

Man From Ann Arbor Injured in Glider Crash

Stephen Wasilewski, a
66-year-old from Ann Arbor was
injured at Richmond Field in
Unadilla Township when the
glider he was piloting crashed.
According to Unadilla

Township Police the incident occurred Sunday at approximately 1:46 pm.

Unadilla Township Fire and Police Departments were dispatched to the southwest corner of the airfield for a report of a glider accident with the pilot having unknown injuries.

The man was airlifted to the University of Michigan Hospital by Survival Flight with leg and head injuries. As of Monday he was listed in fair condition.

Witnesses reported the glider came in using an easterly approach, clipped some trees at the edge of the airfield and then flipped over and crashed. Township police and fire units were assisted by Pinckney Police, Stockbridge Area Emergency Service Authority and Livingston County Ambulance services. The incident remains under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board.

Chelsea City Council Discusses Speed on Washington Street and Learns about Girls State

By Lucy Silverio

After previously meeting with city council members, Michael MacIntosh of 333 Washington Street attended the July 24 regular council meeting to express frustration about speeding on Washington Street. He brought with him a petition signed by 31 of the 40 residents on the street requesting that the 25 mph speed limit be enforced.

"Washington Street has become in effect a bypass," he stated suggesting that people are using Washington, Madison, and McKinley, to avoid increased speed enforcement on Freer Road, miss four traffic lights, and avoid downtown. "Above 25 in a residential neighborhood is too fast. My neighbor cut off half his pine trees so he can back out without getting sideswiped and I could not sell my house in good conscience to anyone with a child under ten years old.'

Chelsea Police Chief Ed Toth responded that he has been working with MacIntosh for two years on the issue. Toth had a manual traffic study

conducted with every vehicle speed clocked during a two hour time period.

"Upon review of the data the fastest vehicle was going about 34 mph." Toth said. "So perception is reality, but I can tell you that from the data we have collected there aren't folks exceeding the speed limit in a manner that we would consider, I guess, dangerous."

Toth went on to say that he could put up a speed monitor but they are often vandalized and they cost about \$10,000.

Council Member Rod
Anderson said he felt a two
hour period is not enough time
for a full review. He suggested
a cheaper style of speed sensor
and asked Toth to look into it.

Council Member Cheri Albertson commented that it is not the position of a city council person to direct a public employee to do something as that is the job of the city manager. Albertson's

objection was noted.
Four girls from Chelsea
High School presented their
experience in Girls State to
council members. Girls State
is a mock government that

takes place at Michigan State in Lansing. The girls are divided into cities, political parties, lobbyists, state representatives, etc. They campaign and vote for different roles. The girls were chosen by teachers at Chelsea High School and their participation was sponsored by the Lions and Kiwanis clubs.

Jordan Bataglia described how she went from being a city council member of her fictitious town to running for and wining a position a county clerk and then ran again and became a state representative. "It was a really cool thing to see how things were brought up from the ground level to the state level and how a bill becomes a law," she said.

Ella Fritzemeier was the political party chairperson of a fictitious political party for her city. Fritzemeier pointed out that she had never realized how intense political parties were. Even though participants were simply assigned which party they would be in, she realized she and others fell instantly into feeling that their

party was better.
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Clark and Muscato Return Home After Devastating Accident

By Wendy Wood
Local fitness guru Joe
Muscato of Grass Lake and
Stockbridge Wellness Coalition
member Tom Clark of Munith
continue to try and heal after
being struck by a semi-truck

that took the life of their dear

friend Peter Connell of Florida.

The three were on a marathon bicycle ride travelling from Edmonton, Canada to Key West, Florida.

They were approximately 100 miles north of the Florida boarder riding on Highway 82 just before daybreak when all

three were hit and thrown into

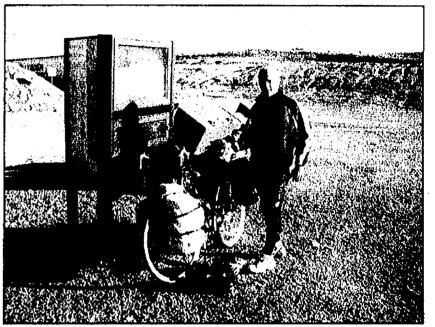
a ditch.

According to a report from WALB News of Georgia, the driver of the truck, Clifford Wynn, told police he did not see the riders. Police continue to investigate which they said will take a couple of months and charges are pending.

Both Muscato, 60 years old, and Clark, 62 years old, are avid and experienced

bicyclists. This time last year they completed a 2,400 mile journey on the North Slope of Alaska. According to police all three men were wearing proper safety equipment and had lights and reflectors on their bikes.

Muscato was released from the hospital and returned home Saturday. Clark was flown by medical flight to the University of Michigan Trauma Center where his condition was upgraded to serious on Monday.



On a much happier day, Joe celebrated a successful trip across Alaska's North Slope. File Photo

Stockbridge Village Police Chief Receives High Marks & Salary Increase

By Melinda Baird

Stockbridge Village Council members renewed the contract with Stockbridge Police Chief Johnnie Torres for two years with a 10 percent pay increase. After giving Torres a stellar work performance review during a special contract negotiation meeting July 24, council voted 5-2 in favor of the renewal and increase.

Presented with two contract options, a 5 percent pay increase in each of the contract years or giving a full 10 percent increase in the first year (and no increase for the second year), council chose the latter after much discussion. The ten percent increase raised Torres' annual salary to \$50,000.

A key factor in the decision to give the full amount immediately was to award Torres for accepting the position of interim chief in 2011 with no increase in pay. Previously a road patrol officer for the department for nearly two years, Torres was appointed interim chief in early 2011 after former chief Michael King left the position over an irresolvable dispute with village officials. "Torres agreed to the position to help the village during turmoil. He could have thrown in the towel and left, but he stayed and worked under a very stressful

environment for no extra pay," said Trustee Heath Corey in support of the full pay raise.

Corey also commended
Torres for building strong,
cooperative relationships
with neighboring police
departments in Waterloo and
Unadilla Townships, as well
as Michigan State Police. "I'd
give him \$250,000 if I could,"
added Corey. "He endured
a lot of stress and never
wavered."

While council members unanimously agreed that Torres' performance and work ethic is excellent, two members expressed concerns about the budget supporting the pay increase. "I am pleased with Chief Torres and have never heard a bad report about him," said Village President Don Byrd. "But I would have preferred the first option where he would receive 5 percent the first and second years," he added as the reason he voted no.

Also voting no to the full 10 percent pay increase this year was Trustee Phylis Stowe. "I did not vote against the chief personally, but having just purchased a brand new car and new equipment, we are limited to how much we can put toward the police department," she commented.

Trustee Greg Uihlein said he was concerned about the

state of the budget as well and admitted he was torn as to which contract option to choose. Ultimately, he said his respect for Torres and support for the department motivated his vote for the immediate 10 percent pay increase.

"Obviously, I'm elated" said Chief Torres in a lear interview. "It is a reaffer nation to me of my work. I'm committed to moving forward for the betterment of police service to the community."

During contract negotiations council members reported working to avoid a costly situation that came up in the past in which the previous police chief was paid more than \$27,000 in severance pay plus a monetary value of 300 unused vacation hours upon his departure. The language of Torres' contract states he will be given six months of working severance only if the department is disbanded for whatever reason. According to the contract, Torres is expected to perform daily services and duties as well as assist in the dissolution and transition process during those six months in order to receive the severance. During those six months, payments would cease upon Torres finding other employment.



