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Festival gets bigger, better

By Kevin Doby
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What started 37 years ago as a small street sale, the Sounds & Sights Festival, formerly Summerfest, returned to downtown Chelsea this weekend with the street sale still there, but plenty more activities for the whole family.

"Growing up in Chelsea I remember the festival, and it's just grown and the entertainment has gotten bigger and bigger," said Lisa Park, Chelsea Festivals coordinator. "Not only are there more people from Chelsea coming each year, but more people from out of town as well.

Local stores, vendors and restaurants lined the streets of downtown offering a wide array of food, goods and art.

Those looking to take a break from looking around could settle down at one of six stages that showcased local music throughout the day and night. Each evening, the main stage offered four hours of music for $5, and each night featured a different theme.

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Thursday got things started with indie music night featuring The Juliets, Bear Lake, and The HardLessons. Friday night traded skinny jeans and fedoras for Levis and cowboy boots as the country stylings of White Morgan and the 78's and the Blue River Band filled the night air. The festival wrapped up on Saturday with an upbeat dance party night featuring Billy Mack and the Juke Joint Johnnies and Fifty Amp Fuse.

"I don't really like country, but there was plenty of other stuff I could see and listen to, and I guess it's nice that they try provide a little bit of something for everyone," said Joy Stephenson, who grew up in Chelsea but now lives in Ann Arbor.

After a successful first year in 2011, the festival also saw the return of the art market. The market allowed festival-goers a chance to peruse locally-made art ranging from pottery, to oil on canvas paintings, to jew-

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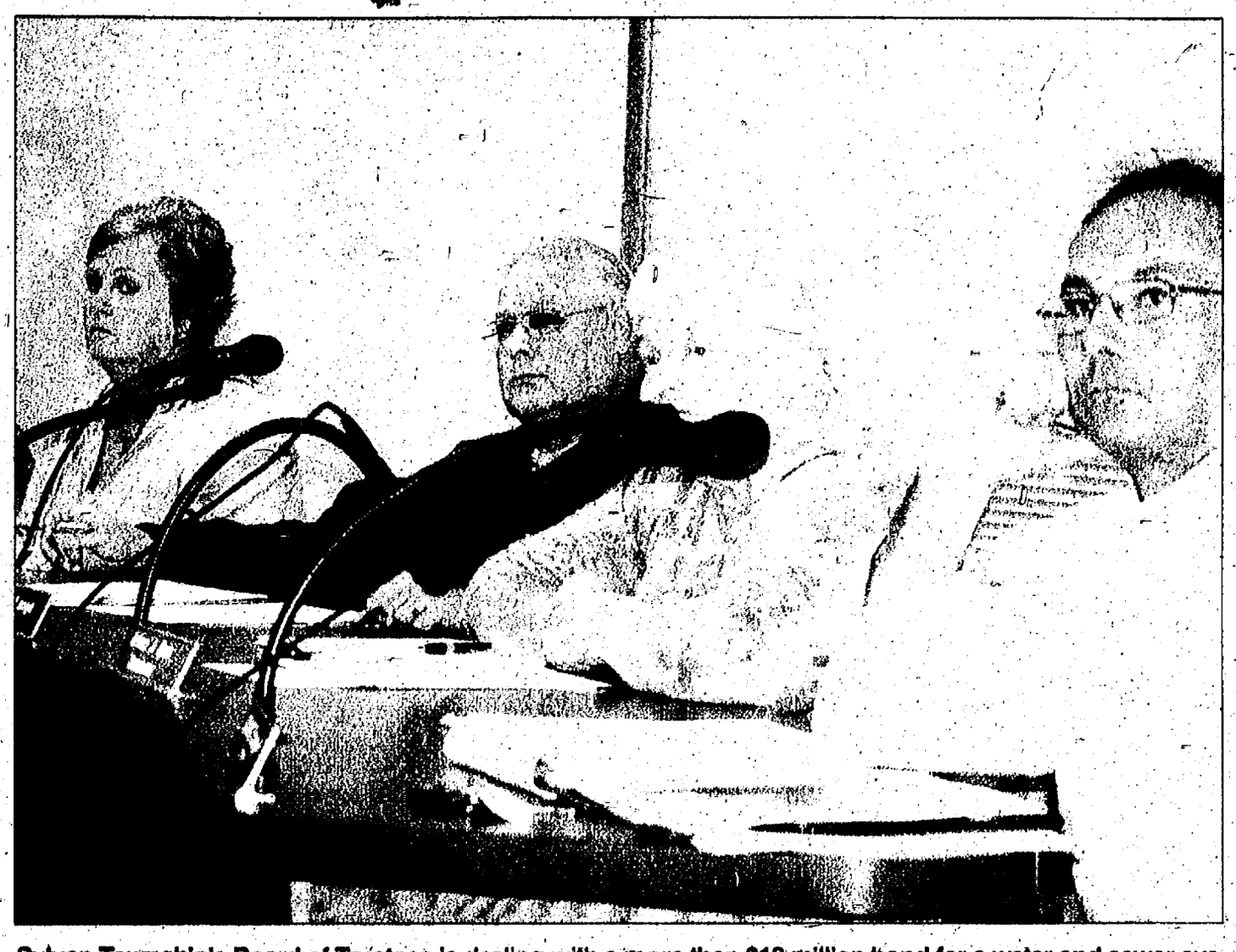

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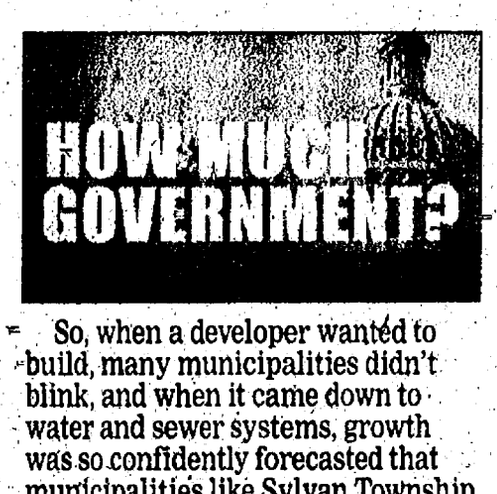

Roughly 10 years ago, housing in Michigan was just on the precipice of bursting its burgeoning bubble. Urban sprawl had paid off for counties neighboring Wayne County and housing developments had never looked better.

"There was a mindset back then that this growth was going to go on forever," said Rob Turner, a western Washtenaw County commissioner.

So, when a developer wanted to build, many municipalities didn't blink, and when it came down to water and sewer systems, growth was so confidently forecasted that municipalities like Sylvan Township in Washtenaw County and Handy and Howell townships in Livingston County sought large bonds backed by county credit.

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Online chat kicks off series on size, scope of government

State Rep. Jeff Irwin

By Jerry Wolfe
Journal Register News Service

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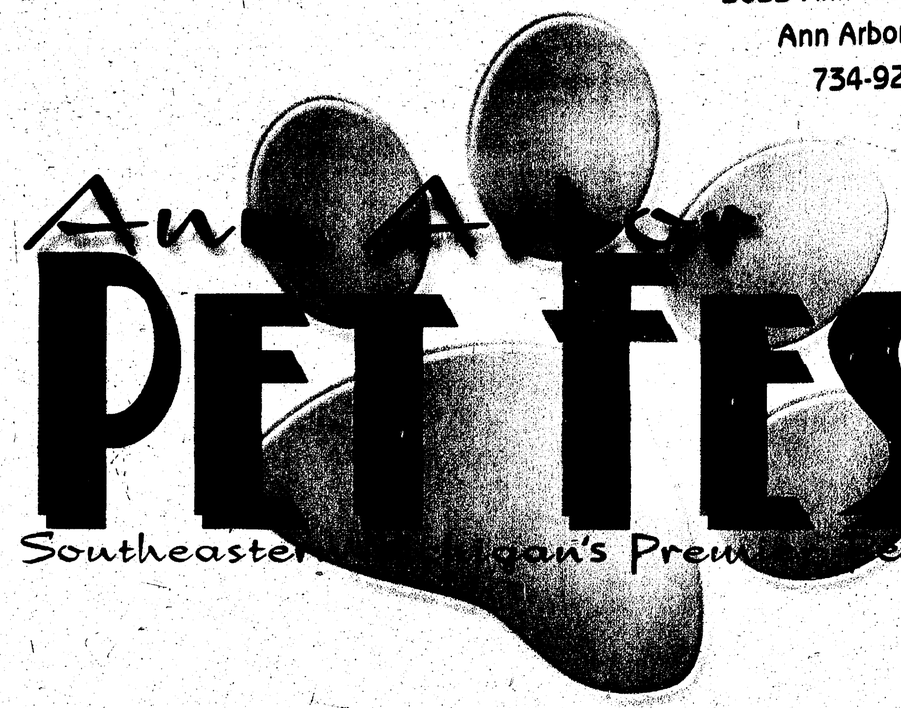

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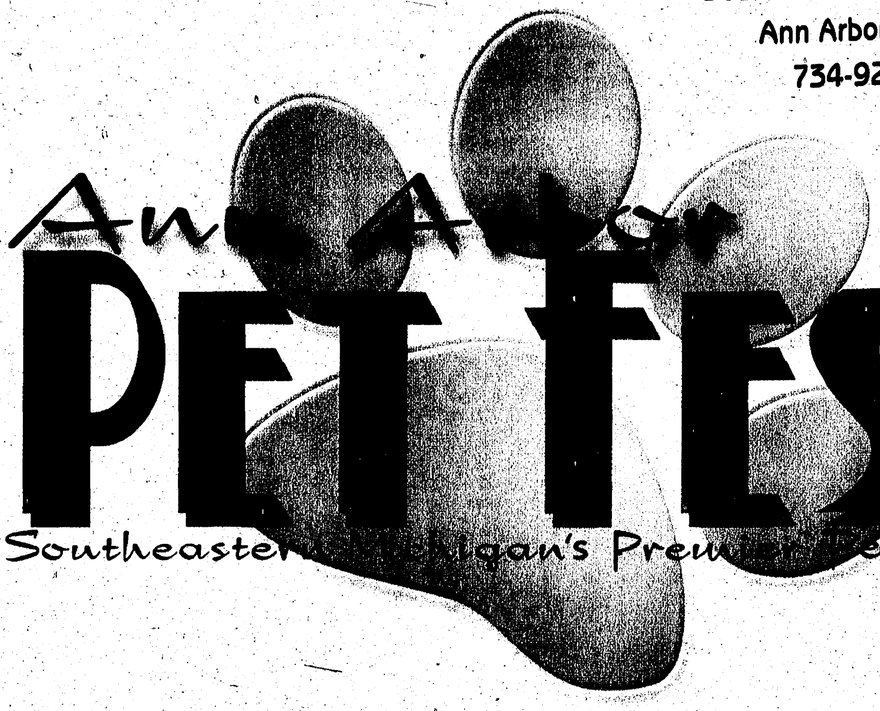

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Looking at financial stress in a city and how the problem was solved

Editor's Note: This is the first week in a series on Michigan's shrinking government

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Cities across Michigan and the country are facing budget shortfalls and revenue problems and, at some point, something has to be done to address them.

While most cities take steps to avoid dire financial situations, others are mismanaged and fall into receivership.

Either way, when officials decide it's time to address the issue, it includes cuts.

The question then, is, what do they cut?

Experts say it depends on the situation.

"I don't think there is a single plan of action, and part of the challenge is as you try to make cuts in a city you still have demands for service," said Anthony Minghine, associate executive director of the Michigan Municipal League.

Nonessential services, such as parks and maintenance, usually are slimmed down first, Minghine said, to try to avoid public safety cuts.

"If you make deep, painful cuts to a city this year, next year your property values will fall," he said.

A growing number of municipalities in Michigan are feeling the pain, as not only is state-shared revenue declining, but also as property values go down, so do tax collection rates. Those two areas make up a majority of cities' budgets, with property tax revenue typically being more than 50 percent.

Personnel salaries and benefits make up the bulk of expenses for municipalities, which is the reason union contracts and employee compensation also are reviewed for reductions.

Joyce Parker, emergency manager in Ecorse since November 2009 and now in the same position for Highland Park Public Schools, laid off more than 35 city employees in Ecorse, about one-third of its workforce.

"It's been a painful process. Downsizing has not been easy. It's required a number of changes and a different way of thinking about how you operate."
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Ecorse emergency manager

She now is in Ecorse part time as the city of about 9,500 residents has erased its deficit under her watch. However, the action she took was not without controversy.

"I'm not going to say everybody's happy because they're not," Parker said. "It's been a painful process. Downsizing has not been easy. It's required a number of changes and a different way of thinking about how you operate."

Minghine said government entities take longer to fix than businesses because of the limits on raising revenue and the importance of keeping core services and amenities intact.

"It's going to be a longer fix for them and it's going to be a slow fix, unfortunately," he said.

Parker said that when she got to Ecorse, she first looked at the city overall to see what shape it was in.

"Basically, what I did was actually evaluate the overall city operations," she said, "every department, all aspects of the operation. And, I developed a new financial plan, and the plan basically kind of laid out what kind of options were available to make changes."

Ecorse had a deficit of $14.6 million and a general fund of about $11 million. Its former mayor and controller had been found guilty of bribery and corruption charges and were sentenced to prison terms.

Parker restructured departments, brought the Department of Public Services back in house, saving $2.2 million a year instead of privatizing the services, and sought ways to raise revenue.

Basically, when a city is proactive, deep cuts aren't always necessary, experts said, but when the situation gets bad, as in Ecorse, anything and everything is looked at for reductions.

The mayor and the City Council took 50 percent pay cuts and then took another 25 percent hit after that. All elected officials in the city

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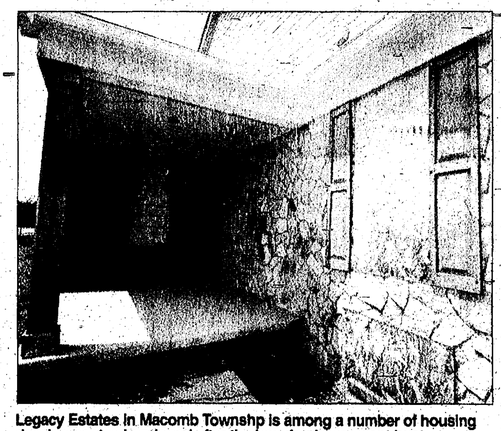
What's the right size for local government?

Series of news reports to analyze questions

By Chad Selweski
Journal Register News Service



Legacy Estates in Macomb Township is among a number of housing developments abandoned after the housing boom went bust.

HOW MUCH GOVERNMENT?

On North Avenue in Macomb Township, past the luxury residential neighborhoods and an elaborate fire station and a lush golf course featuring a large clubhouse and banquet hall, lies a subdivision from a bygone era.

This Macomb County subdivision has several streets winding through well over 100 acres. It has sidewalks and ornate street lamps and a pond. But it has just three homes – all are vacant and two are partially boarded up. This land, designed for dozens of houses, fronted by an elaborate metal and stone fence, is now populated by thousands of weeds.

The subdivision's name: Legacy Estates.

These ghost town subdivisions in Macomb Township, once Michigan's fastest-growing community, are the legacy of a housing boom that went bust. The result is a still-lagging economy five years later and plummeting property values that have squeezed the tax revenues of cities and townships across Michigan.

Economic analysts and public officials warn that Michigan has entered into a "New Normal" where tax revenues will remain low for decades and the level of services offered by cities, townships and school districts will shrink.

When the nation's housing bubble burst in 2007, it added to the misery of Michigan's "lost decade" in which hundreds of thousands of jobs were eliminated and household income tumbled. The amount of state revenue sharing allocated to localities sank.

The subsequent financial crisis of 2008-09 added to problems for lenders, which caused dozens of community-oriented banks to fail. And the auto industry reached such a state of disarray — with plant closures and countless layoffs — that their future was temporarily in doubt.

What's left for communities in the wake of this economic tsunami — very few life preservers. Only an adjustment toward smaller government at the local level and a continuing cultural shift in the public sector that focuses on concessions, layoffs, staffing reductions through attrition, and cutting or eliminating traditional services.

With municipalities facing an endless battle against red ink, programs such as parks and recreation are now considered an amenity. And police and fire are no longer immune from layoffs or department consolidations created by agreements with neighboring communities or the surrounding county.

With this story, the Journal Register Co. newspapers in Michigan kick off a series of reports that analyze these questions: How much government, at the local level, are taxpayers willing to pay for? With unemployment high and home values low, do taxpayers of 2012 draw the line in a very different place than they did a decade ago?

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A sobering outlook

According to a sobering report released by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments in the spring, the seven-county region of Metro Detroit will not in the foreseeable future regain all the manufacturing jobs it lost since 2000. In addition, the region will continue to experience modest population declines until 2022, the SEMCOG researchers concluded.

What's more, southeastern Michigan will not recover all of the 351,000 jobs lost in the decade of the 2000s until about 2040. And small population losses will continue for years in many suburbs that ring the city of Detroit. Some will see their population settle at a lower rate in 2040 than where it stood in the last census.

Key factors that will create long-term stagnant growth in the region are: relatively slow job gains, workers migrating out of the area to find employment, and a rapidly aging population.

The seven counties will experience a 147 percent increase in residents older than 85 by 2040, and the overall senior citizen share of population will match the current conditions in the retiree haven of Florida.

Economists caution that if Michigan does not become a destination for businesses and college-educated professionals, the state economy could remain sluggish for decades.

When SEMCOG presented its 2010-40 projections to the Macomb County Board of Commissioners recently, some commissioners were stunned. Commissioner Roland Fraschetti was dismayed by the gloomy outlook over such a long period of time.

"It's like you're telling me that I have a 104-degree fever – but things could be worse," said Fraschetti, a St. Clair Shores Republican.

Virtually every Macomb County school district has faced cutbacks of varying magnitude. Cities and townships have engaged in cuts in spending and personnel, combined with millage increases.

In Eastpointe, a small city bordering Detroit that was devastated by home foreclosures, tax assessments have plunged by 70 percent since 2008. As a result, Eastpointe merged its police dispatching services with neighboring Roseville and St. Clair Shores. It consolidated its parks and recreation department with Roseville.

And now the city may partially merge its Fire Department with neighboring Warren or privatize its ambulance service. Contracting for police services with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department also is a possibility.

"Life cannot continue the way it was," said Eastpointe City Manager Steve Duchane, a former police officer.

Meanwhile, the Warren City Council boosted the tax rate this year by 3 mills to pay legacy costs – pensions and retiree health care for police and fire. In the August primary, voters in Michigan's third-largest city will decide whether to approve an additional 4.9 mills for police and fire operations.

State law slows recovery

A decade ago, tax increases of 7 or 8 mills were unheard of, but in 2012 the shrinking tax bases mean that each mill has a lot less bang for the buck.

After winning approval for a massive 7-mill tax hike in 2009, Eastpointe still struggles to find enough revenue to maintain services. The August ballot includes a 1-mill tax renewal for the city's library. If the millage fails, city officials say all funding for books, audio/visual materials and capital projects will be eliminated and library hours may be reduced.

The 2010-40 SEMCOG projections reflect a particularly harsh picture for communities like Pontiac, Taylor and Lincoln Park, where population losses are expected to extend for the next three decades. Population stagnation is predicted for the northernmost townships of Macomb and Oakland counties, and for cities such as Wyandotte and Southgate in Wayne County's Downriver area.

The bottom line: Counties, cities, townships and school districts must consider cutbacks that never would have appeared on their radar screens during past downturns.

Summer Minnick, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Municipal League, said most municipalities in southeastern Michigan have seen one-third to one-half of their budgets evaporate over the last several years. Worse yet, experts warn that the road back to something resembling the prosperity of the 1990s and full funding for local governments could be decades away.

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CCH gives parents an extra month to find child care

By Amy Bell
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Parents with children being cared for at Chelsea Community Hospital's Children's Center now have an extra month to find new child care.

Hospital officials extended the date of the daycare closure from Aug. 30 to Sept. 30. The center's employees care for 48 children in its programs for infants, toddlers and preschool children.

However, officials have made it clear that they will no longer be involved with the program after that date.

"I want to emphasize that Chelsea Community Hospital will not continue to provide these programs past Sept. 30, 2012. We have made our decision to exit these programs in order to refocus our resources on our core mission of health care. I am aware that some community members have a desire to donate or raise funds for these programs so that Chelsea Community Hospital can continue these operations. Please know this is not an option and I am requesting that such efforts on behalf of the hospital cease immediately," stated Nancy Graebner, CEO and president of Chelsea Community Hospital, in an email sent to parents and staff.

Several parents have expressed frustration with the closure, mainly because they were not asked for input before the decision was made and the timeframe given.

In a letter dated July 11, Graebner notified parents of the closure, originally set for Aug. 30, stating it is due to program costs and the hospital refocusing its mission on providing health care to the communities it serves.

The letter also stated the hospital has entered into a management agreement with Gretchen's House Inc., a childcare provider with locations in Ann Arbor.

"This is a really, really tough decision for us here at the hospital," she said, adding that it has been discussed numerous times within the past few years by hospital administration and its board of trustees.

As of Sept. 30, the facility will be managed by Gretchen's House.

On Sept. 4, the organization will take over the before- and after-school program held at North Creek Elementary School, which provides care for 100 children.

Parents have the option of moving their children to Gretchen's House and paying the same rate as they did in Chelsea.

At the end of December, they would be required to pay the Gretchen's House rate.

Nancy Graebner

The cost of care was subsidized for the 24 hospital employees using the program.

Gretchen Preston, president of Gretchen's House, said to date, six children from the Chelsea facility will be transferring to the Ann Arbor location.

This does not require her to hire any additional staff.

Graebner said Gretchen's House was chosen for a number of reasons especially because its mission regarding childhood development and education closely aligned with the mission of the daycare facility.

"It was a great transition in terms of those values being similar," she said.

Preston said they looked at other locations in Chelsea but they do not have the time necessary to obtain a license to run a childcare facility and hire staff.

However, she is still looking for a Chelsea location, she said.

Officials from Gretchen's House will host a forum at 6 p.m. July 30 in the North Creek Elementary School cafeteria to answer questions about the transition.

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FROM OUR COMMUNITY BLOG ROLL: Bob Cummings

Consider health care and health habits of the mind

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"We don't need to move to the left or to the right. We all need to go a little deeper."

This from Ohio Congressman Tim Ryan, according to a recent Washington Times article by Patrick Hruby about Ryan's interest in a form of meditation called mindfulness. Ryan has found it so helpful that he said, "This needs to be in the schools. And the health care system."

There's a lot of talk these days in the United States about health care, healthcare costs, and what role the government should play. Ryan's interest in mindfulness seems focused more on health itself.

According to Hruby, research suggests that mindfulness helps with such problems as chronic pain, inflammation, high blood pressure, and stress. He quotes Davidson, director of the University of Wisconsin's Lab for Affective Neuroscience, who said, "There's a huge amount of suffering that can be prevented with healthy habits of the mind."

> Today researchers are finding that patients who use prayer and who feel the presence of a higher power have more rapid recoveries and better health.

For example, a recent study at the University of Massachusetts Medical School found that a mindfulness based stress reduction program "produced lasting and clinically significant improvements in asthma-related quality of life and stress in patients with persistent asthma, without improvements in lung function."

Hruby also points out that according to the National Institutes of Health, 7.6 percent of American adults practiced meditation in 2002 and this increased to 9.4 percent in 2007. Interestingly, according to this same NIH study a comparatively whopping 43 percent of American adults practiced "prayer for self" — another "mindfulness" practice in 2002.

Putting this into perspective using the 2010 U.S. census, 43 percent translates into almost 90 million Americans ages 18 and older in 2000, and just over 100 million in 2010, who pray for themselves.

Prayer is the mindfulness practice I've found most effective for good health. It focuses on the connection between the individual and the presence of the divine. And because the divine presence is boundless, lasting benefits from this connection are always available.

Centuries ago, when leading the Israelites out of Egypt and into their new land, Moses was feeling stressed and prayed to God. The answer came in this calming reassurance, "My Presence wil go with you and I will give you rest."

Today researchers are finding that patients who use prayer and who feel the presence of a higher power have more rapid recoveries and better health. For example, a study conducted in Michigan at Wayne State University by Brigid Waldron-Perrine, and published in Rehabilitation Psychology found that patients with traumatic brain injuries who "felt a connection with a higher power" experienced better rehabilitation outcomes.

Prayer can bring "rest," calm, order and — yes — even less stress and better health to daily life. It's definitely a "healthy habit of the mind."

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Can the state afford to be tough?

Michigan law imposes an automatic two-year prison sentence for the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. That's not long enough, say a couple of legislators and some in law enforcement.

The legislators are proposing to extend the minimum sentence to 10 years, and to 25 years to life if a person is injured or killed during a crime in which a firearm is used. The bill has been introduced in the Senate by Grand Ledge Republican Rick Jones. Plymouth Republican Kurt Heise is expected to introduce it in the House.

It may be a good idea. It may deter criminals and would-be criminals, perhaps not to do the crime, perhaps to take up a knife or a baseball bat instead of a gun. The existing firearm felony law, introduced in the 1970s, certainly seemed like a good idea at the time, even if the sentences were often served concurrently with the sentence for the felony itself. It created hardships for some defendants when all involved agreed that extenuating circumstances made two years unnecessarily harsh. Plea bargaining was not an option. Sen. Jones, Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard and Detroit Police Chief Ralph Godbee held a press conference in Pontiac to promote the bills. They talked tough.

