community service: Lima Township Planning Commission; Washtenaw County MTA, past chair for 7 years; MSU Community Planner classes and many seminars and classes as it pertain to township government over 12 years.
Previous elected positions: Lima Township supervisor: 2000, 2004, 2008
Current public or community service: Chelsea Area Fire Authority (Vice Chair), Washtenaw County Homeland Security Task Force, Washtenaw County Police Services Commission, Chelsea Area Planning Team, Sylvan Township Sewer and Water Authority, St. Louis Center Honorary Community Advisory Committee, St. Francis Camp on the Lake for Developmental Disabled board of directors, Special Olympics, Holy Cross

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FROM PAGE 7-A

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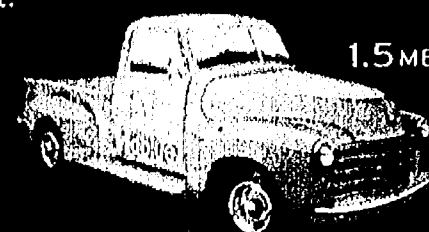
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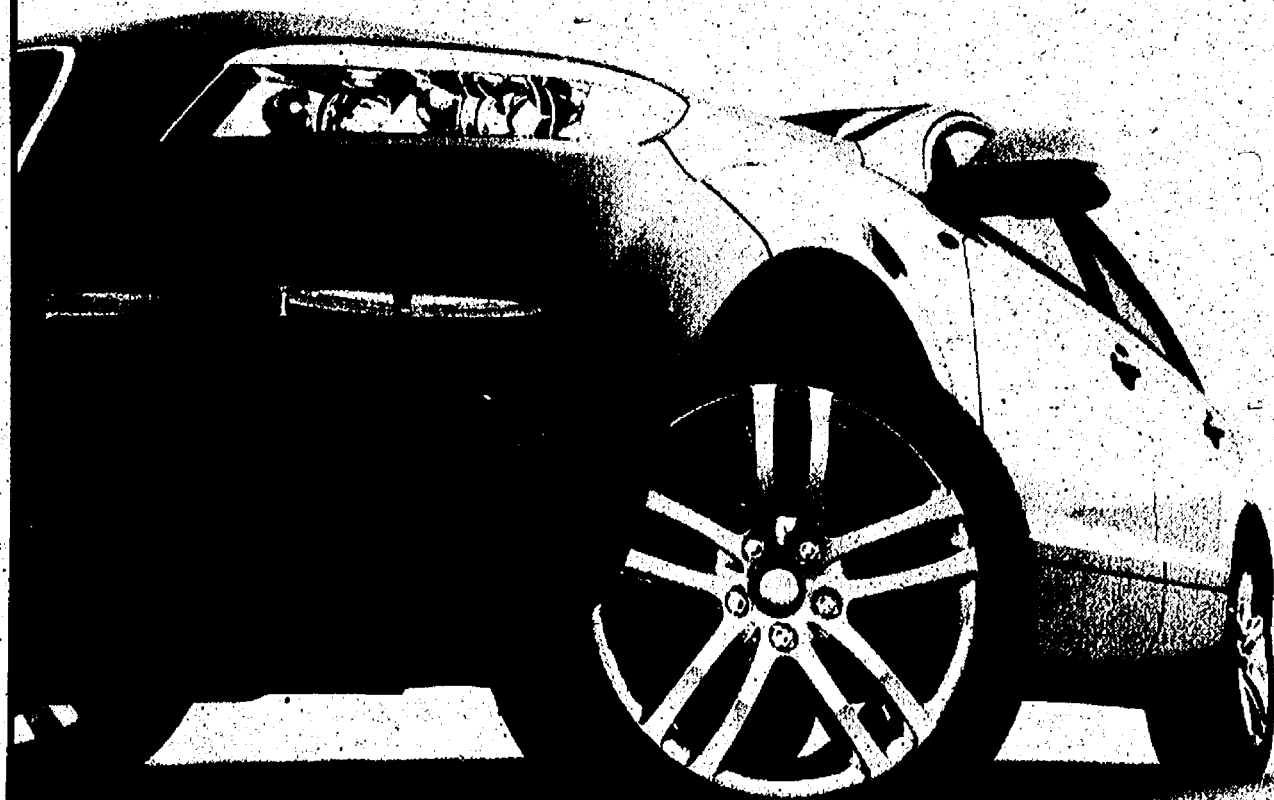
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ELECTION

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Children's Services board of directors, et cetera.
Age: 68
Family: Spouse of 48 years, Eleanor; four daughters with four son-in-laws and 14 grandchildren.

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

Local road condition in the township: While the local roads are in need of repair and ditching, the township has a need to seek funding to maintain the local roads, as the Washtenaw County Road Commission states that they do not have the funding available.

Planning for the future: During the economic downturn with development, this is the time to review and plan for future development, not what it is not wanted, but how to steer development when it comes to the township. It is noted that Lima Township has I-94 dividing the township, east to west.

Capital improvement:

The township board has not planned for the future with a capital improvement program. It is time to look at how the township environment for government will look in the near future.

Robert Spink

Office sought: Lima Township supervisor



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Spink

Political Affiliation: Republican
Residence: 1457 S. Lima Center Road, Chelsea
Occupation: Senior project engineer, The Environmental Quality Company.
Education: Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering, University of Michigan
Previous elected office: None
Current public or community service: I'm a board member of the Mill Creek Research Council that was formed in the '60s to thwart the Army Corp of Engineers and the Metroparks from damming Mill Creek and turning a good portion of Lima Township into lake and parkland. Our mission statement is: "To preserve open space, rural character, and natural resources in the Mill Creek area."

Age: 64

Family: Wife, Arly; two married daughters, Katie (Mitch) and Jeannie (Todd); and four grandchildren, Sam, Natalie, Rory and Charlotte.

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

Lima Township Infrastructure: Roads and bridges have all been neglected for years. I was part of a two-man committee that acted as a liaison with the Washtenaw County Road Commission that resulted in two of the four closed bridges over Mill Creek being rededged and re-opened. This broke an impasse between the township board and the road commission.

I pledge to make township infrastructure a top priority and work with the road commission closely to reopen the remaining two closed bridges and budget a gravel program for the gravel roads.

Excess legal spending over the years: Lima Township has a history of excess spending on legal fees, including a case involving property the township tried to confiscate adjacent to the Township Hall. The township was sued, lost and stubbornly appealed twice, all the way to the Michigan Supreme Court. Both appeals were lost at great expense. The Township supervisor instigated a long-time Lima family to sue the township and when Lima lost, supported continuing appeals to the Michigan Supreme Court. I pledge that the township will not get involved in major legal action without the support of the township residents.

Our historic Township Hall has also been neglected. Township offices have been moved to the Western Washtenaw Construction Agency (Chelsea Area Construction Authority) building at a cost of over \$12,000 per year. I pledge make it a priority to repair and maintain the existing Township Hall and work with the board to make improvements to enable township offices to be moved back.

Gregory McKenzie

Office: Lima Township trustee

Political affiliation: Republican

Occupation: Architect

Education: Bachelor of science, UM; Master of architecture, UM

Previous elected office: Lima Township trustee

incumbent
Current public or community service: Chelsea Area Construction Agency, Board Chair; Chelsea Community Fair, Sheep Dept Supt; American Institute of Architects
Age: 60
Family: Wife, Rose, and three children, James, Amanda and Courtney

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

Immediate need to find permanent zoning administrator; resolve ongoing road improvement/maintenance funding for local roads and bridges; complete township cemetery improvement and administration program.

Editor's Note: Lima Township Clerk candidate Ariene R. Bareis, treasurer candidate Nanette L. Havens, as well as trustee candidates Lawrence Risner and Donald Laier did not respond to Heritage Media's questionnaire, which was sent to all candidates who will appear on the Aug. 7 primary election ballot.

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Lyndon Township incumbents seeking re-election this year

Lyndon Township voters will head to the polls to decide who will sit on the township's board of trustees. One seat each for four-year terms as township supervisor, clerk and treasurer is open, with only one candidate for each slot. The board has two open seats for four-year terms trustees, with two people vying for them.

Heritage Media sent out questionnaires to each of the Pittsfield Township candidates for the Aug. 7 primary election and following is the response:

Marc E. Keezer

Office sought: Lyndon Township supervisor
Political affiliation: Republican
Occupation: Property manager/project manager
Education: Bachelor degree, certified project manager, certified citizens planner
Previous elected office: Lyndon Township trustee
Current public or community service: Chelsea Wellness Coalition member, Move More sub-committee, chairman of Lyndon Township Recreational Committee, Lyndon Township Zoning Board of Appeals, Board member or alternate for the following: Multi Lake Water & Sewer Authority, Chelsea Area Construction Authority and Chelsea Area Fire Authority.

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

Coordination with surrounding communities: We should continue to support our surrounding communities' efforts in order to gain momentum on important community issues such as: regional community plans, commercial center and vital community services. A clear separation between the more densely populated Chelsea to the south and Lyndon Townships rural and recreational character should be maintained.

Local road improvements: Local road maintenance and improvements are much needed and continue to be a high priority in Lyndon Township. This is a very difficult problem to resolve in our current economic times. Our roads are currently maintained by Washtenaw County Road Commission which has a very limited

road budget. As supervisor, I will research alternative options to help improve our deteriorating roads.

Improve township communications: With the acceleration of information via electronic data we are now able to reach out and supply and receive information much faster. This is one area that we need to improve on for those residents who wish to participate in their community but may not have time for our township meetings. This increased communication will help

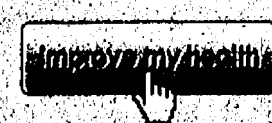
the township board make important decisions based on community input and not just personal opinions of board members.

Editor's note: Lyndon Township Clerk candidate Linda Lou Reilly, treasurer candidate Mary Jane Maze, as well as trustee candidates John H. Francis and Robert Mesler did not respond to Heritage Media's email questionnaire, which was sent to all candidates who will appear on the Aug. 7 Washtenaw County Primary Election ballot.

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CHICKEN BROIL

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Thursday, July 12, 2012

Alumni Memorial Field ready for 2012 Chicken Broil

By Tanya Wildt
Heritage Media

After 59 years, the Manchester Chicken Broil has donated about \$500,000 to community projects. "The donations from 1954 through 2010 total \$496,750, which is the equivalent of \$1,069,600 in 2012 dollars," said Karl Racenis, chairman of the Chicken Broil advertising committee.

This year, posters designed by Michael Tindall will be displayed during showing where donations have gone.

The Chicken Broil began in 1954 as an opportunity for local men to cook for their wives for one evening. The group of men ended up joining with Michigan State University to form an exchange club fundraising event.

This year, the event will serve 12,500 chicken halves for dinner at Alumni Memorial Field, broiled on 100-foot grills.

Dinners include a chicken half, roll, coleslaw, rad-



ish and milk or water.

The Manchester High School Athletic Boosters will be selling ice cream.

The event is a team project. It takes about 600 volunteers each year, on 18 different committees, to put the Chicken Broil together. "Most of the chairmen have been doing their jobs for a long time," Racenis said. "It's a smoothly running machine that everyone knows their jobs and does it very well."

Besides food, entertainment will also be on the

menu.

Brad Frey and his group, Flames, will be performing. Harmony for Fun will also be performing, along with the Cottonwood Cloggers.

Racenis is also anticipating international visitors. The Manchester Evening News in Manchester, England recently ran an article on Manchesters around the world. The village and Chicken Broil were featured and Racenis heard a group of people touring the various Manchesters

were planning to make a stop at the Chicken Broil.

The Chicken Broil runs 4-8 p.m. Thursday, July 19 at Alumni Memorial Field. Tickets are \$8 if purchased in advance or \$9 at the gate.

Take-out will also be available, which usually accounts for about half of the meals served.

For more information on the Chicken Broil, including map locations of Alumni Memorial Field and construction detour maps, www.manchester-chickenbroil.org.

Construction on M-52 will be postponed for the day to allow for maximum Chicken Broil traffic.

Tanya Wildt can

be reached at twildt@heritage.com or 734-429-7380. Follow her on Twitter: @twildt.

Text HERNews and HERWeather to 22700 to receive news and weather alerts to your cellphone. Msg and data rates may apply. Text HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets are \$8 if purchased in advance at these various merchants and offices, and \$9 if purchased at the gate the day of the Chicken Broil.

- **Ann Arbor** - The Manchester booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair, Townie Street Party, July 16, on the U of M campus.
- **Bridgewater** - Bridgewater Depot, Bridgewater Lumber Co.
- **Brooklyn** - Comerica Bank
- **Chelsea** - Key Bank, Chelsea State Bank-North, Chelsea State Bank-South, Gary's Barber Shop and TCF Bank
- **Clinton** - Comerica Bank
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- **Napoleon** - Comerica Bank, Napoleon Lawn & Leisure
- **Saline** - TCF Bank
- **Manchester Area** - Ash Auto, Citizens Bank, Fredonia Grocery, Linda's Diner, Manchester Feed & Supply, Manchester True Value Hardware, Sew Write, Wacker's BP, Hungry Wolf Restaurant and United Producers
- **Manchester Downtown** - Carol's Cut & Curl, Coffee Mill Cafe, Comerica Bank, Frank's Place Restaurant, Gisting & Gisting Law Office, Keith's Barber Shop, Manchester Antique Mall, Manchester Market, Manchester Pharmacy, Manchester Village Offices, Marli's Salon, Pyramid Office Supply, Sutton Agency, United Bank & Trust and Village Tap.

