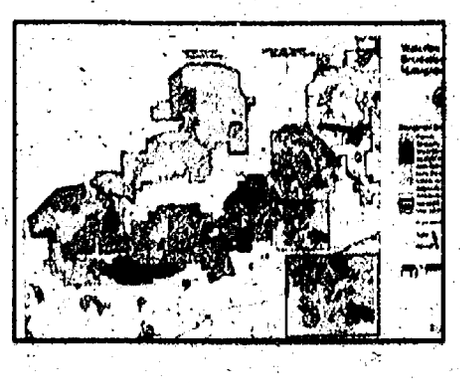
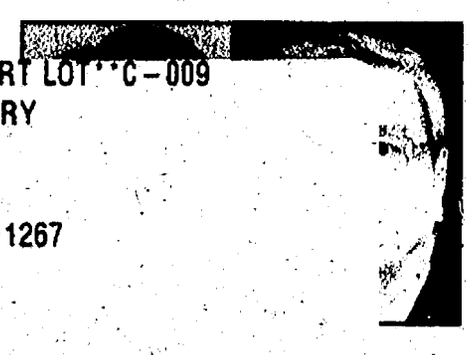
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Judge gives OK for debt millage recount in Sylvan

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

Circuit Court Judge Archie Brown ruled Oct. 3 that a recount of the Sylvan water and sewer debt millage will happen.

The Washtenaw County Board of Canvassers initially denied the recount due to "improperly sealed ballot bags." Brown ruled that the recount must occur no later than 21 days from Oct. 3.

The 20-year 4.4 mill levy passed 480-473 in the August primary. That narrow seven-vote margin left many township residents questioning the millage's passing, including Patrick Zieske.

Zieske, who runs the website Free Sylvan, was the sole petitioner in the case for the recount and appeared in court alongside Board of Canvassers representatives and its attorney and Township Clerk Luann Koch and township attorney Peter Flintoft.

"I feel that it was the correct outcome," Zieske said, having signed the order along with his township cohorts during the 45-minute hearing, wherein Koch gave testimony before Brown, who inquired as to the integrity of the ballots between the election and present time.

Koch, who did not return a phone call Wednesday, is understood to have reiterated her statements made at a Sept. 4 township board meeting where the initial decision to forgo a recount was publicly announced.

Koch's statement was made to inform the public that both the seal numbers on the bags and the number of votes matched those recorded in the county's poll book, indicating that the integrity of the ballot bags were sound.

"The election workers have been sealing the ballot bags in this same manner for at least eight years with no notification of change from the County of the State," Koch stated in the township's board meeting minutes.

She indicated that the Washtenaw County Elections Division had no guidance on ballot bag sealing at an election certification training session held in the summer.

The Board of Canvassers reiterated their position that the incorrectly sealed ballot bags made them ineligible for a recount during the court hearing.

However, Brown ruled in favor of the recount based on his belief that the ballot bag integrity was sound, although he understood why the Board of Canvassers' office awaited the compelling of a court to proceed.

Board of Canvassers' attorney Soni Mithani did not return phone calls as of publish.

Ed Golembiewski, Washtenaw County director of elections, said that the recount hasn't been scheduled yet but he was optimistic the recount would be completed the week of Oct. 12.

"It has to be done by order within three weeks of

PLEASE SEE RECOUNT/3-A



A soprano saxophonist plays "When the Saints Go Marching In" on the Chelsea High School auditorium stage. A photo of Bob Daniels is displayed behind him.

Honoring a 'quiet leader'

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Media

The public memorial of Bob Daniels at Chelsea High School Sunday afternoon was a touching celebration of what Chelsea's most beloved citizen meant to the community.

Daniels, owner of Chelsea Lumber Company and what most key figures in the community considered a close friend and guiding force, died on Sept. 1 at the age of 83.

"We come together this afternoon not merely because Bob died, but because he lived," said Joy Barrett, Chelsea First United Methodist Church pastor and a friend of Daniels for eight years. "In the way that Bob chose to live his life, we are better people and our community is a better place."

Barrett pointed to the fact that the date of Daniels' death was one day after a blue moon, noting that men like him are just as rare.

His son, Jeff Daniels, thanked the hundreds of people who filled the auditorium at CHS during the 90-minute ceremony.

The service was full of good humor and spirit, despite the nature of the gathering, which included several key friends and confidants of Bob Daniels who filled the ceremony with thoughtful observations, insights and poignant recollections of time spent with the man during his life.

"Mom and John and Jodie and I, we called these people up and said, 'Don't tell us what you're going to say, we want to know what dad meant to you, what did Bob do for you that is unique to you," Jeff Daniels said, before

City Councilmember Frank Hammer, who first met Bob Daniels in the '70s, spoke.

Hammer noted that Bob Daniels was the one who encouraged him to run for council.

"(He) was the kind of guy who would take me around and find the right screws for the project I was doing," Hammer said. "When I think of Bob I want to borrow a Yiddish word – Bob was a 'mensch,' which means he was a person of integrity who was also helping people, and was helping them with the right attitude.

"I did look it up online and a mensch has four qualities: helping others, doing the right thing for the right reason, being a peacemaker and always striving to improve themselves.

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School board candidates vie for 2 seats

By Danny Shaw
Heritage Media

In one of the most-contested school board races in the county, residents in the Chelsea School District have four candidates vying for two, four-year board seats in the November election.

Both Board President Steve Olsen and Trustee Jeff Crowder's seats are expiring, with Olsen seeking re-election.

Three other candidates, however, are looking to fill Crowder's seat and oust Olsen.

Chelsea residents Laura Bush, Dana Emmert and Kathy Keinath will be on the ballot next to Olsen for the two seats.

Candidates were asked to fill out an online questionnaire submitted by Heritage Media asking for three key issues they would seek to deal with as a trustee along with biographical information.

The four candidates also attended a public Q-and-A session on Oct. 2.

Laura Bush

Age: 41
Residence: Chelsea
Occupation: Registered nurse
Education: Bachelor of science in nursing
Current public or community service: Ele's Place Breakfast Committee Reproductive Health Committee for CSD Senior Seminar speaker, nurse for Washington, D.C. eighth grade trip
Previous elected office (if applicable): N/A

What are three key issues you would seek to deal with if elected?

No. 1, advocate for learning for all students. No. 2, school finance and fiscal responsibility. No. 3, continue to support a positive work environment for all staff.

Do you have any relatives who currently attend or previously attended a school within your district?

I have three kids currently in the Chelsea school district. I have a daughter at the high school, and a son and a daughter at Beach Middle School.

Dana Emmert

Age: 39
Residence: Dexter Township
Occupation: Stay-at-home mom
Education: Bachelor's degree in audiology and speech sciences at Michigan State. Post-graduate work in speech pathology at University of Hawaii, Manoa.
Current public or community service: I serve on the elementary schools PTO as vice president for North Creek Elementary.
Previous elected office (if applicable): N/A

What are three key issues you would seek to deal with if elected?

I look forward to working as a team with all those involved in our schools and community to make informed decisions on issues that are brought to the board. I am not going into this election with an agenda about specific issues, but rather the hope that our schools continue to be a place that I am proud to have my children attend. I feel that good communication between the board and our schools/community is essential.

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Fink, Kuhnke squaring off for 22nd Circuit Judge

Winner to fill Judge Melinda Morris' seat

By Amy Bell
Staff Writer

One of two contested races in the Washtenaw County 22nd Circuit Court judge races involves two local attorneys, non-incumbents James Fink and Carol Kuhnke.

The two are facing off Nov. 6 in the non-partisan race for Judge Melinda Morris' position on the court. Morris is unable to run for re-election due to a state constitutional law stating a candidate must be younger than age 70 at the time of election.

Fink and Kuhnke were the winners of the August primary race, which involved four candidates.

James A. Fink
Ypsilanti


James A. Fink

What is your occupation and educational background?
Attorney. Juris doctorate, summa cum laude, Detroit College of Law; bachelor's degree, Eastern Michigan University.

What is the office you are seeking?
Circuit Judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit, non-incumbent.

What is your political affiliation?
Judicial offices are non-partisan.

Age: 56

Please list any previous elected experience: City of Ypsilanti Charter Commission, 2010.

Please list any current public or community service: Member, Michigan Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Treatment Board (past chairman); member, Dawn Farm Board of Trustees (past chairman, 2012 Founder's Award); City of Ypsilanti Charter Commission; St. Luke Lutheran Church Board of Elders.

Why are you running for office?
I am running for circuit judge because I love public service, I love the law and I love our community. A good judge ensures that everyone's rights are protected and that all receive equal justice under the law, treats the position and everyone who appears before the court with respect, and gives proper attention to each person, regardless of position or perceived importance.

I will ensure that the law is applied fairly, without bias and that cases are handled efficiently, in accordance with the law and in a manner that instills confidence in the result and the justice system.

I am well qualified for the position as evidenced by being rated Outstanding by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan and being rated first in the Washtenaw County Bar Association Judicial Poll for this position.

What are three key issues that you're seeking to deal with if elected?
How the court can help prevent and treat domestic violence.

The effective and efficient administration of justice in an environment of limited resources.

Cooperating and coordinating with other agencies to promote programs and activities that reduce recidivism.

How do you plan to resolve those issues?
Screening for domestic violence in custody disputes and domestic relations cases, cooperating with domestic violence service providers to assist survivors of domestic violence, and holding batterers accountable including, when appropriate, referring domestic violence offenders to batterers' treatment.

The use of technology to streamline service delivery will help make the system more efficient and user-friendly. For example, electronic filing, in use in the federal and some state courts, reduces costs for litigants and the courts.

Cooperate with agencies providing services (Dawn Farm, Alternatives to Domestic Aggression, jobs programs, etc.) when appropriate to encourage probationers to address issues that may contribute to recidivism.

Carol Kuhnke
Ann Arbor


Carol Kuhnke

What is your occupation and educational background?
Lawyer. Milan High School, 1986; bachelor's degree from University of Michigan, 1990; Juris doctorate from Chicago-Kent College of Law, 1993.

What is the office you are seeking?
Judge of the 22nd Circuit Court (Washtenaw County Circuit Court).

What is your political affiliation?
Democrat

Age: 44

Please list any previous elected experience: None.

Please list any current public or community service: Chairwoman of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Ann Arbor; case evaluator for circuit courts of Washtenaw, Jackson, and Lenawee County circuit courts; volunteer with numerous organizations.

Why are you running for office?
I am running for Circuit Court judge because I have nearly 20 years of experience working in the circuit courts representing working people, and I believe that as a fair, impartial, and hardworking judge, I can make a difference in people's lives.

What are three key issues that you're seeking to deal with if elected?
I plan to work at resolving cases earlier in the process, which benefits those litigants and also frees court resources for other matters. I'd also strive to improve access to the courts and to rehabilitate juvenile offenders to keep them lawfully engaged in society.

How do you plan to resolve those issues?
As a lawyer who has spent nearly 20 years representing clients with limited access to the courts, I have many ideas to improve access to the courts and to improve court efficiency for all residents of Washtenaw County.

Juvenile cases represent in many cases our last chance to put a young person's life back on track, while at the same time saving tax dollars that would otherwise be spent on incarceration. Emphasizing rehabilitation of youth who are not a danger to society will benefit the entire community.

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Washtenaw 2012 Judicial candidates forum set Oct. 16

The Washtenaw Community 2012 Judicial Candidates Fall Forum is set from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the multi-purpose room of Bach Elementary School, 600 W. Jefferson, Ann Arbor.

The event is free and open to the public.

Attendees will have a chance to meet and hear from the candidates running for the two contested judicial seats on the 22nd Circuit Court, which is the Washtenaw County Trial Court.

The evening will consist of a moderated forum using pre-submitted questions, followed by a meet-and-greet with the candidates.

The candidates forum is sponsored by The Old West Side Neighborhood Association of Ann Arbor, the Washtenaw County Bar Association and the Washtenaw Chapter of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan.

Anyone who wishes to submit a question for the candidates should e-mail a question to washbar@washbar.org and put "judicial forum" in the subject line.

Questions from community members will be forwarded to the host committee for consideration. Due to the time limit of the forum, not all submitted questions will be used.

The question submission deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday.

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Drunken driving suspect assaults officer at hospital

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

A 47-year-old Chelsea man assaulted a police officer at the hospital after he was arrested for drunken driving.

He had been transported to Chelsea Community Hospital by the arresting officer for treatment of high blood-alcohol content, according to police.

Police began to suspect he was driving under the influence after his vehicle was observed stopped in the middle of the road. The officer, who saw the vehicle stop at about 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 in the 500 block of North Main Street, made visual contact with the driver, who motioned the officer forward as if to say everything was alright.

The officer followed the driver and observed him make a wide left turn, according to police. The vehicle was stopped and the officer determined through administered roadside sobriety tests that the suspect had been driving under the influence. He also had a suspended driver's license.

It was deemed he was unfit to be lodged in jail due to a high blood-alcohol content level, and he was transported to Chelsea Community Hospital for treatment. At 12:15 a.m. Oct. 5, police were notified the suspect was causing problems at the hospital and the hospital's staff requested police assistance.

Officers responded and attempted to calm the suspect so he could be treated.

According to police, an altercation with the suspect followed and he assaulted an officer. He was restrained so medical attention could be completed.

After medical personnel finished their review, the suspect was released from the hospital and transported to the Washtenaw County Jail.

The case of assaulting an officer remains open pending review by the Washtenaw County prosecutor's office. The drunken driving case is pending chemical test results.

ELECTION

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attend or previously attended a school within your district?

My husband and I are both Chelsea High School graduates. Our four children attend the Chelsea Schools at North Creek (second grade), South Meadows (third and fourth grade), and Beach Middle School (sixth grade). My mother-in-law and two sisters are also CHS graduates. In addition, I have a niece in the second grade at North Creek Elementary and a nephew who will be attending at North Creek as a kindergartener for the 2013-2014 school year.

Kathy Keinath

Age: 47

Residence: Chelsea, Lyndon Township

Occupation: Business owner/civil engineer

Education: Bachelor's degree in engineering from Michigan Technological University; master's degree in management from Eastern Michigan University.

Current public or community service: Most of my recent community service is based on the interest of my two children. I have been a classroom volunteer in my children's classes on a weekly basis. This has provided me with a great opportunity to be in their classrooms and gain a better understanding of the challenges facing our teachers. I have also been a basketball coach and sponsored several recreational youth teams.

Previous elected office (if applicable): No response.

What are three key issues you would seek to deal with if elected?

Student achievement: I believe our primary goal should be student achievement. It is the school board's responsibility to set up and maintain an effective, efficient organizational structure for the district that lets the superintendent and administrators manage the schools, teachers teach and students learn. Chelsea schools have consistently provided high quality education to our children. Recently, three of our schools have been given the designation of focus schools because of the achievement gap between the top 30 percent and the bottom 30 percent.

I strongly support managing class size to increase interaction between the teacher and student, as well as to allow more opportunities for individualized instruction and flexibility for student learning styles. A quality education will be my priority for every child, top, bottom and middle.

Maintaining Financial Stability: Financial constraints are presenting significant challenges to our schools. Managing the finances of the school district has become very complex because of the ever changing laws and regulations being put into place regarding public education. I will be able to bring the experience and perspectives of a parent, manager and business owner to the board. Just as with managing a business, board members need to be dedicated to staying up to date and current on all the changes affecting financial decisions for the district.

I do plan on attending forums with the Michigan Association of School Boards and working with our local legislators to stay current on all issues related to the school system's finances.

Community involvement: The Chelsea community is incredibly supportive of its schools and this is a vital part of providing quality, well rounded education to our children. The school board needs to hold the respect and confidence of the community, staff, students and all constituents. One of the school board's responsibilities is to effectively communicate with the public. We need to make sure that the community is informed about the financial challenges facing the school district and be available for community input. It is a public school and everyone in our community is a part of our children's educational success.

There are other issues that I would also like to see addressed by the school district including improving parking lot safety and reducing some of the redundant paperwork at the beginning of each school year.

Do you have any relatives who currently attend or previously attended a school within your district?

I have two children attending Chelsea Schools, Sam and Joe Michael. Sam is in the fifth grade and Joe is in the third grade. I have no other relatives attending school or working for the district. I think this gives me a uniquely objective point of view regarding all issues that will be presented to the school board for consideration.

Steve Olsen

Age: 66

Residence: Freedom Township

Occupation: Attorney

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Political Science, Oakland University; Juris Doctor, University of Michigan; Completed 31 professional development courses offered to school board trustees by Michigan Association of School Boards

Current public or community service: president, Board of Education, Chelsea School District; past president, Washtenaw Association of School Boards; member, Washtenaw Alliance for Education; founding member, Gateway Communities Initiative; member, Board of Directors, Great Lakes Zoological Society; member, St. Louis Guanella Knights of Columbus Council #3092, St. Mary of Chelsea.

Previous elected office: Trustee, Board of Education, Chelsea School District 2004 Trustee, Board of Education, Chelsea School District, 2008

What are three key issues you would seek to deal with if elected?

No. 1, increase the academic achievement of all our students. No. 2, assure that our students have a positive, safe and healthy learning environment while on the school campus and at off-campus, school-related events. No. 3, provide a fiscally sound budget in the face of decreasing state-provided revenues and resources.

Do you have any relatives who currently attend or previously attended a school within your district?

My son is a senior at Chelsea High School.

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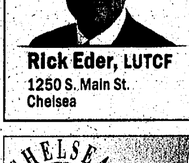
today," Golembiewski said. "In the case of a recount, a recount vote total would stand as certified. I cannot guess what implications that would have (beyond the election results)."


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Voters to weigh in on emergency manager law

Law currently suspended pending vote

By Alan Burdziak
Journal Register News Service



Proposal 1 on the Nov. 6 ballot concerns Michigan emergency managers like Pontiac's Lou Schimmel. A "yes" vote on the law would keep PA 4. A "no" vote would reject it and reinstate PA 72 permanently.

Proposal 1 will decide whether Michigan's controversial emergency manager law will stay on the books or be thrown out.

Public Act 4 of 2011, one of Gov. Rick Snyder's first bills signed into law, grants expanded powers to state-appointed receivers, including the ability to modify, reject or terminate collective bargaining agreements with public sector labor unions; put aside the powers of local elected officials; and sell, lease or rent publicly owned property.

After a petition drive and several court battles, opponents of the law successfully got a referendum on Public Act 4 on the Nov. 6 general election ballot. The law was suspended in August when the petition was certified. PA 72 of 1990, its predecessor, gives emergency financial managers drastically less power and is in effect in the meantime.

A "yes" vote on the law would keep PA 4. A "no" vote would reject it and reinstate PA 72 permanently.

Critics of the law call it undemocratic because power can be taken away from elected officials, and labor unions want it repealed because it allows their contracts to be changed. For a receiver to change or reject a contract, approval is needed from the state treasurer.

Backers of the law say there needs to be a safety net for local governmental units facing insolvency.

Backers of the law say there needs to be a safety net for local governmental units facing insolvency. Supporters also have said its expanded powers enable receivers to more efficiently solve financial problems in cities and school districts in which they are appointed.

Currently, emergency financial managers are in place in the cities of Benton Harbor, Ecorse, Flint and Pontiac and in the school districts in Detroit, Highland Park and Muskegon Heights.

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See next week's edition for information on state Proposals 3, 5 and 6



Prop 2 changes constitution for collective bargaining

Snyder says law would cost taxpayers

By Charles Crumm
Journal Register News Service

Much of the TV advertising between now and the Nov. 6 election centers on the six statewide proposals on the ballot — some more than others.

One of them is a proposal to make collective bargaining through labor unions a constitutional right.

Proposal 2 is called the "Protect Our Jobs" initiative.

It would make collective bargaining a right for public and private employees under Michigan's constitution in any entity employing one or more people.

Opponents of it — Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and others — say it would seriously harm Michigan, drive up costs and roll back reforms that have corralled public employee costs.

Supporters — Michigan labor and teachers' unions, and Michigan Democrats — say it protects workers' rights to bargain for pay and benefits, and protects the middle class.

Bill Ballenger, of the newsletter Inside Michigan Politics, says it's the opposite of asking voters if they want a right-to-work state. Right-to-work means a person can't be forced to join a union as a condition of employment.

"Something's gotta give," writes Ballenger in his Sept. 24 newsletter.

"Either the citizens of Michigan endorse a so-called 'Right to Work' law. Or they support putting language in the state constitution that would stop a 'Right to Work' law from ever being enacted.

"One thing is certain — they can't have both," Ballenger says.

Snyder, Michigan's Republican governor, says he's a supporter of collective bargaining, but that the proposal, if passed, would set Michigan labor laws back 30 or 40 years.

The governor has weighed in with his views on the statewide ballot proposals with videos on the state's website, including Proposal 2.

"It could lead to unlimited wage increases and early retirements with lavish pensions — all at the taxpayers' expense," says Snyder. "This proposal should be called 'the Back in Time amendment.' It would seriously harm Michigan's ability to keep moving forward."

FYI

This proposal would:

- Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.
- Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.
- Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements.
- Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.

The Sierra Club is part of a coalition supporting passage of Proposal 2.

"Collective bargaining gave us the eight-hour workday, weekends, and healthcare benefits — things that we all rely on, but sometimes take for granted," says Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune. "It's important that we pull together to build on that progress and give working families the opportunity to provide better lives for their children, and Prop 2 does just that."

Polls indicate Michigan voters are divided but lean toward passage.

An EPIC-MRA poll of 600 likely voters conducted Sept. 8 through 11 found 48 percent supported it while 43 percent were opposed and 9 percent were undecided.

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Proposal 4 takes on home care, collective bargaining

If OK'd, it will form a state-funded agency

By Jameson Cook
Journal Register News Service

State ballot Proposal 4 supporters say it will improve the quality and keep down the cost of home care for seniors and the disabled, while foes call it a disguised attempt to hijack the constitution to legitimize illegal collective bargaining.

Proposal 4, appearing on the Nov. 6 ballot, would amend the state constitution regarding about 48,000 home-care workers, most often a family member or relative of the disabled or elderly patient, who is paid from the patient's Medicaid or Medicare benefits.

Called the Keep Home Care a Safe Choice, proponents say it would encourage patients to use home care instead of more expensive nursing-home care, and maintain care quality.

It is backed by union groups, many in the clergy, law enforcement, and disabled people and senior citizen advocacy groups. The 550,000 signatures placing it on the ballot were submitted by Citizens for Affordable Quality Home Care.

"It will allow seniors and persons with disabilities the choice to direct their own care while remaining healthy and independent in their own homes, instead of forcing them into expensive nursing homes or other institutions," said Norm DeLisle, executive director of the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition and co-chair of CAQC.

John Hoyle, CAQC co-chair, said the key to the proposal is reviving a registry of home care workers that allowed for screening, training and compensation for caretakers. Defunded by the state Legislature earlier this year, the registry is currently "limping along," Hoyle said.

The measure would set up a state-funded agency -- the Michigan Quality Home Care Council -- that would maintain the registry, allowing background checks and training of home-care workers. It would provide financial management help for patients.

The registry had cost about $500,000 year to maintain, but that was offset by $1.1 million in savings over four years in reduced jobless benefits.

Proposal foes say its real intent is being masked. It would guarantee the continuation of what they say is the illegitimate collective bargaining of the home-care workers, represented by the Service Employees International Union.

"They (supporters) are using the constitution to whitewash a sorted history," said Patrick Wright, a senior legal analyst of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, which opposes the measure. "We think this is a money grab."

The unionization will ultimately increase costs, argues the Michigan Manufacturers Association, among pro-business groups that oppose Proposal 4.

Foes decried the development seven years ago when home-care workers seven years ago were guaranteed the workers' right to collectively bargain by the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, in a "scheme" by former Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the SEIU; the MERC declared them public employees even though they didn't meet the state constitution's definition of public employees, the group says. In 2005, 88 percent of the approximately 8,000 ballots (among about 48,000 workers) approved the SEIU to represent workers.

The SEIU has received $6 million per year in union dues, a windfall, foes say, by collecting 2.75 percent from the patients' government checks.

Robert and Patricia Haynes of Macomb Township, who care for their two adult children afflicted with cerebral palsy, said they weren't aware of the election and would have voted no because they have no need for a union.

"We were forced into this union pretty much without our knowledge," Haynes said.

Even though they opted out, they must pay a state-required "representative fee," about two-thirds of the union dues, about $30 per month, he said.

Workers in most counties earn slightly above the $7.40 per hour minimum wage, about $8 per hour. Hoyle said many workers before unionization were improperly earning below minimum wage, about $5 per hour.

Opponents — backed by the Citizens Research Council — contend operation of the registry and related benefits can be accomplished without the amendment through the federal Home Help Program since the program is funded by Medicaid and Medicare.

