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Gretchen Driskell (D) 3,407

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Jeff Irwin (D) 5,541
Thomas Partridge (D) 725
Jon Spisak (R) 1,176

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Bill Emmerich (R) 713
David Rutledge (D) 2,555

55th District

Andrea Brown-Harrison (D) 2,133
Adam Zemke (D) 3,439
Owen Diaz (R) 2,616

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Rob Turner (R) 2,638
Kent Martinez-Kratz (D) 1,710

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District 3

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*Unofficial election results provided by washtenaw.org. Winners from each party will face off in the November General Election.

Too close to call

Sylvan Township millage approval at a 7 vote difference

By Sean Dalton and Erica McClain
Heritage Media

As the election results stand, the 4.4 mill levy to repay the county back \$9,775,000 and the county treasurer \$1,213,000 for water and sewer system debt in Sylvan Township could go either way.

As of midnight on election night, the ballots cast at the polls for the millage came in at 480 and those who voted against the levy

were 473.

With 307 absentee ballots to count, according to Republican township treasurer candidate winner Rodney Branham, the results of the regular ballot count means little.

County Commissioner Rob Turner said that he wanted to withhold comment on election night, considering the narrow margin and the large quantity of absentee ballots that could turn the millage vote either

way.

"It is what it is," Turner said. "I had a lot of people who told me they voted. Absentee who voted for it - we'll just have to wait and see."

Turner did say that he found it interesting that the Clean Slate group won overwhelmingly while the millage vote came in with such a narrow margin.

Clean Slate candidate

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Austin Nichols (right) and his wife pose for a photo. Nichols, who has been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor, is the beneficiary of a YDT fundraiser.

Dance theater to hold fundraiser

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Students from Chelsea-based Youth Dance Theatre and guest artists will present an evening of dance and music on this Friday at 7 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center Auditorium to benefit Austin Nichols. Nichols is a 23-year-old Grass Lake

native who was diagnosed with diffuse pontine glioma, an aggressive and inoperable brain tumor. He has been receiving treatment at the University of Michigan Medical Center.

He is currently receiving an oral form of chemotherapy on a monthly cycle regimen for one year, after being diagnosed

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Election roundup

By Sean Dalton and Erica McClain
Heritage Media

Lima Township Supervisor incumbent Kenneth Unterbrink lost with 79 votes in the primary election against Republican Craig Maier, who accrued votes 456 votes or more than 80 percent of ballots cast.

Maier had benefited from former opponent Robert Spink rolling his campaign

support and endorsement into a collective effort by both challengers to oust Unterbrink.

"I'm very impressed with the support from the residents and my staff that helped put this all together," Maier said.

Maier said that he isn't counting the supervisor's chair his until the election in November, provided there is a strong write-in candidate that comes forward to challenge him; but, as it stands, his name is the

only one that will be on the ballot during the general election.

"I am looking forward to November and looking forward to working with the staff and moving forward with township business," Maier said.

Maier has promised to address a number of issues, including the township's pursuit of a new township hall, which he believes is an unnecessary expense when

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Transportation for Michigan hosts forum to find out Washtenaw County residents' needs

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

Washtenaw County residents were given a chance to voice their opinions on transportation needs and changes throughout the state as a part of a community forum Aug. 2 hosted by Transportation for Michigan.



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The forum, held at the Ann Arbor SPARK office, was one of 17 events being held around Michigan through the end of the summer.

Transportation for Michigan Coordinator Kathryn Gray said the events are being held to try to find out what people around the state need and want out of their transportation system.

"This is an opportunity to go across the state and let people have their voice," she said.

The forum involved three group activities designed to help people think about what they need and want. During one of the activities, group members placed dots on a local and state map of where they live, work and play.

"The biggest thing people are talking about is the connectedness of the system," Gray said.

A recurring theme, she said, was that people wanted to be able to travel significant distances for leisure without having to drive there. Traverse City, Chicago and downtown Detroit were among the most commonly named destinations.

During forums held in the metro Detroit area, Gray said, Ann Arbor was also listed as a leisure destination.

"A lot of our forums did have people talking about wanting to get to Ann Arbor," she said. "But if you don't have a car, a license or insurance, then you're boxed in."

During another activity, attendees were asked to allocate \$100 to different transportation needs such as road and bridges, routine road maintenance and local bus operations.

The idea behind this, Gray said, was to highlight how state funding is distributed for transportation.

"We spend so much money on maintaining what we already have," she said. "New category (like) light rail, etc., right now zero is being spent on those activities."

Gray said it's important to understand where the people would want to invest their money to move forward.

"We're at least trying to understand what the public wants," she said. "I think everyone has a vested interest."

Transportation for



Washtenaw County residents were able to discuss their opinion of the transportation needs of the community on Aug. 2 at the Ann Arbor SPARK office. It was one of 17 events held throughout Michigan about the issue.

Michigan is a coalition advocacy group made up of 30 businesses, non-profits and organizations around the state.

The group's goal, Gray said, is to educate and

advocate for a reform in transportation policy in the state.

Thursday night's forum was the only one being held in Washtenaw County, but there are

10 more occurring throughout the state. More information about the forums is available on Transportation for Michigan's website, trans4m.org.

Gov.'s job performance scores high

By Krista Gjestland
Heritage Media

A recent study from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan has found that more local government leaders approve of Gov. Rick Snyder's job performance and that Michigan is on the right track.

According to a study conducted as part of the Michigan Public Policy Survey, 49 percent of local officials have rated Snyder's job performance as good or excellent in 2011. Fifty percent of the same local leaders surveyed said they thought the state is headed in the right direction.

Both figures are an increase from the results of the same study conducted in the spring of 2011. At that time, only 37 percent of local leaders rated Snyder's job performance as good or excellent and 32 percent felt that Michigan was headed in the right direction.

In contrast, the same survey showed only 27 percent of local leaders rated Legislature's performance as good or excellent.

Thomas Ivacko, administrator and program manager at the Center for Local, State and Urban Policy at the Ford School, said the study is conducted to gain a better idea of how local and state government interacts with each other.

"It's kind of important to know how these different levels of government are interacting with each other," he said.

The surveys are especially important when on the heels of significant changes, Ivacko said, such

as Snyder's new Economic Vitality Incentive Program. The EVIP program changed how local municipalities are funded by the state. This moved from a revenue-sharing model to funds earned by incentives, such as intergovernmental cooperation, joint services sharing and limiting health-care benefits for government employees.

"These are big fundamental changes in the relationship between the state and local governments," Ivacko said.

The results of the studies are fed back to local and state leaders to help give a better picture of how policy is affecting each entity.

"Our ultimate goal with this program is to improve the understanding of local government with the hope that it will kind of foster improved policy making," he said. "I think it provides valuable feedback to state policy leaders."

The survey was first conducted in the fall of 2009 when Gov. Jennifer Granholm held office.

Fifteen percent of local leaders gave Granholm a job approval rating of either good or excellent, and 52 percent thought she was doing a poor job.

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last March. The Nichols family is currently waiting to see how much their insurance will cover and how much the family and support from Team Austin Fund for Austin Nichols, which was set up earlier this year to receive donations, will have to cover.

"Right now we are still kind of in a delayed circumstance where we're just kind of waiting for the billing to come through and see what's been helped by insurance and what's not ... it's a process," Nichols said. "Not knowing what you're going to have to pay (is difficult)."

Despite the cancer diagnosis, treatment and potential financial challenges from medical bills, Nichols says it has been a good year for a number of reasons, not least of which is the support he has received from his friends, family and the community at large.

Nichols is an east Lansing resident who grew up in the Grass Lake and Chelsea area. He is returning to the College for Creative Studies in Detroit this fall after taking a health absence due to his medical condition. He currently works at Delphi Corporation in Detroit performing automotive design. His wife is studying at Michigan State University with a major in anthropology and a minor in French language studies.

The two are expecting their first child in December, which has made 2012 a year of ups and downs for the new Nichols family.

"There has been so much positive support since this happened to me, such as prayer groups, I've received letters from friends and people set up the fund and some have stepped forward and shared their own stories about how they've gone through something similar and it has given me an incredible positive outlook on this situation," Nichols said. "And my wife expecting this December has given

me incredible motivation to keep living."

A group of school friends organized the weekend fundraiser through YTD.

The show will include classical and contemporary ballet, jazz and hybrid dance pieces highlighting new and original choreography. Chamber music for strings and piano will also be performed during this special evening.

Team Austin Fund for Austin Nichols has been

selling T-shirts and wristbands to raise money for Austin, and these will be available for purchase at the performance. The event is free, but YTD asks attendees to make a monetary gift to the fund. All donations and proceeds will help pay Nichols' medical expenses. Use of the auditorium space

for the benefit has been provided free-of-charge by the Chelsea School District.

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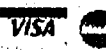
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Taxpayers on hook for pension system

Many local governments face bulging, significant shortfalls in funding their workers' retirement.

By Norb Franz

Journal Register News Service

As millions struggle to cope with shrunken paychecks or unemployment, or lament cuts in healthcare insurance, the retirement benefits of government workers may not be on their mind.

But they should be. In the struggling economy, taxpayers in some areas are on the hook for up to hundreds of millions of dollars because of underfunded public pension plans, with no quick or simple solutions in sight.

As debate continues to rage in Lansing over legislation overhauling the retirement system for the state's public school teachers, many local governments face bulging, significant shortfalls to fund the retirements that public employers are legally bound to provide to municipal workers.

"Retiree health care is even more underfunded. As a result, these liabilities are seriously jeopardizing the long-term fiscal viability of many local governments," said Dave Boerger, a fiscal and operations consultant for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"Smaller communities have had some success negotiating one on one with retirees to reduce costs by offering lower cost options or alternatives that are acceptable to the retiree. But that is the exception," he said.

"Bankruptcy is the only mechanism for addressing such legacy costs; even emergency managers can't do much to minimize these costs."

As government officials struggle amid the continuing decline of property tax revenue to fund the services obviously visible to the public like police and fire protection and parks and recreation programs, the price to taxpayers for the retirement benefits for government workers is hefty and long-lasting.

"Both pensions and health care are the biggest gorilla we have to deal with," Oak Park City Manager Richard Fox said.

Funding levels vary

An underfunded pension plan doesn't mean that checks issued now to current retirees are threatened. However, the payments several years from now, including the long-term retirement obligations that eventually will be paid to current public servants after they leave the workforce, may be jeopardized if officials don't adequately fund those obligations.

Some finance officials suggest that long-term retirement costs be covered at least 80 percent, while others feel 90 percent is a comfortable mark. But even 100 percent could feel uneasy with the volatile stock market and concern about economies overseas.

In recent years, many municipalities have replaced defined-benefit pensions — which pay a set amount based on a calculation of a worker's years of service and average earnings, for life — with 401(k)-type savings accounts.

A sampling of long-term pension funding in southeastern Michigan shows that some systems appear healthy, but others are in critical condition.

A sampling of figures provided for this report by Munetrix, shows the cost of the city of Clawson's pension obligations were

estimated at \$22.2 million in fiscal 2010. Yet the retirement system had just under \$11.3 million in assets — barely half of what is needed.

The picture is much rosier in nearby Ferndale, at least in terms of pensions. The retirement system has been funded at 108 percent for each of the past three years.

Farmington's pension system was funded at 99 percent in 2011.

In cash-strapped Pontiac, perhaps the lone bright spot on the city's ledgers is the general employees' retirement system, funded at 150 percent. State-appointed emergency financial manager Louis Schimmel credits officials in the county seat for regularly making the recommended contributions for years. Plus, the plan's investments performed well, he said.

Schimmel, who spent five years as Hamtramck's former emergency financial manager starting in 2000, said he will make an unusual request by asking the Pontiac pension board to divert some of the current projected surplus to pre-fund some retiree health care.

Three years ago, the city began enrolling any new hires into a defined-contribution plan. Schimmel said many years from now, when the last of retirees under the old defined-benefit plan have died, any money left in the plan would probably be turned into the general fund, anyway. He thinks the city should use some of that money now.

In a controversial move, Pontiac retirees for the first time are paying a portion of the city's health insurance premium, via a deduction from their pension checks. They were ordered to pay the difference between the state of Michigan's cap on the annual cost of a public employee's healthcare coverage and the cost to the city of that coverage.

For an individual, that's \$91.13 deducted from their monthly pension check; \$323.79 for two-person coverage; and three or more covered individuals pay a premium of \$505.71. The action is expected to save Pontiac \$2 million a year. The retirees are considering legal action.

Schimmel asserts that while current city employees pay 20 percent of the city's insurance premiums, retirees under 65 especially should. He noted that some police officers and firefighters retired in their 40s and were contractually entitled to fully-paid health insurance premiums for life — a rarity in the private sector.

"How many of us have that deal?" he said. "A lot of us retire and pay 100 percent of the premium for our health care." The Pontiac emergency manager finds it interesting that since being forced to pay for a portion of their retiree health care, some of the former city workers of typical working age notified the city they no longer want the insurance



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because they can get it cheaper through a spouse or new employer.

In Macomb County, Fraser's level of assets to pay for the long-term retirement costs of its city workers has slipped from a measly 63 percent in 2007 and 2008, to just below 57 percent today. That means the city's residents ultimately carry the burden for that \$20 million burden.

In northern Macomb County, the situation was equally glum in Shelby Township, where the retirement plan was funded at 61.6 percent last year, leaving officials with the challenge of finding ways to plug a \$30.5 million hole.

Neighboring Utica's pension liabilities were funded at 81 percent in fiscal 2010.

Warren, the third-largest community in Michigan, currently has 630 full-time employees on its payroll — down from over 1,000 several years ago. Pension checks currently are issued to a total 494 retired city police officers, firefighters and beneficiaries, and more than 525 monthly checks go out to retirees from other city departments or survivors.

Funding of projected, long-term benefits in Warren ranged from 88 percent in 2006, to 82 percent in 2008, according to Munetrix data. Funding has fallen to 70 percent for the general employees' retirement system and 79 percent in the police/fire pension plan; City Controller Robert Maleszyk said.

"It is concerning, as some of these things are outside of our control," Maleszyk said. "We believe we're doing a very good job on things we can specifically handle."

In neighboring Roseville, that city's pension system was funded at almost 82 percent in 2010, the last year for which Munetrix had figures for the city.

In Wayne County, the Grosse Pointe Woods retirement plan went from a healthy 104 percent in 2008, but declined to 87 percent two years later.

In Harper Woods, funding has dropped sharply: 93 percent in 2006, to just 70 percent in 2010.

Cash-strapped Allen Park recently saw its bond rating downgraded by Standard & Poor's from BB+ to B, largely over uncertainty of how the city will acquire the funds needed to meet financial obligations, including a payment to its pension fund. The city has a projected \$4 million deficit in the general fund. According to a 2011 audit of city finances, Allen Park's pension plan was funded at \$75.7 percent, leaving \$24 million in long-term benefits uncovered.

Making changes

Short of declaring bankruptcy, governments are prohibited by law from cutting off pensions. Retirement benefits are protected by the state Constitution.

The health of government pension plans relies heavily on the performance of investments made by retirement system directors. Many funds were hit hard when the stock market declined after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack, and the market tanked again in 2008 with the banking crisis and collapse of the housing market.

The performance of defined-benefit retirement systems and the ability to have sufficient funds to pay for retirees' pensions for years also is impacted by "assumptions" that fund

directors make. Those include:

- Expected rates of return on investments.
- The size of cash contributions into the fund.
- Projected, long-term retirement costs.
- Number of years that officials expect to take to make up for unfunded liabilities.

Still, local governments have other options that can change the amount of money that actuaries recommend be allocated annually, by tweaking those assumptions.

Finance officials and experts recommend a conservative approach, such as a 7 or 7.5 percent expected return on investments. Expecting greater results may lower the annual cash contribution that actuaries recommend come from the general fund, and could keep more money on hand to pay for services and keep cops, firefighters and other government servants. But if investments returns fall short, the unfunded liability grows.

Kicking the can down the road puts the burden on future budgets and the next generation of taxpayers.

Staying the course

"We've often been very conservative in our actuarial assumptions. Often times, entities and communities succumb to the pressure of not being so conservative," said Macomb County Finance Director Peter Provenzano, adding that county officials conservatively assume a return of 7.5 percent.

"We've not succumbed to that pressure."

The retirement system for Macomb County workers provided a defined benefit. The plan is funded at 103 percent, Provenzano said.

Monthly pension checks go out to 2,400 county government retirees. But in order to save money, county officials may push for a defined contribution plan or a hybrid system.

The most recent contracts with county unions require 15 years of service for workers to be vested in the pension system. Before, employees vested after eight years.

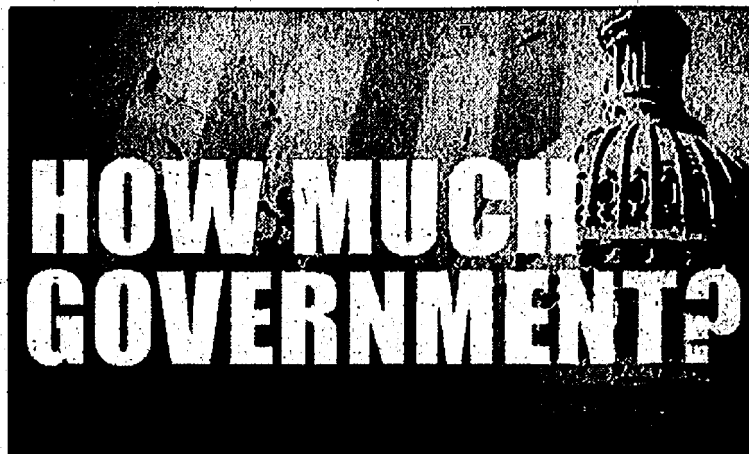
Oakland County switched to a defined-contribution plan in 1995.

"Believe it or not, it went rather smoothly," said Deputy Oakland County Executive Robert Daddow, adding that "we didn't have people jumping up and down with pickets or pounding on the table."

He pointed out that the stock market was strong then, and those who switched liked the portability — workers can transfer their accounts if they leave before retirement age — which defined-contribution plans allow. Some felt they could outperform the returns of the defined-benefit plan.

Oakland County contributes 6 percent of workers' base pay into the defined-contribution plan, and 7 percent for Sheriff's Office employees. If workers pitch in up to 3 percent from their own pocket, the county matches it.

Oakland County's defined-benefit plan is fully funded, at 102 percent. The plan is managed in part assuming a conservative, 7.25 percent return on investments. Officials plan to follow the recommendation of their actuary and tap the general fund, for the first time since the early 1990s, for \$5.4 million in fiscal 2013 and shift it to the defined-benefit plan. That's because stock market losses



As debate continues to rage in Lansing over legislation overhauling the retirement system for the state's public school teachers, many local governments face bulging, significant shortfalls to fund the retirements that public employers are legally bound to provide to municipal workers.

in recent years have caused two of the three employee pools in the system to lag. The allocation to help cover the pension costs of sheriff deputies and command officers pools are expected to be offset by about one-third through charges to communities in Oakland County that contract with the Sheriff's Office for patrols.

To ease the impact from the stock market losses of recent years, Oakland followed a less-conservative five-year "smoothing" period instead of three years. "There isn't much concern for our perspective," said Daddow, pointing out that Oakland Executive L. Brook Patterson on July 19 proposed balanced budgets for the next three years, credited to long-term planning.

Macomb and Oakland counties are faring much better than Wayne County. In Wayne County, a recent audit found that the city's pension fund lost \$113 million in 2011. The Detroit Free Press reported last month that Wayne County's pension plan has only 60 percent of the money needed to provide the pensions it expects to pay during the next 30 years, although the plan was fully funded when County Executive Robert Ficano took office in 2003. The shortfall: more than \$600 million, according to the newspaper.

Changes and limits

To give reeling retirement systems a boost, officials could be forced to raise taxes or divert millions of dollars from general fund budgets that pay for essential services like police and fire service. A change in investment strategies or a stock market rebound won't produce a quick, long-term cure.

Changes to pension formulas require approval from elected officials and unions, including: minimum years of service at which workers can retire; the percentage "multiplier" applied to average earnings; and restrictions on fold-ins (such as banked sick days) and other allowances that some public employees use to maximize earnings in their final years on the job in an effort to boost their "average" pay.

Changes negotiated with the Warren Police Officers Association limit the defined-benefit pensions of any police officer hired after July 1, 2000 to 80 percent of base pay, based on a quarter-century of service.

That ceiling can go up by 1 percent per year, for any retiring officer who works up to 30 years, said Warren Labor Relations Director Mark Simlar. After waves of police retirements in the city since early 2011, now more than half of the city's police force is subject to those limits.

Similarly, at Warren's fire stations, anyone who began working for the city starting after Dec. 31, 2003 faces a pension cap of 62.5 percent of base pay if they spend 25 years on the job. Currently, 33 of the city's 112 firefighters face that limitation when they hang up their helmets for the final time. Like the city's cops, that maximum is raised by 1 percent per year for between 25 and 30 years of service.

Around the same time, the firefighters and city officials closed a perk by requiring that union members contribute 5 percent of their earnings into the pension fund. For years, that 5 percent was covered by taxpayers.

About five years ago, the city's collective bargaining groups agreed to a concession that ended the guarantee of fully-paid retiree health insurance for new hires. In its place, health care savings accounts were set up, funded by a 1 percent contribution by workers, and 1 percent by the city.

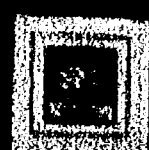
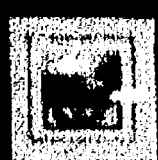
"When we approach negotiations, everything is on the table," said Maleszyk, Warren's top finance administrator.

"By being progressive with these changes, we should be in better shape than some other communities that haven't started down that path."

In a significant reform that produced long-term savings, anyone hired by the city of Warren after 2000 — except for new police officers and firefighters — were placed into a defined-contribution plan, similar to a 401(k)-type account. Workers contribute up to 4 percent of their wages into the retirement savings account, and the city — taxpayers — puts in 10 percent.

Under then-mayor Mark Steenbergh, Warren also used millions of dollars from the sale of the former U.S. Army Tank Plant property along Van Dyke at Martin Road, to pre-fund some health care expenses. At the time, some council members pressure the administration to spend

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WEB VIEWS

ONLINE POLL QUESTION

How do you feel about the outcome of the Primary election?

- A. Pleased C. Indifferent
B. Disappointed D. Outraged

Giving mental consent to excellence breaks barriers

The Olympic motto — "Faster, Higher, Stronger" — is about exceeding limits. An experience in competitive swimming when I was in school gave me a glimpse of what researchers are finding in their studies — that giving mental consent has a huge impact on athletic performance. In my case, the difference was almost unimaginable.

These days I only swim recreationally, but I continue to learn how thought and mental consent are connected to ability and performance, and also how spirituality through a regular practice of prayer enhances this, making it practical in daily life.

In a Sept. 19, 2011, New York Times article titled, "A Little Deception Helps Push Athletes to the Limit," Gina Kolata writes, "Athletes themselves have long insisted that mental factors are paramount." She then shares the results of an intriguing study in which trained cyclists go faster than ever before.

Dr. Kevin Thompson, head of Sport and Exercise Science at Northumbrian University in England, and his assistant, Mark Stone, had the cyclists ride stationary bicycles for 4,000 meters, which is about 2.5 miles. As they cycled, they watched a video display of themselves next to an avatar — or computer-generated rider — that they were told was moving at the pace of their own best time. But the avatars were actually going faster.

The cyclists were able to match the performance of their simulated competitor. The faster speed was achieved once thought gave its consent — albeit, in this case, by deception. They were doing what they thought they were capable of doing.

This can happen for anyone — not just elite or Olympic athletes — as I found out on my middle school swim team when I trimmed more than 30 seconds off my best time in the 400-yard freestyle.

Similar to the experiment with

the cyclists, I simply decided to keep pace with my competitor when I saw that the two of us were in the lead. At the beginning of the last lap, I took a big breath and sprinted to the finish without taking another breath. I touched the end of the pool just barely ahead of my competitor and won. My own limits fell away that day — big time — when I just consented to keeping pace.

Through my spiritual practices, I am learning that an unlimited divine power is the ultimate source of our ability to move, and when I recognize and mentally consent to this, it gives me greater strength, endurance and freedom in my daily life. If athletes are finding that mental consent enables them to exceed limits and excel, what does this say for other areas of our life — consenting to freedom from fatigue, substance abuse, or illness — for example?

What limitation will you exceed today?

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GUEST COLUMN



BOB CUMMINGS

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Governor was correct to veto voter fraud bills

Bless our governor, who saw through cynical concerns about voter fraud within his own party. Gov. Rick Snyder vetoed measures that would have addressed a nonexistent problem — and would have created a problem where none had existed before.

And if that leaves some Republican legislators a little miffed, well, maybe they'll take a more realistic look at the issue.

The bills the Republican-dominated Legislature sent the Republican governor last month would have required voters to show photo identification to obtain an absentee ballot. It would have forced all voters to reaffirm they are U.S. citizens. It would have mandated extra training for groups running voter registration drives.

Opponents protested at committee hearings that the bills were intended to make voting more difficult for those who are poor, elderly or a minority. Legislators said the measures were intended simply to limit fraud.