Manchester Chicken Broil donations 1964-2010

The donations from 1954 through 2010 total \$496,750, which is the equivalent of \$1,069,600 in 2012 dollars:

- 1954: Athletic Field Fence
- 1955: Athletic Field Fence
- 1956: Athletic Field Fence
- 1957: Carr Park-Restrooms
- 1958: Athletic Field Score Board & Lights, Library File System
- 1959: Carr Park, Athletic Field Lights & Poles
- 1960: Carr Park
- 1961: Carr Park, Library File System
- 1962: Athletic Field Announcer Booth
- 1963: Athletic Field Bleachers
- 1964: Mobile Bleachers, Athletic Field & Park
- 1965: Playground Equipment for Carr Park & School
- 1966: Track Development & Shelters
- 1967: Gate in Fence
- 1968: Athletic Field, Library Shelving
- 1968: Paid Toward Track
- 1969: Balance of Track, Balance of Shelter
- 1970: Kirk Park
- 1971: Kirk Park
- 1972: Kirk Park
- 1973: Kirk Park
- 1974: Storage Building, Kirk Park
- 1975: Char-Broil Park

- 1976: Char-Broil Park
- 1977: Char-Broil Park, Athletic Field Lights, Building on Athletic Field
- 1978: Concession Stand, Storage & Ticket Booth
- 1979: Concession Stand, Storage, Ticket Booth & Light Pole
- 1980: Fence, Rewire Poles at Athletic Field
- 1981: Historical Society
- 1982: Historical Society
- 1984: Historical Society & Library
- 1985: Athletic Boosters - Press Box & Fence
- 1986: Chelsea Hospital Life Line
- 1987: Library & Chelsea Hospital Life Line
- 1988: Athletic Booster Girls Softball Diamond
- 1989: Athletic Boosters
- 1992: Char-Broil Park Reserve, Alumni Field Gate Sign
- 1993: Pledged to Historical Society for Repairs
- 1994: Char-Broil Park (From Reserve), Historical Society (From Pledge)
- 1995: Athletic Field Ball Diamond Excavation, Historical Society (From Pledge)
- 1996: Athletic Complex-Ball Diamonds
- 1997: Athletic Complex-Ball Diamonds, Fire Department, Athletic Boosters-Weight Room
- 1998: Char-Broil Park
- 1999: Oak Grove Cemetery, Alumni

- Association, Alumni Field Electrical Service Upgrade
- 2000: Alumni Field Electrical Service Upgrade
- 2001: Chi-Bro Park, Manchester Welcome Sign
- 2002: Manchester Welcome Sign, Life Smart Team - Manchester Schools
- 2003: Athletic Booster - Track Uniforms, Manchester Welcome Sign
- 2004: Athletic Boosters - Bathrooms
- 2006: Oak Grove Cemetery - New Fence
- 2007: Manchester Barfrasers Carr Park
- 2009: Boy Scout Troop Equipment, Middle School Playground Equipment
- 2010: Band Boosters - Band Uniforms

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment for the 2012 Chicken Broil will be provided by Brad Frey and the Flames playing music during dinner, Harmony for Fun serenading waiting diners, and the Cottonwood Cloggers performing unique dances. WLEN Radio in Adrian and W4 Country from Ann Arbor broadcast live from the Chicken Broil.

There will also be a classic car show at the Chicken Broil, which begins at 3 p.m. and runs until 8 p.m.

HANDICAPPED PARKING INFORMATION

Handicapped parking for the Chicken Broil is available in the paved parking lot behind the Ackerson School Administration Building at the corner of Vernon and Wolverine Streets (across the street from the main entrance to Alumni Memorial Field). While those streets are blocked off, the sheriff's deputies on duty will allow access.

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Above, crows line up for the 2011 Chicken Broil.

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Fun facts about the Chicken Broil

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- 9,600 lbs. of charcoal are used
- 19,000 lbs. of fresh chicken are broiled
- 56 lbs. of butter is needed to baste the chicken
- 2.5 tons of fresh cabbage is used for cole slaw
- Old German hand slaw cutters shred the cabbage
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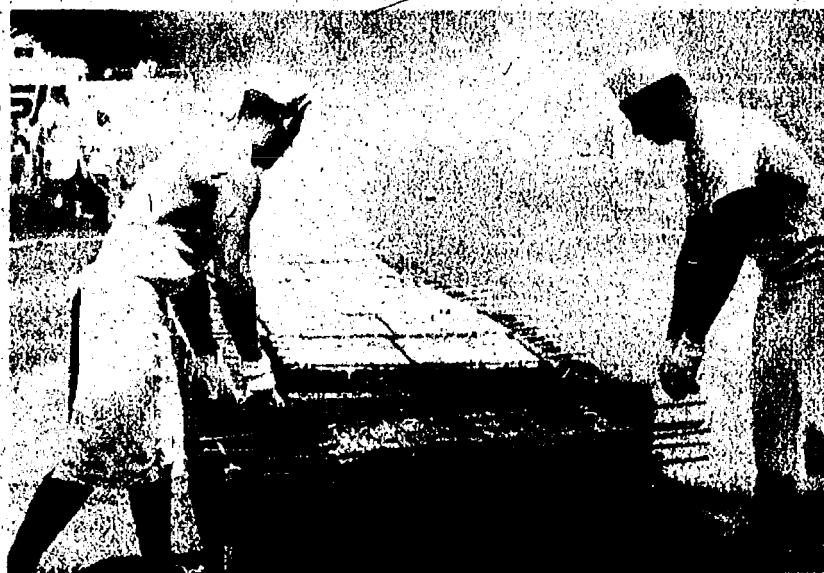
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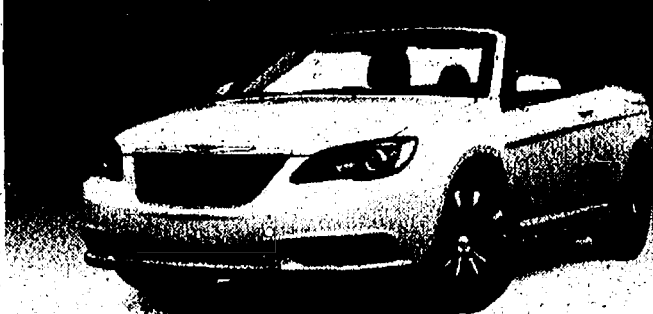
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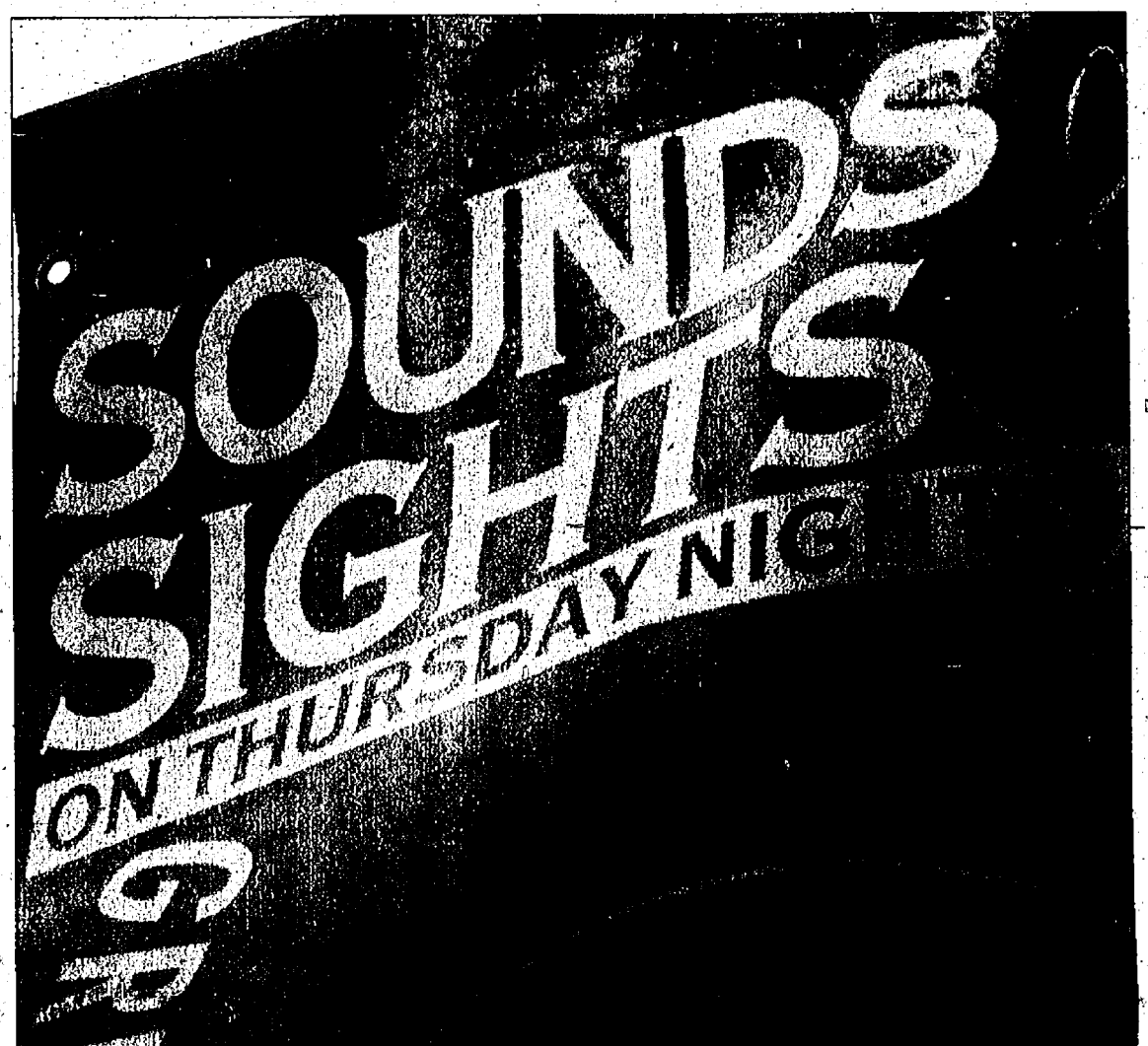
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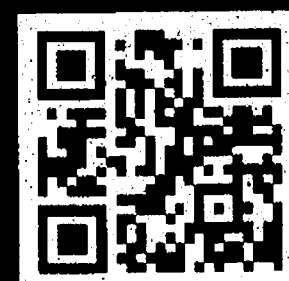
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Library to host 'Translating Homer' exhibit

Opening in the Audubon Room of the University of Michigan's Hatcher Graduate Library Aug. 9, the exhibit "Translating Homer: from Papyri to Alexander Pope" is a collaboration between the Special Collections Library and the Papyrology Library.

The display includes papyri and early printed books illustrating how the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey," two epic poems originally composed in the oral tradition, were first written down, edited, and eventually translated into the main European languages.

This journey of transmission and interpretation throughout the centuries ends with the first editions of Alexander Pope's renderings of the poems.

"Few libraries in the world could offer the opportunity to see these unique treasures that teach us about the transmission and reception of the Homeric texts over such an extended period of time, which in the case of our exhibit is from antiquity through the first decades of the 18th century," Pablo Alvarez, outreach librarian and curator in the Special Collections Library, said in a news release.

The exhibit is opening in the Audubon Room of the University of Michigan's Hatcher Graduate Library August 9.

Spanish.

The exhibit is part of the LSA Fall 2012 theme semester, Translation.

Sponsored by the College of Literature, Science and the Arts and coordinated by the Department of Comparative Literature, the Translation theme

Visitors to the exhibit will hear a series of readings from the poems in the original Greek and in several other languages, including Latin, English, Dutch and

semester continues critical and creative reflection on the interplay between languages and considers the many ways in which people translate from one discourse, discipline, medium, or culture to another.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Contexts for Classics at the University of Michigan will host a panel discussion in the Hatcher Graduate Library Gallery Sept. 24, followed by a reception to celebrate the launch of the Translation theme semester.

CFC is an interdepartmental faculty consortium that explores the reception of Greek and Roman antiquity in different historical, critical, and creative contexts.



The display includes early printed books illustrating how the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey" were first written down, edited, and eventually translated into the main European languages. Above, an illustration of cyclops from Homer's "Odyssey."



Ann Arbor's Lauren London and Saline's Roy Sexton portray star-crossed lovers, co-workers, and pen pals Amalia Balash and Georg Nowack in The Penny Seats production of the musical, "She Loves Me."

Penny Seat theater to stage 'She Loves Me'

The classic musical "She Loves Me," by a trio of Broadway's best-known creators — Sheldon Harnick, Jerry Bock and Joe Masteroff — will be staged 7 p.m. July 26 through 28, Aug. 2 through 4 and Aug. 9 through 11 at the West Park Band Shell, located between Miller and Huron streets in Ann Arbor.

In the production, two workplace rivals spend their days bickering and their nights falling in love as secret pen pals, while their quirky coworkers deal with a spate of other problems. The show is based on the play "Parfumerie," by Miklos Laszlo, which was also adapted cinematically three times:

"The Shop Around the Corner," with Jimmy Stewart and Margaret Sullivan; "In the Good Old Summertime," with Judy Garland and Van Johnson; and "You've Got Mail," with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

Ann Arbor's Lauren London and Saline's Roy Sexton portray star-crossed lovers, co-workers, and pen pals Amalia Balash and Georg Nowack in The Penny Seats production of the musical, "She Loves Me." Tickets are \$10 and \$7 for children age 12 and younger. Tickets are available online and at the gate.

For more information about the musical or for tickets, visit pennyseats.org or call 734-276-2832.

REGIONAL CALENDAR: THINGS TO DO

CHELSEA

Thursday, July 12

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

■ **"Chelsea Family Ride": Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society**
6 p.m. Thursday: Meet at Aberdeen Bike & Fitness, 1175 S. Main St. Free. 475-8203.

Friday, July 13

■ **Dressage at Waterloo**
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday: Waterloo Hunt Club, Glenn at Katz, Grass Lake. Free. 426-2088.

■ **Guided Tour: Waterloo Area Farm Museum**
1 to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday: 9998 Waterloo-Munith Road, Waterloo Recreation Area, Chelsea.