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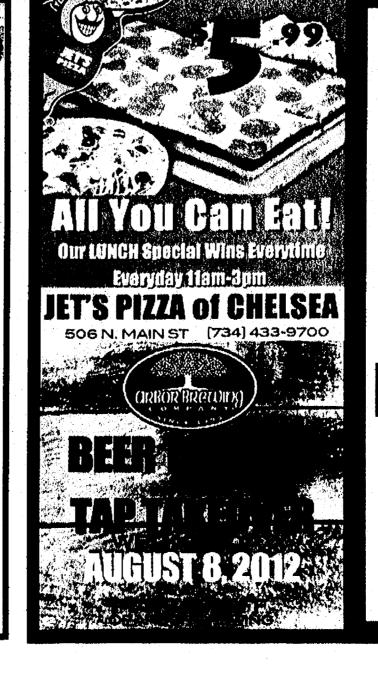
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Obituaries

Marianne Cashin Douglas, Jackson Michigan Formerly of Vanderbilt, Michigan

Passed away at age 57, Priday, July 27, 2012 at home. She was born October 6, 1954 in Tecumseh, Michigan, the daughter of John G. and Ann Kathleen (Shay) Cashin. She married lames Douglas in September 2002 and he survives. Marianne was a loving mother who loved to crochet, read, garden, and go shopping.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two children, Jessica Pardon (D.J. Poole) of Jackson and Joshua Tillman of Vanderbilt; two grandchildren, Donnevan and Daniel: her mother of Jackson; and her siblings: Sandy Bell of Gregory, Sharon Carpenter of Gregory, Barb Yoakum of California. John Cashin of Brooklyn. Richard Cashin of Pinckney, and Deborah Adair of Pinckney. She was preceded in death by her father and a son, Jeffrey Pardon in May 2002.

place Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 11am from the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea. Burial will follow at St. Marv's Cemetery. Manchester, Expressions of sympathy may be made to the National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation.

Lucile Lorena Hinderer, Colchester, Illinois Formerly of Manchester, Michigan

Passed away at age 96, Saturday, July 28, 2012. Lucile was born March 12, 1916 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the daughter of Rudolph G. Sr. and Thema P. (Schnirring) Layher. She had two younger brothers and one younger sister. The family moved to Michigan in the 1920's where her father taught school.

March 6, 1955 she married Walter A. Hinderer at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Saline, Michigan where she had been a member for 25 years. After her marriage, she transferred her membership to St. John's United Church of Christ (Rogers Corners) in Chelsea, Michigan, There she served on the church council and taught Sunday

School for many years. Lucile is a graduate of Saline High School and Michigan State Normal College (EMU) where she got her Master's Degree in teaching. After teaching school for two years she later went to Cleary College and became the deans' secretary at the University of Michigan for many years. She loved to read and to travel, visiting all of the 48 contiguous United States and most of the Canadian provinces.

Lucile is survived by Walter, her husband of 57 years, and two sons: John W. (Lori) Hinderer from Jackson Michigan and George W. (Kay) Hinderer of Colchester, Illinois. She is also survived by a grandson, Bradley J.

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Hinderer from Toledo, Ohio, a sister, Elizabeth Dechert of Bradenton, Florida, and a brother, John Lavher of Saline, Michigan, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one brother, Rudy Layher, Jr.

Funeral Services will take place Friday, August 3, 2012. at 11am at the St. John's United Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery in Freedom Township. Visitation will be Thursday from 6-8 pm at the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. John's United Church of Christ or McDonough Hospice, 525 East Grant Street, Macomb, Illinois.

Chelsea's **American** Legion Post 31 By Michael Stavola

Decades after serving for their country, Chelsea's American Legion Post 31 members push for the land they love, but not with their standard issue assault rifle.

Over 250 Legion and Sons of the Legion members continue to give their most important commodity - time.

With this time Post 31 members raise money through several annual events including the Winter Festival, Golf Outing and July 4th BBQ, and then donate the money to a variety of organizations in Chelsea and surrounding communities.

A few recent projects of Post 31 include: adopting two families for Christmas through the Ann Arbor VA Hospital, sponsored the Stockbridge High School's robotic team for a trip across the world to partake in a search for WWII MIA's.

Most recently, Post 31 helped finance a video of the Chelsea area Korean War veterans, which will be presented at Chelsea's Veterans Day ceremony November 11, 2012.

Legion members hope area residents will attend these events, give and support the continued efforts of American Soldiers to keep this country the home of the free and land of the brave.

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Washtenaw County Sheriff ~ Dexter Patrol

7/28 Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office responded to three calls in reference to thefts from unlocked motor vehicles in Dexter Village after 10pm on Friday night. Deputies responded to the 3000 block of Edison Street, 7000 block of Dexter Ann Arbor Road and 7000 block of Third Street. Among items taken were two sets of golf clubs, sunglasses, and a bag. Please remember to lock your vehicle doors and report any suspicious activity. If you have any information on this case please contact Cpl. Jeremy Hilobuk at (734) 971-8400 ext. 67180 or hilobukj@ewashtenaw.

Deputies took a report of a home invasion that occurred in the 11000 block of N. Territorial between 4pm and 6pm. The unknown suspect entered the home through an unlocked window at the rear of the house. Stolen were 50-60

video games and DVD's. There are no suspects at this time. Chelsea City Police

7/23 9:56 am on N. Territorial at Embury Road, Chelsea Police responded to the report of a warrant pick-up from Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department. The suspect, a 50 year old Chelsea man, was taken into custody on our warrant for an original charge of shoplifting that occurred in 2011. The subject was transported to the Washtenaw 7/24 1 pm at the 1200 Block S. Main Street, Chelsea Police responded to the report of a felonious assault that

had just occurred. The victim stated that his ex-wife had attempted to "run him over" with a vehicle. The victim complained of an injury to his forearm area, which was the result of him jumping out of the way of the moving vehicle. The suspect fled the scene in an unknown direction, driving the suspect vehicle. The officer was able to establish telephone contact with the suspect, a 41 year old Manchester Township female. The case remains open pending authorization of charges for domestic assault by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office.

7/26 Zam Washtenaw County Jail, Chelsea Police were notified that the Michigan State Police had just arrested a 19 year old Pinckney female on a warrant out of our department. The warrant was for failing to appear on a minor in possession of alcohol charge. The subject was lodged at the Washtenaw County Jail pending a court hearing.

Waterloo Township Police 7/16 Arranged for a polygraph test at MSP in Lansing concerning a larceny investigation in Munith.

7/17 Arrested a Pleasant Lake man on a 12th District Court warrant from a traffic stop on Portage Lake Road and took him to the courthouse. Attended a mental health hearing in Hillsdale County as a result of a court ordered evaluation from a Waterloo

investigation. 7/18 Investigated a report of shots fired in the area of S. Main Street in Munith at 9:17 am.

Handled a stolen irrigation pump report from an accident that occurred on Mt. Hope Road just south of M-106 at

Responded to a report of threats made to a resident on Trist Road from another related resident on Trist at 1pm. 7/19 Assisted a probation officer on an arrest and transport to the jail at 8:40 pm. Handled a car-tree crash near Waterloo-Munith and Dewey Road at 9:37 pm.

7/21 Assisted Stockbridge Police on a search for a felony fugitive at an address on S. M-52 at 5:10 pm. Took a larceny of batteries report from a farm on Mt. Hope Road at 7:52 pm.

7/23 Responded to a report of the theft of a car and a resulting assault after the car was returned to another address all stemming from an address in Coachman's Cove MHP at 11:12 pm. 7-24 Investigated a suspicious situation at an address on Moechel Road involving an abandoned car at 8:09 pm. 7-26 Stood by at a traffic crash witnessed in Jackson after leaving a court appearance and awaited the arrival of the

Jackson Police at 11:06 am. Checked on the welfare of an elderly gentlemen at an address on Back Forty Drive at 11:35 am.

Handled an attempted fraud complaint at an address on Mt. Hope Road at 6:31 pm. Responded to a car-deer crash on Waterloo-Munith Road at 9:53 pm.

