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Area High Schools Kick-Off the 2012 Football Season Last Friday



Devin Allen snatches the pigskin for a touchdown catch during the Panthers 67-20 season opening win. See inside for a complete highlights. Photo by Mike Williamson

Stockbridge Township Resident and Supervisor Continues to Struggle After Devastating Accident

By Wendy Wood

Paul Risner of Stockbridge remains in the hospital fighting for his life after he was hit by an SUV last Thursday morning on Faussett Road in Deerfield Township. According to hospital officials, as of Monday he was listed in serious/stable condition.

Risner sustained serious head and spinal trauma, a broken pelvis, a broken left leg and broken left ankle. His family posts his recovery progress regularly on Facebook to keep Paul's many friends, co-worker and constituent updated. As of Monday he has undergone one surgery, can

wiggle his toes and fingers and appears to recognize the voices of his loved ones.

Risner wears many hats in his daily life including being a full-time Livingston County Road Commission employee, overseeing township operations in Stockbridge as the township supervisor, and

he is closely involved with regional fire and ambulance functions as president of the Stockbridge Area Emergency Service Authority (SAESA).

Mike Craine, Managing Director of the county road commission described Risner as the ultimate can do guy.

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Police Investigating Apparent Homicide

Information Provided by Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth

Police discovered one person dead and another badly injured from a gunshot at 4339 Main Street in Stockbridge Village Monday, August 27 just before 2pm.

Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth said he was contacted by Stockbridge Village Police Chief Johnnie Torres about a call to check the welfare of a Stockbridge resident. The employer of the woman, who was later found dead in the home, had called police to report she had not come to work and that was uncharacteristic. Torres

Heritage Day In Grass Lake

With lots to see and free activities, Grass Lake's annual Heritage Day Festival is set for Saturday, September 8, 2012 in downtown Grass Lake from 10am to 4pm. New this year is a 5K run/walk sponsored by the Grass Lake Assembly of God (www.heritageday5k.webs.com) to begin and end at Busy Lizzies on Brown Street - next to the local Saturday's Farmers Market.

On Michigan Ave. artists and crafters booths will feature specialties for sale. A silent auction will take place inside the Depot and live musical entertainment will be on the street.

On the walk from the Depot to the Coe House Museum check out the classic and vintage car cruise sponsored by the Grass Lake Classic Car Club. There will be vintage fire trucks, tractors and a hit & miss engine from the Jackson Antique Tractor Club. Enjoy a free horse drawn wagon ride.

Just down the street from there is a community pig roast - cooking by the Grass Lake Diner, free old fashion kids games brought to you by the Grass Lake Leos, and a petting zoo. Round out the walk about town at the Coe House Museum where traditional crafts and demonstrations will be featured along with a kids "make & take" project.

The front yard of the museum will come to life with a re-enactment of the Spanish & Indian War while a handmade quilt is being tied in preparation for the upcoming quilt raffle.

Join us and celebrate the Grass Roots of Grass Lake. It's a free family day of events.

For more information visit www.grasslakechamber.org

Dexter Township Approves Land Purchase for Sub-Station

By Melinda Baird

Dexter Township board members unanimously agreed to purchase property at the southeast corner of North Territorial and Dexter Town Hall Roads for \$262,000 to house a new permanent fire substation during the board's regular meeting August 21.

"This is the first property Dexter Township will actually own," said an excited Township Supervisor Pat Kelly.

Total cost of the substation construction, minus the land purchase, is expected to hover between \$1.2 and 1.6 million, based on nearby station costs and careful management, according to a Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) report. PSAC strongly recommended the establishment of a permanent substation to help improve response times, provide a better setting for emergency responders and equipment, offer community space for polling, and meet future township needs.

Township residents will be asked to help fund the substation construction on the November ballot with a public safety millage question of one mill up to seven years. If approved, the millage would raise an estimated \$287,000 the first year, requiring about \$100 per year from property owners of a house with a taxable value of \$100,000.

PSAC member Dominic Treglia stressed that although response times have already improved since a temporary station was erected nearly two years ago, residents should take steps to further improve response times by adding inexpensive reflective address signs and trimming trees with low hanging limbs for safer passage of fire engines on narrow lanes.

Board members agreed to transfer \$374,000 from the general fund to the newly formed emergency preparedness fund from which money will be drawn to support a new outdoor warning system approved last month. The system will ensure 100 percent coverage of the township with 16 omnidirectional electronic sirens with voice-over capability. "If we're going to spend up to \$400,000, we may as well create a cost-center," said Clerk Harley Rider, adding the system will require long-term expenditures for maintenance and insurance. Kelly reported county officials will look at

potential sites for the sirens in the upcoming week.

Treglia commented that a critical component to the system is educating the residents about testing and specific testing information will be provided to the public in the near future.

PSAC will formulate a township disaster plan in the coming months by tailoring county disaster plans to the specific needs of the township. "We don't want to be caught off guard again," said Treglia remembering the March tornado. Rider said there is a need for a plan to keep the Dexter Township government operational should a disaster prevent access to the township building. "We need a plan to continue management of Dexter Township," Rider urged.

In other news, Kelly asked the board to review and comment on an inter-local agreement draft for a regional fire department in the area. Municipalities included in the proposed agreement include the Village of Dexter, Scio Township, Webster Township and Dexter Township. "Since all of the other municipalities have provided comments on the proposed agreement, I believe it is now time for our board to seriously review the document," said Kelly, asking members to be prepared with feedback by August 28. "We've been beat up for doing nothing. I honestly agree doing nothing is not fair to our neighbors," she added.

Rider encouraged fellow members to scrutinize the document carefully. "Once it happens, you can't put the toothpaste back in the tube," he said.

The Regional Fire Department Committee has been working on a draft inter-local agreement, department budget, and transition plan with the intention of creating a separate Washtenaw Fire and Rescue Department where the four municipalities would share joint authority in providing fire protection, emergency response services and related health and safety services.

Due to the cancellation of the annual township clean-up day this year, residents are asked to take their recyclable materials, frozen appliances, furniture, old tires, electronic equipment and hazardous materials to Eastern Michigan University Stadium parking lot Saturday, October 27 from 9am to 2pm.

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Read It, Sign It, Share It

Invitation to Join the Wellness Foundation in Learning to Eat Better

The Chelsea District Library took a popular annual community event and invited the 5 Healthy Towns - Dexter, Grass Lake, Manchester and Stockbridge that are part of the Chelsea Wellness Foundation to join in. The annual community read, formerly known as Chelsea Reads Together, has moved beyond library walls by teaming up with the Chelsea Wellness Foundation.

In each town, the local library will highlight the 5 Healthy Towns mission of "Eat Better" with the help of the book "In Defense of Food" by Michael Pollan, contributing writer for The New York Times Magazine as well as a contributing editor at Harper's magazine.

In-Defense of Food is a celebration of food - real, proper, simple food - not the kind that comes in a packet, or has lists of unpronounceable ingredients, or that makes nutritional claims about how healthy it is. The book is a simple invitation to rediscover the joys of eating well.

Over 1500 copies of In Defense of Food are beginning to circulate among the 5 Healthy Towns with the tag

line "Read it, Sign it, Share it" to encourage everyone to read the book, sign the bookplate and pass it on to a neighbor or leave it in a public location. These pass-it-on books can be found all around town. Call or visit your local library to find one.

A kick-off event will take place Saturday, September 15 from 12 to 2pm at the Chelsea District Library. Leaders from all five coalitions will be on hand and the goal will be to bring communities together in dialogue on the topic of wellness.

The kickoff will feature live music, a visit from food luminary Kim Bayer and food events for kids. Pick up a copy of In Defense of Food, sample delicious food and join members from all five healthy communities to promote health and wellness.