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Saturday, July 14

■ **Chelsea Farmers Market**
8 a.m. to noon: Park Street, downtown Chelsea. 475-6402.

Sunday, July 15

■ **Mr. B's Joybox Express Quartet**
2 p.m. Sunday: Chelsea District Library lawn, 221 S. Main St. Free.

Tuesday, July 17

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

DEXTER

Thursday, July 12

■ **"Fiddler on the Roof"**
7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Encore Theater, 3126 Broad St. \$28 (seniors, students, \$25; 10 or more, \$22) at the-encoretheatre.org and at the door. 288-6200.

■ **Bon Voyage, ALS: Ann Arbor Active Against ALS Fundraiser**
6 to 10 p.m. Thursday: Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard Road, Ann Arbor. \$75/one, \$125/two. www.channelforals.org.

■ **Amazing Merlin the Wizard**
11 a.m. Friday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. 426-4477.

Friday, July 13

■ **"Annie": Dexter Community Players**
7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday: Dexter Center for

the Performing Arts, Dexter High School, 2200 N. Parker Road. Ticket price to be announced. 726-0355.

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

Saturday, July 14

■ **"Kids Insect Hunt"**
11 a.m. Saturday: Ages 2 through 10. Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road. 426-8211.

■ **Bluegrass Gospel Jam Session**
6 p.m. Saturday: Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor St. Free, but donations accepted. 878-1078.

Sunday, July 15

■ **Monster Ann Arbor Record & CD Collector's Show: Wildwood Records**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday: Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road. \$3 admission (ages 10 and younger, free). For information or to reserve a table, call 1-574-329-1483.

SALINE

Thursday, July 12

■ **Summer Music Series: Cleary's Pub Session Band**
7 p.m. Thursday: South Ann Arbor Street. Free.

■ **"VB Celebrates the Grammy Awards": Saline Varsity Blues**
7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday: Saline High School, 1300 Campus Parkway. \$12. 944-3162.

Friday, July 13

■ **"R.E.A.D. with Maggie, Taffy, & Bella"**
1 to 2 p.m. Fridays: Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. Free. Preregistration

required. 429-5450.

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

■ **Saline Celtic Festival Pub in The Park**
5:30 p.m. to late evening Friday: \$5 admission; ages 12 and younger and active military personnel free. Mill Pond Park. 944-2810.

Saturday, July 14

■ **Celtic 5K Run/Walk**
8 a.m. Saturday: Registration at 7 a.m. From Saline Middle School to Mill Pond Park. Visit salineceltic.org.

■ **Saline Celtic Festival**
9 a.m. to midnight Saturday: Mill Pond Park, Saline. \$10 in advance at salineceltic.org. 944-2810.

Saline Area Players mark 40th anniversary season

This year's season marks the 40th for the Saline Area Players. The group has been providing theater for the entire family since 1973.

In addition to the musicals, drama, comedy and dinner theater that are the group's main fare, Saline Area Players has participated in such events as Santa's Village, the holiday and fair parades, Relay for Life, Rentschler Farm's Harvest Days, and the Saline Celtic Festival, to name a few.

The anniversary season will feature "Steel Magnolias," directed by Rebecca Groeb-Driskill, whose family was one of

the founding members of the group. Show dates will be Oct. 25 through 28 and auditions will be Aug. 27 through 29; "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Nov. 29 through Dec. 2; and Roald Dahl's "Willy Wonka," a musical, in spring 2013.

The Saline Area Players are currently seeking an artistic and music director for the show and inquiries should be sent to president @salineareaplayers.org.

The year will culminate with a gala event celebrating 40 years of performances with stars from the past, likely in June 2013. The community event will underscore some of the history of the group and draw on highlights from performances of years

gone by.

If you are interested in learning more about the season, check the group's website for details as they become available at www.salineareaplayers.org.

In addition, the group is looking for people who are interested in either sharing their talents or learning new ones. There are many opportunities for people interested in building sets. For those less handy with the tools, there are plenty of painting jobs available for all skill levels.

Saline Area Players also needs help with costumes, either finding clothes or sewing. Other jobs include help with publicity, selling tickets, graphic design, finding props, and working on the nights of the shows.

BRIEFS

'Varsity Blues Celebrates the Grammy Awards' coming to SHS

"Varsity Blues Celebrates the Grammy Awards" will take place 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Saline High School. Tickets at the door are \$12 and advanced tickets available for \$10 at Rhythm Dance Crew, Bemis Farms Preschool, Northstar Montessori, Saline Community Education, Capitol Cleaners and Busch's Fresh Market.

The Grammy Awards are a fitting theme for a show choir cast, with decades of hits to choose from. "I loved working with songs that spanned over 50-

years," said Pat Douglas, Varsity Blues show director. "The cast has perfected hit songs spanning the decades, a little something for everyone in the audience to recognize and enjoy. Parents like Mary Wagner are getting a kick out of it, too."

"Some of the songs are what I grew up with, so it has been fun sharing that common ground," Wagner said. Wagner's son, Collin, is in the Varsity Blues Kids Cast for the first time, and is enjoying the experience.

"It's awesome and I would encourage other kids to do it," Collin said. "My favorite part of VB is the singing and the friends you make."

More than 100 kids of all ages make up the three-tiered cast, each selected after a two-day audition

process.

"I like the varied ages," Wagner said. "Younger kids get to know the older kids, then see them throughout the community and as they advance in school."

Cast members just returned from their 2012 tour to New York City, where they performed "Wicked" at the Statue of Liberty.

"New York was amazing," said Pat Douglas, show director. "One of the best tours I have ever done." The Varsity Blues cast will be performing excerpts from "Wicked" during the "Varsity Blues Celebrates the Grammy Awards" summer show. For more information visit www.salinevarsityblues.com, email salinevarsityblues@yahoo.com.

David C. Bloom & Friends to play Sounds & Sights

David C. Bloom & Friends will return to the Chelsea Clocktower Gazebo on July 12 to perform their unique stylings of jazz standards and timeless ballads of the '30s, '40s and '50s as part of the Chelsea Sounds & Sights series.

Jazz singer David Bloom is joined by chanteuse Lori Minnick and drummer James Boyd for a memorable evening of songs by George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, Johnny Mercer, Hoagy Carmichael, Burt Bacharach, Mel Tormé and more.

Bloom got his start playing piano bar at the Roostertail Club on the Detroit River.

He met vocalist Lori Minnick when both were singing at the Chelsea Center for the Arts.

Lori and her daughters have been weaving gospel harmonies in Chelsea for years.

James Boyd rounds out the jazz trio. Boyd was featured in the recent production of "1940s Radio Hour" at the Historic Chelsea Depot in the role of drummer "Dr. Victor Sticks." Boyd swings with an old soul, but he still brings the rock & roll.

This year, David C. Bloom & Friends has completely revamped their set list to include a number of romantic duets and up-tempo medleys.

"These songs have such lyrical depth and



Local insurance professional opening All State office

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Insurance purchasers who require a more personal, direct marketing touch from their insurer will have another option in Dexter by the end of this month.

All State Insurance Agent Jennifer Johnston has leased the space formerly held by Lucky Haskin's Antiques, located in the multi-level commercial building at 8175 Main St.

Johnston is currently in the process of hiring local professionals for various positions, including sales agent, telemarketer and office manager. She is aim-

ing for being opened by July 31 so her staff can begin quoting on Aug. 1 and providing coverage the following Sept. 1.

"By late summer, we will be offering the full line of All State Insurance products, including life, home and car insurance, as well as ancillary products such as antique car insurance, motorcycle, commercial business liability insurance — we'll have the full gamut of product lines," Johnston said.

Insurance is a family business for Johnston, who has lived in the Dexter area for a decade off and on, until her former employer

restructured and required her to travel around the state less often. She grew up in Chesaning — a small town in Michigan similar to Dexter.

"My father was in the insurance industry while we lived there and has been in it for 30 years until retiring just last year," Johnston said, adding jokingly that her dad worked for a competitor of All State's.

Johnston said she is excited to be doing business in Dexter, particularly after seeing firsthand how the community handled the tornado crisis last March and the following days and weeks of mutually supportive recovery effort.

"I didn't get to see that much until things changed in my previous career and I could settle down more, get involved more in the community and the schools ... and then the tornado came and seeing everyone pull together and provide support for each other felt right," she said. "This is how things should work — how they need to work."

Johnston began seeking commercial property last April and prepared to put "every single penny (she) owns" forward into the All State venture, unsure of whether she wanted to be located in the downtown district with many other retail

businesses. Ultimately, the decision was made based on the historic qualities of the downtown and the 8175 Main St. building in particular, in the basement of which the Dexter Leader was once printed by the Leonard family decades ago.

Johnston said that she is proud to be entering a market where she will be in competition with "great company" like Palmer Insurance, the locally-entrenched State Farm agent network and the local AAA office.

"I think what will set us apart is our claim satisfaction guarantee ... we're not going to be the

least expensive option, but we make sure our customers are covered and are informed about your products by our locally-hired and trained staff of professionals," Johnston said, adding that she believes in hiring from within the community so there's added incentive to make sure the customers, her agents' friends and neighbors, are satisfied and taken care of.

"I want myself and my people to be accountable ... when people deal with us, I want them to know they're dealing with Dexter."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, July 12

■ St. Joseph Parish hosts a Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Center, 3450 Dover St. in Dexter. Visit www.stjosephfestival.com for more information.

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

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

■ Sounds & Sights begins at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Chelsea. Tonight's performance features: Motor City Outlaws (southern rock) at the Chelsea District Library. The Sarah Swanson Band at the South Street Tent, 3 Generations Entertainment (balloons) at Main Street Alley, Daniel Micoff the East Alley, New Blues Street Project at East Middle, Open Mic at the Total Fitness Lot, View at the Sylvan Courtyard, The Moxie Strings at the Glazier Building, David C. Bloom & Friends (jazz) at the Clocktower Gazebo, Eric the Juggler at the Clocktower Courtyard and a film at dusk provided by SRSly Cinema. The featured film is "Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief," rated PG. For more info about Sounds & Sights visit chelseafestivals.com.

Friday, July 13

■ St. Joseph Parish hosts a Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Center, 3450 Dover St. in Dexter. Visit www.stjosephfestival.com for more information.

■ The Amazing Merlin the Wizard will be at the Dexter District Library at 11 a.m. with magic and mystery for Friday the 13th. This show is all ages and has audience participation.

■ Make a mini catapult and compete against other builders at 2 p.m. at the Dexter District Library. This program is for youths in fifth through 12th grade. Registration is required.

■ It's Friday night movie

ing for being opened by July 31 so her staff can begin quoting on Aug. 1 and providing coverage the following Sept. 1.

Saturday, July 14

■ St. Joseph Parish hosts a Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Center, 3450 Dover St. in Dexter. Visit www.stjosephfestival.com for more information.

■ Larry Martin's World War II in their own words is at the Dexter District Library at 10 a.m. Pearl Harbor survivor and Normandy D-Day invasion veteran Colon McKenzie will speak.

■ The Friends of the Chelsea District Library hold a book sale at 10 a.m. at the library.

■ The Chelsea District Library hosts the Artist in Residence Screening Series with Martin Thoburn at 10:30 a.m. Martin will lead the audience through a visual record of how his creative process and technique have developed and changed through his career.

Sunday, July 15

■ Join the Chelsea District Library for Mr. B's Joybox Express at 2 p.m. Mr. B is riding from Chelsea to Ann Arbor on his custom-made piano bike, but he will perform at the library before heading out. If you are interested in riding along with Mr. B on the library's team or would like to raise funds, please contact Karen Persello, 475-8732, ext. 212.

■ Get 1-on-1 Computer Help at the Chelsea District Library at 3 p.m.

Monday, July 16

■ Learn the fundamentals of filmmaking with Sharad Kant Patel at the Chelsea Center for the Arts from 1-4 p.m. This two-day program is for youths 12-15. Register at the Chelsea District Library's website by visiting chelsea.lib.mi.us. The program continues Tuesday, July 17 at the same time.

■ Come watch "Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked" at 1 p.m. at

the Dexter District Library. The movie rated G with a runtime of 87 minutes.

■ 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.

■ Learn the fundamentals of filmmaking with Sharad Kant Patel at the Chelsea Center for the Arts from 6-9 p.m. This two-day program is for adults and teens 16 and up. Register at the Chelsea District Library's website by visiting chelsea.lib.mi.us. The program continues Tuesday, July 17 at the same time.

Tuesday, July 17

■ The Dexter District Library is hosting a MarioKart Tournament for ages 6 and up from 11 a.m. to noon. Win prizes and refreshments.

■ Get 1-on-1 Computer Help at the Chelsea District Library at 1 p.m.

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

■ The Chelsea District Library holds its board meetings at 6:45 p.m.

■ The Dexter District Library hosts late night munchies for teens at 7 p.m. Teens can make and sample tasty treats. Registration is required.

Wednesday, July 18

■ Super Stories book-themed discussion group for kids in kindergarten through second grade meets at the Dexter District Library at 11 a.m.

■ The Chelsea District Library hosts Super Special Summer Storytime: Fairy Tales at 11 a.m.

■ It's Summer Reading Wild Wednesdays at the Chelsea District Library at 2 p.m. This week will feature Jerzy Drozd, who will give kids three random headlines from the newspaper, three random objects and be challenged to create an eight-page comic.

■ Grow Your Own

Business One-on-One is held at the Chelsea District Library at 3 p.m.

■ Learn natural therapies for hot flashes with Nia Aguirre, naturopathic doctor, exercise specialist and herbalist at the Sylvan Building at 6 p.m. This free discussion will talk about several ways to control or eliminate hot flashes naturally. The Sylvan Building is at 114 N. Main St. in Chelsea. Call 734-883-7513 or email niaaguirre@aol.com to make a reservation.