Investigated a suspicious situation at a home under renovation in Coachman's Cove MHP at 8:28 pm. 7/27 Responded to a report of trouble with a patron at a local restaurant in Munith at 2:45 pm.

Stockbridge Village Police 7/23 1:45pm, misdemeanor warrant arrest in the 100 block of Herbert Street, Matthew Severson, 45 of

Stockbridge, was arrested on an assault charge stemming from an incident back in February of this year. 7/24 11:10am, investigation of an unlicensed, uninsured vehicle parked in the 600 block of W. Main Street. The investigation revealed that a local Stockbridge man drove the truck to the lot and abandoned it due to it not being legal and having improper plates. It was later towed per management request.

9:05pm, threats complaint near Veteran's Park. A 49 year old Stockbridge man complained that the 15 year old son of a man he has a PPO against was threatening him. Both parties were contacted and advised to stay away from each

9:35pm, assist SAESA on a medical call in the 200 block of Mills Ave. A 52 year old man was treated and later transported to an area hospital.

7/25 12pm, domestic disturbance in the 100 block of E. Main Street between a 43 year old Stockbridge man and his 18 year old daughter. The matter was the result of him finding her using inhalants. The case is under investigation. 6pm, malicious Destruction of Property complaint in the 100 block of E. Main Street. The complainant, a 52 year old Stockbridge woman, believed someone had tampered with her gas tank. No suspects at this time.

9pm, check welfare of a subject complaint in the 4600 block of S. M-52. The concerned daughter of a 58 year old Stockbridge man called and asked that officers check on him since she was unable to reach him by phone. The man was found to be fine and the complainant was notified.

9:15pm, trouble with subject call in the 200 block of Williams St. A 49 yr old Stockbridge man complained that he was threatened by a teenager. Officers were unable to find the other party. 7/28 8:35pm, unwanted subject complaint in the 800 block of S. Clinton Street. Officers were called by the

complainant who stated his 21 year old nephew entered his home uninvited. The subject was gone upon arrival. No charges filed.

7/29 2:45pm, officers responded to a complaint of possible animal cruelty in the 100 block of N. Clinton. The caller discovered a dead dog hanging on the outside of a vehicle from a leash attached to the steering wheel. The dog and the vehicle were gone upon officer's arrival. The owner of the dog and vehicle were identified and the case has been

turned over to the Ingham County Animal Control Department. Stockbridge Village Police Chief Johnnie Torres reports a set of keys has been found and turned into the police department. Call (517)851-7435 if you have lost keys.

Village police continue to ask interested village residents, those who own property and who are 18 year or older to

take part in the Neighborhood Watch program. Call (517)851-7435 for more information. Unadilla Township Police

7/22 Threats and intimidation, E. M-36

7/23 Suspicious vehicle parked in front of residence, E. Trebesh Drive

Two personal protection orders served against respondent, Kathryn Court Identity theft, Stockbridge Street

7/24 Assisted Pinckney Police Department with domestic violence assault investigation, E. Hamburg Street 7/25 Welfare check, W. M-36

7/26 Six juveniles charged with minor in possession of alcohol, Celestial Circle

Tree blocking roadway, Arnold Road

7/27 Suspicious vehicle, Bridgets Way Unauthorized driving of a motor vehicle, Celestial Circle

Unlawful entry of residence charges authorized by prosecutor against 28-year-old Howell man for entering residence at 2:30 am on 7/21/12, Spears Road

7/28 Fireworks disturbance, Arnold Road Minor in possession of alcohol, Celestial Circle

Breaking and entering of vacant house, W. M-36

Welfare check, Tamara Drive

Pinckney Village Police

7/22 Assisted Flint court officer with court paper service, N. Dexter Street Noise disturbance, Fairwood Drive

Assisted Hamburg Township Police Department with investigation of suicidal person, woman threatened to cut herself with knife (location not published)

7/23 24-year-old Pinckney man arrested for having two misdemeanor warrants, S. Mill Street

7/24 Assisted Putnam Township contract deputy with domestic violence investigation, Earl Street Assist to Livingston County Ambulance and Putnam Township Fire Department with medical emergency, Rose Street

Investigated 25-year-old Dexter Township woman for leaving her young child unattended in hot vehicle that was running while she went inside Rite Aid, S. Dexter Street

Domestic violence assault investigation, E. Hamburg Street

Fireworks disturbance, Honeycomb Court

7/25 Suspicious man found by homeowner in his yard at 5:20 am, E. Unadilla Street

32-year-old Pinckney woman arrested for domestic violence assault for assaulting son, E. Hamburg Street 7/26 Assisted Unadilla Township Police Department with underage drinking party investigation, Celestial Circle Credit card fraud, Cricket Crossing

Abandoned vehicle at BP, E. Main Street 7/27 Retail fraud at BP, E. Main Street

38-year-old Iosco Township man arrested for misdemeanor warrant, subject released after posting cash bond, Pearl

Street Two-car property damage accident, E. Main St. at Pearl Street

7/28 Welfare check, Patterson Lake Road

Domestic dispute, Cricket Crossing

Assist to Livingston County Ambulance and Putnam Township Fire Department with medical emergency, Fairwood

Hit and run accident at Rite Aid parking lot, S. Dexter Street

20-year-old Brighton Township man arrested for driving while under influence of drugs and possession of marijuana,

Financial Tips for Newly Single Women

Robert Nester - mester@charter.net Submitted by Edward Jones Managing Editor

Here's something to think about: The average woman's family income drops by 37% after divorce, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. So, if you're a newly single woman. you may want to consider these steps:

First, get help from a financial advisor to clarify your spending needs, cash flow and investment strategy. You might

also consider working with a trust company, which can help you manage your finances in several ways. Next, contribute as much

as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employersponsored retirement plan. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's match, if one is offered.

Also, try to put aside several months' worth of living expenses in a liquid account. This emergency fund can help you avoid dipping into longterm investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as an expensive car repair. Divorce is difficult. But by

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Bridgestock Comes To Stockbridge

By Lynne Beauchamp Coming to Stockbridge this weekend is "Bridgestock" a music, art and bike festival at Heartland Woods Family Resort. The kick-off on Friday August 3 at 4pm will feature live music, art displays and a hippie contest.

On Saturday from noon until 11pm the "Days of the New" will be playing. This alternative rock band from Louisville, Kentucky is making a name with hits including "Touch, Peel and Stand", "Enemy" and "Shelf in the Room".

Saturday's venue will also include the annual Battle of the Bands competition with a \$1,000 first place cash prize, bike show, Newlywed Game, art displays and live music.

Tickets are \$20 and good for Friday and Saturday's events. Kids 14 and under are free. Camping is available.

For more information, to sign up for the Battle of the Bands, to be a contestant in the Newlywed Game or to enter a bike in the bike show contact RockURFace Entertainment at 1-920-4U2-ROCK or visit RockURFaceNOW.com

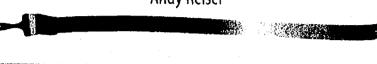
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Summer Food Summer Fun

Organizers and volunteers from the Stockbridge Summer Food Summer Fun program gathered for an appreciation dinner last Thursday as the program wraps up for the summer. Over dinner provided by Farmers State Bank, president of Farmers State, Craig Goodlock, thanked volunteers for a job well done. In the end, 3,800 meals were served by nearly 100 volunteers. The meals were paid for by the USDA and anybody in need was able to participate without having to qualify. The children enjoyed activities, air conditioning

and a good meal as part of the hot summer program. Photo by Wendy Wood

Woman Fleas Court House Chased by Police

Submitted by Waterloo Police After a hearing in Judge Klaeren's 12th District Court room this morning, a defendant, Lisa Stang, who had just been bound over to Circuit Court on a driving violation, was ordered to stand-by for a drug test as part of her bond conditions.