Programs developed around the 5 Healthy Towns Project theme, *Eat Better* and Michael Pollan's book, *In Defense of Food* will be hosted by each of the five communities throughout the fall. Visit the 5 Healthy Towns Community Read website at www.5hcommunityread.wordpress.com to find programs near you.

Care Home Opens In Stockbridge Village

Stockbridge businessman CG Lantis along with his partner Rebecca Dunne recently opened an Assisted Living home for adults in the heart of Stockbridge Village. The home, located directly next to their residents, once belonged to CG's grandparents Harold and Evelyn Lantis.

Lantis, who is a special education teacher for the Durand School District, oversees a Stockbridge business that was handed down from his grandfather to his father then to CG and his sister Kathleen.

The licensed five bedroom co-ed care home, Evelyn Helen Mary (EHM) Senior and Assisted Living Residence, accommodates six residents in private or semi-private rooms. The focus, explained Dunne, is on providing a genuine home and making use of all that Stockbridge has to offer as a walkable community.

"There is bingo twice a week right here at the legion,"

Dunne pointed out. "And shopping, salons, the library and lots of hometown events are right down the road. Soon we will have the Stockbridge Wellness Center."

Transportation is also offered to those who wish to join the local senior center activities located in Stockbridge, Gregory and Munitz, to pick up supplies and medications, or visit the doctor.

Along with CG and Rebecca living onsite, there is also a nurse on staff. The level of care offered includes independent living, part-time or full-time care from trained caregivers.

Their first resident, 80 year old Earl who is controlling type two Diabetes, said he feels comfortable and right at home at EHM. "I was living with my children," said Earl. "I feel like I made the right decision coming to EHM, I get to do a lot of activities I didn't have the opportunity to do before coming here and the homemade meals are wonderful."

Risner Continues to Struggle After Devastating Accident

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"He approaches every job very thoughtfully and believes there is always time to get one more thing done before calling it quits," said Craine. Risner has worked for the road commission for 14 years and is considered a strong leader. "He does the job at a level of quality he would want in front of his own home," Craine added.

According to Craine, the accident happened while Risner was filling a water tank for a co-worker who was grading a dry and dusty dirt road. "This is a normal function when the roads are this dry and hard," said Craine. "It takes about 15 minutes and Paul was trying to flag the other driver around his truck when he was hit."

"We say it all the time, but I will say it again," noted Craine. "Road workers are doing a

job. Whether it's putting in a sign, fixing a drain, or patching the road they are defenseless out there. People need to be aware."

Road commission employees collected funds to help Paul's wife Connie and other family members with expenses such as lodging, gas and meals while they stay by his side at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. "The family is facing tremendous expenses right now," said Craine.

According to Stockbridge Township Clerk Mary Wilson a donation account has been organized through the Stockbridge School District and anybody who wishes to help can send donations made payable to Stockbridge Community Schools (with Risner Family Fund noted in the memo), PO Box 565, Stockbridge, MI, 49285.

Wilson also explained that the deputy supervisor, Risner's sister Annabell Howard, will take over all of his duties while he recovers. She added that residents are welcome to call the township at (517)851-7530 with any questions.

All members of the SAESA board have assigned alternates to take over duties if need be, Wilson is Risner's

Livingston County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Don Jakrzewski said the sheriff's office is deferring all comment and requests for information about the ongoing investigation to the county road commission office.

The name of the driver of the SUV, a 57 year-old man from Howell was not released. He was taken to the hospital to be treated for shock.

Paul's family said they are grateful for all of the help, thoughts and prayers that so many are giving.

POLICE BEAT

Pinckney Village Police

- 8/20 Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Town Trail
- Welfare check, Putnam Street
- Two-car private property damage accident, S. Dexter Street
- 8/21 Prescription fraud, 44-year-old Dexter Township woman arrested and released, 34-year-old Handy Township man and 31-year-old Dexter Township man arrested, E. M-36
- 29-year-old Putnam Township man arrested for being in possession of suspected heroin, parking lot of Pinckney Chrysler, E. M-36
- 8/22 Domestic violence assault investigation, S. Howell Street
- Under-age sale of tobacco products investigation at Village merchants
- 8/23 58-year-old Pinckney man was arrested for domestic violence assault, E. Hamburg Street
- 25-year-old Stockbridge Township man arrested for probation warrant, W. M-36
- Two-car hit and run property damage accident at Busch's, E. M-36
- Indecent exposure at Putnam Township Park, E. Main Street
- Wires down on roadway, N. Dexter Street
- Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Pearl Street
- Assisted Hamburg Township Police Department with B&E investigation at Pathfinder School, E. M-36
- 8/24 Assisted Unadilla Township Police Department with OWI arrest, Unadilla Road
- 8/25 Loose Pit Bull found at large, transported to Animal Control for safety, E. Main Street
- 41-year-old Putnam Township woman arrested and released for driving while license suspended, S. Dexter Street
- Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department for medical emergency, Pearl Street
- German Shepherd found at large, transported to Animal Control for safety, S. Howell Street
- Malicious destruction of property to buildings, Hell Survivors Paintball field, Pearl Street

Chelsea City Police

- 8/21 1:30pm, 600 Block S. Main Street, police responded to the listed location for the report of a larceny of money from a purse. After gathering all of the information from the people involved it was decided that if the property was returned to the victim, no criminal prosecution would be sought. The suspect promptly returned the money and the victim wished to close the matter with the police.
- 8/22 12:45pm, 1-94 at Rawsonville, Chelsea Police were contacted by the Detroit Police Department who stated that they had a male subject in custody and he had a felony warrant out of our department. Upon verification of the warrant a meet was arranged to pick up the suspect, a 21 year-old Detroit man. The suspect was transported to the Washtenaw County Jail, where he will be lodged pending court hearing on the charge of larceny from a building that took place in 2009.
- 8/23 10pm, 20000 Block W. Old US 12, a complainant reported that her purse had fallen down beneath the bleachers. The purse was eventually found underneath the bleachers by a female citizen described as being in her mid 20's with dark brown hair and approximately 5'4" tall. When an inventory of the contents was done it was determined that multiple items including keys and money had been taken.
- 1pm, S. Main St. at E. Old US 12, police responded to the report of a property damage crash. Upon arrival the officer made contact with both parties involved. After doing a routine computer check it was determined that one driver, a 65 year old Chelsea woman, has a suspended driver's license and also no current registration or insurance for her vehicle. The subject was cited for those violations and the vehicle was towed to a body repair shop.
- 8:30am, 700 Block W. Industrial, police responded to the 700 Block of W. Industrial for the report of a non-sufficient funds check that had been written for an amount in excess of \$2,600 dollars. The officer arrived and met with the complainant who stated that he had attempted to make contact with the suspect, a 39 year-old Fenton male, with limited success. Case open pending further investigation.

Unadilla Township Police

- 8/19 Neighbor dispute, Wasson Road
- 8/20 Domestic dispute, Livermore Road
- Juvenile disturbance, kids running in front of vehicles, Dexter Trail
- 8/21 Threats and intimidation, Roepke Road
- Credit card fraud, Dexter Trail
- Threats and intimidation, M-36
- Assisted Pinckney Police Department with arrest of suspect who fled scene of narcotics incident, E. M-36
- 8/22 Assist to EMS for medical emergency, Livermore Road
- 8/24 63-year-old Chelsea man arrested for being a "super drunk," blood alcohol level over three times legal limit, Unadilla Road
- Vehicle ownership dispute, Tamara Drive
- 8/25 4-year-old Chelsea man arrested for possession of marijuana and operating a motor vehicle while under influence of drugs, W. M-36
- Suspicious vehicle, W. M-36
- Domestic dispute, W. M-36
- Malicious destruction of property, shelter house and fixtures spray painted at Unadilla Community Park, Joslin Lake Road

Washtenaw County Sheriff - Dexter Patrol

- 8/25 7490 W Huron River Drive, at 2:33am deputies responded to an alarm at the Dexter Party Store. Upon arrival they noticed that a window had been broken out and that the suspect(s) had gained entry into the business. Surveillance video showed two subjects break the window and enter the store with duffel bags, then stealing an unknown amount of liquor. Suspects were wearing dark clothing, gloves, hoodies and something covering their faces. Suspects have not been identified at this time.