What fraud? According to an audit, the Secretary of State's office found a small number of noncitizens with legal driver's licenses who were registered to vote. They voted. Apparently not. It also found that votes had been cast in names of dead people or prisoners. But some had died after casting absentee ballots. Some were on probationists because clerks had checked off the wrong name.

Snyder was diplomatic. The vetoed bills, he said, would have created confusion among absentee voters and groups conducting registration drives.

Other related bills that he signed were not controversial. One would enable courts to monitor voter registration of motorists who have surrendered their driver's license and conceivably could be registered to vote in other states.

Voting irregularities occur, to be sure. But it's our impression that most are due to errors by election officials — sometimes horrific ones, but not criminal ones. If we need something to worry about, we might better worry about voting machines.

And if individual voter fraud begins to seem like a real problem, perhaps we should begin to nudge voters to show identification at the appropriate times.

But without clear cause, it shouldn't be done hastily. And with clear cause, it should be a nonpartisan nudge.

—Courtesy of The Macomb Daily

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Senate acts to preserve middle-class tax relief

The Senate has taken an important step toward ensuring that middle-class families do not face a tax increase at the end of this year, and, in the process, has dealt a blow to a failed policy that emphasized tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans as the cure for our economy.

The Senate voted to approve legislation to prevent a tax increase on taxpayers making \$250,000 a year or less. Some of my Senate colleagues had opposed this legislation, saying they would prevent it from coming to a vote unless we included the wealthiest 2 percent of taxpayers, those making more than \$250,000.

In the end, those senators ended their obstruction. The Senate rejected a plan that would have continued tax cuts for the wealthy and approved the bill I supported, to prevent an end-of-the-year tax increase on middle-class families.

This was important, first of all, because middle-class Americans are already struggling with the

after-effects of the worst recession in decades. Unemployment is still too high, workers have seen little increase in wages, housing values remain depressed. Preserving those middle-class tax cuts is important to continuing the economic recovery.

But this vote also was important because it represents the first break with what has been a rigid adherence by some of my colleagues to tax cuts for the wealthy as the supreme goal of public policy. Supporters of this policy have demonstrated a willingness to risk government shutdowns, to risk grave economic damage, and to risk rising taxes on the vast majority of Americans in pursuit of their highest priority: lower taxes on the wealthiest 2 percent of us.

That policy has already proved a failure.

Income for the typical American family peaked in 2000 — not coincidentally, just before the tax-cuts-for-the-wealthy mania reached its zenith. A June study by the Federal Reserve found that the average middle-class family's net worth had fallen by 40 percent from 2007

Policies that are more and more generous to the wealthiest have failed to spark economic growth or create the jobs we need. More tax cuts for the wealthy coincided with the slowest rate of job growth in recent American history. Economic growth, even before the financial crisis nearly sent our economy into depression, was woefully short of historic standards.

to 2010. And in 2010, the bottom 99 percent of income earners reaped just 7 percent of total income growth, while 93 percent of all growth flowed to the top 1 percent.

Now, perhaps this vast accumulation of wealth would arguably be acceptable if it had resulted in faster economic growth that produced new jobs and helped average Americans prosper. Indeed, since the time of President Reagan, we have been told that the rising tide lifting up the wealthy would lift all boats, that the benefits would trickle down to all Americans.

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growth or create the jobs we need. More tax cuts for the wealthy coincided with the slowest rate of job growth in recent American history. Economic growth, even before the financial crisis nearly sent our economy into depression, was woefully short of historic standards.

And, despite promises that tax cuts for the wealthy would somehow add to federal revenue, these tax cuts have raised the federal deficit by hundreds of billions of dollars. Ending them will reduce the deficit by nearly \$1 trillion over 10 years.

So, this policy of tax cuts for the wealthy has failed as fiscal policy, adding to our deficit. It has failed as economic policy,

coinciding with weak growth in economic output and job creation. And it has failed a vital test of public policy in a democratic society — it failed the fairness test, facilitating massive accumulations of wealth for a fortunate few while most Americans have struggled to tread water.

So, I'm pleased that the Senate voted to allow middle-class families to keep a few of their hard-earned dollars. Our legislation now goes to the House of Representatives, and I hope our colleagues there will soon join us in preserving middle-class tax relief.

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

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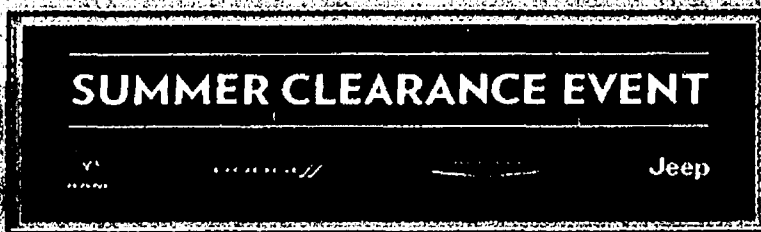
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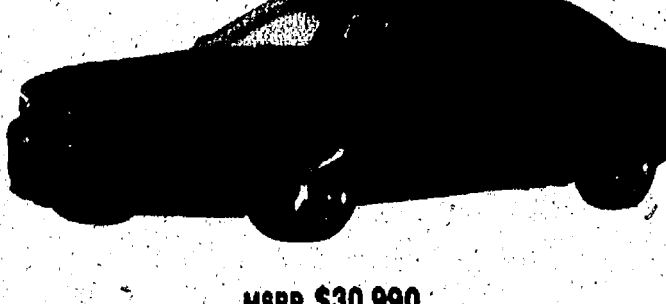
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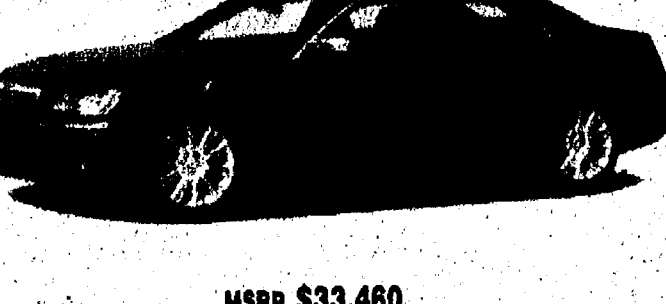
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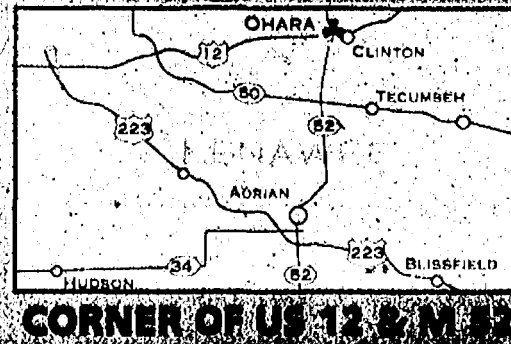
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Waterloo museum to hold antique tractor show

The Waterloo Farm Museum will host a two-day antique tractor show and benefit fundraiser on Aug. 11-12 featuring more than 75 antique tractors and a bevy of family-friendly attractions.

The free show begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, ending at 5 p.m., and re-opens that Sunday at 8 a.m., ending at 5 p.m. The show will include the rare Waterloo Boys tractors, which are the predecessors of John Deere Tractors.

Other highlights of the festival include: a live auction, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on Sunday, handcrafted goods for sale, a raffle drawing for a John Deere pedal tractor (valued at \$600) on Sunday, live music and tours of the Waterloo Farm Museum and Dewey School Museum.

This year's event holds a special significance because proceeds will benefit local resident Matt Tengman, who was diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease, in spring 2012.

Tengman is a former Waterloo Area Historical Society board member, past president of the Jackson Antique Tractor Club and currently serves on the Jackson County Fair Board.

Three local antique tractor clubs will be participating in the show, Jackson Area Antique Tractor Club, All-Color Antique Tractor Club of Williamston and the Hudson Mills Old Power Club. Club members will be displaying everything from John Deere to Farmall to Allis-Chalmers tractors and more, but anyone with an antique tractor, truck or piece of farm machinery they'd like to show off is invited to bring it out. There is no entry fee, and exhibitors can come either Friday night or Saturday morning.

Saturday's 1:30 p.m. live auction will include items from artisans and businesses, including: JC Archery, Rush Outdoors, Darwin's Stained Glass Studio, Glen Frey Pheasant Farm, Reddeman Farms Golf Course,

Woodcarver Marianne Cubberly, Jackson Journeys Historic Jackson Prison Tour, Dakin's Yard n' Garden, Chelsea Lumber, Polly's Country Market, Jets Pizza, Lone Oak Vineyard Estate, Chelsea Farmers Supply, Steiner Tractor Parts, The Pleasant Lake Mobile Gas Station, The Addair family, D&G Equipment, Inc., Performance Automotive Northwest, McCalla's Feed Service Inc., The Common Grill, Rives Quality Meats, Hankard Hills Golf Course and many more.

Coordinators of the event include: Kegan Ousley, co-chairman, who is joined by co-chairs Butch Richmond of the All-Color Antique Tractor Club of Williamston, Mike Cameron, Waterloo Farm Museum blacksmith; Ron Kaiser, Waterloo Farm Museum site manager; and Arlene Kaiser, Waterloo Area Historical Society treasurer.

There will be no charge for admission to the grounds, but tours of the 10-room farmhouse cost \$3 per person.



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Purple Rose invites theater lovers to barbecue

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

The Purple Rose Theatre Company is taking its creative muscle to the burning coals this month for a food-centric fundraiser that promises to be a literal and figurative treat.

The Aug. 11 barbecue event is the PRTC staff's latest offering to the public in an effort to intimate

the company's casts, crews and general staffers with the community while raising much needed general operating funds.

Michigan continues to rank poorly in arts and culture funding, according to the National Endowment for the Arts, which ranked Michigan 17th in the nation for arts grants.

"Michigan's arts funding has dropped precipi-

tously in recent years and ranked near the bottom - 47th in the nation in 2011," according to the National Endowment for the Arts' findings. "Michigan invested \$1.4 million in arts, while Minnesota invested \$30 million and Illinois invested \$9.4 million."

Despite the state of Michigan's arts funding and the shrinking number of corporate sponsorship

dollars available to arts institutions, the Purple Rose Theatre continues to be one of Michigan's top theaters and is a top attraction for the growing city of Chelsea.

The event will start at 5 p.m. and include a silent auction, as well as live music performed by Rhythm on a Stick Steel Drum Band. The event will be held in the parking lot behind the Purple Rose

Theatre, at 137 Park St. Tickets are \$60 and \$100 per guest. The \$60 admission grants attendees access to the barbecue and silent auction from 5 to 7:45 p.m., while the latter admission includes the show at 8 p.m. followed by dessert and coffee, after dinner and the auction.

A highlight of the event will be access to actors who will be in the 2012-13 season to hob knob and

answer questions about the upcoming performances.

Auction items will include an autographed Detroit Lions football courtesy of QB Matthew Stafford, in addition to other Lions memorabilia, a Cavanaugh Lake dinner package, beer tasting event access and a genuine vintage stove from the PRTC production of "A Stone Carver."

SYLVAN

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winner Kurt Koseck, who nabbed the Republican trustee candidacy, said he was somewhat surprised at the unofficial election outcome.

"I had guessed there would be more no votes than yes votes," Koseck said. "I think there are a lot of people in the township that feel the county has some culpability in this mess, and I thought that the people wanted to maybe fight the county more - maybe take it to the court with the county. I personally wanted to get my time in front of the judge and tell them somebody needs to know that we did not get to vote on this water and sewer system."

Rodney Branham, who beat out incumbent Arlene Grau for the Republican candidacy for the clerk's position, said that he was

"astounded" with the voter turnout in the township considering that it was merely a primary election.

"We knocked on every door in the township and what we thought was that we had roughly a 75 to 80 percent acceptance rate, but they all had to get out and vote and we ended up with roughly 75 to 80 percent, those of us who won, so it looks like those people turned out," Branham said.

Branham had 647 votes to Grau's 261 or 71.6 percent of the vote. Koseck and Roy Schmidt took the lion's share of votes for Sylvan Township trustee-ships, leaving Reuben A. Lesser Jr. 15.86 percent of the vote.

"I think that speaks pretty loud of how upset people were with the current board," Branham said.

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ROUNDUP

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the current township hall on Lima Center Road is, in his opinion, still worth renovating and occupying into the future.

He has also promised to streamline the code of ordinances, which he believes contains unnecessary duplication of standards enforced by other regulatory agencies.

Maier said that he plans on attending upcoming planning commission and town hall renovation study meetings, as well as board meetings until Unterbrink's term is up at the end of the year.

"I think we can make this an enjoyable experience and service the residents, and make this an enjoyable experience all the way around."

Incumbent trustees Gregory McKenzie and Donald Laier will face off

against Lawrence Risner for two board seats on the November election ballot.

Lima Township Clerk Arlene Bareis ran unopposed for the Republican nomination, and Republican Nanette Havens ran unopposed for the treasurer nomination.

Dexter Township

Republican Jim Drolett will face off against incumbent Democrat Pat Kelly for the township's supervisor position. Drolett defeated Republican Kathryn Bowring for the chance to nab the seat.

Current Township Trustee Libby Brushaber, and wife to Drolett, won the Republican seat to run for township treasurer with no official Democratic opponent.

Incumbent Township Trustee Carl J. Lesser will run as a Republican in the upcoming election against Democrats Jason Maciejewski and Steve Feinman and Bill Gajewski

for four slots on the board of trustees.

Incumbent Township Clerk Harley Rider will run unopposed in November.

Scio Township

Scio Township incumbents all ran unopposed, so incumbent Supervisor E. Spaulding Clark will run unopposed as a Democrat this fall. Incumbent Democrat Nancy C. Hedberg will run for clerk, and incumbent Democrat Donna Palmer will run for her seat as township treasurer.

Webster Township

Incumbent John Kingsley, who ran unopposed, garnered the Republican vote to run for Webster Township supervisor.

Clerk Mary Dee Heller and Treasurer Carol Whitney will all run unopposed in the November election.

For trustees, John

Westman, Charles Estleman, Bradley Gibson, Robert Mitzel, Gary Koch and Richard Kleinschmidt will vie for four seats.

Lyndon Township

Marc Koser ran unopposed to garner the Republican seat to run for supervisor in the November election.

Mary Jane Maze ran unopposed for the township's Republican treasurer nomination.

John Francis ran unopposed for the township's Republican trustee spot. Linda Lou Reilly ran unopposed as a Democrat for the township's clerk.

Incumbent Robert Mester ran unopposed as a Democrat and won a spot on the ballot in November for a trustee seat.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Longworth is our inheritance

To get to know someone you must share an inheritance with him, according to a proverb.

The citizens of Chelsea find themselves in this situation as we share the heritage of Jackson Street with the Downtown Development Authority.

This group has been given the authority to restore or destroy the buildings there, and I believe they have revealed a ploy to slowly strangle any hope of saving this valuable memory of Chelsea's past. Impossible conditions are attached to all proposals offered thus far, and this recalcitrance will reduce the number of legitimate preservationists as they become aware the authority wants no part of restoration.

I believe the DDA wants to pave over this part of the city's history, to add a few parking spaces. The benefit of destroying this heritage is to the DDA, as this minimizes new competition and reduces the cost of doing business for existing merchants.

This would be to the detriment of the people of Chelsea. The Longworth buildings are unique to Chelsea. They cannot be found in any other setting, anywhere. They are irreplaceable. Once they are gone, it is forever. We would have another dozen parking spaces and one less attraction worth parking for. Well-qualified investors have deemed the buildings worth saving and have offered to invest sizable amounts of their own money to make it happen. In addition to equity, one development team came forward with a very experienced track record using incentive financing specifically targeted to rehab historic buildings. If the DDA is allowed to bully its way to this self-serving end, the true owners, the current and future citizens, will lose a significant part of the heritage of the town, the city will bear the cost of the destruction and no tax dollars will ever be generated. The council should feel an obligation to do the right thing, place the interests of the people they represent first and rein in the DDA.

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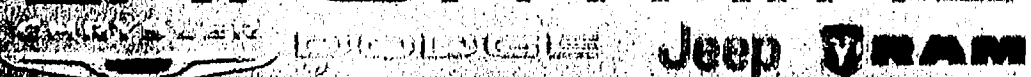
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Affordable Care Act provides wider range of benefits for women

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Women now have a wider range of benefits available to them as a result of provisions in the Affordable Care Act.

According to the provision, women with insurance plans beginning Aug. 1 or after will receive a host of tests and screenings without co-pay.

"We're talking about changing from a culture of 'sick care,' where people come into the office when they are sick and receive care, to a culture of preventive care," said Lonnie Scott with Know Your Care Michigan, a nonprofit

organization dedicated to educating the public about the ACA.

According to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, more than 1.5 million women in Michigan are estimated to receive women's preventive health services without cost sharing.

Services available now include:

•Well-woman visits: This includes an annual well-woman preventive care visit for adult women to obtain the recommended preventive services, and additional visits if women and their providers determine they are necessary.

•Gestational diabetes screening: This screening is for women 24 to 28 weeks pregnant, and those at high risk of developing gestational diabetes. It helps improve the health of mothers and babies because women who have gestational diabetes have an increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes in the future.

•HPV DNA testing: Women who are 30 or older now have access to high-risk human papilloma virus DNA testing every three years, regardless of pap smear results. Early detection and treatment is said to help decrease the number of women diag-

nosed with cervical cancer.

•Sexually transmitted infection counseling, and HIV screening and counseling: Sexually-active women will now have access to annual counseling on HIV and sexually transmitted infections.

•Contraception and contraceptive counseling: Women will have access to all Food and Drug Administration-approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling. These recommendations don't include abortifacient drugs.

•Breastfeeding support, supplies and counseling: Pregnant and postpartum

women now have access to comprehensive lactation support and counseling from trained providers, as well as breastfeeding equipment.

•Domestic violence screening: Screening and counseling for interpersonal and domestic violence is now provided for all women.

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— LONNIE SCOTT,
Know Your Care Michigan

State of Michigan's infant mortality reduction plan released

To address infant mortality and the health disparities that exist in the state, the Michigan Department of Community Health Aug. 1 released Michigan's Infant

Mortality Reduction Plan, a state-wide plan to reduce and prevent infant mortality in Michigan, during a press conference at Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

In Michigan, five out of every 1,000 Caucasian babies and seven out of every 1,000 Hispanic babies die before their first birthdays. Among Michigan's African-American population, that rate is 14 out of every 1,000 babies born.

Gov. Rick Snyder addressed the importance of infant mortality and its effect on the overall health status of Michigan

residents in his health and wellness message last fall.

"Infant mortality is a critical indicator of the overall health and welfare

of Michigan and the quality and accessibility of prenatal care for women," said Gov. Snyder during the press conference.

"I commend Director Dazzo and the Michigan Department of Community Health team, along with numerous stakeholders and health professionals, for their work and commitment to turn around Michigan's unacceptable infant mortality rates and create a healthier Michigan."

A multitude of partners across the state shared their expertise to develop the reduction strategies. Input was provided by

stakeholders and academic partners and by participants in the MDCH Infant Mortality Summit in October 2011.

The strategies in the new plan will build on new and existing partnerships, current program efforts and new medical research, while addressing social issues and disparities.

"Throughout the last 20 years, Michigan has done the tough job of lowering the overall infant mortality rate, but unfortunately we have missed a very important segment of our population," said Olga Dazzo, Director of the MDCH.

"Michigan's infant mortality rate is still higher than the national average, and alarming disparities continue to exist between various racial- and ethnic groups, particularly between African-Americans and Caucasians. We want this plan to help us keep our babies alive so that we may watch them grow into healthy, produc-

tive adults."

In an area where disparities have historically been great, MDCH will highlight a hospital, which has already begun to ensure that more babies survive to their first birthday.

The efforts of Hurley Medical Center in Flint have contributed to a decrease in infant deaths in Genesee County, as well as a large reduction in the health outcome disparities that exist.

"Our goal of reducing infant mortality, in particular the large discrepancy among African-American infants, has been realized," said Dr. Larry Young, chair of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Hurley Medical Center.

"This should serve as a model in which medical institutions, social service agencies and community liaisons continuously collaborate to solve public health issues. We are proud of Hurley Medical Center's extensive dedication and

partnerships between state and local health departments, along with the intensive effort by the Genesee County hospital community to aid in this amazing accomplishment."

Hurley Medical Center is involved already in a number of key projects that are a part of the Michigan Infant Mortality Reduction Plan. They are one of only two hospitals in Michigan partnering

with the March of Dimes Quality Improvement 39+ Weeks Project, aimed at eliminating non-medically indicated deliveries before 39 weeks.

Hurley Medical Center is also involved with MCDH's perinatal regionalization project, and the hospital has a Women, Infants, and Children program on site at the hospital to allow new mothers to enroll in WIC services.

Lawsuit claims clerks missed absentee-ballot mailing deadlines

Michigan Secretary of State Ruth Johnson in late July announced that a U.S. Department of Justice lawsuit is imminent after local city and township clerks in 70 communities missed state and federal deadlines for providing absentee ballots to military and overseas voters for the August primary election.

Ballots must be provided to military and overseas voters who request them at least 45 days before an election, either by traditional mail or by email.

Another 215 clerks did not respond to repeated requests from the Michigan Department of State for a status on their efforts to provide the ballots.

"Our clerks do an excellent job on the front lines of elections, and the vast majority of them did comply with the deadline," Johnson said in a news release.

"It is critical that our

clerks and military members, who put their lives on the line every day to protect our freedom, get a right to participate in the very system they are protecting."

If legal action is taken, clerks who missed the 45-day deadline could be required to extend the time for receiving and counting the ballots only for affected voters in their communities.

Michigan is unique in that more than 1,500 local clerks are responsible for conducting elections, including absentee ballot duties. The Michigan Department of State provides oversight, support and direction to clerks.

The Bureau of Elections sent at least three reminders to local clerks in advance of the 45-day deadline to issue the absentee ballots to military and overseas voters. In addition, the bureau maintains an elections calendar to assist local clerks.

Michigan also has made other proactive efforts to increase access to the ballot box for military and overseas voters, such as:

■ Expansion of a federal write-in absentee ballot to include state and local candidates and ballot questions for overseas military and their families. Voters who use the ballot return it by mail to the appropriate clerk.

■ An electronic ballot system that allows clerks to easily email ballots to overseas and military voters. This move can save as much as two weeks in arrival and response times.

■ An online ballot tracker — at www.michigan.gov/vote — that allows voters to check on their absentee ballot status.

"My priority has always been to do everything I can to ensure that our military and overseas voters have their voices heard on Election Day,"

Johnson, who founded "OPERATION: Our Troops Count" when she was Oakland County clerk to push for laws that would allow military ballots to be emailed.

For now, Johnson has instructed clerks in affected communities to immediately contact military and overseas voters and to offer a new ballot if one was not received.

In August, Johnson will call on the Legislature to beef up administrative remedies so that court action is not needed to ensure military and overseas voters get their ballots in time.

"We must ensure everyone who wants the opportunity to vote can do so, whether here or abroad," Johnson said. "They have a right to have their vote count, their voice heard."

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Parts of region are on track for economic rebound

Jobless rate down since '09

By Jerry Wolfe
Journal Register News Service

With falling revenues nationwide from the housing crash and unemployment staying about 8 percent, cities throughout America are facing a serious financial crisis with no easy, quick answers.

After surviving a difficult decade of manufacturing jobs and revenue loss, it appears parts of the region are on track for an economic rebound.

The Oakland County government escaped the fiscal depths of the "Great Recession" that sent Pontiac into the hands of an emergency financial manager and Detroit to the brink of bankruptcy. It did this largely through conservative long-term financial planning and diversifying its economic base.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson reports that the county, despite the elimination of state revenue sharing funds since 2005,

has a projected surplus and balanced budgets for fiscal 2012 through 2014. Revenue sharing to the county is expected to be restored in 2015 by the state.

When Patterson and county Deputy Executive Robert J. Daddow saw property tax values plunging, jobless rates hit double digits and property tax revenues decline, the county adopted a three-year line-item budget.

"The unmatched cooperation and collaboration of our elected officials to make difficult choices before they impact the budget allows our team in economic development the freedom to pursue strategies that create lasting value to our workforce," said Matthew Gibb, deputy Oakland County executive. "Instead of worrying about deficits we can focus on one goal, jobs."

Patterson agreed.

"It is forward planning coupled with action that separates Oakland County from the other counties in Michigan and the nation," Patterson said in a budget message.

The county has received recognition for



"Distinguished Budget Presentation" because it has followed strict financial criteria leading to balanced budgets by incorporating a long-term perspective, establishing links to broad organizational goals, focusing budget decisions on results and outcomes, having effective communication with stakeholders and providing incentives to government workers.

Solid financial base

Oakland County also has retained its AAA bond rating, which saves the 1.2 million residents millions of dollars because the county can borrow at the lowest interest rates.

In spring, Moody's Investors Service reaf-

firmed the rating and stable outlook on the county's \$317.4 million in outstanding general obligation limited tax debt as well as its Retiree Medical Benefits, Series 2007.

"One of the bond ratings analysts we met with ... told our team in his 20 years of doing his job, he has never seen a stronger triple-A county — that we are doing things states don't even do, and that we are doing things some countries don't even do," Patterson said.

The county has some demographic advantages, including that more than half the residents have a college degree.

But it also suffered more than other areas in the nation since the recession that began in the early

2000s. Michigan remained in a single-state recession while the nation recovered before the 2008 Wall Street collapse.