Since most of the approximately 53,000 workers are family members, relatives or friends – 80 percent, according to the Anderson Economic Group – the registry often isn't needed, opponents say. "It doesn't apply to us," Haynes said.

Lawmakers also tried to eliminate the unionization by passing Public Act 76, supported by Gov. Rick Snyder. But supporters gained a federal judge's ruling that declared the unionization legal for the time-being because it resulted from a contract between two government agencies – one of them the Department of Community Health. That contract, however, is set to expire next February. Hoyle said the workers deserve to be represented, pointing out they "overwhelmingly" OK'd unionization.

He pointed out significant cost savings of caring for someone in their home instead of institutionalizing them. It costs $4,800 in Medicaid funds per year to provide a patient with home care compared with $52,000 per year for those in nursing homes, according to Anderson.

Wright noted, however, that unionization of home-care workers has failed to increase the number of patients. In the three years prior to the 2005 unionization, there was an average of 53,522 patients. In 2010, there was virtually no change, 53,516 patients, officials said.

Hoyle countered that studies show home care is on the rise because of aging baby boomers.

The CRC suggests a "voter-initiated law" or a "referendum" on PA 76 may provide a better option.

"Voters interested in re-establishing (the council) should thoughtfully consider whether a constitutional amendment is the best approach to this issue," it states.

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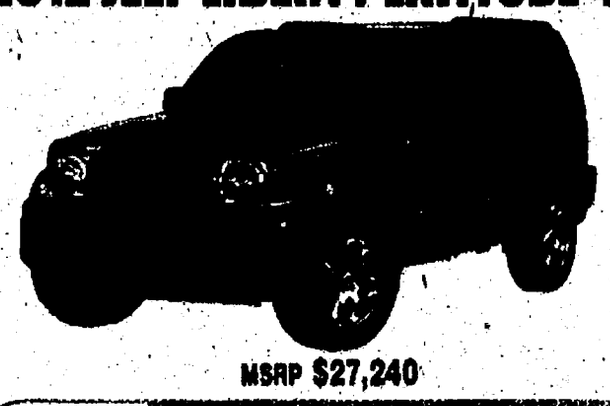
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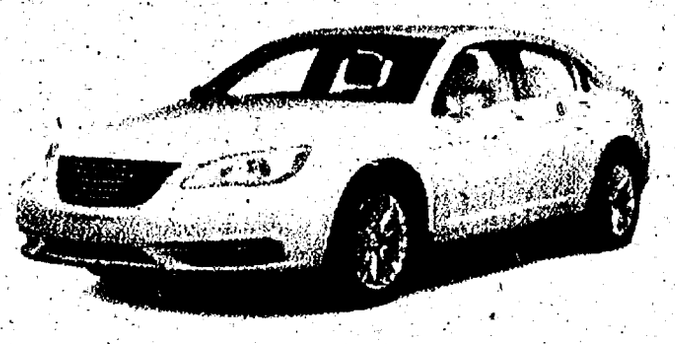
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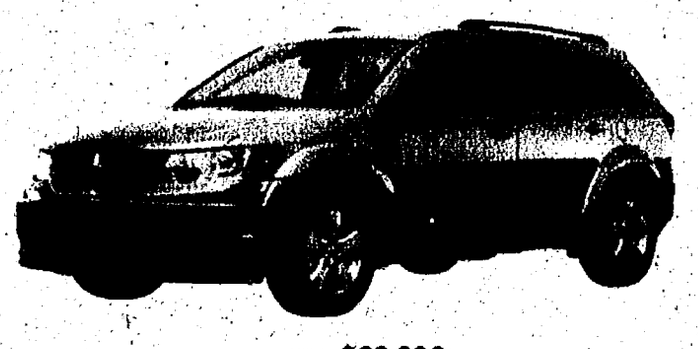
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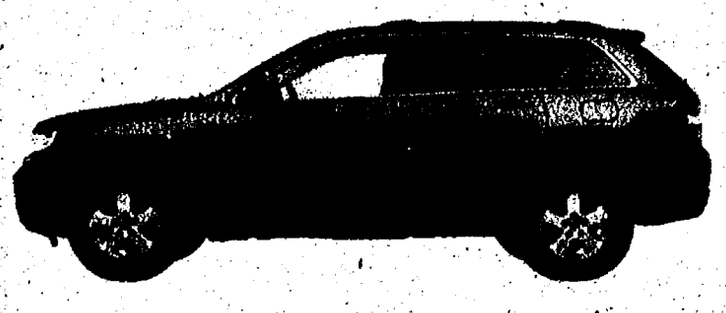
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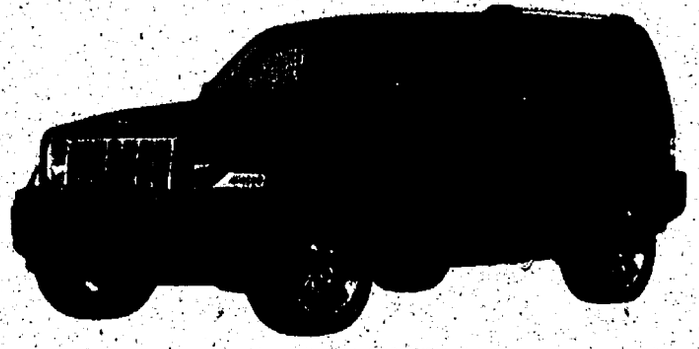


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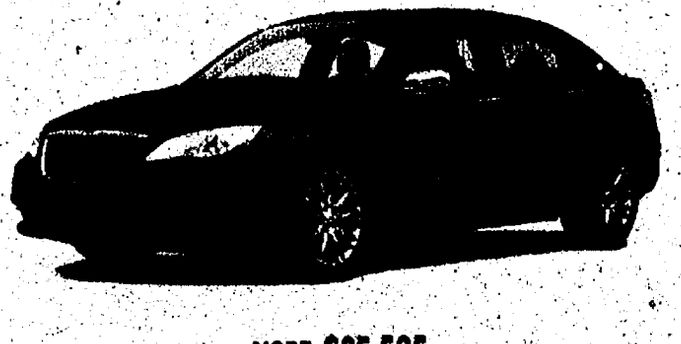
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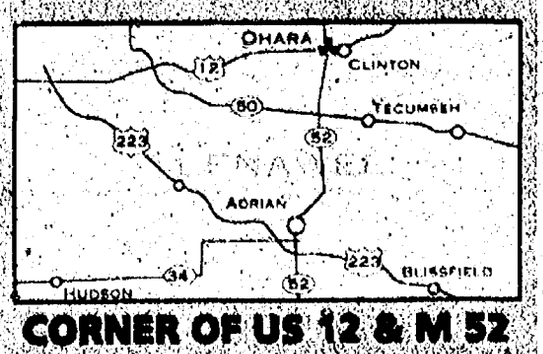
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Do you frequent local cider mills and pumpkin patches in the fall?

A. Yes
B. No
C. Sometimes
D. Only if invited

It's National Cyber Security Awareness Month

ONLINE SAFETY



KRISTIN JUDGE

This October is the ninth annual National Cyber Security Awareness Month. The Department of Homeland Security, National Cyber Security Alliance and the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center work in partnership with public and private sector partners during October to send the message of Internet safety and responsibility to residents and businesses across the country.

Last year at this time, I was organizing the National Kick-off event for NCSAM. Washtenaw County was proud to host the Governor's Cyber Security Event with Secretary Janet Napolitano as our featured speaker. More than 630 people came to the event and attended educational sessions. Facebook live streamed the event and more than 10,000 people have watched. People are paying attention to this topic.

If we all take just a little time to get involved this October, we can make a difference in the lives of our family, friends and co-workers. Won't you make a commitment to spread the word about online safety? Here's how to get involved.

Each week of October will have a theme with messaging and events to coincide. Everyone can do something to help share in the activities. The prep work has already been done.

Week 1 Theme: Stop. Think.Connect.tm

Social media is now a part of our lives in a way that still surprises me. Facebook only has been in existence for eight years, but already 955 million people are active users, LinkedIn has 100 million users and Twitter is at 140 million. Understanding the reach of social media, NCSA created Twitter feeds and Facebook posts for each day in October, and they are sharing those with all of us. The work has been done to create the content, now all you need to do is post. Find the resource here:
http://staysafeonline.org/ncsam/get-involved/social-media

Here is an example of the Twitter feeds for the first two days of October:

Day 1: October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month. Let's make our online lives safer and more secure. Details at http://staysafeonline.org/ncsam/ #ncsam

Day 2: National Cyber Security Awareness Month is a time to STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Learn more: http://bit.ly/MXMNmA #ncsam

Week 2 Theme: Law Enforcement and Cyber Security

In my community, our local law enforcement officers spend much of their time on community education and awareness on many topics. Law enforcement officials have a special leadership role in arming the public with the knowledge they need to prevent becoming a victim of cyber crime.

This handy guide was written by NCSA to outline activities local law enforcement can do right now:
http://www.staysafeonline.org/ncsam/get-involved/local-law-enforcement

The Week 3 Theme is Industry Efforts in Cyber Security and Week 4 Theme is Digital Literacy Efforts.

I will write about those next time.

Today's Quick Tips:
(Some come directly from the Department of Homeland Security National Cyber Security Awareness Month Website) http://www.dhs.gov/national-cyber-security-awareness-month

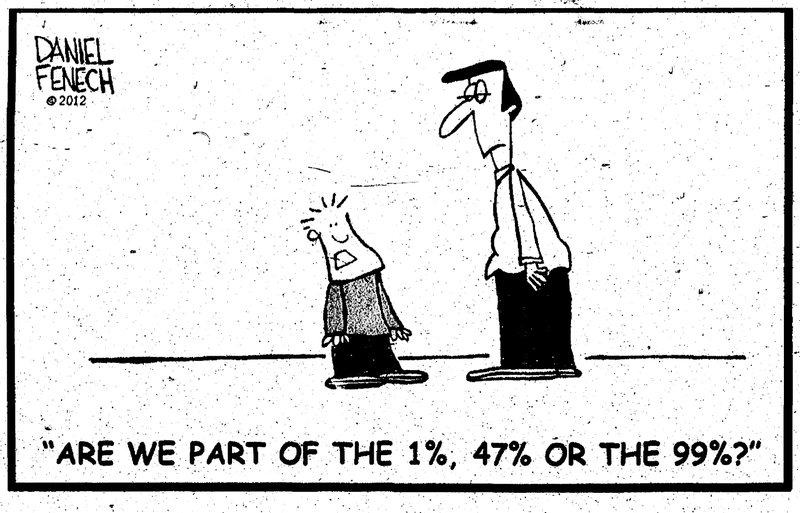
Americans can follow simple steps to keep themselves, their personal assets, and private information safe online. Here are a few tips all Internet users can do to practice cybersecurity during NCSAM and throughout the year:

*Set strong passwords and don't share them with anyone.

*Keep your operating system, browser and other critical software optimized by installing updates.

Cyber security is our shared responsibility, and I hope you have been inspired to share in October National Cyber Security Awareness Month 2012.

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GUEST COLUMN: By Joe Baublis

Republican criticism based on record

Republican criticism of Obama based on his record, not racial bias

Heritage.com published a Journal Register News Service editorial Sept. 30 in which the news organization claims "GOP alienating voters by not shutting down stupidity."

In an effort to refute the opinion, I respectfully invite my fellow citizens to consider the following.

I reject the editorial claim — essentially — that President Obama is not a socialist, and did not nationalize health care or industries. Wrong.

Mandating every citizen to pay for government approved health insurance is socialism.

And President Obama's decision to use the tax payers' full faith and credit to bail out unionized sectors of General Motors — and to fund bankrupt green energy industries whose principals were Obama supporters, and to allow major banking industries like Wakovia and BOA to walk away from federal prosecutions for laundering drug money — place the president up to his neck in a vat of corrupt socialism.

This is not how the traditional constitutional republic was supposed to operate.

I also reject the editorial claim that President Obama's "skin color" accounts for criticism.

First of all, President Obama is half black and half white. Biologically, it cannot be determined which part of his skin is the target of the alleged criticism.

More importantly, the fact is that skin color and race is used by President Obama and numerous U.S. congressmen as means to achieve political agenda.

For example, President Obama used the so-called "race card" to beat Hilary Clinton in 2008 primary, and the Black Congressional Caucus does not include any white-skinned people and is therefore a blatant violation of the principle of equality.

These are real examples and demonstrate that the highest level of the federal government disregards civil rights. However, this is certainly not a Republican agenda.

In addition, President Obama made a joke about Congressman John Boehner's orange skin color.

The point is that this racism does not arise from the Republican Party, nor is it a form of stupidity that the GOP can shut down.

However, the GOP was formed to oppose slavery, and the GOP was a leading force in civil rights reform.

But Journal Register Company should not look to the GOP to resolve Democratic racism.

On the other hand, if the Journal Register Company ever has a real example of GOP racism, then I want to know about it and I'll support corrections.

The Republican Party has published a platform of principles that the party leadership has endorsed. Racism and hatred, inter alia, are not included.

However, the principle of the divine blessing of freedom supersedes the GOP platform and, therefore, individuals within the party are free express themselves. Similarly, millions of U.S. citizens express themselves in different ways, but it is not the duty of the U.S. government to shut down free speech.

I sincerely believe that republican criticism against President Obama is genuine opposition to his ideology, priorities, experience, policy, and — most importantly — to the results he has produced.

The fact is that his record is inexcusable.

Joe Baublis is an Ann Arbor resident

OUR TAKE: Editorial

Proposal 2 doesn't deserve our support

Michigan's private and public workers have had the right to form unions for decades.

Therefore, it's not necessary to have voters approve a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to form a union, as is requested in Proposal 2 on the Nov. 6 ballot.

In the latest poll in mid-September, however, Proposal 2 is favored by a 48-43 percent margin of voters.

Proposal 2 would change the Michigan Constitution to include an "amendment that would grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions."

It also would "invalidate" existing or future state or local laws to limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective-bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions.

With the rise of global corporations, U.S. workers have lost collective power because such companies can transfer production overseas.

This is not politically or culturally popular, but it has become the way for companies to maximize profits to the ire of the United Auto Workers, AFL-CIO and Teamsters unions, and it has led to nearly 600,000 manufacturing jobs being lost in Michigan during the past decade.

> If every public and private worker in the nation refused to work today, it would shut this nation down within a couple of weeks. Banks couldn't repossess all the homes or cars that would go in foreclosure or default. Maybe then Congress and corporate America would reconsider the value of producing a product here to create an engine of economic growth.

Adam Smith, the father of modern economics and capitalism, believed that business owners would have "sympathy" with laborers and treat them fairly.

He also wrote in the 19th century that the cause of a rise in a nation's wealth is its workforce, rather than its quantity of silver and gold.

The opposite has happened. As times passed, workers lost leverage and benefits.

A strike, led by John L. Lewis of the CIO, in 1935 gave 30 million workers a chance of unionize. A 44-day sit-down strike in Flint in 1936 was the beginning of the United Auto Workers union, and the strike spread like a brush fire to Detroit, Cleveland and Toledo.

If every public and private worker in the nation refused to work today, it would shut this nation down within a couple of weeks.

Banks couldn't repossess all the homes or cars that would go in foreclosure or default. Maybe then Congress and corporate America would reconsider the value of producing a product here to create an engine of economic growth.

It's also a good time to force China to quit artificially holding down the value of its currency by imposing trade sanctions.

Meanwhile, the world has changed and it's no longer to the benefit of a worker to be forced to join a "closed shop" to get a job. This advantage dissipated with the rise of globalization.

–Journal Register News Service

Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

Vote yes on Proposal 3

As a University of Michigan senior graduating during a tough economic moment for our country and even tougher job market, it feels as though so much of my future is riding on the outcome of Nov. 6. That's why I am so strongly in favor of Proposal 3 for more clean energy and more Michigan jobs.

Raising our renewable energy standard to 25 percent by the year 2025 (similar to the standards already adopted by 30 other states) won't just protect our air, water and climate, it will create at least 74,000 clean energy jobs.

These jobs are manufacturing and engineering jobs that can't be sent out of state, and that's really what's most important for me. Michigan also spent $1.7 billion last year importing coal and oil – money which could have been kept in Michigan by shifting to solar and wind power right here in our state.

I support Proposal 3 not just for the jobs it will create, but for the money it will prevent from leaving Michigan, for the health of our people and economy, and for the quality of our air and water.

If you value these things as much as I do, then vote yes on proposal 3.

Evan Granito
Ann Arbor

DNR seeks input on connecting Waterloo, Pinckney rec areas

By Nathaniel Siddall
Special Writer

Around 100 people crammed into a conference room to offer public input on long-range plans for the Pinckney and Waterloo State Recreation Areas, on Oct. 2.

"Turnout was great," said Gary Jones, manager of the Waterloo Area. The meeting was held at the Eddy Discovery Center there.

Most of the participants were mountain bikers, who are enthusiastic about opportunities for new bike trails in the Waterloo area.

Jason Arik Jones, from the Potawatomi Mountain Biking Association, explained that his group has long been active in the Pinckney Area, building and maintaining trails and will now have the opportunity to become similarly involved in Waterloo.

They won't use existing hiking or equestrian trails but will work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to create new trails open to bikes, which will be available for other use as well.

The bike group collaborates with trail runners and other outdoor enthusiasts.

"We try to be inclusive," Jones said.

Eventually they want to develop a corridor that will connect the Waterloo area with well-known bike trails in the Pinckney Area.

Other interests were represented as well, from mushroom hunting to birdwatching. Chris Harmon, with the Brighton Trail Riders Association said his group would "like to see more access for horses."

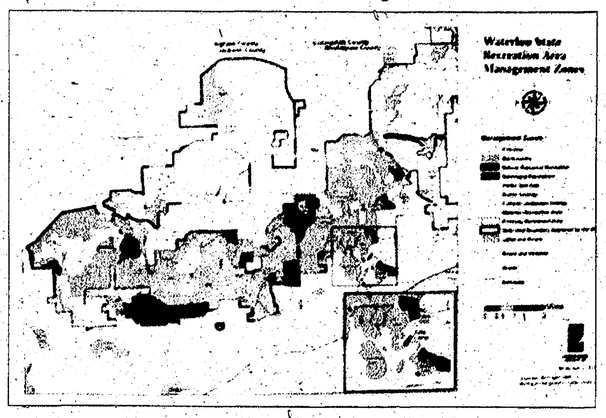
The DNR identified the Pinckney and Waterloo recreation areas as candidates for a planning process that will eventually be used throughout the state.

Waterloo is home to more rare species than any other Michigan state recreation area, while Pinckney has a unique chain of lakes that create a water trail for boaters. Both offer a wide spectrum of recreational possibilities within reach of major population centers.

The first phase of the plan has established management zones. Around half of the Waterloo Area is designated as a "primitive" zone, where protection of natural resources will be the highest priority. Low impact uses such as hunting, fishing and birdwatching will be encouraged in these areas. Current and future trails will be primarily located elsewhere. In Pinckney about 20 percent of the area is "primitive."

The second phase of the plan has identified numerous 10-year goals, and planners have already received input on this from identified stakeholders, prior to the public meeting on Tuesday.

"There's a general desire for improved and expanded trails," said Paul Curtis of the DNR, who is overseeing the planning effort.



The plan identifies management zones in the recreation areas.

Equally important to the public, according to Curtis, is the effort to combat invasive species such as autumn olive, a small tree-like shrub.

Many of the specified goals have to do with finding ways to make connections between various land and water trails in the two state recreation areas and in nearby recreational land such as county parks.

The plan is being prepared by a consulting company, Birchler Arroyo. All of the maps, proposed goals, and earlier public input can be seen at company's website, www.birchlerarroyo.com/Clients/DNR-RD.htm.

DANIELS

FROM PAGE 1-A

"In any situation or setting I encountered Bob, I never failed to see him displaying all four qualities."

Hammer credited Bob Daniels heavily with the success of transitioning from a village to a city and for much of the development in the community, both directly and indirectly.

Hammer also recalled the fact that Bob would refer to him as "Franklin," in a playful effort to engage him in humorous discussion and good will.

"Whenever I would meet Bob he would refer to me as Franklin and when I asked why, he said, 'No parent would ever name their child just Frank,'" he recalled to a great deal of laughter.

It was a nickname that stuck for 25 years.

Tom Macaulay, pastor at First United Methodist Church, also spoke of Bob Daniels' time as a parishioner and friend.

Bob attended church the last time on Aug. 26, where Macaulay observed him continuing his tradition of sitting in the back pews.

"People sit in the back row for a variety of reasons," Macaulay said. "Some sit in the back row because they want to make sure the preachers words don't land on them and change them (and) some have either a desire or a need to get out first so they can get the prime doughnuts at coffee hour.

"Our church, like many congregations, has an unwritten motto: Come early to get a back row seat.

"None of this was true of Bob Daniels; however, it was almost as if Bob in choosing to sit in the back served as the guardian of the gathering. From that vantage point he could see people come and see people go, who was there and who was missing, and he understood there was a need to know both."

Macaulay called for donations to the Chelsea Area Historical Society or to the Methodist church that Bob held so close to his heart, as a form of memorial donation.

Longtime friend, Max Plank, shared stories of Bob Daniels.

"Maxwell" Plank, as Bob called him – in the same vein as "Franklin" Hammer – brought Otis the putter, which was unofficially gifted to him by Daniels.

"This is Bob's putter that I've used for the last five or six years," Plank said. "I suppose Otis is technically mine, although Bob leased me Otis. One time, we were playing golf and he observed that my old putter was not doing too well.

"Why don't you try this out and see what you think?" Daniels asked him one day.

"And so Otis and I have been together," Plank said. "I offered to buy Otis, but he refused. He wanted to lease Otis to me, terms to be negotiated."

Plank quickly realized that Daniels just wanted something else connecting the two and a leased putter named Otis was a great conversation piece that fit in nicely with the Daniels sense of humor.

"It's a way he engaged people of all kinds," Plank said.

Susan Whitelaw, a representative of Spaulding for Children, credited Daniels for how effective the adoption process has become in the United States thanks to his work with the child welfare group.

Daniels has been involved with the organization since the '60s, according to Whitelaw.

"Bob Daniels left a significant legacy in the area of child welfare through his involvement with Spaulding for Children," Whitelaw said. "He gave years of dedicated service to this agency.

The formerly Chelsea-based agency seemed years ahead of others in its ability to adopt out children, Whitelaw said.

She recalled how surprised she was to hear that such an effective organization had roots in a small town, while most agencies dealing with the issue of adoption are situated in more urban areas.

Whitelaw became involved on the Spaulding for Children board in the '80s after coming to Detroit to teach at Wayne State University. She soon began to understand and appreciate Daniels' individual effort to push the organization forward and just how much of its progress was attributable to a single "quiet" man.

"Bob remained on the board continuously since the '60s and held every office more than once and treasurer for 35 years," Whitelaw said. "Spaulding moved from Chelsea to Detroit to better serve children of ethnic minorities who are not being placed by other agencies, addressed the needs of children with HIV/AIDS and other medically-vulnerable children."

According to Whitelaw, Daniels stated his drive for the organization was to keep identifying underserved children and strive to help them.

She also attributed legislation that mandated the federal government's involvement in adoption directly to Daniels' work with Spaulding for Children.

"The legislation would not have passed without the example Spaulding set," Whitelaw said. "With this federal funding, adoption agencies now provide ongoing support to adoptee families."

Daniels also helped start a fund to provide items such as underwear, socks and even prom dresses to adopted children, which ended up reducing the number of high school dropouts. Whitelaw said the idea for the fund began after Daniels heard kids were skipping gym class because peers were making fun of them for having unstylish "extras," as the fund referred to them.

As of this month, the extras fund is now called the Bob Daniels Memorial Fund, Whitelaw proudly told the audience.

Longtime friend Rod McLennan, recalled time spent with Bob Daniels and his wife, Marjorie, on Hilton Head Island, S.C., playing bridge and sharing meals and conversation.

"I am pleased to be able to give thanks for the opportunity to express my good fortune in having been a friend of Bob Daniels for nearly 30 years," he said. "We met in '84 when we found ourselves owning joint lots on Hilton Head Island."

Rod, his wife, Mona, and the Danielses shared mutual interests, over which the two couples developed a close bond. The pair of couples was last on the island together this past May.

"As you know, Bob believed that everybody's bucket list ought to have on it you've got to visit Rome, London, Paris and Chelsea, but not in that order."

McLennan told stories of sharing martinis in his kitchen with the Bob and Marjorie, or of heated bridge games.