Stang stepped outside the court room as did the Michigan State Trooper who had overseen the investigation, Eric Byerly. A few moments later, trooper Byerly poked his head into the court and

asked Judge Klaeren if he had released Stang because he had just seen her run from the courthouse.

Waterloo Police Chief Tom Cottrell had observed the hearing and the order from the Judge and realized Trooper Byerly was in hot foot pursuit of Stang as she fled east from the court.

Cottrell jumped into the chase and both officers chased Stang until she ran into a blind alley behind a church and a dry cleaner a block east of the court. Stang was immediately taken into custody and escorted back to Judge Klaeren's courtroom where she professed her innocence and immediately got her bond revoked and then quadrupled.

Stang's boyfriend was ordered out of the courtroom after he verbally challenged the Judge over a perceived disparity in justice. Stang was taken to the jail to await her next court date.

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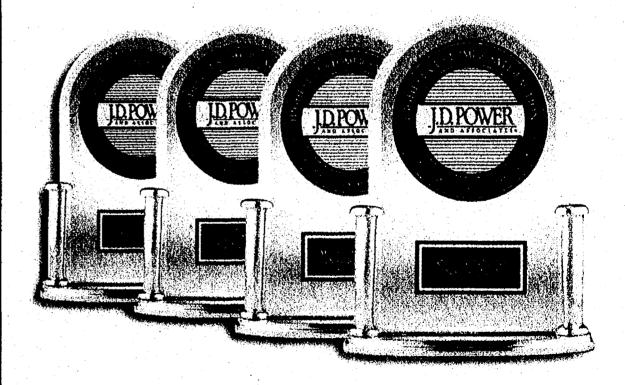
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First Baptist Becomes Crossroads

By Melinda Baird First Baptist Church of Stockbridge will be closing a significant chapter of their history as they unveil the church's name change during Vacation Bible School this week. The church, established in 1885 as First Baptist of Stockbridge, will usher in a new beginning as they become **Crossroads Community** Church.

Perched at the intersection of M-52 and M-106, the church's new name conveys both its literal location as well as its figurative desire to be accessible to all regardless of denomination. According to Pastor Brian Johnson, the new name points to the church's mission to serve people where ever they are in life. "This is our way of demonstrating in a tangible way we are here to serve you. Everybody is welcome," said Johnson.

He explained the inadvertent barrier a denominational name can cause, often leading people to avoid church if they were not raised in that particular denomination. Although identifying with a particular denomination was strategic in the past for drawing people in the church doors, it may be having the opposite effect in our post-modern culture. "People don't have denominational allegiance anymore," said Johnson.

The new name and logo were overwhelmingly supported by the congregation, Johnson reported. Coinciding with the name change, the church's website will be redesigned and there is a new facebook page. The church is also planning an app for smartphones. **Bob Tracy of Tracy Graphics** designed the sign that will

soon be installed in front of the church.

The church's mission statement has also changed - to build bridges of hope and love that lead to wholeness in Jesus.

Also during vacation bible school, the church is attempting to "Stuff-A-Bus," throughout the week to raise non-perishable food for the community's Tide Me Over program which supplies food to children who need it.

Other ministries already in place at Crossroad's is the community garden, children's' summer food program, exercise classes, homework help for middle school students, the upcoming mentoring program for at-risk kids, and even the buck pole display on opening day of hunting season.

"We are signaling a change to both us and the community through this name change," said Johnson. "It is a marker going forward."

Vacation Bible School will take place at Crossroads Community Church August 6-10 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Visit c3stockbridge.org for details.



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Zymurgy Anyone?



A tasteful meeting of the Chelsea Brewers Guild took place recently at Jetts Pizza in downtown Chelsea. Photo by Michael Stavola

By Michael Stavola

Fermentation is a process involved in making beer, wine and liquor, in which, sugars are converted to ethyl alcohol. Zymurgy is the science of studying and practicing fermentation.

In the 1800s, Michigan hops were considered one of the best in the country and were shipped nationally in large quantity. A recently renewed interest in brewing craft beer has led many to go beyond drinking your everyday beer.

The Chelsea Brewers Guild founded in 2010 with two men now has an email list of over 50. Most members started brewing as a part-time hobby, and are now Zymurgist, whether they know it or not. Each member brews their own

style of beer, then at a monthly social gathering they sample each one and provide feedback regarding appearance, quality and flavor. What started as hobbies for some has grown into much more for others.

This fall, founder of Chelsea Brewers Guild Chris Martinson's nine year part-time hobby will become a full-time iob at his Chelsea Alehouse Brewery (CAB).

"I enjoyed drinking craft beer and after brewing my first batch of homebrew with a friend about 9 years ago, I've been hooked ever since," Martinson said.

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Bunker Hill Township Candidates Introduced

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By Lynne Beauchamp

Bunker Hill residents will see new names on this year's ballot. Vying for two trustee positions are Republican Sherry Morehouse and Democrats Scott McCann and Chris Perniciard.

Morehouse believes it is every citizen's duty to do what they can to stop the expansion of government and preserve freedom. She said she would bring a more conservative voice to the board and has attended Bunker Hill's board, neighborhood watch, budget and planning commission meetings. She feels the current neighborhood watch program has been successful.

If elected, Morehouse said she would be an informed voice for the citizens and she would study the contents of any ordinance before voting.

McCann specified he would like to contribute more to the community in which he has spent most of his life. He said he does not intend to make changes within the township but wishes to help with the decision making for the changes that are in the future. He believes everyone who voices their opinion should be heard in matters that involve the township,

McCann said his goal, if elected, would be to listen and understand how citizens feel about township issues.

Perniciard, who did not respond to the Sun Times request for information, did tell Bunker Hill citizens at a township meeting that after residing in the community for twelve years he wanted to become more involved in the community by running for the trustee position.

Township trustee Damon

Rhines is not seeking reelection. Trustee Leanne Barnett is running for the treasurer position as a democrat against current treasurer Jana Dufort who is also a democrat. The winner at the primary on August 7 will face republican candidate Shannon Murray in the November election.

Barnett said she wanted to continue to work with the township board and, if elected, would change township office hours to include evenings and possible Saturdays. She believes the current tax collection hours by the current treasurer and deputy treasurer are working out for the community. If elected, Barnett's goal is to get more people involved in township issues. Her experience includes a math major from Spring Arbor College.

Dufort, who did not respond to The Sun Times request for information, told citizens at a Bunker Hill Township meeting that she is excited after twelve years as a treasurer to have others running against her and pointed out the treasurer plays a big role in government. She said if she is not reelected she is willing to train the person

Murray, who did not respond to The Sun Times request for information, also told Bunker Hill residents during the township meeting her qualifications for treasurer include owning her own business. She said she graduated from Dansville High School in 1995 and has lived at her current address for the past four years with her husband and children.

Township Supervisor, Gene Ulrey and Township Clerk Carrie Zeitz are running unopposed.

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Chelsea Farm Supply owner Greg Raye (front) and his wife H.K. organize the popular pet parade as part of Chelsea's Summer Festival. Photo by Michael Stavola

Chelsea's Annual Pet Parade

Chelsea's 9th annual Pet Parade ended back at Chelsea Farmer Supply Saturday morning after a loop around Chelsea District Library and a stroll down Main Street.

Over 100 owners and their pet or pets walked, pushed or pulled their way down Main Street Saturday morning while spectators gathered for a view. At the end, the pets were awarded by 2011 Miss Washtenaw County Lauren Brown for a variety reasons including the biggest, most unusual, best costume, best kisser, and best trick. The event was hosted by Greg Raye and H.K. Leonard, owners of Chelsea Farmer Supply.