"We witnessed the bankruptcy of two auto companies, General Motors Corp., formerly the county's largest employer, and Chrysler LLC, headquartered in Auburn Hills," Patterson noted.

U.S. taxpayers bailed out the automakers, saving hundreds of thousands of jobs nationwide and in the state.

The jobless rate in the county — which has implemented a hiring freeze — also climbed to 14.2 percent in September 2009. But since, Michigan's and Oakland's jobless rate began to improve. Latest figures show the state's jobless rate is 8.5 percent and it's 7.4 percent in Oakland. However, Oakland lost more than 156,000 jobs in the recession.

County diversifies economic base

Patterson recognized the county's inherent dependency on the auto industry and began to work

to diversify the region's economy since he took office in 1993. The county created the Oakland County's Emergency Sectors initiative. Researchers were looking at emerging sectors to bring jobs to the area.

These sectors include advanced electronics, aerospace, alternative energy, communication and information technology, homeland security, finance and robotics.

"Since the inception of the program in 2004, there has been \$1.7 billion of new investment in the targeted sectors, creating over 24,300 new jobs and retaining 10,500," Patterson said.

The county also created Automation Alley "to retain and attract the skilled workforce required by the region's technology companies."

It now has 1,000 members and generated more than \$150 million in contracts through 12 trade missions around the world.

"Clearly, our future is tied to the knowledge-based economy," Patterson said.

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money and new projects, while union leaders sought bigger raises for their members.

"I give (Steenbergh) credit for standing firm," said Fox, the Oak Park city manager who worked more than 20 years as Warren's city controller.

"We were looking to the future. No way did I think (declining property values and revenues) were going to get this bad, but we were looking to be sure to cover liabilities to the best of our ability, not ignore them, not 'pay as you go.'"

With a continuing decline in Warren property values and planned spending in fiscal 2013 exceeding revenue by \$5.5 million, the City Council in May approved a general fund budget that raised the police/fire pension tax by 2.16 mills and the sanitation levy by 0.91 mills.

State of underfunding

Underfunding of pension plans doesn't stop at the local level.

Thirty-four states, including Michigan, failed to maintain at least 80 percent of the money needed to meet long-term obligations, according to a recently released study by the Pew Center on the States.

The total gap between all states' available funds and what they'll need to pay pensions for decades reached \$757 billion in 2010, the most recent year for which figures are available. That's a 9 percent increase from the previous year, the study shows.

The pension system for state employees in Michigan was funded at just 72 percent in fiscal year 2010, leaving a \$22 billion gap. That caused the state to receive the "serious concerns" designation over pension funding.

The Pew Center, a non-profit organization that analyzes critical issues facing the states, rated 11 states as solid performers in managing pension obligations in 2010 for maintaining funding at least 90 percent. The seven states at the bottom earned a "needs improvement" rating.

Only Wisconsin had a fully-funded pension system in fiscal 2010, according to the center's report.

The numbers do not reflect pension reforms made by states since 2010.

"Many states have not held up their end of the bargain when they should have been paying for the promises they made," the Pew Center on the States reports says. "While it is currently difficult for states to make contribu-

tions toward their retirement systems, given the drop in revenues and fiscal stress from the recession, many of these states also failed to make the recommended contributions when times were good."

"The states have enough cash to cover retiree benefits in the short term, many of them — even with strong market returns — will not be able to keep up in the long term without some combination of higher contributions from taxpayers and employees, deep benefit cuts, and, in some cases, changes in how retirement plans are structured and benefits are distributed," the report states.

"Pensions are the biggest mountain we have to climb," Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn, whose state had the worst funding level at 45 percent, told the Associated Press.

Three other states — Connecticut, Kentucky and Rhode Island — didn't even have 55 percent of the money they'll need.

The Pew Center said that from 2009 to 2011, 43 states cut benefits for future employees, required them to pay more or did both. Six states took similar action in 2012.

Some states also slashed benefits for people who have retired already. However, public-employee unions allege that amounts to breaking a contract, and some state constitutions impose tough restrictions on cutting benefits.

The Michigan Legislature in 2010 approved pension benefit cuts that applied to newly hired public school employees. The changes required to participate in a hybrid pension plan, raised the retirement age from 55 to 60, eliminated annual cost-of-living increase, and lowered employees' final-average compensation.

In 1997, the state closed the defined-benefit retirement fund to non-teachers. That has saved taxpayers \$4.3 billion in unfunded liabilities, according to the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.

Michigan set aside \$1.4 billion in 2010 for state pensions, but that was only 86 percent of the recommended amount.

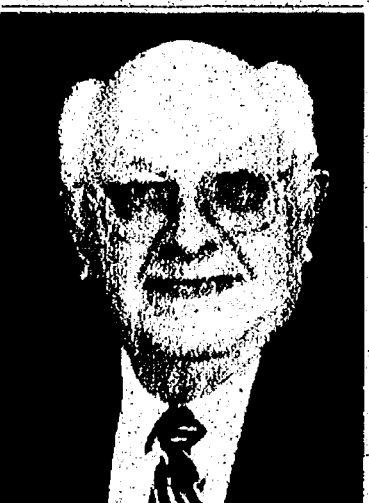
States also face a second ominous bill. They face a \$627 billion shortfall to fund healthcare services for retirees, the Pew Center reported.

"So why should Americans care about these funding gaps? Because the larger they are the higher the cost to taxpayers today and for many years to come," Pew senior research David Draine told the AP. Meanwhile, a study by another non-profit pegged the state and local pension crisis is at least \$4.6 billion.



COOPER, JAMES H., age 78; August 5, 2012; of Belleville. Beloved husband of Utonia; loving father of James (Penny), Donna (Carl) Shopp, Anthony (Mary), Barbara (Gary) Overstreet and Eric (Krystal); proud grandfather of 20 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren. Memorial Service was held Wednesday at the clubhouse at Belle Villa Meadows Mobile Home Park in Belleville. Arrangements carefully handled by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N Newburgh Rd., Westland. Memorial Contributions may be directed to H.E.R.O. 851 Brooke Park Drive, Suite 201, Canton, MI 48187. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneralhome.com

KLAVE, GRANT KEVIN, 57; passed away in Arbor Hospice on Tuesday, July 31, 2012. Grant was born April 24, 1955, in Ann Arbor, the son of William and Imogene (Summers) Klave. He graduated from Dexter High School in 1973 and worked in the trucking industry for many years. Grant loved to play the piano and brought music and enjoyment to friends and family alike when and wherever there was a piano for him to play. He is survived by his sons, Ryan (Amy) Klave, and Douglas Klave; two grandchildren; his sister, Donna (Jim) Hodgson; brothers, John (Concha) Klave, and Keith (Julie) Klave.



KLEIN, WILLIAM C., A Memorial Service for William Carl Klein who passed away on February 8, 2012, will be held on Saturday, September 1, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 195 E. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI. A luncheon at the church will follow the service.

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McGUIRE, JAMES "Pat", Saline, MI; age 76; passed away on Friday, July 27, 2012 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born on November 8, 1935 in Missouri, the son of James and Mary (Gronquist) McGuire. He moved to Crystal Falls, Michigan as a young boy. On July 4, 1959 he married Shirley Mae Bortel, and she survives him in death. During his life, Pat served in the Air Force as an aviation mechanic and provided valiant service to his country during the Korean War. He worked for the State of Michigan Highway Department for 40 years. Pat enjoyed many outdoor activities and spent much of his retirement years in Crystal Falls with family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley McGuire; sons, Michael (Laura) McGuire and Matthew (Sue) McGuire; grandchildren, Jacob, Jack, Bobby and Julia; niece Merri (Dr. Zachary) Lewis as well as extended family and friends. Pat is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Herbert McGuire; and nephew, Steve McGuire. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 122 W. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI 48176, on Sunday, August 19, 2012 at 1:30 p.m. with Pastor Dr. Patricia Kenney. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to St. Paul's United Church of Christ.



SCOTT, JAMES "JIM" LEROY, age 77; a Cape Coral, FL, resident since 1985, formerly of Manchester, Michigan; died peacefully at home Wednesday, July 25, 2012 in Cape Coral. He was born June 14, 1935 in Louisville, KY to the late Harry and Venita Scott. Jim is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Vera Scott of Cape Coral; four children, John Scott and his wife, Tammi of Grass Lake, MI, Venita Irene Scott of Ann Arbor, MI, Peter Nowikow and his wife, Katie of Ofallon, MO and Marc Scott of Cape Coral; seven grandchildren, James W. Scott of Carlsbad, CA, Victoria Walker and husband, Clay of San Diego, CA, Demie King and husband, Brian, Justin Brady and wife, Angila, Jennifer Jade Schittenhelm, Jacob Scott and John Taylor Scott, all of Michigan; three great grandchildren, Nathan, Trenton and Winter; as well as his mother-in-law, Elfriede Walker also of Cape Coral. Jim was preceded in death by his brother, George Jones; a son, James Edward Scott; and father-in-law, Paul Walker. A Celebration of Life will be held 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, August 11, 2012 at the Moose Lodge #1253, 10160 Jackson Road, Dexter, Michigan 48130. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a trust fund for the support of Jim's autistic great-grandchild, Trenton Page. The trust has been established at the Bank of America. Mullins Memorial Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Coral, is entrusted with final care.



WATLING, LILA B., Saline, MI; age 87; passed away on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at the Saline Evangelical Home. She was born April 22, 1925 in Saline, the daughter of Albert and Lillian (Teschke) Lange. On December 7, 1945, she married Nelson E. Watling, and he preceded her in death on December 25, 1981. She worked as an office clerk at Varsity Laundry in Ann Arbor and was also the former city clerk of Saline. Lila was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Saline, the Saline American Legion Post #322 Auxiliary and the Order of the Eastern Star Saline - Lodge #311. Survivors include her brother, Herbert (Ruth) Lange; and sister, Margaret (Ken) Auten; many nieces, nephews; other relatives; and very dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Elmer F. Lange; and Alvan Lange; and sisters, Lorna Ecker and Arlene Saxton. According to Lila's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, August 10, 2012 at 11 a.m. at St. Paul - United Church of Christ with the Rev. Dr. Patricia Kenney, officiating. Burial will take place at Oakwood Cemetery in Saline at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are requested to the Church, Saline Evangelical Home and Arbor Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the church where friends may begin calling on Friday, August 10, 2012 from 10 a.m. until time of the service at 11 a.m.

Job opportunities look brighter

By Jerry Wolfe
Journal Register News Service

With a shortage of skilled workers anticipated, cities, counties and villages in the nation have to find a way to fill the gap.

Oakland County, one of the most prosperous regions in the nation which anticipates full employment by 2014, already is experiencing a shortage of workers in information technology, software engineering and caregiving.

But County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and other officials are finding ways to stimulate jobs and have suggested there might be a shortage of workers because of baby boomer retirements.

Patterson has managed to balance the county's budget by utilizing a three-year budget system. He predicts joblessness in the county of 1.2 million residents will hit the "ideal" 5 percent target within 20 months.

John Scott, a county commissioner who also is the chairman of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, is optimistic about employment all the way to 2040.

"We see a Southeast Michigan which offers abundant job opportunities," Scott said of a SEMCOG forecast.

Retiring boomers to create job openings

"By 2020, businesses will be aggressively competing for workers to fill new jobs and jobs vacated by retired baby boomers. Our young workers, especially those well-educated in skills requiring both college and skilled-trade education, will find career opportunities."

Scott warned, however, the rosy forecast "could go right down the drain" without sound governmental policies.

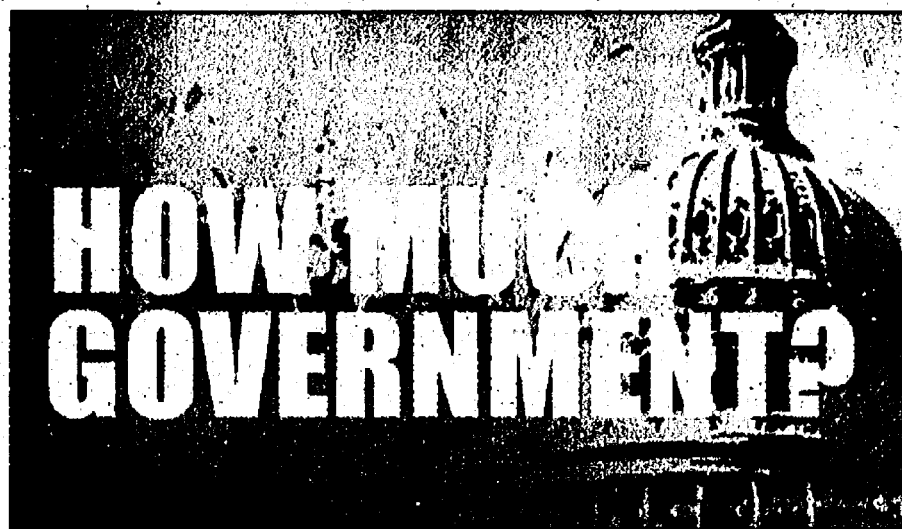
He and Patterson are concerned about the nation's current deficit of \$16 trillion and say "we're behind where we ought to be."

Patterson, a Republican first elected county executive in 1993, said, "President (Barack) Obama's leadership has been disastrous ... We're clawing our way back despite Obama."

Aging population expected

A SEMCOG report said that future Southeast Michigan will be "even grayer than Florida today." By 2040, for example, it predicts those age 65 and older will increase by 85 percent.

"As a result, there is projected growth in health care-related



jobs," the report said. "Local governments will need to plan for a different mix of services and amenities that will benefit both an aging population and the young, knowledge-based workers that we hope to retain and attract."

Since 2000, southeastern Michigan has suffered an annual 0.6 percent decline in Gross Domestic Product. But now, SEMCOG is forecasting healthy growth in the GDP for the current decade of 3.2 percent per year. By 2030, the annual growth rate should slow to an average of 1.7 percent per year, SEMCOG predicts.

This is in part due to longer-term labor force constraints as the population ages and the region experiences a lack of immigration of young workers, the seven-county organization says. The positive in all of this is that there is growth.

Massive job loss in recent decades

In the 1990s, southeast Michigan's employment grew by 357,000, or nearly 15 percent. "Unfortunately, we lost most of the 1990s gain in the 2000s," SEMCOG said.

During that period, 351,000 people, or 12.4 percent of the region's workforce, lost jobs. However, experts believe the region is finally adding jobs.

The job recovery will take a long time, though, SEMCOG noted. Employment will grow by 302,000, or 12 percent, in 30 years from 2010 to 2040. By 2040, employment should be back to nearly 2000 levels, it said.

Housing prices won't solidify soon

For the entire period — 2010 to 2040 — population will grow at just 1 percent and households will be up 6 percent at 110,000, but that modest increase is only about half of the existing vacant housing units — 215,991 — so the housing market is not likely to

recovery to pre-recessionary levels for sometime thereafter. Irene Spanos, director of economic development and community affairs for Oakland County, said Oakland already is experiencing shortages of workers in some areas.

IT, caregivers, software engineers needed

These are specifically in information technology, such as software engineers and programmers.

Also, shortages of skilled workers are in the fields of computer numerical control machining. This encompasses workers who programming controls and have advanced manufacturing skills.

During the last five years of this "great recession," she said Oakland County had 87 IT companies locate or expand in the community. This influx of companies has unmet needs to hire programmers and software engineers now, she said.

County takes pro-active approach

The county is taking a proactive approach to any potential IT job shortage.

The county is "making IT grads aware of these jobs so they are not recruited to Palo Alto, Calif., in their senior year," she said. "We are letting (high-tech) grads know we have jobs for them right now here in their state and community," Spanos said.

Networking aims to attract workers

County officials and businesses also are participating in Michigan events.

"We go out with our employers to cities where Michigan alumni — from all universities — now live and recruit them back to Michigan with a good paying job," she said.

"We have found that a lot of people would love to come back to

Oakland County, and when we have these good-paying jobs for them too, it's a win-win," Spanos said.

Colleges change curriculum

Oakland University President Gary Russi said the college is maintaining its commitment to offering a high quality, liberal arts education. "We're also intensely focused on developing young professionals who'll answer the state's growing employment demands."

"Establishment of the medical school, our new Human Health Building and plans for a new engineering center are all results of this focus. When you also consider that the majority of our graduates stay in Michigan, I believe we're well positioned to help answer the state's employment needs in the coming decades," Russi said.

Other colleges in the region are developing training programs such as "ShiftingCode," a new program at Oakland Community College where they take software programmers and retrain them in new (computer) code that is needed today by these IT companies, she said.

"It basically is brushing up the skills of those individuals that had done some programming in the past," she said.

Automation Alley, which now has 1,000 members and generated more than \$150 million in contracts through 12 trade missions around the world, was awarded a federal grant and H1B1 Visa Grant program to help pay for IT employers' training in software engineering.

"The goal is to train residents in these specific skills, so as less H1B1 Visas are needed," she said. "There are never enough of these visas nationally, according to IT companies in the nation."

These visas are a non-immigrant visa in the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act, (section 101(a)(15)(H)). It allows U.S. employers to temporarily employ foreign workers in specialty occupations.

Workers recruited globally

Appearing that manufacturing is back, companies are having difficulty filling jobs, such as skilled machinists who were left unemployed or left the field entirely. Since 2008, both General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC were bailed out from bankruptcy by billions of dollars of taxpayers' funds, saving hundreds of thousands of American jobs. Shortages in some skilled

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machinists jobs are likely to last for a decade.

Automation is allowing U.S. manufacturers to compete globally in this sector, Spanos says.

Reshaping classes for 21st century

The county also is looking at revising the educational system to meet future workforce needs.

"We are working with our K-12 school system to offer trade schools/programs as an alternative to college education," she said.

For the first time, families are evaluating the cost of college with the rate of return on the investment and some families locally are determining college is not the best option for their children.

So, the county is working with employers directly to develop apprenticeship programs for youths similar to those in Europe, especially Germany.

Manufacturers solving own needs

"More and more manufacturers are developing their own internal pipeline for the future workforce."

Most experts believe the county will find solutions in filling high-tech as well as homecare jobs but there will be an excess of workers in low-skill jobs.

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REBOUND

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Prosperity forecast for county

According to a recent Oakland County Economic Outlook report prepared by the University of Michigan, the Oakland County economy is in the early stages of a sustained recovery supported by improvements in the U.S. economy and in the post-bankruptcy domestic auto industry.

This is demonstrated by forecasted job gains of 10,908 in 2011, 8,012 in 2012 and 9,729 in 2013, the report said.

Economist George A. Fulton from the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations at the University of Michigan said: "Despite years of economic turmoil that have clobbered southeast Michigan, Oakland County has ... the necessary assets to remain a prosperous and welcoming county in the future."

Oakland County also is home to a new medical school, the William Beaumont School of Medicine at Oakland University. It is expected to create 11,000 new jobs.

Oakland can borrow billions but debt relatively low

Under Michigan law, the county can borrow 10 percent of State Equalized Value, or \$5.8 billion as of the end of 2010. However, the county has incurred

outstanding debt of \$810 million — only 14 percent of the permissible limit. In 2008, the taxable value of property in Oakland was \$64.7 billion, which fell to \$50.8 billion in 2011. Meanwhile, mortgage foreclosures declined to 7,371 for calendar 2011, down from 9,292 in 2010, according to a county report.

Due to long-range planning, however, at the close of fiscal year 2010, the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund — created to stabilize annual revenues for local taxing units such as cities and villages — had a \$225 million fund balance. Of that, \$135 million was set aside to provide for cash flow for governmental entities within the county where property taxes were not collected in full. This pass-through ability helps to stabilize the budgets of 60-some cities, villages and townships within the county.

Property values plunge, will solidify

Between 2007 and 2011, property values in Oakland County fell 32.1 percent. It is projected they will continue to fall over the next few years.

"After 2014, it's expected that countywide assessed values will stabilize," Patterson said, noting the overall decline has been 50 percent. The weak economy has forced Oakland to restructure service delivery. Beyond simply reducing the workforce, officials considered alternative

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service delivery options, which included partnering with the private sector or nonprofit agencies and sharing services with other governmental units.

To deal with lost revenue, the county cut 300 full-time positions since 2008 with less than 10 layoffs, reduced salaries 2.5 percent in 2010 and an additional 1.5 percent in 2011, outsourced \$7.6 million in services leading to cumulative savings of \$50 million, and implemented a new retiree health care plan for new hires with predicted long-term savings of \$400 million.

The future

One significant change in estimated revenue for fiscal year 2015 and beyond is an assumed 33 percent reduction in state revenue-sharing payments — an \$8.2 million cut when compared to pre-2005 levels. As historical background, state revenue-sharing payments to counties were eliminated in the 2005 fiscal year budget. But as

a temporary replacement for these state payments, Michigan lawmakers imposed a summer county tax across the state, which transitioned over a three-year period beginning in July 2005.

The end result after the three years was a permanent date shift in the county tax collection period from winter to summer. The intentional result by the state was an addi-

tional year of property tax collections over the three years, lessening the drop in property tax revenue. In essence, four years of property taxes were levied within three fiscal periods. The additional year's worth of property tax revenue was required by state law to be placed in a restricted Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund.

The RSRF dollars were used to replace the state-suspended revenue sharing payments to Oakland County for 11 years (2005-2015). The RSRF will be depleted in 2015 as planned by the state. At that time, it is expected that the state will restore revenue sharing, Patterson says.

In a March 7 report obtained by The Oakland Press, Patterson wrote a memo to judges, the sheriff, register of deeds, prosecuting attorney, county commission chairperson, county treasurer and water resources commissioner that "it will not

be necessary to assign additional budget tasks to our operating budgets for the period FY-2012 through FY-2015."

Patterson said the economic "challenge is not over." He noted there is a "meager \$7.1 million excess of revenues over expenditures" in the total budget for 2012 through 2015.

"Absent continued efforts to refine, restructure and reorganize service delivery, a structural operating deficit will exist for fiscal year 2016."

"... I am confident that we have the time and the will to responsibly address these future budget issues so they never reach a crisis state."

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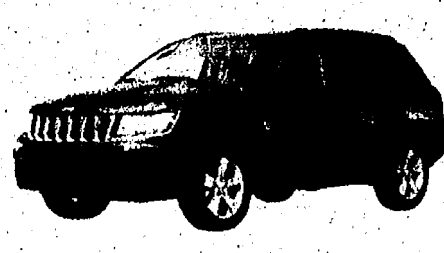
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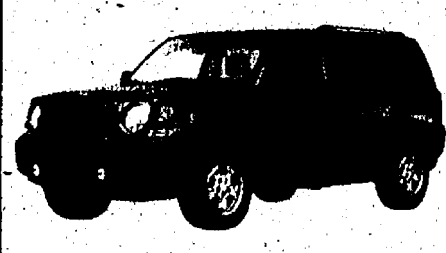
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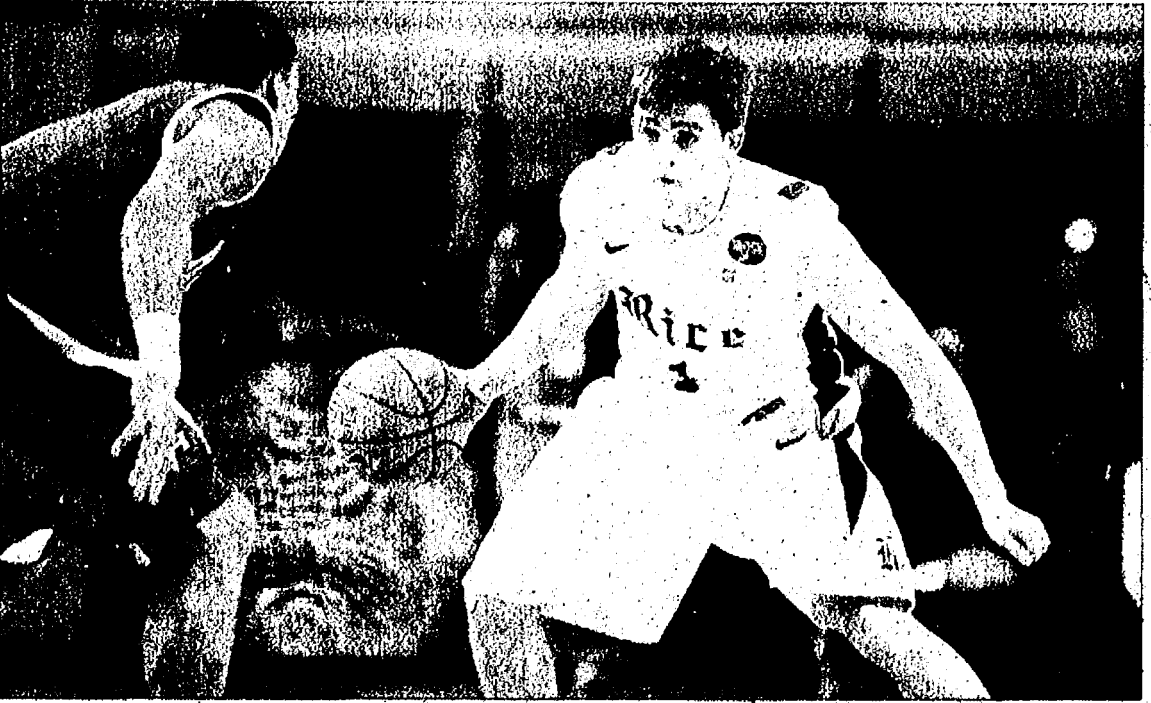
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NATE SCHWARZE

No regrets!