"If you bring a gun to your crime, you're doing hard time," said Jones, who worked in the Eaton County Sheriff's Department for 31 years.

Bouchard said those who have used a gun in a crime often repeat after their release. In other words, the two-year felony firearm sentence isn't much of a deterrent.

Would a 10-year sentence deter someone from carrying a gun? Would a 25-to-life sentence deter someone from pulling the trigger?

In recent years, Michigan has made some strides toward reducing its prison population, to a point where it has been promoting its unused capacity to other states. At the same time, locking up felons has had some demonstrable impact on crime rates.

Longer sentences, then, may accomplish both goals: Deter crime and remove criminals from the streets. But those goals, if they happen, will come at a cost, at a time when prisons consume more than 20 percent of the state's budget. The costs need to be estimated before the legislation advances.

It may be that the state can't afford all that toughness.

— Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

We should respect rules for U.S. flag

Together we can make a difference.

That is a phrase that one of my veterans organizations uses quite often and it works. On July 22, I took a drive around our great town of Saline and was taken aback by the numbers of flags that weren't properly displayed.

We are fortunate that we live in a country that we aren't going to get fined or jailed because we don't display the flag properly. It's a matter of respect and pride that we do take care of our flags. I feel that as a homeowner, business or other organization, if you possess a flagpole, one should be honored to fly the U.S. flag properly and with pride.

I estimated that on my ride that one-third of the flagpoles had no flag at all, another one-third had it flown at full-staff and the last one-third at half-staff. I mention this because over this past week our country had a national tradgey at a theater in Colorado and the President of the United States asked that all flags in America be flown at half-staff for a short time. There is only one person in the state of Michigan who can direct that a flag be flown at half-staff and that is the governor. There is only one person outside the state who can direct the same and that is the president.

I encourage everyone to Google "flag honors state of Michigan." On that website, you may sign up and will be notified each and every time when to lower and raise our country's flag in time of need. This applies to service personnel whom gave the ultimate sacrifice from Michigan, national tragedies and any other times directed by our governor or president.

Let's all make a difference.

George Perrault
Saline

There are many reasons to thank God

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THE REAL DEAL

ROSE MARTIN

It was 1965 when the doctor told me that he doubted very much I would live very long.

I had crossed a restricted tape line put up on a house by the health department to visit someone whom I loved very much who was seriously ill. I had been drinking that day well into the evening, and no one could tell me anything when I arrived at my best friend's house.

All who were there warned me several times not to enter, but my alcohol told me that nothing could harm me, that I was invincible. What the hell were these health professionals talking about? I was going in.

It was my best friend. I only had one true friend and he was it. I hugged on him and kissed him during my visit. I assured him that he would be all right. I warbled over and over again how much my drunken butt loved him. He wasn't my boyfriend. He was my best and only friend in the world. I had never had a friend before.

A few days later, I fell ill with the same sickness that my friend had. Now there were two of us on the brink of dying. I was very weak and unable to care for my two children, so I took them to the Bureau of Children Services. I asked them to take care of my kids until I got well. I was very sick with this mysterious killer, and it was virtually impossible for me to work and care for them. So, there I was limp and helpless for months.

My friend and I both ended up beating the odds. One day I saw my doctor on the main drag. He looked at me with utter surprise. He said, "I can't believe you lived through that." I smiled and said, "Angels are always safe."

I went back to work and began to play catch-up with all of my bills. I visited my children regularly. They lived in a foster home just as I once had done. I didn't want to have them in a foster home, but I had no other choice, believe me. I took some comfort in knowing that it was only a temporary arrangement.

When I went back to the agency to get my children back, all hell broke loose. I was living in a one bedroom apartment — as I had been when I took them there — and the state officials said that my living quarters were not suitable. The state officials came up with all kinds of reasons why I couldn't get my children back.

Screaming and hollering truth at the state worker did nothing. She stuck to her guns, giving me a list taller than me of things I needed to have before my children would be returned to me. I was devastated, to say the least.

I had no idea this was going to happen to me. The state of New Jersey didn't take my children away from me. I took them to the state for help.

There was a woman named Penny O'Neal. God bless her. She had two children who were my children's ages. She had a husband who drove a tractor-trailer for a living and was gone most of the time. They lived in the best part of town.

Penny had all of the things in place at her home that were on my state "have-to-have" list. She was a stranger. I asked her why she was willing to help. She said, "I am a mother, too."

Penny had heard from the street what I was going through, and came to me with a plan. She said, "Call the state worker and tell her that you live in my house. I will move next door for a couple of days with my neighbors to make it look good. I will also take all of my husband's belongings out of the house. We can do this, Rose," she said. "The only thing that we have to worry about is if my husband comes home before we are able to pull this off. He is such a nut. We don't want him involved."

So, I called the state worker and had her come to inspect my new supposed-to-be dwelling. You could see by the look on her face that she was pleased, especially when I ran up to the door with Penny's key to let her in. I was on watch at the corner store for her to arrive. Soon came that big black state car with the state of New Jersey emblem on it. I was scared to death, but you couldn't tell it. I maintained my cool, while the worker went through Penny's house. She commented on how well she thought I had done, and that she would be bringing my kids to me before the week was over.

I fell to my knees in thanks and the very next day, the worker came back to the house with my two children. I was thrilled.

Oh what a blessing Penny was to me. The "system" was in place to never see me with my children again. But Penny saw differently. Thank God.

GUEST COLUMN: By Amy Heydlauff

Wellness foundation's goals match state's plan

Olga Dazzo – what a fun name. It's a real name of a real person who works for you and me.

Dazzo is the director of the Michigan State Department of Community Health.

In June, she introduced to the State the four-by-four plan to improve the health of residents from Iron Mountain to Monroe. In Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester and Stockbridge, we embraced the state's plan even before Dazzo introduced it. It works for us.

Here are the first four elements of the state's plan: maintain a healthy diet, engage in regular exercise, avoid all tobacco use and exposure and get an annual physical exam

Sound familiar? Just in case you aren't exactly sure where you heard all this before, here are your communities' 5 healthy towns elements: eat better, move more, avoid unhealthy substances, and connect with others in healthy ways.

Even a critical observer would say there is 75 percent overlap. We can argue, and have, that getting an annual exam is connecting with others in a healthy way although it's not exactly what we had in mind. Our focus is the connections that are shown to improve mental health and physical well-being.

For the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation the fascinating part of the state's effort is the plan to put together 46 wellness coalitions around the state to implement the four-by-four plan.

Good news! Your community already has a wellness coalition.

In fact, you already have a wellness plan and people are rallying around parts of the plan to get it done.

Chelsea's wellness plan will help you and others make a difference in our local health outcomes. That's where the rubber meets the road, really. So the second part of the four-by-four plan is for everyone to know four things about their health status. We believe not only do you want to know these numbers, you will want to work toward improving them from one doctor visit to the next. Unless they're already perfect – then hooray for you. Keep them that way. I bet Dazzo wants you to see improvement, too. The numbers to watch are: body mass index, blood pressure, cholesterol levels and blood glucose level.

We are proud of the local efforts and your potential to contribute to the state's efforts through your experience and early learning. We hope you're as proud of your community as we are.

The Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation is a tax-exempt private foundation governed by a volunteer board of directors. The foundation serves the populations included in the school districts of Chelsea, Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester and Stockbridge. The CWF will grant funds for projects dedicated to creating a culture of wellness and sustainable improvements in health.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Experience at Children's Center was 'invaluable'

I am both shocked and disappointed to hear the Chelsea Community Hospital Children's Center is closing. As a dedicated employee, my mom was one of the founders of the program when she was pregnant with me.

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The people at the Children's Center were professional and kind – looking always toward what is the best interest in serving the precious children that entered their doors each morning. It was a privilege to learn along side some of the best care givers, and it's now an experience I take to teaching second graders.

The Children's Center will be greatly missed by both professionals and those sweet little children of Chelsea. I simply cannot understand "cutting costs" by cutting out our children.

Jacki (Crawford) Ward
Fishers, Indiana

Citizens should be informed about cityhood process in Dexter

Most of you are aware the village council has been working since 2006 to incorporate the village into a city.

The process has gotten to the point where it really could happen and you, the citizens of Dexter, need to become involved if you haven't already.

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You need to become informed and vote your thoughts. Who is to determine the direction of the village? What say you?

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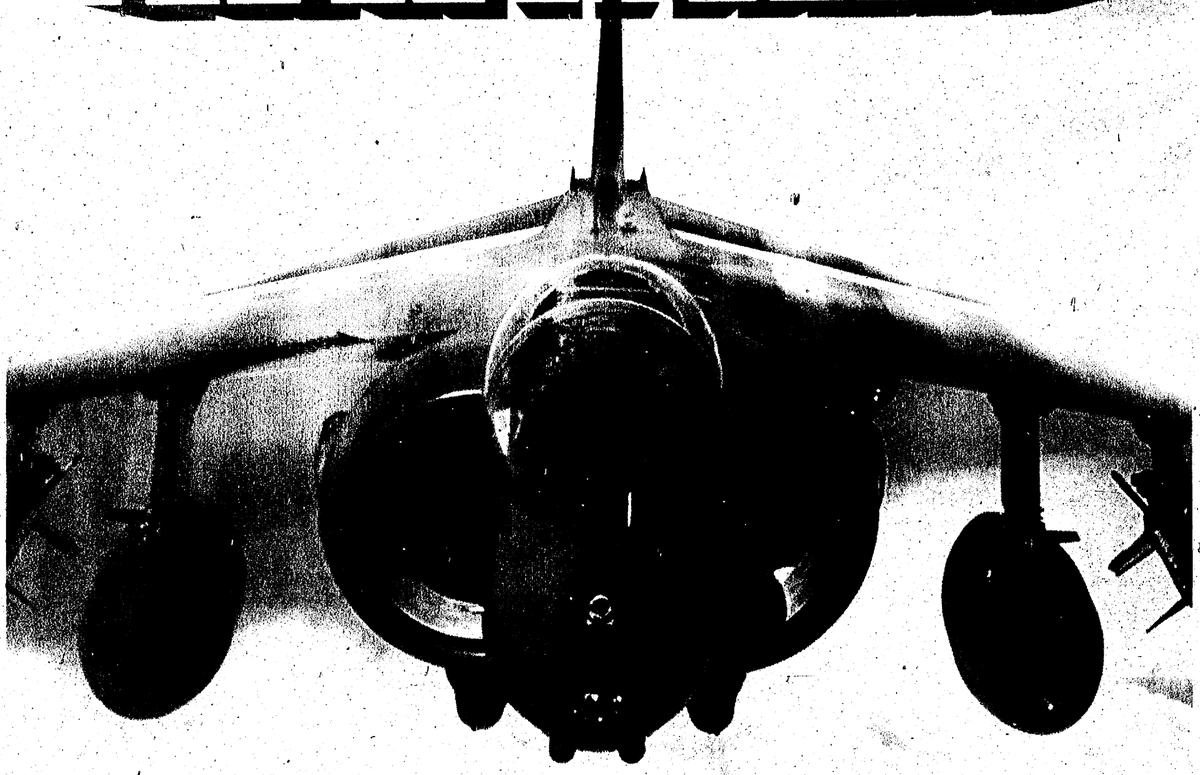

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CHAT

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income taxes, recession and historic joblessness.

Topics included regional transit, creating jobs, providing medical coverage to the state's 1.2 million residents, alternative energy, creating a new way to fund pension and medical benefits for public employees, and the role of emergency managers and consent agreements under Public Act 4.

One of the sharpest exchanges occurred between Anthony Minghine, associate executive editor and chief operating officer of the Michigan Municipal League and longtime Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson on reform retiree benefits for public workers.

"Stop offering tax subsidized pensions and go to a 401(k)-style of retirement program," Patterson said some six minutes into the live chat. "Oakland County did it in 2006 and the benefits are obvious."

Minghine said, "cities get it" but suggested having lawmakers take action instead of local governmental units.

"Many are working to change contracts and we are working on legislative fixes," he said. "(Citizens should) contact their legislators and tell them to support the reform bills as they move (through the Legislature)."

He added however, that "communities are also very limited in their ability to respond to pension costs and the like.

"Current laws make it difficult if not impossible to manage that cost. Make it easier to leave DB (defined pension) plans and pay current costs with current dollars. It will take time to achieve but it's the only way."

But "Save Taylor Recreation" responded that "folks forget that once pension benefits are earned and vested, they become protected by the state Constitution. So for most older communities, the only answer for pensions is to pay them."

Consolidation was a major topic of the chat.

"Restore Allen Park" suggested expanding volunteer fire departments, but that and privatization was opposed by Mary A. Bauer.

"Privatization leads to low-paid workers who pay less income tax, can't afford to buy houses and add little to the tax base," she wrote.

"The employing company is often located out-of-state and adds little to the local tax base. Remember Henry Ford's answer to the question of why he paid his workers more than the prevailing wage? 'So they can buy my product!'"

Live chat moderator Austen Smith, the community engagement editor at Heritage.com, asked the panel if the state should take "stronger action and force local communities to collaborate to save money." Patterson said Oakland County discussed consolidation and had a study conducted.

"The study was flawed since it only allowed for career departments," Patterson said. "Troy did a separate study ... which found cities like Troy, Clawson and Farmington Hills would have lost money under fire consolidation ... their free (or almost free) firefighters would have been replaced with paid firefighters and all their fringe and legacy costs!"

Chatter Jason Hughes said it is difficult to find a way where all parties see a benefit in consolidation.

"When small communities have different service levels it makes sharing those services nearly impossible (especially when it is villages and townships)," he wrote.

State Rep. Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, said he spent 10 years in county government and tackled consolidation and "saved some serious dollars. Other consolidations we explored were not going to save money," Irwin said.

"It depends on the service and most of the savings are in management rather than front-line staff."

Smith said the newsroom staff at Heritage Media wanted to know the fate of the emergency manager law, now being weighed by the Michigan Supreme Court.

Patterson responded, "... I'm not so politically correct; the Supreme Court will vote 4 to 3 and throw the question off the ballot."

He added bankruptcy filings by cities "might become a fact of life" with hardly an acceptable outcome.

"You are turning the fate of a city or county over to a distant federal judge in some other state ... guarantee all hell will break loose," Patterson said. "He/she will carve out a remedy that will disappoint and anger all."

On Health Exchanges, comments included:

■ "The Governor fully supports creating a MI Health Marketplace that will help citizens and small businesses access affordable insurance. It's all about competition and access to information needed to make responsible choices." — William Rustem, Gov. Snyder's director of strategy. Health Exchanges for Obamacare

■ "The Legislature is waiting to see the outcome of the presidential election ...why go through the hoops if Romney is elected and Obamacare is repealed?" — Patterson.

And one final comment from citizen Mary A. Bauer near the end of the live chat:

"How about starting pay (and) perks cuts at the (top) and then rippling downward in the governments?"

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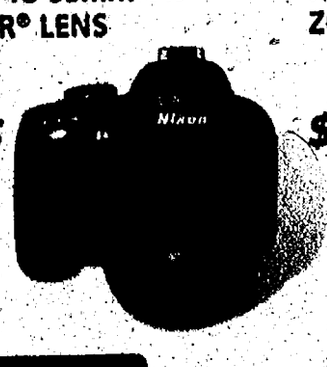

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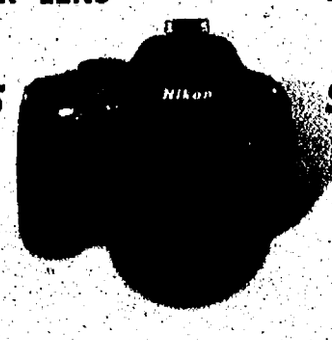

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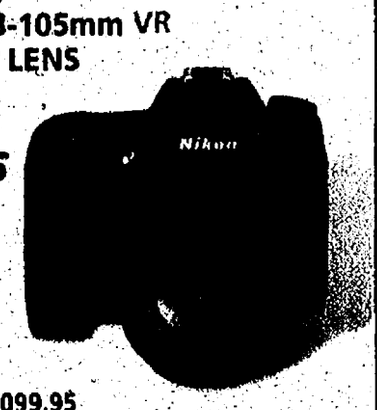

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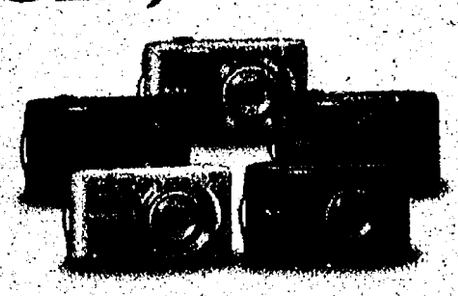

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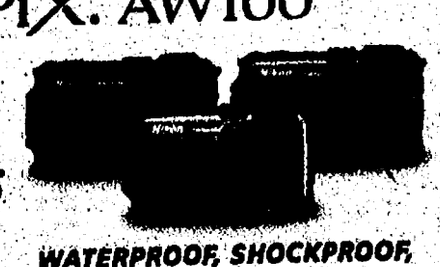

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CTN organizers say camp will be re-established

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

With the ongoing effort to place 40 of the 68 evicted residents of Camp Take Notice, camp organizers and supporters are actively seeking a parcel of private land to re-establish the successful democratic tent community.

The camp was disbanded, temporarily in the view of organizers at MISSION, or Michigan Itinerant Shelter System-Interdependent Out of Necessity, by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

MDOT owns the land near the Wagner Road overpass, where the camp site was most recently established. After evicting the residents, the camp site was shuttered and access to the land was blocked off by a large fence installation.

The eviction was executed in tandem with a joint effort between MDOT and the Washtenaw Housing Alliance, which has placed some of the former campgoers into housing already.

"Many people are frustrated with how the process is going," said Brian Durrance, MISSION board member and camp organizer.

Durrance said that he's grateful to the Washtenaw Housing Alliance and the case workers who are trying to work with each of the campers to get them placed in housing, but he was skeptical Monday about the success of the effort to place all 40 in housing.

"We're finding that landlords won't accept some of them because landlords won't accept people with flaws on their record, like bad credit or felonies, even though the money is there," he explained. "There is some concern that these people will be left behind."

Durrance said that it is his understanding that the housing alliance is prepared to "move beyond" the Camp Take Notice residents in order to focus on other candidates for housing. He has heard that the cutoff is Aug. 31, but others disagree on that date.

MDOT Manager Mark Sweeney, who has been involved in planning the actions that his agency has taken on the matter of Camp Take Notice, said that he is unaware of any cutoff date attached to the effort of his agency and Washtenaw Housing Alliance to house the campers.

"The overarching goal of MDOT and WHA is to place the camp's population as of the eviction into housing ... to my knowledge that still stands," Sweeney said, adding that the most recent count has 16 campers placed in housing with 10 currently on a waiting list that will most likely lead them to their own housing arrangement.

In the interim, the campers are being kept on temporarily at the Delonis Center's winter warming area, where they have access to food and restroom facilities.

WHA Executive Director Julie Steiner was also unaware of a cutoff date for the temporary shelter or the housing effort, although she did say that funding to house the campers would be expended by Aug. 31.

"We haven't set a hard date," Steiner said. "We'll make sure we can do whatever it is we need to do for people should we get to Aug. 30 and people still need a place to stay. Our intention is to have everybody housed by then."

Steiner explained that placing the camp residents isn't an easy task, as most of them fall into what HUD calls the "chronically homeless" category. People who fall under this designation are some of the most difficult to place in housing.

"We have case managers working with them from a variety of agencies and (this kind of difficult placement) is their specialty," Steiner explained, adding that working with the camp residents has not been made easier by having the camp closed down and most of the residents in and around Delonis.

"When the camp was still operating we could go there and tell the residents that we were having a meeting about housing or some other program," Steiner said. "Now that the camp is not functioning, it is not easier because people are scattered about."

Sweeney praised WHA and the other supporting agencies for rising to the occasion.

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Local politicians weigh in on public school employee retirement reform

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

State politicians remain at an impasse on public school teacher pension reform after last week's legislative session for a number of reasons.

Proponents of the need for restructuring are counting on legislation to save school districts across the state $300 million in purported cost savings, but local legislators, including state Rep. David Rutledge, D-54th District, are arguing in favor of retired public school employees who are having just as much difficulty balancing their checkbooks as school districts are with balancing their budgets.

"It's promises made, promises broken," Rutledge said, referring to Senate Bill 1227 passed in 2010.

The legislation was sold to retirees and current public school employees close to retirement, based on the promise that it was the last cut to retirement benefits.

The legislation, in addition to increasing formula multipliers to add to the amount that public school employees contribute to their retirement, created a hybrid plan for hires at July 1, 2010, which included aspects of both a defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

"How can we, as a state agency, as recently as two years ago, get people buying into a certain phase of that system on the promise that it's going to remain that way?" Rutledge asked. "And then we go and change the rule on (the defined contribution) piece; to say nothing on the rules of the health-care piece regarding people who retired and are locked into a fixed income."

As the plan stands, newer public school employees will be put on a 401(k) system to face the same uncertain market forces as the rest of the country's private labor force, effectively sunsetting the Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System to phase it out with the passing of the most recent joiners into the system. The overall rate that districts will have to fund into the system this year is 24.46 percent and is projected to increase to 27.37 percent for 2012-2013, the difference of which is represented by a nearly $300 million potential savings if the legislation as it stands is enacted. The rate would cap at 24 percent, as per Gov. Rick Snyder's wishes.

While school administrators, whose overarching priority is keeping their districts financially above water, are clamoring for the savings that the crafters of the MPSERS reform bill are promising, state Rep. Jeff Irwin, D-53rd, warns that the bill could be a poison pill.

"I would urge anyone to be very skeptical about the claims being made around this bill saving school districts millions of dollars," Irwin said. "I particularly want to make sure that people have an understanding of what numbers drive these pension costs because the last year and half I've been here we have taken numerous actions to exacerbate our pension liabilities."

He pointed to the ongoing and accelerating efforts to privatize education through the expansion of charters throughout the state as one unseen force driving up pension costs, since charter school employees are private and thus completely removed from participating in the state's public school employee pension, even if they wanted to.

"When you privatize education through charters, cyber schools and pushing our local districts to privatize every service they can privatize, what that does is suck all of the payers out of the system, leaving the payees sitting there with the liabilities," Irwin said. "It's frustrating to watch the Republicans take action to chop the legs out from underneath pensions."

He added that it is disingenuous to blame past pension contracts for fiscal challenges in the present, when the context of the negotiations that led to those contracts, often full of concessions given by labor to the state, were made in favor of keeping the state solvent and preserving the system in the first place.

"If you're going to make privatization a best practice, if you're going to double down on charter schools even though the data shows that they are failing our students, then don't turn around and blame public school employees for the lack of resources in public schools to pay for pension costs," Irwin said.

He added that education cuts pushed by GOP politicians in Lansing have further exacerbated the matter by making sure there are fewer teachers in classrooms, further dwindling the pool of pension supporters in the system.

Irwin said he wants people to understand that the average pension that a retired public school employee is drawing weighs in at just $21,000 per year in terms of take-home benefit, attempting to counter the concept of "Cadillac benefits" that he feels people assume of pensioners.

Rutledge said that he would like to see a more soft-handed approach involving the use of actuaries, who would be contracted by the state to smooth the system out and re-plan the time parameters of the system, until the market comes back.

He said he is concerned that if the GOP gets approval for the reform package now, the market may return but public officials would not return the system to its former state, essentially pocketing the benefit of a market resurgence without compensating public school employees.

On the other hand, state Rep. Rick Olson, R-55th District, frames the matter differently.

"This is a tremendous burden on our schools which takes away money that could otherwise be used for educating kids," he said.

Olson said provisions can be put in place to protect the elderly and create a renewed system where districts are financially protected and younger not-yet-retired public school employees can have ample opportunity to plan for their retirements without the legislation creating any catastrophe or hardship.

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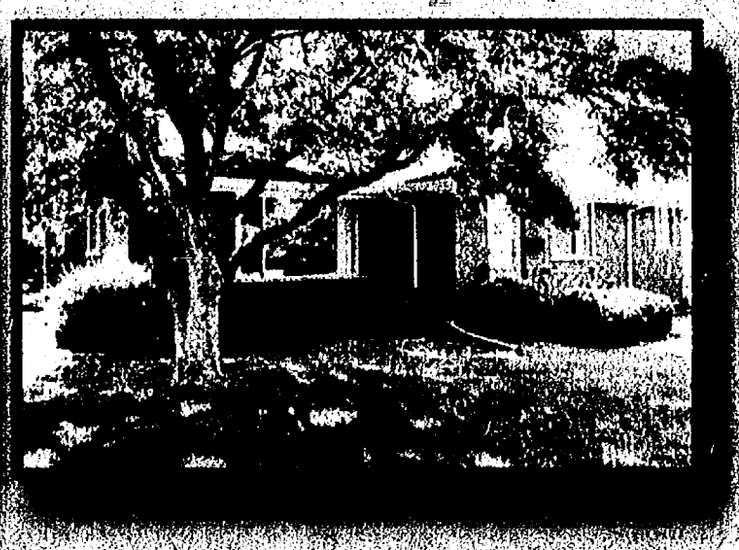

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Counties struggle to pay for court system, look at creative solutions

County looking to consolidate to save money

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

Financing judicial services has caused financial strain on counties throughout Michigan, but Washtenaw County officials are trying to come up with creative solutions to help alleviate that burden.

The state mandates both constitutionally and statutorily that counties are responsible for funding their own court systems.