Savannah Fisk and Anna Weisberg share their alien rabbit in the 2012 Chelsea Pet Parade from outer space Photo by Michael Stavola

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Chelsea City Council

Fritzemeier commented that just as her peers follow the political party of their parents in any debate, the party people were assigned to at Girls State quickly became the right one in

their minds - that the desire for

that party to win became more

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important than the issues. When asked if she might consider going into politics all the girls said they would

consider it. Council Member Frank Hammer made a motion to set a public hearing regarding the sale of the old police station, 104 East Middle Street, during the City Council meeting August 28. This was passed unanimously.

Kim Garland from the city offices requested a three-year renewal of the contract with WCA Assessing. Garland stated that even with cost of living increases and improvements of on-line information regarding assessments the cost is below that of the previous assessors. The contract was passed.

New recycling bins will be offered to the residents by Western Washtenaw County Recycling Authority. Post cards will be sent out to all the residents asking them about their preferences so that bulk purchases of the bins can be made at reasonable prices.

Mayor Lindauer ended the meeting with the following request to the citizens of Chelsea, "Please remember, no matter how you vote, many people have struggled over lifetimes and generations to give you that right to vote, the August 7 primary is open from 7am to 8pm at the Washington Street Education Center. So please exercise your right to vote on August 7.

Dexter Township Launches Emergency Warning Project and Receives Public Donations

Following a public hearing on the proposed Emergency Warning System Project and in response to concerns from citizens in the aftermath of the March 15th Dexter Township tornado, Dexter board members approved the installation of an audible warning system that would reach nearly every resident of Township.

The early warning system consists of sixteen state-ofthe-art omni-directional (nonrotating) sirens with voice capability to provide additional information, as needed. Based on placement, some areas in Washtenaw and Livingston counties will be in hearing range of the sirens and benefit from the project as well.

The system will cost the Township \$371,000.00 and is currently being paid for from reserves in the Township's General Fund, Approval of resolution 12-352 also included a provision to accept public

donations as a means to help defray costs.

The donation program was kicked off by a presentation of \$1,000,00 from Township Board member and resident Harley Rider. Rider and his wife Vita experienced first hand the devastating impact of severe weather and recognize the life saving potential of an early warning system.

For anyone interested in making a donation contact Dexter Township, donations of any amount will be accepted.

Those who donate will receive documentation from Dexter Township for tax purposes and their names placed on a wall at the Township Hall.

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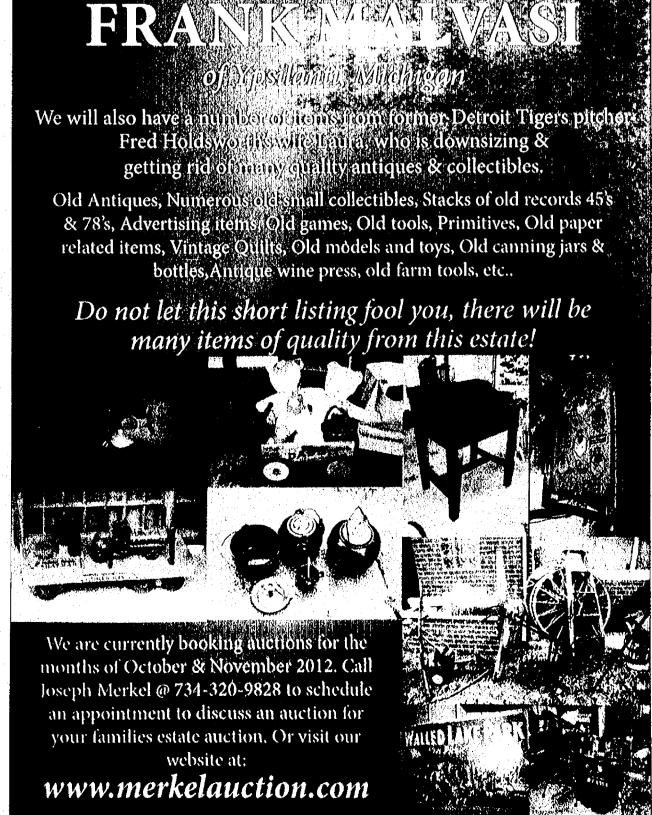


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Gregory Community Church from 10-12noon. All summer clothes must go to make room for back to school clothes. FREE.

, 1st Baptist Church of Aug 6-12: Stockbridge from 9-12noon. Preschool thru 5th grade welcome.

Early registration at 4.4.4.1.5th is org/web/orm/vbs2012 hunt Aug 8 & 11: Church of Christ. 4783 S. M-52, Stockbridge, Aug 8: 3-5pm Aug 11: 10-11am

Pinckney Library from 4-6pm. Register by calling 734-878-3888. Plainfield UMC, 17845 M-36.

Gregory Drop off donated items Aug 5 (1-3pm), Aug 6 (10-4pm). Aug 7 (4-7pm). Hours for sale: Aug 9-10, 9-6pm, Aug 11, 9-12noon

Aug 10: Grass Lake UMC from 4:30-7pm. Donation to benefit Fullerton family who lost home in a fire. Aug 10 & 11: downtown Dexter all weekend.

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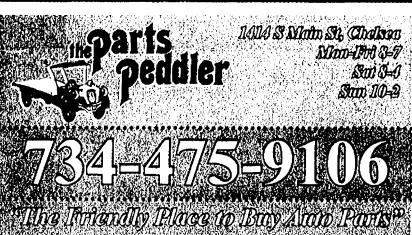
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A Good Deed is Recognized!

A few weeks back, Mr. Don Lewis was entering one of our merchants in Stockbridge. As luck would have it, as he was entering, he noticed an envelope on the floor. It was a Stockbridge State Bank envelope.

As he picked it up, he notice what appeared to be a considerable amount of cash. Mr. Lewis, being the great person he is, took the envelope to the Stockbridge Bank and gave it to one of their trusted employees. (KM) Mr. Lewis, being the jokester that he usually is, attempted to tell the employee what a nice guy he really was, which the employee truly agreed. She then asks, what's up Donnie? He then handed the envelope, full of money, over to this employee

and explained how he came in possession of such.

KM, being of curious nature, immediately got busy and contacted a very special person (GB) at the establishment where Mr. Lewis had found the envelope. Thus began the investigation that resulted in the rightful owner being contacted and having a wonderful day instead of their worse nightmare.

I thought it only proper to share this wonderful story with all of the great citizens of this community. These are deeds that, hopefully, make us all proud to know such wonderful people like Mr. Lewis and the two ladies. You are the Man Donnie! Taylor "Gary" Allen Stockbridge

Wants More Transparency the Fire Chief (you put in place of

This is a reply to the July 25th letter from the Stockbridge Township Clerk. How many lawsuits in the last 3.5 years was Stockbridge involved in if you include the ones that stem from SAESA?

· If you want to use your position on that board representing Stockbridge Township to try to get reelected and part of those lawsuits are paid for with Township taxes, I think they should be included. So a half truth would be that the Township was involved in only one that named them as a lone defendant. Transparency would be minutes in the paper that states you removed the 30 year vet you removed) after only 16 months. Best practices would be to go into closed session when discussing current employees and open session when hiring new employees. No one should be given a job

paid with taxpayer's money unless that job is posted and interviews are conducted. I'm not even saying the best person wasn't hired but how would we know? Smells like Kwame politics to me. Of course this is just my opinion. On August 7th we will see if anyone else thinks the same way. John Salver Stockbridge Township Supervisor Candidate

Questions Candidate's Motives

I found some of Stockbridge Township Supervisor candidate Mr. John Salyers' comments post on Facebook (editors note: see letter submitted to the Sun Times) disturbing - especially when he mentioned his twenty years of serving on our local fire department and ambulance board as one of his proud accomplishments.