Nate Schwarze is one of few Chelsea basketball players to reach the D-1 level.

Chelsea's Schwarze moving on after playing Division 1 college basketball

By Jeff Papworth
Heritage Media

By the time Nate Schwarze finished his last season in college basketball at Rice University, he had nothing left to give. He was ready to move on.

"For me, I'd always play two or three sports, so I never got burned out," he said. "But just playing basketball for four years, it got kind of draining at times and you have your ups and your downs during the season."

"But I definitely enjoyed it and would do it over again."

But he would go to the start and do it all over again.

"I've learned so many things from playing basketball. The adversity you face, the different situations, how you handle pressure situations, how you handle being on a team. That's all going to help me in life," he said. "At the same time, no job I take is ever going to be harder than playing basketball. Getting up at 5 in the morning and working out for eight hours, and then studying."

"Playing basketball at Rice, it was like you had a full-time job on top of school."

Schwarze, a former standout basketball player at Chelsea High School, served as the defensive spe-

cialist for the Owls.

"It feels pretty good to be done," he said. "I play a little bit of pickup basketball, but no more competitive basketball, and took the summer off of school, so I've just kind of been relaxing."

Relaxing — Not a bad thing for a multi-sport star in high school who had the laborious task of being a student and athlete in college.

"It really hasn't hit me that basketball's over, but I'm sure as soon as I start working it'll hit me," he said.

Schwarze, a double major in economics and sports management with a 3.4 GPA, has options in Texas, but wants to see if he can find work in Michigan first.

"I haven't been back in five years and this is where my family's at, and I would like to stay as close as I can to my family," he said. "I've seen what it's like being away for five years."

He loved his stay at Texas, especially the winter.

"It was different at first," he said. "Everyone in Texas feels like it's their own little country. Everybody in Texas thinks it's the greatest and they're all very prideful."

He had the best of both worlds. Rice's campus reminded him of back home in Chelsea, full of trees, yet a short drive to

Meet Nate

Parents: Carl and Priscilla Schwarze

Siblings: Matt and Krystin

College: Rice University

Major: Economics and Sports Management double major

High School: Chelsea (2007 graduate)

Chelsea basketball: Schwarze was a two-year captain, team's MVP his senior year and set school records for career assists and steals. He averaged 15.2 points, 3.3 steals, 3.0 rebounds and 6.2 assists for the 23-2 Bulldogs during his senior year and was tabbed to All-Southeastern Conference, All-Area and named to the Michigan All-State squad. The Bulldogs captured district and conference championships. Among his Chelsea highlights was a game-winning shot against Ann Arbor Pioneer and an 18-point, 10-steal, nine-assist effort against Dexter.

Chelsea football: Schwarze also played football for Chelsea and was named First Team All-State as well as all-conference and all-area. He was named to the Detroit Free Press' Dream Team at wide receiver, one of only 22 players recognized.

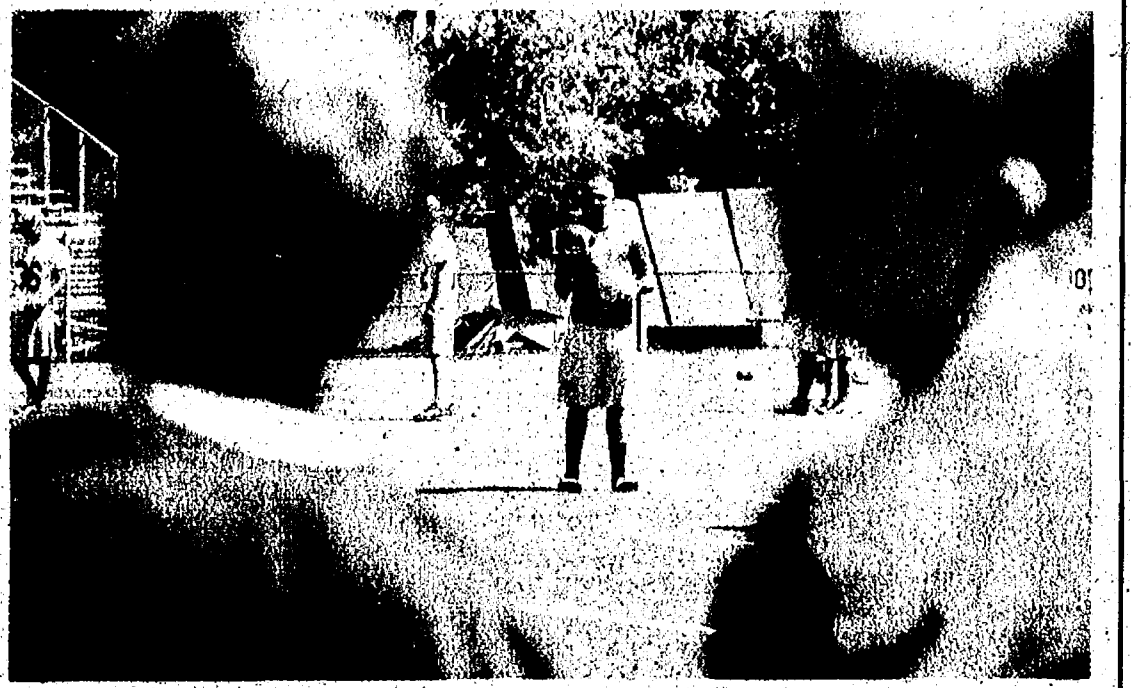
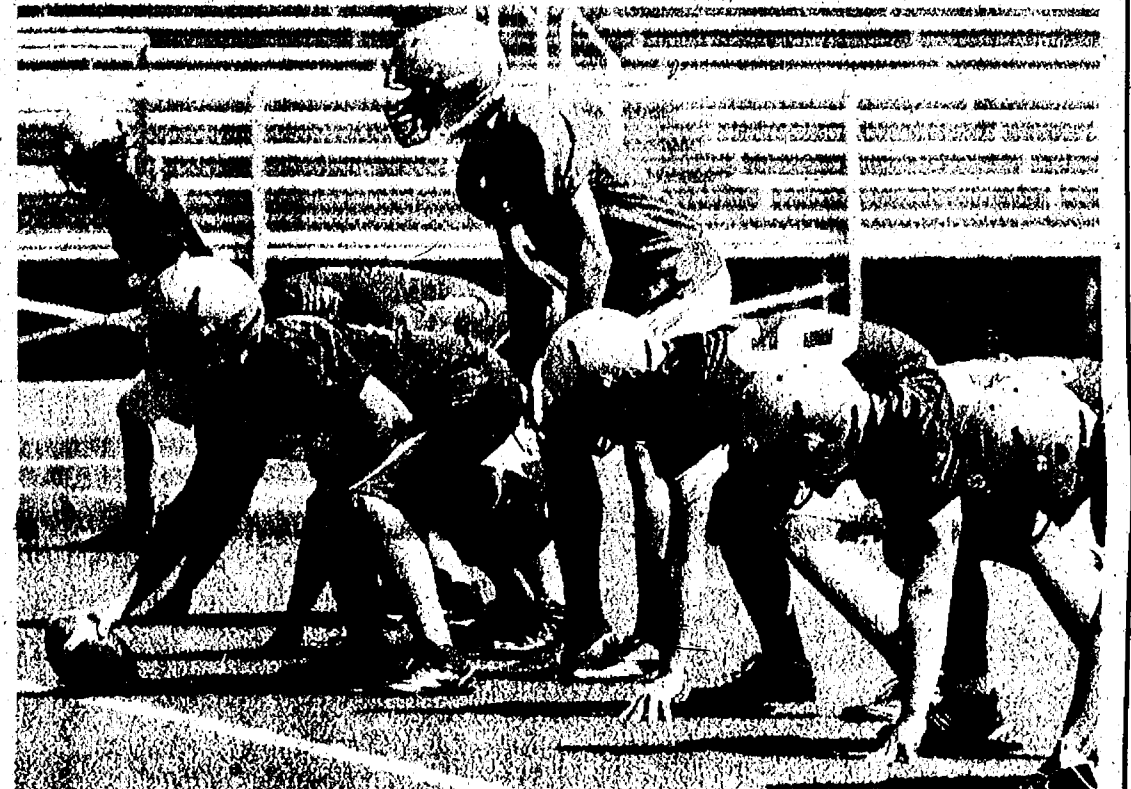
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Coach Brad Bush (above right) and the Chelsea football team opened practice on Monday afternoon.

Photos by Terry Jacoby

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RUN FOR THE ROLLS

The Run for the Rolls, a one-mile run for charity, is ready for its sixth year. The event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 25 with a 12:45 p.m. start time. Last year, Run for the Rolls just missed setting a record for participants and was able to give their charitable proceeds to three Chelsea organizations: Chelsea Special Olympics, Chelsea Recreation, and Chelsea Guys & Girls on the Go. The Bulldog Challenge trophy will be up for grabs to the fastest Chelsea Club/Team for 2012 and is sponsored by Moore Pediatrics & Associates. In 2011, the Chelsea boys' cross country team won the \$200 for their program. For all race information, log onto [HYPERLINK "redir.aspx?C=PabseOwU2EjVq41d5glu4030yK7QM8lmyURngBAahrEizQgtVBuLNQm9cxckPWnLBXB5ngvOE&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.runfortherolls.com"www.runfortherolls.com](http://www.runfortherolls.com) Like us on facebook/Run for the Rolls. Registration form pickup at Hair by Trios, Aberdeen Bike and Outdoors.

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Bobby Crim is one of nation's premiere races

John W. Farah and Nelson Williams

We've been talking a lot about the health benefits of running races, and it just so happens that one of the country's premier races – and one of our favorites – is just around the corner.

No, it's not the Boston Marathon – it's right here in our own backyard: The Bobby Crim, or as it's more commonly known, "the Crim."

These days it seems like marathon-fever is sweeping the nation. But the Crim is a throw-back to an earlier age, when runners weren't so marathon-crazy – the Crim is a ten-miler, and one of the biggest ten-milers in the country.

Not only that, but it's located in Flint. We know what you're thinking – Flint? Is anything cool still located in Flint? Well, try running the Crim and we're certain you'll answer an ecstatic "Yes!"

A little history: the Crim was founded back while Flint was

still a relatively thriving city, in 1977, by Michigan Speaker of the House, Bobby Crim – a fitness buff who enjoys running the race himself to this day. The course



John Farah

is marked by a freshly painted blue line that takes you through the nicer parts of Flint, past some older homes and businesses, some neighborhoods that have seen better times, yes, but some that are facing a resurgence and still fighting strong. The downtown area on Saginaw Street, right where the race starts and finishes is a great example of the continuing resurgence of Flint. Around Mile 5, the Crim even has its own version of Boston's Heartbreak Hills – the Bradley Hills. Don't worry, though – these are much shorter.

Just last year the race attracted 18,000 runners, so you can see that it's still going strong, one of the crown jewels of racing in our state, and something we Michiganders can really be proud of. (We share some fun Crim anecdotes in our book, "Let's Pick It Up a Bit," which we of course highly recommend.)

This year's Crim is Saturday, August 25, which means you don't have much time left to prepare. If the ten-miler sounds too intimidating, they've added 5K and 8K options as well. But we think you're ready for the quantum leap forward – and if you follow our tips, we're sure that not only will you succeed, but you'll have fun too. We even outlined three different approaches depending on your fitness level:

1. Slow and safe

For people who have been working out 2-3 hours per week, you can handle ten miles by interspersing walking periods with your running. A good start-

ing goal is to run one block for every four minutes of walking you do. That should give you a pace of about 15-18 minutes per mile – giving you a total run-time of 2:45.

Yep, almost three hours. You're probably thinking, "I'll be bored to death!" Actually, no. Find someone to walk with and talk to. There will be others at your pace, you won't be the only one. Trust us, by the time you finish, you'll have made a bunch of new friends – some of them for life.

2. Medium and happy

If you've been working out four hours a week, you can probably handle a faster pace – although we still recommend a mix of walking and running. Try running for 10 straight minutes, followed by two minutes of walking. If you keep up that pattern, you should finish in about two hours.

(By four hours of "working out," we mean being active – running, walking, biking, yoga, even gardening. Pretty much anything

but sitting on your butt. More about this philosophy, which we call our 4/8/12 rule, in the future.)

3. Fast and furious

If you're really active and exercise 6-8 hours per week, you should be able to run all ten miles at a nine minute pace, finishing at about one and a half hours. Of course there's nothing wrong with sprinkling in some walking along the way. The Bradley Hills can be a challenge, but there is something to look forward to – the course flattens out around Mile 8, and the last quarter mile is actually downhill. You'll be thrilled when you reach it – we sure are.

See you running – at the Crim!

John W. Farah and Nelson Williams co-authored the running memoir, "Let's Pick It Up a Bit," which is available on www.letspickitupabit.com and at Running Fit, Nicola's Book Store, Elmo's t-shirts and Crazy Wisdom in Ann Arbor.



Chelsea's Nate Schwarze was one of Rice's top defensive players during his stay with the Owls.

SCHWARZE

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downtown Houston gave him the city life.

A few hours on the golf course was as much as he could do outside his busy schedule.

Basketball and school was pretty much his entire life the past four years. But he had a little trouble describing why he likes basketball. He came up with the "team-aspect," ability to play both offensive and defensive, unlike football, a sport he played in high school, and being able to control the game if you have the talent.

He could have been the best player on the team at a Division 3 school, or even a D-2 school, but he wanted to go to a great academic institution.

"I was just using basketball to help get me into the school," he said. "I never worried about how much I played or anything. Just like whatever I could do to help the team."

He entered his senior season thinking he was going to play a lot more. He hurt his back and had to sit out the first four weeks of the season.

Ben Braun, previously a head coach at Sienna Heights and Eastern Michigan, entered the program the same year he arrived. They progressed throughout the years until this past season when they had their first winning record in the four years.

Schwarze was a walk-on. He said he got a little under half his tuition paid by scholarship.

"I always told them I didn't expect anything," he said. "And whatever they could give me would definitely help, but if they needed to bring somebody in, I would give my scholarship back, and we could figure it out."

He went to prep school at

Phillips Exeter Academy, before enrolling at Rice. His high school coach Robin Raymond made a call to Braun and, with a need for a point guard, the former Cal coach gave him a spot.

Raymond coached him since he was in the third or fourth grade. He was a member of the Chelsea's varsity team as a freshman for half of the season. He is considered one of the best players to ever suit up for the Bulldogs and one of the few Chelsea graduates to play for a Division 1 college basketball program.

The nice looking campus, more importantly, the academics lured him to Rice. Even though he received a call from Bucknell, another D-1 school, a day after his campus visit.

While at Rice he guarded Tyreke Evans and faced off against teams like

Oklahoma, led by Blake Griffin.

For Schwarze, he did not feel his "One Shining Moment," came in a meager game that he was named player of the game, but it was a home game against LSU. He was put in for the last possession, with 20 seconds left, on defense. He said they were up one.

"I didn't do anything specifically," he said. "It was just good team defense."

"I gave everything I had in defense. I always took pride in guarding the team's best player, if he wasn't like a center, but if he was a 6-foot-6 guard I always thought I could guard him."

Schwarze hurt his back at the end of his junior year. It seemed to have healed over the summer, but right before the season

began, he injured it again and took three to four weeks off.

"It got better, but I missed a lot of stuff, leading up to the season so it kind of hurt me," he said.

He said he was fine with playing zero minutes and the team winning, than playing the whole game and losing.

"It was definitely exciting making it to the post-season tournament for the first time," he said. "It wasn't the tournament we wanted to go to, but it was definitely fun to play in the postseason."

A night he will never forget was Senior Night. He had family, aunts and uncles, and his grandparents come to see his last home game with the Owls.

"It was definitely a special night," he said. "One that I won't forget for sure."

Fastpitch tryouts

The Gold Fastpitch softball program based in the Ann Arbor area will hold tryouts for the 2012-2013 year beginning Tuesday, Aug. 14 and run through Sunday Aug. 19 at Saline High School. Teams will be formed for U10 through U23 age groups. For specific tryout times and more information you can visit our website at www.eteamz.com/goldfastpitch or you can contact Doug Kennedy at (734) 646-3853 or aagoldfastpitch@gmail.com

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Cheerleading part of Ypsilanti High School's athletic cuts

By Jeff Papworth
Heritage Media

The Ypsilanti High School cheerleading squad was informed Monday by their coach, Karla Vick, that they would be demoted to club level and receive no funding from the school.

According to school officials, the decision to drop cheerleading was made after looking at the cost of the sport compared to the number of participants, in what was called a "cost-participant analysis," by Robert Belous, the principal and athletic director.

There was a similar critique done on every athletic program.

While cheerleading was the only sport demoted to club-level status, other sports programs - including football - will face reduced funding by way of fewer assistant coaches, staff members and a lower stipend for coaches. For fall sports, six assistants from the football team were let go and two from cross country.

The school is saving upwards of \$230,000 because of the cuts, Belous said. The cuts had been in the works since May, and the final decision was made two weeks ago. Vick was informed of the decision on July 26.

"I hope that our community understands the fact that our district is facing some financial constraints," Belous said. "There is only so much we can afford to carry. It's an unfortunate situation where we have to look at some programs, but the reality is that's what we got to do. Our budget is what it is."

Vick has coached the team for five seasons. She has about 23 members from junior varsity and varsity on the roster.

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The stunned cheerleaders had been practicing twice a week since June 12, preparing for the football season that is coming up in weeks.

Now, they're left scrambling to raise funds.

Ypsilanti public schools had paid for transportation to away games, the coach's salary, and tumbling mats, in past years. The team also did their part by raising money for apparel, including uniforms, gloves and tights.

They were even digging deeper this year, with car washes, setting up a booth at the Heritage festival, a bottle drive, and asking the public for help.

"We are going to be fundraising our butts off," said Jessie Reszetar, sophomore Ypsilanti cheerleader. "We just found out (Monday)."

"I'm just trying to get the word out, that our team is getting cut," she said. "We're really passionate about cheerleading, and at this point, if we can't raise enough money so we can do the things we need to do, then there won't be a team for us."

She said the team was "angry and 'upset' by the news."

"It means so much to me," she said. "There is something about cheerleaders. We have passion for not only our sport, we have passion for giving our school spirit."

The whole community knew about the financial struggles at Ypsilanti High School, but once June past, the team thought they were safe from cuts.

Their schedule has not changed, despite uncertainty. They even practiced

the day after hearing of the news.

After informing the cheerleaders that the program would be a club, Vick said the parents wanted the girls to continue on, so she will continue to coach.

"I love coaching. I put my heart into coaching. I do as much as I can for the girls," she said. "They supported me and said they wanted the girls to continue to cheer, so I'm going to be there for the girls."

Phyllis Prichard, a fundraiser for the team, said the cheerleaders have also been giving free lessons in a four day camp at Ypsilanti high school for children, during the tumultuous week.

"They're the ones teaching the little girls cheers," she said. "They're dedicating their time, and this what we get back from the school."

Prichard, who heard the news on Saturday, spoke with Athletic Director Robert Belous Monday morning, and she said that he was given the final numbers on July 18 and came to the conclusion that cuts needed to be made.

Prichard said the program needs approximately \$5,000 to cover the football



Ypsilanti sophomore Mariah Tinsley, center, poses with her team, Pinkies, after winning first place in the 13 to 16-year-old division. Tinsley coached the team.

and basketball seasons.

"The only way we can do it is if the community backs us," she said. "I mean we have to pull together as a community in order to show these girls that they're worth standing behind."

Belous contacted Vick by email Tuesday for the first time since the meeting. They plan to meet later in the week, Vick said.

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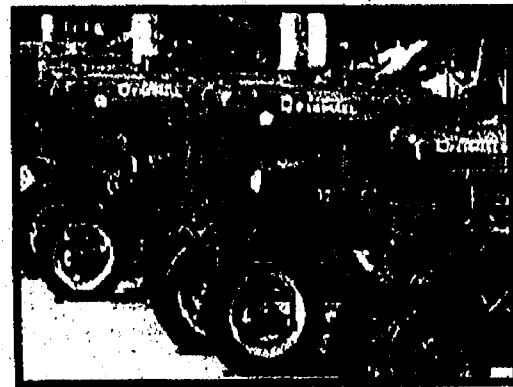
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Matt Tengman and Family. Matt a former WAHS board member and Past President of Jackson Area Antique Tractor Club, was recently diagnosed with ALS, or Lou Gehrig's disease. Proceeds of the Event will assist Matt and his Family with expenses.

Ypsi squad still has plenty of spirit

After another successful camp at Ypsilanti High School, the junior varsity and varsity cheerleading programs concluded the morning by doing what they do best - cheering.

While the rest of the campers, aged anywhere from 7 to 16, captured the attention of onlookers with their creative formations and innocently cute moments, the high school squad stole the show. Their loud, boisterous screams of YHS bounced off the gym walls. It was business as usual for this group of teenage girls.

Except for the fact that they didn't have a lot to cheer to about this week.

The pain already had time to sink in by Thursday morning after the team found out Monday that their sport was no longer recognized as a varsity program at Ypsilanti High School thanks to what school officials called "necessary budget cuts."

The team is now considered a club by the school, meaning the girls on the roster must figure out a way to provide for the funds needed to continue cheering.

On Thursday the girls did what they do best - cheered. They also talked about what they plan to do about their new situation.

The girls sported their gold YHS shirts and ran through a routine like it was clockwork. The squad received no donations for this week's effort, as proceeds from the event goes to the Washtenaw County Family Court.

"Cheerleading's my life," sophomore Lynnelle Crutcher said. "I love cheerleading. Teaching people how to cheer is something I like to do. A lot of them will be like me, coming back to Ypsi, being like, 'Oh, I went to this camp. I can show you how to do this cheer and that cheer.'"

Don't get it twisted, though. Behind the smiles and the back handsprings are a group of young women still fuming over being spurned by their school.

"I was kind of hurt,"

sophomore Shatera Colman said. "Ypsi said they still have all their sports, but now we're a club. We have to do a lot of fundraising. We're doing a bottle drive, a car wash, we're selling candy and ice cream so we can get our new stuff."



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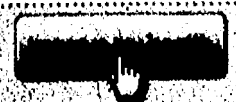
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Wearing a PFD dramatically improves water safety

Michigan is blessed with outstanding water resources and where you have water, you have boats. Unfortunately, where you have boats, you also have accidents. But just a few common-sense precautions could make boating much safer in Michigan.

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To learn more about boater safety in Michigan and find a list of boating safety classes, visit www.michigan.gov/boating

What's the single simplest thing you can do to make boating safer? Wear your PFD.

That's been the mantra of the National Safe Boating Council for years, one with which the Department of Natural Resources fully agrees.

Most boaters are aware that the law requires they have an appropriate personal flotation device for everyone on board. But unless you are less than six years old, the law does not require that you wear them. And too many people opt out.

"People have them, but they're stuffed under a seat somewhere and they don't think about them until they're in the water," said Lt. Andrew Turner, boating safety administrator with the DNR's Law Enforcement Division. "When things go terribly wrong there's no time to find them."

"Most people think about those big, bulky orange things when they think about personal flotation devices, but the technology has changed dramatically," Turner continued. "The newer designs, thinner vests and inflatable PFDs, are a lot less bulky, more comfortable and they don't get in your way."

Boating safety has improved in recent years with a big drop in fatalities

- 25 in 2010, down from 36 in 2010. Still, of the fatalities recorded last year, 20 of them were from drowning and 11 of those occurred simply because someone

fell out of the boat. Wearing PFDs could cut those fatalities dramatically.

A common occurrence is that

people, for a variety of reasons, get out of their unanchored boat and then it is blown away by the wind or carried away by currents and they can't get back to it," Turner said. "Many people drown this way each year and it's a tragedy that is very preventable."

One recent development that could help is the inflatable belt-pack PFD. They are easy to wear around the waist and do not interfere with movement.

"It's out of the way and comfortable," Turner said. "It's what I often use when I'm out boating."

Our conservation officers are issued inflatable vests and wear them while working on the water. It has become the norm around the country for officers working on the water," Turner added.

Inflatables are typically suspender-style PFDs that come with automatic or manual inflation devices. Turner recommends self-inflating models.

"If you get knocked out and fall overboard, you're not going to be able to deploy it manually," he said.

Turner cautions that inflatables are not approved for all on-water uses such as operation of personal watercraft, waterskiing, tubing, etc. For these activities, inherently buoyant



vests are required.

Turner says he's seeing a trend of increased usage of PFDs by boaters, something he attributes to national and local education campaigns as well as the new PFD designs.

"People are impressed by the products out there, but we've still got a lot of work to do," he said.

That work is ongoing and a new law that goes into effect in November will help. Anyone born after July 1, 1996, will be required to have a boater safety certificate to operate a power boat in Michigan. Turner says that only makes sense.

"We wouldn't put somebody in a car without training, why would we let them run a boat?" he asked. "Getting people trained will definitely help to make Michigan's waters safer."

Boaters can earn safety

certificates through traditional classroom work or on the Internet. The DNR currently partners with two online companies to provide the necessary instruction. In 2011, a total of 22,753 Michigan citizens were certified and, over the long haul, every boater will be required to be certified.