Stockbridge Village Police

- 8/18 6:35pm, Police checked the welfare of children at a house in the 100 block of S. Williams per an anonymous complaint. The check found the children to be safe and well-cared for.
- 9:50pm, report of unidentified flying objects in sky. Officers determined that small lanterns were being let off into the air, which dissipate after a short time.
- 8/22 7:50pm, misdemeanor warrant arrest in the 800 block of S. Clinton of a 41 yr old Munitz woman for embezzlement.
- 8/24 11:40pm, misdemeanor warrant arrest in the 200 block of N. Clinton Street of a 40 year old Stockbridge man for embezzlement.
- 8/25 9:45pm, assisted SAESA with a subject down complaint in the 800 block of S. Clinton Street. No injuries reported.
- 11:46pm, assisted Ingham County Sheriff's Office with an unknown trouble call in the 4600 block of Shepper Road where the homeowner had several subjects held at gunpoint. Officers arrived and secured the scene for the Sheriff's Dept. It was then turned over to them.
- 8/27 11:45am, misdemeanor warrant arrest in the 4900 block of S. M-52 of a 23 year old Owosso woman for failure to appear in court out of Jackson County. She was turned over to a Jackson County police for transport.
- Any Village of Stockbridge Resident or property owner 21 years and older interested in becoming part of Neighborhood Watch should contact Chief Johnnie Torres at 517-851-7435.

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Submitted by Edward Jones

Next week, we observe Labor Day, which honors working men and women. As an investor, you'd like to think that your income-producing investments are working hard, too. But with short-term interest rates so low, what can you do?

You may need to consider longer-term vehicles, which typically pay higher yields. However, long-term bonds

carry interest-rate risk - the possibility that interest rates will rise, causing the value of existing bonds to fall.

To reduce this risk, you could build a "ladder" containing both short-term and long-term bonds. When market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds earning higher interest rates. And when market rates rise, you'll be able to reinvest your maturing short-term investments at the higher levels. You must evaluate

whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

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CHELSEA COMMUNITY Girls Golf Struggles

The Chelsea girls golf team teed off in the Tecumseh Invitational on August 20. The team placed fourth overall.

Final results showed home team Tecumseh finishing first with a 385, Temperance Bedford 393, Monroe 397, Chelsea 398, Coldwater 419, Vandercook Lake 420, Ann Arbor Greenhills 464 and Ypsilanti 496.

Individual Bulldogs Gabby Triveline placed fourth with a 91 and Judy Kim placed 11th with a 99.

On August 22, the team played at Hudson Mills in the Dewitt Homestead Tournament.

Plymouth came in first with a 328, Lansing Catholic 329, South Lyon B 356, Farmington Hills Mercy 377, Birmingham Seaholm 383, Dexter 385, Chelsea 400, South Lyon East 415, Ann Arbor Greenhills 433, Mason 436 and South Lyon 112.

Chelsea's Gabby Triveline placed seventh with an 86.

Bulldog Football Kicks Off Season

The Bulldogs kicked off their season last Friday August 24 against Jackson Lumen Christi where they lost 34-27.

Chelsea was the first to score with a 43 yard field goal by Zach Rabbit. Lumen then answered with a touchdown to end the first quarter at 7-3.

Both teams scored in the second quarter and went into the half in a close 14-10, Lumen's lead.

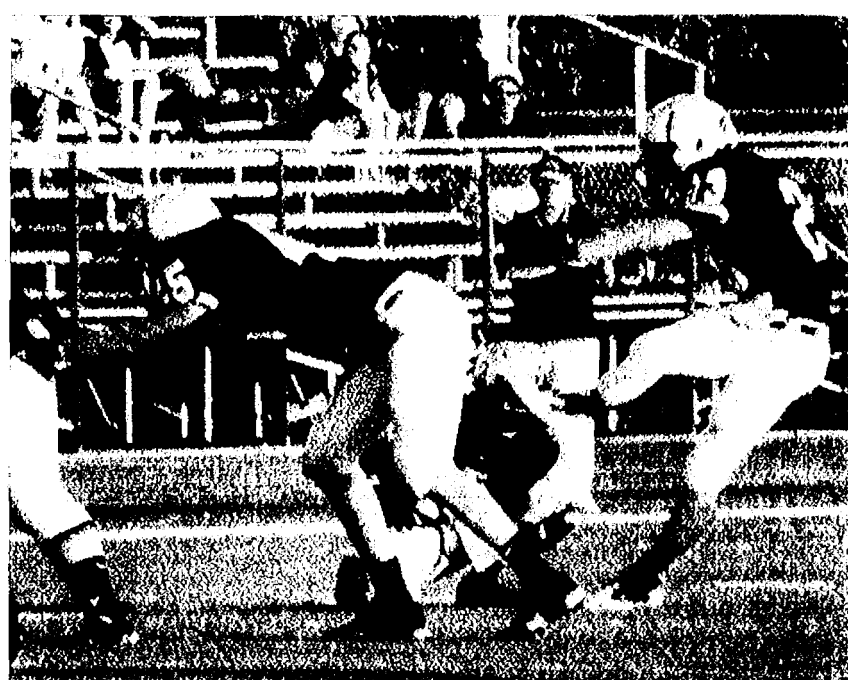
Chelsea's Berkley Edwards ran 36 yards in the third to get closer

to Lumen's lead at 20-17. He carried the ball 24 times for the Bulldogs, for a total of 125 yards and had two touchdowns.

Quarterback Logan Brown completed 10 of 14 passes for 112 yards and a touchdown.

The Bulldogs struggled with penalties, racking up 12 total resulting in 67 yards.

Chelsea lost the game 34-27 and will go up against East Lansing this Thursday August 30 in Lansing. Game time 7pm.



Zach Rabbit punts a 43 yard field goal in the first quarter.
Photo by Donna Smallwood

Chelsea Soccer Wins Big Against Dexter

The Dreadnaughts traveled to Chelsea Saturday and came up on the short end of a 2-1 loss to the Bulldogs, snapping a 7 year undefeated streak against Chelsea.

Dexter again controlled the action early and took a 1-0 lead with just over four minutes left when Max Amann ripped a shot by the Bulldog goaltender.

Blake Saleat of Chelsea tied things up knocking a pass in from Nic Arons with 14:44 left.

A few minutes later Chelsea was awarded a penalty kick after a couple of players got into a scrap and the Bulldogs made them pay when Ryan Hilbert scored the winning goal.



Luke Heumann controls the balls against 3 Dexter attackers.
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Keith Hoeflinger of Chelsea digs in and chases the ball.
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Stockbridge COMMUNITY

Panthers Rout Whitmore Lake 67-20

The Stockbridge varsity football team opened the 2012 season with a bang as the Panthers routed Whitmore Lake 67-20 Friday night.

It took a quarter for the Panther offense to get going, but once it did, it was almost unstoppable.

Following a scoreless first quarter, the Panthers got on the board when Marcus Prigge nailed a 27 yard field goal for a 3-0 lead.

The Panthers made it 10-0 less than a minute later as Josh Ensign rambled across from four yards out, but Whitmore Lake quickly answered with a two yard run with 5:40 left in the half.