Yet when the then current fire chief was replaced as fire chief by the S.A.E.S.A. board on June 9th, 2010 (replaced as chief not terminated from the department. The chief quit several days later), Salver wrote a letter to the Voice of Opinion on Mlive.com on July 8th, 2010 entitled "Stockbridge Authority Mishandles Situation",

In this letter he made several demands, among them calling for the resignation of all SAESA board members and the removal of the general manager. Short of his demands being met "I urge other taxpayers not to support the November 2010 SAESA millage," he wrote, which by the way Stockbridge residents passed the millage with a 61% supportive vote. That's right 1,500 of Stockbridge Township residents voted yes with 950 voting no.

The letter led to his own. removal from the department. To Mr. Salvers' defense, he did hold an EMT license from 4/1/1994 -3/31/1997 (www. michigan/gov/ems), however I have found no evidence to support

member of the board of directors

or deny he ever served as a

for Stockbridge ambulance. In regards to his comments of lawsuits against S.A.E.S.A. wasting tax dollars, the only lawsuit in the past six years was filed by the former fire chief and was dropped. What would reasonable tax payers expect the S.A.E.S.A. board to do,

just pay out??? I may not have always agreed with every decision of the S.A.E.S.A. board made but would never ask the citizens of our community to vote no and leave our area without emergency

As a Township resident I certainly hope he is running • for supervisor for more than a personal vendetta he wants to settle.

In defense of the current Stockbridge Township Supervisor Mr. Paul Risner, he as well as the

other S.A.E.S.A. board members past and present has worked intensely to ensure that the area communities have an emergency services department to be proud

As a SAESA medic I know first hand that Mr. Risner has worked very hard with the county and area police departments to provide police coverage within the Township.

Serving as a trustee with the Village of Stockbridge I was involved in some of the discussions that took place of how to best serve Stockbridge Township residents with police coverage. After attending a Town Hall meeting it was made clear that the township residents (myself included) who attended were frustrated with the fact that the township tax dollars that they pay towards the county police department were appropriated to other things by the Ingham County Commissioners.

It was the opinion of most who attended that they would not pay for other police protection. I also appreciate the fact that there have been several times that Township Supervisor Paul Risner has worked with the Village Board to try and share resources in efforts to benefit our community.

I also would like to see the property values of the township increase as this would only help the decreasing value of my own home due to the economic down turn. Unless Mr. Salyer has a magic wand to wave, every politician in the state - heck, the country for that matter · has worked to stop the decreasing property values. This issue is certainly not the fault of the current Township Supervisor!

I have the privilege and honor to work as a Paramedic with S.A.E.S.A. ambulance and I can say because our ambulance base is located in the township hall that I see first hand Mr. Risner here at the Township office at all hours of the day and night. Sometimes he uses vacation days to attend to township business when he could just as well be out fishing. I appreciate his hard work and dedication to our township. I will be voting for Paul Risner for township supervisor. Heath Corey Stockbridge Village Resident and

Trustee

LIMA TOWNSHIP OPEN POSITIONS FOR **ZONING ADMIN & ORDINANCE OFFICER**

The Lima Township Board of Trustees is taking applications for the position of Zoning Administrator and Ordinance Enforcement Officer. The job description is posted on the Lima Township Website, or is available at the Lima Township Office. The position is part time, with office hours of six hours minimum, and other hours as required. Submit resume with qualifications and salary requirements by August 30, 2012, to Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk, Lima Township, PO Box 59, Chelsea, MI 48118.

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LEANNE BARNETT

Bunkerhill Township Treasurer on August 7, 2012

Thinks it's Time for a Change

Einstein said, "Insanity is doing the same thing, over and over again, but expecting different

For the past couple decades, Sylvan Township taxpayers have been re-electing LuAnn Koch and Arlene Grau to represent them on the Township Board.

Koch and Grau created, supported, approved, and implemented the development projects that drove the Township to the brink of bankruptcy.

This disaster didn't just happen "on their watch" - Koch and Grau made it happen. Koch and Grau are responsible for Sylvan Township's \$12,000,000 bill.

Sylvan Taxpayers are on the hook to pay that \$12,000,000 bill. Who will we pay? We'll pay Koch and Grau, our duly elected Township Treasurer and Clerk.

Koch and Grau made the mess. Koch and Grau cash our tax checks.

It's time for Koch and Grau to pay the price - at the ballot box. Time for Sylvan Taxpayers to hold these two career politicians accountable for their lousy leadership.

It's time to fire LuAnn Koch and Arlene Grau. David Bloom Sylvan Township

know for sure what would happen.

It might turn out somewhat better

For a more complete

understanding, I put together

some material based on what

together with other freesylvan

members, with my own financial

feedback from several members

after the first draft. I would like

to invite everyone in the Sylvan

community to take a look at www.

freesylvan.org, starting with the

"Bond Debt Millage" link on the

Vote and links to a set of Financial

what could happen to your tax bill.

We in freesylvan are not going

millage, with such complex issues.

We have members voting Yes and

be publishing individuals' Yes and

No statements on the website in

the days leading up to the vote -

including your own if you would

The best each of us can do is

seek to make an informed decision

on August 7 and share information

We are running for public office for

the first time in our lives because

that has gone on for too long must

repair damaged relationships with

we believe the abuse of power

stop. We believe our township

needs to elect leaders who can

the City of Chelsea and other

important private and public

political and economic ruin.

Doug Smith

Sylvan Township

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to bringing our township back to

fiscal health and from the brink of

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members voting No. But we will

nome page. There, you'll find a

Guide to the August 7 Millage

Scenarios that directly address

to tell you how to vote on the

I learned over the past year

analysis, and incorporating

Be informed about the Sylvan Millage Vote process means that we don't really

or worse.

Since learning about our debt crisis in Sylvan Township last year, I've struggled hard to understand the issues and the choices that we have. Part of that effort resulted in forming the "freesylvan" group last October as a discussion group so that we can all share information, ideas, and opinions. We've done quite a lot of that.

We had a millage vote last year. The millage was rejected. In May the Township defaulted on a debt payment. Now there is another millage vote on the ballot for

A lot of people I talk to are angry over how we got in this situation and very anxious about the uncertainty we face now. Me

What I've learned is. unfortunately, there is no way to completely eliminate the uncertainty. Voting Yes for the millage on August 7 will mean a fixed rate for the tax but the amounts we pay on our tax bills will still go up and down with real estate values. Voting No on the millage should actually give us greater certainty about the dollar amounts we pay year to year, by tying them directly to the required bond payments - but that's making an assumption that the law will be applied in the expected, "normal" way. Uncertainty from the legal

Patrick Zieske Sylvan Township

with others.

Running With a Different Perspective The Current Sylvan Township Board, unable to run on their own record, tried to hurl mud at Sylvan

In a recent letter to Sylvan residents, the township board unsuccessfully tried to make their case for being re-elected. Collectively, the township clerk, treasurer, and trustee, have been on the Township Board for over 60 years. And what is their legacy? \$13,000,000 in debt to Washtenaw County,

Clean Slate

Out of ideas, desperate to hold onto the offices, Luann Koch, Arlene Grau, and Reuben Lesser, chose the low road of character assassination and the espousing of petty half-truths, instead of using the opportunity to present a program to improve our township.

The Sylvan Clean Slate are bi-partisan. We believe being a slate made up of Republicans, Democrats, and independents, is a strength, not a weakness. We believe that it doesn't matter what party you belong to, but whether you are honest, hard working, and dedicated to serving the voters of the township, rather than your self interests.

We are not career politicians who believe that being elected to office is a right and not a privilege.

To the Sylvan Township Taxpayers

August 7 is almost here ... Sylvan Township is in a financial crisis and needs you to GET OUT AND VOTE!