But the new regulation won't impact anyone who is more than 16 years old right now - a huge percentage of the boating public. A study of Michigan boating accidents in 2011 shows that boaters in their 40s are involved in more accidents than any other age group.

"There is a lot of focus on training kids, but statistics show that the 30- and 40-year-olds are involved in more boating accidents," Turner said. "There are many basic rules for operating a vessel on the water, and unfortunately many

boaters have not been trained and simply do not know them."

For instance, one of the rules of the road is that boaters maintain no-wake speed within 100 feet of a boat at anchor, a swimmer, raft or dock. Unfortunately, seeing a boater roar past one of those situations isn't a rare sight to observe.

"That's one of our chief complaints every day we're on the water," Turner said. "It's a very common complaint with personal watercraft which are fast and very maneuverable. Getting folks to know and obey some of the very basic laws is critical for increased safety."

Alcohol is another issue; about a quarter of all boating accidents that occur involve alcohol these days.

"Traditionally, it's been much higher, but it's trending downward," Turner

said. "I think public awareness is a lot higher and there has been enhanced enforcement, too."

In addition to DNR conservation officers patrolling state waters, 81 of Michigan's 83 counties now have some form of boating safety program run by the sheriff's department in partnership with the DNR.

Boating is, statistically, not especially dangerous. In 2011, there were a total of 123 boating accidents reported - not that many compared to the 811,670 registered motorboats in Michigan.

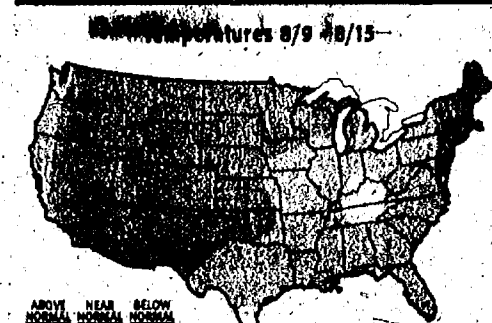
"We do very well considering the number of boats and our accident rate," Turner said. "But we can do better."

And the first step all boaters can take to make that happen? "Without question," Turner said, "wearing a PFD."

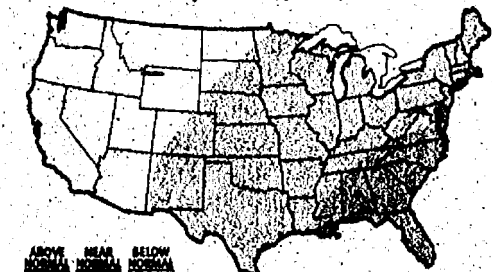
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NATIONAL OUTLOOK



Precipitation 8/9 - 8/15



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Albany	81/73/s	88/69/s	88/66/s
Boston	86/72/s	84/68/s	81/66/s
Chicago	80/65/s	77/62/c	81/60/s
Cincinnati	84/65/s	78/58/pc	78/58/s
Cleveland	79/63/s	74/63/pc	79/57/pc
Dallas	101/76/t	100/73/s	99/73/s
Denver	97/65/s	99/67/s	99/60/s
Honolulu	87/74/s	88/73/pc	88/73/pc
Houston	97/77/s	97/75/pc	95/75/pc
Kansas City	89/63/pc	81/60/s	85/64/s
Las Vegas	109/92/s	110/92/s	112/92/s
Los Angeles	91/69/s	95/70/s	97/73/s
Miami	91/80/s	91/79/s	91/78/pc
Minneapolis	78/56/sh	78/59/s	78/60/pc
New Orleans	82/77/s	91/76/pc	91/75/pc
New York City	88/72/s	86/72/s	83/70/s
Orlando	93/78/s	93/74/s	93/74/s
Philadelphia	90/72/s	88/70/s	86/68/s
Phoenix	111/92/s	111/90/s	111/90/s
Pittsburgh	82/64/s	78/62/s	76/60/s
St. Louis	89/68/s	79/63/pc	83/63/pc
San Francisco	75/56/pc	75/56/pc	74/56/pc
Seattle	76/55/pc	77/56/s	81/56/s
Wash., DC	90/73/s	87/70/s	84/68/s

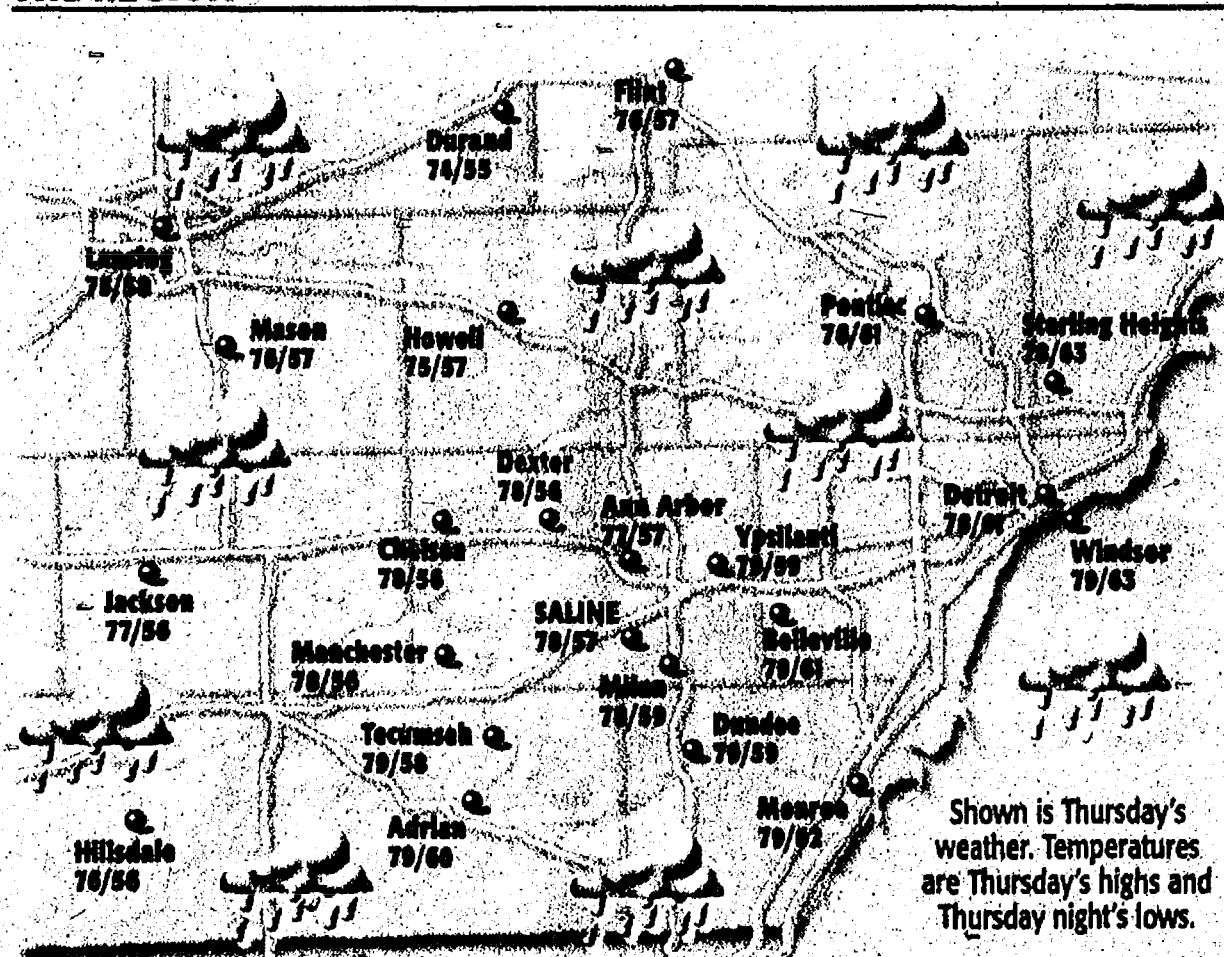
WORLD CITIES

City	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Athens	88/81/s	95/80/s	93/78/s
Berlin	70/52/pc	70/55/pc	73/57/pc
Buenos Aires	81/48/pc	86/53/pc	81/48/s
Cairo	100/80/s	99/78/s	98/77/s
Calgary	81/53/s	81/51/pc	78/51/s
Hong Kong	91/82/s	91/82/sh	90/81/s
Jerusalem	90/70/s	89/69/s	88/69/s
Johannesburg	57/37/s	65/45/s	72/44/pc
London	77/59/pc	73/55/pc	72/55/pc
Mexico City	71/56/s	67/55/s	67/55/s
Montreal	76/60/s	78/57/pc	78/57/s
Moscow	73/50/s	73/55/pc	73/55/pc
Paris	81/58/pc	79/55/s	81/60/pc
Rio de Janeiro	80/67/s	81/67/s	81/69/s
Seoul	99/72/s	91/72/s	91/72/s
Singapore	91/73/pc	90/73/pc	90/75/s
Sydney	90/77/s	90/77/s	90/77/s
Tokyo	64/45/pc	63/43/sh	63/46/sh
Warsaw	86/79/s	88/77/pc	88/77/c
Winnipeg	70/50/pc	68/51/sh	66/47/c

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

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THE REGION



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

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	City	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
Adrian	87/63/pc	79/60/r	78/54/pc	83/85/s	Manistee	75/56/pc	74/56/s	73/52/pc	73/49/s
Ann Arbor	85/60/pc	77/57/r	78/55/pc	81/54/s	Midland	79/60/pc	73/58/s	75/53/pc	77/52/s
Battle Creek	84/61/pc	77/58/r	75/54/pc	77/50/s	Muskegon	80/61/pc	74/59/s	76/56/pc	76/52/s
Bay City	82/62/pc	73/59/r	74/56/pc	77/55/pc	Pontiac	84/63/pc	76/61/r	74/56/pc	77/57/pc
Detroit	88/65/pc	78/61/r	78/60/pc	81/61/pc	Port Huron	81/59/pc	74/58/r	71/54/pc	74/50/pc
Flint	84/61/pc	76/57/l	75/52/pc	79/53/pc	Saginaw	81/61/pc	73/59/s	75/55/pc	77/55/s
Grand Rapids	82/62/pc	76/58/r	75/55/pc	78/53/s	Sault Ste. Marie	76/56/pc	74/53/s	73/53/pc	76/51/s
Kalamazoo	85/61/pc	76/58/r	76/52/pc	77/51/s	Sturgis	83/61/pc	75/57/r	74/53/pc	76/50/s
Lansing	84/61/pc	75/58/r	75/54/pc	78/54/s	Traverse City	78/59/pc	73/57/l	75/54/pc	77/52/s
Livonia	86/64/pc	79/63/r	77/59/pc	80/60/pc	Warren	84/64/pc	78/62/r	75/60/pc	79/60/pc

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SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set	The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	6:37 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	Thursday	None	2:27 p.m.
Friday	6:38 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	Friday	12:24 a.m.	3:23 p.m.
Saturday	6:39 a.m.	8:41 p.m.	Saturday	1:04 a.m.	4:16 p.m.
Sunday	6:40 a.m.	8:40 p.m.	Sunday	1:50 a.m.	5:06 p.m.
Monday	6:41 a.m.	8:38 p.m.	Monday	2:41 a.m.	5:51 p.m.
Tuesday	6:42 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	Tuesday	3:37 a.m.	6:32 p.m.
Wednesday	6:43 a.m.	8:35 p.m.	Wednesday	4:38 a.m.	7:08 p.m.

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Statistics for the week ending Monday, August 6

Temperatures:

High/low for the week	96°/44°
Normal high/low	83°/58°
Average temperature	73.6°
Normal average temperature	70.3°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	0.26"
Total for the month	trace
Total for the year	11.92"
Normal for the month	0.74"
Normal for the year	19.56"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures	High	Low
Thurs.	88	64
Fri.	88	58
Sat.	94	52
Sun.	96	50
Mon.	92	62
Tue.	90	61
Wed.	85	64

THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature

UV Index	RealFeel
5	84
6	80
7	85
7	90
7	87
6	89
7	89

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RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday

River	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek		
Dearborn Heights	2.08 ft	
Huron River		
Ann Arbor	16 ft	12.04 ft
Malletts Creek		
Ann Arbor		3.00 ft
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	5.53 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester	1.81 ft	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	570.81 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	573.70 ft

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Washtenaw theaters win big in Wilde awards

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Pride Source Media Group, the company behind statewide theater journal Encore Michigan, has chosen the nominees for the 2012 Wilde Awards that are to be presented in West Bloomfield on Aug. 21.

Of the dozens of nominees on the recently announced list, theater professionals in Washtenaw County took 18 nomination slots, proving that Washtenaw's growing theater community is one of the best in the state.

The Purple Rose Theatre Company's production of

"A Stone Carver" was the second most nominated production that made the nominees list, with the Williamston Theatre's "The Dead Guy" taking the most nominations.

"The fierce competition this past season resulted in a broad spectrum of shows getting honored, with no single show dominating the competition," said EncoreMichigan.com Editorial Director David Calamia. "Once again, that says a lot about the quality of the work that was presented on our stages."

A total of 68 productions are counted on the nominees list representing

a total of 31 theaters across the state.

"A Stone Carver" is nominated for the categories of best drama, best set design (Daniel C. Walker), best lighting design (Dana White), and best performance by an actor in a drama for Sanville's lead performance.

The Purple Rose Theatre Company is also a nominee for best comedy with Director Guy Sanville's production of Jeff Daniels' "Escanaba in da Moonlight," as well as Quintessa Gallinat's work on the same in the sound design category. Playwright David

MacGregor is nominated for best new script for the PRTC world premiere of "Consider the Oyster."

Performance Network Theatre also had a strong showing, with two nominations in the best drama category for Director Ray Schultz work on "Next Fall" and Director Carla Milarch's work on "Red."

Joseph Zettelmaier's "Dead Man's Shoes" produced at the Williamston Theatre and Performance Network Theatre is also a nominee for best new script.

Barbara Coven's performance in Performance Network Theatre's "Next

Fall" is nominated for best performance by an actress in a drama, while Paul Hopper's performance in "Dead Man's Shoes" will vie for best performance by an actor in a comedy.

Mark Rademacher and Kevin Young are nominated for best ensemble for Performance Network's "Red."

Monika Essen is nominated for best set design for her work on "Red" and Kevin Faulk is up for best sound design for his work on "Next Fall."

Dexter's Encore Musical Theatre will compete for best musical or opera thanks to the fantastic "The

Light in the Piazza," which was directed by Steve DeBruyne, former artistic director for Encore.

Brian Buckner, who has had great success stepping out from behind his piano to sing and dance with the best of them on stage, is twice nominated for best music direction for his work on Encore's productions of "Godspell" and "The Last Five Years."

For more information on Calamia's industry assessment or a complete listing of award nominees visit <http://www.encoremichigan.com>.

Ann Arbor author published in national anthology

Ann Arbor resident, author, theater professional, teacher and lecturer Jacqui Robbins has had a poem published in the compilation "Dare to Dream... Change the World."

Robbins is known as a Renaissance woman. A founding board member of Ann Arbor's Penny Seats theater group, Robbins recently directed her third production with the troupe, the musical "She Loves Me."

Robbins also has two successful children's books in print, "The New Girl... and Me" and "Two of a Kind."

The publisher of "Dare to Dream" describes the book this way: "From Jonas Salk to Steven Spielberg, the subjects of these biographical-inspired poems invented something, said something, stood for something, did something, changed something. They dared to dream. Thirty of our nation's most prestigious poets focus their creative vision on people who not only changed their own lives, but the lives of people all over the world."

The book can be ordered at www.myubam.com/



p/1585/dare-to-dream-change-the-world.

Editor and fellow contributor Jill Corcoran

writes on her blog, "The poets included were chosen not only for their talent, but because they too have

informed, inspired and engaged young people throughout their careers with both their actions

and their words. I was thrilled to work with 30 top American children's poets."

Robbins' sister, Alyson Robbins, said: "I adore everything my sister writes, but her poem in this collection might be my favorite... the poem is so good."

Robbins herself commented, "I am truly fortunate to have such wonderful family and friends who support my work. This summer has been remarkable. I am so honored to be part of 'Dare to Dream' and the opportunity to direct a smart, fun, fizzy musical like 'She Loves Me' this summer with such a talented cast has been a gift beyond measure."

Speaking of her love of theater, Robbins adds, "Writing and directing might seem like very different pursuits, but in the end they are both about collaborating to tell a story, and making a connection with the audience or reader. I'm so lucky to have gotten to work with Jill and the other poets on 'Dare to Dream' and to get to be part of this south-east Michigan community of theater and book lovers."

Wild Swan Theater announces new season

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Ann Arbor's Wild Swan Theater is looking for talented young actors and actresses to star in the non-equity theater's upcoming season.

Auditions will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 5 and 6 on the second floor of Summers-Knoll School at 2203 Platt Road.

Adult actors are also being considered for roles in three productions for the 2012-13 season, including "A Christmas Carol," "Shipwrecked!" and

"Charlotte's Web." Touring company positions are also open for audition.

Wild Swan is seeking child actors to round out the cast in "A Christmas Carol."

Co-artistic directors Hilary Cohen and Sandy Ryder are heading up the 33rd season, which runs from October to April and includes seven productions chosen for appropriateness for audiences of all ages.

"Wild Swan plays are known for innovative staging, music composed and performed live for each production, extraordinary puppets and masks, beautiful

period costumes, and creative incorporation of movement and dance."

Wild Swan spokesperson Michelle Trame-Lanz said.

Patrons can purchase tickets through the company's website at www.wildswantheater.org or by phone at 995-0530.

Season tickets go on sale Aug. 15 and individual tickets go on sale Sept. 15.

All performances take place at Towsley Auditorium in the Morris Lawrence Building on the WCC campus.

The season's seven shows are as follows:

"Frog and Toad" features two of Arnold Lobel's most beloved characters helping each other out through thick and thin. Show dates include Oct. 18 at 10 a.m., Oct. 19 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and Oct. 20 at 11 a.m.

"A Christmas Carol" is based on the well-known novel by Charles S. Dickens. Jeff Duncan adapts Dickens' work for the production, accompanied by Tom Schnauber's composition. Wild Swan's production is specially crafted for family audiences and will be shown on Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Dec. 7 at

10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and Dec. 9 at 2 and 4 p.m.

"Under the African Sky" is a collection of African tales performed through storytelling, acting, dancing and drumming that will be performed on Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and Jan. 26 at 11 a.m.

"Jack and the Beanstalk" will be performed on Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and Feb. 16 at 11 a.m.

"Shipwrecked!" is a coming of age drama that takes place on Lake Huron in 1893, where young Aaron

Buchanan is sailing with his parents when a ferocious gale out of Thunder Bay puts the lad to the test. The show will be performed on March 14 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., March 15 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and March 16 and 2 p.m.

"Peter Rabbit" will be performed on March 21 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., March 22 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and March 23 at 11 a.m.

"Charlotte's Web" will be performed on April 25 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., April 26 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., April 27 at 2 p.m., and April 28 at 2 p.m.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Thursday, Aug. 9

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

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

Friday, Aug. 10

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

Saturday, Aug. 11

■ **Backyard BBQ Fundraiser: Purple Rose Theatre Company**
5 to 7:45 p.m. Saturday:

Purple Rose Theatre parking lot, 137 Park St. \$60 (\$100 ticket includes 8 p.m. performance of "On Golden Pond") at purplerosetheatre.org/bbq and by phone. 433-7782, ext. 15.

■ **Antique Tractor, Truck and Farm Equipment Show**
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday: Waterloo Area Farm Museum, 13493 Waterloo-Munith Road, Waterloo Recreation Area. \$5 (age 62 and older, \$3; 5 to 17, \$2; 4 and younger and members, free). 1-517-596-2254.

■ **Fishing 101**
11 a.m. Saturday: Portage Lake day use beach, Seymour Road north off Mt. Hope Road, north from I-94 exit 150; and 2 p.m., Crooked Lake fishing pier, Green Road, 2 miles north off Clear Lake Road from I-94 exit 153). Equipment provided. 475-3170.

DEXTER

Thursday, Aug. 9

■ **Nature Fun on Thursday: Trees are Terrific**
10:30 a.m. Thursday: Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings Road. Free, \$5 vehicle entry fee. Preregistration required. 971-6337, ext. 334.

■ **"Fiddler on the Roof"**
7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday: Encore Theater, 3126 Broad St. \$28 (seniors, students, \$25; 10 or more, \$22) at theencoretheatre.org and at the door. 268-6200.

Friday, Aug. 10

■ **"Dexter Daze"**
9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday, Saturday: Monument Park, Main Street and Baker Road. Free admission. 426-0887.

Saturday, Aug. 11

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

SALINE

Thursday, Aug. 9

■ **"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.

Friday, Aug. 10

■ **Rentschler Museum Yard/Salvage Sale**
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday: Rentschler Farm, 1265 E. Michigan Ave. Free admission. 944-0442.

■ **Saline's Summerfest**
5 to 11 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.

to 11 p.m. Saturday: Downtown Saline. Free admission. 604-0051. Visit salinesummerfest.org.

Saturday, Aug. 11

■ **Pet Fest: The Pet Emporium**
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. \$5 admission. annarborpetfest.com, 929-6533.

YPSILANTI

Friday, Aug. 10

■ **Crossroads Summer Festival: The First Class Band, and Lady Sunshine & the X Band**
7 to 11 p.m. Friday: Washington Street at Michigan Avenue. Free. 717-7305.

Sunday, Aug. 12

■ **Sunday Matinee Puppet Show**

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

Tuesday, Aug. 14

■ **Huron Valley Rose Society**
7:30 p.m. Tuesday: Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Free. 277-0112.

■ **"Saluting America's Music": Washtenaw Community Concert Band**
7:30 p.m. Tuesday: Frog Island Park, Depot Town. Free.

MILAN

Thursday, Aug. 9

■ **Bluegrass Festival**
1 to 9:15 p.m. Thursday, noon to 10 p.m. Friday, noon to 11:15 p.m. Saturday: KC Campground, 14048 Sherman Road, Milan. 1-248-435-2828.

App helps parents assess kids' sleep quality

Many children experience sleep and breathing problems that are common and often unrecognized, but a new app based on University of Michigan Health System research might make it easier for parents to identify those problems in their children.

Called Sleep Champ, the app features a series of yes-or-no questions about a child's behavior and exhibited characteristics that can help parents figure out if a child is getting quality sleep.

The app is based on the Sleep Related Breathing Disorders Scale, a questionnaire developed by Dr. Ronald D. Chervin, the Michael S. Aldrich

Collegiate Professor of Sleep Medicine and the director of the University of Michigan Sleep Disorders Center.

The SRBD Scale is designed to assess sleep quality, specifically identifying symptoms of sleep-related breathing disorders.

U of M's Technology Transfer Office licensed the SRBD Scale for use in the app, which is being developed by health information technology company, Zansors LLC. The app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

"Appropriate identification and treatment of childhood sleep disorders can make a huge difference,

for years to come, in the lives of children and their families," Chervin said in a news release.

"I very much hope that, at minimum, the Sleep Champ app will create better awareness about sleep and breathing problems that children can have, and about the potential consequences."

App users will be asked about their child's behaviors, including questions about snoring, breathing and other related characteristics, such as poor attention, hyperactive behavior, impulsiveness and sleepiness that can be signs of poor sleep quality.

"Many parents have unanswered questions or

concerns about their children's sleep, and for good reason," Chervin said.

"Parents realize, even sometimes when doctors don't, that how a child sleeps could have a lot to do with how they're going to behave the next day. And that can have a lot of influence on the quality of the day for the whole family."

Once parents have answered these questions, they will be given a score, which the app will help them understand. Depending on the score, parents might be advised to take their children to a pediatrician or sleep medicine specialist for more information about sleep disorders.

While Sleep Champ is not designed to diagnose any medical condition, Chervin says he hopes the app can spur conversation and action about a child's sleep quality that can result in beneficial treatment.

"If you're a parent and you fill this questionnaire out and you think your child has some of these symptoms, it might raise the possibility that your child would really benefit from going to a pediatrician and discussing with them to see whether a sleep disorder might be diagnosed," he said.

While the roots of the app's technology are based on U of M research, Zansors also has ties to the

university, with 10 team members having a U of M connection.

They include Dr. Mark Fendrick, a professor in the department of internal medicine and health management and policy and co-director of the U of M Center for Value-Based Insurance Design, who serves as the chairman of Zansors' Medical Advisory Board.

Additionally, two consultants completed their emergency medicine residencies at U of M.

For more information about the University of Michigan Sleep Disorders Center, visit <http://www.med.umich.edu/neuro/sleeplab/>.

Healthcare worker with Hepatitis C linked to U of M

The Michigan Department of Community Health is investigating the employment of a man with Hepatitis C who worked at the University of Michigan Health System.

David Kwiatkowski was recently arrested in New Hampshire for allegedly

obtaining injectable narcotics at hospitals there and infecting patients with the virus through used syringes.

According to a press release from the University of Michigan Health System, the investigation has not uncovered evidence the

individual was infected with Hepatitis C while working at the U of M Health System from Sept. 11, 2006, to Dec. 8, 2006, as an interventional radiologic technologist.

Kwiatkowski also worked for other Michigan facilities from 2003 to 2007, including Sinai Grace

Hospital, Harper Hospital and Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, according to the MDCH press release. He has been infected with Hepatitis C since at least June 2010.