Stockbridge made it 17-6 when Devin Allen made a leaping catch in the corner of the end zone, but again the Trojans quickly answered, this time with a 73 yard scoring pass to make it 17-14.

Whitmore Lake tried to catch the Panthers off guard and tried an on side kick with 1:30 left in the half, but Stockbridge recovered with good field position and made

them pay as Kaleb Grammer ran it in from 10 yards out with 31 seconds left in the half for a 24-14 lead.

The second half was all Panthers as Grammer connected with Allen on three scoring passes of six yards, three yards, and 54 yards for a commanding 44-20 lead after three.

The fourth quarter saw Ensign score on a pair of touchdown runs, Prigge add a 29 yards field goal, and Chris Balkus return an interception 22 yards to wrap up the scoring.

Ensign rushed for 100 yards on 12 carries, while Grammer finished with 55 yards rushing and was 20-31 yards passing for 311 yards.

Allen caught eight passes for 209 yards and four scores, while Lucas Showerman caught nine passes for 80 yards.

Ensign also led the defense with 10 tackles and two quarterback sacks.



Kaleb Grammer outruns the Trojan defender.
Photo by Mike Williamson



Nick Wasyl intercepts the ball as defenders surround him during the Pirates opener against South Lyon last Friday.
Photo by Benny Hessling

Boys' CC 3rd at Laingsburg

The Stockbridge boys' cross country team came home with a third place finish at the Laingsburg Early Burg Invitational Thursday, August 23.

The Panthers finished with 100 points, just behind first place Pewamo-Westphalia with 93, and second place Mason County Central with 95.

Senior Alec Armstrong led the squad with a fourth place finish in 16:45.

Austin Fillmore finished 11th in 17:11, Austin Shepherd 23rd in 17:34, Nathaniel Baird 28th in 18:01, and Evan Upshur 34th in 18:15.

The girls' team finished with a team score of 145.

They were paced by Lindsay Polls fourth place finish in 20:14.

Jenna Chapman was 16th in 21:32, Micah Ward 21st in 21:35, Taylor Machette 49th in 23:10, and Ashley Bertl 55th in 23:27.

Soccer Battles to 1-1 Tie

Stockbridge versus Leslie is a bitter rivalry no matter what the sport and the boys' soccer teams battled it out and left the field with a 1-1 tie.

It was a defensive struggle from the start, but both teams were able to get on the board in the first half.

Marcus Prigge knocked in a pass from Dylan Able for the Panthers

lone goal of the game.

The Panthers had a rough time with a powerful Lansing Christian squad Tuesday night as the Pilgrims routed the Panthers 7-0.

Ryan Wilson played tough stopping 13 shots as Lansing put 20 shots on the net.

Stockbridge is 2-1-1 on the season.

Golfers Struggle at Western Invite

The Stockbridge girls' golf team had a hard time at the Western Invitational Friday, August 24 as the Panthers came home with a 15th place finish out of 18 schools.

Stockbridge finished with a team score of 486. Hanover Horton won the event with 341. East Lansing

was second with 352 and Ann Arbor Pioneer third with 355.

Hailee Smith led the Panthers with an 18 hole score of 117. Kaylee Barker was next with 120, Amanda Page 124, and Makayla Gradowski 125.

Pirate CC Takes 4th

The Pinckney boys' and girls' cross country teams took part in the Pete Moss Invitational in Benzonia Benzie Central Saturday and the boys' came home with a fourth place finish and the girls 11th.

The boys' finished with 122 points. Saginaw Heritage won the event with 77 points, while Traverse City Central was second with 97.

Tyler Sanders led the Pirates with a 11th place finish out of 145 runners, with a time of 16:28.

Wesley Sanders was 15th in 16:37, followed by Ryne

Weisenberger in 16:53, Davis Smith 33rd in 17:13, John Niske 40th in 17:26, Tyler Smar 45th in 17:31, and Isaac Harris 50th in 17:34.

The girls' finished with 259 points. Traverse City Central

won with 74 and Grand Rapids Christian was second with 93.

Rachel Selina led Pinckney with a 40th place finish out of 125 runners in 21:06. Jessica Endings

was 53rd in 22:00, Courtney Hall 56th in 22:05, Jordan Case 64th in 22:18, Abby Hackett 66th in 22:20,

Maddy Haas 67th in 22:23, and Shania Hawker 99th in 24:13.



PINCKNEY COMMUNITY

Slow Start Dooms Pirate Opener

A slow start and not being able to make a big play on third down doomed the Pinckney football teams home opener Friday night as the Pirates fell to South Lyon 30-20.

South Lyon took control early as they scored on its opening drive and cruised from there.

Several times during the game the Pirates forced the Lions into third down situations, but could not make the stop to get the defense off the field.

The Pirates rallied late in the first half as Buck West connected with Justin Eagy and Jimmy Savage with scoring passes, but

South Lyon sealed the win with a big touchdown run to start the second half.

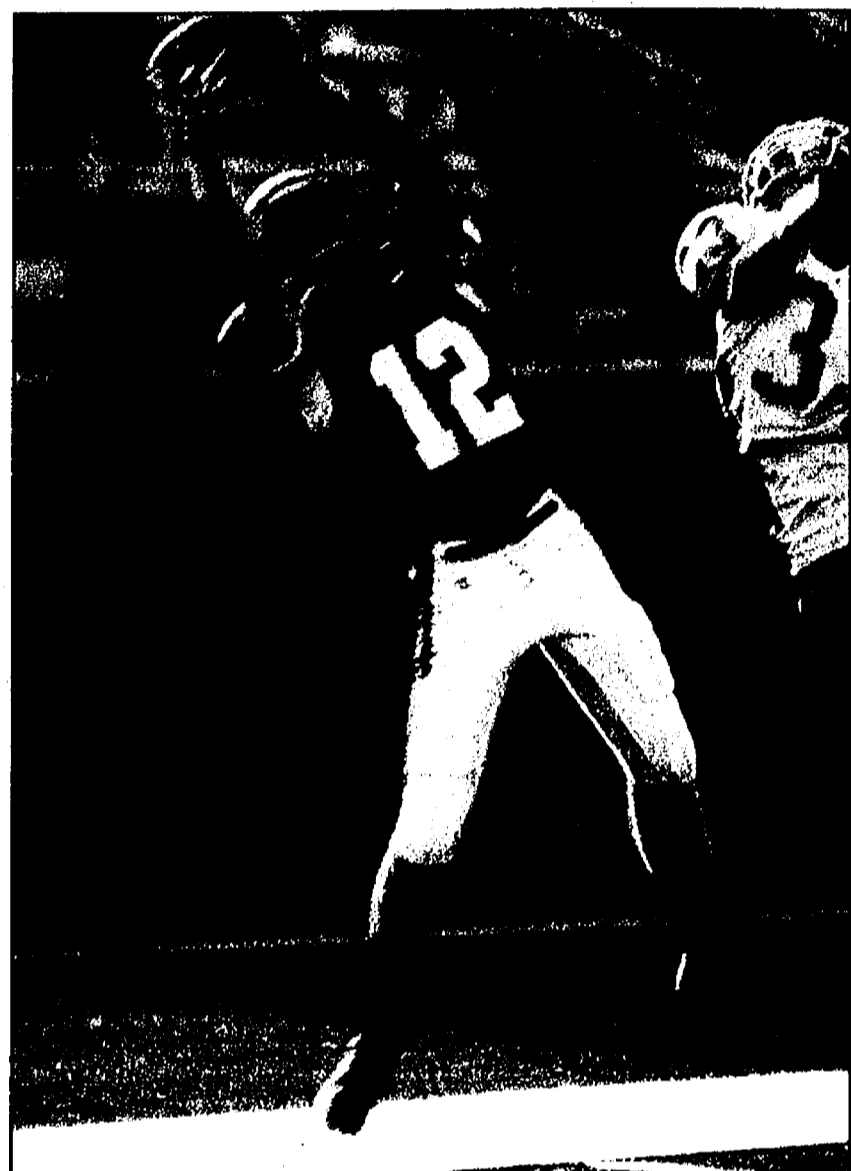
West finished 10-23 for 131 yards and two scores and led the team in rushing with 42 yards on nine carries. Ryan Haney carried the ball 12 times for 37 yards.