"In their absence, Hilton Head for us will never be the same," McLennan said.

Daniels often tried to persuade the couple to visit Chelsea, and on McLennan's trip to the then-village 12 years ago, McLennan said he felt like Daniels was a modern day Jimmy Stewart from the film "It's a Wonderful Life."

"... his accumulation of friends, vividly demonstrated by the attendance at this memorial, and I think I can say that he did enjoy a wonderful life, rest in peace my dear friend."

Common Grill owner Craig Common thanked Daniels for believing in him and finding investors when his financial backer pulled out of what is now a thriving core Chelsea business when it was just a concept.

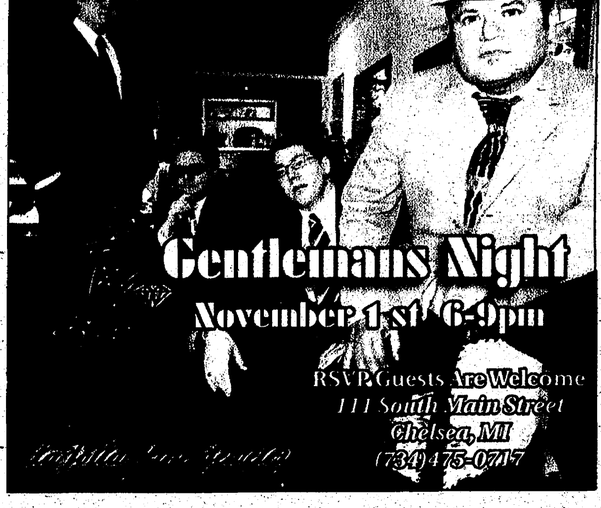
"Here's a guy that convinced some people, very fine people, to invest in a guy, who they didn't know, to invest in a restaurant that most people in downtown Chelsea didn't think would succeed," Common said. "They believed in and trusted Bob, and Bob believed in me, and I'll be forever grateful for that."

As was evidenced by the many speakers and hundreds in attendance, Daniels was a selfless man, one whose motto was, "Sure, I'd like to succeed, but what can I do to make sure that you do, too," according to Jeff Daniels.

"He got more enjoyment out of someone else's achievement than having done something himself.

"Our family had a front row seat to one of the most generous lives ever lived," Jeff Daniels said. "He was a modern day saint of sorts who gave in a world who too often takes, who wore his compassion on his sleeve and who basked in the glory of others."

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Democrats eye 3 seats on Michigan Supreme Court

Election could shift focus of high court

By Charles Crumm
Journal Register News Service

Picking judges for the Michigan Supreme Court is at the top of the nonpartisan section of the Nov. 6 election ballot.

In an oddity of politics, judicial races are nonpartisan but Michigan supreme court candidates are picked by political parties at their conventions.

At stake this year are three of the court's seven seats, two of which are held by Republican nominees.

The Michigan Supreme Court has the final say on cases that reach them for interpretation of the state's constitution.

The choices before voters are anything but nonpartisan.

Republicans nominated incumbent Justice Steven Markman and Oakland County Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien for two eight-year terms on the bench. The GOP also nominated incumbent Justice Brian Zahra for a partial term ending Jan. 1, 2015.

At their convention, Democrats nominated Wayne County Circuit Judge Connie Marie Kelley and University of Michigan law professor Bridget Mary McCormack for the two eight-year seats, and Oakland County's 46th District Judge Shelia Johnson for the partial term.

For Democrats, it's a chance to shift the focus of the high court, which has four Republican-picked justices and three Democrat-selected justices, and the Democrats running have been doing their fair share of advertising.

McCormack, Kelley and Johnson appear together in one ad. McCormack is in another ad with the cast of the political TV show "The West Wing," in which her sister had a role.

However, justices nominated by the Republican and Democratic parties eschew the party labels as soon as they're selected at party conventions.

Republican-nominated justices refer to themselves as "rule of law" judges. And, in turn, some have tagged Democrat-nominated judges as "empathy" judges.

Johnson is the most outspoken and critical of the Republican majority on the high court bench.

"The majority of four of the Michigan Supreme Court appears to have lost their 'mask' of impartiality and have seemingly systematically succumbed to a political agenda which consistently resulted in rulings that have obliterated established rights of individuals in favor of corporations and insurance companies — in most cases without respect for established case precedent or the intent of the legislature which drafted the laws," Johnson says on her campaign website.

"The result has stripped individuals from obtaining relief in a number of scenarios, just to name a few: no recovery for most impairments of the body in no fault auto insurance cases; no recovery for workplace sexual harassment; no protection for consumer claims against regulated industries (insurance, mortgage, auto dealers/repair, etc.); limiting union rights to organize and bargain; virtually no recovery in slip-and-fall cases; limiting time to bring cases even when the identity of the person to sue is unknown," Johnson said.

Here's a brief look at the candidates on the Nov. 6 ballot:

■ Colleen O'Brien, first appointed to the circuit bench by former Republican Gov. John Engler, has been a circuit judge for 14 years. On her website www.colleenobrien.org, she describes herself as a rule of law judge. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and her law degree from the Detroit College of Law.

■ Stephen Markman, 63, was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court by Engler in 1999, and elected in 2000 and 2004. He is a former assistant attorney general in the Reagan administration. As a Supreme Court justice, he advocates judicial restraint and a restricted court role in matters of public policy.

On his website www.markmanforjustice.com, Markman says, "I agree with Chief Justice John Marshall who said in Marbury v Madison in 1803 that it is the role of the judge only to say what the law 'is,' and not what it 'ought' to be. It is the role of your legislature, your county commission, and your city council — comprised of your elected representatives — to say what the law 'ought' to be."

■ Brian K. Zahra was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court in 2011 by Republican Gov. Rick Snyder. Before that, he spent 14 years as a judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals and four years as a Wayne County circuit judge.

Like Markman and O'Brien, Zahra says his role is to determine what the law is, not what it should be.

"Determining what the law is can only be accomplished when a judge eliminates personal, social and political views from their judicial decision-making," he says on his website www.zahraforjustice.com.

■ Shelia Johnson has been a district court judge since 2001 and was a private practice attorney before that. On her website, www.judgesheliajohnson.com, she says her philosophy is to "judge fairly and respectfully, without bias for or against any person or organization; to thoroughly research matters and to decide them as expeditiously as possible; to interpret and apply the law accurately, respecting the precedent established in case law and the intent of the Legislature in statutes; to try not to lose sight of good old common sense and real world concerns."

■ Connie Kelley has been a Wayne County circuit judge since 2009. She is a 1978 graduate of the University of Michigan and has her law degree from Wayne State Law School.

On her website, conniekelleyforjustice.com, she says her philosophy is to "apply law to facts and decide each case on its merits."

■ Bridget McCormack is a law professor and has been Dean for Clinical Affairs at the University of Michigan Law School since 2002.

She's running as "A fresh voice for the Michigan Supreme Court," states her website, www.mccormackforjustice.com. She's also founder of the Michigan Innocence Project.

Also on the ballot are candidates nominated by the Libertarian Party and the Natural Law Party.

■ Bob Roddis, 61, was nominated by the Libertarian Party and has practiced law for 32 years. His campaign website is www.roddisforjustice.com.

■ Kerry L. Morgan is also a Libertarian Party nominee.

He graduated from Michigan State University in 1977 and the Detroit College of Law in 1981. His campaign website is revivetherepublic.com.

■ Doug Dern, from Hartland, is the nominee for the Natural Law Party.

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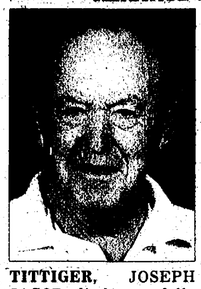
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HOOBLER, JANET W.; 99; died October 6, 2012, in Saline, MI. She was born February 15, 1913, in Milwaukee, WI, the third of five children of Gerrit Jacob deGelleke and Sylvia deHeus deGelleke. Janet graduated from Beloit College in 1934 and did graduate work at the University of Chicago in the School of Social Service Administration. She was a child welfare worker for the State School for Dependent and Neglected Children at Sparta, WI. In 1944, Janet married Peter Holderness Woods, who predeceased her in 1960. They have 2 daughters, Antonia Woods of South Hadley and Arlington, MA, and Susan Woods, of Presque Isle, ME; and 2 grandsons, Peter Ellis (Jessica Howell Ellis) of Mt. Rainier, MD and Scott Ellis (Jenny Silverstein Ellis) of White River Junction, VT. Janet has 2 great grandchildren, Jasper and Josie Ellis. She is also survived by her youngest sister, Elizabeth deGelleke Palmer, of Wauwatosa, WI; 16 nieces and nephews; and 26 great nieces and nephews. Janet moved to Ann Arbor in 1969 after her marriage to Dr. Sibley Hoobler. She was a life member of the Washtenaw Audubon Society, the Ann Arbor Public Library, and the Ridges Sanctuary of Baileys Harbor, WI. She was also a benefactor of the University of Michigan Musical Society, and a member of the Nature Conservancy and the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. The family will hold a private Memorial Service. Memorial contributions suggested to Beloit College, Beloit, WI 53511.

JACKSON, MICHAEL D.; age 59; of Sunrise Florida; passed away July 22, 2011. He was born August 1, 1952 in Ypsilanti the son of Arthur D. and Mary Lou Jackson. He had lived in Michigan most of his life until moving to Florida. He worked for Fed Ex and Aardvark Tennis Pro Shop. He is survived by one sister, Mary Guinn; niece, Nicole Guinn; nephew, Brandon Guinn all of North Lauderdale, FL; one uncle and five cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents. A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 3 p.m. in Ferguson Cemetery at 7488 Kidder Rd. Almont, MI 48003. Arrangements were entrusted to **Muir Brothers Funeral Home-Almont.**



SCHRADER, WALTER "Bud"; age 90; of New Bern; died Monday, October 8, 2012 at his home. After a varied career, he retired from the Introl Division of Chrysler Motor Corp. in Ann Arbor, MI where he worked as a repairman for 14 years. Prior to that he owned the Cavanaugh Lake Store for approximately 14 years. He also worked for 15 years at Central Fibre in Chelsea, MI. He was a member of Crossroads Baptist Church in New Bern, NC. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge # 156 and the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club in Chelsea, MI. Walter is preceded in death by his parents, Walter Schrader, Sr. and Mary Schrader; son, Larry Schrader and 2 sisters, Ethel Strouse and Florence Newcombe. Walter is survived by his wife of 71 years, Ruth Schrader; son, Mike Schrader and wife, Dale of Cambridge, Maryland; daughter-in-law, Mary Jane Schrader of New Bern, wife of his late son, Larry Schrader; brothers, Bill Schrader and Don Schrader; sisters, Jean Cluccio and Mary Ann Heard; ten grandchildren: Kevin Schrader, Kari Cowan, Kris Schrader, Kandis Shark, Kara Schrader, Aaron Schrader, Adam Schrader, Jim McIntyre, Michael McIntyre and Glen McIntyre; and 15 great grandchildren: Kirt, Keith, Jason, Jonathan, Jordan, Kelsey, Kodey, Megan, Hannah, Abby, Austin, Emma, Alec, Logan and Phineas. Funeral services will be held Friday, October 12, 2012 at 2 p.m. at Crossroads Baptist Church. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in New Bern Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Choir Robe Fund at Crossroads Baptist Church, 1802 US Hwy 70 East, New Bern, NC 28560. Online condolences may be made to the Schrader family at www.cottenfuneralhome.com Arrangements by **Cotten Funeral Home & Crematory.**



TITTIGER, JOSEPH JACOB; died peacefully in his sleep at home Friday, October 5, 2012 after 94 exceptionally strong and healthy years. He was born at home August 25, 1918 to Margaret (Sersch) and Joseph Tittiger in Detroit, Michigan and attended St. Benedict's school in Highland Park. Joe served honorably in the U. S. Army, landing on Normandy Beach Day 6, and was later awarded the esteemed Bronze Star Medal. On September 6, 1952 at Immaculate Conception Church, he married Rosa Lee Morawski who preceded him in death June 12, 1990. He is survived by 1 son, Michael of Hanapepe, Hawaii; 4 daughters, Brenda (Curt) Dettling of Milan, Patricia (Ronald) Butts of Maybee, Nancy (David) Demyan of Maybee and Rita (Michael) Bramlett of Gregory; 12 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; and 2 sisters, Florence Schmenk of Florida and Katherine "Gertie" (Boyd) Larrowe of Tecumseh. Joe was a roofer by trade, but a farmer by heart. He loved fishing, porch sitting, and watching corn grow. He also spent many of his later years reading, and is reputed to have completed every last Western paperback shelved at the Milan Library. Most of all, Joe loved his family who, one by one, have purchased or built their own homes adjacent to his to be closer to him on the land he endearingly named The Hard Times Farm. A man of few words but a man of his word, Joe's passage into heaven marks the end of an era. Visitation was held at **Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home** on Sunday, October 7, 2012 and Monday. Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at Immaculate Conception Church. Burial at Marble Park Cemetery. www.ochalekstark.com

WINT, KARL WILLIAM; age 26; of Grand Rapids; passed away suddenly in Chicago on Friday, October 5, 2012 of accidental injuries. Karl was born in Ann Arbor, MI on October 17, 1985 the son of David L. and Joy K. Wint. He graduated from Chelsea High School class of 2004 where he excelled in football, wrestling and track. He graduated with a BA Degree from Grand Valley State University, where he continued in sports with the rugby team and where he was also a member of Beta Alpha Psi accounting fraternity. After graduation he received his CPA Certification and worked for the State of Michigan Auditor General Office. More recently he worked as an auditor for BDO USA LLP. While at Grand Valley State University he met and fell in love with Whitney J. Broers. On February 24, 2012 they became engaged to be married. They loved their time together especially their outdoor activities of hiking, skiing, golf, and walking their puppy "Wilson". Besides his fiancée and parents he is survived by two brothers, Adam Wint of Marlboro, MA and Drew Wint of Grand Rapids; several aunts and uncles, Lee (Lynn), John (Wanda), Mary (Steve), James (Barbara), Jan (Denny), and cousins. The family will receive friends at the **Metcalf and Jonkhoff Funeral Service** on Friday from 5:30 to 8:30 pm., and for one hour prior to the service on Saturday. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Robert of Newminster Catholic Church, 6477 Ada Dr., Ada, MI. For those who wish, memorials may be made to the benefit of the GVSU Rugby Team c/o GVSU or to Whitney J. Broers to upgrade her and Karl's home. Metcalf and Jonkhoff Funeral Service, 4291 Cascade Rd. S.E. at Kenmoor, E. of I96. www.metcalfandjonkhoff.com

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Bridge Q&A with Lt. Gov. Brian Calley

Ballot proposal, bridge debate among issues

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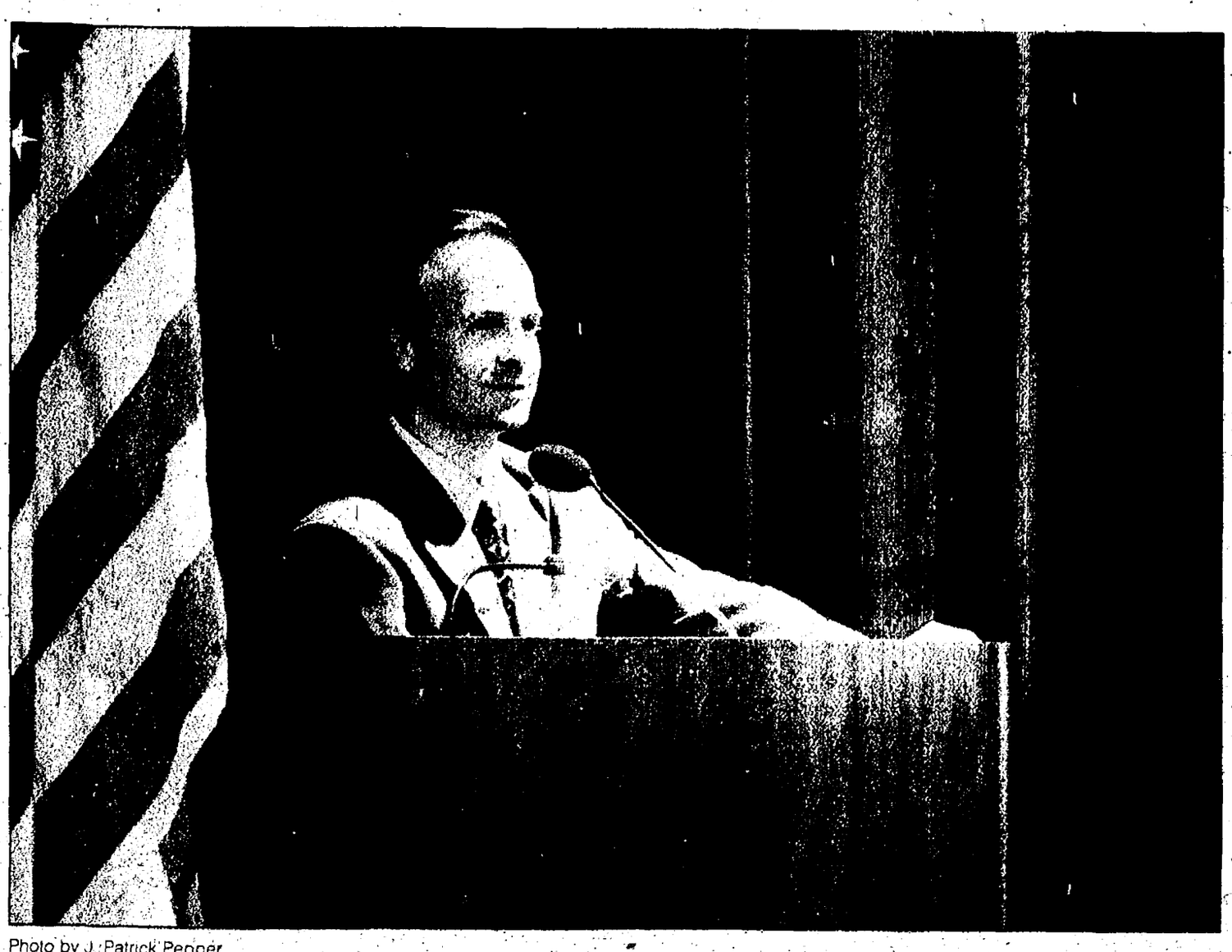


Photo by J. Patrick Pepper

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley speaks at a town hall meeting in Dearborn about a new bridge between Windsor and Detroit

One of the loftiest accomplishments of Gov. Rick Snyder's first term was the so-called interlocal agreement with Canada to build a new bridge between Detroit and Windsor. In a rare confluence of shared interest, the announcement was greeted with near universal applause from labor unions, business leaders and government officials as a victory for Michigan's economy.

But there has been at least one voice of dissent and, at that, a loud one: billionaire Ambassador Bridge owner Manuel "Matty" Moroun.

Moroun, who stands to lose significant traffic if and when the second bridge is built, has spent millions on a smear campaign, including funding a ballot proposal that seeks to invalidate the interlocal agreement between the state and Canada. The proposal has raised eyebrows because of some of the provisions in it, including one that Snyder's office believes would make it necessary to hold a statewide vote to approve construction of any bridge or tunnel throughout Michigan.

While the administration doesn't have near the same resources as Moroun, for the last year it has waged a quiet counteroffensive highlighted by town hall meetings across the state. Through it all, Snyder's point man has been Lt. Gov. Brian Calley. In a recent interview with Heritage Media, Calley explained some of the background on the bridge project and the ballot proposal.

HM: So, first thing's first, why is building this bridge so important to Michigan? What happens if it isn't built?

Calley: We put our workforce at tremendous economic risk. We have a huge reliance on Canada for nearly a quarter-million jobs in this state, and the busiest corridor that we have of our three international corridors, the busiest in terms of commercial traffic is Detroit-Windsor. And that happens through a bottleneck system, 83-, 84-year-old bridge that is narrow and attached to road systems between I-75 and 401 (in Ontario) that present a lot of delays and transportation challenges for Michigan exporters trying to get their goods to market.

HM: Matty Moroun has spared no expense to stymie this plan. There are the lawsuits, the campaign donations to key legislators, now the ballot proposal. What is your impression of all of this?

Calley: They have a complete and total disregard for facts, first of all. At this point, it's as simple as a very wealthy special interest that is looking to exploit whatever possibilities that exist to maintain a stranglehold on the commercial traffic through this corridor. Right now, they're able to charge the highest toll rates of any crossing in the nation, / so when it comes to the commercial, per-axle charge that they assess, they charge a higher toll than any other crossing between the United States and Canada, and that is to the detriment of business here in Michigan.

And as long as they're able to operate free from any local competition, they'll be able to charge those types of rates. Over the long term, I think we'll continue to see a migration of export expansion away from southeast Michigan and the last thing we need right now are more people avoiding Detroit.

HM: Speaking of campaign donations, what kind of feedback have you gotten from fellow Republican lawmakers about the NITC deal, given that some of them were against it?

Calley: You know, I think it's actually a bit of a myth that so many legislators were against it. There definitely were some key legislators against it, but there was only one very small Senate committee that took his up. On that committee, you had a handful of legislators, I think seven total that have had a say on this bridge, and ironically four out of the seven were in favor of the project. They were just in favor of it under different conditions. And so the other 141 legislators have not had a say on this.

There were some that preferred that it be handled under existing authorities that the governor has, under the urban cooperation act, interlocal agreements and Public Act 51. Those were the main authorities we used to enter into the agreement with the Canadians in June. And so there were those that favored the administration doing that and, of course, there are some that simply oppose the project and wanted nothing to do with it.

So, there's a mixture across the board, but given my relationships and knowledge of positions of a lot of different legislators, I don't believe the opposition is anywhere near as strong (as has been suggested). But when you have a billionaire willing to spend money telling lies, you apply that type of pressure to legislators like he was doing, it was sure to make an impact in terms of their desire to take up their issue.

HM: I want your interpretation of two key things about Proposal 6. One, the language pretty clearly says the proposal would be applicable to any bridge or tunnel not in service before Jan. 1, 2012. Why do you believe that it would not retroactively apply (and scuttle the agreement signed in June between Michigan and Canada)?

Calley: If you put one constitutional provision in that conflicts with other constitutional provisions, then there's definitely a choice to make. So when it comes to contractual protections that the state and federal constitutions afford, the question is, would a court determine that this bridge amendment is so important that we should allow the constitutional contractual protections afforded in our state and country to be overruled by it?

The impact that would have on contract law would be pretty devastating. So, we feel confident that the contract itself will be upheld. However, we still believe it is extremely important to defeat Proposal 6 because it will undoubtedly result in potentially years of additional delay and risk to everybody whose job relies on trade that passes over this crossing.

HM: Due to litigation?

Calley: Exactly. I mean, the owners of the Ambassador Bridge are very litigious. They're very good at filing lawsuits — thankfully, they're not good at winning them — but they have filed tons of lawsuits. And while they get dismissed over time, over and over and over again, it still takes time energy and resources to deal through the frivolous claims that they continue to throw up.

HM: As far as the other part I wanted to ask about, the "any bridge or tunnel part" in the definition clause. You've said this would apply to literally any bridge or tunnel, not just international bridges and tunnels. Why?

Calley: Well, because I don't think the courts have any real options but to accept the definitions that are placed. You're applying just a certain amount of common sense to say, "Well, if you define international crossing as something that doesn't include just international crossings," then that doesn't make sense to you. But if you put a definition in the constitution, so you say "international crossing" means any bridge or tunnel not in service after this date, then you're stuck with that definition. You can't go to Webster's and say, "Yeah, but, even though you defined it this way in the constitution, Webster's says that 'international' would require that it connects to another country." And so, it's just a matter of whether you're talking to a true rule-of-law-judge. If you have a judge that believes it's OK to say, "I know this is what the constitution says, but I think that they accidentally said that and meant something different," if you have a judge like that, yeah, maybe you have a shot at it not applying across the board. If you have a judge that says, "My job is not to figure out what was in anyone's head but just to take the words at face value," then you have a big problem.

And it really could not be any more clear. That definition is extremely absolute and expansive. And so when they put it "an international crossing means" any bridge or tunnel, not any bridge or tunnel connected to Canada, then we have a problem. When you're a constitutional officer that's sworn to uphold the constitution, simply saying I'm going to ignore that provision because I don't think it makes sense, um, that's a difficult claim to make.

HM: Let's switch gears here. When did you start doing these NITC town halls and how many have you done?