As precaution, those who received injectable narcotics at the hospital's main campus in Ann Arbor

between Sept. 11, 2006, and Dec. 8, 2006, may call 877-233-4040. Those who call will receive personalized help to determine whether they need testing for Hepatitis C. Testing will be offered free of charge.

Due to the length of time since potential expo-

sure, a positive Hepatitis C test result for those who were treated during Kwiatkowski's tenure and will not conclusively prove that Hepatitis C was acquired at the University of Michigan Health System, according to the hospital's news release.

McGee-Draves

Breana McGee of Milford, daughter of Daniel and Michelle McGee of Milford, and Erik Draves of Milan, son of Tom and Karen Draves of Milan, are engaged and plan to marry in April 2013 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Brighton.

The bride-elect attended is a 2007 graduate of South

Lyons High School and received an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. She is a medical office manager in Novi.

The groom-elect is a 2007 graduate of Milan High School and a 2011 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is a second lieutenant with the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany.



Project now collecting school supplies for homeless kids

The Education Project for Homeless Youth and its partners are accepting donations to help local homeless students with the tools they need to be successful in school.

About 1,300 children and youth in Washtenaw County experienced a homeless or temporary living situation during the 2012-2013 school year, an almost 40 percent increase from the previous year.

"Our students are so appreciative of this support," said Jennifer Martin, an advocate at the Education Project, in a news release.

Donations of school supplies can be dropped off near the front desk in the Teaching and Learning Center at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 1819 S. Wagner Road in Ann Arbor, throughout the summer and school year.

Through Aug. 26, school supplies also can be dropped off at local United Bank and Trust branches, SOS Community Services at 101 S. Huron in Ypsilanti, The Salvation Army at 100 Arbana in Ann Arbor, and Ozone House at 1705 Washtenaw Ave. in Ann Arbor.

The Education Project is a grant-funded project of WISD that helps homeless students enroll, attend and succeed in school. It serves students, ages 21 and younger, including those living in shelters, motels, temporary foster care placements, cars and abandoned houses, as well as those living doubled up temporarily with friends or family.

The project works closely with all 10 school districts and the public school academies in the county.

School supplies needed include backpacks, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, school supply boxes for younger students, zippered pencil packs for older students, solar-powered scientific calculators, three-ring one-inch binders and five-tab index dividers, colored pencils, washable markers, highlighters, red pens, rulers, protractors, compasses, pencil sharpeners, pink

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and white erasers, Post-It sticky notes, small tissue packs, index cards, hand sanitizers and travel-size toiletries.

No. 2 pencils, black and blue pens and crayons are not needed.

Hanifi releases new solo project album

Ann Arbor-based singer, songwriter and producer Khalid Hanifi recently announced the release of his new solo project, "A Brief Respite from Shooting Fish in Barrels," due out in September.

The album contains a song cycle that spotlights Hanifi's musical abilities. Hanifi describes the project as "an album of resolutely nonpartisan politically- and economically-themed songs, the sensibilities of which are undoubtedly colored by the fact that a) I'm an Afghan-American; and b) I think I'm much smarter than I actually am."

Song titles include "Free the World to Death," "The Splendor of Empire," "Black Sight," "HogFutures" and "Talk to the Invisible Hand."

Hanifi said the urge to write politically-engaged lyrics is a new one.

"I'm constitutionally introspective, so my writing in the past has tended to be internal documentary — what I see and feel, which I guess could be considered a bit juvenile. I wouldn't say I've graduated from juvenility altogether, but I am becoming less fascinated with myself and more interested in the world outside, and these songs reflect that."

Many of the new songs are based on personal circumstance, Hanifi said.

For example, "Free the World to Death" — which employs Wild West imagery to comment on American imperialism and the war in Afghanistan — opens the album in an English-language rendition and closes it in an alternate version sung in Pashto, one of the two official languages of Afghanistan.

The song's birth coincided with Hanifi reconnecting with his Afghan-born father, with whom he had not communicated for nearly 20 years. Although Khalid does not speak Pashto, his father translated the song's lyrics into his native tongue for his son to sing on the album.

A Michigan native of Afghan/Anglo descent,

Hanifi initially established his creative credentials with the group Map of the World, in which he shared vocals with his sister, Sophia.

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Michigan's longest garage sale to be held this weekend

Preparations are under way in many homes, organizations and businesses across US-12 for Michigan's Longest Garage Sale, set Friday through Sunday.

US-12, the nation's second oldest highway, stretches along an old Native American trail from Detroit to New Buffalo on the state's southwest coast. The route is one of 16 Michigan State Scenic Byways, designated by the state Legislature to preserve the state's historic highways.

Since the sale started in 2003, it has taken place during the second weekend of every August.

Visitors will find everything from antiques, collectables, furniture,

dishware, fresh garden produce, homemade jams and jellies, live entertainment and more.

Many nonprofit organizations are collecting donations for the sale because it is one of the biggest fund-raising events of the year. Other organizations are renting space out for people who want to sell but don't have a place to showcase their items.

Anyone who is interested in hosting a sale is encouraged to register their sale on the US-12 Heritage Trail website, www.us12heritagetrail.org so it will be included on the interactive on-line map and also in a downloadable print-ready list of sales.

There is no cost to register a sale on the map.

"This sale has become a destination with people from around the Midwest. Every year there are more and more information requests about lodging because people are making a weekend out of the sale event," said Kim Gallagher, project manager of the US-12 Heritage Trail Project.

"Everyone involved in this sale is helping to create a unique travel experience for people interested in history, bargains, scenery and making connections with real people who live in the towns that dot Michigan's US-12 Heritage Trail."

Visitors and people who are hosting sales are encouraged to upload stories to the US-12 Heritage Trail website about their experiences.

Last year several visitors posted comments about the sale.

"Every year in Southern Michigan people begin to

gather their old stuff, price merchandise, plan routes and prepare for Michigan's longest garage sale along US-12 from New Buffalo to Saline," wrote one shopper.

"This year we traveled from Saline to Quincy and stopped at about 30 plus garage sales. We met lots of nice folks and lots of tired and hot folks. Every year it always seems that the best sales are on the opposite side of the road, which means dodging some fast moving half crazed garage sale enthusiast traffic."

"A garage sale near Allen was a hunter's paradise. I purchased a Masai Warrior sculpture the older gentleman at the sale had brought back with him from a hunting trip to Kenya. Let me say, I am not a hunter of animals simply of treasures, but I listened to his adventures and left with one of his memories. I came home with new treasures from far away places and never left the

Midwest."

Another visitor wrote, "These sales are giving people the opportunity in the tough times we're facing right now. It's a chance to come out and pick up those items that people can use. This is my fourth year participating in the US-12 Garage Sale. Although I could turn a profit with my sales, I donate my earnings to homeless veterans in Niles."

Several big events are taking place along US-12, like the Fort St. Joseph Archeological Dig in Niles, where visitors can experience an 18th century encampment and see living history re-enactors demonstrate activities from life at the time of the American Revolution. Visit www.wmich.edu/fortstjoseph/ to learn more.

There is a Ship and Shore Festival in New Buffalo that will be held on the shore of Lake Michigan. More informa-

tion may be found at www.newbuffalo.org/events/ship-and-shore-festival.html.

In Ypsilanti, the Crossroads Summer Music Festival features Eddie Hughes and Lady Sunshine during the weekend of the sale.

The Saline Summerfest features traditional family-oriented food, music, and fun. It offers a juried craft and art show, a trolley tour of Saline's historical sights and a 5K run/walk event. For more information, visit www.salinesummerfest.org.

In addition to sales by individual homeowners, there are community-wide garage sales in Saline, Ypsilanti, the Irish Hills and at Rentschler Farms.

For more information about Michigan's Longest Garage Sale and other attractions, visit the US-12 Heritage Trail website at www.us12heritagetrail.org.

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Dawn's Farm 39th Anniversary Jamboree set for Sept. 9

The annual Dawn Farm Jamboree celebrates recovery from chemical dependency with a free event that includes entertainment for the entire family from 1 to 6 p.m. Sept. 9 at Dawn Farm, 6633 Stony Creek Road, Ypsilanti.

The celebration features live music by NoteWorthy, hayrides, a live and silent auction, children's tent and midway food and beverages and a chance to interact with farm animals.

September is designated National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month for individuals, families and communities around the country to celebrate recovery.

Admission to the jamboree and all activities are free.

The jamboree also provides an opportunity to support the community services provided by Dawn Farm, the only non-

profit program of its kind in Washtenaw County and one of the few in the state that provides care for young people with drug and alcohol problems.

All donations made during the celebration will support the organization's mission of providing professional care for people with alcohol and other drug addictions who lack resources and need help.

For more information, visit <http://www.dawnfarm.org/events/jamboree>.

United Way of Washtenaw County welcomes new president

United Way of Washtenaw County Board Chairwoman Kristen Holt announced July 31 that Pam Smith, currently the executive director for the Child Care Network, has accepted the board's offer to head United Way of Washtenaw County.

Holt, who also chaired the search committee said, "We have bold goals for our organization, and Smith is the right choice to move us forward."

Smith, a resident of Saline, has held the top position at Child Care Network since May 2008. Prior to that, she was the director of public affairs and marketing for nine years at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.

Smith has served on the boards of the Main Street Area Association and Catholic Social Services and on committees for the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce, Ann Arbor Public Schools, Packard Health Clinic and Washtenaw Land Trust. In addition she has been an active volunteer for Food Gatherers and Saline Area Social Services.

Smith graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Toledo.

The search committee was led by Holt and included Cynthia

Wilbanks of the University of Michigan, David Clifford of Eastern Michigan University, Tim Marshall of Bank of Ann Arbor, Katie Oppenheim of the University of Michigan Professional Nurse Council, Verne McDaniel of Washtenaw County, Mel Drumm, of the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum and Boyd Falconer of DHR International.

Finalists met with the search committee, board members, community leaders and United Way of Washtenaw County staff.

In a meeting with United Way of Washtenaw County staff July 25, Smith said she was a long-time admirer of the contributions United Way makes to communities.

"I am excited to provide leadership for enhancing its visibility and sustainability," Smith said.

"United Way is a catalyst for community collaboration and works to make a measurable, meaningful difference in our local community. I am looking

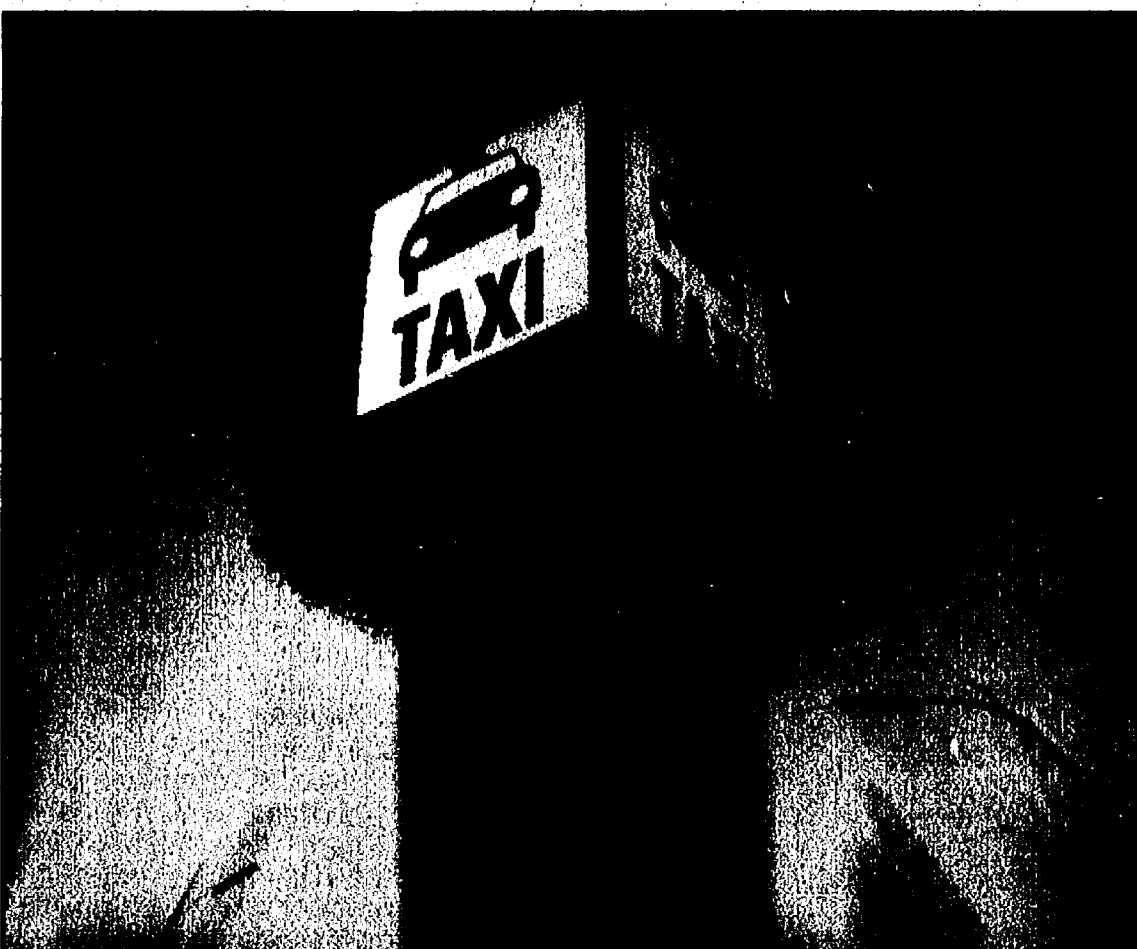
forward to kicking off our annual campaign at the Sheraton Hotel on Sept. 5."

Current United Way of Washtenaw County president Sandy Rupp, who after nearly seven years at the helm announced her retirement on April 19, will assist with the transition.

"Over the past four years, Pam has served Child Care Network as an outstanding leader," Child Care Network Board Chair Camarrah Morgan said.

"She has been a force for positive change and integral in creating a consistent image for Child Care Network. She is a transformational leader, who has demonstrated integrity, transparency and professionalism consistently. Words cannot express the gratitude felt for her unwavering dedication to providing exceptional service to our community."

Smith and husband, Rick, have three young adult children, Luke, Alex and Bridget.



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Summerfest set this weekend

Music among the highlights

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Saline Summerfest kicks off Friday with a slew of activities in downtown Saline. Among the highlights is the musical line-up.

Friday

6 to 8 p.m.

Dance Steps Studio
Dance Alliance of Saline
Saline Twirlettes
Dance Classics
Rhythm Dance
Teboe's ATA Karate

8 to 11 p.m.

Dan Rafferty Band

Saturday

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fifth Corner Youth Bands

12:30 to 2 p.m.

Flyte

2 to 3 p.m.

Jerry Mack & The Terraplanes at the Saline Street Machines Show

2 to 4 p.m.

The Island Guys

4 to 5 p.m.

Fiddlers ReStrung

5 to 6 p.m.

The Von Zippers

6 to 7 p.m.

Jerry Mack & The Terraplanes

7 to 8 p.m.

The Von Zippers

8 to 11 p.m.

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56DAZE

Since 2002, 56DAZE has been exciting audiences across northern Ohio, southeast Michigan and northern Indiana. This is their fourth year at Summerfest.

Tony Poling performs on keys and guitar; Rick Rosonowski plays guitar; Lyle Estep plays lead guitar; Scott Hafferkamp plays drums and Mahlon Orrin plays bass. All the band members contribute vocals.

The band will mix it up with cover tunes by Journey, The Black Eyed Peas, Van Halen, The Zac Brown Band, Sublime, The Rolling Stones, The Eagles, Def Leppard, Alabama, Prince, Guns N' Roses, Michael Jackson, Bon Jovi, ZZ Top, Bee Gees, The Temptations, David Bowie, Bob Marley and everything in between.

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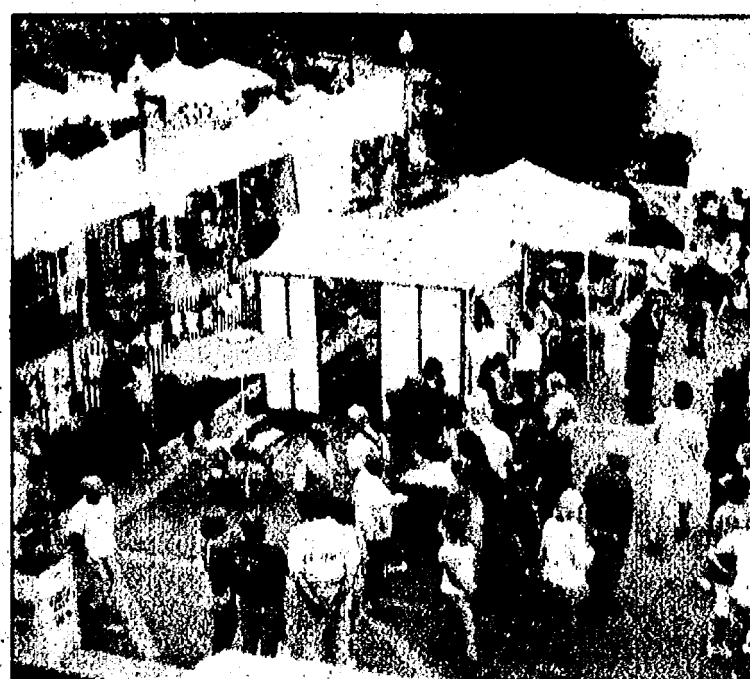
This young, dynamic, eight-piece group from Detroit is in touch with today's styles, including hip-hop, R&B, Top 40 and modern rock, as well as funk and disco from the '70s and '80s, and Motown classics.

The band provides live music entertainment for weddings, corporate functions, private parties, bars/clubs, casinos, bar and bat mitzvahs or any other type of event where dynamic live entertainment is needed.

FLYTE

This Jackson-based band comprises J.D. Boone on guitar, and vocals; Jeff Burchett on bass guitar and vocals; and Greg Saucedo on drums and vocals.

The band's influences include The Beatles, Ted Nugent, Grand Funk Railroad, ZZ Top, Led Zeppelin, Deep Purple and The Who.



Ann Arbor Street in Saline will be closed and filled with artisan booths Friday and Saturday as part of Saline Summerfest. Many events are on tap, from Saline Street Machines car show and trolley tours of historic places, to live music and a variety of food offerings.

JERRY MACK AND THE TERRAPLANES

Formed in 1993, The Terraplanes established themselves at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor. They entertain fans at many clubs and festivals in the Southeast Michigan area.

Their most recent gig at the 82nd annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival in July brought them in contact with Motown legends the Spinners, from whom they received a well-deserved nod of approval along with thunderous applause from the audience.

The band's diverse repertoire includes original and classic R&B favorites, and authentic renditions of swing, Motown, Chicago blues and roots rock covers. The band's tenure as a popular club act with Ann Arbor/Detroit area audiences has earned them regular performance spots on the bar scene and in a whole host of community events, including the Ann Arbor Art Fair and Summer Festival Top of

the Park.

THE ISLAND GUYS

The Island Guys provide a blend of calypso, reggae, Latin, Jimmy Buffet, soca, salsa and contemporary music that incorporates the unique island sounds of the steel drum and the percussive rhythms from the islands.

Terry Lester from Southfield, founder and leader of The Island Guys, has been playing keyboards and vibes professionally for more than 20 years. He has performed throughout the United States and Canada and has played with many musical groups including Earl Klugh, Les McCann, Jimmy McGriff, Gloria Lynn, Tim Hewitt, Simone Vitale, Wendell Harrison, Kimmie Horne, and with legendary big band leader Craig Strain.

"We're really excited about performing for the Saline Summerfest. It's our first festival in a couple of years," Lester said. "We're

usually booked through the year doing mostly corporate events, parties and weddings. So it's a real treat and pleasure to do a concert for the people of Saline.

"We'll be sure to get everyone dancing and having a good time. We'll also have a special guest, Mambo Marci - professional dancer, percussionist and salsa instructor."

A native Detroit resident now residing in Ypsilanti, Ray Ward, performing percussion and vocals, has been performing for more than 25 years. His smooth vocals have been compared to such greats as Lou Rawls and Luther Vandross. He has also appeared with the famous starlight trio as the opening act for groups such as Harold Melvin & The Blue Notes, Teddy Pendergrass, The Temptations and more.

Lamar Woodall from Detroit, on steel drums, sax, vocals and percussion, has performed with many steel drum bands worldwide including the Gratitude Steel Band. He also performs on sax and keyboards and is the musical director at his church.

The Island Guys perform throughout the year at various functions including weddings, parties and corporate events and are the featured band on the Ovation and Infinity yacht summer cruises. The band is currently working on a CD that will be available in the fall.

THE VON ZIPPERS

These award-winning musicians perform award-winning music from the 70s through the current day. Group members are Jimmy Pryor on drums, Al Carmichael on guitar, Danny Colfer on keyboards and Joe Bass on bass.

"We're looking forward to performing in Saline," Pryor

said.

FIDDLERS RESTRUNG

Consistently supporting or headlining community events and service activities, Fiddlers ReStrung is a staple of the Saline arts and entertainment scene.

The group has been a part of Summerfest since it moved downtown. They have performed in the Summer Music Series and opened the Big Tent at the Celtic Festival since its inception.

The group consists of Saline High School students, chosen on a balance of musical talent and personal maturity to enable them to balance a demanding performance schedule while maintaining high academic and extracurricular standards.

Fiddlers ReStrung is featured at more than 80 live performances annually, including local events, regional bookings and an annual national tour.

"And since I named the band after a car that blues legend Robert Johnson drove and sang about, we have the right stuff for the car show."

Summerfest spotlight

This weekend's Saline Summerfest has abundant activities and attractions. See page 7-C for event highlights, including:

- 5K Run/Walk
- Art and Craft Show
- Car Show
- Vegas-style games
- Family fun
- Teen Dance Block Party
- Pancake breakfast
- Historical trolley tours

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, August 9

Join the Dexter District Library for a movie and 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.

Friday, August 10

The 40th annual Dexter Daze begins today and ends Aug. 11. For a complete schedule of events, check out our special section pull out in this week's paper.

Saturday, August 11

Friends of the Dexter District Library holds its annual Dexter Daze Used Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday, August 13

The Chelsea District Library hosts Magic: The Gathering Weekly Game Night at 5 p.m.

Join Jennifer and David Kangas of Capella Farms, 6755 Scio Church Road, for Cooking Out of the Box, a cooking demonstration and tasting using seasonal produce from the box of a CSA share, at 5:30 p.m. at the farm. A tour of the farm will be included.

The Chelsea District Library

hosts an Introduction to PC and Internet Security class at 6 p.m. in the learning lab.

The Somewhere in Time Book Club for Adults meets at the Dexter District Library at 7 p.m. Registration is required.

The Friends Mystery Book Club meets at 7 p.m. at the Arctic Breakaway.

Tuesday, August 14

Join Kids Cooking Camp instructor, CCK board member and owner of Ellie's Chocolate Café Judy Radant at the Chelsea Senior Center for Cooking with Grandkids at noon.

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

The International Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

Wednesday, August 15

The Chelsea District Library hosts Bilingual Storytime at 11 a.m.

Grow Your Business: One-on-One Counseling meets at 11 a.m. at the Chelsea District Library.

Kerri Ferrel presents: Rick Ferrell, Knuckleball Catcher! at the Dexter District Library at 6:30 p.m. This show is for all ages.

Thursday, August 16

The Better Off Read Book Club for adults meets at 2 p.m. Registration is required.

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: Coconut Radio (rock) at the library, Annie & Rod Capps (folk) at the South Street Tent, 3 Generations Entertainment (balloons) at Main Street Alley, Mikhaila & Will at the East Alley, Bill Bynum & Co. at East Middle, an open mic at the Total Fitness lot, Hum'N Strum Trio at the Sylvan Courtyard, John Zainea and the Mania at the Glazier Building, Tree of Life (drum/

dance) at the Clocktower Gazebo, Dee Dee the Clown at the Clocktower Courtyard and a movie at dusk provided by SRSly Cinema: "The Sound of Music," rated G.

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.

"Around Town with Linda"

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Vince Burg, former pharmacist at Burg's Drug Store in Chelsea.

"Around Town with Linda" features interviews conducted by the local host Linda Meloche.

The show airs daily on Channel 18 at 7:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

A new interview begins every Friday evening and runs for a week. The

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guests all live or work in Chelsea, and everyone connected with the show is a volunteer.

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

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To have an item placed on the bulletin board, e-mail information to Erica McClain at emcclain@heritage.com by 5 p.m. Friday for the following week's edition with the keywords "Bulletin Board" in the subject line.

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Cook Chili

LIKE A CHAMP

Spicy, mild, beans or meat only, tomato-based or white — there are as many ways to make chili as there are people who make it. If you want to fine-tune your chili cooking chops, take a few hints from Larry Walton, the 2011 Terlingua International Chili Champion.

Here are his top five tips for making great chili:

■ **Chili Powder** — Using the right chili powder makes all the difference in the world. Mexene Chili Powder and Seasoning Mix is a good choice because it's well rounded and balanced.

■ **Meat** — Choose premium quality ground beef with an 80/20 percent beef to fat ratio. Or for an interesting twist, choose fresh boneless, skinless chicken thighs such as Tyson's all natural products, which are especially tender and juicy. (Find chili recipes at www.tyson.com.)