Thursday, July 19

■ The Creature Conservancy presents: Creatures of the Night, an educational, live, nocturnal, hands-on animal program for those in fifth through 12th grade at 11 a.m. at the Dexter District Library.

■ The Dexter District Library hosts Better of Read Book Club for adults at 2 p.m. Registration required.

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

■ Sounds & Sights begins at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Chelsea. Tonight's performance features: Rhythm on a Stick Steel Drum Band at the Chelsea District Library, Los Dinos del Norte at the South Street Tent, 3 Generations Entertainment (balloons) at Main Street Alley, Kari Holmes at the East Alley, Storm Front at the Glazier Building, Open Mic at the Total Fitness Lot, Tapestry the Sylvan Courtyard, Dorkestra with Dancers at East Middle, The Nomads at the Clocktower, Gazebo, Boyer the Magic Guy at the Clocktower Courtyard and a film at dusk provided by SRSly Cinema. The featured film is "The Devil Wears Prada," rated PG-13. For more info about Sounds & Sights visit chelseafestivals.com.

Friday, July 20

■ St. Joseph Festival holds its Kickoff Concert featuring Broadway Yesterday & Today with Broadway classics from your favorite shows, featuring Linn

Maxwell and Diane Penning. The program cost \$20, starts at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 6805 Mast Road, at the corner of Mast and North Territorial roads. Visit www.stjosephfestival.com for more information.

■ It's teen night at the St. Joseph Festival grounds with pizza and pop, inflatable games, door prizes all included in a \$5 entry. The festival is at 6805 Mast Road, at the corner of Mast and North Territorial roads from 6-10 p.m. Visit www.stjosephfestival.com for more information.

Saturday, July 21

■ The annual St. Joseph Parish Festival starts at noon today and ends at 10:30 p.m. The event is free to enter and features a classic car show, great food, music, inflatable games, kids' events and more, 6805 Mast Road, at the corner of Mast and North Territorial roads. Visit www.stjosephfestival.com for more information.

■ The fourth annual 5K Steeple Chase Race starts at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Festival, 6805 Mast Road, at the corner of Mast and North Territorial roads. Events for all ages & abilities with registration opening at 5 p.m. Visit www.stjosephfestival.com for more information.

Sunday, July 22

WOODY ALLEN
ALEC BALDWIN
ROBERTO BENIGNI
PENÉLOPE CRUZ
JUDY DAVIS
JESSE EISENBERG
GRETA GERWIG
ELLEN PAGE

■ The annual St. Joseph Parish Festival starts at noon today and ends at 6 p.m. The event is free to enter and features a chicken broil, great food, music, inflatable games, kids' events and more, at 6805 Mast Road, at the corner of Mast and North Territorial roads. Visit www.stjosephfestival.com for more information.

Sunday, July 22

■ St. Joseph Parish Festival hosts the fifth annual ice cream eating contest at 6805 Mast Road, at the corner of Mast and North Territorial roads. The event is free and is at 3 p.m.

Ongoing

■ The Dexter Garden Club meets 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month September through May at the Dexter Senior Center. Each month features a different speaker or event.

■ The Chelsea Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Chelsea Community Hospital's private dining room "A."

■ Learn women's self defense every Wednesday from 8-9 p.m. at Commando Krav Maga, 14495 N. Territorial Road, in Chelsea. A class is \$5. Call 734-904-5003 for more information.

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Ann Arbor Art Fair 2012

Events on Fountain Stage

The Fountain Stage, located on Ingalls Mall between East Washington Street and North University, showcases an eclectic mix of music and performances, with more than 20 acts throughout the four days of the Ann Arbor Art Fairs July 18 through 21.

The Fountain Stage is made possible through the support of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Wednesday, July 18

- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Arts in Motion Dance & Music Studio
- Noon to 1 p.m.
Carillon Bells
- 1 to 2 p.m.
O'Hare Irish Dance
- 2 to 3 p.m.
The Moxie Strings
- 3 to 4 p.m.
Match by Match
- 4 to 5 p.m.
Roland Remington
- 5 to 6 p.m.
Jazz: Michael Malis Trio
- 6 to 7 p.m.
Fiddlers ReStrung

Thursday, July 19

- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Dark Eyed Molly
- Noon to 1 p.m.
Carillon Bells
- 1 to 2 p.m.
Pianist, vocalist Amy Saari
- 2 to 3 p.m.
Gwenyth Hayes Trio
- 3 to 4 p.m.

Art Activity Zone at Art Fairs

Located on Ingalls Mall, off of Washington Street, between Thayer and Fletcher, this area is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 18 through 21. Open to all ages and free. Presented by PNC Bank

- Puppets: Make a Butterfly Marionette
By Detroit Institute of the Arts
- Make a Sculptural Relief "Creatingness' Great Reward"
By Museum of

Washtenaw Community College Dancers

- 4 to 5 p.m.
Cottonwood Cloggers
- 5 to 6 p.m.
The Shane Reaction
- 6 to 7 p.m.
EMU Jazz Combo

Friday, July 20

- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Raul Tabachnek
- Noon to 1 p.m.
Carillon Bells
- 1 to 2 p.m.
Daycroft Treble Makers
- 2 to 3 p.m.
No Excuses
- 3 to 4 p.m.
Brian Rizzardi
- 4 to 5 p.m.
Kate Monaghan
- 5 to 6 p.m.
Timothy Monger
- 6 to 7 p.m.
Tracy Kash Thomas

Saturday, July 21

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Olivia Loyd
- Noon to 1 p.m.
Carillon Bells
- 1 to 2 p.m.
U of M Ballroom Dance Team
- 2 to 3 p.m.
Hoaloa Polynesian Dance Group
- 3 to 4 p.m.
Hoodang
- 4 to 5 p.m.
Dan King & The Blueberry Incident

Shutterbugs Walt and Ruth Pinkus say farewell after 39 years

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Walt and Ruth Pinkus will do their last Ann Arbor Art Fair, July 18 through 21, after 39 continuous years. "We've been selling our photography at art fairs since 1974. During that time, we've done perhaps 500 to 600 fairs. I lost track of the exact numbers long ago," said Ruth Pinkus, the Michigan reporter from 1979 through 2002 for Sunshine Artists, a magazine for artists who sell at fairs.

The pair will miss their old lifestyle. "When you do art fairs, it's your whole life. Your friends are the people you know on the circuit, and art fairs are what you talk about," Ruth Pinkus said. "Between fairs you work constantly, much longer hours than any employee would tolerate. Just getting out to go to the supermarket becomes an event." Going to fairs, as strenuous as that is, is a break from the daily grind, she said. "If things go well, if the



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weather is cooperative and sales are good, you come home happy. When things go wrong at least you have a

story to tell." Do they ever. In Toledo, they endured a 100-degree day and the artist behind

them passed out in his booth. Amazingly, people

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Samuel Yoa won Best of Show last year



By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Artisan Samuel Yoa, owner of Evergreen Gallery on North Maple Road in Ann Arbor, has taken part in the Ann Arbor State Street Art Fair since 1991. Last year he won the Best of Show Award with his sculptural palm baskets hand woven with materials from fallen palm tree fronds blown down by the wind. A native of Taiwan,

the former social worker became a professional artist 26 years ago. He has two studios - his home base in Ann Arbor and a winter studio in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He will return July 18 through 21 to the Ann Arbor Art Fairs.

Most of the palm materials come from the southern states, especially Florida, and Yoa uses many different varieties of palms in

his baskets. Each has a different texture, shape, color and design that provide a unique combination, and he utilizes the palm inflorescence, seed fronds and the flower stalks.

"I try to combine the traditional weaving technique with contemporary designs and forms to create an entirely new style," he says. "It's very satisfying to make something people love."

His award-winning work, garnering more than 200 national and regional awards, has been featured in art shows and exhibits across the country, including the Cherry Creek Art Festival, St. Louis Art Fair, Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show, Chicago American Crafts Exposition and Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.

His work is also showcased in the Permanent Collection of the University of Michigan

Cardiovascular Center in Ann Arbor.

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INTERMEDIATE

Deb's Fish Market showcases whimsical fish-inspired pottery

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Potter Deb Cocoros, whose whimsical Deb's Fish Market display at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs will offer fish-inspired pots that grew out of her passion for scuba diving, has been doing some form of art all of her life, starting with making clay elephants in kindergarten and earning a

ceramics merit badge in Girl Scouts in the sixth grade.

But it wasn't until completing her undergraduate and master's degree in special education from the University of Michigan and then teaching school for 27 years in Plymouth that she finally returned to her passion for clay.

She received an art degree from Eastern

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still came out in droves. "I thought they were crazy," Pinkus said.

The couple has set up twice during hurricanes and once in 106-degree heat on a blacktop parking lot in Chicago, while Pinkus was suffering from food poisoning. They have been through two floods, severe windstorms and a small tornado that totaled their booth.

At one fair, they had to carry everything across a fast-flowing river of mud two feet deep. On another occasion they arrived at a fair in Pennsylvania, set in a large tent and were told to come back the next day as a hurricane was expected that night. They returned to find the tent flat on the ground in a sea of mud. Since the tent company declined to re-erect it, artists put it up themselves.

"Unlike the company, we had no cranes, but some 100 people can do the work of a crane or two if necessary," Pinkus said. "By the end of that exercise, we were all

so covered with mud, we couldn't recognize one another."

The weather wasn't the only challenge. The couple's van broke down on more than one occasion, and once they were towed the last 60 miles.

"We met interesting people and friendly people and obnoxious people," Pinkus said.

They even met Al Gore shopping at a fair in Nashville, an hour before Hurricane Rita closed the event down.

One customer called Pinkus at midnight to tell her about her divorce. A religious zealot once tried to set up shop in the booth, and belly dancers in Bloomington, Ind., spread a rug in front of the booth and gave a performance.

Bad checks were sometimes a problem, but the pair eventually collected on most, sometimes with the help of police.

"Two people gave us bad credit cards and then tried to run off with the picture before we could call in the transaction, but both times I held the package tightly until they gave up," Pinkus

said. "We were never robbed at gunpoint, but we knew exhibitors who were."

"We'll miss the stimulation, but not the crises."

The couple's first time at a fair was the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair in 1974, after the fair had just opened a section on Main Street.

"We shared a space with one of Walt's co-workers at the University's Space Physics Lab, where he worked for 32 years, until he retired in 1996," Pinkus said. "Spaces cost \$10, and we rented half his space for \$5 for the four days. We made \$79 and thought we'd gotten rich."

The following year, the pair got their own space.

"There was no jurying, no standards, and not even a membership requirement," Pinkus said. "We stood in line outside the Michigan Union for three days, taking turns to hold our spot in line, sleeping in a lawn chair at night."

The couple got a space on East University and kept it for six years. When that section moved to State Street in 1980, they got a spot across from the Michigan

Union, their annual spot ever since.

After the first few fairs, the two never looked back.

"Traveling and taking pictures had been Walt's hobby since he was too young to remember and had become mine as well when we married in 1967," Pinkus said.

Active in the Ann Arbor Camera Club, the two shot extensively for club meetings and competitions. But it never occurred to them they could make money by taking pictures.

"At first, we thought we might make enough to pay for our film. Then we thought we might be able to pay for our travel as well," Pinkus said. "Finally we realized this could actually become a substantial part of our total income."

After three or four years, the pair was doing 18 to 22 fairs a year and remained at that level through 2007.

The couple has featured shots from trips, usually to places with old buildings, their primary subject matter. A few times they traveled to places requested by customers — such as two trips to Ireland.

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After a planned trip to Italy was derailed by an earthquake, they turned to Malta, which became their favorite spot.

"It had wonderful photo opportunities at every turn and was virtually crime-free, so we felt free to shoot at night and in places far from the usual tourist haunts," Pinkus said.

The two were the only photographers on the circuit with images of Malta. "People of Maltese descent descended on us in droves," Pinkus said. "One lady, having heard of us via the grapevine, bustled into the booth and announced, 'I want one of every picture from Malta.'"

Since that would run about \$5,000, the customer made a smaller selection,

and spent \$500, saying she would be back for more.

"But we never saw her again," Pinkus said. "I've imagined her arriving at home to a husband who exclaimed, 'You spent five hundred dollars on what?'"

After buying a retirement home in Arizona in 2008, the couple cut back on fairs. Since this coincided with the onset of the Great Recession, their income from fairs fell drastically.

"Between that factor and our age, which has made this strenuous life in horrendous weather increasingly difficult, we're now down to one fair this year — Ann Arbor of course," Pinkus said. They hope to do a few smaller fairs at a cooler time of year.

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Michigan University with a concentration in ceramics, studying under two well-known local potters, Suzanne Stevenson and Tom Phardel. She then joined the Ann Arbor Potters Guild and has been working in clay for well over 25 years.

The Potters Guild non-profit cooperative, in Ann Arbor for 62 years, has about 45 active members and offers classes two nights a week during fall and winter.

"It's a wonderful facility

to work in surrounded by skilled artists," Cocoros said.

The guild holds two annual sales, in December and in the spring. Members can choose to participate in the art fair. The guild has been a part of the Original Art Fair since it started 52 years ago, and its booth is on the steps of Hill Auditorium.

"The art fair is exciting because it's four days of displaying one's work to the public," Cocoros said. "There are so many different people, from corporate buyers to students, just looking at the art."

"The weather is always a challenge. One can always

count on some rain, some wind and at least one sunny day. One year we ended up in the basement of the U of M's League due to a tornado, and last year it was so hot people had to use kitchen hot pads to pick up our pots."

This is Cocoros' seventh year in the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, set July 18 through 21.

"I've been anxiously getting ready for months," she said. "I never tire of walking through the door of the studio in the morning to make pots. Walking into the guild is like walking into heaven for me."

Cocoro enjoys making functional ware, pots that

people will use every day, and also likes making art people can use to decorate their homes. She makes a lot of raku-fired tiles and thrown pieces that she frames. The majority of this work is made out of stoneware or porcelain.