Calley: Yeah, I don't know how many I've done. It's been a lot. We started the town hall meetings, some on my own, but they tended to be with Roy Norton over the course of the last year, I would say that it's been long before the ballot initiative, but even just getting the word out on the project itself and the legislation, what was actually in the legislation, has been ongoing for some time. But it has been a challenge to overcome the airwaves. The town hall setting is a great way to get the information out to people who have the time and the inclination to come to a town hall meeting; however, it doesn't have the type of reach that TV commercials have.

HM: I imagine you've spent a lot of time and resources doing these things. How much has this taken out of your day-to-day?

Calley: Well, I have got a lot of projects that I'm working on, so this is just one of them, but I would say... probably two or three events a month that are really focused narrowly on this issue. But then when I'm talking to different groups — almost every night I'm out talking to some group somewhere, and most of the time it's not specifically on the bridge — but these days, if you get me, you're going to get a little quip about the bridge.

HM: So, what's the best-case scenario for when construction could start and what's the worst-case scenario?

Calley: The best-case scenario would be next spring. It would be plaza area/bridge landing and site improvements and property acquisitions that would happen very quickly. The construction of the bridge itself wouldn't happen that quickly; wouldn't happen next year, because there's a process by which the international authority would essentially create a *request for qualifications* type of a document. So you'd get those who have the wherewithal, expertise-wise and financially, to pull a project off this big — the private sector I'm talking about here, to essentially prequalify themselves. And then that group would go through a formal bid process. They'll do all their own traffic studies, they'll do all their own environmental studies, they'll do all their own work to determine whether or not they think this project is good.

And that takes quite a bit of time. In fact, it's been estimated that to submit a real bid on this project, that companies might spend $10 (million) to $15 million doing that. That means that between the process of the qualifications and the bid process itself and the amount of time that takes, the actual bridge itself would probably start the year after.

So, next year the bridge landing site would have a lot of work done, and then the bridge probably the year after that. And then, construction standards and progress being what it is, we expect that the bridge would be built expeditiously, because the private-sector company that wins the contract to finance, build and operate the new bridge, that the sooner they get it built and operational, the sooner they start making money.

HM: So what would be the worst case for when this would happen?

Calley: You know, there are so many factors it's difficult for me to determine what the worst case would be. Just considering the factors I know about, which would be working our way through legal challenges that I'm sure will be raised. And, by the way, the legal challenges will come whether or not the ballot initiative passes. Even if the ballot initiative fails, they'll still sue because that's what they do. But that's the sort of thing that I think could postpone it, certain aspects of it anyway could be postponed for a year or more. And that would be a travesty, really if they were able to accomplish that?"

HM: What could they possibly sue for?

Calley: What they could sue for is as big as your imagination can allow for. They've proven that they don't really need to have any sort of legal basis for their claims and their lawsuits.

They just throw garbage up and they know that it takes a little while to get garbage out of the system. And every single month they can delay, that's one more month that they can have 99-plus percent of the commercial traffic in the busiest corridor we have at monopoly rates.

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Kestenbaum faces Watson in race for Washtenaw County clerk post

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

Washtenaw County's current clerk will face a challenge from a real estate broker and business owner with experience in turning around "troubled assets."

Incumbent Clerk Lawrence Kestenbaum of Ann Arbor will face off Nov. 6 against Stan Watson of Pittsfield Township.

Lawrence Kestenbaum
Ann Arbor

What is your occupation and educational background? County Clerk/Register of Deeds since January 2005. Bachelor's degree in economics, Michigan State University; juris doctorate, Wayne State University; and graduate work in planning and historic preservation, Cornell University.

What is your political affiliation? Democrat

Why are you running for office?

I have enjoyed the job, and I think I have accomplished a lot. I'd like to keep doing it.

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

Issues with election law and process that don't serve maximum informed participation; maintaining excellent customer service under pressure from cutbacks; rapidly changing technology and the increasing role of the Internet.

How do you plan to resolve those issues?

Working with other clerks throughout the state, and the Bureau of Elections, plus advocacy with the legislature; under my leadership, the central mission of the office is to treat every customer with courtesy and respect; technology investments must take into account public access and convenience, privacy, and cost.

Stan Watson
Pittsfield Township

What is your occupation and educational background? Real estate broker, CPM emeritus, CCIM, engineering science degree with advanced technology experience while serving in the U.S. Air Force; Xerox sales training; owning several businesses; receiver named by federal court judges to turn around several "troubled assets."

What is your political affiliation? Republican

Why are you running for office?

To put balance back into the county's political landscape. I am running to energize the young Republicans, the Tea Party and independent voters. I am running because the Republican Party is a "solution" party, which is diverse, inclusive, vibrant and energetic. I believe in America, the Constitution and capitalism. I am running to ensure that future generations will live free.

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

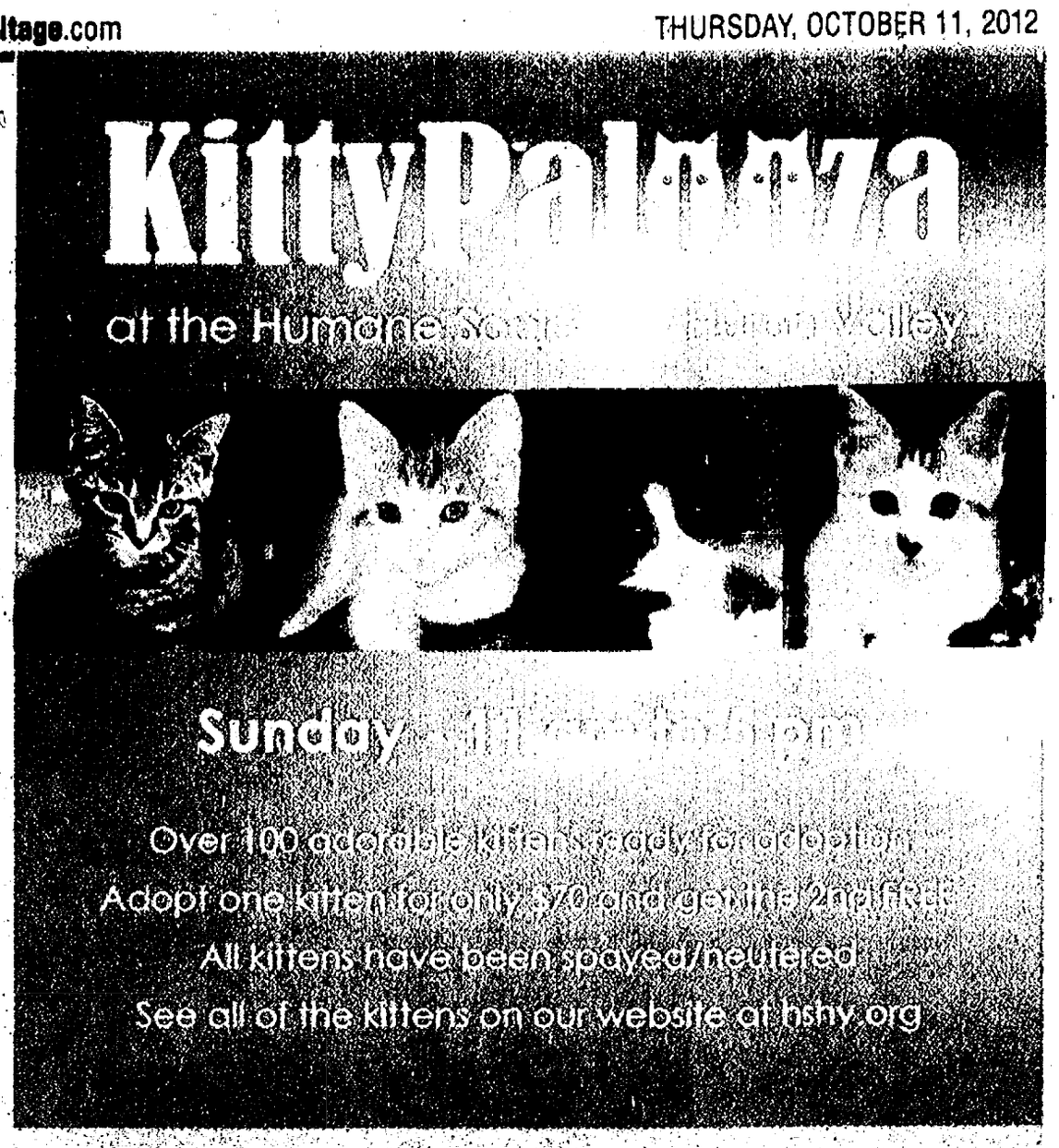
Three key issues I will address as county clerk include to expand electronic services for easier public access county-wide. Use of Internet, email, iPad technology will provide reduced cost while creating efficient effective service to the public.

Correct the cause of the expected short fall in future funding by determining the what, why and when.

Review and develop long-term solutions regarding the county's needs and reduce the cost of elections while increasing participation in the voting process.

How do you plan to resolve those issues?

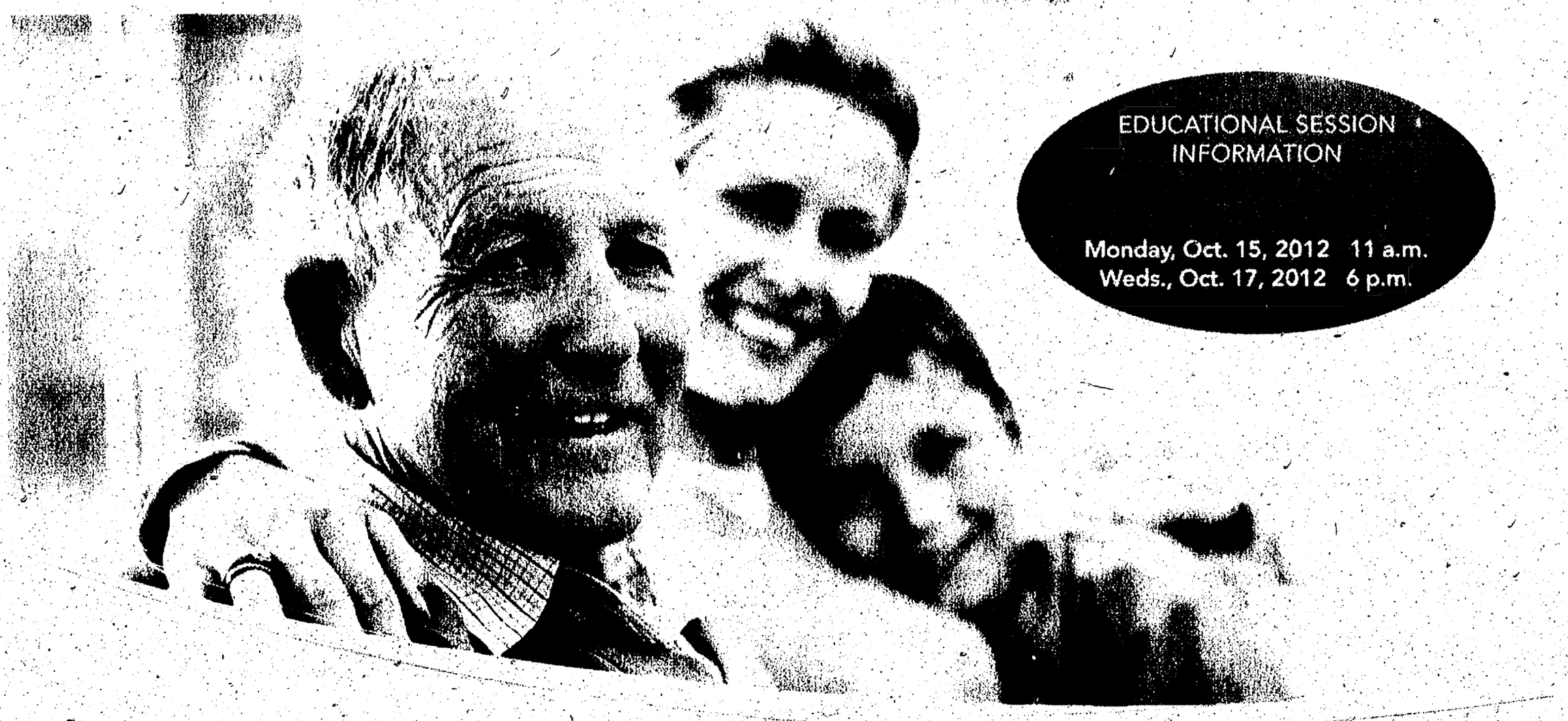
Introduce high-tech secure processes as stated earlier. Create an environment of "best practices" and "zero defects" management with transparency and flexibility. Review the court's needs and streamline their operation. Develop a team that creates an environment of positive input from top to bottom. Lead. Expand what works and remove or reform what does not work. Utilize the skills I developed turning around real estate and failed assets during the Savings and Loan debacle. The changing technology will only enhance transformational change. The future clerk will play a strong role to make it happen.



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Candidates call zoning, fire station a priority

By Nathaniel Siddall
Special Writer

Dexter Township's elections will feature a challenge to the incumbent supervisor, Patricia Kelly, by a Republican who won a contested primary election in August.

The current township clerk, Harley Rider, is running unopposed, but current treasurer Vickie Kooyers is stepping down, and her seat is being sought by current trustee Libby Brushaber. Brushaber will vie for the seat against newcomer Dana Bullen.

Heritage Media sent out questionnaires to each of the candidates, and the following are their responses:

James Drolett

Office sought: Dexter Township supervisor

Political affiliation: Republican

Occupation and education background: Retired planning and zoning administrator for the city of Chelsea. I have a bachelor's degree in police administration from Michigan State University and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Eastern Michigan University.

Previous elected experience: Dexter Township Supervisor 1984 to 1996 Dexter Township Trustee 1982 to 1984.

Current public or community service: Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals and Tax Board of Review

Why are you running for office?

Many residents of the township have urged me to run primarily because of zoning issues. They are looking for common sense solutions to those issues, and they believe I have the knowledge and experience to bring about change.

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

The three key issues I would deal with are zoning, public safety and local roads.

How do you plan to resolve those issues?

For the zoning issue, I would like a complete review and revision of the current ordinance. The ordinance only took effect in 2003 and since that time has had amendments or additions to 221 sections and is still considered by many to be overly restrictive and in many cases punitive.

On the public safety issue I fully support the millage proposal to construct a permanent fire substation in the township. Also, the current leadership at the township has been in negotiations for combining fire departments for three years and there is still no resolution. If elected, I intend to promptly deal with this issue.

On the local road issue, I want to work with the County Road Commission and subdivision residents to help resolve the road issues within the subdivisions and to insure that our tax dollars are spent wisely on township roads.

Pat Kelly (I)

Office sought: Township supervisor

Political affiliation: Democrat

Occupation and education background: Township supervisor, retired senior project engineer, General Motors

Previous elected experience: Dexter Township supervisor, 10 years

Current public or community service: Dexter Township Public Safety Advisory Committee; Dexter Area Fire Authority Board; Regional (Dexter-Scio) Fire Committee; Washtenaw County Police Services Steering Committee; Multi-Lakes Sewer Authority Board; Washtenaw Area Transportation Study Policy Committee; Dexter Township Zoning Board of Appeals; Chelsea Area Planning Team/Dexter Area Regional Team; State of Michigan Board of Real Estate Appraisers; Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan Advisory Board

Why are you running for office?

As township supervisor, I have endeavored to provide sensible and effective governance, ensuring each resident fair and equal treatment from their Township government. I am running because I believe my experience, knowledge and proven leadership skills will best serve the residents of Dexter Township for the next four years.

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

No. 1, township road system. No. 2, public safety. No. 3, planning and zoning. No. 4, communication and transparency.

How do you plan to resolve those issues?

No. 1, township road system: a) Create a committee of township residents to assess the condition and needs of all township roads, b) Based on citizen input, implement a fair and equitable roads policy to address the long-term maintenance of our non-primary roads. No. 2, public safety: a) establish a permanent fire station in the township to provide the quickest response times possible for all residents, b) pursue consolidation of fire services if a higher level of service, reduced cost and financial stability can be demonstrated. No. 3, planning and zoning: a) Continue to pursue sensible reform of zoning regulations to reduce variance requests and support the fair and equitable enforcement of current regulations. No. 4, communication and transparency: a) Develop and implement an e-mail and text message system to provide residents updates on township information, b) Revamp the township website to improve navigation provide additional content.

Harley B. Rider (I)

Office sought: Dexter Township clerk

Political affiliation: Republican

Occupation and education background: Dexter Township Clerk; Retired, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority Police Department, 2012; retired, Washtenaw County Sheriff Department, 1992; and Vietnam veteran, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 121, SeaBees. Eastern Michigan University, graduate studies in intergovernmental relations; Eastern Michigan University, bachelor of science in interdisciplinary technology and police administration; and Northwestern University, School of Police Staff and Command.

Previous elected experience: Dexter Township trustee, 1992-2000; Dexter Township clerk - 2000-present.

Current public or community service: Dexter Area Fire Department Board and Multi-Lakes Water & Sewer Authority Board

Why are you running for office?

In the 12 years I have served the citizens of Dexter Township as township clerk, I have significantly improved the level of service that the clerk's office provides to the public and township staff. Now that I am retired from law enforcement I can devote even more time to Dexter Township to continue to provide the best possible service to the residents of Dexter Township.

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

The Dexter Township Board has been fiscally responsible for many years. The elected officials have not taken any pay increases for seven years and the township has accumulated a fund balance that has permitted township services to be maintained at a consistent level, despite the economic downturn over the past several years. Having said that, there are always areas that will continue to require the focus of government officials.

No 1, government involvement: Effective and efficient government that is responsive to the people always requires maintaining a balance between the government "doing things for the people" and the government fostering a climate where the people can do things on their own. Local ordinances, such as the Zoning Ordinance, require constant monitoring and adjustments through the amendment process to maintain the balance between protecting property owners and property values, and respecting individual property rights. I will continue to work closely with the other township officials, the Director of Planning & Zoning, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals to ensure that the balance is appropriate for our community.

No. 2, reviewing and codifying all Dexter Township ordinances: In addition to reviewing our Zoning Ordinance, I support reviewing all Dexter Township ordinances and updating them as necessary, or even eliminating any obsolete ordinances. Our ordinances have been implemented over many decades and should be reviewed and codified so they provide uniformity and consistency.

No. 3, fire safety: The voters in Dexter Township have repeatedly shown their support for quality fire protection. Dexter Township added a temporary fire substation in the northwest part of the township almost two years ago. That station has proven its value and I support the recommendation of the Township Public Safety Advisory Committee that the town-

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Safe Routes to School program launches locally

There is an oft-repeated joke that goes something like this: When I was a kid I walked 10 miles to school, uphill both ways.

It turns out there is a grain of truth in the idea that adults used to work harder to get to school.

In 1970, 66 percent of kids walked to school.

In 2010, in western Washtenaw County, just 5 percent of students walked or biked to school. The other 95 percent arrive by car or bus, compared to 85 percent nationally.

Before you stop reading, bear with me while I tell you what is happening in Chelsea and Dexter with a program you've heard us mention before – Safe Routes to School.

The reason to keep reading is everyone benefits from kids walking. And you may be surprised at the role the broader community plays in a successful campaign to get kids walking – or in keeping them from walking.

There are tangible benefits to our communities when kids walk or bike to school.

Up to 30 percent of morning traffic is the result of parents driving their kids to school.

Think about reducing the lines at lights, or under that crazy bridge in Dexter, by 30 percent.

Students who arrive after walking or biking are better able to concentrate once they arrive at school so learning increases. There are fewer discipline problems.

School districts may be able to reduce transportation costs and emissions. And of course, our children increase their level of fitness leading to long-term reductions in disease. Sure – you won't see disease reduction this year or even next, but who can argue with the idea of healthy kids becoming healthy adults? And there are more benefits.

SR2S is built on community participation so things like walking school buses (where a group of kids meet at a designated spot and walk together with a supervising adult) or bike trains (where the same thing happens on bikes) provide opportunities for us to connect with our kids.

The kids learn we care about them. They see us modeling healthy behaviors. And it gets more of us moving, too. Because the more people we see walking the more likely we are to walk.

If you are concerned about school budgets and transportation expenses, quality education, live along a walking route, have been looking for a way to work with kids, live in the country and want ways for your kids to get to school that don't include the 'cheese wagon,' worry about kids' unsafe bike habits, drive your kids to or from school, teach, like to walk, work in local government or any host of other issues that could impact or be impacted by kids walking to school there is a seat for you at the kick-off meetings coming up this week.

Join Kristen Delaney, the Chelsea and Dexter SR2S coordinator, along with representatives from MSU, for the SR2S kick-off meeting in the community you care most about.

Chelsea's meeting is 6:30 p.m. Oct. 11 in South Meadows Elementary. Dexter's meeting was Wednesday, but more information can be found via 5healthytowns.org.

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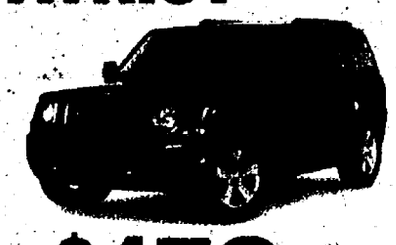
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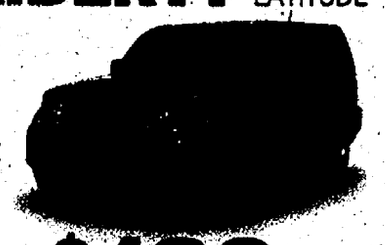


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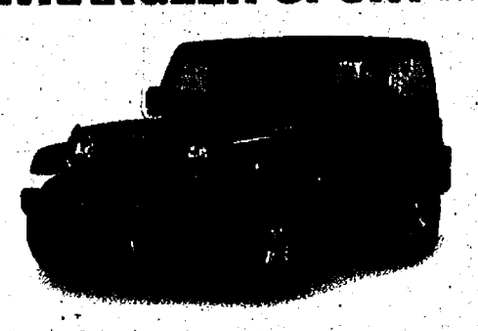


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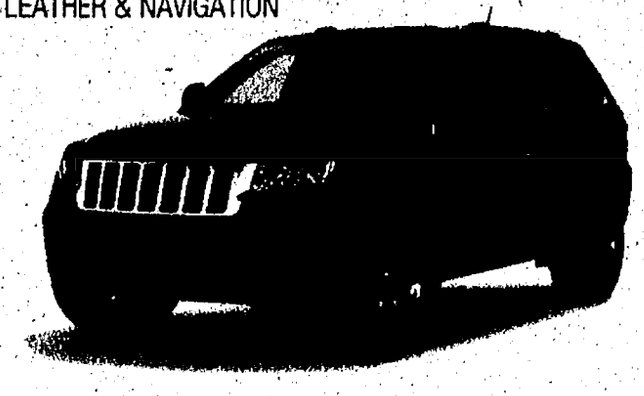
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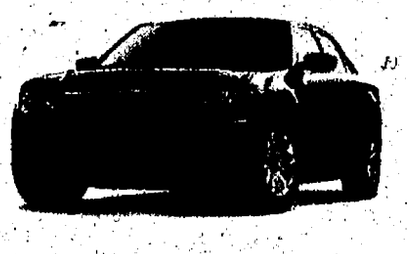
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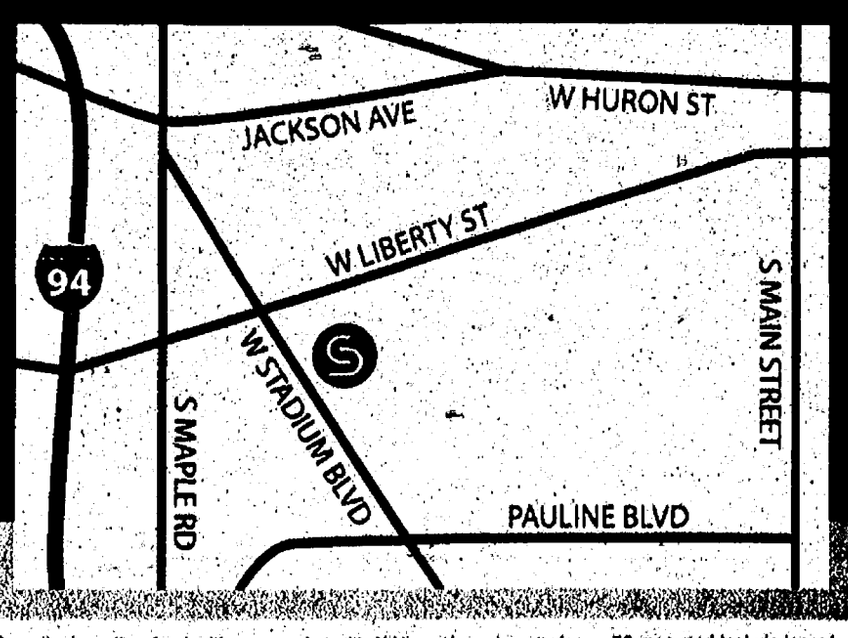
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ship build a permanent fire sub-station, but ultimately the issue will be decided by the Dexter Township voters in November.