Deena Bosworth, legislative coordinator at the Michigan Association of Counties, said more than $1 billion is spent on funding courts throughout the state each year.

Bosworth calls the court mandates unfunded, because of how much financial responsibility the state's counties have over the matter. Counties pay for more than half of the court funding, to the tune of about $500 million, she said.

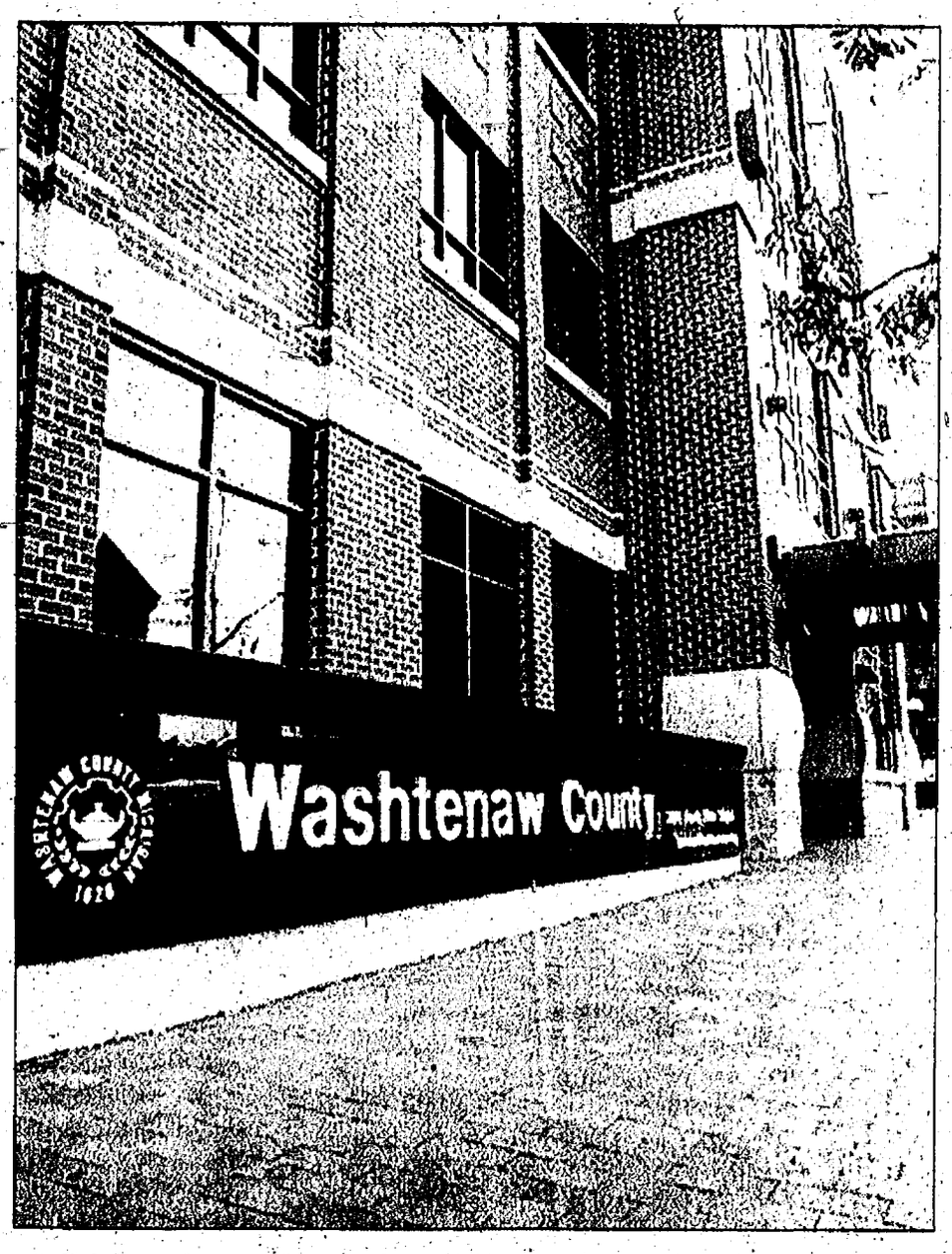
"I would say that virtually all counties struggle with funding the court systems," Bosworth said.

Washtenaw County is not exempt from that struggle, said Verna McDaniel, the county's administrator.

Judicial services make up about 17 percent of the overall $100 million budget for 2012-13 in Washtenaw County, McDaniel said.

"All of our mandated operations are very expensive to operate, and that's at no one's fault," she said. "It's just that we aim to provide premiere services for our community. And when it comes to mandates, they are just that, and you might as well do it well."

To help curb these expenses, McDaniel said the county is looking to consolidate.



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In January, the county moved the judicial court from Platt Road in Ann Arbor to the county courthouse on Main and Huron streets in Ann Arbor. The move is predicted to save the county $300,000.

McDaniel said the move has been positive.

"When you walk through there, you can see the difference in terms of customer accessibility," she said. "It's a lot more customer friendly."

In June, District 1 County Commissioner Rob Turner spoke with Chelsea Mayor Jason Lindauer and City Manager John Hanifan about closing the District 14A courthouse in Chelsea to save money for the county.

Chelsea's officials shot down the idea, but the county is continuing to look for ways to make its judicial system more cost effective.

McDaniel said the county is discussing more efficient ways to use the Eastern Government Center, located on Michigan Avenue in Ypsilanti.

The building is at 85 percent capacity, McDaniel said.

Though only in the discussion phase, McDaniel said the county is looking at moving parole, employment training operations and Washtenaw County Health Organization offices into the building.

"We're having these conversations right now," she said. "The truth of the matter is nothing is set in stone."

Court officials have been cooperative and supportive, McDaniel said.

"I have commitment letters from each department and each chief judge, and so far everyone is compliant," she said. "We're fortunate that our judges work with us."

Bosworth said she and others at the Michigan Association of Counties are working toward shifting more funding duties of the courts back to the state.

"We are trying to get the state to take back some of the financial responsibility," she said. "It has been at the top of the list of our platform."

Requiring the counties to bear the financial stress of the court system, Bosworth said, means other county-funded programs, such as community health, will suffer.

"It diverts funds from other areas," she said. "If we have to pay for courts, that's less money we have. We could utilize those resources."

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The county backed the township's plan with full faith and credit to cover $12.5 million worth of bonds.

Then the bottom dropped out. The developer abandoned its housing projects and refused to pay special assessments as a result of a breach of contract that would have paid those bonds.

The projected amount of REUs was about 1,000, but today the system serves a little more than 100.

An hour north of Sylvan Township, Handy Township fell on similar hard times with $6 million worth of sewer assessment debt, while Howell Township, which did not receive Livingston County's full faith and credit, is weighed down with $16 million worth of special assessment limited tax bonds.

It's a "bitter pill to take," said Turner, but there is really only one way out of debt for these municipalities and that's via the taxpayers' pockets.

So far, that sentiment has not been well accepted.

In November 2011, Sylvan Township attempted a 20-year 4.75-mill levy to pay off roughly $13 million in bond debt owed to Washtenaw County. The millage failed 475-328, with a 31 percent voter turnout.

The township is seeking a modified millage approved in the Aug. 7 primary with a 20-year 4.4-mill levy. Similarly, Howell Township is seeking a five-year 3.5 mill levy on its residents. The millages might be harsh, but officials say a court judgment could be much worse.

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During the first ballot initiative's defeat, Turner warned that if taxpayers voted against the millage, a court could enforce yearly assessments, which could start out at 8 mills during the initial year, 2 mills the following and more than 6 mills for 13 years, although these figures were given with the qualifier that they could change at any time.

"I'm afraid with the courts it will be a very unsettled situation for many years to come," Turner said.

What's more, Turner said he fears some residents will be unable to handle any millage.

"I've heard people say that no matter what they will walk away because they're already underwater on their mortgage," he said.

"They're saying, 4.4, 5 or 6 — it may as well be 10. It doesn't make a difference. It just makes me feel sick."

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State Rep. Cindy Denby, 47th District, and State Rep. Mark Ouimet, R-52nd District, shepherded the bills, and while Ouimet hopes the proposed legislation will provide relief for Sylvan Township and Livingston County townships in need, there is no guarantee that the townships will qualify for a loan. In addition, Ouimet said the loans are not without a number of caveats.

Chiefly, a municipality must provide a five-year plan that has been approved by the governing body of the municipality that will balance future expenditures with anticipated revenue, and that municipality must levy the maximum number of mills that it has been authorized.

Denby, who previously served as Handy Township's supervisor, could not be reached for comment.

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city are part time. The treasurer and assessor's salaries were halved and the city clerk's pay was reduced by 35 percent. Other positions were eliminated via attrition.

When it came to unions, Parker was able to get concessions from some, like police, but not the Fire Department. The president of the local union has been critical of her in the past, saying she refused to negotiate.

Mark Docherty, president of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union, said emergency managers in the four cities affected across the state all have been reluctant to negotiate. Public Act 4, signed into law in January 2011, gave them the power to change collective bargaining agreements without negotiating.

Docherty, like many public safety personnel, is critical of PA 4 and said there is no use for the law. Firefighters and police are aware and understand that cities are strapped for cash these days and cuts to personnel puts everyone in danger, he said.

The cuts are "so drastic and draconian that it puts in danger the safety of not only our members, but the people we are supposed to protect," said Docherty, a police lieutenant in Sterling Heights.

Even with mutual aid agreements, because the cuts are happening everywhere, there could be a point where there is an event that first responders would not be able to get to in time to minimize damage, he added.

"Communities are theoretically rolling the dice and hoping nothing bad is going to happen," Docherty said.

Parker outsourced the ambulance service, laid off several firefighters and changed nine of them to part-time status. Three police officers also were laid off, but one was brought back via a federal grant. The other two returned for part-time work but now have left because an agreement with the union expired.

It's a difficult thing to do, to balance a budget and reduce public safety personnel, Minghine said, because there is always a need for police and fire services.

"That balancing act is more complicated ... because there's no diminishing demand as in private business," he said.

There is widespread support among firefighters to consolidate departments in an area and combine four or five departments into one regional department, Docherty said. That would get rid of all but one chief position, thereby saving enough money to hire entry-level firefighters and make operations more efficient, he said.

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It also is an idea on the table for police departments. The problem, though, according to Docherty, is that some city officials don't want to give up their police or fire departments.

"Political will and power are the two reasons they don't want to consolidate," he said.

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DARROW, LOUISE G., Chelsea, Michigan; age 69; died Wednesday, July 25, 2012; at Harper Hospital after a 3 year battle with Leukemia. She was born November 7, 1942 in Detroit, the daughter of James and Evelyn (Borlace) Muir. Louise graduated from Wayne State University and was a teacher for many years. She then worked at Merkels, and retired from Washtenaw County after 14 years. She was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church before transferring to Peace Lutheran. Louise truly loved being a mother and grandmother and loved to be with her family especially around holidays. Louise loved her husband so much she would go fishing with him. She also loved to read and loved her cats. Louise stayed close with her friends and continued to meet up with the women from Child Study Club. Louise married Thomas R. Darrow in Fowlerville, MI on September 29, 2002 and he survives. Other survivors include her two children, Julie Carrigan of Plymouth and Mike (Melanie) Thompson of LeClaire, Iowa; two **step-sons, Brian T. Darrow** and **Jamie (Denise) Darrow**; five grandchildren, **Caitlyn** and **Clarissa Carrigan, Ryan** and **Reese Thompson**, and **Cameron Darrow**. Louise was preceded in death by her parents and a baby brother. Funeral Services were held Monday, July 30, 2012 at **Cole Funeral Chapel**, Chelsea, with Pastor Jeffrey Draeger officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea. The family received friends Sunday. Memorial contributions may be made to Leukemia Research Foundation.

EGELER, DOUGLAS, age 81; died Friday, July 27, 2012 in Jackson. He was born February 2, 1931 the son of Lewis H. and Laura C. (Gutekunst) Egeler. Douglas served in the Marine Corps. and was a Korean and Atomic War Veteran. He married Barbara Weir on November 22, 1950 and she survives; other survivors include his son, Douglas (Sandra) Egeler; and three grandchildren, Derek Egeler, Adam Egeler, and Mandie (Zack) Porter; two brothers, Raymond Egeler, Erwin (Ann) Egeler; a sister, May Hardy. Douglas was preceded in death by one son, Richard Egeler; and two brothers. Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 11 a.m. at **Cole Funeral Chapel**. Burial following at Oak Grove East Cemetery, Chelsea. The family will receive friends on Monday, July 30, 2012 from 4 to 8 p.m.

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economy turns around, we'll be right back to where we were," Minnick said. The reality is that it could take decades for some communities to bounce back."

The reason is that Michigan laws, endorsed by the Legislature during times of skyrocketing property tax assessments, will slow the recovery for city treasuries to a trickle. The voter-approved Headlee Amendment of 1978 limits annual increases in a community's overall property tax base, and Proposal A of 1994 caps annual increases on individual properties to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

Proposal A, a constitutional amendment approved by voters, created a new funding mechanism for the state's schools that shifted most of the burden from homeowner property taxes to an increase in the state sales tax, from 4 to 6 cents. Many educators and legislators now view the proposal as short-sighted because it didn't anticipate the funding problems it would create during a time of falling assessments for municipalities.

In Hazel Park, in the southeast corner of Oakland County, officials worry it will take 20 years to return revenues to their turn-of-the-century levels. All aging suburban communities find themselves in the same straightjacket, said Hazel Park City Manager Ed Klobucher, who serves as president of the Michigan Suburbs Alliance, which represents "inner ring" suburbs of Metro Detroit.

"That's the story that needs to be told," Klobucher said. "That's what's absolutely dangerous for every city in Michigan. This ... is absolutely going to hit people over the head like a two-by-four. Your ability to regain your property values is restricted and so it takes many years. But the entire revenue loss that comes from the decline in values hits immediately."

Opportunity for change

Michael LaFaive, director of fiscal policy for the Midland-based Mackinac Center, a conservative research group, said city officials need to adjust their mindsets. The Michigan downturn, LaFaive said, allows officials to engage in innovations and efficiencies that will improve local government.

First, however, they must give up on the specialty items that some cities and counties offer -- such as public golf courses, Olympic-sized swimming pools and so-called "wave pools." In Dearborn, where two of eight city pools closed, a grassroots group called "Save Our Pools" is pushing for a new tax — either citywide or in a specific neighborhood — to reverse the two closures.

LaFaive said timid officials should stop hoping for the day when they match their revenues-per-capita of decades past and instead give the taxpayers a break.

"What Michigan cities need is some mavericks who are prepared to make decisions that make people angry, particularly city employees," he said. "This (downturn) is an unprecedented chance to innovate, an opportunity to revolutionize the way local government functions."

Pontiac set the tone, LaFaive added, when it "revolutionized itself" by outsourcing or privatizing many services. The city of 60,000 people now has just 40 municipal employees.

If making people angry is a path to pursue, at least one mayor Downriver has played to role of "maverick" in an effort to balance the budget.

In Taylor, a city of just over 63,000 residents, Mayor Jeffrey Lamarand has taken on the status quo by laying off firefighters, privatizing ambulance services and calling for contract concessions. During his less than three years as mayor, Lamarand has so angered some employees and residents that he has faced a recall attempt and has been in and out of court with the City Council.

The situation shows little sign of a resolution anytime soon, with neither side bending.

Opponents of privatization, particularly public-employee unions, say outsourcing is a ruse because it's dependent upon companies that pay low wages and little or no benefits to workers who provide the same services as government employees.

Klobucher, the Hazel Park city manager, is more blunt. He counters that it's ridiculous to claim that municipal officials are not willing to live within their means.

"I'm pleased to say that I squeezed each nickel until the buffalo sh--," he said.

Here's the litany of woes that a city like Hazel Park has experienced: the number of employees was chopped by 38 percent; City Hall is now open only four days a week; the Parks and Recreation Department was kept alive by relying upon part-time employees and volunteers; state revenue sharing has shortchanged the city by $1 million over the past several years; and local revenues derived from the Hazel Park Racetrack — a huge horse racing facility — has plummeted from $990,000 a year to $300,000.

The city has about 80 employees, but is saddled with the pension and retiree healthcare liabilities associated with 150 retirees. In addition, Hazel Park is completely "built out" and has no room for new growth. The Hazel Park school district offers the highly regarded Promise Zone scholarships but, the schools are simultaneously struggling to avoid cutbacks due to funding losses.

SEMCOG Executive Director Paul Tait said Michigan municipalities have not yet hit bottom. The council's forecast calls for another 5 percent drop in property values in 2012 across the region. Eventually, Tait asserted, the state must consider a more stable tax — such as a newly created income tax or sales tax — to fund local government.

"Unless we, as taxpayers, become comfortable with a much lower level of government — a limited amount of core services — then the 'model' doesn't work anymore," Tate said.

Tait counts himself among the critics of the Mackinac Center's call for an overhaul of local government, but he admits that innovations and new efficiencies must be considered "not out of ideology but out of necessity."

The projections for future population and jobs offer no sunshine on the horizon, though, ironically, they point to a worker shortage in about 2020. Southeastern Michigan will come up short of "knowledge-based" workers in high-paying fields such as health care, higher education and engineering. Many of those jobs will blossom in Macomb County — in Warren, Sterling Heights and Clinton Township.

In the meantime, overall job growth across the region will slow by mid-decade and the housing market will continue to lag. In Wayne County, 17 cities and townships lost one-third or more of their property value over just a four-year period, from 2008-2012, said Phil Mastin, director of the Division of Assessments and Equalization.

Minnick, of the Municipal League, said the degree of property tax revenue losses varies across the state depending on a community's foreclosure rates and the loss of major employers. For the "new build" areas such as Macomb Township and the Novi area, property values are down more than in most communities due to large tracts of land that were designated for upscale subdivisions and now sit vacant.

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Downriver hard hit

In the hard-hit Downriver area of Wayne County, the city of Ecorse is under control of a state-appointed emergency manager. Allen Park operates under the shadow of a state-imposed financial review team as the city hopes to avoid municipal bankruptcy, a rocky road followed so far by four California towns.

Allen Park's best hope, a massive movie studio predicated upon the generous film tax incentives offered by the Granholm administration, has flopped.

Nearly all 18 communities in the traditionally working-class Downriver area have reduced staffing through attrition and early retirements and have sought pay cuts and higher co-pays for employee health care.

In Taylor, among the issues the mayor and the council are at odds over is that Lamarand seems willing to look a gift horse in the mouth. A two-year federal SAFER grant for $8.1 million would reinstate 32 laid-off firefighters. But the mayor has balked, saying lack of city funding after the grant runs out would only cause another round of painful layoffs.

The mayor was ordered recently by a Wayne County circuit judge to accept the grant, which is administered through the federal FEMA program. Still focusing on his stated goal of cutting expenses, Lamarand vows to appeal.

Cost-saving efforts led to collaboration by four Downriver communities — Allen Park, Lincoln Park, Southgate and Wyandotte — which have combined their public safety dispatch services into a shared center, based in Wyandotte. Other communities are considering similar moves.

Across Michigan and particularly in Metro Detroit, school districts struggling to balance their budgets have embraced a marketing tactic that attempts to counter dwindling revenues by accepting schools-of-choice students to aid their bottom lines. Some suburban Detroit districts have engaged in expensive advertising campaigns on radio and in newspapers to attract out-of-district students.

Oakland not immune

Oakland County, labeled one of the wealthiest counties in America in the 1990s, shared pain is part of the 21st century itinerary.

Declining home values and loss of businesses has resulted in significant revenue declines for many communities. Several have had to reduce public safety departments or are facing that option now. A number seek millage increases this election season to maintain their police and fire services.

In Waterford Township, officials are proposing reductions in the police department or merging it with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office -- an action already taken in the neighboring city of Pontiac.

The emergency manager in Pontiac has eliminated the police department and has contracted with neighboring Waterford Township for firefighters.

In rural Highland Township, officials are worried about maintaining public safety in a declining revenue environment caused in part by vacant commercial and residential properties. They have already cut officers in the public safety department because of budgetary shortfalls and are asking for a millage increase later this year to maintain services.

Orion and Springfield townships and the city of Royal Oak are also among several communities that have placed property tax hikes on the 2012 ballot to maintain public safety.

Central Michigan surviving

Most rural Michigan townships were not battered when housing prices started to dip in 2005, and they have less ground to make up to regain past tax assessment levels. More importantly, many municipalities have only part-time elected officials. Layoffs are not in the picture.

For example, in the central Michigan village of Lake Isabella, the village manager also runs the snowplow. The villages of Shepherd and Rosebush don't have village managers. Street work is done under contract. Homeowners pay for their own rubbish pickup.

Yet, unemployment remains a major factor. Montcalm County has suffered through 51 straight months of double-digit unemployment. Clare County's unemployment rate has been above 10 percent for 54 straight months.

One of the primary economic drivers in the region, the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort near Mount Pleasant, has seen its gaming revenue — 2 percent of which is distributed to local governments -- fall 45 percent since peaking in 2005-06.

The city of Mount Pleasant relies upon a staff that's 12 percent smaller than seven years ago. Mount Pleasant Public Schools closed one of its six elementary schools and now uses contractors for food service, building maintenance and alternative education programs. Teachers and administrators have taken pay cuts.

The good news is in Gratiot County, which has become the home of the state's largest wind farms. More than 130 wind turbines are on line, sending green power to DTE Energy. As a result, Gratiot County's property tax values jumped nearly 20 percent from 2011 to 2012.

Overall, the Michigan economy rebounded impressively starting in late 2010 and is expected to perform well in the short run. Even more uplifting, the housing market reflects modest gains and some builders have re-emerged to construct new homes on the suburban fringe.

But in the long run, southeastern Michigan will undergo dramatic changes in population and demographics as the baby boomers retire and many young people leave the area in pursuit of jobs.

George Fulton, a prominent economist at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, said that demographics – not just economics – will play a key role in the relative growth of southeastern Michigan over the next three decades.

Typically, seniors are viewed as low-income residents who are reluctant to pay more taxes for schools or parks and recreation. But, Fulton said, the new generation of retirees will help the economy because many have plenty of disposable income provided by a pension, Social Security and investment dividends.

"We should be focusing on keeping those retirees here," Fulton said. "It would be nice if less of them were thinking of going to Phoenix."

At the same time, retaining young college graduates also is key to building a strong economic base.

Fulton said that Ann Arbor has some "cache" with young adults, but it cannot compare to Chicago, a favorite destination for graduates from Michigan universities, with its attractive central city that offers nightlife, entertainment, bars, restaurants, a large waterfront and solid public transportation.

Failure to compete with the Windy City, even on a smaller scale, could lead to Michigan being tagged again as an aging Rust Belt state.

While many cities in the tri-county Detroit area have had surprising success in winning voter approval for tax hikes over the past two years, it's difficult to conclude that more millage revenue is the solution.

One of the most discouraging effects of the ongoing housing slump is that communities that manage to pass a millage increase see the value of that additional revenue dwindle quickly.

Again, the beleaguered city of Hazel Park offers a clear example of this malady.

City officials scored an impressive victory in May 2011 when a proposal to levy a whopping 9.8 mills — about $500 a year for an average homeowner — passed with the support of nearly 80 percent of the voters.

But in an aging city where home values have shrunk by about half since the bubble burst, the anticipated $2.1 million jump in revenues quickly evaporated.

"We needed every penny of it," Klobucher said, "but over the passage of one year we lost $1.2 million — over half of the originally planned new revenue."

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STRAIGHT FACTS

A story printed on Page 2-C July 26 about the Purple Rose Theatre's upcoming season erroneously listed the theater's website and box office phone number. The theater's website is purplerosetheatre.org, and its box office phone number is 433-7673.

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Local startup blows the doors off with toilet paper ad idea

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Whoever first uttered the cynical words, "All the good ideas have already been taken," probably wasn't as tenacious a thinker as Star Toilet Paper co-founder Jordan Silverman.

Or maybe those who find cause to utter those defeatist words aren't looking in the right place.

Silverman and his brother, Bryan, founded Star Toilet Paper Company in 2010 - and, no, they're not trying to go roll-to-roll with Charmin or Scott.

That idea's already taken, after all. No, Jordan's idea is more of a modification to the wondrous invention.

"I was sitting in the bathroom bored one day reading the writing on the walls when I thought about how advertising is in every aspect of our lives," Silverman said.

It seemed like an opportunity missed, advertising on toilet paper, and that it was. Since founding Star Toilet Paper, the brothers have hired Chief Financial Officer Jason Rak and on Aug. 1 Bellmark Lanes' patrons will be pampering their posteriors with messages from a host of sponsors that the Silvermans essentially sell adspace to, one ply at a time.

Silverman said that the first thing that came to mind were coupon books, as a comparison (not as an alternative) and from there the idea percolated and the U of M philosophy student and graduate followed in the great footsteps of Albert Einstein by going to the U.S. Patent Office.

"When I found that no one has done this before I felt like I was really onto something," Silverman said. "It seems like such an obvious idea. You have someone in complete solitude, often looking for something to read."

Silverman said that his brother at first pooh-poohed the idea, but after sitting down to think about it some more, the Silverman brothers dove in to the uncertain waters of entrepreneurship.

"We're young and this is the time when we can give something new a try," Jordan said. "I was in my senior year of college then. Bryan is a sophomore right now," at Duke University, where he is currently studying neuroscience – a detail that Jordan cryptically says will be an asset to the company.