"My art can be serious and my art can be whimsical," she said. "My work is inspired by my life — my family, my friends, my travels, my beliefs and, most importantly, my heart and soul. I'm a potter because I love clay and have to create. My heart sings when I'm in the studio."



Potter Deb Cocoro will offer fish-inspired pots that grew out of her passion for scuba diving

Artist will showcase underwater series of paintings

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Ann Arbor artist Suzanne Beutler will exhibit, July 18 through 21 at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, her underwater series of paintings that were published in the June issue of American Art Collector magazine.

"I have four underwater paintings in it and a statement about the paintings," she said. "The editors were very interested in my work, since they heard my story about diving in the Red Sea when I was 80 years old, taking underwater photography and then coming home to paint a series of oil paintings from that photography. I'm a member of the Oil Painters of America, and the editors were entertaining us at our national meeting."

Beutler, who taught in Ann Arbor Public Schools for 30 years, was initially trained as an artist, but after her own children were in school, decided she wanted to be a teacher.

After many years of teaching, she returned to her life as an artist, enrolling in the University of Michigan School of Art and Design, where she completed a bachelor's degree in fine arts degree in 2000, and a master's degree in painting in 2003.



Beutler has participated in local artist organizations and exhibited her work in a number of local shows and exhibitions, including the Ypsilanti Historical Museum, University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor Public Library, Burns Park Senior Center, Pierpont Commons, Duderstadt Gallery, Kerrytown Concert House, Michigan League, First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor City Club, Ann Arbor Women Artists, Ann Arbor Art Center and more.

"My paintings are about people and places in my life," she says in her artist's statement. "I paint with a purpose, just as I have written manuscripts in the past. My paintings express what's compelling to me, where I've been in the world and what I really care about at a particular time. I enjoy using many bright, joyous colors in an intense way."

"My underwater series uses information from photos I took while I was scuba diving in the Caribbean Sea. My goal is to continue recreating the surprise and enchantment that I felt the first time I went diving and to share these wonders with others."

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Healthy and delicious snacks for kids

When it comes to snacks, the best options are those that combine great taste with good nutrition. With some simple tweaks, it can be easy for parents to provide an enjoyable snack that also delivers the essential nutrients kids need. Here are a few tips for your next snack time.

Get creative. Play with the shapes and texture of fruits and vegetables to make them more appealing to children. Slice apples or other fruits into thin sections and then use a cookie cutter to make animal or flower shapes. Also, try adding vegetables, such as spinach or carrots, to fruit smoothies; this will provide a boost of nutrients without impacting the fruity flavor.

Try a twist on the traditional. Make everyday fruits exciting by freezing them or pairing them with dipping sauces. Grapes are a perfect warm weather snack when frozen, and both peanut butter and yogurt are protein-rich dips for apples and bananas.

Keep it simple. Make it easy to eat healthy foods by keeping convenient options on hand. Encourage children to eat vegetables with all-natural products, such as Dr. Praeger's Little's. These bite-size veggie pancakes come in fun shapes,

are gluten-free, and are available in several varieties. If you are trying to get more protein in your kids' diets, check out Fishies from Dr. Praeger's. These bite-size minced fish nuggets can quickly and easily be cooked and served with a dipping sauce.

Let them choose. Make sure you always have a variety of snack choices available, and try to include your kids in the decision-making process. Children are more likely to eat healthy foods if they get to help choose and prepare them.

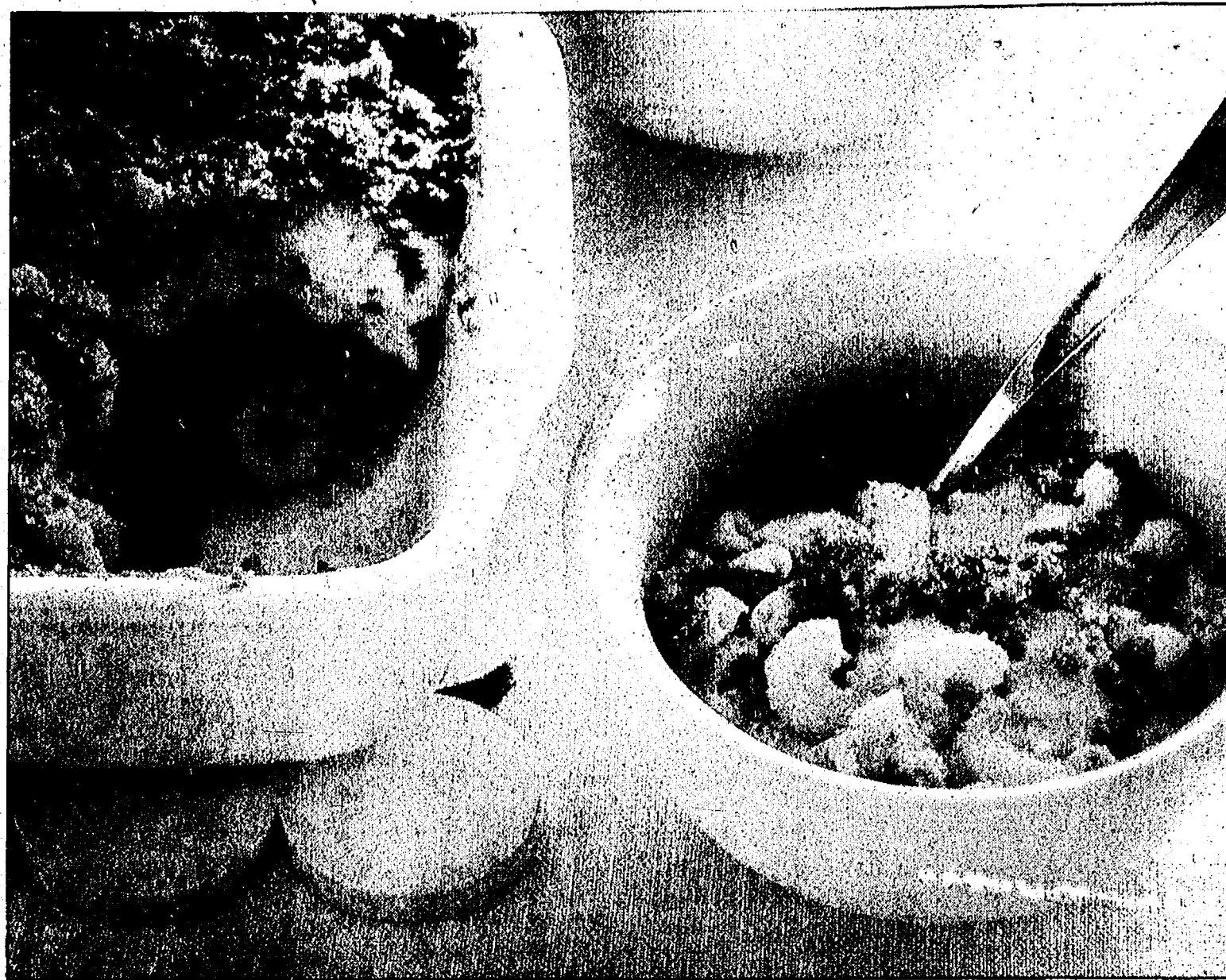
Lead by example. If your child sees you making healthy eating decisions and opting for wholesome foods, they are more likely to do the same. Show your kids that you eat the same foods you prepare for them and they'll be more willing to try those foods as well.

For more kid-friendly snacking tips and recipes like this veggie-filled mac and cheese, visit www.drpraegers.com.

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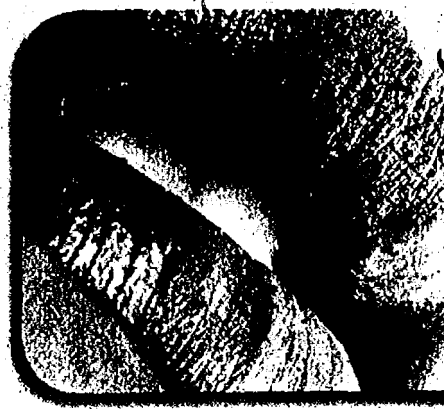
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A legal description, for the parcel and proposed plans for the area are available for review at Pittsfield Charter Township Administration Building, in the Clerks' office, and may be examined until the date of hearing, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Decedent's Estate
File No. 2012-581-DE

Estate of Linda Marlene Goble, deceased
Date of birth: 7/4/1952

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Linda Marlene Goble, died 4/15/2012.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. PRP-12-506-DE

Estate of June M. Berns. Date of birth: 03/13/45.

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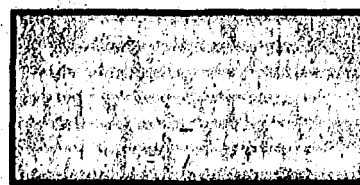
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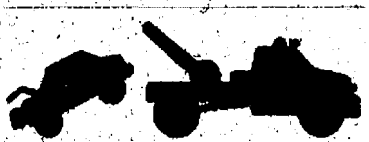
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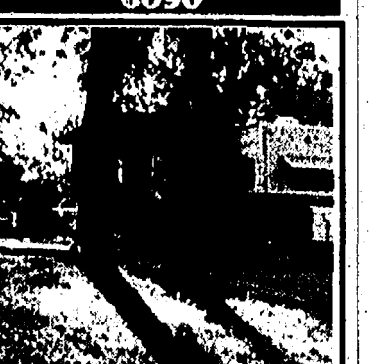
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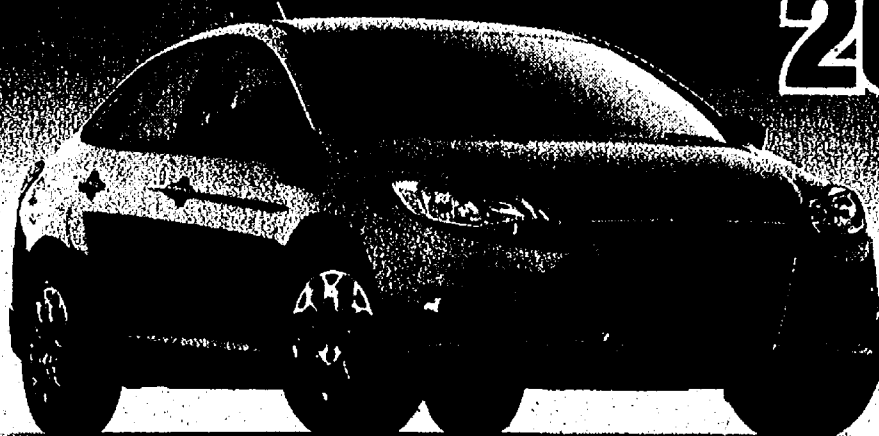
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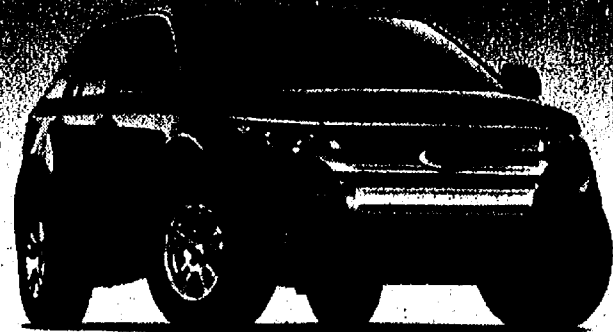
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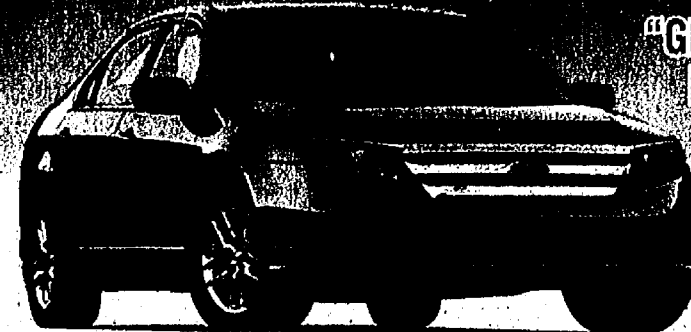
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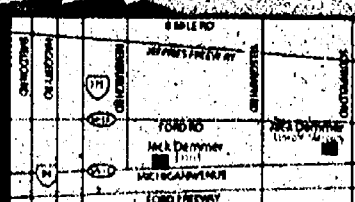
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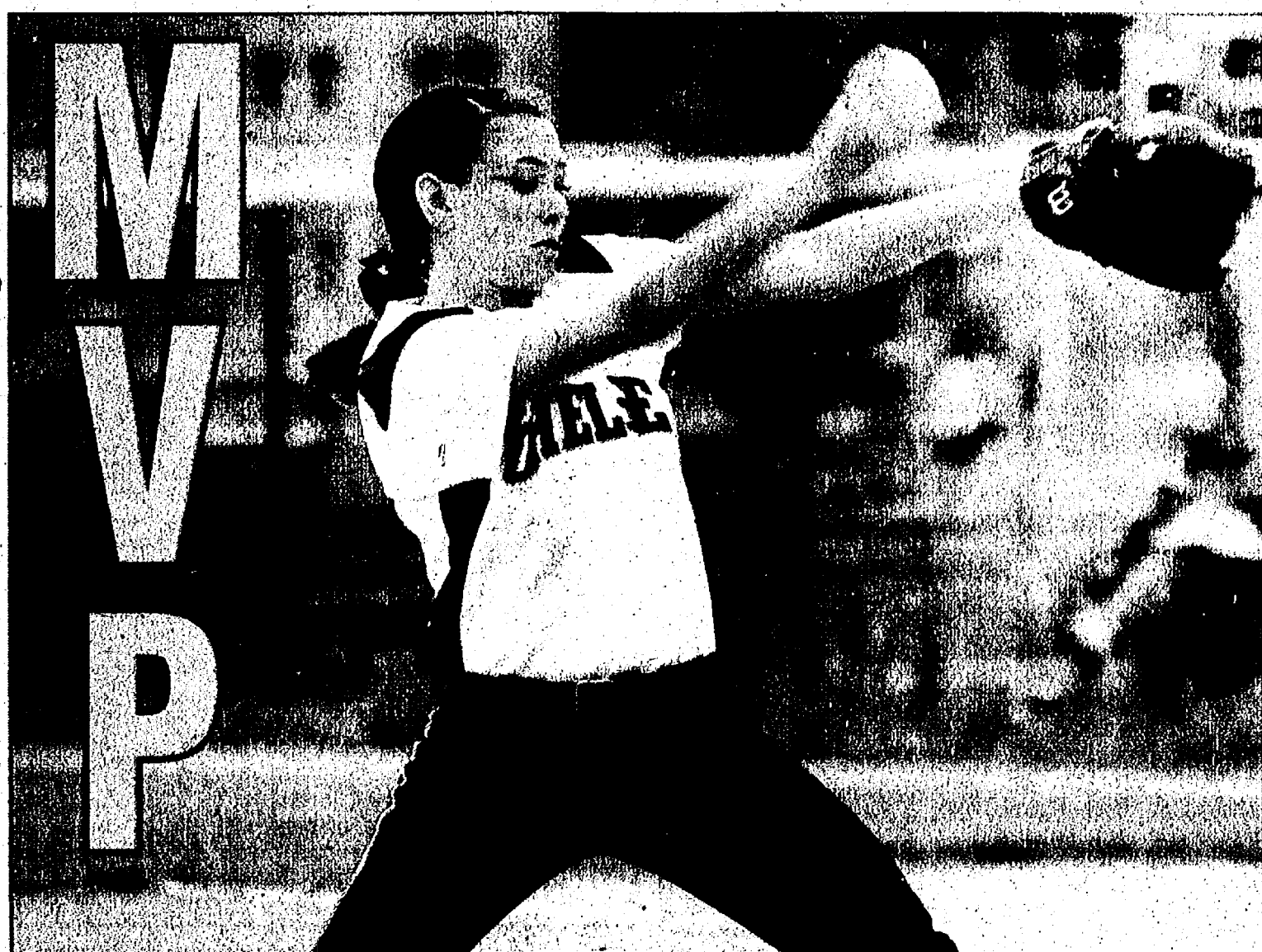