Along with a permanent fire substation, I support continuing to investigate the potential for consolidating area fire safety resources to provide top-quality fire protection to the region, as long as doing so doesn't negatively impact the citizens of Dexter Township.

Libby Brushaber

Office sought: Dexter Township treasurer

Political affiliation: epublican

Occupation and education background: Retired municipal utility director for Multi Lakes Sewer Authority in 2011 and former Portage-Base Lakes Sewer Authority director. I have an associate's degree with many continuing education and training courses in accounting and management. I have 40 years of public and private experience in budgeting and accounting. I was a corporate treasurer for a private company for 15 years.

Previous elected experience: Dexter Township trustee from 1996-2004 and 2008-present, past elected Dexter Wrestling Club treasurer, past and present elected Homeowner Association secretary/treasurer.

Please list any current public or community service: Trustee on the Dexter Township Board, serving on the Dexter Relief Fund Committee and an alternate member to the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority and Portage-Base Lakes Sewer Authority. Current Homeowners Association treasurer.

Why are you running for office?

My interest in township government runs deep as I have been a resident of Dexter Township for 22 years. I worked as an employee of the township prior to being elected and have served as a township trustee for 12 years. I have now decided to run for election for the treasurer's position.

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

Work to improve public safety within the township and to work on making the zoning ordinance more user friendly. I believe the treasurer's office currently provides very good service to the residents of the township, but I believe that service and accessibility can always be improved upon.

How do you plan to resolve those issues?

Continue open communication with the Public Safety Committee to improve the safety of Dexter Township. Work with the planning commission and township board to revise the zoning ordinance. Continue the high quality of service for the residents of Dexter Township that has been the bench mark of the township treasurer's office.

Dana Bullen

Office sought: Dexter Township treasurer

Political affiliation: Democrat

Occupation and education: School media specialist with a bachelor of arts degree from Albion College; master of science degree in information from the University of Michigan.

Previous elected experience: Served as treasurer for three separate organizations and I manage a budget at my current job.

Current public or community service: Teacher.

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

No. 1, increase government transparency

No. 2, support a permanent fire station in Dexter Township to ensure quick emergency response times.

No. 3, preserve and enhance the rural character in Dexter Township.

How do you plan to resolve those issues?

No. 1, by using technology to improve access to government information. I would really like to make the township website easier to navigate by including a FAQ (frequently asked questions) and make it more user friendly. No. 3, through an intelligent approach to zoning.

Steve Feinman

Office sought: Dexter Township trustee

Political affiliation: emocrat

Occupation and education background: Small business consultant with a bachelor of science in engineering mechanics

Previous elected experience: Trustee Dexter Township and current member of Multilakes Sewer and Water Authority. Former director of public works for two municipalities, member of Municipal Authority; former assistant township manager, zoning officer and building inspector

Current public or community service: Dexter Rotary Club, Past President; State Director Michigan SCORE

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

To serve Dexter Residents by improving: public safety, fire protection, roads and drainage conditions and zoning and blight management.

How do you plan to resolve those issues?

If elected I would: build permanent fire station and emergency services center along North Territorial Road corridor to ensure optimum response time; establish a road and drainage advisory board to prioritize and recommend improvements on both public and private roads; and reform and simplify aspects of the zoning code.

Michael Howard

Office sought: Dexter Township trustee

Political affiliation: Conservative Republican

Occupation and education background: Owner of DMJ Building Co. Inc.; Dexter High School and United States Navy Seabees; Washtenaw Community College with courses in accounting, business labor law; residential builder and LEAD-certified contractor.

Previous elected experience: Dexter Township Trustee from 2000 to 2008

Current public or community service: President of Home Association; junior vice-commander of the American Legion.

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

No. 1, the preservation of our rural character and the protection of our lakes has always been an important issue.

No. 2, zoning fairness.

How do you plan to resolve those issues?

No. 1, we need to support Conservation Design. This is an innovative technique that can not only help preserve our rural character, but it can also help protect the water quality of our lakes.

No. 2, I believe in zoning fairness with less bureaucracy and more focus on the individual needs of the people. Less bureaucracy helps keep our taxes low. I believe in a government by the people and for the people.

Dexter Township's zoning ordinance is actually more restrictive than the Building Energy Code. We are not serving the people properly by adopting unfair regulations.

Bureaucrats marginalize human judgment in favor of impersonal procedures and regulations. The zoning ordinance needs more flexibility to allow us to make common sense decisions to benefit the people that we serve.

John T. Emerick

Office sought: Dexter Township trustee

Political affiliation: Conservative Republican

Occupation and education: Fine dining and cuisine. Bachelor of arts from Western Michigan University; National Healthcareer Association Certified phlebotomist

Previous elected experience: None.

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

Protection of individual rights of liberties from overzealous and abusive bureaucrats. Protection of our natural resources. Protection or our rural character.

How will you resolve those issues?

Zoning ordinances, as well as other powers generously granted to local and larger government, must err on the side of liberty and rights of individuals and property owners so long as one does not infringe on the rights and liberty of another. Regulation being onerous and burdensome is a sign of the ignorance, incompetence and disregard of bureaucrats for their fellow citizens. Fiscal responsibility and the wise use of public money is equally important in reducing the tax burden.

Protection and improvement of the present state of the township, meaning both the natural resources and community character, is of great importance and can be easily accomplished by wise and acceptable zoning policies, public participation and communication with our friends and neighbors as well as common-sense solutions.

Bill Gajewski

Age: 67ought: Dexter Township trustee

Political affiliation: Conservative Republican

Occupation and education background: Professional registered pharmacist. I also hold active licenses as a professional licensed realtor and residential builder, all three of which require significant continuing education.

Bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Ferris State University; associate in science degree from Schoolcraft College.

Master Citizen Planner credential from Michigan State University.

I am a self-educated watershed planning professional with in-depth knowledge of open space / conservation design and the use of LID & natural systems to protect our water resources.

Previous elected experience: None, however appointed to the ZBA, including vice-chair from 2002 through 2011.

Current public or community service: As the chair of The Friends of Stinchfield Woods, we gave back to the community by sponsoring many free, noteworthy events for adults and children alike ... events so noteworthy that they even made the front page of the Ann Arbor News.

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

First: According to our township wide surveys: preserving the rural character, natural features and water resources of our community is of paramount importance.

Second, and equally important: I am also running for office because of Complaints from our Citizenry. Complaints from respected members of our community, including doctors, a dentist, a Christian church, a religious group, and everyday citizens. Complaints about bureaucrats who follow the cult of process and procedure with "The Death of Common Sense."

Third: Failure by the administration (excluding Carl Lesser and Harley Rider) to address very important issues in a timely manner. Common sense decisions should never take a decade or more.

1. Dexter Township took over a decade to finally approve Open Space / Conservation Design that is needed to protect our rural character and water quality of our lakes. Bureaucrats made the rules, they liked the rules, and they didn't want to change the rules.

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2. Dexter Township took more than a decade to finally reduce the front yard setback requirement in the Lakes Residential District resulting in years of needless variance requests and at great expense to the Lakes Community.

3. Dexter Township has a decades-old, outdated road ordinance that is in complete disharmony with the Conservation Design principals needed to protect our lakes and our rural character. Plus, nobody appointed by Patricia Kelly has been schooled in the art of community design. This combination will result in mediocre development at best and a loss of our unique sense of place and community.

How do you plan to resolve those issues?

First: We can preserve these quality of life assets via common sense flexibility in our zoning ordinance. We need this flexibility to design with the environment not on top of it. We do not want to become Anywhere, USA ... by losing our sense of place and our sense of community ... via large-lot zoning. This can easily happen with a too-restrictive; overreaching zoning ordinance.

Second: In Philip Howard's book, "The Death of Common Sense," the author explains that this is exactly what happens when a government is dominated by bully bureaucrats.

At a ZBA public hearing, a former supervisor of Dexter Township said: "I am ashamed of what our township has become ... Dexter Township has become a bunch of bureaucrats gone berserk!"

Also, a legislative official appointed by Patricia Kelly told me: "There's only 37 farmers in our township ... so why should we listen to them?"

I don't believe in populism. I respect the rights of every individual. I will listen to and represent ALL the people of the Dexter Township including our farmers, our lakes community, our religious community, our residents of Carriage Hills devastated by the tornado and the general public. I would be honored to serve ALL the people of Dexter Township in the way they deserve to be served.

In summary, we need board members who are more responsive to the needs of the public. We need to make the zoning ordinance more user-friendly to the citizens we are pledged to serve. We need common sense flexibility in our zoning ordinance not more rigid restrictive rules. There is no need to regulate everything under the Sun. We are here to serve the public not control them. As Winston Churchill said: "Rules are made for the obedience of fools and guidance of wise men." I definitely will bring "Common Sense" back to government ... to protect the rights of our citizens and protect our water resources.

Carl J. Lesser

Office sought: Dexter Township trustee

Political affiliation: Conservative Republican

Occupation: Agricultural

Education: Graduate of Dexter High School and several short courses at MSU in agri-economics.

Previous elected experience:

Township trustee in 1950s; township trustee from 2004-2012; elected to Washtenaw County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee 1960s

Current public or community service:

Washtenaw County Farm Bureau Board; Washtenaw County Farm Council; Washtenaw County 4-H Service Club; Twp. Representative on Chelsea Area Fire Authority; Twp. Representative on Chelsea Area Construction Authority

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

Lowering property taxes by not collecting 1% administration fee. Do not merge the Dexter Area Fire Dept. with Scio Twp. Fire Dept. and call it Washtenaw Fire and Rescue Dept.

I would scrap four of the sixteen proposed sirens on the south side of the Twp. which is not heavily populated.

Need to continue upkeep on roads in County Rd. Commission approved Subdivision roads.

Jason Maciejewski (I)

Office sought: Dexter Township Trustee

Political affiliation: Democrat

Occupation and education: Chief information and planning officer, Area Agency on Aging 1-C; master's degree in public administration bachelor of arts from the University of Michigan

Previous elected experience: Dexter Township trustee, elected 2008

Current public or community service:

T-Ball coach, youth floor hockey coach, Meals-on-Wheels volunteer, Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority Board, Dexter Township Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Dexter Township Planning Commission.

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

My top priority is to establish a permanent fire department substation within Dexter Township in order to continue the significantly quicker response times our residents have experienced from the temporary substation on North Territorial. Second, I want to continue representing Dexter Township on the recycling authority board to insure our residents fully benefit from the switch to non-sort recycling as the new single-stream system comes online. Third, I support the formation of a Roads Committee comprised of township residents to conduct a comprehensive review of our roads and recommend a township wide strategy for long-term maintenance and repair.

How do you plan to resolve those issues?

To maintain the improved emergency response times I support building a permanent fire substation that is centrally located in the area of North Territorial and Dexter Town Hall roads. It should not be a supersized structure, but rather a building appropriate for our residential and rural characteristics. I also support continuing the activities of the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) as it has developed key needs assessment and service evaluation documents on public safety matters. On recycling I aim to cut the operating assessment each homeowner pays as the efficiencies of the new system are realized and insure that our residents receive quality services, including an expanded annual household clean-up/recycling drop-off day. Regarding roads, I support the formation of citizen based Roads Committee to research and recommend a strategy for long-term maintenance projects on surface and residential streets. I have supported projects on Hankerd, Noah, North Lake, Brand, Red Mill, Quigley, Wylie, Fleming and other roads, but we must take a comprehensive approach to overall maintenance to avoid more costly major reconstructions in the future.

Anne Sullivan Buchholz

Office sought: Dexter Township trustee

Political affiliation: Democrat

Occupation: Retired

Education: High school graduate; two years of coursework at Delta College; certifications in W.S.I., CPR, First Aid, and Lifeguard.

Current public or community service:

27 years serving the Pinckney Community School District (Pool Coordinator; Adult Education Program Coordinator).

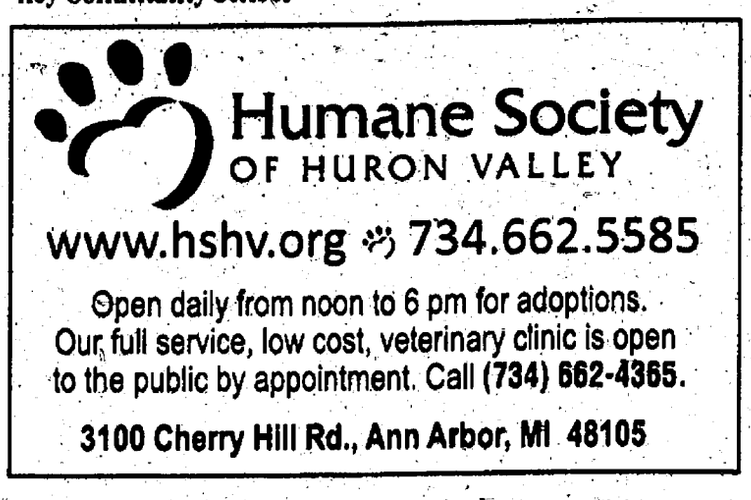
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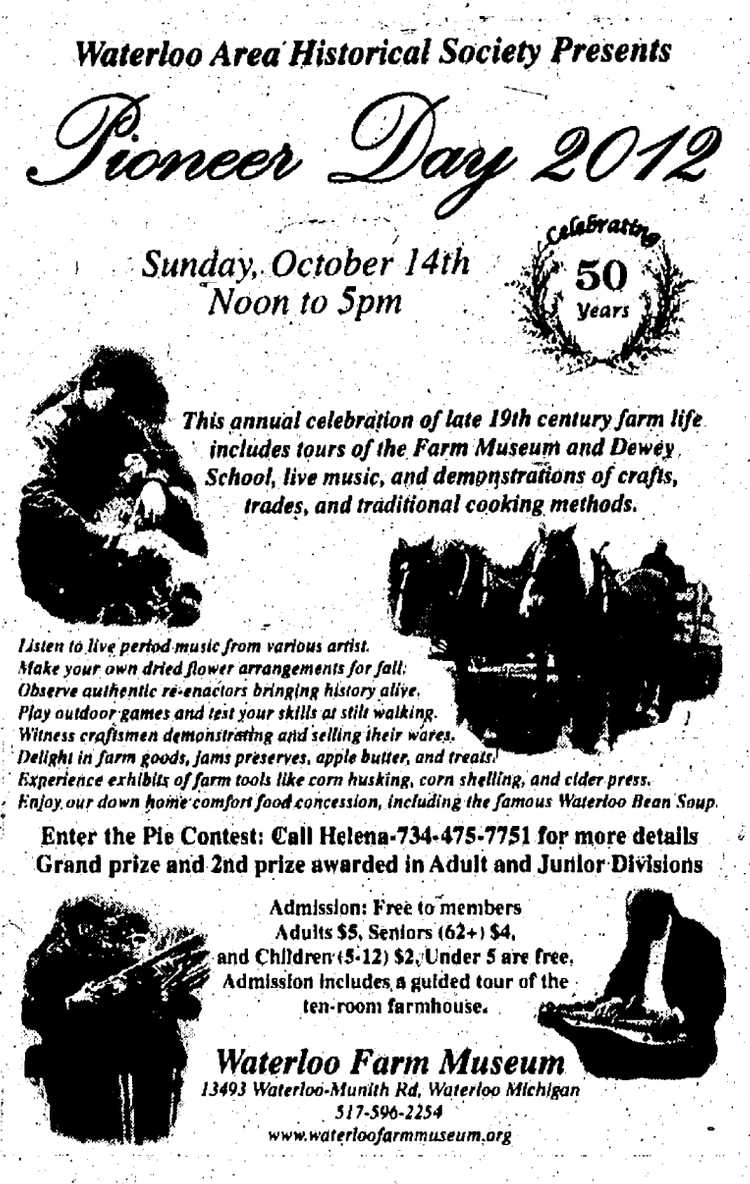
No. 1, I am a strong advocate for public safety; including the establishment of a permanent fire station.

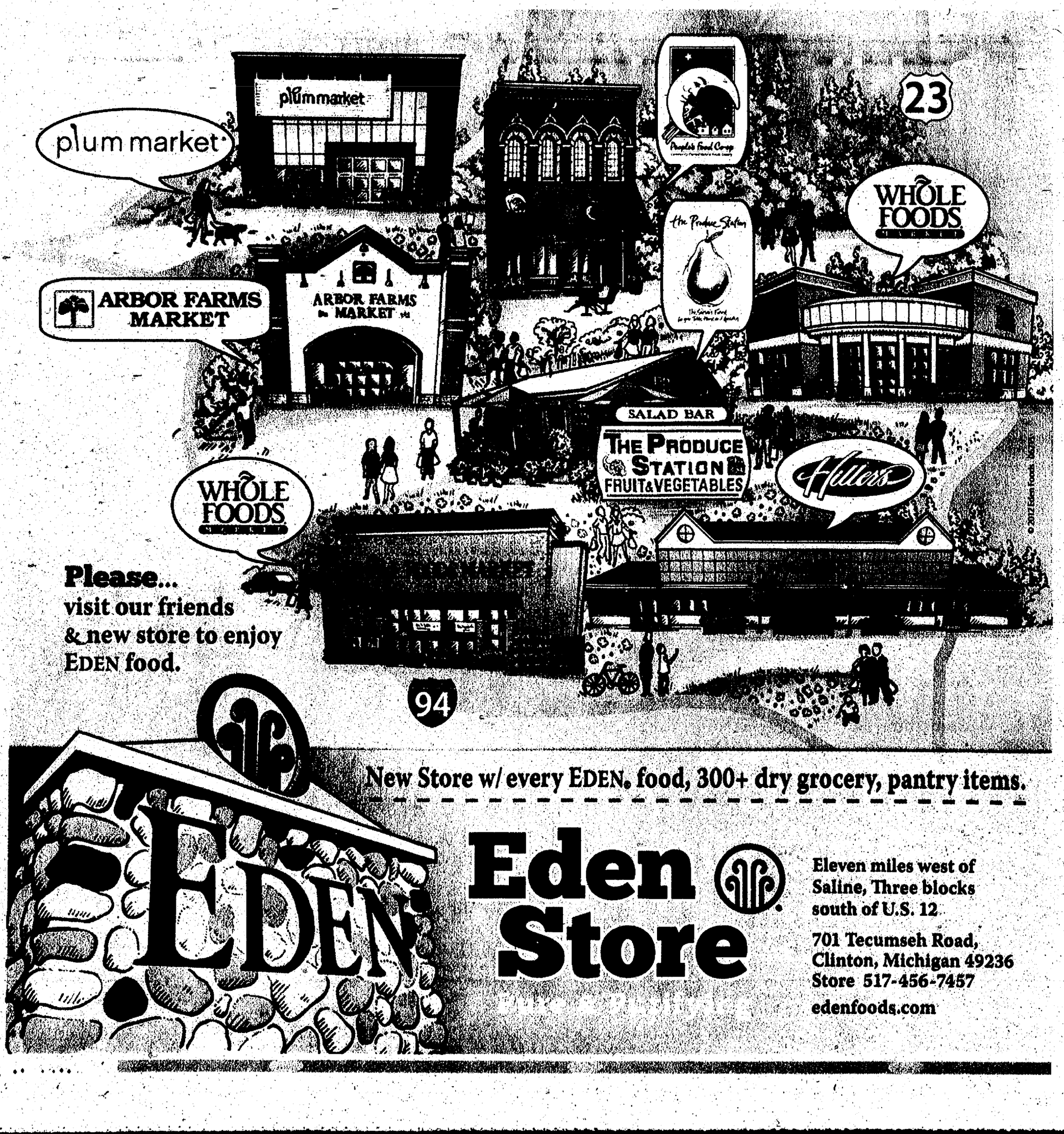
No. 2, I am a champion for open and responsive service to our community.

No. 3, I love the natural feel of Dexter Township. As a Township Trustee, I will be committed to preserving those qualities through a fair and balanced approach.









Health department reports 22 cases of fungal meningitis

By Amy Bell
Heritage Media

The Michigan Department of Community Health is now reporting 22 cases of fungal meningitis throughout the state and two deaths.

MDCH officials stated late Monday that Michigan currently has 22 confirmed cases associated with the outbreak; 21 cases of meningitis, including two deaths, and one infection of a joint associated with the outbreak.

As of Monday, 105 cases and eight deaths have been reported in nine states.

The outbreak stems from steroid injections manufactured at the New England Compounding Center in Framingham, Mass. The injections were sent out to facilities throughout the United States, including four in Michigan. The steroid is used for chronic pain, primarily in the back.

Meningitis is an inflammation of the lining of the brain caused by a viral or bacterial infection.

Pete Barkey, spokesman for the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor, confirmed a patient died at UMHS in late September from meningitis attributed to the medication. The identity of the individual could not be released.

Clinics within the health system have been advised to remain on alert for patients with symptoms of meningitis, he said.

According to ClickOnDetroit, Lyn LaPerriere of Milan is one of the cases confirmed in Michigan.

LaPerriere is currently hospitalized with meningitis after receiving an annual steroid injection two weeks ago from his doctor because of bulging discs.

According to ClickOnDetroit, LaPerrire was taken to the hospital after suffering from severe headaches due to the meningitis.

Lauren Smoker, spokeswoman for St. Joseph Mercy Health System, said as of Friday there were six confirmed cases of meningitis being treated within the system.

According to a press release from Chelsea Community Hospital, patients who received spinal steroid injections at CCH, any St. Joseph Mercy Health System hospital, or one of their associated pain clinics are not at risk for this type of meningitis because no St. Joseph facility receives that type of medication from the Massachusetts facility.

"Steroid injections given at Chelsea Community Hospital are prepared here, and are done one patient at a time, not as a batch," Matthew H. Johnson, director of pharmacy at Chelsea Community Hospital, stated in a press release. "The methylprednisolone injection we use is a sterile product and played no role in the source of the infections. We do not use medications made by NECC."

Chelsea hospital temporarily suspended methylprednisolone injections as a precaution Oct. 5, until additional information was known. Once it was confirmed that its drug supply was safe, Chelsea resumed these pain injections Monday.

According to the MDCH, four Michigan facilities received shipments of the now-recalled steroids. The facilities are working with MDCH officials to identify and notify patients who may have received this product and be at risk for developing illness. The facilities are Michigan Neurosurgical Institutes in Grand Blanc; Michigan Pain Specialists, Brighton; Neuromuscular and Rehabilitation, Traverse City; and Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital, Warren.

According to the MDCH, as of Monday, most of the patients who received an epidural injection have been notified. The CDC has expanded the notification process to include patients with injections in other sites, such as injections for joint pain. Notification of these patients is ongoing.