The concept revolves around getting their papers into the hands of as many people as possible, in their case a public restroom at a well-trafficked venue and then start selling advertising to businesses within a 5-mile radius, whose ads will be getting very intimate with potential customers.

In fact, the brothers' product is a great way for those who are financially liable for the costs associated with said public venue to save some money, since they provide the physical product free of charge, using the ad revenue to subsidize the cost.

"We don't charge a penny and it's made from 100-percent recycled paper and is a comfortable two-ply," Silverman said. "Depending on the size of the institution, the savings could be hundreds or thousands of dollars. Some colleges and universities probably spend $50,000 to $100,000 per year."

And that's nothing to sneeze or otherwise blow at.

Other clients in the Ann Arbor area include a private corporate building and Dance Theater Studio on North University. So far 50 advertisers are on the rolls, both literally and figuratively.

With only six months of business performance on the rolls, it's tough to show the trajectory of Star Toilet Paper, but Jordan says that as far as private LLCs are concerned, they're doing well and have their expenses in line with the enthusiasm for the service that they offer and where they think that is trending.

They also have a patent pending, which the brothers applied for three months ago. Patent requests can take up to two years to be resolved.

Jordan says he envisions the company being kept as a family-run business that his children and grandchildren will one day inherit.

For the brothers, helping businesses save money and reach new customers in the most effective and quality way possible, even if that isn't the most profitable path for their own company, is the priority.

"I don't think we'd ever sell to a corporation ... we know we can run it very efficiently on our own and once a large corporation is involved the priorities of 'How do we help clients the most?' and 'How do we make the most money possible?' begin to shift and conflict."

As a philosophy major, Jordan hopes that his post-primary educational studies have conditioned him to be the kind of man who is good at continuing to be able to sit down and think of the bigger picture.

"It's been very helpful," he said. "The first thing you learn in sales is to ask questions to make sales and that's what philosophy is all about. As a startup founder you have to question and analyze every decision you make."

When asked how cynics react to bringing sponsors into what he once himself reflected on as a quiet place of solitude, Jordan said that he doesn't see his product saturating society, which he points to as already being heavily subsidized financially and culturally by ad dollars.

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very complicated problem," he said. "They've done a wonderful job getting them connected to resources and keeping them together."

Sweeney added that the bulk of the credit goes to Steiner's effort, although MDOT was "flexible with some of (its) regulations."

Although flexible, MDOT and MISSION still have a strained relationship. Erecting the fence at the Wagner site was a direct response to MISSION members' stated intent to move back to the campsite if the housing effort didn't pan out for the bulk of the campers.

"We put up the fence to reinforce the point that the site is not available," Sweeney said. "I feel that MISSION does a lot of marvelous work, unfortunately we felt the need to put the fence up after statements that MISSION officials had made at meetings indicating that they would return to the site post eviction."

Durrance says that he isn't going to let the campers continue to be transient, which puts them at risk for arrest, violence or any number of threats that those without homes face on a daily basis.

"They have been trying to make it in parklands, hiding and bushes and staying around the area in whatever way they can to stay close to the assistance and resources," Durrance said. "But local police are moving them along and in some cases issuing trespass notices or arresting them.

"We're going to wait another month and if we find that people aren't being housed by MSHDA we will choose to reopen the camp."

Although the results are coming in slower than he would like, Durrance did give credit to MDOT and WHA, calling their effort to house the campers "unprecedented," but that recognition doesn't mean that MISSION will back down from being the final safety net for the camp's present and future residents.

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Local youth hope for grand champion

By Tanya Wildt
Heritage Media

Water sprayed and pigs squealed as local youth lined up July 24 to give their livestock one last bath before competition at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show.

More than 800 youth participated in the event this year, exhibiting projects, including livestock, crafts, wood working and demonstrations. Participants submitted and showed projects, hoping for a best in show or grand champion prize.

"They work extremely hard," said Debbie Morgan, program coordinator.

Youth ages 5 through 18 can enter a project, including about 10 different livestock options, from guinea pigs to steer.

"For most of the project animals, it's a yearlong event," Morgan said.

Youth are responsible for caring for, feeding and training the animal.

Seventeen-year-old Andrea Montoya of Ann Arbor was crowned grand champion in the llama showmanship competition.

"We've never won before," Montoya said.

Her recipe for success is having her llama's trust and being confident in the ring.

Mark Gilbert, 17, of Chelsea showed steer, pigs, chicken and dairy cows at the show.

His advice to younger participants is to always watch the judge and to remember animals are unpredictable when it's time to be judged.

"Sometimes animals have good and bad days," Gilbert said.

Eleven-year-old Madison Horvath of Dexter practiced before bringing her goats into the ring.

"You walk the goats around on leashes," Horvath said.

It's important to remember facts about the animal to be ready for the judge's questions, said Cleo Ku, 15, of Chelsea. She also makes sure her goat looks good.

"You have to give them a bath and clip their hooves," she said.

Courtney Smith, 17, of Plymouth competed in several equestrian categories. She said emotions can play a large role in the outcome of the performance.

"The best thing to learn is your equitation," Smith said. "If you can get your best equitation, you can ride any horse you're given."

The show also included a still project silent auction, small animal silent auction and livestock auction.

Contests were also held for creative chocolate chip cookies and cupcakes, archery and tractor driving. Animal contests included a llama obstacle course and a leaping contest.

This year, the show launched a new entrepreneur program where 19 children made a project, created a portfolio and sold it at auction.

The 4-H Youth Show is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Friday at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road near Saline.

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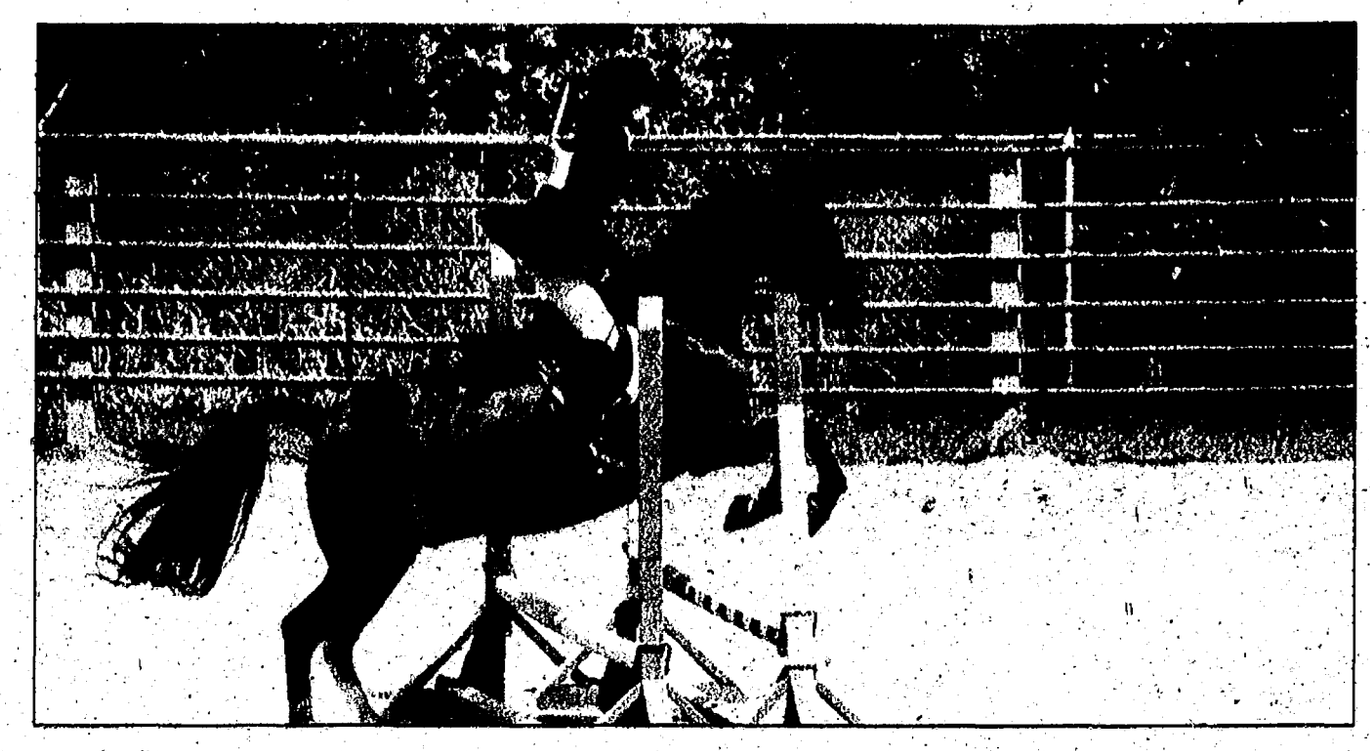

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Above: An equestrian competitor and her horse take a leap during competition July 24 at the Farm Council Grounds near Saline. Bottom Left: Andrea Montoya of Ann Arbor is shows her llama at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show. Montoya was named grand champion in showmanship. Bottom Right: Mark Gilbert of Chelsea entered several animals in the 4-H Youth Show, including a steer.

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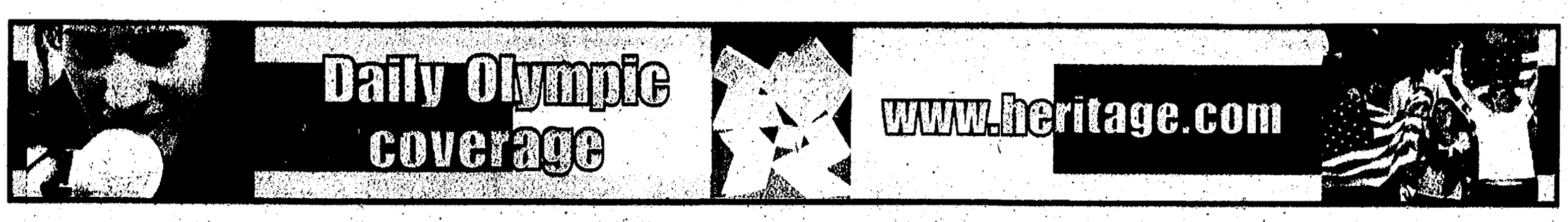

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Winter Classic preparations begin long before the snow falls

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DON RENZULLI, SR. VICE PRESIDENT OF EVENTS FOR THE NHL

Michigan Stadium will host the grandest event in hockey history – in terms of attendance – Jan. 1, 2013, with Original Six members, Detroit and Toronto, facing off.

The unsung Don Renzulli, Sr. vice president of events for the NHL, is leading the charge to prepare for the event.

He brings with him a wealth of knowledge as to how to make the event into one of the sport's greatest spectacles, having operated every Winter Classic, beginning with Buffalo in 2008.

"Just the way we organize it internally and get the different departments involved at a very early stage," Renzulli said. "To the first year renting an ice rink and having an outside company come and build it for us, to where we have created our own rink in a different system, where we control it and own 100 percent of it."

Setting up the rink is a process that could last anywhere from eight to ten days and could start as early as Dec. 1 and as late as the Dec. 13. The schedule is dependent on the long-term weather forecast.

Renzulli said the weather dictates much of the pre-production schedule but– thus far –the event has survived all Mother Nature has had to offer.

"We've been through a lot of weather conditions through the last five years," he said. "From extreme cold in Calgary, to rain in Pittsburgh, to snow in Buffalo, and sun, last year, in Philadelphia, so we've been through the gamut of weather conditions.

"Once we understand the weather, all of the other things fall into place."

Dan Craig, NHL's facilities operations manager, and BaAM Productions will lead in building the rink. Local labor also will be used.

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Vaulting to new heights

Coaching duo help Dreads reach elite in HS pole vault

By Jeff Papworth
Heritage Media

Geoff Gerstner is a man of unconventional coaching methods. Whatever works, though. And boy does it ever work.

The Dexter pole vaulting coach, to the amusement of his vaulters, gives physics lessons related to pole vaulting. The simplest lesson is force equals mass times acceleration. Gerstner does so by scribbling examples on the rubber runway with chalk, like John Nash writing math equations on windows in the movie "A Beautiful Mind."

Similar to a teacher reading to first graders, Geoff, and his wife Janell – who assists Geoff in coaching – read chapters of a book to their vaulters regarding their mental approach in the last 15 minutes of practice.

The vaulters are also asked to fill out a weekly journal, describing how they feel, how they did and what are the things they want to work on.

Through these teaching moments, along with many others, the Gerstners have developed two state champions, 14 regional champions and, this year, took 14 to regionals.

Gerstner, 50, is also proud of is the 40 person pole vaulting roster that includes 20 from Dexter High School, 17 from Mill Creek Middle School and three from other schools.

"Sometimes we think that is a headache," he said. "But, the fact that we have 40 must mean they're having a really good time, because not all of them can be No. 1 in the state or No. 1 at regionals. So the majority of them are out there, just having a good time."

Dexter's Micaela Conter was one of the more successful athletes to come through Dexter.

She placed third in the state tournament last season and will be going to Central Michigan in the fall to vault. Part of the reason why is because of the teachings of her coaches.

"Coach Geoffrey and Janell Gerstner are two of the greatest coaches I have ever had," Conter said. "Coach Geoffrey knows everything one needs to know about the vault. He is so brilliant; he even

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Dexter coach's Geoffrey and Janell Gerstner have the Dreads looking up when it comes to pole vaulting.

Olympic Dreams

Chelsea freshman Meghan Cole (right) played varsity field hockey as a seventh grader.

Chelsea's Meghan Cole competes in 2012 Junior Olympic Games

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

Meghan Cole is spending the first week of August on a first step to a possible Olympic dream.

The Chelsea freshman is in Houston competing in the 2012 Junior Olympic Games. And while she is just one of 18,000 athletes competing in 26 sports at the Junior Games, Cole could just end up playing in the real Olympic games someday.

Meghan Cole

"I have to be honest, I'm a little nervous and scared," said Cole a few days before leaving for Texas. "But I am excited to play at this level. The experience and exposure will be great."

Cole, 14, is part of an Olympic Development field hockey program called Futures. In May, she was selected at a regional competition to represent Region 9 (Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and western Pennsylvania) at the National Field Hockey Tournament in Virginia Beach, Va.

The National Field Hockey Tournament showcases the skills of athletes ages 11-19 and is the beginning of the U.S. National Team pipeline to the Olympic squad.

"In June I was one of only eight players in my age group from Michigan to participate in the Futures National Championship," she said. "Based on my performance at Nationals, I was selected to play in the 2012 Junior Olympics in Texas. I am the only one from Michigan to be invited and only one of four girls in the Midwest to be asked to play."

The top 25 U-16 girls from the United States are selected.

Cole, the daughter of Matt Cole and Jennifer

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Does prostheses give runner a leg up?

By Jeff Papworth
Heritage Media

OPINION

Frustrating to many, some athletes are given advantages in competition that are not earned by hard work, such as towering height or genes that spawn unbelievable athleticism.

Oscar Pistorius, on the other hand, seemed to be given a great disadvantage.

He is legless, below the knee and has been since he was 11-months-old as a result of not having a fibula in either leg.

But with the "Cheetah Flex-Foot" prostheses latched to what is left of his legs, something odd has happened. He has outrun most of his competition. Not just runners in the Paralympics, but also runners striving for the Olympics.

Four years after missing the cut in 2008, South Africa decided to add Pistorius to their roster, making him the first amputee to participate in track in the Olympics.

Here is the thing, though. Many people, who often cheer on a story of adversity, are crying foul.

And it just isn't right. While they do not ridicule Dirk Nowitzki for making easy jump shots because of his length, they apparently want to knock Pistorius down a peg or two because prosthetics are not natural.

They say the prosthetics give him a competitive advantage, with an extra push of energy after each stride.

That all may be true, but if he wins gold, a long shot, no one is going to chop their legs off to gain an advantage in track.

Running slightly faster should just be one of the few upsides of an amputee, like a height of 7-foot is a plus for a basketball player.

There is no need to even make the prosthetics closer to a person running with able legs, like people have asked, either.

We would not limit the quality of the clubs in Tiger Woods' golf bag to replicate previous eras. Why would it become necessary to downgrade someone's results, unless it was detrimental to their health? He is still using a running motion. It is not like he has wheels attached to the bottom of his prosthetics.

Another thing pointed out is a fourth of his body will be carbon fiber attachments, and venturing into "The Terminator" apparently makes people uncomfortable.

Well, if that is the case, people must be against using equipment all together, if they are not hypocrites. Moreover, obviously that is not an intelligible thought.

Read Sports Illustrated magazine's June 25 piece on Lolo Jones, and you will be amazed at how far technology has come.

When practicing hurdling, she has worn sensors to register where every part of her body is, and it is turned into a three-dimensional image by motion sensing cameras, to make sure she is technically sound. Do you think every country has that kind of tool for their athletes; I don't think so.

It is just surprising the way people feel, in a time where a football player can receive a pain injection to go from feeling 60 percent to 80 percent, that a person who wants to run in the Olympics, period, should have to wait for a prosthetics that are closer to a leg or hope the publicity for the Paralympics grows larger, since he is a little over 100 percent because of two J-shaped prosthesis.

All in all, Olympic track decides who is the fastest in the world at any given event, and if Pistorius would have been sidelined, the winner of the 400 meter would not have been able to legitimately say he holds that honor.

So good for the Court of Arbitration, in 2007, to stop the governing body, who, in any sport, can be synonymous with absolutist approaches, from restricting him from running, and thankfully the angered critics, who probably have never been anywhere an Olympics arena via performance and don't realize the effort Pistorius has put in, had little say in the decision.

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Tracht, knows all about playing at a higher level. She played on the Washtenaw Whippets varsity team last year as an eighth grader. The Whippets feature players from both Chelsea and Manchester high schools.

She played midfield last year and had three goals and three assists, starting in all 33 varsity games.

"I was actually on varsity as a seventh grader and I was scared to death because I didn't know much about the game and was playing against juniors and seniors," Cole said. "Honestly, I didn't even want the ball to come to me."

That changed last year.

"In eighth grade, I had much more confidence and felt I had the skills to compete against the other players," she said. "It was fun when I was able to steal a ball from a senior or dribble past an upper classman. Most of the other teams didn't know I wasn't even in high school yet, but those who did sometimes got frustrated when I didn't back down."

One of the joys for Cole was playing with her sister, Maggie, who also plays field hockey and made nationals last year.

"It was especially fun when my twin sister and I worked together and scored against the older girls," she said.

Whippets coach Leslie Fry was thrilled to have the Cole twins in the lineup every game, despite their youth and inexperience.

"Both Meghan and her sister Maggie are any coach's dream," Fry said. "Off the field they are full of smiles, fun and pranks, but the moment they step on to the field, for either practice or a game, they are focused, fast and determined.

"They both have superb individual and team skills. Both girls have an advanced perception of off-ball movement skills and game sense, and have the ability to quickly transition between the offensive and defensive game."

Fry was thrilled to see Meghan picked to play in the Junior Olympics.

"I am very excited that Meghan was selected to play in the Junior Olympics," she said. "Even though she will be a freshman, I look forward to her stepping up as a team leader and supporting her teammates more vocally. Junior Olympics will help give her this experience."

The Cole twins are not the only stellar athletes in the family. Mackenzie Cole just graduated from Chelsea High School after a standout basketball career for the Bulldogs.

Meghan is relatively new to field hockey.

"The Washtenaw Whippets were looking for more players to play on the team, and I wanted try it out," she said. "Also, a friend of mine had a sister who played on the team, and she said she loved the sport. So she encouraged me to try it. I tried it and I really liked the coaches, the game and team and before I knew it I was playing on varsity."

What really grabbed Meghan's attention was the pace of the game.

"The main reason why I liked it so much is because field hockey is such a fast moving game," she said. "It is way faster than any other sport I've played, which I liked. Also, it's a lot like soccer and I was able to transfer my skills from that to this new sport."

Still, there is work to be done.

"I know I still have a ton to learn and my skills can be improved so much more to help me become a better player," said Meghan, who is all about the team and less about stats. "I think I am a team player. I may not score many points but I help create plays."

Globally, field hockey is the second most popular sport. Nationally, 79 Division I, 27 Division II and 160 Division III schools compete at the collegiate level in field hockey.

The U.S. Women's National Team is competing in the London Olympic Games.

The Dexter pole vault team had another great season in 2012.

VAULT

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created a mathematical equation on the vault. He can look at any vault and has an idea on how it can be improved."

Geoffrey said, with little hyperbole, that Conter could possibly be one of the most consistent pole vaulters in the world.He pointed to her dedication as a reason for her success.

Claire Tewksbury, another Dexter pole vaulter, pushed to practice more. Conter and Nicole Ferguson joined her to make a dominating group.

From the boys team, he said Andrew Herring was another beneficiary of dedication. Herring, surprisingly, won a state championship last year after being stagnant for the longest time.

"If you practice hard enough and long enough, it's going to pay off," he said. "Herring would not have been able to do that well in one day if he hadn't been putting in the six years, from seventh to 12th grade, of practice, practice, practice."

Geoff and Janell have spent 11 years coaching pole vaulters together, starting at Mill Creek Middle School in their first year and taking on a bigger role in the years thereafter.

Though they are experienced and successful, they are still learning. That is why they have adhered to more unorthodox teachings.

The added attention to the mental approach was put in place in the last two years after exhausting every physical drill.

"Between that journal and that book," he said. "That's become our new training regime that we've incorporated with running, and gymnastics, and weight training, and speed training that we do."

The book, titled "Mind Gym," has been used in an attempt to bury the fear of the new heights reached by their vaulters.

"All of our best kids were getting so good, and going so high, that many of them were starting to get really afraid," Gerstner said.

The reason he gives physics lessons vaulters would normally receive in school is simple.

"With a rational understanding of the physics of pole vaulting," Gerstner said, "there is a hope that they will be more confident in the idea that the pole will launch them safely."

Regarding the journal, it is used as a self-analysis and a reminder of what their goals are for the future.

Janell said Geoff does so many things to put the vaulters at ease.

"Pole vaulting is really hard and so you can get frustrated easily because it takes time to learn," Janell said. "So he's always trying to find fun, new games or drills that would be interesting and entertaining."

Geoff is sure to have fun himself. When he speaks of pole vaulting, a deep passion and knowledge comes through.

Unconventional is not only a word used to describe his methods of coaching, but also to describes the event he coaches. That is what attracts him to it.

"What I like is it is unique," he said. There are not a lot of people, who do it," he said. "It's the idea of doing a quirky sport that few people do. It's a sport that's very, very difficult in terms of mental, technical, and physical fortitude."

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The first thing that will be laid is the field covering, which has interlocking panels that are an inch and a half thick, and 42 square inches, so equipment, such as a fork lift, are not trudged on to the artificial grass of "The Big House."

To the chagrin of Michigan football fans, what they see at the bottom of "The Big House" will be unrecognizable. The protective covering will remain as a result of carting the Zamboni on to the surface during the game and removing snow, if a heavy storm releases too much. Décor will also be covering the rest.

"We try to give it that winter wonderland feeling," he said. "Unlike what 'The Big Chill' had, with some of the field uncovered, everything you see on game day will be covered."

Renzulli would not say what decorative pieces would be used. Calgary approach was simple, using trees to give it the feeling of playing on a pond, and Philadelphia had trash cans burning that gave it, intended or unintended, a "Rocky" theme.

To create the floor of the rink, three layers placed: Panels, to level the ground, plywood and aluminum panels. They surround the rink with boards and glass, thereafter. Piping is, then, hooked onto the aluminum panels for their refrigeration system. They pump glycol through it to cool the ice.

"We think we can maintain ice at 70 degrees," he said. "Obviously the colder it gets, the easier it is for the machine to work."

After water is slowly added on, the Zamboni cuts it, and hot water is used to smooth the surface.

It is a process that takes Craig 24 hours, resulting in the ice having an inch and a half to two inches of thickness. "You just don't put a hose on it and fill it up and hope that it freezes," he said. "It's done very methodically. Basically the mist of water gets sprayed multiple times over and over, until they get the proper thickness and get it all evened out."

Renzulli will take in Michigan's first home against Air Force Sept. 8 to see the "stadium in action," by investigating how spectators flow in and outside the stadium, along with the traffic.

They will also have the help of Michigan officials to prepare for an attendance higher than any Winter Classic before.

"The good news is Michigan deals with this at their football games every week," Renzulli said. "So we're working very closely with the university and the people that handle the football games."

Dexter swim team honored

The Dexter boys' swim team finished as National runner-up in the NISCA Powerpoint rankings in its class.

The Dreads also had two All-American relays.

The 200 Free Relay (Mark Brown, John Eber, Nate Kilian and Brennan Maisch) finished 28th in the country and the 400 Free Relay (Nate Kilian, John Eber, Jake Claflin and Jonathan Zofchak) finished 87th.