Savage caught three passes for 34 yards, while Eagy caught two for 37.

Trevor Orgbaski scored the Pirates other touchdown with an 18 yard interception return.

Haney led the defense with three solo tackles and eight assists, while Billy Collins and Bailey Robin each had three solos and five assists. Nick Wasyl also had an interception for Pinckney.

The Pirates travel to Wayne Memorial Thursday night for their second contest.



Justin Eagy grabs the ball and scores for the Pirates.
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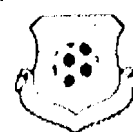
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Fowlerville Overpowers Dreads in Opener

The Dexter football team opened its 2012 campaign on a sour note as Fowlerville ruined opening night on the new field turf at Al Ritt Field 29-0.

The Gladiators overpowered Dexter, out gaining the Dreads 353-150 including 192 yards on the ground.

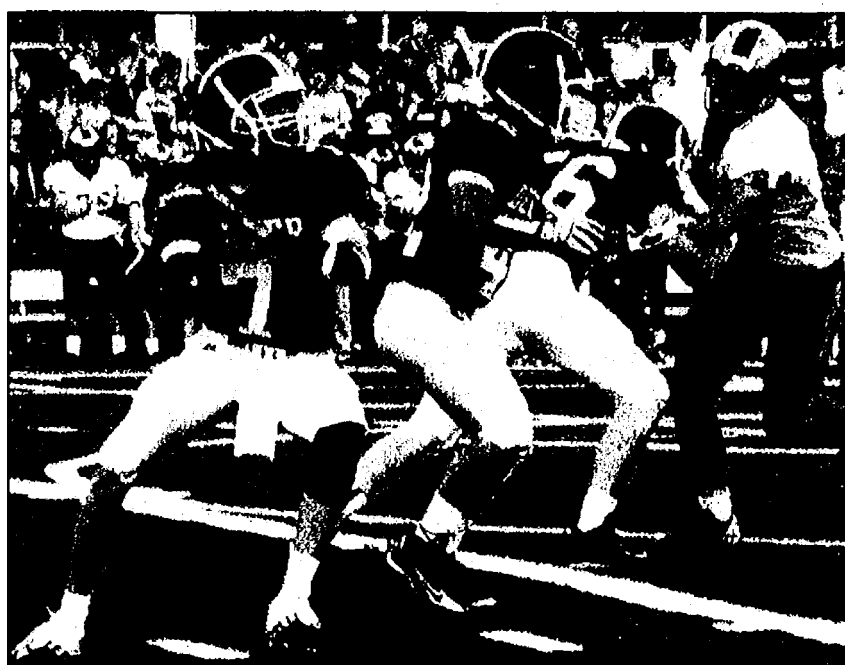
Dexter rushed for 132 yards on 32 carries and led by quarterback Andy McWilliams with 57 yards on 14 carries. McWilliams struggled with the passing game, connecting on just 3 of 11 passes for 18 yards.

Brandon Belottie caught one pass for 13 yards.

After a scoreless first quarter, Fowlerville broke through with a pair of touchdowns in the second for a 15-0 lead at halftime.

The Gladiators put the game away with scores in the third and fourth quarters and the defense held Dexter out of the end zone for the shut out.

The Dreadnaughts will return to action Thursday night when they travel to Ann Arbor Skyline at 7:00 PM.



Andy McWilliams attempts a pass during the Dreadnaughts 29-0 loss to Fowlerville. Photo by Dawn Miller

Lady Golfers 6th

The girls' golf team hosted the DeWitt Invitational at Hudson Mills Golf Course Tuesday August 22nd and earned a sixth place finish.

The Dreadnaughts finished with a team score of 385. Plymouth won the event with 328 and Lansing Catholic was second with 329.

Tennis Nips Plymouth 5-4

The Dexter boys' tennis team clipped Plymouth 5-4 in an exciting match last week.

The match came down to one after the two teams were tied at four after eight matches.

The number two singles match with Mitch Kimball was a barn burner.

Kimball took the first set 10-8 in a tie breaker and blew through the second set 6-2 to give the Dreadnaughts the victory.

Sam Gough won three singles 6-2, 6-4, and Graham Northrup won four singles 6-2, 6-0.

The doubles team of Anthony Quail and AJ Sterlitz won at one doubles 6-1, 6-1, while Kyle Worthy and Matt Rose won 6-0, and 6-3 at three singles.

The Dreadnaughts hosted the Dexter Invitational Saturday and came away with a couple of

Dexter was led by Mary So with a 18 hole score of 87. Lauren Kimmel finished with a 97. Morgan Campbell 99, and Emily Stone 102.

SEC foe Chelsea finished 7th with a round of 400. They were led by Gabby Triveline with 86, Elizabeth Stofflet 101, Judy Kim 104, and EJ Lin 109.

champions.

Gough took three singles with a 2-0 record, while the team of Michael Dezeuw and Spencer Paulissen won two doubles.

"Overall, I am pleased with this tournament," new Dexter coach Robert Smothers. "It was great competition for the beginning of the season. This tourney gave me an opportunity to assess the match toughness of our team."

Smothers, the girls assistant coach, took the team over this week after the previous coach stepped down.

Spikers 3rd at Ladywood

The varsity volleyball team improved its record to 9-2 on the season as the Dreadnaughts came home with a third place finish at the Livonia Ladywood Invitational Saturday.

Dexter went 3-2 on the day.

They went 2-1 in pool play, defeating Hanover Horton and Lutheran Westland.

In the quarterfinals the Dreads defeated South Lyon, but they then fell to Port Huron Northern in the semifinals 15-25, 22-25.

The Dreadnaughts were led by Talia Wood with 24 kills, 12 digs, eight aces, and three blocks.

Crystal Kedroske added 15 kills, six aces, and five blocks; August Bishop 13 kills and three blocks; Katherine D'Angelo 14 digs and four aces, and Eden Krull 40 assists and eight aces.

The Dreads opened SEC play at Adrian Tuesday night. Results will be in next weeks edition of The Sun Times News.

Soccer Goes 2-1-1 at Chelsea Showcase

The varsity soccer team picked up its first two wins of the season at the Chelsea Soccer Showcase last week.

The Dreadnaughts opened the tournament by settling for a 3-3 tie with Riverview Tuesday, August 21.

Dexter took a 3-1 lead in the first half, only to see Riverview rally in the second and tie the game with 27 seconds to go in the game.

The Dreads then fell to Chelsea 2-1 Saturday. The loss was the first to the Bulldogs in seven years.

Dexter took a 1-0 lead in the first half on a goal by Max Amann. Andrew Foghel got the assist on the goal.

Chelsea evened things up at one midway through the second half and scored the game winner on a penalty shot following a scuffle between the Dexter goalie and a Chelsea player.

Dexter then defeated Carlson 5-1 in the second game.

Amann opened the scoring on a pass from Robert Pap. Goals by Jake Kilian and Foghel each scored goals to make it 3-0 by halftime. Nils Valdmanis picked up a pair of assists.

Valdmanis made it 4-0 ten minutes into the second half, while Foghel scored his second goal of the game to wrap up the scoring for Dexter. Amann and Bryce Pederson assisted on the goals.

The Dreads wrapped up the day by defeating Plainwell 1-0.