I urge you to honestly look at these issues and make an informed decision. What can you realistically afford? The truth is that you cannot afford to miss this chance to make your choices

I believe that Sylvan Township needs a change of direction and new leadership to get out of this huge mess. I want to make it publicly known that my feeling is nothing personal against the people who are currently running our township. They have been kind and helpful to most of us when we went into the office for service. I believe that they are doing the best that they are able to and that they are good people.

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WATERLOO TOWNSHIP RESIDENT BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

Waterloo Township Board Meeting Synopsis - 11 July 2012 7:00 P.M. 11120 Musbach Road, Munith, MI 49259

Call to Order: 7:05P.M. The board approved the following: *Walz motioned with support from Richardson to accept the consent agenda as presented. Yes/ all; No/none. Motion carried. *Kitley motioned with support from Richardson to pay post audit checks in the amount of \$11,066.73 and payroll in the amount of \$5,652.94 for a total of \$16,718.67. Roll call vote: Yes/Kitley, Lance, Walz, Richardson, Parks. No/none. Motion carried. *Richardson motioned with support from Walz to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Yes/all; No/none. Motion carried. The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday evening, August 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Submitted by Janice Kitley, Waterloo Township Clerk

WASHTENAW COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - NORTH LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NORTH LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DESIRABILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A WASHTENAW COUNTY LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT - TO: ALL THE RECORD OWNERS OF, AND PARTIES WITH INTEREST IN, ANY LANDS WITHIN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DESCRIBED BELOW:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works (WCBPW) has declared its intention to implement a Lake Improvement Project for North Lake in Dexter Township and Lyndon Township in Washtenaw County described as follows:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project will provide lake improvement to North Lake in Washtenaw County in order to control the proliferation of invasive and nuisance aquatic species. It will include yearly aquatic herbicide applications, permitting activities, water quality studies and the maintenance of a lake level control structure. It shall also include all necessary regulatory approvals and studies for the application. The total cost of the Project over the five-year period is estimated at \$305,000. The WCBPW has tentatively designated a special assessment district against which all or a part of the cost of such Project is to be assessed, which district consists of the following lands: All tax parcels identified as having lake access and use of the waters of North Lake located in Sections 7, 17, 18 and 19 in Dexter Township and Section 13, Lyndon Township, Washtenaw County.

Each parcel identified above will be assessed the following amounts based on the type of property (the cost is the total cost for the five (5) year project): Non-waterfront residential parcels with restricted lake access \$350

Non-waterfront residential properties with take access \$700 Waterfront residential properties \$1,100

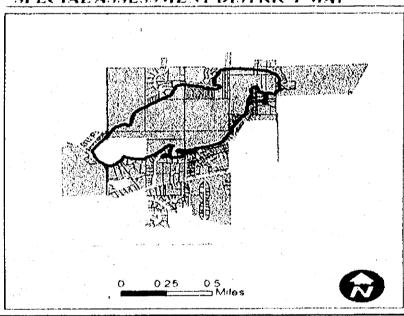
A report describing the Project including program elements and cost estimates has been prepared and is on file with the Washtenaw County Director of Public Works. The report is available for public examination at the Department of Planning and Environment, 705 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107. The offices are located on the second floor of the Washtenaw County Western Service Center. To ask questions or obtain information on the project, please call 734 222 6865.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Public Works will meet on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., Local Time, or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road. Dexter, Michigan 48130 for the purpose of hearing all interested parties concerning such improvements and the special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property that is specially assessed may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after confirmation of the special assessment roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing on the special assessment roll are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or a party in interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the hearing. The Board of Public Works shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS Daniel R. Myers, P.E., Director of Public Works DATED: July 23, 2012

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT MAR



Clerk Candidate

ARLENE J. GRAU, SYLVAN TOWNSHIP TREASURER LUANN S. KOCH, SYLVAN TOWNSHIP CLERK REUBEN A. LESSER, JR., SYLVAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

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FAIRNESS:

We honor the laws and support the public's right to know • We maintain consistent standards but are sensitive to compromise . We are truthful with our fellow elected officials, the public and others.

RESPONSIBILITY:

We represent the official positions to the best of our ability . We promote the efficient use of Township resources

RESPECT:

We treat fellow officials, staff and public with politeness, courtesy and honesty • We are approachable and open-minded, use common sense, and convey this to others.

COMPASSION:

We realize that some people are intimidated by the public process and try to make their interactions as stress-free possible • We are attuned to the needs and concerns of the public, officials and staff • We remember our role is first and foremost to serve the township/community.

LOYALTY: We are transparent but safeguard confidential information • We put loyalty to the public's interest above personal

and political loyalties . We have always filed as Republicans.

Paid for by the committees to elect Arlene J. Grau, Treasurer, LuAnn S. Koch, Clerk, Reuben A. Lesser, Jr. Trustee



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Chelsea Library Planning Community Read

By Lucy Silverio

The Chelsea Library in partnership with the Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation will once again present a community read program. This popular event last year focused on the book "Blue Zones", which explores places in the world where people typically live 90 to 100 years old.

Blue Zone author Dan Buettner wrote about his discovery that the secret of longevity is a good lifestyle. People who have a healthy diet, daily exercise, and a low stress life that incorporates family, purpose, religion, and meaning live longer.

This year's community read will extend into all five of the Wellness Foundation's towns of Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester and Stockbridge. This year's book is "In Defense of Food" by Michael Pollan, which touts the line "eat food, not much, mainly plants. Pollan also wrote "Omnivore's Dilemna" in which he follows each of the food chains that sustain us-industrial food, organic or alternative food, and food we forage ourselves-from the source to a final meal.

The Chelsea library has five hundred copies of In Defense of Food to give out (copies of the book will be made available from libraries in each of the 5 Healthy Towns). Inside each book is a

bookplate where people can sign their name and pass it on, so that everyone who wants to can read it. The bookplate was developed because last year a number of people ended up keeping the book on their shelves. Readers are advised to pass the book on, to a friend or neighbor who wants to read it or to bring it back to the library.

The kick-off event for the community read will be September 15 from noon to 2pm at the McKune Library in downtown Chelsea. There will be live music, food, and activities for all age groups.

In other library news, the Geek the Library project, which was initiated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is aimed at fostering awareness of all that public libraries have to offer a community, and their need for public support. This nationwide program promotes people to explore the things that interest or Geek them at their local library and support funding to keep those libraries operational. The Geek campaign has been notably successful in Chelsea with 240 people getting their picture taken with the Geek sign. Officials from the Gates foundation have contacted Chelsea library twice in the last month trying to find out what their campaign secrets are.

Finally, with recent favorable economic conditions for borrowing money, the library was able to refinance their bond at much better rates. Over the remaining lifetime of the bond, the refinancing will save taxpayers \$400,000.





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They are longtime members of our township and many are your friends, neighbors and relatives. Some have served for a very long time. As a concerned citizen, I have been to every Sylvan Township board meeting for the last year. What I have learned is that we are on the brink of financial ruin as a township. I honestly think we need a different vision to find our way out of the mess that we are in. We need a different perspective to possibly take a different path that may find some light at the end of this dark tunnel of debt that we all must go through together.