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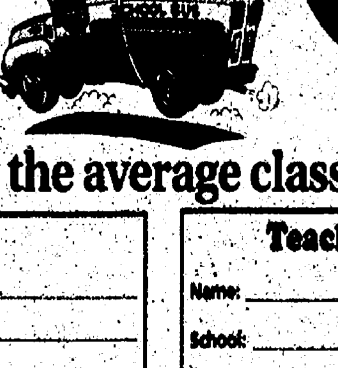

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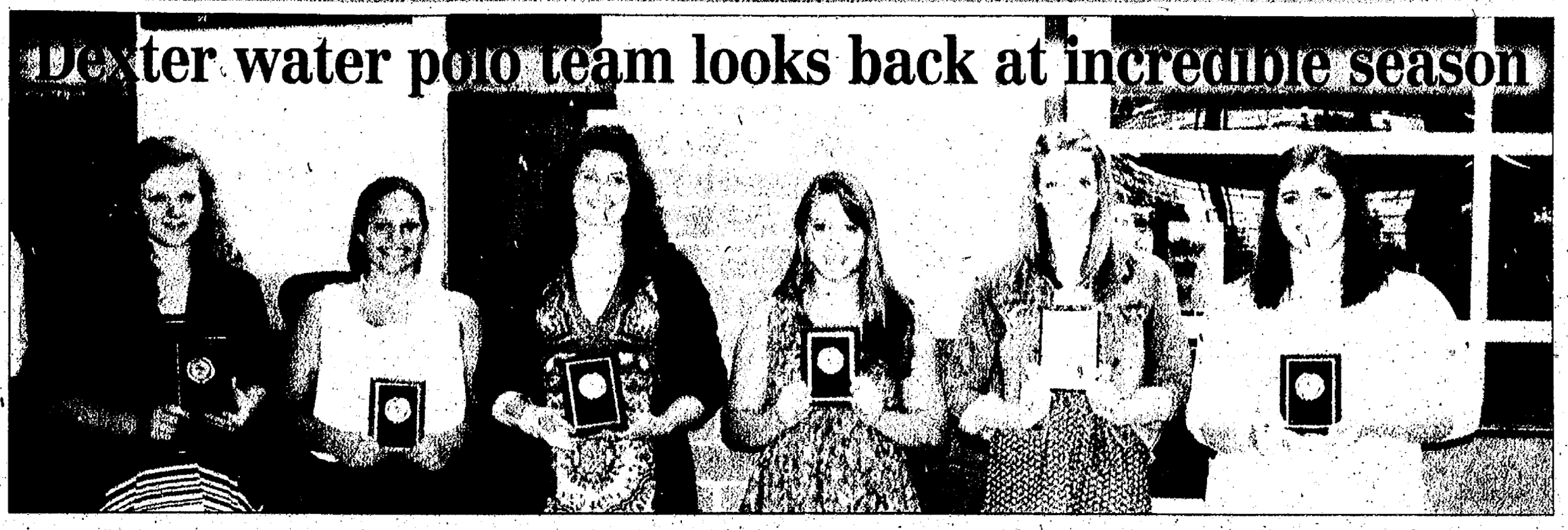
Dexter water polo team looks back at incredible season



Dexter Special Team Awards: (left to right) Allison Schneider, Outstanding Rookie; Alicia Klocek, Most Improved Player; Kourtney Sattler, Coach's Award; Hailey Sheats, Coach's Award; Sarah Daugherty, Oustanding Rookie; Molly Keenan, Most Valuable Player.

The Dexter High School girls' water polo team advanced to the state semifinals this season for the first time in program history, losing to eventual state champion Rockford, 9-6.

With that, Dexter finished the season in fourth place in state competition, out of approximately 30 teams and with a season record of 25-11-2.

Dexter was last in the State Championship tournament in 2004, when it advanced as far as the quarterfinal match, finishing in eighth place.

In 2008, Dexter girls won the district championships, but failed to advance beyond regional competition.

This year, on the way to the state semifinals, Dexter finished second at districts, highlighted by a come-from-behind victory over Ann Arbor Pioneer; and finished second at regionals, highlighted by last-second goals against Birmingham Groves to tie in regulation and then to win in overtime, a solid win over Ann Arbor Huron, and a dominating performance in a close loss to defending state champion, Okemos, 5-3, in the regional final.

By finishing second at regionals, Dexter advanced to the state quaterfinal match in the state championship tournament, which brings together the top eight teams in the state.

For its state quarterfinal match, Dexter drew a scrappy Hudsonville team which had dominated Dexter earlier in the season. But the Dreads had improved and won 9-5, advancing to the State Semifinal for the first time in program history.

Leading Dexter against Hudsonville were Molly Keenan with four goals, Melissa Vesey and Kourtney Sattler with two goals, each; and Callie Swan with one goal. Goalkeeper Haley Sheets faced 17 Hudsonville shots.

For the semifinal game, Dexter drew Rockford, a team that was state "runner-up" in 2011; and which appeared to be "on a mission" to unseat defending champion Okemos, which had defeated Ann Arbor Skyline, 11-4, in the other Semifinal match.

Rockford clamped down on Dexter, double-teaming Keenan at center for the duration of the game, and forcing the Dexter perimeter shooters into numerous long-range shot attempts. Dexter had a strong run late in the game, but Rockford held on for a 9-6 win.

Alicia Klocek led Dexter's scorers with three goals, while Keenan added two goals, and Swan one. Goalkeeper Sheets faced 19 Rockford shots.

Rockford went on to win the championship, defeating Okemos, 7-5, and claiming their first state title since 2006.

Awards and Honors

Special Regional, State and National Awards received by Dexter players include:

- All-East Regional Team: 1st Team, Molly Keenan; Honorable Mention, Melissa Vesey
- All-Tournament Award at East Region Championships: 1st Team - Molly Keenan, Melissa Vesey, Hailey Sheats
- All-State Team: 1st Team, Molly Keenan
- All-Tournament Award at State Championships: 1st Team, Molly Keenan; 2nd Team, Hailey Sheats
- All-American Award: 4th Team, Molly Keenan
- Academic All-State Award: Alex Masur, Molly Keenan, Brianna Tingley, Melissa Vesey, Caroline Rossini, Katy Kleinhenz, Laura Stariton, Alicia Klocek, Michelle Brouwer, Kylie Boyd, Alison Rossini, Shelby Scherdt.
- Academic All-American Award: Melissa Vesey, Michelle Brouwer, Molly Keenan
- Special team awards include
- Most Valuable Player: Molly Keenan
- Most Improved Player: Alicia Klocek
- Rookies the Year: Allison Schneider, Sarah Daugherty
- Coach's Award: Hailey Sheats, Kourtney Sattler

Dexter seniors (left to right) Michelle Brouwer, Susie Butler, Molly Keenan, Leticija Oreski, Hailey Sheats and Melissa Vesey.

Dexter All-Regional and All-State Teams featured (left to right) Molly Keenan, 1st Team All-State and All-Region; and Melissa Vesey, Honorable Mention All-Region.

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Dexter Maroon earn spot among state's elite teams

The District 3 Champion Dexter Maroon 10U All Star team made a strong showing in the state tournament last weekend in the "Great 8," but failed to make the final four. They won their round-robin pool play going 2 for 3, and earned the No. 1 seed in their bracket for the Great 8.

The Maroon mercied Redford 17-0 and defeated Ira Township 8-3. They lost a close one to Tecumseh in their first game, 8-7, in extra innings.

The Dexter Maroon 10-under All Stars won the District 3 Little League Championship last month with a 4-3 victory over Jackson Southwest-Red.

Pitchers Ryan Trinkle (four strikeouts) and Noah Lewis (three strikeouts) threw with precision from the mound. Lewis also had a great day at the plate with two singles. Trinkle and Chad Robards also contributed hits for Dexter Maroon. Defensively, Lewis nabbed an outstanding over-the-shoulder catch at shortstop, and Ryan Lotz caught a high pop-up in center field for the last out of the game.

The Dexter Maroon team defeated Ypsilanti American, Jackson Northwest and Ypsilanti National Blue to reach the championship game. They then lost to Jackson Southwest Red, but came back strong to beat the same team last Monday to clinch the championship. Reed Ladd had an outstanding district series at catcher making several key plays in every game.

All the Dexter hurlers were strong in this series, including Marco Lucchesi (eight strikeouts), Joe Horne (six strikeouts), Noah Lewis (six strikeouts), David Kreske (five strikeouts), Ryan Trinkle (four strikeouts), Joshua Gray (two strikeouts) and Kyle Knapp (one strikeout).

Offensively, the Dexter Maroon had 65 hits in the tournament.

Kreske led the team with nine hits, including two doubles. Lewis slammed eight hits, including a triple. Ladd added eight hits and Trinkle contributed seven. Knapp added six hits, Lotz blasted two triples and led the team with six RBIs. Knapp and Joe Luallen also slammed triples. Horne and Lotz each hit two doubles and Gray, Luallen and Lucchesi also added doubles.

The Dexter 10U Maroon would like to thank Peace Lutheran Church for their support and hospitality at Tyler Steffey field and the officials of Dexter Little League for their support. The Maroon won the round-robin pool play district tournament at Tyler Steffey field July 6-16 to advance to the Great Eight. The Dexter Maroon mercied Redford 17-0 and defeated Ira Township 8-3. They lost to Tecumseh in their first game, 8-7, in extra innings.

In the first game, Ryan Trinkle led the team with three hits. Reed Ladd was hot from the plate with a single and an out-of-the-park home run. Kyle Knapp blasted a double and single. Marco Lucchesi, Joe Horne and Noah Lewis were solid on the mound.

In the Redford game, Dexter blasted 14 hits and scored 17 runs in four innings to blank Redford 17-0. Ladd was excellent on the hill with no earned runs. He was followed by Trinkle and Josh Gray, who also held Redford scoreless. Knapp was strong behind the plate. Trinkle slammed 4 straight singles. Ladd went 3-4 with 2 singles and a double, and David Kreske and Lewis also hit 3 singles each. In the final game, Joe Luallen started things off with a single and 1 RBI. Horne then sparked the Dexter offense with a double, triple and 2 RBIs. Lewis, Ladd and Kreske slammed 2 hits each.

Trinkle added a single and 2 RBIs. Trevor Eisele, Kyle Knapp, Lucchesi and Chad Robards also contributed singles. Trinkle was outstanding on the mound, giving up 4 hits and no runs in 3 1/3 innings. Lewis and Lucchesi also pitched well for Dexter.

Hurricane warning!

The Hurricane's 10U fastpitch team took second in the 11-team Jayhawk Summer Showdown at Vander Cook Lake. The 'Canes dominated in pool play going 3-0 and outscoring their competition 33-2. Stephanie Dark and Taylor Wilson struck out a combined 25 batters while only walking six during those games. In the semifinals, the Hurricanes won 6-2 before losing a hard fought game 8-4 in the finals against the Angola (Indiana) Swarm. The 'Canes were led at the plate by Kenna Drinkard, Lindsay Birmingham, Dark & Wilson who each had more than 5 hits on the weekend. Kylee Niswonger, Bella Vera & Claire Cronin each scored five runs as a result of their aggressive baserunning. Madison Rentenbach, Livvy Mellifont & Kristy Maitland also contributed at the plate and in the field. Pictured are (front row) Stephanie Dark, Kenna Drinkard, Taylor Wilson, Claire Cronin, Madison Rentenbach; (second row) Livvy Mellifont, Bella Vera, Lindsay Birmingham, Kristy Maitland, Kylee Niswonger; (back row) Coach Dave Niswonger, Asst. Coach Pat Birmingham and Asst. Coach Al Cronin.

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The Dexter Maroon 10-under All Stars feature (front) Chad Robards, Joe Horne, Ryan Trinkle, Noah Lewis, David Kreske, Trevor Eisele, Joshua Gray, Joe Luallen, Kyle Knapp, Ryan Lotz, Reed Ladd, Marco Lucchesi; (back) Coaches Joe Horne, Mike Ladd and Rich Lucchesi.

National Kidney Foundation tees up golf classic

Amateur golfers can compete for a worthy cause, great prizes, and a chance to play at the famed Pebble Beach Golf Links in California, all through the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's Cadillac Golf Classic presented by Wendy's and Suburban Cadillac of Ann Arbor. The Golf Classic kicks off with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 6 at Barton Hills Country Club on 733 Country Club Road in Ann Arbor. Registration, breakfast, and driving range begin at 8:30 a.m. The Golf Classic includes breakfast, lunch, a delicious dinner, open bar, golfer gifts, and live and silent auctions. Tickets are $1,900 per foursome and $475 per individual. For information, or to register, call the NKFM at (800) 482-1455 or go to KidneyMIGolf.org. You can also visit the NKFM's website at nkfm.org.

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Swim teams team up for Red Cross

In the spirit of the Olympics, local swim and dive teams that were competing against one another cooperated to collect over $84,000 in the American Red Cross 35th Annual Swim-A-Cross Plus (SAC).

The teams competed for six weeks during the summer in the Washtenaw Interclub Swim Conference (WISC), a league of seventeen swim and dive clubs in the county. Many of the WISC teams also participated in SAC, a fundraiser that supports critical life-saving programs that the Red Cross provides across the Southeast Michigan Region.

Thirteen of seventeen WISC teams hosted a SAC event this summer, engaging in a friendly but spirited competition to raise the most funds for the Red Cross. Local businesses provided refreshments for teams during their SAC events. Athletes earned prizes based on the amount of pledges they collected, and the team that collected the most pledges was awarded a trophy. The trophy is affectionately called the "Swim Stanley" because it rotates each season like the Stanley Cup.

Claiming the trophy for the third year in a row was the Travis Pointe Country Club (TPCC) Tigersharks. The Tigersharks had 102 participants, swam over 220 miles, completed 565 dives and collected almost $23,000 in under four hours.

The Barton Hills Country Club (BHCC) Barracudas placed second in SAC. The Barracudas had 27 participants, swam over 44 miles and collected over $15,000 in pledges.

Racquet Club of Ann Arbor (RC) Raccoons rallied together and took third place in SAC. The Raccoons had 88 athletes, swam 102 miles, completed 315 dives and collected almost $7,900.

Other WISC teams participating in the event included Ann Arbor Country Club, Chippewa Tennis & Swim Club, Dexter Community Aquatics Clubs, Georgetown Country Club, Huron Valley Swim Club, Liberty Athletic Club, Milan Swim Club, Orchard Hills Athletic Club, Saline Swim Team and Veterans Memorial Park Pool.

Travis Pointe Tigersharks collected the most donations of any team in the Southeast Michigan Region during the American Red Cross 35th Annual Swim-A-Cross Plus. The team had 102 athletes swim over 220 miles, complete 565 dives and collect almost $23,000 in under four hours. Pictures are the top athletes Cedric Lapine, (front, left), Andrew Brown, Chiara Lapine, Bella Patel, Molly Pribble, Head Dive Coach Kara Smith, Matthew Brown (middle row, left), Lisa Gross, Stephanie Boyle, Swim Coaches: Grant Cole (back, left) Steven Hurbis, Head Swim Coach Andy Zimmer and Brian Semple.

American Red Cross Regional Events Coordinator Mary Kumbier explained that WISC is a strong swim league that is filled with compassionate families whose support helped save SAC. "In 2002, SAC raised $8,600, and it was slated to be eliminated." The program was reevaluated and with input from WISC coaches, athletes and families and their ideas were incorporated. SAC grew from a swim only fundraiser hosted in Washtenaw County for recreational teams to a program that includes other sports (currently diving, tennis and golf with plans to add biking and running) and allows teams of all ages and abilities across the Southeast Michigan Region to participate.

"To witness the passion and energy that all the athletes, coaches and their families bring to the event is inspiring," shared Kumbier, "They are truly athletes in action on a mission to use their time and talent and make a real difference in their community."

SAC events are being scheduled through September. Athletic teams across the Southeast Michigan Region have been invited to dedicate one practice to the Red Cross and help raise funds for the vital programs Red Cross provides in their communities. Teams interested in participating in a community project are encouraged to host a SAC event.

SAC events can be adapted to suit any team and help fulfill that requirement. Teams interested n participating in a SAC event should contact Mary Kumbier at Mary.Kumbier@redcross.org (734) 971-5300 extension 259.

Lead sponsors for the SAC program are the Emergency Physicians Medical Group, Health Alliance Plan and Heritage News. Refreshments for the week were provided by Powerade, Jimmy Johns, Whole Foods Market and Noodles & Company.

Refreshements were provided at events by Powerade, Jimmy John's, Noodles & Company, Barry Bagels, Dexter Bakery, Whole Food Market and Mr. Pita.

Hoke talks Michigan football

Michigan coach Brady Hoke talked about a number of issues during his interview at the Big Ten media day. The following are a few of his answers on last season, this upcoming season, Penn State and more.

On expectations: We're excited about the upcoming year. We're excited because of the hard work that our kids have put through since the end of the Sugar Bowl and the things that they've done as a team.

On last season: We had a disappointing year a year ago when you do not win the Big Ten championship. And at Michigan we've not won that championship since 2004. So we have direct goals ahead of us and what we want to do and we're excited about that.

On the upcoming schedule: Our schedule is one that is a great opportunity and a great challenge for us. We played 10 out of 12 teams that are Bowl teams. We play five of those teams on the road. And so for us it's going to be a great challenge and a great opportunity.

On being the favorite in the Big Ten: We don't put too much stock in that. It's like anything in life, it's not where we start but where we finish.

On players taking a leadership role: I think you can see the three guys we brought are just a part of that with Denard (Robinson) and his development, and I think Jordan Kovacs is an amazing story, number one, but how his leadership has grown. And then Taylor Lewan, who is going to be a junior for us. But I think he's really taken a lot of responsibility.

On recruiting Penn State players: To be honest with you, we kind of made a decision - I'd be lying if I didn't say we didn't look at the roster to some degree -- but we've kind of made a decision that we're going to stay and recruit the guys and keep our business our business.

On playing Alabama: When we're playing the reigning national champion, they're a terrific football team and they've done terrific things. We're excited about the opportunity to go into a great venue, different venue, obviously, and go line up and see what happens.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST TO RECONSIDER
A PLANNING COMMISSION
REVIEW OF PROPOSED
BUILDING ELEVATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Chelsea Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing, as the statute in such case provides.

The petitioner for the Wags to Wiskers retail store has asked the Planning Commission to reconsider their review of proposed building elevations.

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The aforesaid hearing will be held in the Council Chambers, 311 S. Main Street (Police Station) Chelsea, Michigan on **TUESDAY, August 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

The petition, as filed by **Greystone Building Co.** is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea, and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodations to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Chelsea Planning Commission Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

CHELSEA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
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High school sports right around the corner

The 2012-13 fall sports season officially begins next week, when approximately 110,000 student-athletes begin practice in eight sports in which Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsors post-season tournaments.

Practice sessions begin on Monday (Aug, 6) in football, followed by all other sports on Wednesday (Aug. 6). Practice in football must begin on Aug. 6 for all schools wishing to begin regular season games the weekend of Aug. 23-26. Schools must have 12 days of preseason practice at all levels before their first game, which may not occur before 16 calendar days.

All football schools must also conduct at least three days of practice before beginning contact, and those sessions may not include any pads.

In golf and tennis, competition may commence no earlier than after three separate days of team practice, and not before seven calendar days. The first day competition may take place in golf and tennis is Aug. 15. In all other fall sports, contests can take place after seven days of practice for the team and not before nine calendar days.

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INTERMEDIATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
VILLAGE OF DEXTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Dexter Village Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 20, 2012 at the Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Ann Arbor Street, Dexter, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the following Zoning Ordinance variance/waiver request.

The applicant, Lisa Phillips, is requesting a variance from the following section of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance for the property located at 3360 Edison Street, HD-08-05-300-058, to permit the construction of an attached garage within the side yard setback.

Section 20.01 - Schedule of Regulations for side yard setbacks within the R-1B One Family Residential Zoning District. The applicant is requesting a variance to permit the construction of an attached garage at a 6 foot side yard setback. Section 20.01 requires that attached garages meet the principle building setbacks. The principle building side yard setback within the R-1B district is 10 feet. The applicant is thus requesting a variance to permit a 4 foot encroachment into the side yard setback for the construction of a 2 car attached garage.

Information regarding the application is available for public inspection at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street, Dexter, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or by phone at (734) 426-8303 Ext. 15. Written comments regarding this application should be submitted to the Village Zoning Office, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2012. Sign language interpreter, or other assistance, is provided upon request to the Clerk, at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Hall.

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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan
ROLL CALL: President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Semifero, Smith, Tell
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
Motion Smith, support Tell to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 25, 2012 as presented.
Unanimous voice vote for approval
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
Motion Cousins, support Tell to approve the agenda additional information.
Voice vote for approval with six Aye votes and one Nay vote
CONSENT AGENDA
Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of $313,150.34, Closure of Central Street from Fifth Street to Main Street from Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at 9 a.m. until Sunday, August 12, 2012 at noon to hold Dexter Daze, Request from Dexter Daze Committee to hold Dexter Daze Parade on Saturday, August 11, 2012 including the temporary road closure of Main Street from approximately 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Motion Fisher, support Smith to approve items 1, 2 and 3 of the Consent Agenda.
Unanimous voice vote for approval
NEW BUSINESS: Consideration of and Discussion of:
Motion Cousins, support Fisher to reverse the decision of one-way traffic on Central Street with flagged traffic during the work period, re-instating two-way traffic at the end of the work and weekends, and going to signals should the permits be completed with the railroad.
Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Tell, Carson and Keough Nays: Semifero
Motion carries 6 to 1
Motion Semifero, support Smith to approve the extension of the existing Medical Marihuana Dispensary Moratorium until July 18, 2014
Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Cousins and Keough Nays: None
Motion carries
Motion Semifero, support Tell to award the bid the Reilient Construction for the Dexter Business and Research Park Detention Basin outlet pipe replacement in an amount not to exceed $20,000.
Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Carson, Cousins, Smith and Keough Nays: None
Motion carries.
ADJOURNMENT
Motion Smith support Cousins to adjourn at 9:46 PM. Unanimous voice vote for approval Respectfully submitted, Carol J. Jones, Clerk, Village of Dexter
Approved for Filing July 23, 2012
NOTE: This is a synopsis of the Regular Council Meeting. The minutes in their entirety may be viewed at the Village Office at 8123 Main Street, Dexter MI or online at www.villageofdexter.org

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 2-2012

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM OF THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BONDS TO PAY THE COST THEREOF; TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM OF THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM SUFFICIENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM AND TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY FOR THE BONDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEGREGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE REVENUES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS IN ENFORCEMENT THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS AND THE SYSTEM.

THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Definitions. Whenever used in this Ordinance, except when otherwise indicated by the context, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Act 94" means Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

(b) "Authority" means the Michigan Finance Authority.

(c) "Authorized Officers" means the Village President, the Village Manager, the Village Clerk and the Village Treasurer of the Issuer.

(d) "Bonds" means the Series 2012 Bonds, together with any additional bonds heretofore or hereafter issued of equal standing with the Series 2012 Bonds.

(e) "Engineers" means Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, consulting engineers of Livonia, Michigan.

(f) "Issuer" means the Village of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan.

(g) "MDEQ" means the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

(h) "Outstanding Bonds" means the Outstanding Junior Lien Bonds and Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds.

(i) "Outstanding Junior Lien Bonds" means any additional bonds issued that are of equal standing and priority of lien with the Series 2012 Bonds.

(j) "Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds" means any additional bonds issued that are senior in standing and priority of lien with the Outstanding Junior Lien Bonds.

(k) "Prior Bonds" means the Issuer's Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bond, Series 2000A in the original principal amount of $1,933,000 and the Issuer's Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bond, Series 2000B in the original principal amount of $1,452,000, each dated as of February 8, 2000.

(l) "Prior Ordinance" means the ordinance adopted by the Village Council on January 10, 2000 authorizing the issuance of the Prior Bonds.

(m) "Project" means the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of additions, extensions and improvements to the Issuer's Sewage Disposal System, together with all necessary interests in land, rights of way and all appurtenances and attachments therefor, as described in the plans prepared by the Engineers and approved herein.

(n) "Purchase Contract" means the Purchase Contract to be entered into between the Authority and the Issuer relating to the purchase by the Authority of the Series 2012 Bonds.

(o) "Revenues" and "Net Revenues" means the revenues and net revenues of the System and shall be construed as defined in Section 3 of Act 94, including with respect to "Revenues", the earnings derived from the investment of moneys in the various funds and accounts established by the Prior Ordinance and this Ordinance.

(p) "Series 2012 Bonds" means the Issuer's 2012 Sewage Disposal System Junior Lien Revenue Bond in the principal amount of not to exceed $3,300,000 issued pursuant to this Ordinance.

(q) "Sufficient Government Obligations" means direct obligations of the United States of America or obligations the principal and interest on which is fully guaranteed by the United States of America, not redeemable at the option of the issuer, the principal and interest payments upon which without reinvestment of the interest, come due at such times and in such amounts as to be fully sufficient to pay the interest as it comes due on the Bonds and the principal and redemption premium, if any, on the Bonds as it comes due whether on the stated maturity date or upon earlier redemption. Securities representing such obligations shall be placed in trust with a bank or trust company, and if any of the Bonds are to be called for redemption prior to maturity, irrevocable instructions to call the Bonds for redemption shall be given to the paying agent.

(s) "Supplemental Agreement" means the supplemental agreement among the Issuer, the Authority and MDEQ relating to the Series 2012 Bonds.

(t) "System" means the entire sewage disposal system of the Issuer, including the Project and all additions, extensions and improvements hereafter acquired.

Section 2. Necessity; Approval of Plans and Specifications. It is hereby determined to be a necessary public purpose of the Issuer to acquire and construct the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by the Engineers, which plans and specifications are hereby approved. The Project qualifies for the State Revolving Fund financing program being administered by the MDEQ and the Authority, whereby bonds of the Issuer are sold to the Authority and bear interest at a fixed rate of two and one-half percent (2.50%) per annum.

Section 3. Costs; Useful Life. The cost of the Project is estimated to be Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,300,000), including the payment of incidental expenses as specified in Section 4 of this Ordinance, which estimate of cost is hereby approved and confirmed, and the period of usefulness of the Project is estimated to be not less than thirty (30) years.