Valdmanis scored the lone goal of the game in the first half. Rhys Moller earned the shutout in net for Dexter.

The Dreadnaughts are 2-2-1 on the season

Field Hockey Clips Forrest Hills 1-0

The Dexter field hockey team kicked off its season with a 1-0 win over Grand Rapids Forrest Hills Saturday.

The two teams played in the Division 4 state championship in 2011 and the rematch was a battle as the defense dominated.

The lone goal of the contest was scored by Megan Flocken early in the first half as she drove a hard shot by the goalie and into the net.

Forrest Hills put some pressure on late in the first half but freshman goalie Anna Love made some key saves to keep them off the board.

Love earned the shutout in her first varsity start.

The Dreadnaughts travel to Ohio to take on Maumee in a non league contest Wednesday and host Ann Arbor Huron Thursday.



Tara Talbot fights a Grand Rapids FH player for the ball during Dexter's 1-0 field hockey win Saturday. Photo by Mike Williamson



Mitch Kimball won the deciding match against Plymouth Tuesday and finished second in number two singles at the Dexter Invitational Saturday. Photo by Mike Williamson

Dexter Wellness Center Ground-breaking

By Melinda Baird

The official ground-breaking ceremony on August 24 for the Dexter Wellness Center drew a crowd of eager community members, 5 Healthy Towns coalition members, Chelsea Wellness Foundation (CWF) board members, and Dexter Village officials. The event, launched by CWF and architect A.R. Brouwer Company, celebrated the beginning construction of a 48,000 square foot family-oriented wellness center expected to open the summer of 2013.

The facility will include basketball courts, a swimming pool, group fitness studios, free weights and cardiovascular equipment, indoor track, designated children's area and more. Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists Physical Therapy will occupy 2,000 square feet in the same building.

"This facility is going to be beautiful, efficient, effective and

welcoming to your friends, family, and children," said CWF Executive Director Amy Heydlauff.

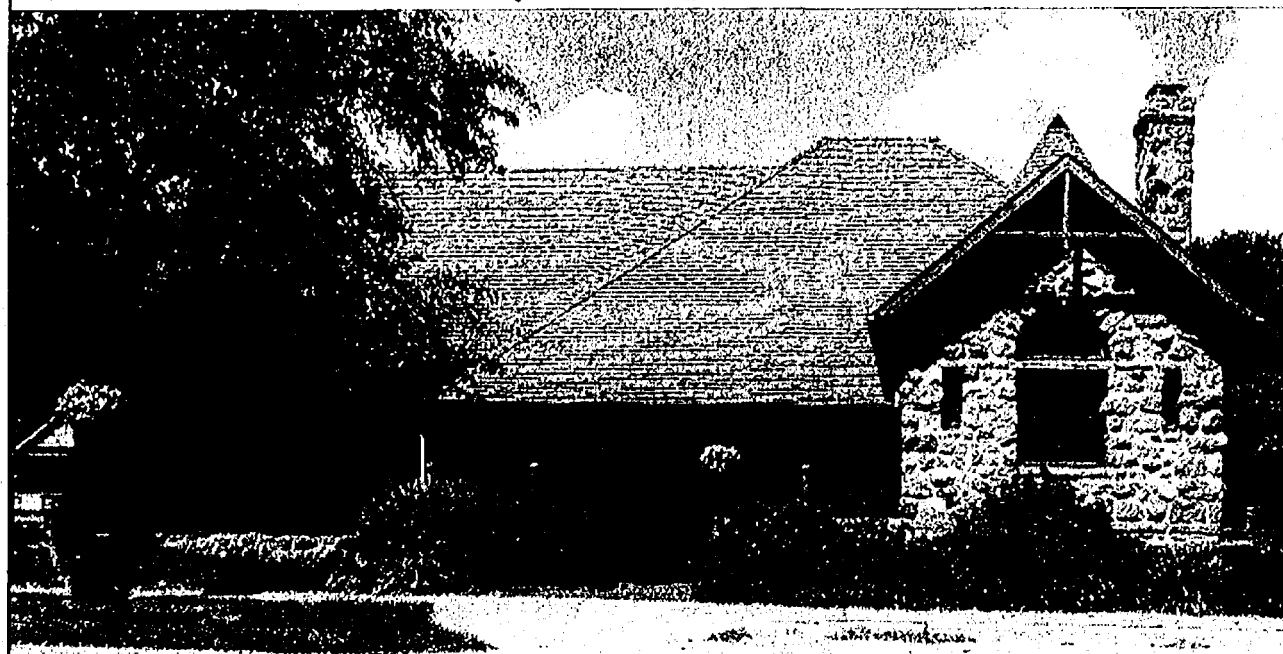
"Anyone who has chosen to live, work or play in Dexter knows it's a very exciting time. You can't drive through the community without seeing an investment in infrastructure and growth," added Village President Shawn Keough.

Chair of CWF Board of Directors Jeff Hardcastle said the Dexter Wellness Center, about ten miles from Chelsea Wellness Center, will compliment its counterpart in that it is geared toward younger demographics.

President of A.R. Brouwer Company Steve Brouwer expressed his excitement and personal alignment with the CWF mission of improving health and wellness of residents in the five local communities. "And as you can see, we already got a head start," laughed Brouwer of the huge mounds of dirt surrounding him and his ceremonial shovel.

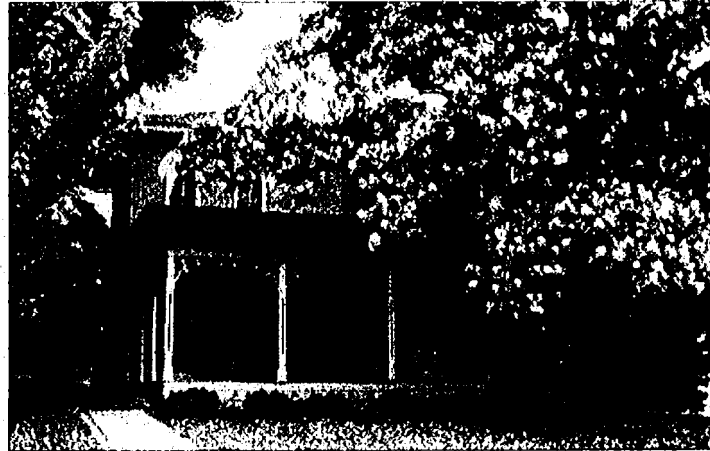
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Artists from all over Michigan will be displaying bamboo rod-making, knife making, gun engraving, fly-tying, boat building, carving, longbow making and more. Additionally there will be antique and rare books, and fine art related to fishing, hunting and sporting dogs.

Producer Lauren Kingsley, who also produces Art of the

Farm in October, said she had the opportunity to talk with several terrific artists representing traditional sports and wants to bring them together. "It's been difficult pulling some of these artists out of the trees; so many are in remote areas of the state," she said.

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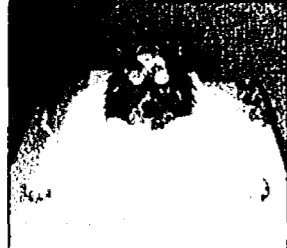
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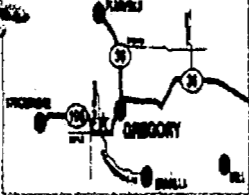


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VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE RESIDENTS GRASS, LEAF & BRUSH GUIDELINES

VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE - GRASS, LEAF & BRUSH GUIDELINES
The Village of Stockbridge will provide curbside **brush** pickup on the First and Third Fridays of the month beginning August 17, 2012. Brush must be at the curb by 7:00 am on Friday morning. **Leaf and grass clippings only** may be taken every Saturday and Sunday to the previous location near South Clinton Street and dropped off in designated areas. Questions please contact the Village Office at (517) 851-7435.