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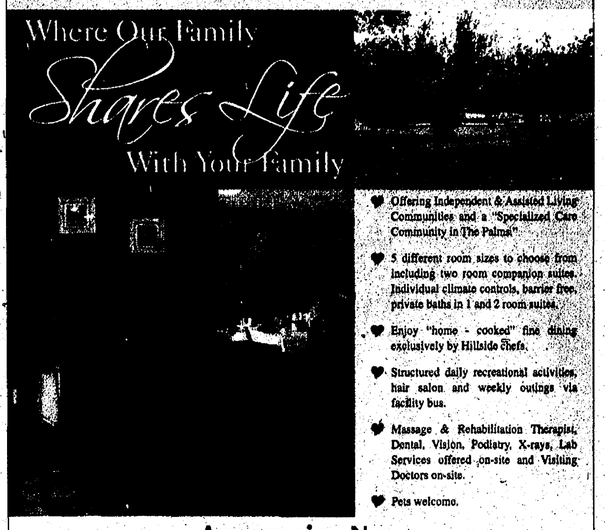
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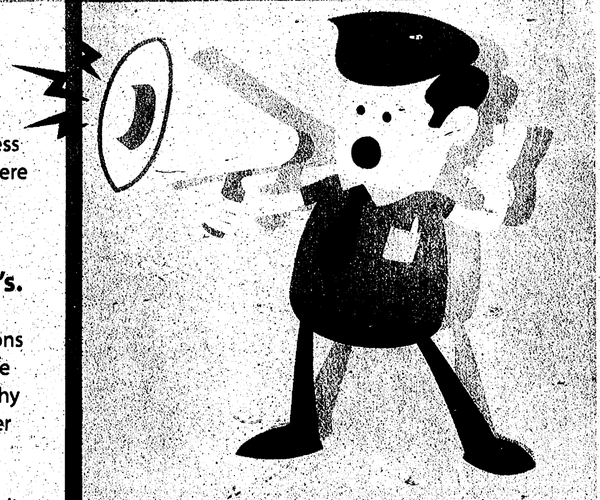
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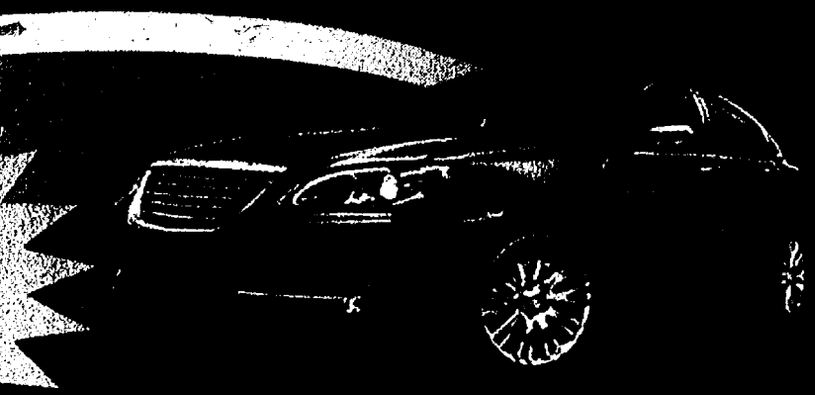
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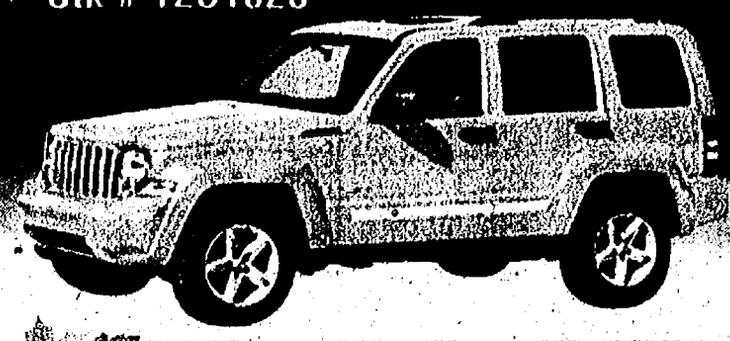


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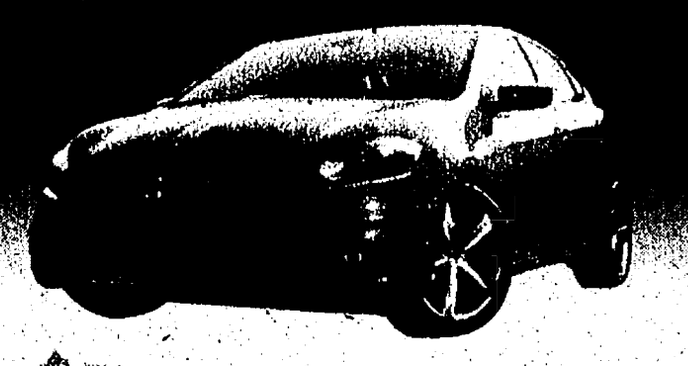


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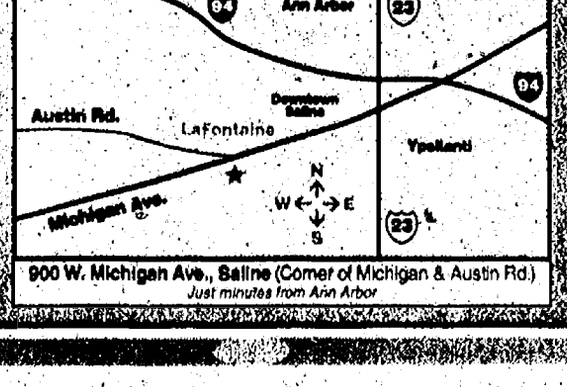
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Dawgs all but clinch White Division Title

By Terry Jacoby,
Heritage Media

Chelsea coach Brad Bush gathered his team in the end zone Friday night and opened his postgame speech with a comment about the future, not the past or even the present.

"We have to do better," Bush said.

Bush and the Bulldogs believe they can do better. But on Friday night, their effort and performance were still good enough to beat an undefeated team. It was still good enough to overcome two fumbles in the second half. It was still good enough to put them one win away from winning another SEC title.

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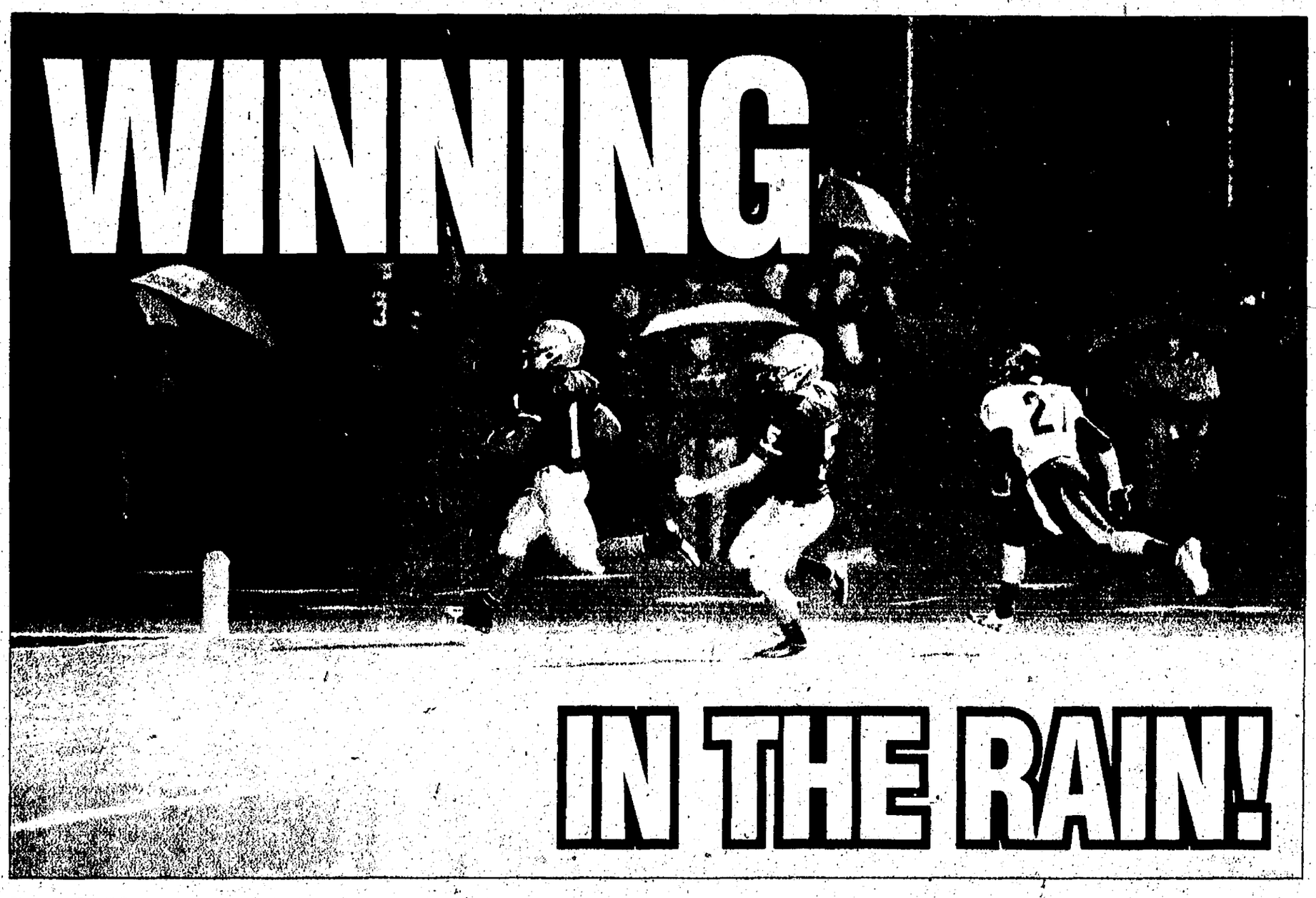


Photo by Burrill Strong

Berkley Edwards heads to the end zone Friday night against Tecumseh. Chelsea hosts winless Dexter at 7 p.m., Friday.

And it was good enough to turn a 0-3 start into a 4-3 record.

Chelsea jumped out to a 14-0 first-quarter lead and even though they didn't always hang on to the ball, they hung on to the game, beating previously unbeaten Tecumseh 31-28.

A victory on Friday over winless Dexter will give the Bulldogs the SEC White Division title and a legitimate shot at the playoffs, despite losing their first three games.

The game came down to the final seconds after the visiting Indians showed plenty of determination in the final quarter. They trailed 31-28 with 2:40 left in the game when they got the ball back at their 47-yard line.

After they picked up 26 yards on a pass play on first down, Bush yelled out to his defense, "Somebody make a play."

A costly crackback penalty on Tecumseh pushed

PLEASE SEE FOOTBALL/4-B

Bringing fun to the floor-front!

Chelsea's Shianne Butler is raising both her game and expectations

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

In volleyball, some of the more dramatic plays occur right at the net. But it's fun watching the Chelsea Bulldogs play because the "drama" can happen anyplace on the floor. And taking a leading role in all this is junior Shianne Butler.

In a recent game against visiting Milan, Butler was driving home points from all over the floor. It's one thing to go up for a spike at the net. It's a totally different thing when it's done from the middle of the floor. Butler is comfortable – and quite effective – at both spots.

"I play front and back row, but you can hit from the back row," she said. "Front row tends to be easier, but I'm OK with either."

She's being a bit modest. She's more than OK at either – she's very good at either.

"She has a terrific attitude and is very coachable," said Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland. "She's always working to get better."

And that attitude and her overall approach to volleyball is certainly "good in the room."

"She has fun while she is playing and her enthusiasm boils over to her other teammates as well," Cleveland said. "Shianne has been a joy to coach and has continued to improve throughout the season."

Butler made the varsity team last year as a sophomore.

"I didn't have as big of a job as I do this year," she said. "It's definitely a lot harder this year especially considering I play back row as well. But I definitely enjoyed both seasons."

One of the reasons she enjoyed last year was because how welcoming her teammates made their young friend feel.

"Everyone made me feel real good," said Butler, who was the only sophomore on the roster last year.

Things are going well for Butler and the Bulldogs as the team heads into the second half of the schedule.

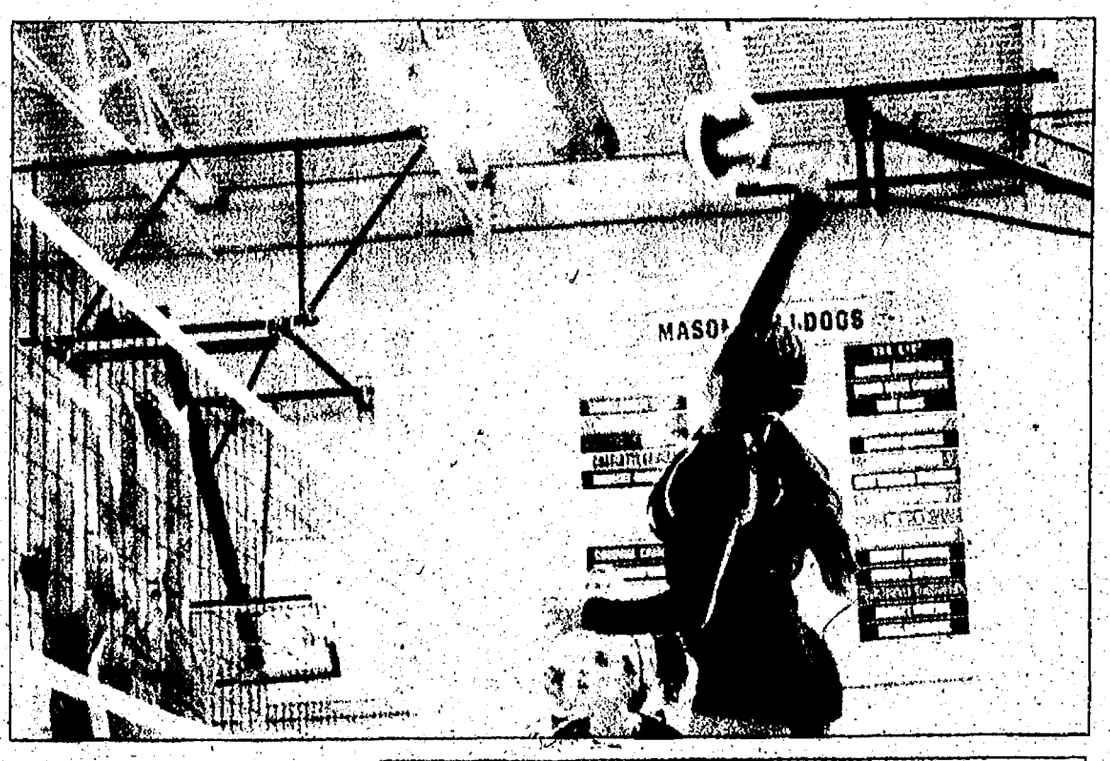
"We were good last year but this year I think we have a lot of potential to be really great," she said.

Butler works hard on her game. Volleyball is a year-round sport and improving is one of her goals every time she steps on the floor. She says she is "getting better at being quicker and reading better."

Meet Shianne

Name: Shianne Butler
Age: 16
Year: Junior
Parents: Joel and Novia Butler
Sport: Volleyball
Club team: Huron Valley Volleyball Club

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Shianne Butler rises to spike home a point for the Bulldogs in a recent match with Milan.

It's all about getting more consistent at this point. And since she loves the game, she doesn't mind putting in the time.

"Everyone told me I should play volleyball when I was younger," said Butler, who discovered volleyball when she was 12-years-old. "So I started playing, quit

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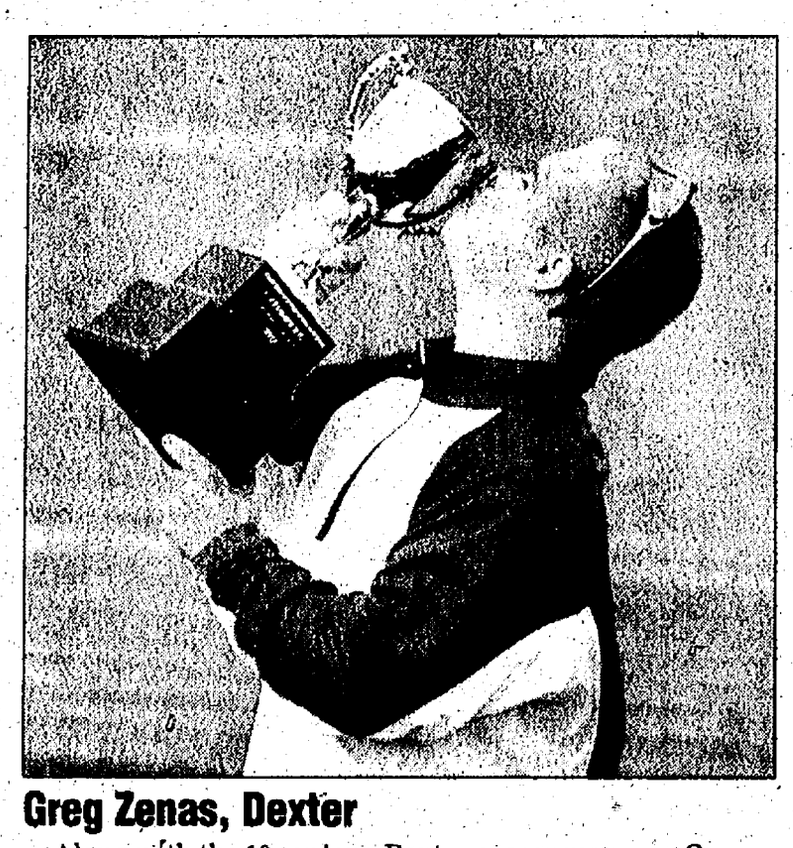
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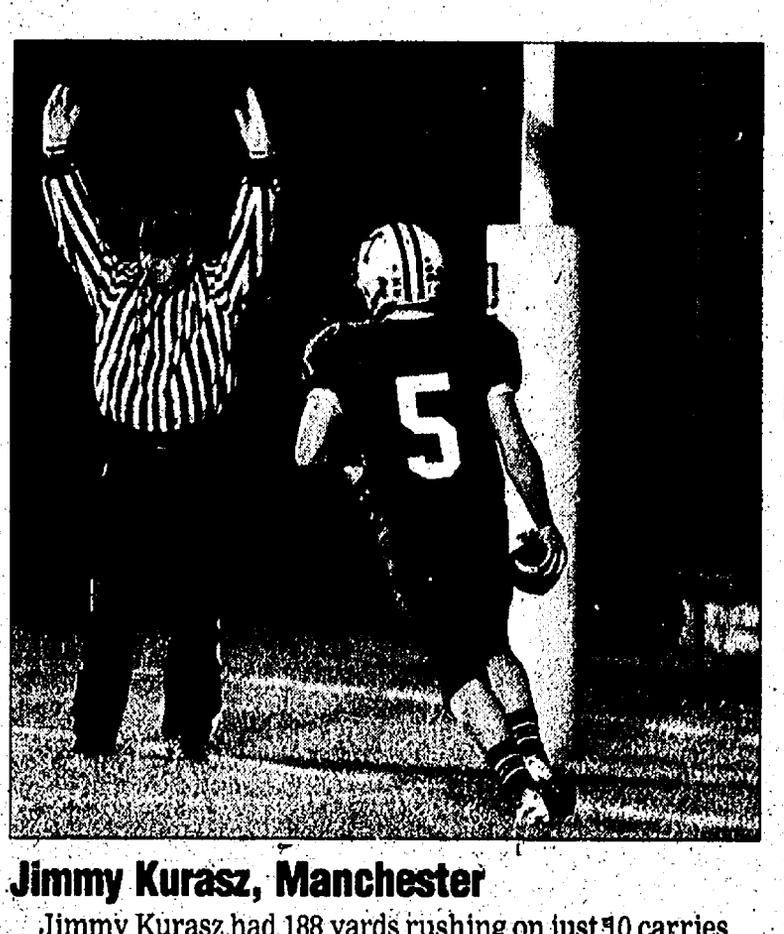
Hannah Moore, Chelsea

The Chelsea sophomore shut out Dexter on Tuesday in a huge Division 3 field hockey game as the Washtenaw Whippets beat the Dreads 2-0. Moore made some big saves to keep the Dreads off the scoreboard. She then went out and played the field in the JV game immediately after the varsity game.



Greg Zenas, Dexter

Along with the 10 seniors, Dexter soccer manager Greg Zenas laced up the boots, put the guards on and got the nod from coach Scott Forrester to start with the other seniors last week against visiting Adrian. It was Greg's only game as a player. Greg has been the soccer program's manager for the past six seasons.



Jimmy Kurasz, Manchester

Jimmy Kurasz had 188 yards rushing on just 10 carries and four touchdowns in Manchester's 51-24 victory Friday night over East Jackson. The team finished with 433 yards on the ground.



Daniel Bleske, Saline

Bleske did his best to celebrate senior night, as the veteran scored on a penalty kick less than two minutes to the Hornets' 3-0 win over Monroe. Bleske's game-winning shot kept the Hornets unbeaten heading into the final week of the regular season.

Inside Report: The changing role of the athletic director

Heritage Media presents the first in a series looking at the role of the athletic director in 2012. Chelsea, Dexter, Lincoln and Pioneer were among local schools changing athletic directors at the start of the school year. Heritage Media will present a Q&A with many of the area's ADs to get their inside take on the ups and downs of this ever changing position in these challenging fiscal times.

Second in the batter's box is Chelsea Athletic Director Jeremy Barkey.

How and why did you become interested in becoming an athletic director? I have always had a passion for sports (3-sport High School Athlete, MSU Football, 10 years coaching, etc.) and pointed myself toward becoming an AD from the moment I began a career in education as a way to have greater influence in decisions that impact young people when it comes to athletic participation.

Some schools are either eliminating or combining the athletic director job with other duties. What are your thoughts on this considering that being an athletic director really is a full-time job? While I love my job as assistant principal and athletic director here at CHS, the roles truly are two full-time jobs on their own. Obviously, budget restraints felt everywhere have led to an increasing number of these dual positions across many districts in our state. I, personally, do my best to approach both with the same energy and enthusiasm, choosing to focus my attention on the "major" responsibilities of both worlds.

What are some of the things an athletic director does to help get ready for a new season?

Scheduling, Coordinating officials, verifying transportation, staffing ticket gates for home events, coordinating fundraisers, dialogue with booster club, monitoring eligibility, ensuring compliance with MHSAA rules and regulations, bidding for postseason tournaments, acquisition/distribution of family and league passes, and the list goes on...

What are your thoughts on the facilities at the high school?

We are blessed in Chelsea to have OUTSTANDING athletic facilities, which ensure a safe playing experience for our student-athletes and an enjoyable atmosphere for spectators.

Where would you like to see improvements and/or where have there been recent upgrades?

Our most recent upgrade is our varsity tennis courts, which are absolutely beautiful. In terms of improvements, our football stadium scoreboard has been a topic of discussion, but not an urgent matter.

What are some of your goals for the department moving forward?

I want the reputation of our department to be centered on the fact that we not only build champions on the field or court of play, but leaders who will have a positive impact on their future families, careers and communities. Trophies will rust & dust. Impact lasts forever!

What has impressed you the most about the coaches and staff at your school?

I have been impressed with the extensive background and experience that our coaches bring to their respective sports. Kids who play for them have a great wealth of knowledge to tap into as they seek tom improve their craft.

What's one thing you have learned during your time as AD that has surprised you?

Although, I knew it would be a busy job, it's even busier than I imagined. It's not at all uncommon to have a day when I receive 50-60 emails that need to be addressed promptly. Staying on top of that aspect alone keeps you moving.

Walk us through a typical day for an athletic director?

As both AP and AD here at Chelsea, typical day is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. or longer based on the evening sporting events of a given day. It is common for AD only positions to carry a later morning start time to compensate for the later evenings.

What's the most important characteristic an AD needs to be successful?

First, I believe it is extremely important for athletic directors to have been coaches and possess extensive involvement in sports in order to understand how best to address the common challenges faced by coaches, athletes, parents, trainers, etc. Secondly, an AD should be a people person and love what he or she does. Without either one of those attributes it would be very difficult to garner the support and buy-in that it takes to get what NEEDS to be done DONE.

What are the most important qualities you look for when hiring a coach?

Any coach that I hire must first place the welfare of the Team above the individual and understand that his or her role is to help in the mentoring and overall development of their kids not just the "athlete". Secondly, however, I do aim to hire coaches who have a solid background and track record of success in their sport so that they may provide the best experience possible for the student-athletes who play their sport.

Chelsea Athletic Director Jeremy Barkey



Name: Jeremy Barkey
Age: 32
Family: Wife Samantha; Daughter Isabella (6); Son Landon (3); Daughter Elizabeth (2 months)
Hometown: Warren
Current residence: Chelsea
High School: Warren Woods Tower High School, Class of 1997
College: Michigan State University, Class of 2002
Previous jobs: Teacher/Coach/Associate A.D. at Holly High School in Holly (past seven years)
How long as Chelsea's AD: Official start date was July 1, 2012

EMU hosts Toledo

The Eastern Michigan University football team remains at home on Saturday as the University of Toledo makes the short trip north for a Mid-American Conference West Division tilt at Rynearson Stadium. Kick off is scheduled for 1:06 p.m.

The Eagles enter the contest with an 0-5 (0-2 MAC) record following a 41-14 setback to MAC East Division leader Kent State University on Homecoming, Oct. 6.

Meanwhile, the MAC West Division co-leading Rockets are 5-1 (3-0 MAC) after rallying past Central Michigan University, 50-35, in Toledo last week.

The contest will not be televised but it will be video streamed on Eagle All-Access. WEMU (89.1 FM) will provide audio coverage of the game with Matt Shepard and Herman Moore calling the action on the field.

Uniform vote

The uniform combination being worn by the EMU football team against Toledo was decided by the fans in voting via social media. In what was a close vote among the ballots cast by Eagle fans on Facebook and EMUEagles.com, the combination of gray helmet, gray jersey and gray pants won out.

Coming in a close second was the combination of white helmet and green jersey.

This season, the Eagles have three jersey colors (green, white and gray) to choose from, as well as three different colors of pants (green, white and gray) and three helmets colors to choose from (traditional green, white and gray). All told, Eastern Michigan has more than 20 different uniform combinations.