Section 4. Payment of Cost; Bonds Authorized. To pay part of the cost of acquiring and constructing the Project, legal, engineering, financial and other expenses incident thereto and incident to the issuance and sale of the Series 2012 Bonds, the Issuer shall borrow the sum of not to exceed Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,300,000), or such lesser amount as shall have been advanced to the Issuer pursuant to the Purchase Contract and the Supplemental Agreement, and issue the Series 2012 Bonds pursuant to the provisions of Act 94. The remaining cost of the Project, if any, shall be defrayed from Issuer funds on hand and legally available for such use.

Except as amended by or expressly provided to the contrary in this Ordinance, all of the provisions of the Prior Ordinance shall apply to the Series 2012 Bonds issued pursuant to this Ordinance, the same as though each of said provisions were repeated in this Ordinance in detail; the purpose of this Ordinance being to authorize the issuance of additional revenue bonds of subordinate lien with respect to the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds to finance the cost of acquiring and constructing additions, extensions and improvements to the System, additional bonds of subordinate standing with the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds for such purpose being authorized by the provisions of the Prior Ordinance, upon the conditions therein stated, which conditions have been fully met.

Section 5. Issuance of Series 2012 Bonds; Details. The Series 2012 Bonds of the Issuer, to be designated **2012 SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BOND (LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION)**, are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,300,000) as finally determined by order of the MDEQ for the purpose of paying part of the cost of the Project, including the costs incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Series 2012 Bonds. The Series 2012 Bonds shall be payable out of the Net Revenues, as set forth more fully in Section 8 hereof, provided that the Series 2012 Bonds shall be subordinate to the prior lien with respect to the Net Revenues in favor of the Outstanding Bonds and of any additional bonds of equal standing with the Outstanding Bonds hereafter issued. The Series 2012 Bonds shall be in the form of a single fully-registered, nonconvertible bond of the denomination of the full principal amount thereof, dated as of the date of delivery, payable in principal installments as finally determined by the order of the MDEQ at the time of sale of the Series 2012 Bonds and approved by the Authority and an Authorized Officer. Principal installments of the Series 2012 Bonds shall be payable on October 1 of the years 2014 to 2033, inclusive, or such other payment dates as hereinafter provided. Interest on the Series 2012 Bonds shall be payable on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing April 1, 2013 or on such other interest payment dates as hereinafter provided. Final determination of the principal amount of and interest on the Series 2012 Bonds and the payment dates and amounts of principal installments of the Series 2012 Bonds shall be evidenced by execution of the Purchase Contract and each of the Authorized Officers is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Purchase Contract when it is in final form and to make the determinations set forth above; provided, however, that the first principal installment shall be due no earlier than April 1, 2014 and the final principal installment shall be due no later than October 1, 2033 and that the total principal amount shall not exceed $3,300,000.

The Series 2012 Bonds shall bear interest at a rate of two and one-half percent (2.50%) per annum on the par value thereof or such other rate as evidenced by execution of the Purchase Contract, but in any event not to exceed the rate permitted by law, and any Authorized Officers as shall be appropriate shall deliver the Series 2012 Bonds in accordance with the delivery instructions of the Authority.

The principal amount of the Series 2012 Bonds is expected to be drawn down by the Issuer periodically, and interest on principal amount shall accrue from the date such principal amount is drawn down by the Issuer.

The Series 2012 Bonds shall not be convertible or exchangeable into more than one fully-registered bond. Principal of and interest on the Series 2012 Bonds shall be payable as provided in the Series 2012 Bond form in this Ordinance.

The Series 2012 Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption by the Issuer with the prior written approval of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority.

The Treasurer of the Issuer shall record on the registration books payment by the Issuer of each installment of principal or interest or both when made and the cancelled checks or other records evidencing such payments shall be returned to and retained by the Treasurer.

Upon payment by the Issuer of all outstanding principal of and interest on the Series 2012 Bonds, the Authority shall deliver the Series 2012 Bonds to the Issuer for cancellation.

Section 6. Execution of Series 2012 Bonds. The Series 2012 Bonds shall be signed by the manual or facsimile signature of the Village President and countersigned by the manual or facsimile signature of the Village Clerk and shall have the corporate seal of the Issuer or a facsimile thereof impressed thereon. The Series 2012 Bonds bearing the manual or facsimile signatures of the Village President and the Village Clerk sold to the Authority shall require no further authentication.

Section 7. Registration and Transfer. Any Bond may be transferred upon the books required to be kept pursuant to this section by the person in whose name it is registered, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the transfer agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Issuer shall execute and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds, for like aggregate principal amount. The transfer agent shall require payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer. The Issuer shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of the giving of a notice of redemption of Bonds selected for redemption as described in the form of Series 2012 Bonds contained in Section 13 of this Ordinance and ending at the close of business on the day of that giving of notice, or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Bond so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of Bonds being redeemed in part. The Issuer shall give the transfer agent notice of call for redemption at least 20 days prior to the date notice of redemption is to be given.

The transfer agent shall keep or cause to be kept at its principal office sufficient books for the registration and transfer of the Bonds, which shall at all times be open to inspection by the Issuer; and upon presentation for such purpose the transfer agent shall under such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe transfer or cause to be transferred on said books Bonds as hereinbefore provided.

If any Bond shall become mutilated, the Issuer, at the expense of the holder of the Bond, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Bond, upon surrender to the transfer agent of the mutilated Bond. If any Bond issued under this Ordinance shall be lost, destroyed or stolen, evidence of the loss, destruction or theft may be submitted to the transfer agent and, if this evidence is satisfactory to both and indemnity satisfactory to the transfer agent shall be given, and if all requirements of any applicable law including Act 354, Public Acts of Michigan, 1972, as amended ("Act 354"), being sections 129.131 to 129.135, inclusive, of the Michigan Compiled Laws have been met, the Issuer, at the expense of the owner, shall execute, and the transfer agent shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor and bearing the statement required by Act 354, or any applicable law hereafter enacted, in lieu of and in substitution for the Bond so lost, destroyed or stolen. If any such Bond shall have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute Bond the transfer agent may pay the same without surrender thereof.

Section 8. Payment of Series 2012 Bonds; Security; Priority of Lien. Principal of and interest on the Series 2012 Bonds shall be payable from the Net Revenues. There is hereby recognized the statutory lien upon the whole of the Net Revenues created by this Ordinance which shall be a lien that is junior and subordinate to the lien of the Outstanding Senior Lien Bonds created by the Prior Ordinance, to continue until payment in full of the principal of and interest on all Bonds payable from the Net Revenues, or until sufficient cash or Sufficient Government Obligations have been deposited in trust for payment in full of the Series 2012 Bonds then outstanding, principal and interest, to maturity, or, if called for redemption, to the date fixed for redemption together with the amount of the redemption premium, if any. Upon deposit of cash or Sufficient Government Obligations, as provided in the previous sentence, the statutory lien shall be terminated with respect to the Series 2012 Bonds, the holders of the Series 2012 Bonds shall have no further rights under this Ordinance except for payment from the deposited funds, and the Series 2012 Bonds shall no longer be considered to be outstanding under this Ordinance.

In addition, the Series 2012 Bonds being sold to the Authority, the Issuer hereby pledges its limited tax full faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2012 Bonds. Should the Net Revenues of the System at any time be insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 2012 Bonds as the same become due, then the Issuer shall advance from any funds available therefor, or, if necessary, levy taxes upon all taxable property in the Issuer, subject to constitutional and statutory limitations, such sums as may be necessary to pay said principal and interest. The Issuer shall be reimbursed for any such advance from the Net Revenues of the System subsequently received which are not otherwise pledged or encumbered by this Ordinance or the Prior Ordinance.

Section 9. Management; Fiscal Year. The operation, repair and management of the System and the acquiring and constructing of the Project shall continue to be under the supervision and control of the Issuer. The Issuer may employ such person or persons in such capacity or capacities as it deems advisable to carry on the efficient management and operation of the System. The Issuer may make such rules and regulations as it deems advisable and necessary to assure the efficient management and operation of the System. The System shall be operated on the basis of an operating year which shall coincide with the Issuer's fiscal year.

Section 10. Rates and Charges; No Free Service. The rates and charges for service furnished by the System and the methods of collection and enforcement of the collection of the rates shall be those in effect on the date of adoption of this Ordinance and are estimated to be sufficient to provide for the payment of the expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the System as are necessary to preserve the System in good repair and working order, to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Series 2012 Bonds and the Outstanding Bonds as the same become due and payable, and the maintenance of the reserves, if any, therefore; and to provide for all other obligations, expenditures and funds for the System required by law, the Prior Ordinance and this Ordinance. No free service or use of the System, or service or use of the System at less than cost, shall be furnished by the System to any person, firm, or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality, including the Issuer.

Section 11. Funds and Accounts; Flow of Funds; Junior Lien Bond and Interest Redemption Fund. The funds and accounts established by the Prior Ordinance are hereby continued, provided that a Junior Lien Bond and Interest Redemption Fund shall be established as follows:

Out of the Net Revenues remaining in the Receiving Fund after provision has been made for the Operation and Maintenance Fund and only after provision has been made for the Redemption Fund, there shall be set aside monthly in the Junior Lien Fund a sum proportionately sufficient to provide for the payment when due of the current principal of and interest on the Series 2012 Bonds, less any amount in the Junior Lien Fund representing accrued interest on the Series 2012 Bonds. Commencing on October 1, 2012, the amount set aside each month for interest on the Series 2012 Bonds shall be 1/6 of the total amount of interest on the Series 2012 Bonds next coming due. The amount set aside each month for principal on the Series 2012 Bonds, commencing October 1, 2013, shall be 1/12 of the amounts of principal next coming due. If there is any deficiency in the amounts previously set aside, that deficiency shall be added to the next succeeding months' requirements.

No moneys shall be set aside and credited to the Junior Lien Fund unless and until the Issuer is current with respect to all required transfers to all other funds under the Prior Ordinance and there is no default in any payments or requirements under the Prior Ordinance.

If for any reason there is a failure to make such deposits in the amounts required, then the entire amount of the deficiency shall be set aside and deposited in the Junior Lien Bond Redemption Account out of the Revenues first received thereafter which are not required by this Ordinance to be deposited in the Operation and Maintenance Account or the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund or the Junior Lien Bond Redemption Account, which amount shall be in addition to the regular monthly deposit required during such succeeding month or months.

Section 12. Bond Proceeds. The proceeds of the sale of the Series 2012 Bonds as received by the Issuer shall be deposited in a separate account in a bank or banks qualified to act as depository of the proceeds of sale under the provisions of Section 15 of Act 94 designated SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BONDS CONSTRUCTION FUND (the "Construction Fund"). Moneys in the Construction Fund shall be applied solely in payment of the cost of the Project and any engineering, legal and other expenses incident thereto and to the financing thereof.

Section 13. Bond Form. The Series 2012 Bonds shall be in substantially the following form with such changes or completion as necessary or appropriate to give effect to the intent of this Ordinance and subject to such modifications which may be required by the Michigan Attorney General and the Authority and approved by bond counsel:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

VILLAGE OF DEXTER

2012 SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM JUNIOR LIEN REVENUE BOND
(LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION)

REGISTERED OWNER: Michigan Finance Authority

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: ______________________ Dollars ($__________)

DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE: __________, 2012

The VILLAGE OF DEXTER, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan (the "Issuer"), acknowledges itself to owe and for value received hereby promises to pay, primarily out of the hereinafter described Net Revenues of the Issuer's Sewage Disposal System (hereinafter defined), to the Michigan Finance Authority (the "Authority"), or registered assigns, the Principal Amount shown above, or such portion thereof as shall have been advanced to the Issuer pursuant to a Purchase Contract between the Issuer and the Authority and a Supplemental Agreement by and among the Issuer, the Authority and the State of Michigan acting through the Department of Environmental Quality, in lawful money of the United States of America, unless prepaid or reduced prior thereto as hereinafter provided.

During the time the Principal Amount is being drawn down by the Issuer under this bond, the Authority will periodically provide to the Issuer a statement showing the amount of principal that has been advanced and the date of each advance, which statement shall constitute prima facie evidence of the reported information; provided that no failure on the part of the Authority to provide such a statement or to reflect a disbursement or the correct amount of a disbursement shall relieve the Issuer of its obligation to repay the outstanding Principal Amount actually advanced, all accrued interest thereon, and any other amount payable with respect thereto in accordance with the terms of this bond.

The Principal Amount shall be payable on the dates and in the annual principal installment amounts set forth on the Schedule attached hereto and made a part hereof, as such Schedule may be adjusted if less than $__________ is disbursed to the Issuer or if a portion of the Principal Amount is prepaid as provided below, with interest on said principal installments from the date each said installment is delivered to the holder hereof until paid at the rate of two and one-half percent (2.50%) per annum. Interest is first payable on April 1, 2013, and semiannually thereafter on the first day of April and October of each year, as set forth in the Purchase Contract.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Bond, so long as the Authority is the owner of this Bond, (a) this Bond is payable as to principal, premium, if any, and interest at The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. or at such other place as shall be designated in writing to the Issuer by the Authority (the "Authority's Depository"); (b) the Issuer agrees that it will deposit with the Authority's Depository payments of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on this Bond in immediately available funds by 12:00 noon at least five business days prior to the date on which any such payment is due whether by maturity, redemption or otherwise; in the event that the Authority's Depository has not received the Issuer's deposit by 12:00 noon on the scheduled day, the Issuer shall immediately pay to the Authority as invoiced by the Authority an amount to recover the Authority's administrative costs and lost investment earnings attributable to that late payment; and (c) written notice of any redemption of this Bond shall be given by the Issuer and received by the Authority's Depository at least 40 days prior to the date on which such redemption is to be made.

Additional Interest

In the event of a default in the payment of principal or interest hereon when due, whether at maturity, by redemption or otherwise, the amount of such default shall bear interest (the "additional interest") at a rate equal to the rate of interest which is two percent above the Authority's cost of providing funds (as determined by the Authority) to make payment on the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond but in no event in excess of the maximum rate of interest permitted by law. The additional interest shall continue to accrue until the Authority has been fully reimbursed for all costs incurred by the Authority (as determined by the Authority) as a consequence of the Issuer's default. Such additional interest shall be payable on the interest payment date following demand of the Authority. In the event that (for reasons other than the default in the payment of any municipal obligation purchased by the Authority) the investment of amounts in the reserve account established by the Authority for the bonds of the Authority issued to provide funds to purchase this bond fails to provide sufficient available funds (together with any other funds which may be made available for such purpose) to pay the interest on outstanding bonds of the Authority issued to fund such account, the Issuer shall and hereby agrees to pay on demand only the Issuer's pro rata share (as determined by the Authority) of such deficiency as additional interest on this bond.

For prompt payment of principal and interest on this bond, the Issuer has irrevocably pledged the revenues of the Sewage Disposal System of the Issuer, including all appurtenances, extensions and improvements thereto (the "Sewage Disposal System"), after provision has been made for reasonable and necessary expenses of operation, maintenance and administration (the "Net Revenues"), and a statutory lien thereon is hereby recognized and created.

This bond is a single, fully-registered, non-convertible bond in the principal sum indicated above issued pursuant to an Ordinance adopted on January 10, 2000 and Ordinance No. ___ duly adopted by the Village Council (the "Ordinances"), and under and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including specifically Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing additions, extensions and improvements to the Sewage Disposal System of the Issuer.

For a complete statement of the revenues from which and the conditions under which this bond is payable, a statement of the conditions under which additional bonds of superior and equal standing may hereafter be issued and the general covenants and provisions pursuant to which this bond is issued, reference is made to the Ordinances.

This bond is primarily a self-liquidating bond, payable, both as to principal and interest, primarily from the Net Revenues of the System. The principal of and interest on this bond are secured by the statutory second lien hereinbefore mentioned. As additional security, the Issuer has pledged its limited tax full faith and credit for payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds of this issue, which includes the Issuer's obligation to levy taxes, if necessary, within applicable constitutional and statutory tax limitations.

The Issuer has covenanted and agreed, and does hereby covenant and agree, to fix and maintain at all times while any bonds payable from the Net Revenues of the Sewage Disposal System shall be outstanding, such rates for service furnished by the Sewage Disposal System as shall be sufficient to provide for payment of the interest upon and the principal of this bond and any bonds of equal standing with this bond, the Outstanding Bonds and any additional bonds of equal standing with the Outstanding Bonds, as and when the same shall become due and payable, and to maintain a bond redemption fund (including, except for bonds of this issue, a bond reserve account) therefor, to provide for the payment of expenses of administration and operation and such expenses for maintenance of the Sewage Disposal System as are necessary to preserve the same in good repair and working order, and to provide for such other expenditures and funds for the Sewage Disposal System as are required by the Ordinances.

Principal installments of this bond are subject to prepayment by the Issuer prior to maturity only with the prior written consent of the Authority and on such terms as may be required by the Authority.

This bond is transferable only upon the books of the Issuer by the registered owner in person or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the transfer agent, duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Ordinance, and upon payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed.

It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done precedent to and in the issuance of this bond have been done and performed in regular and due time and form as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Village of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, by its Village Council has caused this bond to be executed with the manual or facsimile signatures of its Village President and its Village Clerk and the corporate seal of the Village to be impressed or imprinted hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

VILLAGE OF DEXTER
By ______________________
Its Village President
(Seal)

Countersigned:
By ______________________
Its Village Clerk

DEQ Project No.: 5491-01
DEQ Approved Amt: $________

SCHEDULE A

Based on the schedule provided below unless revised as provided in this paragraph, repayment of the principal of the bond shall be made until the full amount advanced to the Issuer is repaid. In the event the Order of Approval issued by the Department of Environmental Quality (the "Order") approves a principal amount of assistance less than the amount of the bond delivered to the Authority, the Authority shall only disburse principal up to the amount stated in the Order. In the event (1) that the payment schedule approved by the Issuer and described below provides for payment of a total principal amount greater than the amount of assistance approved by the Order or (2) that less than the principal amount of assistance approved by the Order is disbursed to the Issuer by the Authority, the Authority shall prepare a new payment schedule which shall be effective upon receipt by the Issuer.

Maturity Date	Principal Amount
October 1, 2014	$130,000
October 1, 2015	135,000
October 1, 2016	135,000
October 1, 2017	140,000
October 1, 2018	145,000
October 1, 2019	145,000
October 1, 2020	150,000
October 1, 2021	155,000
October 1, 2022	155,000
October 1, 2023	160,000
October 1, 2024	165,000
October 1, 2025	170,000
October 1, 2026	175,000
October 1, 2027	180,000
October 1, 2028	185,000
October 1, 2029	185,000
October 1, 2030	190,000
October 1, 2031	195,000
October 1, 2032	200,000
October 1, 2033	205,000

Interest on the bond shall accrue on that portion of principal disbursed by the Authority to the Issuer from the date such portion is disbursed, until paid, at the rate of 2.50% per annum, payable April 1, 2013 and semi-annually hereafter.

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A reason to sing: Conservation efforts lead to revival of rare Kirtland's warbler

Listening to birds singing in the forest just after dawn on a late spring day in northern Michigan. It might sound like a relaxing morning stroll, but for some members of the Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Division staff, it's part of an important effort to conserve a rare and endangered bird species.

As part of a recovery plan aimed at increasing the Kirtland's warbler population; the Wildlife Division coordinates a monitoring program that includes counting singing males during a two-week period in June. Keeping tabs on the breeding population helps the Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team – a cooperative venture of the DNR, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and various other private citizens and organizations – evaluate how the species is responding to management practices and environmental changes.

What's so special about this little songbird?

"The Kirtland's warbler is one of 13 federally endangered species that occur in Michigan and one of two endangered bird species," said Keith Kintigh, the DNR's northern Lower Peninsula wildlife supervisor. "With a population of about 4,000, it is among the rarest birds in North America, sharing this list with such species as the California condor and the whooping crane."

The birds nest in just a few counties in Michigan's northern Lower and Upper peninsulas, a few sites in Wisconsin and Ontario, and nowhere else on Earth.

"Nearly 30 percent of the population is in one township, and over 75 percent of the population is in portions of only three counties," Kintigh said.

The unique bird brings in tourism and helps boost local economies, with birdwatchers from around the world flocking to northern Michigan in the spring and summer for Kirtland's warbler viewing tours.

Michigan's first known Kirtland's warbler nest was spotted in Oscoda County in 1903 and, until 1996, all nests were found within 60 miles of this site. Since then, a small number of nests have been found each year in the Upper Peninsula, and nesting also has occurred in Wisconsin and the province of Ontario.

One of more than 200 neo-tropical migratory species that nest in North America and winter in the tropics, Kirtland's warblers spend eight months of the year in the Bahamas. Male Kirtland's warblers arrive back in Michigan between May 3 and May 20, a few days ahead of the females. The males establish and defend territories and then court the females when they arrive. Males defend their territories with loud and persistent singing.

First conducted in 1951 and carried out annually since 1971, the Kirtland's warbler census is a count of singing males.

"We go through areas of habitat that the warblers typically occupy and listen for their songs so we can locate, count and map territorial males," said Bruce Barlow, a DNR wildlife biologist who has done Kirtland's warbler surveys for the past eight years in Clare, Ogemaw and Crawford counties. "They usually sing at least once during any five-minute period between sunrise and 11 a.m. in good weather."

Preliminary analysis of the 2012 census data shows that Kirtland's warbler populations are increasing. The DNR will release details about these findings within the next few weeks.

Another key aspect of the Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Plan is the development and maintenance of suitable nesting habitat on a sustained basis.

The birds nest only in young jack pine forests with a special type of sandy soil known as Grayling sand. They prefer jack pine stands over 200 acres in size with numerous small openings. They nest on the ground under the living branches of the small trees that are five to 20 years old. When the trees reach about 20 years old, Kirtland's warbler leave the area to other bird species such as Nashville warbler and hermit thrush.

"Biologists refer to the Kirtland's warbler as a 'habitat specialist,' meaning the species has very narrow preferences for habitat," explained Kintigh. "It nests only in the type of jack pine-dominated forest that was historically only created by wildfire."

The young jack pine (that the Kirtland's warbler depends on) grow after fire removes older trees and rejuvenates the forest. Heat from fire opens jack pine cones to release seeds and prepares the ground for the germination of the seeds. In the past, naturally occurring wildfires that swept through the region helped maintain the jack pine barrens, but the advent of modern fire protection and suppression efforts led to a drastic decline of available Kirtland's warbler nesting habitat, and the bird's population plummeted.

To protect the species from extinction and increase its population, special areas were set aside and designated to provide appropriate habitat for the Kirtland's warbler.

The DNR and its partners manage jack pine habitat by logging, burning, seeding and replanting on a rotational basis to provide approximately 38,000 acres of productive nesting habitat at all times. Several million seedlings are planted each year.

"By managing jack pine stands on a 50-year harvest rotation – which means trees aren't cut down until they're mature and large enough to be economically valuable – we can maintain nesting habitat for the warblers while supporting the commercial harvest of jack pine," Kintigh said.

These management efforts also provide key habitats for other animals, including other rare species like upland sandpipers and prairie warblers, as well as game species like white-tailed deer, black bear, ruffed grouse and snowshoe hare. Several protected prairie plants, such as the Allegheny plum, Hill's thistle and rough fescue, also make their home in the same jack pine forests as Kirtland's warblers. All of these species – and the hunting and wildlife-watching recreation opportunities they offer – benefit from the ongoing work to provide young jack pine habitat.

Counts from the annual Kirtland's warbler census have shown a significant increase in the species' population over the last 40 years – from approximately 200 singing males in 1972 to 1,800 last year.

"The recovery of the Kirtland's warbler is a real success story for endangered species management," said Kintigh. "This conservation effort has benefited Michigan's economy, including jobs associated with tourism and timber products, and helped conserve our biological legacy."

Learn more about helping the Kirtland's warbler and Michigan's other threatened, endangered and nongame species at www.michigan.gov/nongamewildlife.

For more information about Kirtland's warblers, visit www.michigan.gov/wildlife, click on "Featured Species" and scroll down to the species list.

A singing male Kirtland's warbler. Biologists ensure that a certain amount of dead trees remain standing from previous fires, because the snags are an important part of the bird's habitat matrix

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Section 14. Bondholders' Rights; Receiver. The holder or holders of the Bonds representing in the aggregate not less than twenty per cent (20%) of the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding, may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, protect and enforce the statutory lien upon the Net Revenues of the System, and may, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceedings, enforce and compel performance of all duties of the officers of the Issuer, including the fixing of sufficient rates, the collection of Revenues, the proper segregation of the Revenues of the System and the proper application thereof. The statutory lien upon the Net Revenues, however, shall not be construed as to compel the sale of the System or any part thereof.

If there is a default in the payment of the principal of or interest upon the Series 2012 Bonds, any court having jurisdiction in any proper action may appoint a receiver to administer and operate the System on behalf of the Issuer and under the direction of the court, and by and with the approval of the court to perform all of the duties of the officers of the Issuer more particularly set forth herein and in Act 94.

The holder or holders of the Series 2012 Bonds shall have all other rights and remedies given by Act 94 and law, for the payment and enforcement of the Series 2012 Bonds and the security therefor.