Photo by Terry Jacoby

Chelsea senior Taylor Hansen could bring the heat, posting an impressive 53-8 record in three seasons.

Taylor-Made success: Hansen goes 53-8 in three years in the circle

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

Opposing batters had to deal with Taylor Hansen's explosive "rise" ball. But they also had to deal with an experienced pitcher and a tenacious athlete who threw every pitch with everything she had.

The numbers – we will get to them in a moment – are impressive, but what separated Hansen was the way in which she approached and perfected her craft. She wasn't very tall or big, but when she stood in that circle she demanded the batter's respect. And when she placed that ball on her hip and stared in for the sign from catcher Carley Wooster, the batter in the box knew what was coming – Hansen's very best.

"She was just a great competitor and hard worker," Chelsea coach Bob Moffett said. "She was a three-year varsity player who improved every year and that's because of how hard she worked in the off-season. She also was a good leader."

The Bulldogs had a great team with high expectations heading into the postseason but were knocked off by a talented Tecumseh team in districts. Still, it doesn't diminish a season worth of accomplishments and great memories.

And no one understands that better than Hansen, selected as Heritage Media's Most Valuable Player for the 2012 season.

"Even though our season did not

end as I had hoped, I feel that it was still overall a great season considering we only had two losses until districts," Hansen said.

"Unfortunately, we picked a bad time to not have a great game in our district loss. I think about it often and wish I could go back to that day."

"I know I had high expectations for us considering how well we had done in the season."

The Bulldogs were far from a one-player team. In softball, a great pitcher can put a team on her back and carry the entire club to the mountain top. But the Bulldogs were a team in every sense of the word.

It was a team Hansen thoroughly enjoyed being a part of and helping lead them to another big season.

"Taking off the Chelsea jersey for the last time was very difficult for me," she said. "The hardest part was knowing that we as a team could have played better with the talent that we had and been more successful in the postseason when it really mattered."

The numbers Hansen put up this season were staggering.

She finished with a 19-2 record and a 0.98 earned-run average. In 121 innings of work, she racked up 165



Taylor Hansen
Senior

Position: Pitcher / 2B
Pitching record: 19-2
Earned-run avg.: 0.98
Strikeouts/walks: 165/16
Batting average: .491
RBIs: 17

Chelsea
Bulldogs



strikeouts and only walked 16 batters. In her three years wearing the Chelsea jersey, Hansen posted a 53-8 record from the circle.

An All-SEC first team selection, Hansen also was an outstanding hitter. She hit third in the talented Chelsea lineup and batted .491 with 54 RBIs and 17 extra base hits. She had a .718 slugging percentage and played second base when not pitching.

"Looking back, one of my biggest highlights in high school softball was pitching the second game of the double header against Tecumseh my sophomore year and beating them," she said. "Chelsea had not beaten the Indians in seven years prior to that game. Another highlight for me was helping the team win their first district title in seven years last year."

Hansen will take her great passion for the game and skills to the next level – the Division 1 level. She will attend the University of North Dakota in the fall where she will play softball and study physical therapy.

"I am very excited for next year to be playing softball at the University

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Coach of the Year

Dexter's Whitley brings football passion into Dreads' dugout

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

One visit to a Dexter softball game would be enough to understand the passion Mark Whitley has for his team.

After coaching the junior varsity team, Whitley took over a varsity program that wasn't exactly thriving and not only helped make the Dreads competitive, but a force in the very tough SEC.

"This group of girls fought to the end of every game whether winning or losing," he said. "We had 17 wins and 9 losses by one run. I think the future for Dexter softball is a bright one. I think one of the keys to our future success is the foundation that has been put in place with Dexter Little League, Dexter Hurricanes Fastpitch travel ball, and the Michigan Moxie travel ball."

Whitley brought his competitive fire from years on the football sidelines to the softball dugout and his players responded. The players seemed to not only enjoy his enthusiasm but feed off of it, never giving up and always giving 100 percent.

"This was a great first year experience for myself, which I enjoyed," he said. "The strengths of the team were speed mixed with power, and a tremendous respect for myself, their school, their community and themselves. I believe we are set to turn it up another notch especially with the underclassman coming up off a 27 win season. One thing is for sure, we'll play hard to the final out and that's all I can ask."

What really makes Whitley an outstanding coach is his positive attitude. He never gets down on his players. He can find the positive in almost any situation and only asks that his players give maximum effort.

The Dreads finished 17-15 on the season, taking third place in the SEC White.

Highlights included a game-one victory over Tecumseh, a sweep of Ypsilanti and wins on the road at Monroe, Adrian and Jackson Northwest.

"One big win out of conference that stood out was beating Warren Woods Tower who were 17-2 at the time," Whitley said. "We had one loss that stood out as a positive losing to powerhouse and always a state playoff contender, Lakeland 6-5 in a game that could have gone either way."

Whitley accomplished this with a very young team that is willing to do anything to return Dexter to softball glory.



Photo by Terry Jacoby

Dexter coach Mark Whitley's positive and enthusiastic approach to coaching helped turned the Dexter Dreads into a solid team this past season.

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Brooke Lupi, Dexter

A sophomore, Brooke batted .447 with 5 HR, three triples and 11 doubles. She had 35 RBIs and scored 38 runs. She was first team all-league SEC White, first team all-district and first team all-region. "Brooke is a tremendous CF/catcher that can hurt you with her bat, glove or her arm. Brooke is one of the best athletes I've had the pleasure of coaching," said Dexter coach Mark Whitley.



Savannah Krull, Dexter

A sophomore, Savannah batted .460 with 2 HR, five triples and 10 doubles. She had 25 RBIs and scored 26 runs. She was first team all-league SEC White and first team all-district. "Savannah is a great defensive second baseman who can hit for power and average," Whitley said. "Savannah's work ethic with mechanics drives this offensive threat."



Michelle Motevler, Dexter

A junior CF/catcher, Michelle batted .389 with 30 base hits and five extra base hits, along with 17 RBIs. She was All-league SEC White honorable mention. "Michelle can bat from both sides of the plate and is an excellent contact hitter from the No. 9 slot," Whitley said.



Cheyenne Brierley, Milan

A senior, Brierley was already established as an offensive player, and her .400 batting average and 19 RBIs proved that again this season. However, Brierley found herself in an unusual position, as she was called upon to take over as the team's ace. She excelled there as well, sporting a 2.40 ERA with 101 strikeouts. "She's a phenomenal player," Milan coach Stacey Hears said. "She can play anywhere." The senior will play at Eastern Michigan next year.



Dray Garrett, Milan

A senior third baseman, Garrett had to adapt to moving to a new position this season. For Garrett, the move from catcher to third base was an easy transition. "She did awesome at third base having never played that before," Milan coach Stacey Hears said. "Hardly anything got by her. She has a great arm." Garrett hit .356 with 17 RBIs and a home run for the Big Reds.



Kirsten Plasters, Milan

A senior outfielder, Plasters was a menace both offensively and defensively. The outfielder hit .309 and contributed 15 RBIs while keeping opposing baserunners in check. "She's an awesome outfielder," Milan coach Stacey Hears said. "She's got a great arm. She's very quick in the outfield." Plasters will play for Concordia University next year.



Anna Hargrove, Milan

A senior first baseman, Hargrove was a dangerous defender at first base and made it that much harder for opponents to reach on ground balls. "She does a great job at first," Milan coach Stacey Hears said. "She pretty much scoops up everything. She's got a great glove." Hargrove hit .367 and added 13 RBI.



Courtney Craig, Milan

A senior catcher, Craig was another Big Red asked to move positions. She came out of her spot in the outfield last season and took over behind the dish this year. "She did a great job behind home plate," Milan coach Stacey Hears said. "She definitely stepped it up." Craig hit .286 with 18 RBIs for the Big Reds.



Kaylee Harmon, Saline

The sophomore outfielder batted leadoff for the Hornets and hit .416 with 14 RBIs. "She did a great job slapping the ball and hitting for power," Saline coach Alicia Seegert said. Harmon also swiped eight bases and drew 12 walks this season. She was also named to the MHSSCA All-State honorable mention team.



Laura Vaccaro, Saline

Only a sophomore, Vaccaro shared time in the circle and also played shortstop. She batted .529 with 24 doubles and 65 RBIs. In the circle, she was 14-4 with a 2.34 ERA while striking out 106. "She was extremely consistent," Saline coach Alicia Seegert said. "She played where you put her." Vaccaro was also named to the MHSSCA All-State team.



Kristina Zalewski, Saline

The junior pitcher had a 0.77 ERA with a 171 strikeouts in her 108 and two-thirds innings of work and won 14 games for the Hornets. "She's a work horse," Seegert said. "There wasn't anything that she didn't do really well." Zalewski was also named to the MHSSCA honorable mention team.



Angel Schilke, Saline

For a lot of softball players, a .354 season average and 16 RBIs would be a satisfying season. Schilke, in just her sophomore campaign, is hungry for more. "She didn't have the year she wanted," Seegert said. "Sometimes, she forgets she's only a sophomore." She stole 11 bases and walked 15 times and was named to the MHSSCA All-Region team for the second consecutive year.



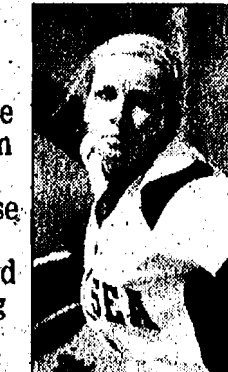
Katie Alexander, Saline

It's hard enough adjusting to life as a freshman on the varsity. But it's even harder when you come in as a second baseman and moved to catcher. Alexander not only survived, but thrived. "She did a phenomenal job defensively," Seegert said. "She couldn't have done a better job. She stopped everything." Her rookie season ended with a .393 batting average and 27 RBIs.



Bailey Darwin, Chelsea

The junior was one of the most dangerous hitters in the area and one of the top infielders, playing an aggressive and outstanding third base for the Bulldogs. "She has a great arm and great range," said Chelsea coach Bob Moffett. "She picked up third base very quickly. She's just a great athlete." Darwin hit .495 with 53 RBIs and scored 37 runs. She had a .926 fielding percentage at third.



Sarah Bucholz, Chelsea

Coach Bob Moffett was lucky to have two aces in his deck this season. The senior was 13-1 with a 0.80 ERA and had 99 strikeouts in 88 innings, while allowing only nine walks. She hit .409 with 31 RBIs and also played second base when not pitching. She will play next year at Albion.



Jessie Fox, Chelsea

The junior was third on the team with 47 hits and scored 44 runs for the Bulldogs. From her leadoff spot, Fox stole 34 bases and was only caught stealing once. A right fielder, Fox hit .456 for Chelsea and was often the catalyst to get the offense rolling - or running in her case.



Taylor Cooley, Chelsea

The junior batted second in the Bulldogs' lineup and batted .439 on the season. She had 50 hits with 30 RBIs and scored 49 runs for the Dawgs. An outstanding left fielder, Cooley also stole 23 bases and was never caught stealing.



Megan Winkelseth, Ypsilanti

Winkelseth was the Phoenix ace pitcher this season and racked up 11 ins on the season with an ERA of 2.80 and 131 strikeouts and earned All-SEC, All-District, and All-Regional honors. The junior also threw a no-hitter against Columbia on April 12. At the plate she hit .580 with an on base percentage of .620. "Megan is one of the most selfless players in the state," said head coach Pam Ossenheimer. "She's always there to pick up a teammate and encourage them. She is the real deal when it comes to being a team player."