■ **Browning** — A key essential is to brown your meat. It not only adds richness to your dish but also helps with the dark color of the chili.

■ **Spices** — The spices are a main ingredient to bring out all the flavors. It's best to use spice powders, since they're more pungent.

■ **Secret Ingredient** — Last but not least, add your secret "booster" such as chili powder, paprika, cocoa or a few dashes of Louisiana Hot Sauce at the end of cooking to wow your tasters.

Give Larry's award-winning chili recipe — or any of these other recipes — a taste test, and see how fast your friends and family name you their favorite chili champ.

Find more tips and recipes at www.chilicookoffwinner.com.

Health Benefits of Chili

■ Studies from around the world, including the American Association for Cancer Research, suggest that capsaicin, the spicy element of chili peppers, may help fight certain types of cancer.

■ The fiber-rich beans found in most chili dishes have also been linked to a reduced risk of diabetes and heart disease.

Larry Walton's 2011 Terlingua International Chili Champion Recipe

Courtesy of the Chili Appreciation Society International, Inc. (CASI). CASI's mission is to educate about the historic and cultural significance of chili, and it raises over \$1 million for local charities through sponsored cook-offs every year.

Yield: 2 pounds, or 8 servings

1st Mixture:
1 tablespoon onion granules
1 tablespoon garlic granules
1 tablespoon beef granules
1 tablespoon chicken granules
2 tablespoons Mexene chili powder
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 dashes Louisiana hot sauce

2nd Mixture:
1 teaspoon garlic granules
1 tablespoon cumin
1 package Sazon Goya
2 tablespoons Mexene chili powder
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 dashes Louisiana hot sauce

Additional Ingredients:

2 pounds ground beef
1 14.5-ounce can beef broth
1/2 14.5-ounce can chicken broth
1 1/2 8-ounce cans tomato sauce

1/8 teaspoon brown sugar, if needed
Salt to taste
Mix 1st and 2nd mixtures in separate bowls. Set aside.

Brown ground beef then drain off grease. Add beef broth, chicken broth and tomato sauce. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to a slow simmer for 40 minutes.

Add 1st mixture and simmer for 40 minutes.

Add 2nd mixture and cook on low heat for 25 minutes. If too spicy, add brown sugar and salt to taste.

Black and White Chicken Chili

Yield: 10 servings

6 Tyson Fresh Boneless Skinless chicken thighs
1 large onion, chopped
2 jalapeño peppers, fresh, seeded and finely chopped
1 tablespoon garlic, chopped

1 14.5-ounce can chicken broth

2 15-ounce cans great Northern beans, not drained

2 15-ounce cans black beans, drained

1 tablespoon Mexene chili powder

1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin

1/2 teaspoon salt

Cut chicken into 1/2-inch cubes.

Spray large, deep pot or saucepan with nonstick cooking spray. Heat over medium-high.

Add chicken; cook 2 minutes, stirring frequently.

Add onion, peppers and garlic. Cook 5 minutes longer, stirring occasionally. Add remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 20 to 30 minutes or until chicken is done (internal temperature of 170°F).

Serving Suggestion: Top individual servings of chili with sour cream. Serve with mixed green salad and hot tortillas or tortilla chips.

Refrigerate leftovers or freeze in a tightly sealed, nonmetallic container or freezer bag.

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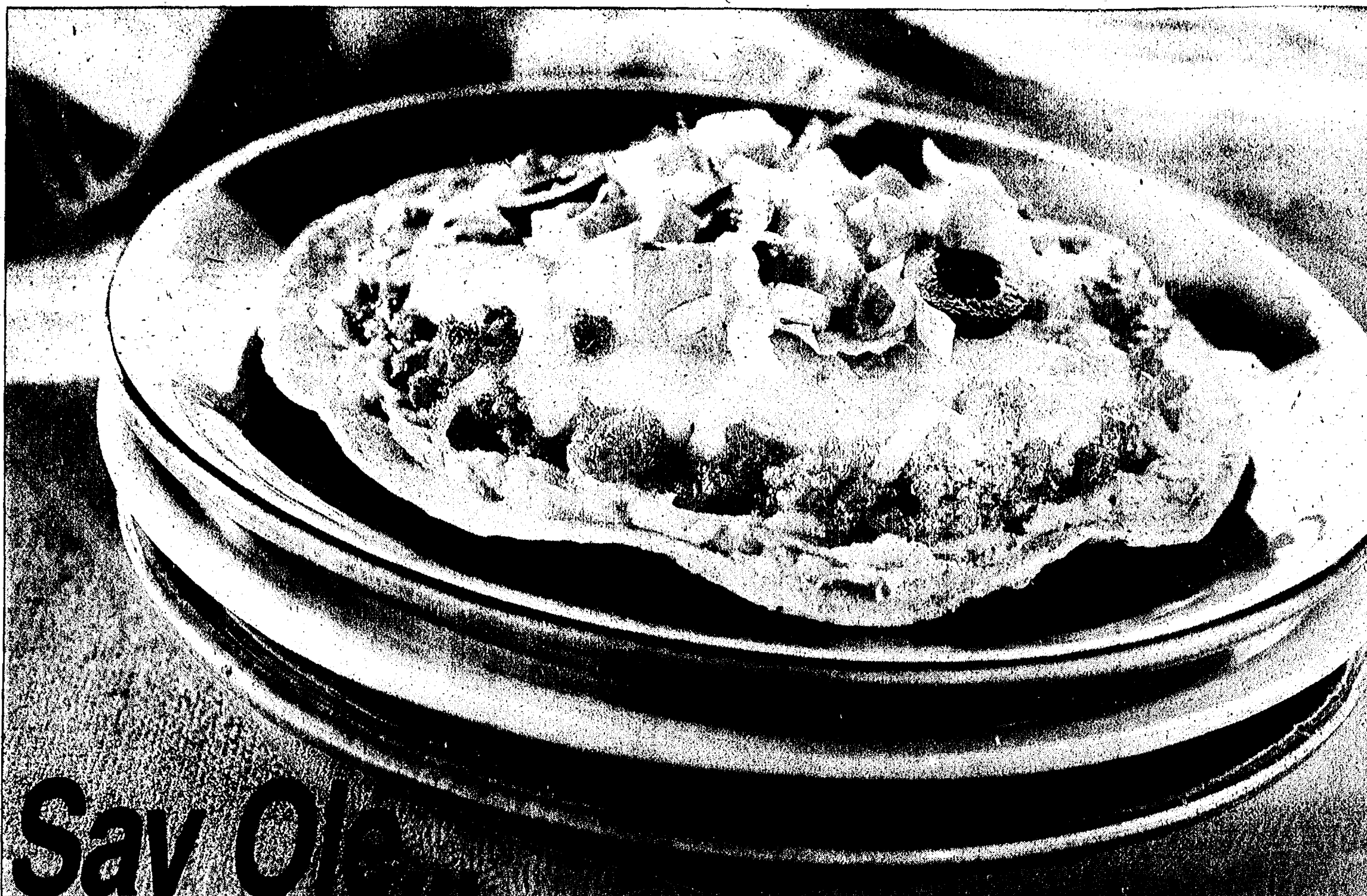
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Mexican Pizza

Prep Time: 15 minutes / **Cook Time:** 10 minutes
Makes 10 servings
1/2 pound (8 ounces) ground beef
3/4 cup water
1 package (1.25 ounces) Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix
1 can (16 ounces) Ortega Refried Beans
1 package Ortega Tostada Shells
2 cups (8 ounces) shredded nacho and taco blend cheese
Shredded lettuce, sliced olives, sliced avocado, chopped cilantro, sliced green onions, chopped tomatoes and sour cream
Brown beef, drain. Stir in water and seasoning mix. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring occasionally, 5 to 6 minutes or until mixture is thickened. Spread refried beans on each tostada shell. Top with some meat mixture and some cheese. Broil for 1 to 2 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Garnish with desired toppings.

Mexican Whole Wheat Snack Wraps

Prep Time: 10 minutes / **Start to Finish:** 1 hour
Makes 8 wraps
2 packets (1.25 ounces each) Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix, divided
1 cup mayonnaise
4 frozen hamburger patties (4 to 6 ounces each), thawed
1 cup water
8 1/2-inch Ortega Whole Wheat Soft Tortillas
1 large tomato, sliced
1 cup shredded lettuce
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
Ortega Taco Sauce, any variety
Combine 1 packet seasoning mix and mayonnaise; mix well. Set aside. Place hamburger patties in small casserole dish. Combine water and remaining 1 packet seasoning mix; pour over hamburgers. Cover; marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes. Preheat grill until piping hot, about 15 minutes. Remove meat from marinade; discard marinade. Place on grill; cook to desired doneness. Remove from grill; cut hamburgers in half. Spread taco mayonnaise on tortillas. Place 1 hamburger half on top half of each tortilla. Add tomato, lettuce and cheese. Fold bottom half of tortilla over filling; fold sides toward center, leaving top open. Serve warm with taco sauce.

Tip: To satisfy every appetite, feel free to substitute frozen turkey, chicken or veggie burgers for hamburgers.

Taco Lasagna

Prep Time: 25 minutes / **Cook Time:** 1 hour
Makes 4 to 6 servings
1 pound lean ground beef
1 cup water
1 packet (1.25 ounces) Ortega 40% Less Sodium Taco Seasoning Mix
1 can (4 ounces) Ortega Fire Roasted Diced Green Chiles
1 cup frozen chopped onion
1 container (16 ounces) ricotta cheese
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro (plus more for garnish optional)
1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes
1 jar (16 ounces) Ortega Thick & Chunky Medium Salsa
1/4 cup Ortega Thick & Smooth Mild Taco Sauce
1 box (12 count) Ortega Yellow Corn Taco Shells or Whole Grain Corn Taco Shells
3 cups Mexican blend shredded cheese

In medium skillet over medium-high heat, brown ground beef, stirring often. Drain fat.

Add water, taco seasoning, green chiles, and onion. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes.

In medium bowl, stir together ricotta cheese, eggs and cilantro.

In second medium bowl, stir together tomatoes, salsa and taco sauce.

Preheat oven to 400°F. In a deep 9 x 13-inch baking dish, spread one-quarter of sauce on bottom of dish.

Place layer of corn taco shells into pan. Top with one-half of ricotta mixture, one-half ground beef, 1 cup shredded cheese, one-quarter sauce, and another tortilla.

Repeat layers with remaining ingredients. Top final layer with shells, sauce and cheese.

Cover with foil and bake for 45 minutes. Remove foil and bake an additional 15 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand 10 minutes before slicing. Serve hot, garnished with fresh cilantro.

— Family Features

VILLAGE OF DEXTER-VILLAGE COUNCIL NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Village of Dexter Village Council has adopted amendments to the following Articles of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance:

Article 5, Parking and Loading - The Village Council approved significant amendments to Article 5, Parking and Loading, of the Village of Dexter Zoning Ordinance. Amendments included, but are not limited to:

Section 5.01A, provisions for Planning Commission review of parking within the front yard have been added, Section 5.07 Off Street Loading and Unloading, height clearance for loading spaces has been removed and the loading and unloading minimum space requirements table has been amended, Section 5.10 Access Management provisions have been added from Article 16B, Dexter Ann Arbor Road Corridor and Article 15D, Baker Road Corridor provisions.

The amendments will be effective August 29, 2012.

Information regarding the proposed ordinance amendments 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, or abishop@villageofdexter.org. Minutes of all meetings are available at Village Offices and on the Village website.

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CITY OF CHELSEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE SALE OF PROPERTY - OLD POLICE STATION

The Chelsea City Council will hold a Public Hearing to receive public comment on a proposed consideration of sale of property - 104 E. Middle St. will be on held Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom of the Chelsea Police Station, 311 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City Clerk at the Chelsea City Office, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea, MI 48118 or telephone 734 475-1771 no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

Terri Royal
City Clerk

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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, 905 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

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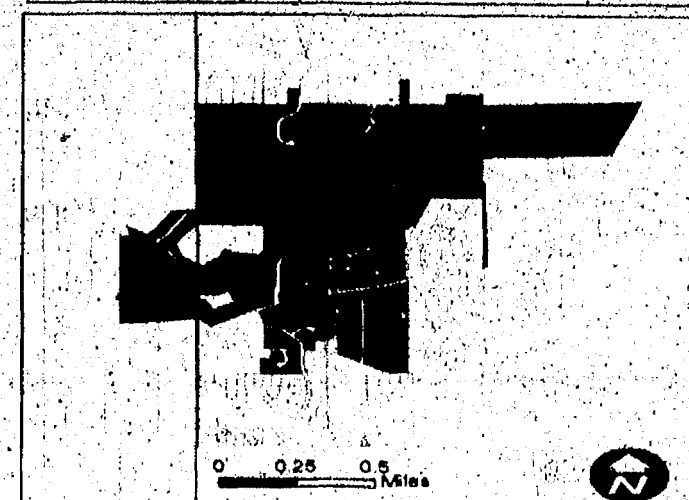
have protested the special assessment in person.

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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Washtenaw Food Hub to participate in statewide network

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

The Washtenaw Food Hub is one of several that will be part of a statewide network being developed throughout the next three years.

To help develop the Michigan Food Hub Learning and Innovation Network, The Kresge Foundation, a private foundation aimed at improving quality of life through its support of nonprofit organizations, awarded a \$450,000 grant to the Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems.

Food hubs are businesses or organizations that manage the aggregation, distribution and marketing of primarily local or regional food products.

Washtenaw's food hub is located on a 16-acre property with six agricultural buildings, a large historic house and a 3-acre pond. It aims to be a place for farmers to store, process and distribute healthy local food.

"A lot of what we're thinking about is renovation and taking care of the property in a way it hasn't been taken care of in a long time, and making it a place where people can see how food grows and how to turn it into a meal," said Kim Bayer, project manager at the hub.

The county has several new farms in the works, so hub officials hope to work with those farmers to reach new markets.

It also aims to be a place where the community can participate and learn who the farmers are in their community.

Though it's still in its planning stages, events are hosted at the hub throughout the year. Officials hope to start aggregating and processing food at the facility by the beginning of next year, she said.

CRFS will join food hubs along with regional and state leaders and organizations in the network. Goals include increasing food hubs' access to technical and financial resources, increasing business-to-business collaboration, expanding access to healthy foods in underserved communities and identifying best practices in food hub development.

"This network will really help facilitate relationships that allow food hubs to learn from one another, which is so important to our growth," Jane Bush, co-founder of the Four Seasons Produce Co-op and business development specialist for the Food System Economic Partnership in Ann Arbor, stated in a press release. "It's also very inspiring to see our state aligning with the national food hub movement and working to provide resources at this critical point in food hub development."

Bayer said she has attended three meetings regarding the network and liked the collaborative nature.

"That sort of communication or commitment from a higher level leader in state government was something that was very encouraging to me," she said.

Bayer is hopeful everyone will work collaboratively in ways to support the re-invention of Michigan's economy.

"At the meeting, it was really a fantastic opportunity to hear all of the different projects going on through the state. That sort of ability to share information is so helpful," she said.

The meetings were also an opportunity to learn who the key players are in food hubs throughout the state, she said.

To date, she has visited Grand Rapids to see its FarmLink program, as well as the West Michigan Cooperative. In recent weeks, officials from another food hub came to visit the Washtenaw County facility to share information about what they are working on.

Most are in the beginning planning stages, with the exception of Detroit, which is further along than most, she said.

"Even though most food hub projects look different, most of us have really similar goals," she said.

The Kresge Foundation's grant adds to the state's \$1.95 million Value-added/Regional Food Systems grant

program, administered by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The program offers grants to establish, retain, expand, attract and/or develop value added agricultural processing and/or develop regional food systems by enhancing or facilitating aggregation and distribution of Michigan-grown agricultural products.

Washtenaw's Food Hub is in the process of applying for

that grant. Additional support for developing the statewide network is provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

For more information, visit washtenawfoodhub.com.

Staff Writer Amy Bell can be reached at 429-7380 or abell@heritage.com. Text HERNews and HERWeather to 22700 to receive news and weather alerts to your cellphone. Msg and data rates may apply. Text STOP to cancel.



Photo courtesy of Kim Bayer

Local gardener, rapper and cyclist Lucas DiGlia organized a Harvest by Bike for the EcoRide that stopped at the Washtenaw Food Hub in June. The Washtenaw Food Hub will be part of a statewide network being developed throughout the next three years. Food hubs are businesses that manage the aggregation, distribution and marketing of local or regional food products.

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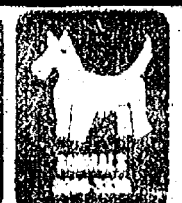
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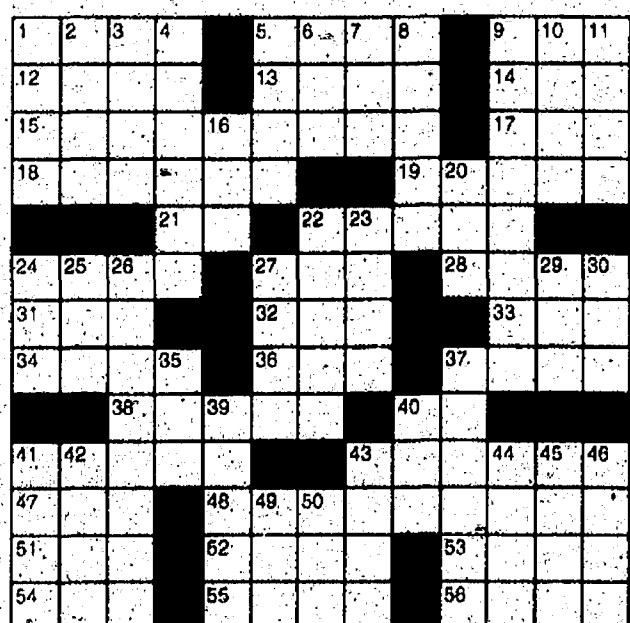
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**PITTSFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
HEARING NOTICE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
ZBA #12-01 Anchor Construction**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a regular meeting of the
Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Pittsfield Township
Administration Building, located at 6201 West Michigan Avenue
in said Township on Monday, August 27, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.

At this meeting, the Zoning Board of Appeals will consider and
hold a public hearing on the following matter:

**ZBA #12-01, Anchor Construction, 4085 Meghan Beeler
Court, South Bend, IN, 46628,** request a variance to the pro-
visions of the Zoning Ordinance of Pittsfield Township, Article 51;
Section 51.01 F.2, to allow for development of a parking lot
within the front yard setback, for the parcel known as #L-12-16-
101-003, located at 4080 Varsity Drive, in the northeast 1/4 of
Section 16.

More specific information may be obtained at the office of the
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p.m.

Any person having interest in said Township, or their duly ap-
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This notice is in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 (as amend-
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Alan Israel, Clerk
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2012 Riverbank, 8/10 & 11,
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MILAN: 19834 Redman Rd.
Thurs-Sat., 9-6pm. Yard Sale!
Most items \$1.

RIVERVIEW 14238 Berkshire,
Fri & Sat, Aug. 10-11; 8-5p.
Lots of household, baby stuff,
port-a-crib, baby swings, toys,
boys clothes, infant-18 mos.
Jr/Misses clothes, formal
dresses, everything exc. cond.
Electronics, electric guitar.

RIVERVIEW 18042 Koester
Sat 8/11, 9am-3pm
Handyman Items, Storage
Containers, Toys & More

SALINE: 1265 E Michigan Ave
east of downtown, 8/10 & 11,
9-5pm; NO EARLYBIRDS
restored Pony Buggy & more

SALINE - 708 Whittier Ct. Aug. 10
& 11; Fri. 9-5p, Sat. 9am - ? Big
multi family yard sale. Lots of
household & toys, some collectibles,
70s Record Albums.

SOUTHGATE 12972 Wesley
8/10 - 8/11, 9am-4pm *
Boys Captain Bed, Hunting &
Fishing, Shotgun, Muzzle
Loader, M1 Garand, M1 Car-
bine, Household, Camera

Southgate: 13180 Peach;
Aug. 10-11, 9-4pm. Furniture &
Electronics.

SOUTHGATE 13413 Chestnut;
Aug. 10-12, 9-5pm. MOVING!
Tons of great stuff to get rid of.

SOUTHGATE 17302 Autumn
Lane (So. of Eureka, between
Allen & Rebeck) Moving Sale
8/10 - 8/12, 10am-6pm

SOUTHGATE 18455 Leroy Fri,
Aug. 10, 9a-3p. Huge Moving
Sale! Something for everyone!

SOUTHGATE 4 fam. yard sale,
12347 Agnes. Aug. 9-11, 9-4
p.m.; a MUST see.
Too much to list!

SOUTHGATE: Annual Corner-
stone Sub Sale, Dix & Pennsylv-
ania Rds. Home furnishings,
kids & adult clothing, toys &
much more! Aug. 10-11 (Friday
& Saturday), 9a.m.-4p.m.

TAYLOR - 11604 Golfcrest Dr.;
Aug. 8-11; 9-5pm; Charter
Oaks Sub, btw Beech Daly and
Goddard. 2-family sale!

TAYLOR, 24369 Rosewood
Avenue, Estate Sale, 8/11/12,
10am-6pm See craigslist.org

TAYLOR Aug. 9 & 10, Thurs.
& Fri., (Saturday, if it rains).
9-3p. 23342 Hayes, 2 family,
furniture, clothes, household,
misc.

TRENTON: 2743 Webster
HUGE Garage Sale, Aug. 9-10,
9a-3p. Antiques, tools, toys,
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WILLIS: Yard Sale, 9921
Ricka Lane, N. Talladay, off
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WYANDOTTE: 3313 11th St. &
Eureka. Aug. 8-10; 9a-5p. Large
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Foreclosures**1051**

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TACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW. Notice under
MCL 600.3278: Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is
sold at a foreclosure sale under MCL 600.3201 et. seq., the
borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the prop-
erty at the mortgage foreclosure sale or the mortgage holder for
damaging the property during the redemption period. ATTEN-
TION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE:
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foreclosure sale, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor by
merger to Bank One, NA may rescind this sale at any time prior to
the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if
any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at
the sale, plus interest. Default having occurred in the conditions of
a Mortgage made by Nasrat M. Kallabat and Amira Kallabat, hus-
band and wife, ("Mortgagor") to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., suc-
cessor by merger to Bank One, NA ("JPMorgan"), dated April 8, 2002,
and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Wayne in the
State of Michigan on April 23, 2002, in Liber 36015, Page(s)
839, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of
the date of this Notice the sum of \$24,341.27, which amount may
or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Debtors to JPMorgan
together with interest at 12.25 percent per annum. NOW THEREFORE,
Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage
has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on
September 6, 2012 at 1:00 p.m., inside the Jefferson entrance at
the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, that being the place for
holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure
sales for the County of Wayne, there will be offered at public
sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said
Mortgage as follows, to-wit: LAND SITUATED IN THE CITY OF
LIVONIA, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS
DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOTS 14 AND 15 EXCEPT THAT
PART DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: AS BEGINNING AT THE
SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 14 AND PROCEEDING
THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID
LOT 14, 120 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT
14; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID
LOT 14, 4 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY, 123.19 FEET
TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 15, DIS-
TANT 30 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID
LOT 14; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF
SAID LOTS 14 AND 15, 30 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGIN-
NING, AND ALL OF LOTS 16, 17, 18 AND 19, GOLDEN
RIDGE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF
RECORDED IN LIBER 57 OF PLATS, PAGE 18, WAYNE
COUNTY RECORDS. The redemption period shall be six (6)
months unless the property is established to be abandoned pur-
suant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period
shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fif-
teen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL
600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed, or unless under MCL
600.3240(17), prior to the foreclosure sale the borrower follows
the procedure set forth in that section to establish the presump-
tion that the property is used for Agricultural purposes, in which
case the redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date
of the sale. Dated: August 2, 2012 JPMorgan Chase Bank,
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any in-
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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by
MATTHEW L. WRIGHT and JESSICA WRIGHT, husband and
wife (collectively, "Mortgagor"), to GREENSTONE FARM
CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation,
having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan
48823 (the "Mortgage"), dated July 19, 2005, and recorded in
the Office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw County,
Michigan on July 29, 2005, in Liber 4496, Page 130 (the "Morti-
gage"). Jessica Wright has conveyed the mortgaged property
to Matthew L. Wright, subject to the Mortgage, and is not oblig-
ated to pay the debt secured by the Mortgage. By reason of
such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby de-
clares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and pay-
able forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness se-
cured by the Mortgage.