Section 15. Additional Bonds. The Issuer may issue additional bonds of equal standing with the Series 2012 Bonds for the following purposes and subject to the following conditions:

(a) To complete the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor. Such bonds shall not be authorized unless the engineers in charge of construction shall execute a certificate evidencing the fact that additional funds are needed to complete the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor and stating the amount that will be required to complete the Project. If such certificate shall be so executed and filed with the Issuer, it shall be the duty of the Issuer to provide for and issue additional revenue bonds in the amount stated in said certificate to be necessary to complete the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications plus an amount necessary to issue such bonds or to provide for part or all of such amount from other sources.

(b) For subsequent repairs, extensions, enlargements and improvements to the System or for subsequent repairs, extensions, enlargements and improvements to the System and for the purpose of refunding part or all of the Junior Lien Bonds then outstanding and paying costs of issuing such additional Junior Lien Bonds. Junior Lien Bonds for such purposes shall not be issued pursuant to this subparagraph (b) unless the Adjusted Net Revenues of the System for the then last two (2) preceding twelve-month operating years or the Adjusted Net Revenues for the last preceding twelve-month operating year, if the same shall be lower than the average, shall be equal to at least one hundred-percent (100%) of the maximum amount of principal and interest thereafter maturing in any succeeding year on the then outstanding Senior Lien Bonds, Junior Lien Bonds and on the additional Bonds then being issued. If the additional Junior Lien Bonds are to be issued in whole or in part for refunding outstanding Junior Lien Bonds, the annual principal and interest requirements shall be determined by deducting from the principal and interest requirements for each operating year the annual principal and interest requirements of any Junior Lien Bonds to be refunded from the proceeds of the additional Junior Lien Bonds. For purposes of this subparagraph (b) the Issuer may elect to use as the last preceding operating year any operating year ending not more than sixteen months prior to the date of delivery of the additional Junior Lien Bonds and as the next to the last preceding operating year, any operating year ending not more than twenty-eight months prior to the date of delivery of the additional Junior Lien Bonds. Determination by the Issuer as to existence of conditions permitting the issuance of additional Junior Lien Bonds shall be conclusive. No additional Junior Lien Bonds of equal standing as to the Net Revenues of the System shall be issued pursuant to the authorization contained in this subparagraph if the Issuer shall then be in default in making its required payments to the Operation and Maintenance Fund or the Redemption Fund.

(c) For refunding a part or all of the Junior Lien Bonds then outstanding and paying costs of issuing such additional Junior Lien Bonds including deposits which may be required to be made to the bond reserve account for such Junior Lien Bonds. No additional Junior Lien Bonds shall be issued pursuant to this subsection unless the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year after giving effect to the refunding shall be less than the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing in any operating year prior to giving effect to the refunding.

Section 16. Negotiated Sale; Application to MDEQ and Authority; Execution of Documents. The Issuer determines that it is in the best interest of the Issuer to negotiate the sale of the Series 2012 Bonds to the Authority because the State Revolving Fund financing program provides significant interest savings to the Issuer compared to competitive sale in the municipal bond market. The Authorized Officers are hereby authorized to make application to the Authority and to the MDEQ for placement of the Series 2012 Bonds with the Authority. The actions taken by the Authorized Officers with respect to the Series 2012 Bonds prior to the adoption of this Ordinance are ratified and confirmed. The Authorized Officers are authorized to execute and deliver the Purchase Contract, the Supplemental Agreement and the Issuer's Certificate. Any Authorized Officers is further authorized to execute and deliver such contracts, documents and certificates as are necessary or advisable to qualify the Series 2012 Bonds for the State Revolving Fund. Prior to the delivery of the Series 2012 Bonds to the Authority, any Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to make such changes to the form of the Series 2012 Bonds contained in Section 13 of this Ordinance as may be necessary to conform to the requirements of Act 227, Public Acts of Michigan 1985, as amended ("Act 227"), including, but not limited to changes in the principal maturity and interest payment dates and references to additional security required by Act 227.

Section 17. Covenant Regarding Tax Exempt Status of the Bonds. The Issuer shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exemption of the interest on the Series 2012 Bonds from general federal income taxation (as opposed to any alternative minimum or other indirect taxation) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditure and investment of Series 2012 Bonds proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds.

Section 18. Approval of Bond Counsel. The representation of the Issuer by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. ("Miller Canfield"), as bond counsel is hereby approved, notwithstanding the representation by Miller Canfield of the Authority in connection with the State Revolving Fund program which may include advising the Authority with respect to this borrowing.

Section 19. Approval of Bond Details. The Authorized Officers are each hereby authorized to adjust the final bond details set forth herein to the extent necessary or convenient to complete the transaction authorized herein, and in pursuance of the foregoing is authorized to exercise the authority and make the determinations authorized pursuant to Section 7a(1)(c) of Act 94, including but not limited to determinations regarding interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, redemption rights, the place of delivery and payment, and other matters, provided that the principal amount of Series 2012 Bonds issued shall not exceed the principal amount authorized in this Ordinance, the interest rate per annum on the Series 2012 Bonds shall not exceed two and one-half percent (2.50%) per annum, and the Series 2012 Bonds shall mature in not more than twenty (20) annual installments.

Section 20. Savings Clause. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or part thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, repealed.

Section 21. Severability; Paragraph Headings; and Conflict. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance. The paragraph headings in this Ordinance are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be part of this Ordinance.

Section 22. Publication and Recordation. This Ordinance shall be published in full in *The Dexter Leader*, a newspaper of general circulation in the Issuer qualified under State law to publish legal notices, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Issuer and such record authenticated by the signatures of the Village President and the Village Clerk.

Section 23. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption and publication.

ADOPTED AND SIGNED THIS 23rd day of July, 2012

Shawn W. Keough - Its Village President
Carol J. Jones - Its Village Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 23rd day of July, 2012, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting:

Fisher, Smith, Carson, Cousins, Semifero, Tell

and that the following Members were absent:

Tell

I further certify that Member Smith moved for adoption of said Ordinance and that said motion was supported by Member Fisher.

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance:

Smith, Semifero, Carson, Fisher, Cousins, Keough

and that the following Members voted against adoption of said Ordinance:

None

I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Village President and the Village Clerk.

Carol J. Jones - Village Clerk

Publish August 2, 2012

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 lake 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.

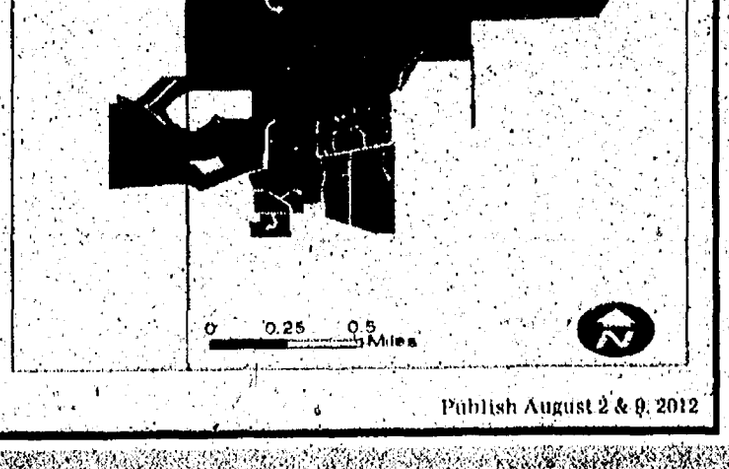
The Board of Public Works shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment 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 MAP



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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT- FAMILY DIVISION COUNTY OF WAYNE

PUBLICATION OF HEARING CASE NO. 09487988 PETITION 12007754
In the matter of:
LYLI'ANA RAYN SWEET
DOB-07/27/2011
A hearing on SUPPLEMENTAL PERMANENT CUSTODY will be conducted by the court on: MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2012, AT 10:00 A.M., in COURTROOM 3-C, LINCOLN HALL
1025 E. FOREST
DETROIT, MI 48207
before: Judge FRANK S. SZYMANSKI 32063
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that *AMANDA NICOLE SWEET or the Biological Mother of LYLI'ANA RAYN SWEET personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. Notice to parent: This hearing may result in the termination of your parental rights, placement of the child(ren) in the permanent custody of the court for the purpose of adoption planning.

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Lost 1060

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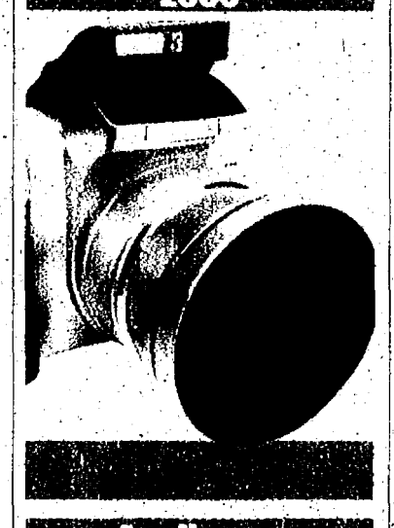

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Celebrations 1020

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Business/Office Equipment 2070

OFFICE EQUIPMENT: wall mount with TV/DVD ($100), 3 acoustical wall partitions ($150 ea), 6 oak arm chairs ($75 each), shelf floor lamp $60; body relaxer table by Ilc care - ($1300); hydrocollator ($150); three tier x-ray cabinet 29" x 20" ($250); End tab open Steel 6-shelf patient file ($375) 734-676-0694

Cemetery Lots 2080

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31 Eggs
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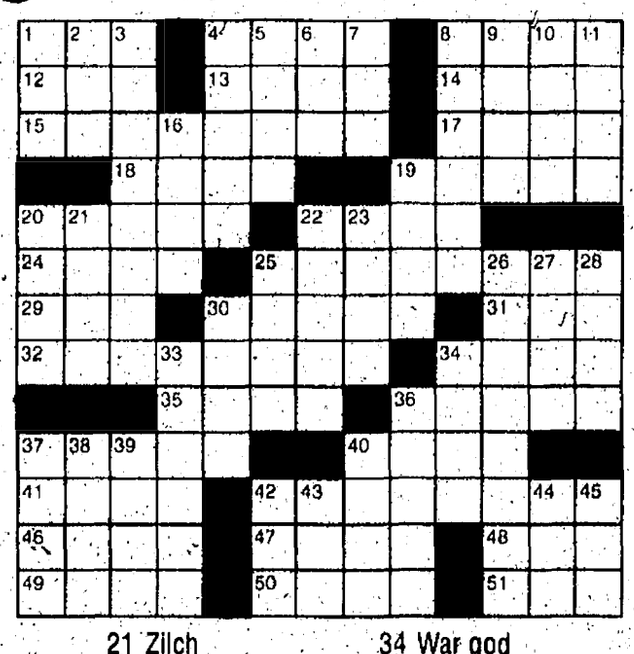

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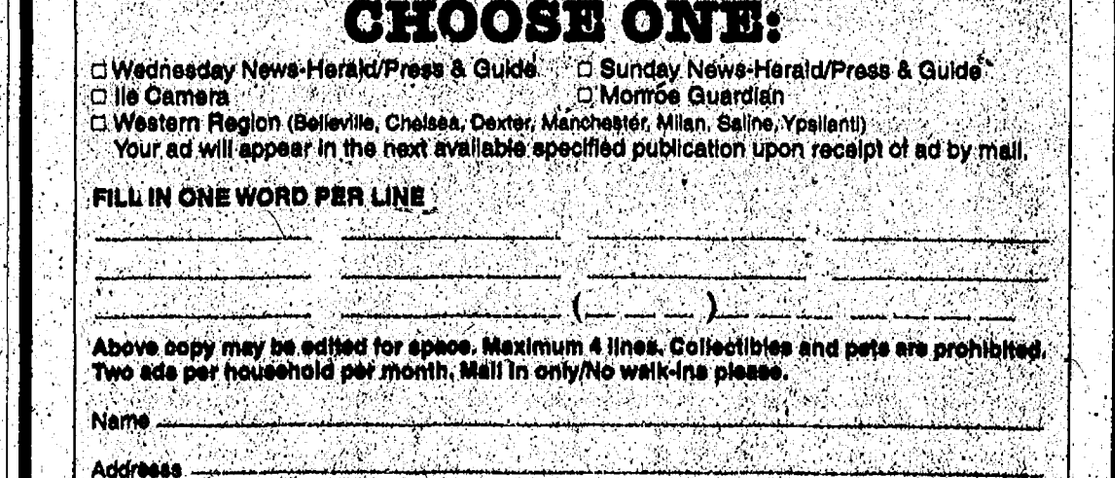

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Garage/Rummage Sales 2160

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CHELSEA - 320 Fairways Lane; Fri 8/3, Sat. 8/4; 9-3p; household, clothing, cello, viola, prints/posters, lots to offer!

DEARBORN: 3740 Pardee. Aug 2-3, 9-5pm. Furn., household items/decor, and etc.

DEARBORN: 646 Mohawk, Aug 4, 9-2pm, Cool Stuff, Jewelry, Yankee candle, home decor, Collectibles & lots more

Dearborn: Vintage toys, baby items, furn, & misc Aug 3-4; 9-4pm 751 North Rosevere. (Cherryhill/Telegraph)

FLAT ROCK 29553 Aspen Dr., Aug 3-5, 9-5pm, Antiques, Electronics, furn, & much more

GROSSE ILE - 8633 Cadillac Cir. **MOVING SALE! Thu, Aug 2; 12-4p. Fri & Sat, Aug 3-4; 9-4p. Furn., exercise equip., tools**

GROSSE ILE: Moving Sale, 21782 Canterbury, 8/3-4, 9-4p, furn., tools, yard/household, exer. equip., boating & fishing

LINCOLN PARK - 1026 Mill St.; August 4-5, 9-6pm. Saturday and Sunday.

Lincoln Park: 1305 Rose St. Aug. 3-5, 9am. 3 Family Sale; many misc. & household items!

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Garage/Rummage Sales 2160

SOUTHGATE: 13249 Rosedale. Aug. 1-2, 9-?. Misc. items, hunting equipment, and some antiques.

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TAYLOR: 13418 Mortonview Dr. Aug. 4-5; 9a-5p. Huge Sale! All priced to sell, no early bird.

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TAYLOR: 22472 Fairlax, (on corner of Pardee) Fri. 8/3 & Sat. 8/4 from 9am - 4pm.

TAYLOR 6107 Princess 8/2 - 8/6 & 8/9 - 8/13, 9am-5pm, Red Wings, Beanie babies, M&M collectable's, lots to see, 30 yrs of house hold treasures

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TAYLOR: 8718 Weddel, 8/1-8/4, 9-4pm, clothes, books, bike, cd's, dvd's & Misc.

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As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three and 40/100 Dollars ($168,733.40). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the main lobby of the Circuit Courthouse, Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Thursday the 23rd day of August, 2012, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Township of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:
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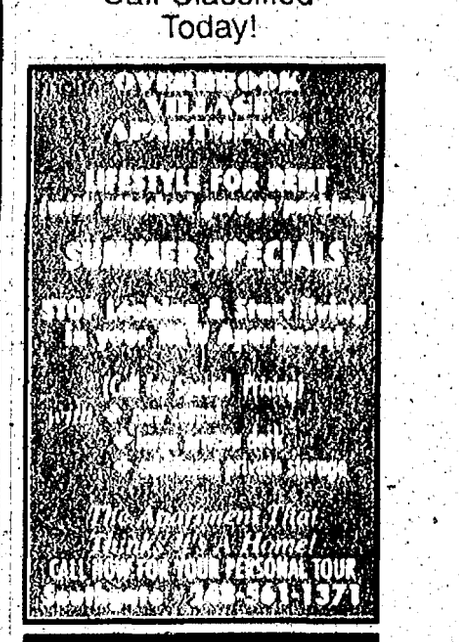

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Sounds & Sights takes over Chelsea

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Creole du Nord leads a New Orleans-style parade down Main Street in downtown Chelsea as part of the beginning of the Sounds & Sights Festival.

The art market, in its second year, brought in droves of visitors.

Folks in the social tent dance to country music on the second night of the festival.

The Blue River Band performs as part of the festival's country music night.

The Chelsea Classic Cruisers Car Show on Friday night drew a big crowd, despite rain.

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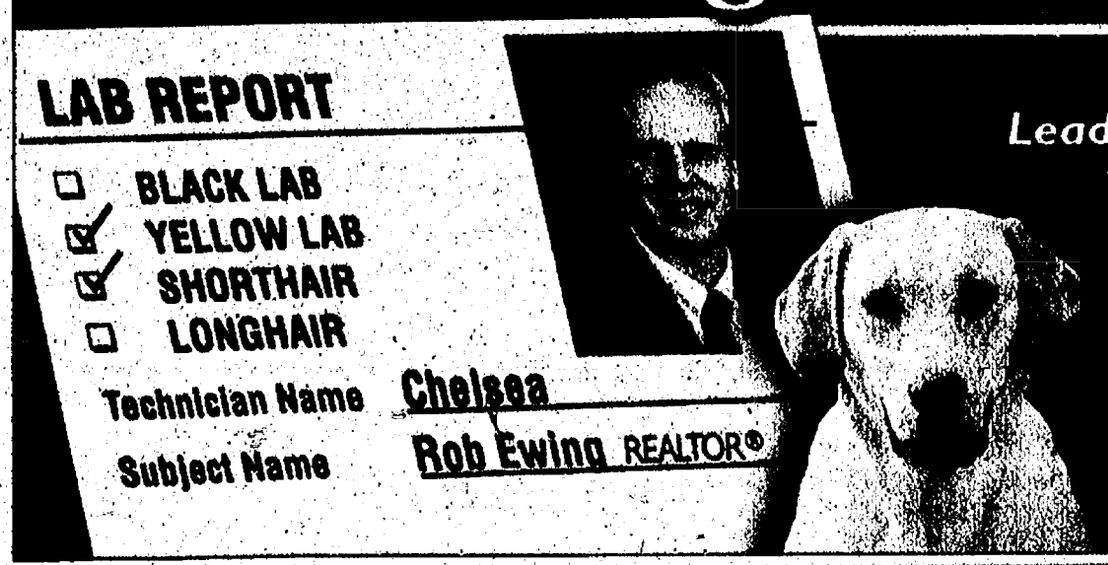

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Encore's 'Fiddler on the Roof' soars

Stephen West returns to the Encore's stage in triumphant fashion after a debut of his talents in Dexter in 2010 for a benefit review, which was a rousing experience.

"Fiddler On The Roof" recreates that experience on a grander scale with a solid cast and the entirety of the "Fiddler" story and well-known score of music.

The musicians, pianist and conductor Cheryl Van Duzen, who rightly came out for a bow and applause Saturday, and Rebecca Biber (second keyboard), Emily Slomovits (violin), Jacon Warren (bass), and Mark Tarabusi (reeds) deserve special recognition for flawlessly executing a classic score which includes a number of classic tunes like "Tradition" and "If I Were a Rich Man."

Stephen West's jovially booming speaking voice and exquisite bass-baritone drive the Encore Musical Theatre Company's lush production of "Fiddler."

Being such an accomplished and well-branded piece of musical theatre, "Fiddler" is a lengthy show that doesn't seem as such thanks to good pacing by director Barbara Cullen, not to mention rousing performances all-around by a robust cast.

PLAY REVIEW

SEAN DALTON

The plot centers on Teyve, played by West, and his family of five daughters and a wife. As the prologue tune "Tradition" portends, this is a tale of changing times and shifting traditions in 1905 Tsarist Russia, itself a prelude-time to great social upheaval and political revolution.

Teyve struggles greatly as a fatherly judge of what occurs between the generational shifts of old and new traditions and how this social landscape affects his daughters, who individually make their own choices about the course of their lives. In Teyve's heyday, the father and town matchmaker were the arbiters of marital destiny and with it the direction of young people's lives.

Without going into each and every performance by the more than two dozen actors, everyone on stage was well directed and performed their roles, both major and minor, admirably. Of particular note were Marlene Inman-Reilly as wife, Golde, and Sebastian Gerstner as Perchik, a revolutionary teacher and activist who courts one of Teyve's treasured daughters.

The plot of "Fiddler on the Roof" centers on Teyve, played by Stephen West, and his family of five daughters and a wife.

Toni Auletti deserves special recognition for a great set that feels appropriate whether the story takes the audience to a train station or Teyve's bedchamber.

Special recognition needs to go to Patti Ringe as Grandma Tzeitel, particularly when donning a large cloth dress and having a pair of giant hands operated by two stage hands in one of the most horrifying nightmare sequences I've ever seen in either film or on stage. It's a scene that will stick with audiences for a good long while, if the mark it left on my own psyche is any indication.

"Fiddler" has been done on a thousand days in a thousand different ways, but the Encore's rendition is more than likely as good as the best of them, and certainly better than the rest. It's worth the price of admission and the time investment to get from start to finish of the show's duration, and then some.

'On Golden Pond' skims the surface of human bonds in the face of human mortality

Playwright Ernest Thompson's "On Golden Pond" is the only piece of theater that's ever conveyed a sense of mental confinement in a character.

The tale of Norman Thayer Jr., portrayed by John Peakes, is appropriately told from his perspective as an aging family patriarch. There is a moment halfway through the first act that the audience realizes that the depredations of age aren't just taking a toll on his body, but also his mind.

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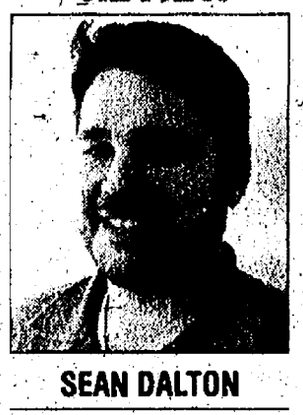


SEAN DALTON

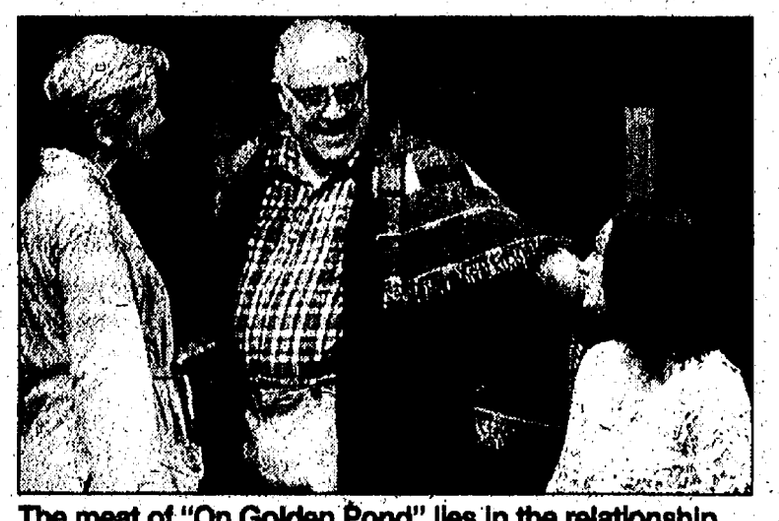
The meat of "Pond" lies in the relationship between Thayer and his wife, Ethel, played by Jan Radcliff; his daughter, Chelsea Thayer Wayne, played by Rhiannon Ragland; and grandson-in-law, Billy Ray, played by Ian Bejster and later in the run Milo Tucker-Meyer.

It should be noted that Peakes' performance as Norman is an incredibly intimate and lovable piece of character acting that will only be available until the middle of next month.

After interviewing Peakes last month for a preview, I suspect he would probably joke about catching every performance he does before old age finally gets him, which is probably why he's so good at being Norman Thayer. In many ways he is Norman.

The character of Norman Thayer is one that we can all relate to. He's beginning to come to grips with the end of his life and what that means for himself and his family, particularly his more-than-a-decade-younger wife and estranged daughter, who struggled to please his overbearing, effacing father during her childhood years.

Everyone knows what it's like to contend with feelings of regret and fear with regard to mortality, or at least the possibility of those emotions later on down the line, so Norman has a little bit of everybody within the makeup of his character, and Peakes brings a great deal of grace, humility and humor to the stage and lends them to his character, bringing Norman to life in ways that few characters are.



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David Daoust plays Charlie Martin, Thayer's daughter's sweetheart from a different point in her life, with lovable humor and an earnest sadness at times. The character of Martin seems a bit superfluous at first glance, but I was glad he was there after the curtain call.

Jan Radcliffe turns in a solid performance as Ethel, who is dealing with her older husband getting a foot in the grave well before she does. There are many touching moments that stand as examples of how everyone wants their spouse to act towards them and vice versa in old age. Like real life, the couple's relationship isn't always harmonious or without flaw, but it's healthy.

Rhiannon Ragland excels at embodying playwright Thompson's effort in tapping into the zeitgeist of an entire generation of disaffected pre-Baby Boomer children who have been damaged by dealing with overbearing parents, who believe that children are lumps of clay to be fit into predesigned molds and heated until that form is a permanent one.

Being born in 1949, prime boomer-time, Thompson is more than likely portraying Chelsea Thayer Wayne from a point of view that is sympathetic to his own viewpoint.

But it's very hard to argue with the old wisdom of forgiving those who we perceive as slighting us, particularly when the message is so well written for Thompson's part and so well acted for Ragland's part.

Thom Whalen was surprising in that I forgot who he was until a moment in the play where he really gives the piss back to Norman. It wasn't until this moment that I remembered Whalen playing a sadistic Irish crime lord in "Corktown." It's a goofy role that doesn't play too much prominence in the grand scheme of the story, but Whalen is a very skilled actor and capitalizes on his sparse stage time to really make an impact on the audience.