As a Sylvan Township Taxpayer, I urge everyone to take the time to visit the following website. This alternative group of candidates looks promising for our future. I am thankful that they are willing to take the reins of our township and try to steer us out of the financial ruin that we are heading towards. I give them credit for trying to manage the wheel of the sinking ship and to role up their sleeves to fix the monetary leaks and keep moving forward. See: www.sylvancleanslate.com for a new and alternative board that will try to look for any possible solutions to reduce this debt, if at all possible. We know that we cannot get out of this debt, but we need to do everything humanly possible to reduce it as much as possible. Most importantly they want to make changes that will insure something like this NEVER happens again. You need to take the time to browse the above website and read about each one of these candidates. They are an educated and diverse team with various backgrounds that want to improve the outlook

People Post ~ continued of Sylvan Township for our future

Please spend the time to make

generations. an informed vote on August 7th. There are two major issues on the ballot. Beside the leaders of our community, the other is the millage Increase which will increase your taxes by 4.4 mills for the next 20 years. It is to pay off a debt for water and sewer system that was already built that most of us do not use and never will. We were not allowed to vote for this and now it is being forced upon the taxpayers to repay. This debt all started with a dream of a now deceased supervisor. His dream was for development of our small rural township. Those who followed his dream went blindly along following him like the pied piper towards doom. His dream for development over 10 years ago, has now turned into Sylvan Township's worst nightmare. If you feel like most others about the over \$13 million dollars that Sylvan Township owes to Washtenaw County, you are very upset. WE ALL ARE! More than anything everyone hopes and prays that we can get out of it. Last year a group of approximately 100 concerned citizens formed www.freesylvan.org to come together and look for a way out of this mess. I joined the talk forum and have been involved through emails and meetings for the last year. We have tried to come together to hold our leaders accountable for their leadership roles ever since by attending all of the board meetings and becoming involved. Most often it seems like we are butting our heads against the walls when it comes to finding options out of this mess. We have tried for over a year now to get out of this \$13 million debt, but after all of our hard work, phone calls, meetings and emails it does not look good. Some of us spoke with multiple lawyers this past year and the Municipal lawyers that we have talked to (in person, phone calls and emails) advised us that Sylvan Township covered their butts pretty good and these debts are legally binding contracts that put all of this debt on the backs of the taxpayers. Unfortunately for us it pins this over \$13 million debt

cost in legal fees when Washtenaw County goes after us to collect? What will Washtenaw County do at that point? No one knows for sure? At our FreeSylvan meetings, we discussed the millage, and everyone has their own opinions and they are varied: VOTE YES, NO, UNDECIDED. I THANK GOD THAT WE EACH HAVE THE FREEDOM TO VOTE AS WE CHOOSE ... IT IS OUR RIGHT! We have decided to keep FREESYLVAN UNBIASED and let people make their own decisions with the facts that we will try to make public and post on the informational website. As a concerned citizen's group, we will try to gather facts and post them for the benefit of everyone and this should help everyone to make informed decisions, but it is still a very complicated issue. We all have our reasons for feeling one way or the other, but no one knows what the future holds ... and the assumptions are all just that ... assumptions!

on us Sylvan Township taxpayers

and we will ultimately be liable

for it. SO WHAT IS THE MOST

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way too many variables. If it is

plate at this time? Honestly, we do not know. It is not an easy BLACK

AFFORDABLE WAY FROM

I urge everyone to get out and vote on these two very important issues. It is imperative that you make your wishes known for the benefit of your own financial

Mark your calendars, be informed and make your vote Vicki Murdock Sylvan Township

Our Inheritance To get to know someone you

must share an inheritance with him - according to proverb. The citizens of Chelsea find themselves in this situation as we share the heritage of Jackson Street with the DDA. This group has been given the authority to restore or destroy the buildings there and they have revealed a ploy to slowly strangle any hope of saving this valuable memory of Chelsea's past. Impossible conditions are

attached to all proposals offered thus far, and this recalcitrance will reduce the number of legitimate preservationists as they become aware the authority wants no part of restoration. The DDA wants to pave this part of the city's history. to add a few parking spaces.

The benefit of destroying this heritage is to the DDA, as this minimizes new competition and reduces the cost of doing business for existing merchants. This is to the detriment of the people of Chelsea.

The Longworth buildings are unique to Chelsea. They cannot be found in any other setting,

anywhere. They are irreplaceable. Once they are gone it is forever.

We'll have another dozen parking spaces and one less attraction worth parking for. Well qualified investors have deemed the buildings worth saving and have offered to invest sizable amounts of their own money to make it happen. In addition to equity, one development team came forward with very experienced track record using incentive financing specifically targeted to rehab historic

buildings. If the DDA is allowed to bully its way to this self serving end the true owners, the current and future citizens, lose a significant part of the heritage of the town. the city will bear the cost of the destruction and no tax dollars will ever be generated.

The council should feel an obligation to do the right thing, place first the interests of the people they represent and rein in the DDA. Dan Lentz

Republican's Unite

By Michael Stavola

In order to knock-off incumbent supervisor of Lima Township -Ken Unterbrink, Bob Spink has unofficially resigned as the third republican candidate and will endorse Craig Maier.

Spink's name will be on the preliminary August 7 ballot for Lima Township supervisor. but is encouraging all voters to support Maier. Spink and Maier agreed a split vote between them would benefit incumbent Ken Unterbrink, and since all three are listed as republican, the winner will go unchallenged for the November election.

"I think we have strayed off path from our local heritage," Maier said. "We need to revive our relationship with residence and small-business owners.'

In 2011, the Lima Township board appealed a suit before Michigan Supreme Court, and lost. The board's vote to put a drive-through fire department on private land belonging to Florence (Twinkie) Beach cost the township approximately \$60,000. Under the current board four bridges were closed - two were reopened in 2011. Maier feels these problems could have been prevented with proper budgeting.

This will be Maier's first time running for office. He is a 32 year Lima Township resident with ambitions of restoring a working relationship with surrounding cities/townships, counties, and state governments. He said Unterbrink has lost ties with residences and commissions. which he plans to restore.

Unterbrink said Maier's lack of experience make him naïve as to who should be paying for what. "When there's blood in the water the sharks will circle," Unterbrink said. He added that he is only one of five personnel who voted to appeal before the Michigan Supreme Court, which was advised by the Michigan Attorney General.

As for the bridges, Unterbrink believes these closures do not affect emergency management, and upkeep for these bridges belongs to the county road commission.



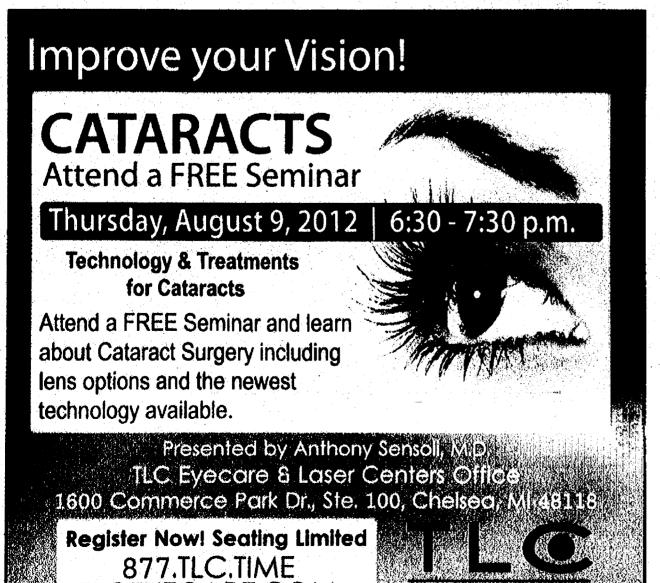
The Market is NOW OPEN every Friday 4-7pm on the Middle School grounds

Stockbridge at Wood & Elizabeth Streets

The Quintanilla Family won the July Passport Prize which included gifts from the Vendors, Stockbridge Pharmacy, Abbott & Fillmore, Stockbridge Diner, Country Petals, and Crazingz.. Get your August Passport this Friday and start getting stamps from buying produce and goodies at the Open Air Market. Choose from sweet corn, tomatoes, peppers squash, cukes and much more, herbs, honey, baked goods, soup, bread, pies and useful household items like goat's milk soap, decorated light switch plates, baskets, art, and other homemade items. Thank you to all our patrons who came last week even in the rain. It is YOUR Market! More info? Call Suzi 517-851-7437

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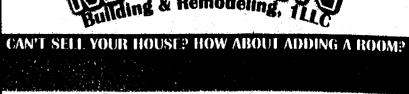


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