Football Scoreboard

Last week's game:
Saline 41, Huron 0
Monroe 19, Pioneer 12
Bedford 34, Skyline 12
Dearborn 50, Belleville 25
Chelsea 31, Tecumseh 28
Ypsilanti 13, Dexter 7
Manchester 51, East Jackson 24
Milan 38, Riverview 13
Adrian 26, Lincoln 25
River Rouge 60, Willow Run 0

This week's games:
Pioneer at Huron
Saline at Skyline
Allen Park Cabrini at Richard
Dexter at Chelsea
Manchester at Michigan Center
Carleton Airport at Milan
Ypsilanti at Ypsilanti Lincoln
Willow Run at Detroit Consortium Prep
Belleville at Garden City

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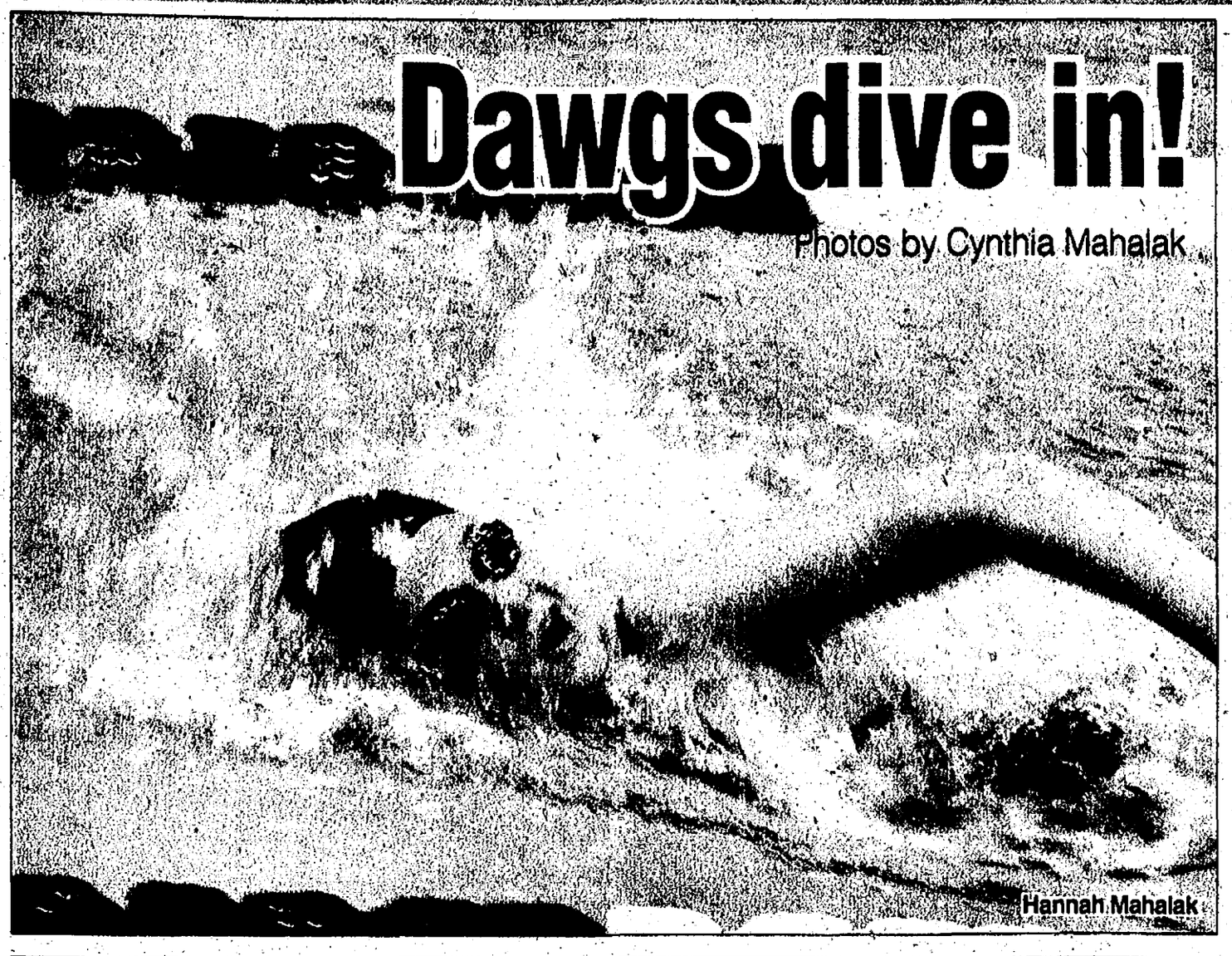
Pigskin Picks

Each week, the football experts at Heritage Newspapers will make their picks for the coming week's contests. Here are this week's prognostications:

This Week's Games	Kevin Doby	Terry Jacoby	Mike Feld	Randy Castro
Pioneer at Huron	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer	Pioneer
Saline at Skyline	Saline	Saline	Saline	Saline
Cabrini at Richard	Cabrini	Richard	Richard	Richard
Dexter at Chelsea	Chelsea	Chelsea	Chelsea	Chelsea
Manchester at Mich. Center	Manchester	Mich. Center	Mich. Center	Mich. Center
Airport at Milan	Airport	Milan	Milan	Milan
Ypsilanti at Lincoln	Ypsilanti	Lincoln	Lincoln	Lincoln
Willow Run at Consortium	Willow Run	Willow Run	Consortium	Consortium
Belleville vs. Garden City	Garden City	Garden City	Belleville	Belleville
Last Week's Record	5-6	7-4	8-3	8-3
Overall Record	49-29	49-29	58-20	55-23

Dawgs dive in!

Photos by Cynthia Mahalak



Hannah Mahalak



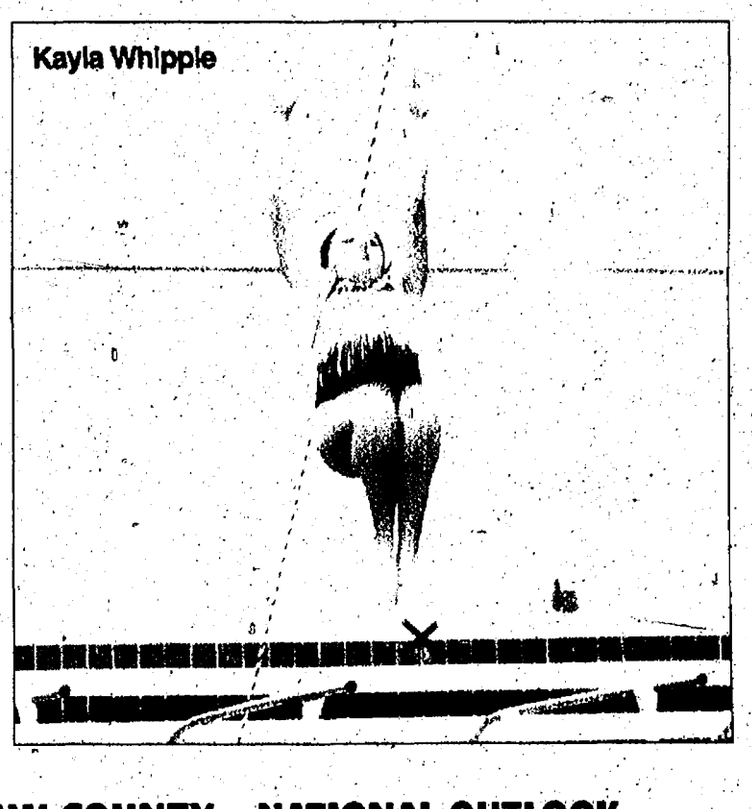
Mare Almhlemid



Alex Dana



Chelsea divers: (back to front) Kayla Whipple, Mare Almhlemid, Sarah Carara, Whi Francisco, Maggie Caselli and Lena Cashman.



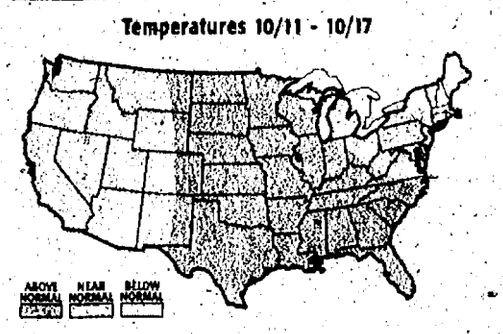
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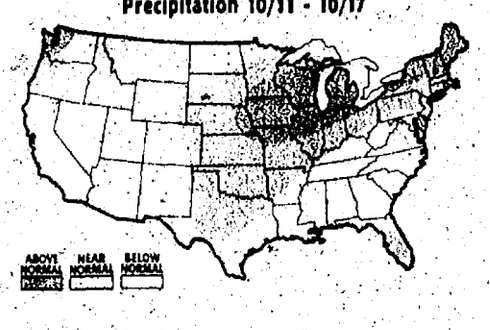
Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Clouds and sun; breezy	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Rain possible	Showers possible	A shower possible	Rain possible	Cloudy, showers around
57° to 63°	31° to 37°	52° to 58° 28° to 34°	62° to 68° 55° to 61°	70° to 76° 41° to 47°	64° to 70° 45° to 51°	66° to 72° 44° to 50°	67° to 73° 40° to 46°

NATIONAL OUTLOOK

Temperatures 10/11 - 10/17



Precipitation 10/11 - 10/17



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Statistics for the week ending Monday, Oct. 8

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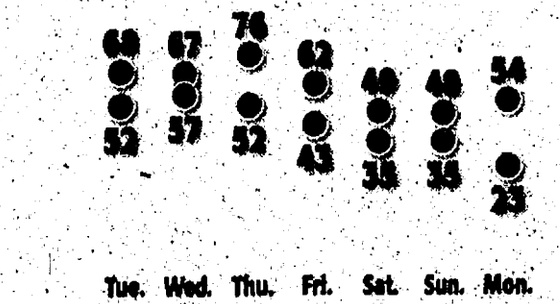
High/low for the week	76°/23°
Normal high/low	65°/40°
Average temperature	51.5°
Normal average temperature	52.6°

Precipitation:

Total for the week	0.44"
Total for the month	0.44"
Total for the year	16.19"
Normal for the month	0.94"
Normal for the year	26.38"

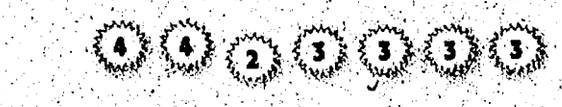
PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures ●High ●Low



THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature®



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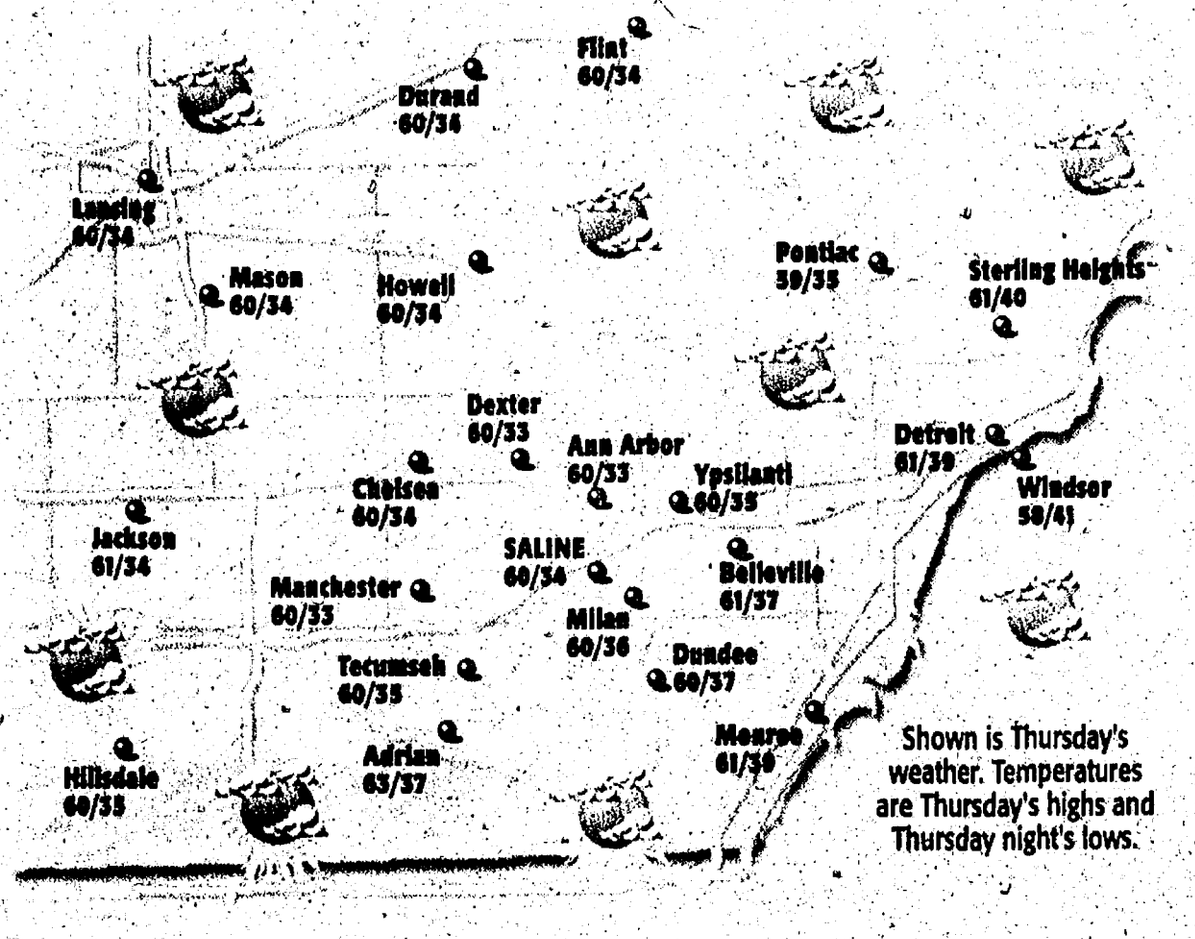
RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Monday	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek		
Dearborn Heights	–	2.15 ft
Huron River		
Ann Arbor	16 ft	11.84 ft
Mallets Creek		
Ann Arbor	–	3.03 ft
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft	5.71 ft
River Raisin		
Manchester	–	2.00 ft

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft	570.03 ft
Lake St. Clair	575 ft	572.98 ft

THE REGION



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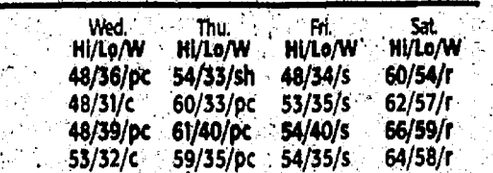
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Adrian	56/30/c	63/37/pc	58/35/s	69/60/r	Manistee	48/36/pc	54/33/sh	48/34/s	60/54/r
Ann Arbor	54/27/c	60/33/pc	55/31/s	65/58/r	Midland	48/31/c	60/33/pc	53/35/s	62/57/r
Battle Creek	48/33/c	60/36/pc	54/39/s	68/58/r	Muskegon	48/39/pc	61/40/pc	54/40/s	66/59/r
Bay City	50/32/c	60/36/pc	54/37/s	62/57/r	Pontiac	53/32/c	59/35/pc	54/35/s	64/58/r
Detroit	55/34/c	61/39/pc	56/39/s	65/59/r	Port Huron	52/29/sh	57/34/pc	52/31/s	61/56/r
Flint	50/30/c	60/34/pc	54/34/s	66/57/r	Saginaw	49/32/c	60/35/pc	53/36/s	62/57/r
Grand Rapids	48/34/c	61/36/pc	56/38/s	67/57/r	Sault Ste. Marie	47/36/sn	48/35/r	46/35/pc	51/47/r
Kalamazoo	50/33/pc	62/35/pc	55/36/s	71/58/r	Sturgis	50/31/pc	62/36/pc	54/39/s	72/59/r
Lansing	48/32/c	60/34/pc	53/37/s	67/57/r	Traverse City	48/33/c	53/35/sh	50/36/s	60/55/r
Livonia	56/35/c	62/39/pc	56/38/s	66/59/r	Warren	55/35/sh	62/40/pc	55/39/s	65/60/r

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

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set	The Moon	Rise	Set
Thursday	7:43 a.m.	6:59 p.m.	Thursday	3:16 a.m.	4:37 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m.	6:58 p.m.	Friday	4:23 a.m.	5:08 p.m.
Saturday	7:46 a.m.	6:56 p.m.	Saturday	5:32 a.m.	5:39 p.m.
Sunday	7:47 a.m.	6:54 p.m.	Sunday	6:44 a.m.	6:12 p.m.
Monday	7:48 a.m.	6:53 p.m.	Monday	7:58 a.m.	6:49 p.m.
Tuesday	7:49 a.m.	6:51 p.m.	Tuesday	9:13 a.m.	7:32 p.m.
Wednesday	7:50 a.m.	6:50 p.m.	Wednesday	10:27 a.m.	8:21 p.m.



NATIONAL CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	72/50/pc	78/59/s	77/59/s
Boston	61/46/s	59/40/pc	55/49/s
Chicago	66/39/pc	56/48/s	69/56/r
Cincinnati	62/45/pc	63/48/pc	77/61/pc
Cleveland	60/43/pc	52/37/pc	65/60/pc
Dallas	84/69/c	87/71/pc	85/70/pc
Denver	73/41/pc	77/43/sh	72/44/pc
Honolulu	86/72/pc	86/72/s	86/72/s
Houston	89/67/pc	89/70/s	89/69/s
Kansas City	73/46/pc	70/63/sh	73/58/t
Las Vegas	78/58/t	73/59/pc	76/61/s
Los Angeles	69/58/t	71/58/pc	75/62/s
Miami	87/74/pc	86/76/pc	87/78/pc
Minneapolis	52/29/pc	54/46/s	69/48/r
New Orleans	83/65/s	84/66/s	86/70/s
New York City	62/49/s	62/45/pc	60/51/s
Orlando	86/67/pc	86/69/pc	86/70/pc
Philadelphia	60/49/s	65/45/pc	62/53/s
Phoenix	91/64/pc	79/59/pc	80/63/s
Pittsburgh	55/42/s	56/35/pc	67/56/pc
St. Louis	65/49/pc	68/60/c	80/63/pc
San Francisco	62/52/pc	65/56/pc	67/56/pc
Seattle	64/50/pc	57/52/r	61/47/r
Wash., DC	64/46/s	68/47/pc	66/56/s

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Athens	79/63/pc	81/66/pc	81/68/pc
Berlin	52/34/pc	54/41/s	50/39/r
Buenos Aires	63/55/pc	68/59/s	72/59/s
Cairo	90/71/s	88/71/s	86/71/s
Calgary	45/35/pc	61/42/pc	69/44/c
Hong Kong	86/75/pc	86/75/s	84/77/s
Jerusalem	80/63/s	77/61/s	79/63/pc
Johannesburg	74/53/t	72/56/sh	72/54/t
London	61/52/r	59/43/pc	55/46/c
Mexico City	75/51/t	75/51/t	77/50/pc
Montreal	52/38/pc	48/30/pc	45/37/pc
Moscow	48/41/c	47/41/pc	45/35/r
Paris	68/55/sh	60/46/r	59/48/sh
Rio de Janeiro	78/68/pc	74/68/r	72/66/sh
Rome	75/59/pc	73/63/t	73/54/pc
Seoul	68/50/s	70/52/s	72/54/s
Singapore	88/79/t	90/77/t	88/79/t
Sydney	64/46/sh	68/48/sh	68/50/pc
Tokyo	75/63/sh	72/61/s	73/61/s
Warsaw	50/37/sh	52/37/pc	54/41/c

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FOOTBALL

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the Indians back to the 26-yard line, where they faced a second down and 21.

Then, Alex Maloney "made a play" to help prevent a completion.

Then, Mike Hovater "made a play" to stop the Indians for just a one-yard gain on third down.

And then Maloney "made a play" again when he picked off a fourth-down pass in the end zone to seal the deal.

"It was a team effort," said Hovater, who had a monster game for the Bulldogs. "There wasn't anything one individual player could do. The whole defense played a great game and the whole team played a great game and that's the reason we won this game."

Tecumseh came in at 5-0 on the season and the Bulldogs knew it wasn't going to be easy. But they also knew it was a winnable game if they played hard.

"We had pretty good confidence coming in even though we knew they had a really good team," said Chelsea senior RB Colton Platt said.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Bulldogs knew they had to deal with a potent offense.

"We knew they would be passing a lot," Hovater said. "Our (defensive backs) played a great game. But again, everyone did." And "everyone" certainly includes senior running back Berkley Edwards who finished with 232 yards on 29 carries.

"Their safeties backed up a lot so we were trying to get the ball to the perimeter and also get the ball to Berkley a lot up the middle. He had a really good game," said senior Colton Platt.

That's two really good games in a row for Edwards.

"Yeah, that's two in a row," Bush said. "We are going to continue giving him the ball."

Of course, the offensive line is doing its job up front as are the other running backs.

"Guys like Colton Platt and Alex Bielecki and Travis Nichols are all doing a great job as well for us, and Nate Bossory has become a tremendous tight end with a great team attitude and has really become a great blocker."

The Bulldogs opened up strong, taking a 7-0 lead on a reverse pass that completely fooled the Indians. Platt hit a wide open Kyle Koseck for 52 yards and a score.

"We have scored on that before in previous years but that's the first time we've done it this year," Bush said. "We have been working on it for a few weeks and thought (Friday) might be a good time to try it. Trick plays are all about when you call them. And I knew we had to call it before it started to rain. So I'm glad we called it when we did.

"That's the most excited I've been all year. I was running around like a fool."

Bush also had to be excited about the next play.

Coaches always tell players to play until you hear a whistle and that's exactly what Tyler Fullerton did on the ensuing kickoff. The senior just took the ball right out of the hands of the Tecumseh player and raced 18 yards untouched for another score.

Just like that, it was 14-0.

After the Indians cut the lead to 14-13, Edwards scored from a yard out in the final minute of the first half to push the lead to 21-13. The big play was a 63-yard run by Edwards who finally got tripped up at the 2-yard line.

Edwards turned another big play into a 76-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter to give the home team a 28-13 lead.

But the Indians turned a Chelsea fumble into a touchdown to cut the lead to 28-21.

The always dependable Zach Rabbitt made it a two-score game again when he nailed a 42-yard field goal in the cold and rain. The ball was right down the middle and just barely got over the bar for a huge three points.

Tecumseh scored again to make it 31-28 with 4:14 to play.

The Bulldogs were able to overcome two fumbles in the second half. Holding onto the ball in the steady rain wasn't easy.

"It was tough," Platt said. "You just have to put two hands on the ball and just cover it off."

The Chelsea defense also was tough and balanced.

Hovater led the team with seven tackles. Ricky Kolman and Jay Szcondronski each had six tackles. Michael Steinhauer had five tackles and Marco Ruiz-Acosta and Christian Vosters each had four.

Hovater did have a message for Dexter, next week's opponent.

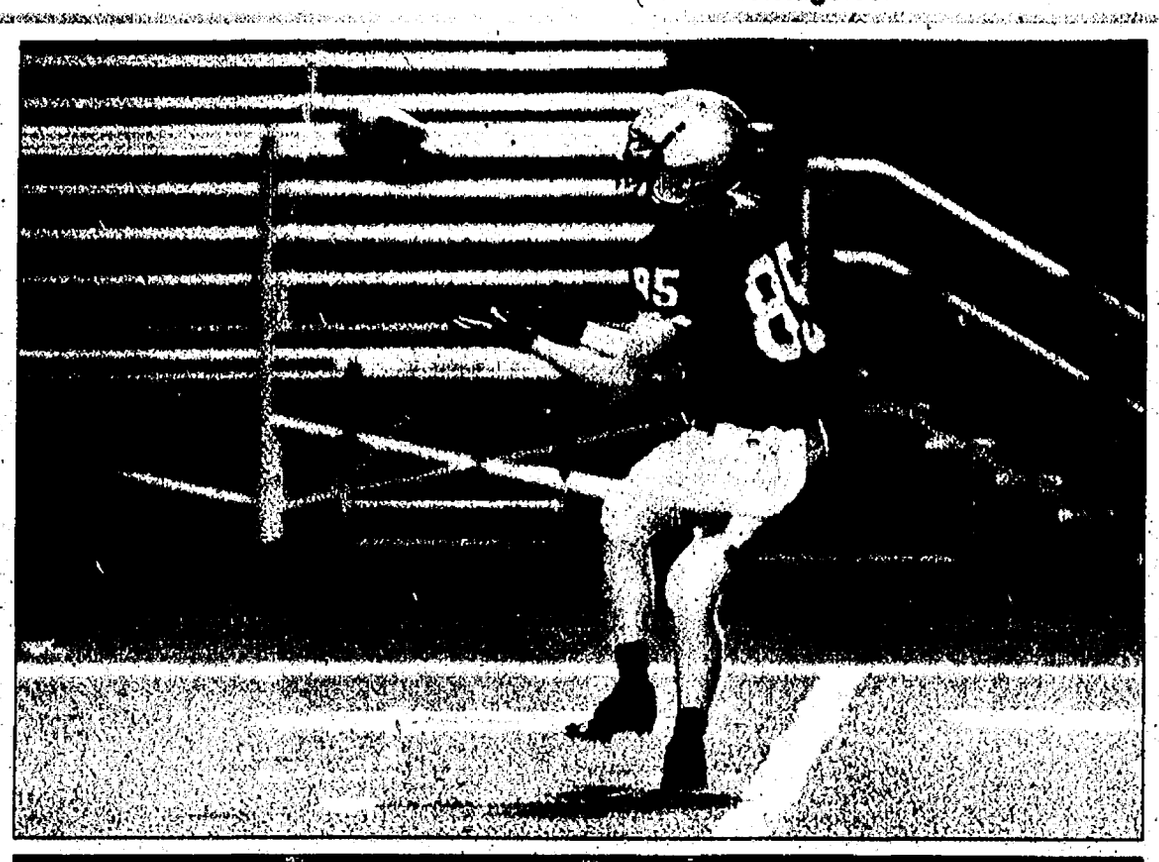
"You're going down," he said. "We've beaten them 17 years (in a row). It's about to be 18."