Director Michelle Mountain is, as always, great at her craft. She has made sure that "Pond" runs like a well-oiled machine at this point, without any hiccups or staggers.

Set designer Bartley H. Bauer accomplished giving Golden Pond the place an upper-class rustic ambience that went well beyond portraying a mere cabin on the water.

"On Golden Pond" is a solid Purple Rose Theatre Company production driven well by a solid core of thoughtful writing, masterful acting and well-accomplished directing that will leave an indelible mark on those who witness it.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Aug. 2

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

Friday, Aug. 3

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

Saturday, Aug. 4

■ **Bog Walk**
3:30 p.m. Saturday: Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road, Waterloo Recreation Area. Free. $10 annual vehicle entrance fee. 475-3170.

Tuesday, Aug. 7

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

DEXTER

Thursday, Aug. 2

■ **Ice Cream Social**
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday: St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, 7610 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road. 426-8610.

■ **"Music of Love and Romance for Celtic Harps"**
7 p.m. Thursday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. 426-4477.

Friday, Aug. 3

■ **Summer Concert: Chef Chris and the Nairobi Trio**
6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday: Monument Park, downtown Dexter. Free. 426-0887.

Saturday, Aug. 4

■ **Bird Hike**
7:30 a.m. Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road. Preregistration required. $5 vehicle entrance fee. 426-8211.

Sunday, Aug. 5

■ **Exotic Bird Exhibition: Ann Arbor Companion Bird Club**
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday: Clarion Hotel, 2900 Jackson Road. $3 (under age 12, free). 545-5282.

SALINE

Thursday, Aug. 2

■ **"She Loves Me": Penny Seats Theatre Company**
7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday: West Park Band Shell, Ann Arbor. $10 (ages 12 and younger $7) at pennyseats.org and at the gate. Call 276-2832.

■ **Summer Music Series: Bill Bynum & Company**
7 p.m. Thursday: South Ann Arbor Street, Saline. Rain location: Liberty School, 7265 N. Ann Arbor St. Free. 429-4907.

Sunday, Aug. 5

■ **Horse Show: Spur of the Moment Club**
8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday: Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free admission. 645-4918.

■ **Veterans Picnic: VFW Post 423**
1 p.m. Sunday: Picnic for veterans and a guest, VFW Post 423, 3230 S. Wagner Road, Ann Arbor. RSVP to Milton Davis at 428-7874 or email grafoharavfw423@gmail.com.

Tuesday, Aug. 7

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

Wednesday, Aug. 8

■ **Sharing the Bounty Potluck and Show-and-Tell**
6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 769-1052.

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Friday, Aug. 3

■ **"Pretty Fire": Threefold Productions**
8 p.m. Friday and Saturday: Mix Performance Space, 130 W. Michigan Ave. $18 (students and seniors, $15) at ThreefoldProoductions.org and at the door. 778-0627.

■ **Crossroads Summer Festival: October Babies and Salmagundi**
7 to 11 p.m. Friday: Washington Street at Michigan Avenue. Free. 717-7305.

Saturday, Aug. 4

■ **Antique Auto/Equipment Sale: Michigan Firehouse Museum**
8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday: Yesterday's Collection Building, 400 St. Johns Street. Free. 547-0663. firemuseum@msn.com.

■ **Movie in the Park: "Cars 2"**
9 p.m. Saturday: Rolling Hills County Park, 7660 Stony Creek Road. Free. $5 vehicle entry fee. 971-6337, ext. 334.

MANCHESTER

Thursday, Aug. 2

■ **Summer Gazebo Concerts: Bob Black & His Bluegrass Boys**
7:30 p.m. Thursday: Gazebo, Wurster Park (Main Street west of M-52). Rain location: Emanuel Church hall, 324 W. Main St. Free, but donations appreciated. 428-0159.

Friday, Aug. 3

■ **"Dance Party in the Park": Riverfolk Music and Arts Festival**
7 p.m. Friday: Carr Park, West Main Street. $15 ($25 includes dinner) at riverfolkfestival.org and at the gate. 1-888-428-4563.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, August 2

The Dexter District Library hosts a drop-in story time at 11 am. for ages 5 and under - but all ages are welcome.

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

Downtown Chelsea's Sounds & Sights continues tonight with performances from: Annie & Rod Capps (folk) at the library, North Creek Fiddlers (bluegrass) at the South Street Tent, 3 Generations Entertainment (balloons) at Main Street Alley, Russ Glenn at the East Alley, Marvin Reuter at East Middle, an open mic at the total fitness lot, View at the Sylvan Courtyard, Tropicooljazz (jazz) at the Glazier Building, Paragon at the Clocktower Gazebo, Eric the Juggler at the Clocktower Courtyard and a movie at dusk provided by SRSLY Cinema: "Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader," rated PG.

The Dexter District Library hosts musician, singer and storyteller Carol Krappus, who presents Music of the Heart: Music of Love and Romance for Celtic Harps at 7 p.m. This show is all ages.

Friday, August 3

Kevin Devine visits the Dexter District Library for the library's Summer Reading Program wrap-up party at 11 a.m. Devine will present "Reading helps you dream big - and sign and learn and grow," a live musical performance for all ages.

It's time to Dunk the Director at the Dexter District Library. Here's your chance to dunk DDL Director Paul McCann in the library parking lot dunk tank from 11:45-1 p.m.

Join the Chelsea District Library and the Chelsea Senior Center for Great Books @ CSC at the senior center at 1 p.m.

Saturday, August 4

The Friends of the Chelsea District Library hold their monthly meeting at 10:15 a.m. at the library.

Sunday, August 5

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

Monday, August 6

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

Tuesday, August 7

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

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

Wednesday, August 8

Join the Spanish Conversation Group at the Chelsea District Library at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 9

Join the Dexter District Library at 11 a.m. for popcorn for kids at 11 a.m. The featured film is "How to Train Your Dragon," rated PG with a runtime of 98 minutes.

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

Downtown Chelsea's Sounds & Sights continues tonight with performances from: The Bluescasters (blues) at the library, The Shelter Dogs (lounge-a-billy) at the South Street Tent, 3 Generations Entertainment (balloons) at Main Street Alley, Aireen Espiritu at the East Alley, Marvin Reuter at East Middle, an open mic at the total fitness lot, Fighting Unlucky at the Sylvan Courtyard, Motor City Outlaws (southern rock) at the Glazier Building, Sumkali (fusion of music of India) at the Clocktower Gazebo, A2 Magic Show at the Clocktower Courtyard and a movie at dusk provided by SRSLY Cinema: "Avatar," rated PG-13.

The Dexter District Library hosts Larry Martin's WWII in Their Own Words with Navy veteran Bill Ingram at 6:30 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.

The Dexter District Library hosts summer drop-in story times 11 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays. The program is for kids under 5 but all ages are welcome.

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CHS Class of 1942 reunites

The Chelsea High School Class of 1942 held its 70th reunion on July 14 in the Silver Maples Bistro.
All the attendees live in the Chelsea area.
Pictured, from left to right, are: Marian Pierson (Eisele), Virginia Visel (Barr), Arlene Dobberstein Harvey (Koengeter), Richard Schmidt, Richard Kinsey, John Hale and Allyn Seitz (Kohsman).

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Catered Dinner ..... 4:00 to 6:00 pm
Door Prize Drawings ..... (must be present to win)

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2012 Thunder Over Michigan Air Show takes place Aug. 4-5

The Yankee Air Museum's 2012 Thunder over Michigan Air Show is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday and will showcase numerous P-51 Mustangs, the Sea Harrier F/A2, a World War II Battle Reenactment and the F-86 Sabre "Smokey" at Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti. The gates open each day at 9 a.m.

More than 20 P-51 Mustangs will gather to display their speed, power and agility. The P-51 Mustang is credited to ending World War II and is now known as one of the most iconic fighters of all time.

The Sea Harrier F/A2 performing at the Thunder over Michigan Air Show is the only privately-owned Harrier in the world. Art Nalls, a retired and decorated Marine Corps pilot purchased the Sea Harrier in 2005 and spent two years restoring the aircraft to flying condition.

Originally designed for the Royal Navy, the Sea Harrier F/A2 is a vertical takeoff and landing aircraft famous for its service during the Falklands War. Lifting like a helicopter, hovering in mid-air, flying at nearly the speed of sound and even backwards, the Sea Harrier is a unique example of aviation technology.

"This will be the first time the Sea Harrier will ever be seen in Michigan," said Kevin Walsh, Thunder over Michigan Air Show director, in a news release.

"It's exciting to re-invent the show each year and bring new and exciting acts to the state."

The World War II battle reenactment brings to life the sights sounds and smells of ground and air warfare over 1940s Europe, using realistic historical re-enactors and restored vintage aircraft, tanks, half-tracks and other equipment.

This weekend's Thunder Over Michigan event includes U.S. and German troops in battle featuring authentic armor and re-enactors in historically accurate dress.

The U.S. and German troops square off in battle featuring authentic armor and re-enactors in historically accurate dress as the P-51 Mustangs fly overhead and provide tactical air support for the embattled American ground forces.

Show attendees will also be able to view "Smokey," the F-86 Sabre as it jets through the sky. The North American F-86 Sabre, sometimes referred to as the Sabrejet, was a transonic jet fighter aircraft.

Produced by North American Aviation, the Sabre is best known as America's first swept wing fighter which could counter the similarly-winged Soviet MiG-15 in high speed dogfights over the skies of the Korean War.

Considered one of the best and most important fighter aircraft in the Korean War, the F-86 is also rated highly in comparison with fighters of other eras.

Although it was developed in the late 1940s and was outdated by the end of the 1950s, the Sabre proved versatile and adaptable, and continued as a front-line fighter in numerous air forces.

The superior U.S. pilot training in comparison to that of the North Koreans and the Chinese accounted for much of the F-86's success in achieving air superiority during nearly all of the hostilities.

Tickets to the air show, if purchased in advance, are $25, and parking is $5 with advance ticket purchase. Tickets are $30 and parking is $10 for adults when purchased at the gate. Children 15 years and younger get in free.

Show proceeds benefit the Yankee Air Museum.

Advance discounted tickets are available at www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow.

Chelsea man to showcase jet at Ypsilanti air show

By Danny Shaw
Heritage Media

Speed freaks love to take their hot-rods and sports cars out for a spin or polish them up for an auto show, but there's one Chelsea native whose ride can literally blow the competition away.

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Tommy Poulter's Boeing F/A-18F Super Hornet can travel at Mach 1.7 – that's nearly 1,300 miles per hour, by the way – and can carry around 15,000 pounds of weapons ordinance.

Poulter's dual-engine strike fighter will be one of several aircraft on display this weekend at the Yankee Air Museum's 2012 Thunder over Michigan Air Show in Ypsilanti at Willow Run Airport.

With more than 2,500 hours of logged flight time and 700 landings onto the decks of aircraft carriers, Poulter said he can't wait to park his 11-year mechanical love affair near his hometown community.

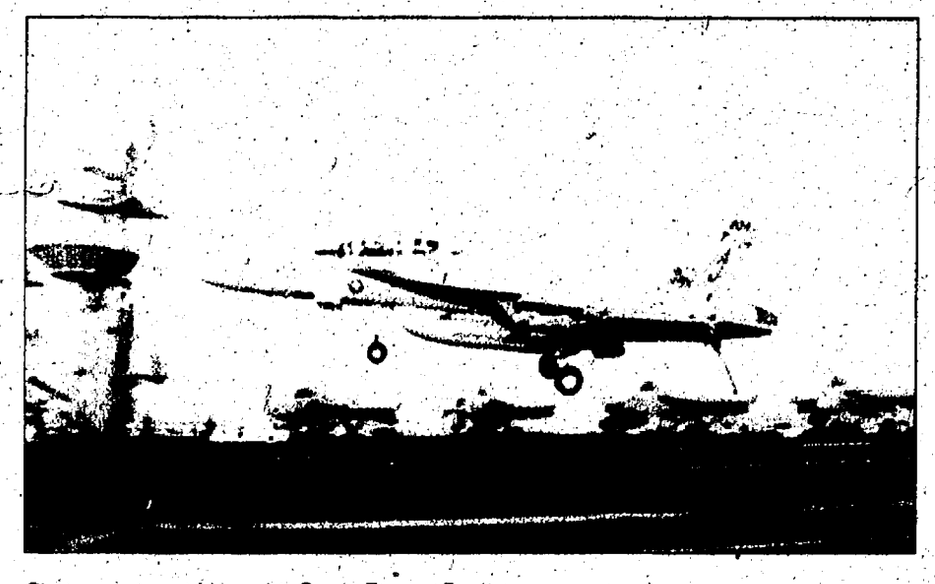


Photo courtesy of Navy Lt. Cmdr. Tommy Poulter.

A Super Hornet from the Black Lions Navy squadron lands on an aircraft carrier.

"I grew up in Chelsea and graduated from CHS so I feel extremely lucky," he said. "I've never been able to be part of an air show so close to home. It's a huge thrill, and I'm super excited to do it."

Poulter said the Super Hornet is unique because of several factors, including most aircraft are single-seaters whereas the Super Hornet is a two-seat variant.

"There's the pilot up front and the weapons operator in back," he explained. "It helps on various levels, actually. The pilot can focus more on flying while the weapons operator can focus on the 10 to 15,000 pounds of ordinance we can carry."

The Super Hornet is a jack-of-all-trades, being able to engage in air-to-ground and air-to-air combat while giving the pilot near-unlimited maneuverability, according to Poulter. He said the Super Hornet can even be fitted to refuel other craft while airborne.

Poulter has been flying the Super Hornet for 11 years after piloting the the F-14 Tomcat for three years. He is a lieutenant commander at the Strike Fighter Weapons School Atlantic at the Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, Va.

The particular Super Hornet that will be on display is part of the Navy's Black Lions squadron.

"Oh man, it's been a fantastic airplane," Poulter said. "I've been flying for 14 years with the Navy and never been let down by that plane. Boeing made a nice airplane. It's just phenomenal and it'll be great to talk about it and show it to everyone."

Poulter might be better known to his fellow Navy pilots as "Schmoopy," his radio call sign – a nickname that most certainly contrasts to "Maverick."

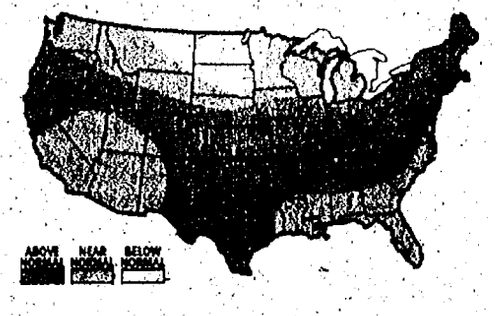
"I had just gotten married when I was kind of caught making out with my wife on base," Poulter said, laughing. "So, they called me Schmoopy. It stuck. There's worse things they could

AccuWeather.com SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

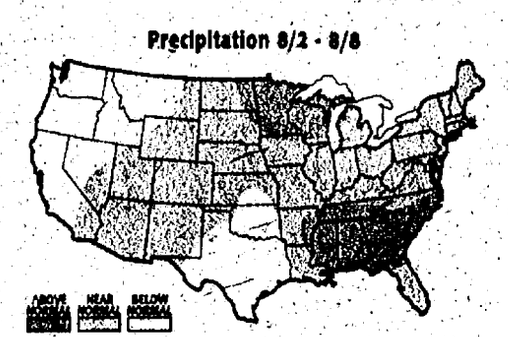
Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partial sunshine	A thunderstorm or two	A thunderstorm possible	Partly sunny; hot, humid	A thunderstorm possible	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny and warm	Mainly cloudy and hot
85° to 91°	61° to 67°	87° to 93° 61° to 67°	87° to 93° 65° to 71°	82° to 88° 56° to 62°	79° to 85° 57° to 63°	80° to 86° 58° to 64°	87° to 93° 60° to 66°

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Temperatures 8/2 - 8/8



Precipitation 8/2 - 8/8



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Statistics for the week ending Monday, July 30

Temperatures:	
High/low for the week	91°/48°
Normal high/low	83°/58°
Average temperature	73.3°
Normal average temperature	70.7°
Precipitation:	
Total for the week	0.01"
Total for the month	0.89"
Total for the year	11.66"
Normal for the month	3.40"
Normal for the year	18.67"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures ● High ● Low

Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.
88	91	85	86	85	82	91
61	48	71	63	59	58	57

THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature®

Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.
7	7	7	6	7	7	5
93	100	96	91	86	88	97

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme.

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RIVER LEVELS

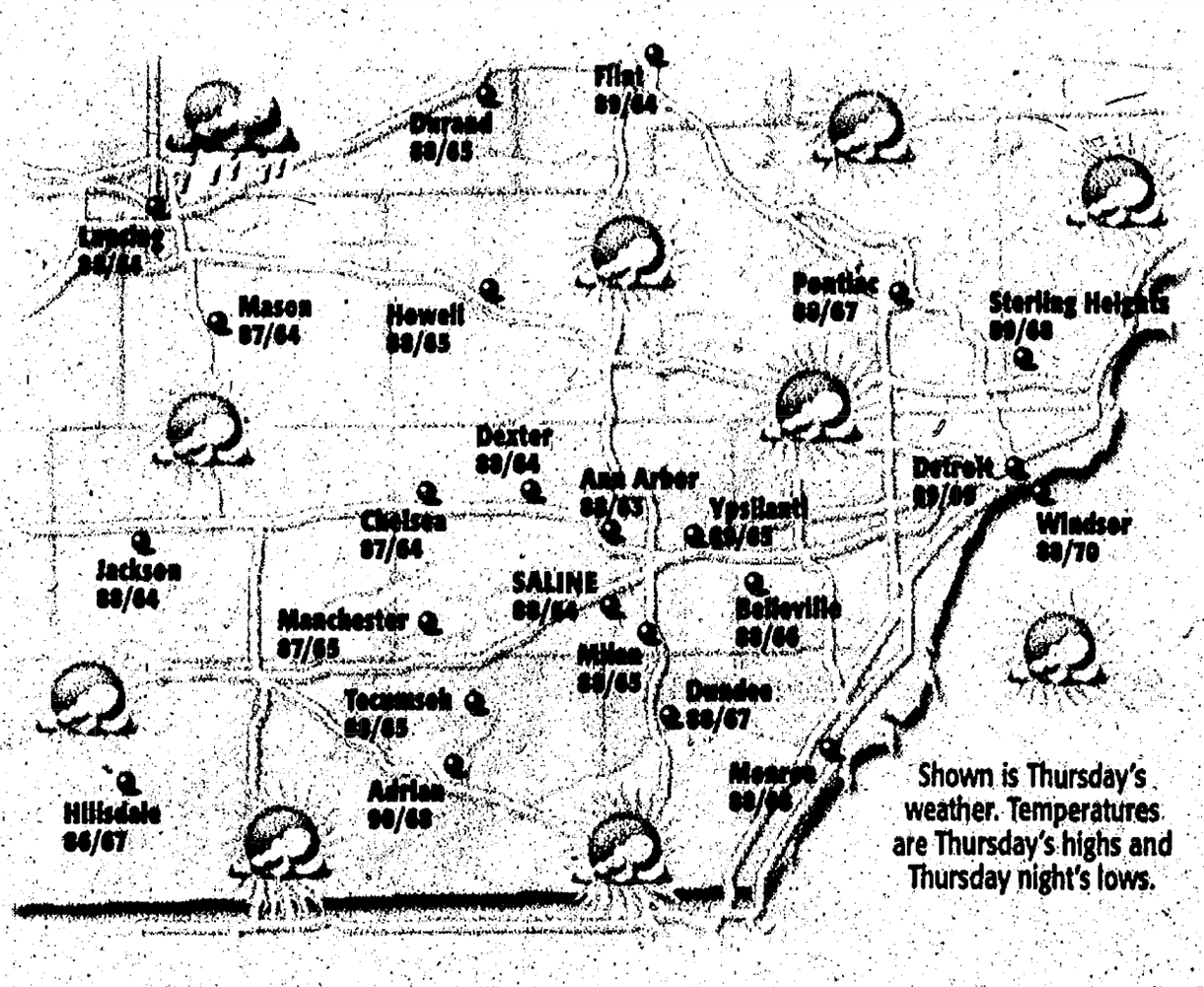
As of 7 a.m. Monday

	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek		
Dearborn Heights	--	2.33 ft
Huron River		
Ann Arbor	16 ft	12.05 ft
Mallets Creek		
Ann Arbor	--	3.02 ft
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	5.57 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester	--	1.88 ft

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	571.14 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	575.81 ft

THE REGION



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

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Adrian	86/61/s	90/68/pc	91/68/pc	93/71/pc
Ann Arbor	85/57/s	88/63/pc	90/64/pc	90/67/pc
Battle Creek	83/63/s	87/65/t	88/69/pc	92/71/pc
Bay City	84/62/pc	87/66/t	82/65/pc	87/71/pc
Detroit	85/63/s	89/69/pc	90/71/pc	90/73/pc
Flint	84/61/s	89/64/t	86/66/pc	90/71/pc
Grand Rapids	85/66/s	89/66/t	89/70/pc	90/74/pc
Kalamazoo	86/62/s	90/67/t	88/69/pc	92/73/pc
Lansing	83/63/s	88/64/t	86/68/pc	91/72/pc
Livonia	86/63/s	90/69/pc	90/70/pc	90/74/pc
Manistee	82/65/pc	85/60/t	81/61/pc	88/68/t
Midland	85/63/s	88/64/t	83/64/pc	88/72/pc
Muskegon	83/67/s	87/63/t	85/67/pc	88/71/pc
Pontiac	83/62/s	88/67/pc	86/68/pc	90/72/pc
Port Huron	81/56/pc	84/63/pc	82/61/pc	87/65/pc
Saginaw	85/64/s	88/65/t	82/67/pc	87/71/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	86/56/pc	81/55/t	79/59/pc	84/66/t
Sturgis	86/61/s	87/66/pc	87/67/pc	91/71/pc
Traverse City	84/68/pc	87/64/t	82/65/pc	90/71/t
Warren	87/64/s	90/66/pc	89/70/pc	92/74/pc

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

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set	The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	6:29 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	Thursday	8:55 p.m.	7:07 a.m.
Friday	6:30 a.m.	8:51 p.m.	Friday	9:25 p.m.	8:15 a.m.
Saturday	6:31 a.m.	8:50 p.m.	Saturday	9:53 p.m.	9:22 a.m.
Sunday	6:33 a.m.	8:49 p.m.	Sunday	10:20 p.m.	10:26 a.m.
Monday	6:34 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	Monday	10:48 p.m.	11:29 a.m.
Tuesday	6:35 a.m.	8:46 p.m.	Tuesday	11:17 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday	6:36 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	Wednesday	11:49 p.m.	1:29 p.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Aug 1	Aug 9	Aug 17	Aug 24

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	96/77/pc	90/74/pc	90/75/pc
Boston	83/72/pc	90/72/pc	87/72/pc
Chicago	91/73/t	89/70/pc	93/75/pc
Cincinnati	95/65/s	92/67/pc	94/72/pc
Cleveland	87/68/pc	89/69/pc	91/72/pc
Dallas	106/81/s	106/80/s	102/79/s
Denver	95/65/t	95/60/pc	86/60/pc
Honolulu	88/73/pc	88/72/s	88/72/pc
Houston	96/78/s	96/78/s	95/78/pc
Kansas City	102/73/t	98/72/s	101/70/pc
Las Vegas	101/88/pc	104/87/pc	105/87/pc
Los Angeles	82/63/pc	82/63/s	79/63/s
Miami	91/79/pc	90/79/pc	91/78/pc
Minneapolis	91/70/t	86/72/pc	84/63/t
New Orleans	91/77/t	90/75/pc	90/75/pc
New York City	86/73/pc	90/74/pc	89/75/pc
Orlando	93/73/pc	93/73/pc	92/74/pc
Philadelphia	90/72/pc	91/74/pc	92/75/pc
Phoenix	105/86/pc	107/88/pc	107/87/pc
Pittsburgh	86/62/s	90/66/pc	90/71/pc
St. Louis	98/76/pc	99/79/s	102/79/pc
San Francisco	71/53/pc	68/54/pc	68/55/pc
Seattle	70/54/pc	80/58/pc	85/61/s
Wash., DC	93/74/pc	95/76/pc	96/76/pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Athens	93/75/s	94/78/s	97/78/s
Berlin	88/64/pc	82/64/pc	81/64/sh
Buenos Aires	63/50/pc	59/48/c	64/46/pc
Cairo	99/75/s	98/74/s	96/74/s
Calgary	73/48/t	72/50/c	79/51/pc
Hong Kong	97/84/sh	91/82/pc	90/81/sh
Jerusalem	90/64/s	88/62/s	83/60/s
Johannesburg	61/37/s	65/39/s	72/44/s
London	70/57/sh	70/57/sh	68/57/sh
Mexico City	76/51/t	74/56/t	72/56/t
Montreal	84/68/pc	82/68/pc	86/68/pc
Moscow	74/49/s	74/54/s	79/63/s
Paris	77/57/c	76/57/sh	78/56/pc
Rio de Janeiro	81/70/s	82/70/s	82/70/s
Rome	93/72/s	93/72/s	93/73/s
Seoul	93/77/pc	95/77/t	93/79/pc
Singapore	86/77/t	86/79/t	88/79/t
Sydney	63/46/pc	64/43/pc	66/45/s
Tokyo	90/77/sh	90/73/s	90/75/sh
Warsaw	84/65/pc	87/65/pc	84/65/t

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