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Stockbridge Township Board Meeting Minutes - Stockbridge Township Board Meeting on August 20, 2012 was called to order. All Board members present. Board approved the agenda with changes: tabling - paint & repair and drop box; additions- audit, Harvest Festival, correspondence and Library. Board approved July 18, 2012 minutes. Board approved Financial Report. Board accepted the Audit report. Board approved budget amendment #1. Board paid August 2012 bills. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM. Complete minutes are available at the webpage- stockbridgetownship.com, at Stockbridge Township Office or any question call 517-851-7658. Mary Wilson Stockbridge Township Clerk

STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Stockbridge Township Special Board Meeting Minutes August 20, 2012
Stockbridge Township Special August 20, 2012 Board was called to order. Purpose of the Stockbridge Township Special Board Meeting was to discuss a proposal from Enbridge Pipeline. Discussion occurred. No action was taken by the Stockbridge Township Board at this time. Supervisor adjourned the Meeting at 5:30 PM. Complete meeting minutes are available at the webpage- stockbridgetownship.com, at Stockbridge Township Office or any question call 517-851-7658. Mary Wilson Stockbridge Township Clerk.

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Waterloo Township Board Meeting Minutes - 15 August 2012 7:00 P.M., 11120 Musbach Road, Munith, MI 49259 - **Call to Order:** 7:07 P.M. The board acted on the following items: **Present:** Lance, Richardson, Walz, Parks, Kitley, Chief Cottrell, Bruce Pindzia, Zoning Administrator, Charles Barnum, Building Administrator, Dave Lutchka, Jackson County Commissioner and 3 residents. *Walz motioned with support from Richardson to accept the consent agenda as presented. Yes/all; No/none. Motion carried. *Walz motioned with support from Richardson to deny the boundary line adjustment application for Parcel A 000-05-16-376-001-03 and Parcel B 000-05-16-376-001-02 made by Chuck Walz, pending contingencies. Aye/all; No/none. Motion carried. *Lance motioned with support from Walz to reappoint Garth Hannevald to a 3-year appointment ending on August 31, 2015 on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. *Lance motioned with support from Richardson to reappoint Janet Sanders to a 1-year appointment to the Planning Commission ending on August 31, 2013. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried. *Kitley motioned with support from Walz to pay post audit checks in the amount of \$6,072.66; checks for approval in the amount of \$5,870.85 and payroll in the amount of \$28,651.27 for a total of \$40,594.78. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, Walz, Richardson, Parks, Kitley. No/none. Motion carried. *Richardson motioned with support from Walz to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Yes/all; No/none. Motion carried. There will be a special meeting on Wednesday evening, September 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing two attorneys. The next meeting regular board meeting will be Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The next Planning Commission meeting will be Tuesday evening, September 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Submitted by Janice Kitley, Waterloo Township Clerk

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FERPA NOTICE

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FERPA Notice (Family Education and Right to Privacy Act) - Board Policy 8940, which addresses student records and regulates directory information, is available for public review during normal office hours of the Office of the Superintendent, Stockbridge Community School District, 305 W. Elizabeth Street, Stockbridge, Michigan 49285. The Family Education and Right to Privacy Act requires school districts to develop a policy outlining the information which is considered available to the public as directory information. The Stockbridge School District has determined that only that information, which commonly appears in yearbooks and athletic programs, is to be made available as directory information. Directory information is student name, address, telephone number, picture, grade level, academic awards, degree, honors, major field of study, and information related to athletics, school sponsored activities, enrollment dates, and organizations. A parent, guardian, or eligible student may choose to make additional information available, but only by their written consent. They may also prohibit the release of any or all directory information by writing their building principal within 30 days of the date of this notice. No directory information will be released within this time period unless the parent, guardian, or eligible student is specifically informed otherwise. However, records will be forwarded if requested by a legitimate educational organization in which a student needs to enroll. Two federal laws require the District to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses, and telephone numbers - unless parents have advised the District that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. These laws apply to the students in grades 7 - 12. Any parent, guardian, or eligible student may prohibit the release of this information to the military by delivering a written objection to the building principal within 30 days of the date of this notice. Under this option, directory information will still be made available to other sources under the terms and conditions explained in the previous paragraphs. This notice is required by law. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Brown, Superintendent, at 517-851-7188 ext 5501.

LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS - BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 - LYNDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 7:00 PM - The Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 - AGENDA: The Lyndon Township Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at 7:00 PM, at the Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118, to consider the zoning variance application of James Michael and Kathy Keinath, 11245 Boyce Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 (parcel number E-05-17-200-005) regarding a side yard setback variance from 30 feet to 5 feet while building a 28 foot by 40 foot garage. [Chapter 5, Section 5.4 - Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance]. Written comments may be sent to: Leslie Briggs, Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118. The ZBA will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Lyndon Township in writing, or phone 734-475-2401. A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.
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Ownership of a Project is Key to Success

Chelsea Wellness Foundation Growing In Its Mission

By Amy Heydtlauff

I recently read a Harvard Business Review (HBR) piece entitled Delivering on the Promise of Nonprofits. The premise of the article is the importance of measuring a nonprofit's impact. To measure they believe a nonprofit must have a clear idea of their intended impact. Working backwards from the intended impact a nonprofit should be specific about what they'll fund. Very specific.

This is an intriguing idea for Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation (CWF) to consider. Our first year of funding (2010) we had few grant requests. In our eagerness to get started we funded nearly all of them. Now all five communities in our service area know we're here and we've been generous in the past. Some community groups hope projects waiting their turn for local funding, may see the light of day earlier than planned if CWF will fund the project. So far, these requests to CWF are usually for the full amount of the project.

With that background, let's go back to the HBR. The reason HBR said nonprofits have to be specific in their funding decisions is because it also says "Legitimate needs invariably outstrip any single organization's ability to meet them." I agree.

I also believe when an organization - any organization, swoops in and solves a problem - for your community, you and your neighbors may be grateful, but you have no ownership of the solution. You have no investment in the outcome. The best things in a community are generally things the community makes happen - not the things they are given. We know many good things happen in these communities because you make them happen.

There is some middle ground. Let's say your community thinks

you want to make it safe for kids to walk to school but many of those kids have to cross Dexter-Ann Arbor Road, Old U.S.-12 or M-52. To make it safe you may need a crossing guard or two. Maybe you need a light or cross walk. This is where the community and CWF can work together. A good example is Safe Routes to School (SR2S).

Through a grant, Chelsea and Dexter School Districts are starting the SR2S program. With help from state-wide experts, a plan is being developed to increase walking and biking to school. There will also be collaboration between all the right players to make sure there is infrastructure (sidewalks, signage, crosswalks or lights) to assure kids are as safe as possible. Plans will require investment by the people who live in Chelsea and Dexter in the form of volunteer time, long range planning and eventual budgetary commitments.

If Chelsea or Dexter come back to CWF for a request to complete \$70,000 worth of crosswalks but there isn't a commitment by the citizens for some form of matching funds (by way of a municipal, school district, in kind or other budgetary pledge), CWF will understand the community isn't as committed to the project as we are. That's okay because CWF wants each community to speak through its local Wellness Coalitions and local officials to set priorities for their own communities.

At the same time, CWF is working hard to clarify our own intended impact and ways we'll measure our own effectiveness. When we're done we'll be in an excellent position to say "Here is a place the communities' priorities and the CWF priorities overlap."

Awesome! Let the ownership, partnership, planning and funding begin.