Amber Frye, Ypsilanti

A senior, Frye played shortstop and second base for the Phoenix and showed some great defensive abilities throughout the course of the season finishing with a fielding percentage of .912. "She had great range, covers a lot of ground, has quick glove reaction and a strong arm to match," said head coach Pam Ossenheimer. "Her explosive bat could also change the outcome of a game with a single swing."



Nichole Jackson, Manchester

Playing third base, Jackson earned All-Conference, All-District and All-Regional, and academic All-Conference honors in 2012. The sophomore hit .396 on the season with only five strikeouts. "She did her job at the plate and put the ball in play so we could move runners and was the best bunter on the team. Nichole has very quick reflexes which allow her have great composure on the field, she is a threat no matter where she is playing," said head coach Liz George.



Madeline Rickert, Manchester

At second base for the Lady Dutch, Rickert picked up All-Conference, All-district and academic All-State honors this season. The senior hit .322 with three homeruns and 31 RBIs on the season and finished with a fielding percentage of .935. "Madeline played 2nd base and was also a co-captain. Madeline really stepped up her game this season showed that both in the field and at the plate. She was a machine on defense and could handle anything that was hit her way," said head coach Liz George.



Kaylor Fosdick, Lincoln

A junior, Fosdick had a tremendous season in the field at first base for the Railplitters finishing with a fielding percentage of .996. "Her play at first base was great, with her height, stretch and reach," said head coach Wes Strickland. "She was also great in the dugout, keeping girls up beat and trying hard." She had a batting average of .370 in the season and finished with All-SEC and all-District honors.



Arie Matthews, Lincoln

Matthews was the Splitters best hitter this season leading the team in average, RBI's and homeruns, hitting .560 and finishing with six homeruns. "She was the absolute spark in the offense," said head coach Wes Strickland. "She was hands-down the team leader as well, doing a good job of making sure the girls kept their focus and playing hard." A junior, Matthews earned All-Sec and All-District honors.



Myranda Barnes, Belleville

The leader of the district champ Tigers, Barnes earned All-State honors for her play in the outfield this season. The senior also stepped up and returned to the circle when the team needed her for their postseason push. "She set the example for hard work," said head coach Peggy Curtis. "She set a goal when she was eight and worked hard to get there. She was the table setter for our offense this year and the girls would feed off of her performance."



Amanda Humpitch, Belleville

A senior, Humpitch played left and centerfield mostly for the Tigers this season but also put in time at first, third and started the season as a catcher. "Whatever the team need, she would do," said head coach Peggy Curtis. "She was a quiet leader, but always one to lead by example."



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of North Dakota," she said. "I look forward to traveling around the US and visiting places I haven't been before and competing against some great teams."

Not surprisingly, Hansen has already started preparing her game for the bigger challenges ahead.

"I know that playing at the next level is nothing that I've ever experienced before so to help prepare

myself for that I've been working hard at making myself not only physically stronger but mentally stronger as well," she said. "I still go to our school's morning workouts three to four days a week and I've been working with individual instructors to make me a better player."

"When I'm not playing on the weekends, I still continue to practice my hitting every day and I practice my pitching three days a week."

Practice doesn't always make perfect. But in Hansen's case, it came pretty close.

Big-hearted partners boost DNR's wildlife efforts statewide

A decade ago, the Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Division had about 100 more full-time employees than it does today, but the workload hasn't diminished — if anything, it has increased. The question is obvious. How, exactly, does everything get done?

Increasingly, the Wildlife Division has asked other organizations to partner on wildlife management projects. And, increasingly, those organizations are generously answering the call.

Here's an example. For the last two years, the DNR's Wildlife

Division and the Michigan Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTFF) have been raising crabapple trees to transplant across northern Michigan.

"Deep snow is tough on turkeys in Michigan, limiting access to food," said Al Stewart, the upland game bird specialist with the Wildlife Division. "Over the years we've been involved with planting food plots with the NWTFF — planting things like corn — particularly in areas of northern Michigan."

The groups decided to expand their effort into fruit-bearing shrubs. The federation purchased roots stock of native Michigan crabapple varieties, potting soil and pots. Members of

the group, along with DNR volunteers, got together for potting bees at Rose Lake State Wildlife Area. The potted trees were moved to a fenced area (to keep deer from eating the young trees) where Wildlife Division staffers water them as they mature.

"It's a hands-on project starting with seedlings, allowing them to grow and

mature, and then planting them in northern Michigan where there are concentrations of turkeys and additional food sources are important," Stewart explained.

The program has been a hit, attracting numerous volunteers — including Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Chairman Tim Nichols — to help with the chores.

A similar cooperative effort has been operating in the Upper Peninsula since 2009, where members of the turkey federation have been planting fruit-bearing trees in areas that are used by turkeys over the winter.

"Habitat improvement has always been part of the turkey federation's mission," explained Ken Buchholz, a turkey federation member who has been presented with a Partners in Conservation Award by the NRC for his efforts. "Everybody always needs a

little bit of help to do things. And all of these habitat projects benefit everything from the small birds to the black bears."

Buchholz, who said the federation is splitting program costs with the DNR, has coordinated with Upper Peninsula timber companies to secure their help in preparing the land and transporting the trees.

"We've had a partnership going with the DNR for a long time," he said. "It's a real good partnership."

Because the DNR's Stewart deals with all upland game birds, he has, for years, helped to build partnerships with numerous conservation groups. He's worked with the Michigan Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) on habitat improvement projects almost forever.

The RGS recently purchased a machine to help create early successional forest habitat as part of the federal Upper Great Lakes Young Forest and Woodcock Initiative. The machine is available for rent by landowners interested in setting back succession but, as part of its partnership with the DNR, RGS offers the machine for work on state-managed land at reduced rates.

The biggest partnership with now is the Michigan Pheasant Restoration Initiative, which involves a number of government agencies as well as conservation groups (Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever and NWTFF, among them) in a 10-year effort to re-establish appropriate pheasant habitat across southern Michigan. The initiative is focused on three core areas in southern Michigan — Verona State Game Area (Huron County), Lake Hudson Recreation Area (Lenawee County) and Maple River State Game Area (Clinton, Gratiot and Ionia counties) — where fair to good pheasant habitat already exists on public



Steve Schneider, chair of the Pheasants Forever Michigan State Council, DNR Director Rodney Stokes and DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason hold native grass seed to be planted at Maple River State Game Area.

land.

Waterfowl and wetlands specialist Barb Avers said her program is perfect for partnering on habitat projects with groups such as Ducks Unlimited and Waterfowl USA.

"In the big picture, the waterfowl and wetlands program has long used partnerships and it's been very effective," Avers said. "The key thing we do with DU now is work on getting grant money for wetland habitat projects. One of the big challenges the department faces is the lack of funds to maintain and restore wetlands. DU helps write grants, administers the grants for us, and then they advertise for bids, use their engineers and biologists to design the project, contract it out, oversee construction and deliver the project."

"Just recently they've helped with pump replacement at Nyanquing Point, Fish Point and we just got a grant for Crow Island," she said. "They're also helping us restore wetlands at a number of areas. We owe our success of getting competitive grant funds and habitat on the ground to partnerships."

Avers said the DNR also partners with smaller, local groups that focus on individual waterfowl management areas.

"St. Clair Flats Waterfowlers buys equipment for Harsens Island and ponies up a lot of money for habitat management," she said. "Shiawassee Flats Citizens and Hunters Association put money up for crop planting, wetland projects and they do a ton of volunteer labor — cutting brush and trees and maintaining the pull-over sites on the dikes. They put in a ton of hours."

Joe Robison, a DNR wildlife biologist who works out of Pte. Mouillee State Game Area (in Monroe and Wayne counties), agreed.

"We use volunteers to band ducks and geese, to do shorebird counts, to watch the osprey nests for chicks and then band them, and to do annual cleanup," he said. "We use volunteers to help out at the Pte. Mouillee Waterfowl Festival, and all the money we make in that two-day event goes right back into the game area — a lot of people don't know that."

"We wouldn't get as much

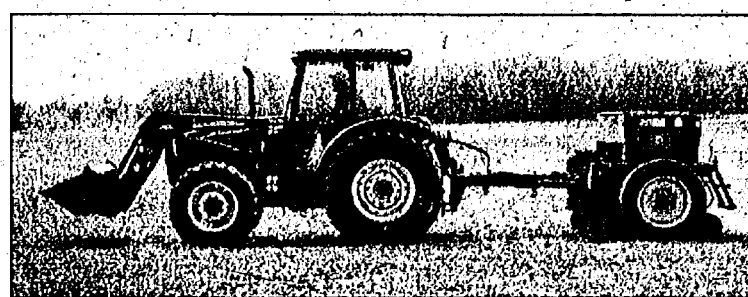
done without our volunteer groups," he said. "They definitely help us out."

Sometimes partnerships develop when sportsmen see a budget cut they don't like. In 2008, when the DNR discontinued its successful bear patch program — which gave a patch to hunters when they registered a bear — the Michigan Bear Hunters Association stepped up and took over the program, said DNR bear and furbearer specialist Adam Bump. Anyone can now get a commemorative bear patch by sending \$5 to the Bear Hunters Association.

"Anything above costs goes to the department for bear education and management programs," Bump said. "It brings in \$3,000 to \$6,000 a year."

The truth is, the DNR's Wildlife Division has partnerships with too many groups to mention them all here — and department staff is grateful for every one.

With budgets getting tight all the time, though, it's likely that even more partnerships will soon be on the horizon. That's good news for the DNR and for everyone who cares about Michigan wildlife and habitat.



Getting the ground ready for grass seed planting at Maple River State Game Area, part of habitat planning for the Michigan Pheasant Restoration Initiative.

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Statistics for the week ending Monday, July 9

Temperatures:

High/low for the week 102°/55°
Normal high/low 84°/57°
Average temperature 79.9°
Normal average temperature 70.2°

Precipitation:

Total for the week 0.88"
Total for the month 0.88"
Total for the year 11.65"
Normal for the month 0.61"
Normal for the year 15.88"

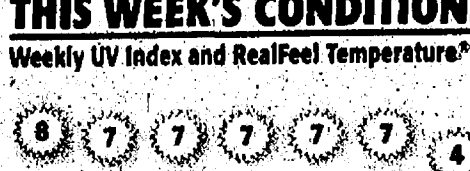
PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures



THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature



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RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday

River	Stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek		
Dearborn Heights		2.16 ft
Huron River		
Ann Arbor	16 ft	12.17 ft
Malletts Creek		
Ann Arbor		3.13 ft
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	5.64 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester		1.97 ft

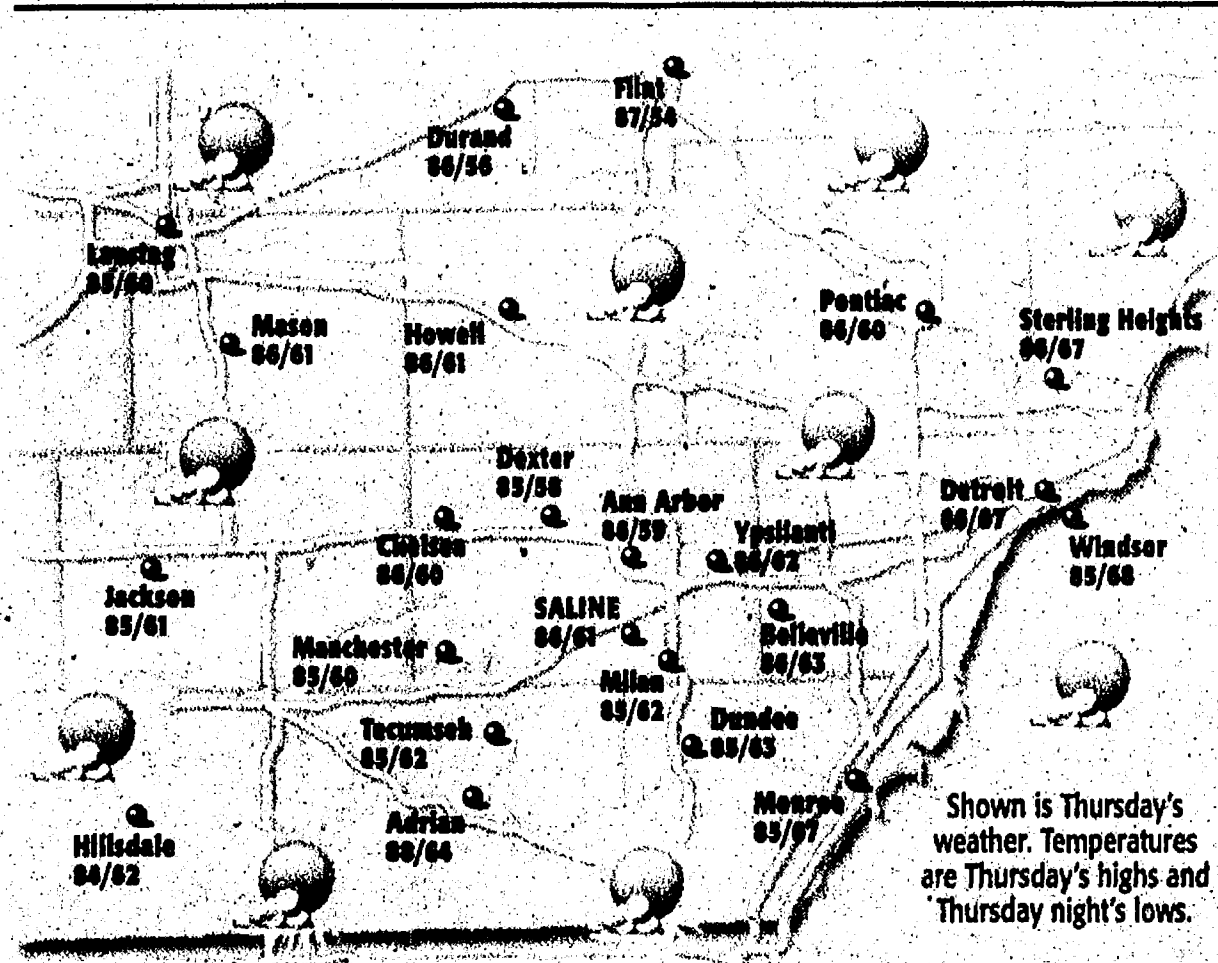
LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	571.98 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	574.08 ft