As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for prin-
cipal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Six-
ty-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 con-
tained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and
provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as pro-
vided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses,
including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and in-
surance 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, Michi-
gan on Thursday the 23rd day of August, 2012, at ten o'clock in
the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situ-
ated in the Township of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of
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East, Dexter Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, de-
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minutes 50 seconds West 1055.03 feet and North 02 degrees
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ner of Section 3, and proceeding thence North 02 degrees 42
minutes 17 seconds West 489.37 feet; thence South 59 de-
grees 13 minutes 42 seconds East 4

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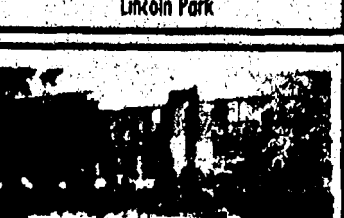
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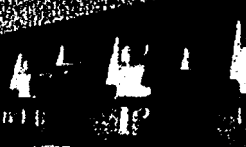
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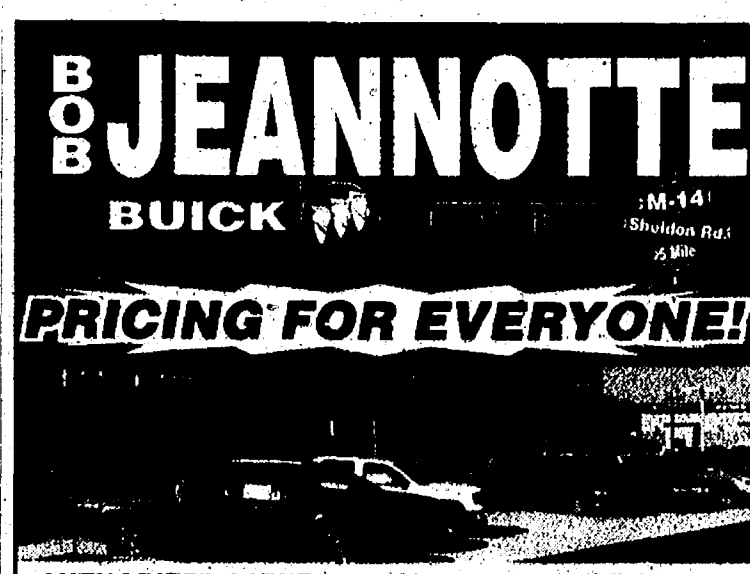
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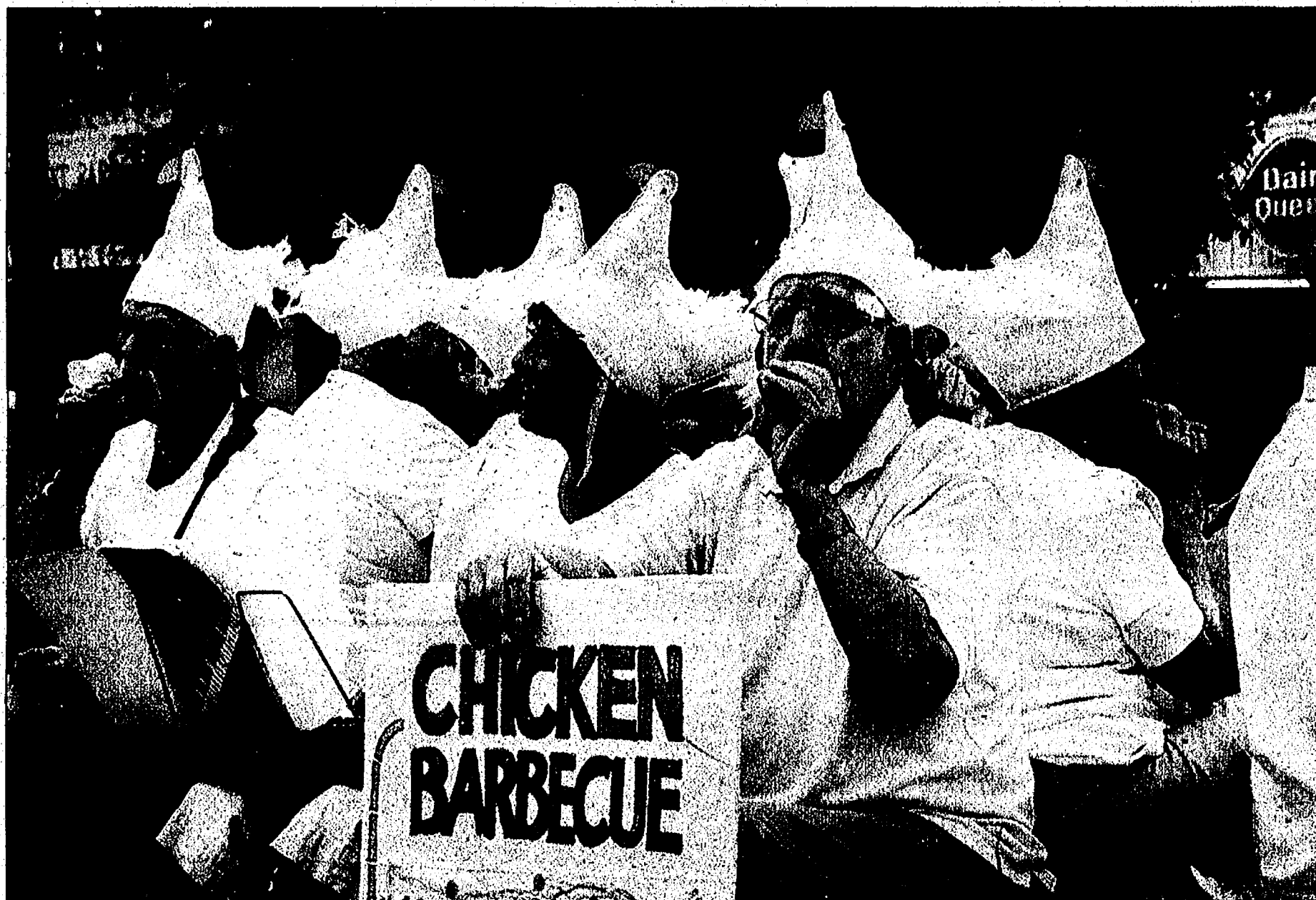
By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Prior to 1971, Dexter Daze was known as "Sidewalk Days," launched by the McLeod family, owners of McLeod Pharmacy. Merchants displayed goods for purchase on the sidewalk in front of their businesses.

In 1972, Elaine Owsley and Nancy McLeod began chairing the first "Discover Dexter Days" for the Dexter Chamber of Commerce. The event was held Aug. 4 and 5 and included old-time movies, a pie-baking contest, square dancing, a parade and much more.

In 1973, several events were added and an ad in the Chelsea Standard highlighted "Dexter Days Specials" submitted by the local IGA. Many more Main Street Merchants participated in the festivities including:

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- A card and gift shop operated by the Arnolds
- Coin Laundry
- Dancer's
- Detroit Edison Office
- Goodyear's Outpost
- Hackney Hardware
- 7 M's Bar, which preceded the Waters Pub and the Dexter Pub
- LaRosa's Confectionary, Soda Fountain and Bar
- LaVallie's Drug Store
- Needle Nook
- Penny's TV Repair
- Sportsman's Bar
- Weber's Furniture
- Steeb's Meat Market



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St. James congregation members promote their chicken barbecue while providing some lighthearted entertainment during last year's Dexter Day.

In 1974, "Dexter's Sesquicentennial" replaced "Discover Dexter Days" and the festival greatly enlarged. Discussions emerged about "Days or Daze."

From 1975 until today, "Dexter Daze" has occurred every year and has developed an event that includes more than 100 booths of artisans and crafters, free entertainment for the whole family and a sense of "community."

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DEXTER DAZE

History buffs will enjoy Gordon Hall, other sites

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

Gordon Hall, built in the early 1840s, will be open to visitors from 12 to 3:30 p.m. on the Saturday of Dexter Daze, and a historic Union baseball game is set for 1 p.m.

The Greek Revival antebellum home was built for Samuel W. Dexter, for whom

the village is named. He came to Michigan from New York as a land speculator in the 1820s, founded the village of Dexter, served as chief justice of the Washtenaw County Court and was an elected University of Michigan Regent.

Gordon Hall, named for his mother, Catherine Gordon Dexter, is said to have served as a refuge for

slaves on the Underground Railroad.

The house, designed and built by Calvin Fillmore, brother of U.S. President Millard Fillmore, and Sylvester Newkirk, contained 22 rooms, nine fireplaces, and 55 windows.

After Judge Dexter died in 1863, his wife continued to live at Gordon Hall until her death in 1899. The home

was sold and used as a rental property.

In 1938, Katherine Dexter McCormick, granddaughter and last surviving ancestor of Judge Dexter, bought the estate — her birthplace in 1875 — and engaged Professor Emil Lorch of the U of M College of Architecture to oversee the restoration.

In 1950, she offered Gordon Hall and 70 acres

of property surrounding it as a gift to the U of M, with the understanding that the estate would be preserved as a landmark.

Dexter Daze visitors will also enjoy guided tours of historic Forest Lawn Cemetery, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday. The cemetery is the last resting place of Judge Dexter and his second wife Millicent, Civil

War hero Colonel Harrison Jeffords, killed in 1863 at Gettysburg and Calvin Fillmore, among many others.

The Dexter Area Museum, housed in the former St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, a historic structure built in 1883, will host a Quilt Show and Antique Yard Sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

Dexter Daze offers a great lineup of entertainers and family fun

The 40th annual Dexter Daze will feature more than 100 booths of artisans and crafters along with free entertainment for the whole family!

Friday, Aug. 10

- 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Arts & Crafts Booths
- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Historical Museum
Quilt Show & Antique
Yard Sale
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Merchant Sales
- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Richard Paul: ventriloquist
- 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Little Smilin' Choo Choo
- 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Social Tent
- 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Kevin Devine
- 1 to 3 p.m.
Dexter Area Museum
open
- 2 to 3 p.m.
Colors the Clown
- 3 p.m.
Fly Casting Demo
Mill Creek Park

- 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Sweet Adelines/Voices
in Harmony
- 4:30 to 8 p.m.
Swiss Steak Fry
American Legion
- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Spur 9: country music
- 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Tour Forest Lawn
Cemetery with a guide
from the Historical Society
- 6 p.m.
Fly Casting Demo
Mill Creek Park
- 8 to 11 p.m.
Laith al-Saadi

Saturday, Aug. 11

- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Farmers Market on
Alpine Street
- 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Colors the Clown
- 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Arts & Crafts Booths
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Dexter Library book
sale
- 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Historical Museum
Quilt Show & Antique
Yard Sale

- 10 to 11 a.m.
Dexter Daze Parade
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Merchant Sales
- 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Little Smilin' Choo
Choo
- 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Social Tent
- 10:30 a.m. until gone
Chicken Bar-B-Q
St. James Church
- 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Colors the Clown
- 12 to 3:30 p.m.
Gordon Hall tours

- 12 p.m.
Fly Casting Demo
Mill Creek Park
- 12 p.m.
Horseshoe tournament
First Street Park
- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Jeff Wawrzaszek: magician
- 1 p.m.
Union Baseball
Gordon Hall
- 1 to 7 p.m.
Pole vaulting at
American Legion

- 2 to 3 p.m.
Orchid: local young rock
band
- 3 p.m.
Fly Casting Demo
Mill Creek Park

- 3:30 to 5 p.m.
Dexter Orchestra
- 5:30 to 7 p.m.
RFD Boys: bluegrass
- 6 p.m.
Fly Casting Demo
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Dexter Daze features variety of entertainers

By Sheila Pursglove
Special Writer

On Friday, Dexter Dazers will enjoy family fun from ventriloquist and "funny puppet guy" Richard Paul, children's musician Kevin Devine, and the ever-popular Colors the Clown who will bring her brand of comedy, clowning and petting zoo to Saturday's fun as well.

Friday revelers will enjoy harmonies from the Sweet Adelines, country music from Spur 9 and rock and blues from Laith Al-Saadi.

Saturday's entertainment includes magician Jeff Wawrzaszek, the local young rock band Orchid, variety from the Dexter orchestra, bluegrass from the RFD Boys and R&B from Bugs Beddow.

Bugs Beddow Band

Bugs Beddow has shared the stage with Spyro Gyra, Earl Klugh, Blood, Sweat, & Tears, Christian McBride, Boz Scaggs, Robert Cray and Eddie Money as well as providing music to award-winning Chelsea actor Jeff Daniels over the last 10 years.

The Inkster native can also be found on numerous recordings with artists like Mitch Ryder and Earl Klugh. In 2010, he played trombone in the movie, "Ancient Evenings," based on a book by Norman Mailer. In 1992, he was in the movie "Hoffa" with Jack Nicholson, Danny DeVito and Armand Asante.

Beddow plays the trombone, and his band plays trombone-driven rhythm & blues and funk.

The band has won the Detroit Music Awards for Best R&B Band five times. "I fondly remember



Bugs Beddow Band

going to the Dexter Cider Mill with my family as a kid and am really looking forward to playing at Dexter Daze this year," Beddow said.

Laith Al-Saadi

Singer, guitarist, bassist, songwriter, bandleader and more, Laith Al-Saadi has been a staple of the local music scene for most of his adult life. Born and raised in Ann Arbor, he began singing at age 4 and began playing guitar at 13.

At 15, he formed his first blues band Blue Vinyl, and by the time he was 18 had opened for blues greats like Buddy Guy, Luther Allison, Son Seals, Taj Mahal and toured the Netherlands.

He earned a degree in

jazz guitar and bass from the University of Michigan. During his college years, he was a member of the Johnny Trudell Orchestra and freelanced with many Detroit greats like Thornetta Davis, Jocelyn B and The Reefermen.

In 2004 Al-Saadi was lead singer/guitarist of the Detroit Lions pep band.

Since 2000, he has enjoyed growing success and can generally be found playing gigs around the Detroit and Ann Arbor areas at least five nights per week. He also has opened for artists like Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Leon Russell, Robben Ford, Johnny Winter, Hubert Sumlin, Olu Dara, Ten Years After, Mountain, The Yardbirds and - most nota-

bly - BB King at the House of Blues in Chicago in 2006.

In 2006, Al-Saadi was crowned "King of the Blues" for the Northern Region of the United States by Guitar Center.

His first release, "Long Time Coming," is a collection of original songs that received rave reviews by the Ann Arbor News, Metro Times, Current Magazine and Detroit News. In January 2009 he released his second solo effort, "In the Round."

He also won "Coolest Blues Song of 2010" in Big City Blues Magazine and the "Mojo Boogie" award for being the most outstanding jammer on the Legendary Rhythm & Blues Cruise in October 2010.

The RFD Boys

The RFD Boys - "The house band of Michigan bluegrass" - have been delighting Ann Arbor audiences since 1969 with musicianship and between-song humor.

The band comprises guitarist and lead singer Charlie Roehrig, Paul Shapiro on bass and high harmonies and Will Spencer on baritone, banjo and Dobro.

In October 1969, when the RFD Boys played their first concert together, they were still University of Michigan students, and

bluegrass was unknown here.

Though they turned their degrees into full-time, offstage careers, their music has taken them all over Michigan and the Midwest and as far away as Germany, France and Malta. In the last three decades they've shared stages with such greats as Bill Monroe and Ralph Stanley to Ricky Skaggs and Randy Travis.

"I've lost track of the number of years we have been playing Dexter Daze, and it's always been one of our favorite gigs," Roehrig said. "This year will be different as we lost our founder, fiddler and emcee, Dick Dieterle, to cancer last February. We had a wonderful show honoring his memory at the Ark on June 30. That show was also a release party for his final CD of original fiddle tunes, and we will have some with us at Dexter Daze.

"We'll be carrying on with the help of David Mosher, a close member of the RFD family who recorded Dick's CD and contributed a large share of the instrumental tracks.

"As an added Dexter Daze attraction, we will have Peter Knupfer joining us on fiddle. So we'll have a big band sound and lots of twin fiddling. All we need is for the weather to cooperate!"

Voices in Harmony/Sweet Adelines

The Voices in Harmony Chorus, under the direction of Lynne Peirce, is an award-winning chapter of Sweet Adelines International, a worldwide singing organization for women.

The group includes Dexter resident Theresa Briggs. "Every year as I drive through the downtown area during Dexter Daze, I find myself wishing our group was performing on the gazebo. It's such an idyllic summertime venue," Briggs said. "I'm really looking forward to it!"


Since 1975, the chorus has provided southeastern Michigan with a cappella and barbershop harmony through performance, education and community service.

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Over the past 10 years, the reputation of the chorus has grown regionally and nationally with an invitation to perform at the National Festival of States in Washington, D.C.

The Dexter Daze performance is called "The Soundtrack of Summer" and will include "Up, Up and Away," "Happy Together," "Hernando's Hideaway," "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," "Fit as a Fiddle," "Chordbusters," "Where Everybody Knows Your Name," "Lazy Day," and "Happy Trails."

In addition to the chorus, one of the group's quartets, Center Stage - featuring Carole Caldwell (tenor), Kathy Sanderson (lead), Brenda Bernhardsen (baritone), and Ginny Cole (bass) - will perform.

Children's musician Kevin Devine

Kevin Devine, an award-winning singer, songwriter and recording artist specializing in family concerts, says Dexter Daze is always one of the highlights of his summer.

"I've been busy with shows all over Michigan and Ohio this summer, so I'll be good and warmed up when I'm in Dexter," he said.

"The best thing about Dexter Daze is there is something for everyone - kids, adults, grandparents - everyone! And I try to do the same with my music - although the focus is on participatory music for children, I try to include plenty of songs that the whole family will enjoy. And this year I won't forget to sing my 'Dexter Daze' song."

"Dexter Daze isn't just a Dexter thing, as I've found out over the years - I



Richard Paul

bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University, lives in Ann Arbor with his wife and sons.

Ventriloquist and "funny puppet guy" Richard Paul

Paul, who has traveled the world throwing his voice and leaving a phonetic fun-filled imprint, is making his fourth appearance at Dexter Daze.

In addition to his regular cast of characters and outrageous audience participation, Paul's new chicken friend Henrietta will keep his audience laughing and amazed with her comical wit and hilarious stunts.

Paul, who holds a bachelor's degree from Oakland University in Communications and

Marketing, is an award-winning educational speaker and author. He has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, The Detroit News, Fox News and was part of a national bully prevention expert panel on Voice America.

At age 11, he taught himself ventriloquism and at 12, began to sharpen his business and presentation skills by producing and marketing a weekly show in his parent's garage. He would charge 10 cents to get in and 25 cents to get out.

In his early years Paul worked at Sears as a credit authorizer and performed ventriloquist shows and puppet shows throughout Michigan.

When he decided to leave and start his own entertainment company, his company grew and so did his conference keynote speaking engagements and ventriloquist shows.

Paul also is a school assembly and educational conference presenter with a passion for bully prevention education.

He is a published author and member of International Bully Prevention Association, Association for Conflict Resolution, National Self Esteem Association, Michigan PTA, Michigan Education Association, and charter member and former president of the Central Macomb Optimist Club.

Paul, who entertains thousands at festivals, fairs, corporate and private events, has performed in Japan, at Harrah's and the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas. He has worked with entertainers like KC and The Sunshine Band, The Contours, Danny and the Juniors, The Reflections

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smiling because he
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DEXTER DAZE

ENTERTAIN

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and Garfield.

An active member of the International Ventriloquist Association, and North American Association of Ventriloquist, he has received an honorary membership in the Japanese Ventriloquist Association.

He is also a member of the National Speakers Association and on the board of directors of The National Speakers Association Michigan Chapter as well as Very Special Arts Michigan/Macomb Chapter.

Colors the Clown

A perennial favorite at local fairs and festivals, Colors the Clown burst onto the scene in early-1992, providing family entertainment throughout Michigan.

An artist by trade, she has developed her talents into a living cartoon, performing more than 250 shows per year with her whimsical blend of clowning, magic, face painting and a petting zoo.

Colors, who spent four years performing as a Royal Hanneford Circus clown, is in her 20th year at Dexter Daze, the longest running entertainer at the event.

Spur 9

The Spur 9 Band plays a wide variety of country music and may sprinkle in some classic rock, blues, rock-a-billy and some R&B as well as songs for the two-steppers, Texas swingers and line dancers.

Bass guitarist Rick Lee started bands in his teens and played original rock and metal around southeast Michigan for 15 years. He was also a studio musician at Studio 814 in Inkster in the early 1990s doing tracking for various local artists



Colors the Clown

and tracking bass for radio and TV commercials.

His bands have been on bills with Bruce Dickens, Accept, Arcade, Quiet Riot, Motorhead, Lifehouse, Nazereth and others as well as numerous radio shows and PBS shows.

He did stints in classic rock/modern rock/pop rock with The Cohort Band, Billy Mack and Sugar Trampoline in the late 90s through 2007, and signed on as the bass player for Billy Mack & The Juke Joint Johnnies to learn a new style of music and work on upright bass chops. In 2010 he decided to give country music a try and joined Spur 9.

Dan Chisolm, drums and vocals, began playing drums at the age of 9. At 15 he joined a rock and blues band and began playing weddings and parties.

After moving to Arkansas he joined a newgrass band and played all

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over northern Arkansas and southern Missouri for three years until he relocated to Michigan, where he landed the gig as drummer for the West Texas Wind Band. The band shared bills with country music icons such as David Allen Coe, John Barry, Martin Del Ray, Merle Haggard and Waylon Jennings.

Chisolm played in a few different bands over the next couple years. In the

early summer of 2010 he met bassist Rick Lee and began the Spur 9 Band project.

Mark Hoffman, lead vocals, hails from upstate New York. His musical spectrum was broadened by college friends that introduced him to Motown, oldies and other kinds of classic rock, and he was invited to join the a capella group, The Dutch Pipers.

After college, Hoffman relocated to Michigan and began visiting local clubs that were hosting karaoke nights. He became a popular performer and came to the attention of Spur 9.

Josh Koch, lead and rhythm guitar, is a Michigan native schooled in many styles of guitar playing. His country music influence was fostered by his late grandfather, who was a performing country musician. Koch also performs original rock/pop influenced music with the

Something Strange band in the Ann Arbor/Ypsi area.

Kevin Winters, lead guitar, rhythm guitar, and vocals, is an Ann Arbor native and veteran guitar man who's been playing for more than 30 years, most recently with Billy Mack and The 4Fi Band playing everything from classic rock, modern rock, rock-a-billy, blues and country. He was most recently on the bill with Eddie Money in 2010.

Magician Jeff Wawrzaszek from A2 Magic

Jeff Wawrzaszek, one of Michigan's most popular and experienced magicians, has been entertaining audiences for more than 40 years and has presented his A2 Magic Show in most of the 50 states, as well as overseas to more than 13,500 audiences.

Wawrzaszek, who has received numerous awards from his fellow magicians for excellence in magic, will bring plenty of laughter,

fun and amazing magic to the Gazebo Stage with his award-winning magic show.

Orchid

This young local band was launched in 2010, featuring Graham Low on drums and lead vocals, Chad Bousley on electric guitar and backing vocals, and Biscuit Hayes on bass and backup vocals.

Launched at a Student Produced Artistic Collaborative Events (SPACE) club Jam Session, the band plays a variety of different genres, from funk to jazz to classic rock. The band has played at Foggy Bottom in Dexter several times and at grad parties and other events.

After winning the battle of the bands at Foggy Bottom in 2010, the band opened for the popular cover band Echoes of Pink Floyd in a concert at the Dexter High School Center for the Performing Arts.

The band's influences include Red Hot Chili Peppers, Flea, Victor Wooten, Chris Wolstenholme, and Jesse Walker.

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Parade set for Saturday, Aug. 11

The Dexter Daze Parade will get under way at 10 a.m. Aug. 11, with Parade Grand Marshals Elaine Owsley and Nancy McLeod, who were the 1972 inaugural organizers of the annual summer fun in Dexter.

Those taking part in the parade need to be lined up by 9:45 a.m.

Police, fire, color guard and the grand marshal will line up on Inverness near Dexter-Ann Arbor Road; dignitaries and members of the Village Council on Inverness south of Forest; band members on Forest facing west between Inverness and Kensington; classic cars on Kensington and Grand; floats and special interest groups on Forest facing east towards Inverness; and horses and tractors in the school parking lot south of Grand.



Dexter Community Schools students participate in last year's Dexter Daze Parade.

Arts and crafts, business booths offered on both days of festival

Dexter Daze offers two full days of arts and crafts booths, running from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The line up of artisans includes:

Accents by Agatha
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American Doll Clothing
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Studies from Nature
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Susan Falcone
Sweet Bells and Bows
Thirty One Gifts
Victor Banta Photography
YogaPro

Visitors can also check out a variety of business and community booths, including:

A & W
Ann Arbor News
Ann Arbor Trout Unlimited
Arbonne International
Borer Family Chiropractic
Bounce Away Moonwalks
Chelsea Hearth & Fireplaces
Children's Orchard
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Dexter Area Chamber of Commerce

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Dexter Community Orchestra
Dexter Daze Headquarters
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Remember to buy raffle tickets

Feeling lucky? Then be sure to get your raffle tickets for these two great drawings.

Dexter Rotary Playhouse Raffle

The annual Dexter Rotary Playhouse raffle has featured models of historic buildings in Dexter since 2000. Proceeds have gone to Dexter High School scholarships and other community projects.

Tickets cost \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 and are sold at area merchants.

The drawing will take place 7 p.m. Aug. 11 at the gazebo.

Last year's winning ticket belonged to Renee and Glen Wiczorek of Dexter, who won the play-

house for their daughter Lindsey.

Dexter Kiwanis Raffle

Hurry, there will only be 3,000 tickets sold for this exciting raffle.

Tickets cost \$10 or 5 tickets for \$40 and offer a grand prize of \$10,000, 2nd prize of \$1,000 and 3rd prize of \$500 - with a \$500 bonus for each winning ticket present at drawing.

Proceeds fund local scholarships and community projects.

The drawing is set for 7 p.m. Aug. 11 at Monument Park.

If less than 1,000 tickets are sold, a 50/50 drawing will be conducted with a minimum grand prize of \$3,000.

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