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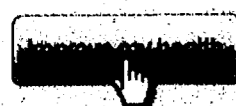
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Stockbridge Township Board Considers Lakeland Trail Block to Border-to-Border Project

Farmer Fights for Rights, Public Fights for Right to Pass

By Melinda Baird

While local equestrian groups, cyclists, hikers, families and individuals anxiously await the full opening of Lakeland Trail from Stockbridge to Munnith as promised by the Department of Natural Resources during a February public meeting, local produce farmer Larry Krummry remains opposed to opening the segment running adjacent to his farm for liability and livelihood reasons. "For me and my son, this is a matter of sustaining a five-generation business," said Krummry.

He and his attorney Charles Barbieri of Foster Swift pled with the Stockbridge Township Board August 20 to adopt a resolution in support of preventing public access to the portion of Lakeland State Trail just east of Krummry's 500-plus acre produce farm.

Barbieri requested that the township formally support the re-routing of the trail, offering one proposed alternative further east in the M-106 right-of-way. Board members tabled the decision in order to seek legal counsel from township attorney Peter Flintoft.

The disputed section of trail currently runs through the farm's main complex, becoming impassable due to blockage by old railroad ties, a water ditch, and parked farm equipment. Krummry, whose family farm has been in existence since the 1920's, said the risk of public poisoning from pesticides is the primary reason for him opposing the opening of that portion of the trail. He also said there is a risk of produce contamination, such as E. coli, from horse feces and public littering.

Krummry presented letters from Ingham County Farm Bureau, State Representative Barb Byrum and Michigan Agri-Business Association President Jim Byrum echoing his concerns about public safety, food safety and liability should the trail be opened to the public.

Barbieri called for a formal resolution from the township board indicating agreement

with the respective authors to be sent to Senator Joe Hune and Department of Natural Resources Director Rodney Stokes. "If the public goes through, they're going to be harmed. If the trail goes through, I am going to go out of business," said Krummry of the dilemma. "Vegetables need to be sprayed. We can't co-exist."

Krummry reported spraying a combination of insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides everyday or every other day at staggered times of day, sometimes aerially. The re-entry period into the crops is 12 to 48 hours due to the toxicity of the chemicals, he said. He noted that although he follows a drift management plan, drift of spray onto the trail cannot be totally eliminated, particularly considering his fields lie west of the trail. "Even the vapors are harmful," urged Krummry. "I would lose my license if I let somebody work downwind." Krummry added unmonitored irrigation equipment, the use of propane gas to dry crops stored just feet away from the trail, and heavy traffic of semi-trucks and large farm equipment pose further risk to the public.

Meanwhile, several members of the Jackson Western Horsemen Club have written their own letters to Hune, Byrum and Stokes urging them to take action in opening the land to the public. "The interests of a single landowner who appears to have appropriated public lands and infringed on the rights of all should be a legally and easily remedied issue," said member Tina Patterson.

Stockbridge Village Trustee Greg Uihlein pointed out that the township voted twice in the past to abdicate themselves of any tie to Lakeland Trail, including maintenance, financial contribution, and liability. He then pointed out the Village of Stockbridge entered into a lease agreement with the DNR in May 2010 giving the Village rights to maintain, improve and operate that portion of the

trail renounced by Stockbridge Township. Further, since the State of Michigan holds the title to the corridor, Uihlein challenged the appropriateness of the township discussing or voting on land to which they have no police or zoning jurisdiction. "Why is the township addressing this with a vote when Krummry's argument is with the State of Michigan?" asked Uihlein. "Let him fight the state."

Village President Don Byrd argued the Grand Trunk Railroad was completed in 1883, long before Krummry's farm was established. He expressed concern that re-routing the trail would delay its opening possibly another three years, and that expeditious mending of the trail would benefit the local economy and also promote healthy lifestyles. "A 100-foot easement is the same distance you'd see on any road or river. We don't shut down the road or river," added Byrd.

"I don't think it's appropriate that we vote on it," responded Township Clerk Mary Wilson to Barbieri's proposed resolution. "We don't own it, it's not a zoning issue, we already expressed we don't have any interest in maintenance and we definitely don't want liability."

Stockbridge Township Supervisor Paul Risner disagreed with Wilson, stating that if there is an alternative route then it is the DNR's charge to use it, including expending the resources needed to establish the route rather than expect Krummry to foot the bill. "Let's work with the farmers for a change rather than against them," said Risner. "I've known you for a long time," added Risner to Krummry. "Your farming operation is second to none."

A Michigan State University entomology professor (who did not wish to be named) reported being familiar with the Krummry farm operations and affirmed Krummry's strict adherence to Environmental Protection Agency regulations in his use of pesticides. The professor said that because Krummry carefully follows

a drift management plan he could actually reduce risk to public. That plan, outlined by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, includes consideration of factors such as spray droplet size, wind speed and target-specific application.

The professor added the insecticides used are of a new generation and therefore on the milder scale of the spectrum, and that his low-to-ground crops further reduce drift risk. The risk is walking through the actual crops, said the source, suggesting fencing as a viable option.

As lessee of the trail segment that runs through Stockbridge Township, the Village of Stockbridge received written permission from DNR officials to initiate clearing of the approximate quarter mile segment proximate to the farm. Toward that effort, a public meeting will take place Wednesday September 12 at the Middle School Cafeteria at 6pm. "The public can come to hear and understand what we're trying to accomplish," said Uihlein.

Potential work dates for actual clearing are the mornings of September 23 and September 30 with more information to follow.

"This gap is the biggest hurdle between Munnith and Hamburg," said one DNR official who did not wish to be named. The official said there is wide-spread community interest in opening the trail to inner-city Jackson, and ultimately from Port Huron to South Haven.

"This is one step closer to getting this thing coast to coast," said Uihlein.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture will inspect Krummry's farm next week

regarding pesticide use and posting in response to a recent Village request for inspection.




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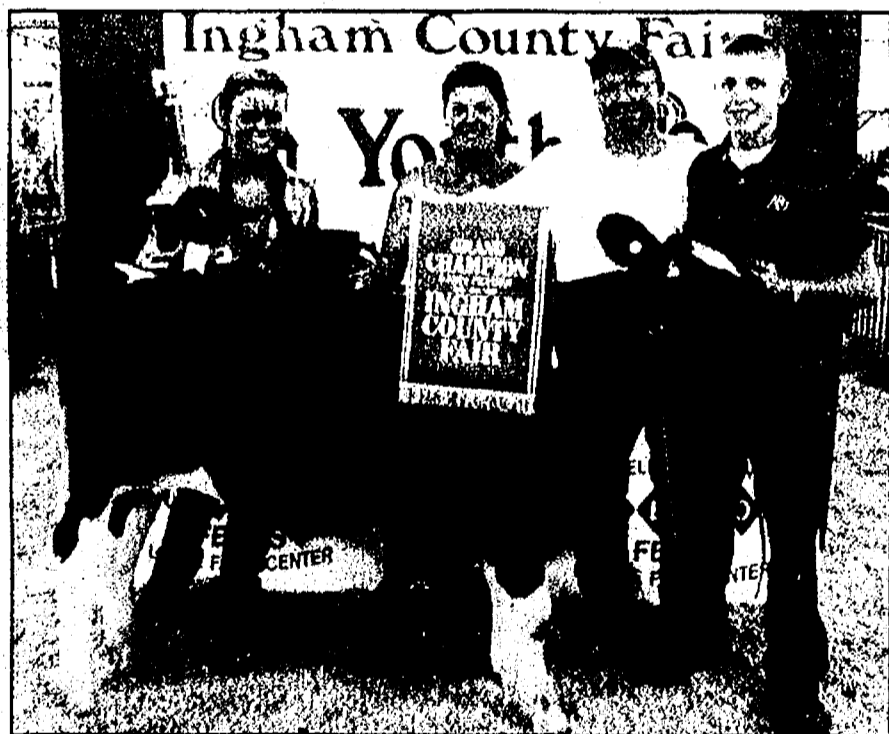


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