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

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THE REGION



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Adrian	84/57/s	88/64/s	88/66/pc	88/70/pc	Manistee	80/51/pc	82/57/s	83/60/pc	83/64/s
Ann Arbor	81/52/s	86/59/s	86/62/pc	86/66/pc	Midland	80/55/pc	82/53/s	86/64/pc	87/66/pc
Battle Creek	85/59/s	87/66/s	87/68/pc	86/71/pc	Mustang	82/60/pc	84/62/s	86/68/pc	86/68/s
Bay City	83/55/pc	86/56/s	85/64/pc	85/67/pc	Pontiac	83/58/s	86/60/s	86/67/pc	85/71/pc
Detroit	84/61/s	86/67/s	87/69/pc	83/72/pc	Port Huron	80/53/s	83/53/s	83/62/pc	83/63/pc
Flint	84/55/s	87/54/s	87/63/pc	87/67/pc	Saginaw	84/56/pc	86/55/s	87/65/pc	87/68/pc
Grand Rapids	86/60/pc	88/62/s	88/66/pc	88/70/pc	Sault Ste. Marie	81/58/pc	84/56/pc	85/61/pc	84/64/s
Kalamazoo	86/58/s	88/66/s	88/67/pc	87/71/pc	Sturgis	83/58/s	86/64/s	85/66/pc	84/68/pc
Lansing	84/56/s	85/60/s	86/65/pc	87/70/pc	Traverse City	84/58/pc	86/60/s	85/64/pc	85/69/s
Livonia	85/60/s	87/67/s	88/69/pc	86/73/pc	Warren	84/61/s	86/67/s	87/70/pc	86/73/pc

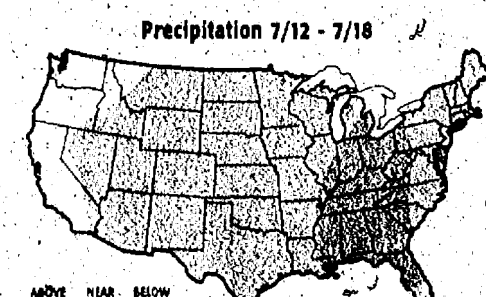
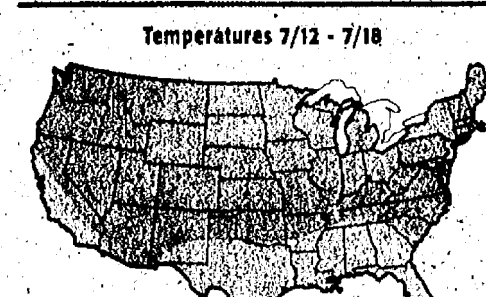
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SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set	The Moon	Rise	Set	New	First	Full	Last
Thursday	6:10 a.m.	9:11 p.m.	Thursday	1:16 a.m.	3:44 p.m.				
Friday	6:11 a.m.	9:11 p.m.	Friday	1:49 a.m.	4:38 p.m.				
Saturday	6:12 a.m.	9:10 p.m.	Saturday	2:26 a.m.	5:34 p.m.				
Sunday	6:13 a.m.	9:09 p.m.	Sunday	3:09 a.m.	6:26 p.m.				
Monday	6:13 a.m.	9:08 p.m.	Monday	3:57 a.m.	7:13 p.m.				
Tuesday	6:14 a.m.	9:08 p.m.	Tuesday	4:51 a.m.	7:57 p.m.				
Wednesday	6:15 a.m.	9:07 p.m.	Wednesday	5:50 a.m.	8:35 p.m.	Jul 10	Jul 26	Aug 1	Aug 9

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NATIONAL OUTLOOK



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Atlanta	85/72/t	86/72/t	89/72/t
Boston	84/68/s	86/71/pc	86/68/pc
Chicago	88/67/s	88/67/pc	90/70/s
Cincinnati	86/71/pc	84/70/pc	86/71/pc
Cleveland	86/68/pc	85/70/pc	84/72/t
Dallas	96/76/s	94/77/pc	95/76/pc
Denver	95/67/t	96/65/pc	91/60/pc
Honolulu	87/74/pc	87/74/pc	88/74/s
Houston	90/73/t	92/74/t	92/74/pc
Kansas City	90/67/s	92/68/pc	93/72/s
Las Vegas	109/88/t	103/67/t	104/85/pc
Los Angeles	88/68/pc	86/64/s	83/65/pc
Miami	90/79/t	91/79/pc	91/79/pc
Minneapolis	87/68/s	84/59/pc	87/69/pc
New Orleans	91/75/t	93/75/t	92/76/t
New York City	86/68/pc	86/68/pc	85/71/pc
Orlando	91/74/t	92/74/pc	91/74/pc
Philadelphia	88/68/pc	88/70/pc	88/73/pc
Phoenix	110/90/t	108/89/t	108/89/t
Pittsburgh	87/65/pc	80/67/pc	83/69/c
St. Louis	90/71/s	92/73/pc	92/73/pc
San Francisco	73/55/s	69/54/pc	69/56/pc
Seattle	84/62/s	86/64/s	85/63/pc
Wash., DC	86/67/pc	81/73/c	87/76/t

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
Athens	101/77/s	100/77/s	99/76/s
Berlin	68/52/sh	74/57/c	69/53/r
Buenos Aires	55/41/pc	57/37/pc	54/37/s
Cairo	100/77/s	102/76/s	103/79/s
Calgary	95/53/s	78/55/pc	85/55/s
Hong Kong	91/81/pc	90/81/sh	91/81/t
Jerusalem	87/85/s	90/66/s	91/66/s
Johannesburg	63/43/s	60/45/pc	61/36/sh
London	68/53/t	66/54/t	66/52/sh
Mexico City	71/55/t	70/54/t	70/53/t
Montreal	86/68/pc	88/68/pc	88/68/pc
Moscow	80/68/c	81/64/t	76/58/pc
Paris	70/58/sh	67/54/sh	69/54/r
Rio de Janeiro	79/69/c	77/68/t	75/65/r
Rome	88/68/s	88/68/s	87/66/s
Seoul	81/70/sh	86/73/pc	82/73/r
Singapore	90/79/t	88/81/t	90/79/t
Sydney	66/55/t	66/48/pc	63/46/s
Tokyo	82/75/sh	86/75/r	88/75/pc
Warsaw	74/52/pc	73/58/pc	71/53/sh

Swim program turns up heat

By Matt Lypka
Guest Writer

Olympic athletes are not the only ones sleeping with gold medals dancing in their dreams. Local swimmer Alyssia Hudson-Grayer of Milan Swim Club was so proud of the medal she earned at one of the latest Swim-A-Cross Plus (SAC) events that she fell asleep with it.

This past week athletes from Milan Swim Club (MSC), Dexter Community Aquatic Club (DCAC), Racquet Club of Ann Arbor (RC), and Orchard Hills Athletic Club (OHAC) jumped in pools to support the 35th annual Swim-A-Cross Plus (SAC), to help raise funds for the critical lifesaving programs that the Red Cross provides to local communities. MSC, DCAC, RC, and OHAC are just four of the many teams with events scheduled across the Southeastern Michigan Region this summer.

Last week's events were special—teams not only dedicated their entire practices to Swim-A-Cross Plus, but also allowed athletes to arrive early and stay longer than normal practice times.

The kids eagerly lined the pool awaiting the clock to hit 3:00pm as the Milan Swim Club kicked off the third week of the SAC season on Tuesday, June 26. When all was said and done, 16 athletes completed over 244 dives, swam over 30 miles, and raised over \$1,600 during the two hour practice. The enthusiasm for helping the Red Cross was evident throughout everyone present at the pool—swimmers and divers, parents counting lengths, and coaches swimming along with the athletes.

Swimmer Alyssia Hudson-Grayer (11) completed 208 lengths and raised over \$600. She had taken out a newspaper ad inviting local businesses to support her in SAC.

Hudson-Grayer said, "I loved it and cannot wait until next year. I want to swim 300 lengths instead of the 200 I did this year. It was really fun and cool." Teammate Kyle Harvery (16) swam the entire two hours and set a new team record at 366 lengths, equivalent to over five and half miles. Zachary Heikka (7) arrived early, helped set up, swam 20 lengths then

reported to the registration table and asked how he could help the Red Cross staff until the end. Top participants Kyle Harvery, Alyssia Hudson-Grayer, and Zachary Heikka received "Power Through" gold medals provided by Powerade for their outstanding participation.

MSC Team Liaison Renee Humes said, "It was a great event! Very easy, fun and most rewarding!"

The week continued on Thursday in Dexter as DCAC hit the water. Twenty-six athletes suited up to swim during the three hour practice. With the open practice time, the Piranhas managed to swim over 43 miles and collect almost \$1,500 in pledges.

Top swimmer Maggie Farrell (11) embodied the "Power Through" slogan of the medal she earned by swimming a team high 274 lengths. Allison Keefer, also 11, showed her amazing support for the Red Cross by raising over \$188 capturing a gold Powerade medal for her efforts as the top fundraiser. The passion and generosity of the DCAC community was especially appreciated—the Swim-A-Cross Plus event follows a DCAC fundraiser conducted in the Spring to support victims of the Dexter tornado.

Coach Dave Gendernalik said following the event, "We are happy to support the Red Cross knowing they were there for local families following the Dexter Tornado. We are happy to support Red Cross and know that our efforts will ensure Red Cross can help families impacted by other disasters this year."

RC took to the pool on Friday. The Raccoons doubled their participation over last year, with 110 athletes supporting the Red Cross—swimming over 102 miles, completing 315 dives, and collecting over \$7,000

in pledges. Top swimmer Abby Dittmar (14) cranked out 360 lengths, almost five and a half miles. "Sibling Power" shone through as Alex (11) and Dan (14) Metzler together swam over 384 lengths and raised \$2,316 for the Red Cross. Tristen Thomann (6) proved age and experience are not a factor in fundraising by securing a team high of \$20 a length in pledges in his first ever Swim-A-Cross Plus.

Everybody at the pool pitched in to make the event a tremendous success. Team Liaison and pool manager, Betsy Clyde shared, "The athletes were excited about the competitive opportunities of beating their team total from last year and their individual goals swimming lengths and completing dives." OHAC continued the energy and excitement this past Monday. For the Gators, 57 athletes to swim over 69 miles, while collecting pledges totaling almost \$3,500.

Team Liaison Veva Lashaway was a whirlwind on deck supporting volunteers, the Red Cross staff and directing athletes to their lanes. Her passion and enthusiasm helped keep the event fun despite the high temperatures. Joey and Lila Ryan, a dynamic sibling duo combined to swim 300 lengths and collect \$680 pledges and capture two gold medals as top fundraisers.

Setting a new team record, Adam Moskus (14) swam 288 lengths and earned a "Power Through" gold medal. Injured athlete, Kenny Lashaway took home a gold "Power Through" medal as he captured the real spirit of Powerade motto by supporting the event on deck. He took charge of cheering on his teammates and rang the cowbell every time someone hit 100 lengths.



Dexter Community Aquatics Piranha member Allison Keefer (11) received a Powerade gold medal as the top pledge collector for her team. She swam 208 lengths and collected \$188. Keefer is pictured with coach Dave Gendernalik, her mom Laura, and Mary Kumbler of the American Red Cross.

With every event the friendly competition between teams heats up as the coveted Swim Stanley, a traveling trophy awarded to the team earning the most donations, awaits its new home.

Donations for teams are

accepted through July 24.

The SAC season continues to roll on with events this week and next week. To learn more or view the Master Calendar visit www.wc-redcross.org or contact Mary Kumbler at Mary.Kumbler@redcross.org.

Wagner earns All-State honor

While the high school golf season teed up for the last time in June, Chelsea's Mason Wagner continues to swing up plenty of success.

The graduating senior was recently named Division 2 First Team All State for the second year in a row. He also received the Academic All State Award.

During his final year as a Bulldogs, Wagner finished with an 18-hole tournament average of 75.18 (11 events) and a nine-hole tournament average of 38.43 (seven events).

Wagner also was awarded membership on the Academic All-State Golf Team.

He finished in second place in a Michigan State Junior Amateur qualifying tournament June 27 at Pine River CC in Alma, a qualifier to award five spots in the Junior Amateur to be held at the Flint Golf Club (July 30 - Aug. 2). He shot a par 72.

Save the date!

The Run for the Rolls, a one-miler run for charity, is ready for its sixth year. The event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 25 with a 12:45 p.m. start time. Last year, Run for the Rolls just missed setting a record for participants and was able to give their charitable proceeds to three Chelsea organizations: Chelsea Special Olympics, Chelsea Recreation, and Chelsea Guys & Girls on the Go. The Bulldog Challenge trophy will be up for grabs to the fastest Chelsea Club/Team for 2012 and is sponsored by Moore Pediatrics & Associates. For all race information, log onto www.runfortherolls.com. Like us on facebook/Run for the Rolls. Registration form pickup at Hair by Trios, Aberdeen Bike and Outdoors.



Orchard Hills Gators outstanding athletes led their team in last week's Swim-A-Cross Plus. Pictured back left are Adam Moskus (12) who swam 288 lengths and set a new record, Joey (10) front, left and Lila (7) raised over \$500 and over \$400 respectively and Kenny Lashaway (9) was an injured athlete who rang the cowbell each time someone swam 100 lengths. They are pictured with Coach Kaitlyn Lubbers.

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