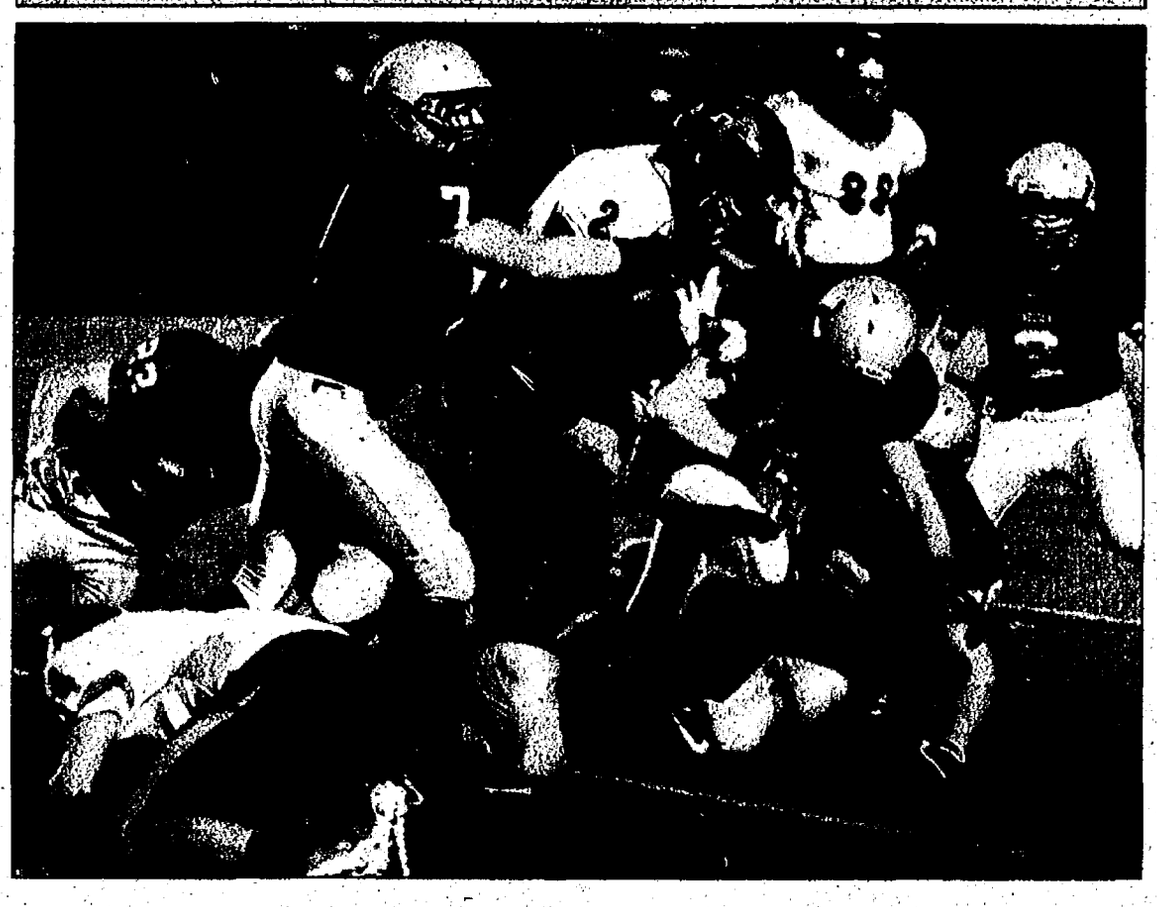
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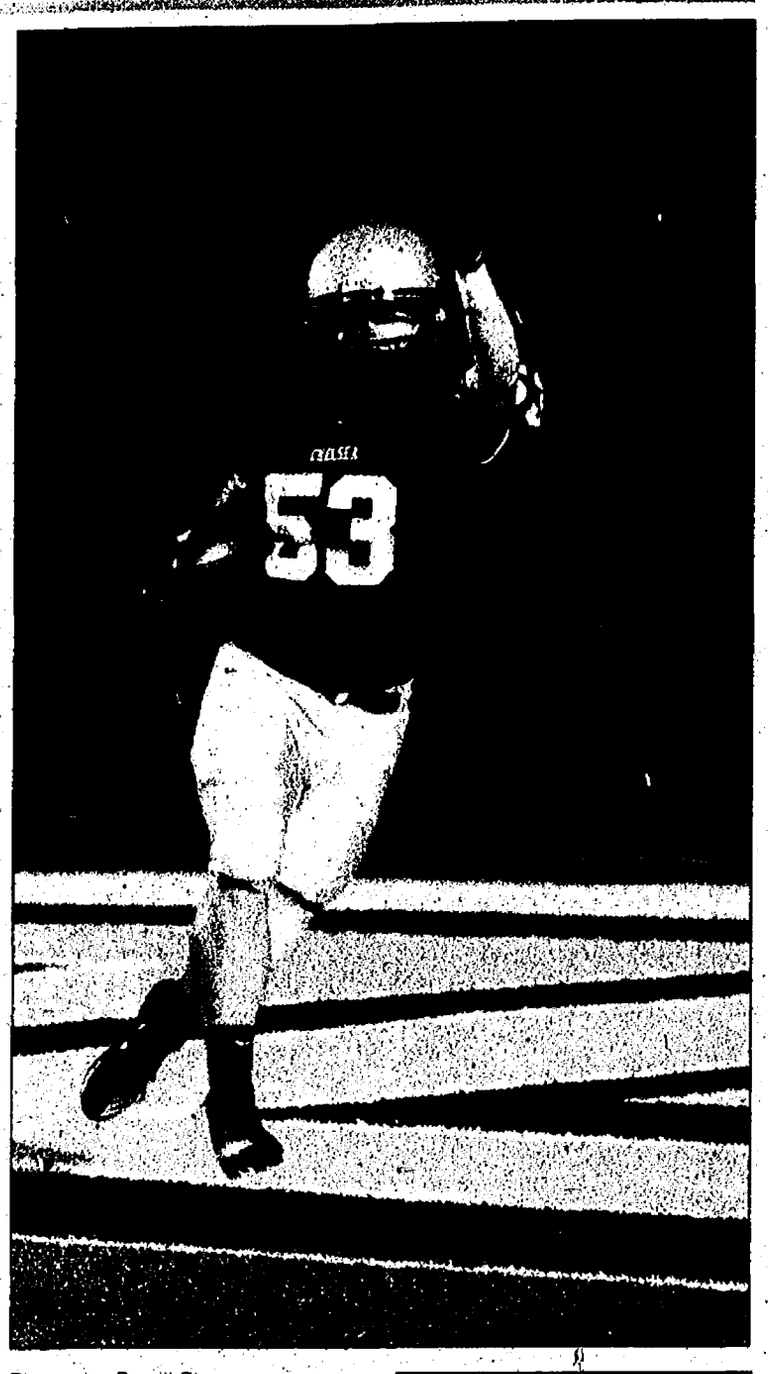
"We are going to have some fun, hopefully get the win and be SEC champions," Platt said.

Scoring Summary:

1st 01:10 CHELSEA - K. Koseck 52 yd pass from C. Platt (Z. Rabbitt kick), 6 plays, 71 yards, TOP 2:50, TECUMSEH 0 - CHELSEA 7
01:02 CHELSEA - T. Fullerton 18 yd fumble recovery (Z. Rabbitt kick), TECUMSEH 0 - CHELSEA 14
2nd 05:50 TECUMSEH - S. Hite 3 yd pass from B. Dreslinski (C. Hunt kick), plays, 68 yards, TOP 3:12, TECUMSEH 7 - CHELSEA 14
01:36 TECUMSEH - J. Terry 1 yd run (C. Hunt kick blocked), 8 plays, 80 yards, TOP 2:25, TECUMSEH 13 - CHELSEA 14
00:33 CHELSEA - B. Edwards 1 yd run (Z. Rabbitt kick), 5 plays, 87 yards, TOP 0:57, TECUMSEH 13 - CHELSEA 21
3rd 09:19 CHELSEA - B. Edwards 76 yd run (Z. Rabbitt kick), 1 play, 76 yards, TOP 0:13, TECUMSEH 13 - CHELSEA 28
02:38 TECUMSEH - B. Dreslinski 2 yd run (J. Terry rush), 6 plays, 31 yards, TOP 1:46, TECUMSEH 21 - CHELSEA 28
4th 11:00 CHELSEA - Z. Rabbitt 42 yd field goal, 8 plays, 20 yards, TOP 3:31, TECUMSEH 21 - CHELSEA 31
04:14 TECUMSEH - S. Adams 17 yd pass from B. Dreslinski (C. Hunt kick), 8 plays, 46 yards, TOP 2:16, TECUMSEH 28 - CHELSEA 31







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Tyler Fullerton (above) celebrates his TD. Kyle Koseck (top left) catches a Dawgs TD. Craig Centofanti (left) makes a tackle.



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Michigan fourth in high school sports participation

For the fourth straight year, Michigan ranked seventh nationally in high school sports participation, according to statistics for the 2011-12 school year released recently by the National Federation of State High School Associations. That level of participation continued to flow Michigan's national ranking for total number of students of high school age.

Michigan's participation ranking was based on a number of 308,080, with 131,346 girls and 176,734 boys taking part, and included sports in which the Michigan High School Athletic Association does not conduct postseason tournaments. The totals count students once for each sport in which he or she participates, meaning students who are multiple-sport athletes are counted more than once.

Michigan girls participation fell one spot to seventh nationally after two straight years at sixth, while the boys participation figure again ranked sixth. According to the latest U.S. Census Bureau figures from 2011, Michigan continues to rank eighth in both females and males of ages 14 through 17. Girls participation also ranked seventh in 2008-09.

Three sports moved up in their rankings, while seven fell – but none more than one spot. Total, Michigan ranked eighth or higher nationally in participation in 24 of the 28 sports in which the MHSAA conducts a postseason tournament (not counting separately 8-player football).

Girls basketball and golf both rose in 2011-12, basketball to sixth and golf to fifth. Girls tennis held steady in third place, with participation in bowling, volleyball and skiing again ranked fourth. Softball and track and field remained seventh, soccer and swimming and diving both stayed at eighth, and lacrosse stayed at 12th nationally. Girls cross country, gymnastics and competitive cheer all fell one spot – cross country to seventh, cheer to fifth and gymnastics to 12th.

Nine boys sports remained in the same spots nationally and one – wrestling – moved up one spot, to fifth. Boys bowling stayed constant at third, as did skiing and ice hockey in fourth, 11-player football and tennis in fifth, track and field and golf in sixth, baseball in seventh and cross country in ninth in their respective sport rankings. Boys Basketball fell one spot to sixth, with boys lacrosse falling one to eighth and boys soccer and swimming and diving both moving down one spot to ninth on those lists. Last school year also was the third the MHSAA has had 8-player football, and Michigan ranked 14th of 16 states for participation in that spot.

National participation in high school sports in 2011-12 set a new record again with 7,692,520 students taking part. While boys participation nationally fell 9,419 students from 2010-11, girls participation rose 33,984 students for a record total of 3,207,533.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,500 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract approximately 1.6 million spectators each year.

Wolverines open the Big Ten season in Big fashion

Well they certainly started conference play off on the right foot.

In dire need of a signature win, Michigan kicked off the Big Ten portion of its schedule with a 44-13 blowout victory over Purdue in West Lafayette Saturday. And unlike Michigan's early season victories over Air Force and Massachusetts, this is one to put some stock in.

Michigan racked up 304 rushing yards, 235 of which came by way of Denard Robinson.



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That's a tremendous relief.

Say what you will about Robinson's ability in the passing game— the critiques are certainly well-warranted at this point— but the senior quarterback is nothing short of a premier collegiate playmaker. He proved that again Saturday, by playing his game and doing so very well.

"When you play on the road, controlling the football and running the football has got to be a big part of your mindset," Michigan coach Brady Hoke said after Saturday's game. "We had that mindset going in as coaches, that we wanted to run the football, wanted to get him established enough.

"When you run the football, you've got a chance to take the crowd out of the game to some degree, because when those chains are moving, people really get a little frustrated."

After four weeks of indecision and searching for an identity, the offense got back to the familiar gameplan— one that resulted in a 11-win season and a BCS Bowl Game victory a year ago— of letting Robinson make plays with his feet first. And after a performance that left him apologizing for a 13-6 loss to Notre Dame two weeks prior, Robinson seemed to rediscover his groove against the Boilermakers.

"I'm sure it was good for his confidence. It was probably good for all of us," Hoke said. "I think he looked real comfortable. I think he was ready to play the game and it showed."



File photo by Tressi Davis

Michigan kicked off the Big Ten season with a 44-13 rout of host Purdue last Saturday.

The results speak for themselves. Twenty eight first-quarter points, a 59 percent conversion rate on third down and though he fumbled it away once, Robinson had no turnovers in the passing game.

The passing game was complementary, but effective. Robinson was 8-for-16 with a touchdowns and no interceptions.

In short, that is what the Michigan offense should look like when its clicking. But to clear the air, Hoke acknowledged Purdue's defensive gameplan was to stop Fitzgerald Toussaint after giving up 170 yards to him a year ago.

The Boilermakers did stop Fitz. He went for 19 yards on 17 carries, despite finding the end zone twice. While Purdue was poised on not letting history repeat itself, Michigan was hoping for exactly that.

They'll live and die with the running game, and with the way the team is constructed, that's just fine.

Though Hoke admitted the ground game needs more out of the other backs, as the "Non-Denard running game" accounted for 69 yards. Purdue focused on the running backs and got burned.

Moving forward, the rest of the conference now knows the blueprint is out there. To beat Michigan, stop Denard, or better yet, turn him into a conventional quarterback.

With Illinois up next, the Fighting Illini have a recipe for success: Stop No. 16 and make everyone else beat them.

The coaching staff showed its capable of making adjustments, given time to prepare. The challenge now is to find that delicate balance between keeping Robinson effective in the running game, increasing the productivity out of the rest of the backfield and continuing to use the passing game as a compliment.

By going back to the winning formula of a year ago, Michigan may have rediscovered the path toward a Big Ten Championship. There's a lot of football left before then and now, but at least the Wolverines appear back on the right track.

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DISTRICT SOCCER SCHEDULE

The 2012 boys' soccer district schedule:

MONDAY

No. 5-1 Ann Arbor-Huron
Game A— Pioneer vs. Belleville, 5:30 p.m. (Huron)
Game B—Monroe vs. Bedford, 7 p.m. (Bedford)
Game C — Saline at Skyline 7 p.m. (Skyline)
Game D— Huron vs. Lincoln, 7 p.m. (Huron)

No. 20-2 Tecumseh
Game A—Chelsea vs. Milan, 5 p.m. (Milan)
Game B—Tecumseh vs. Ypsilanti, 7 p.m. (Tecumseh)
Game C— Adrian vs. Dexter, 5 p.m. (Adrian)

No. 37-3 Hanover-Horton
Game A— Clinton vs. Jackson Lumen Christi, 4:30 p.m.(Lumen Christi)
Game B— Hillsdale vs. Hanover-Horton, 4:30 p.m. (Hanover Horton)
Game C— Jonesville vs. Manchester, 4:30 p.m. (Jonesville)
Game D— Onsted vs. Brooklyn Columbia Central, 4:30 p.m. (Onsted

No. 38-3 Grosse Ile
Game A— Flat Rock vs. Allen Park Cabrini, 4:30 p.m.
Game B— Dearborn Henry Ford vs. Monroe Jefferson, 4:30 p.m.
Game C— Romulus Summit Academy vs. Grosse Ile, 4:30 p.m.
Game D— Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central vs. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 4:30 p.m.

No. 54-4 Ann Arbor-Greenhills
Game A— Blissfield vs. Lenawee Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Game B— Greenhills vs. Calvary Christian, 4 p.m.
Game C— Rudolf Steiner vs. Washtenaw Christian, TBA
Game D— Pinckney Livingston vs. Lutheran South, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

No. 38-3 Grosse Ile
Game A winner vs. Game B winner, TBA
Game C winner vs. Game D winner, TBA

WEDNESDAY

No. 5-1 Ann Arbor-Huron
Game A winner vs. Game B winner, 5:30 p.m.
Game C vs. Game D winner, 7 p.m.

No. 20-2 Tecumseh
Game A winner vs. South Lyon East, 5 p.m. (Tecumseh)
Game B winner vs. Game C winner, 7 p.m. (Tecumseh)

No. 37-3 Hanover-Horton
Game A winner vs. Game B winner, 4:30 p.m.
Game C winner vs. Game D winner, 6 p.m.

No. 54-4 Ann Arbor-Greenhills
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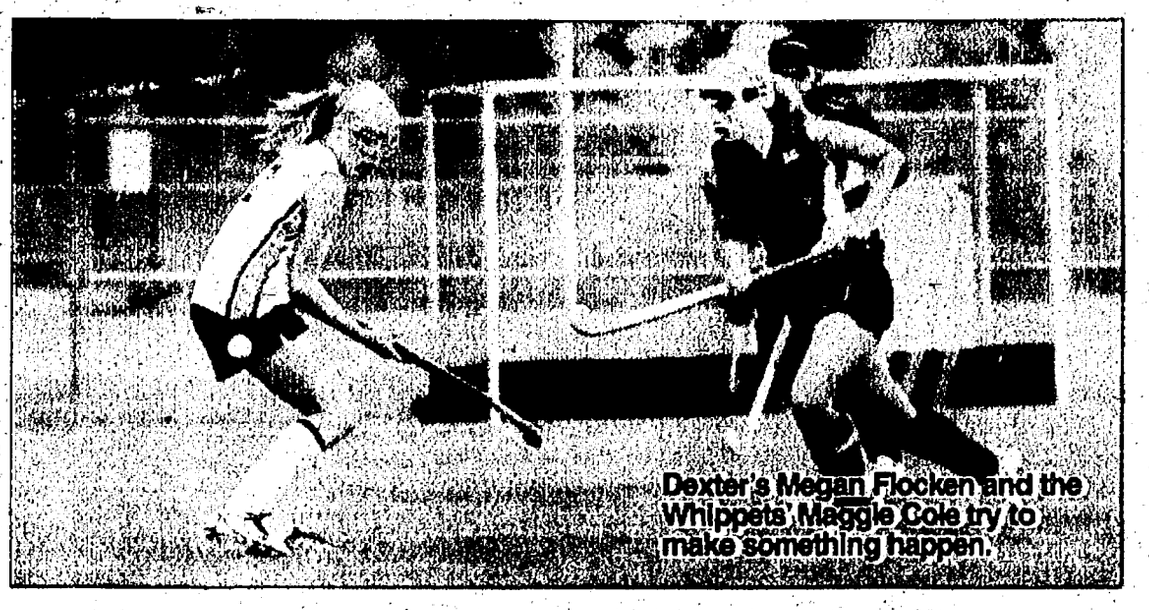
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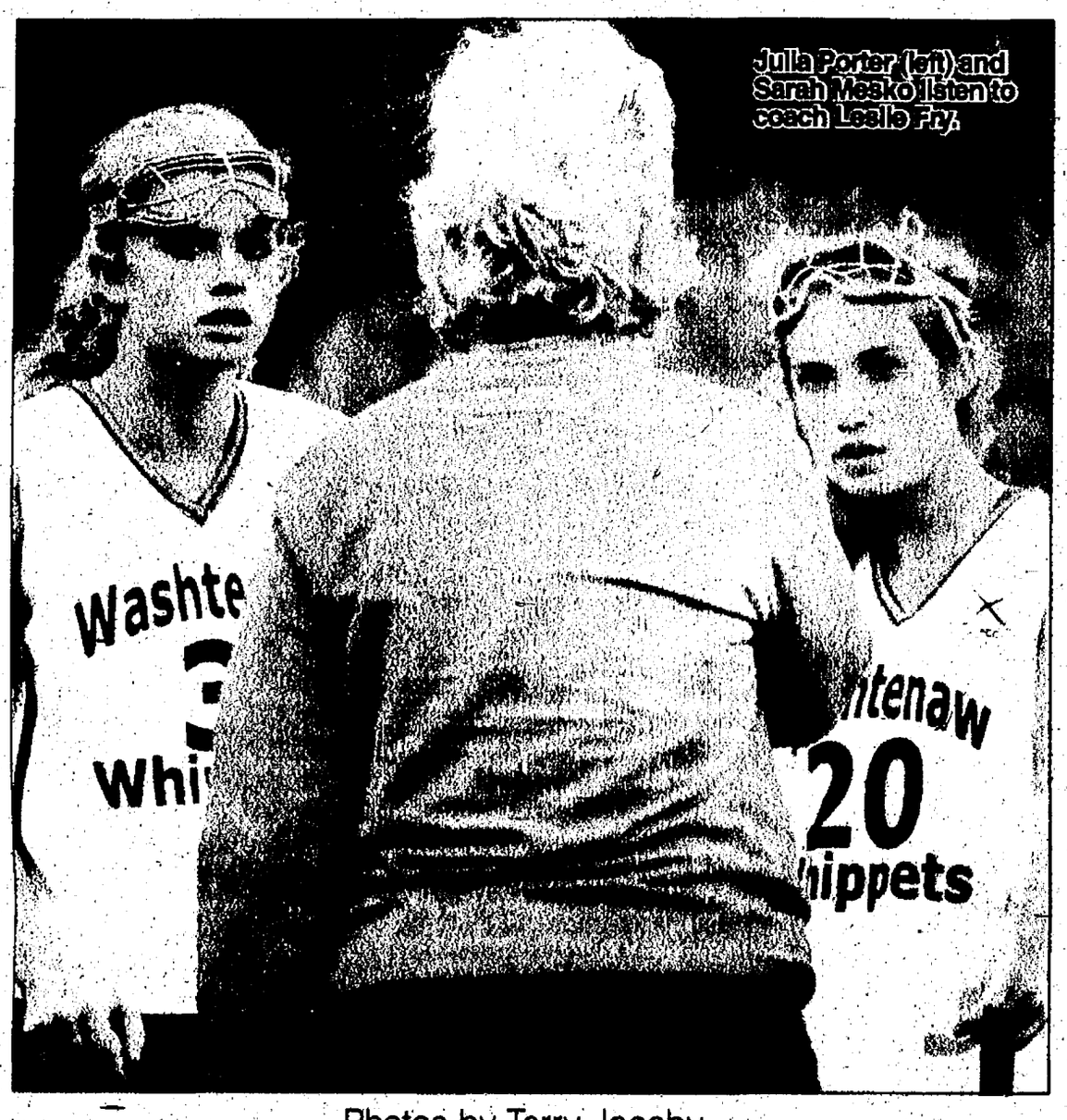



Dexter's Megan McCarthy and the Whippets' Maggie Cole battle for the ball.


The Whippets' Meghan Cole (left) defends Dexter's Jillian Hook.

Dreads-Whippets field a great game!


Dexter's Megan Flocken and the Whippets' Maggie Cole try to make something happen.


Julia Porter (left) and Sarah Masko listen to coach Leslie Fry.


Izzy had plenty to wag her tail about after the Whippets won last Tuesday.

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Maggie Cole has a step on a Dexter player during last week's game.



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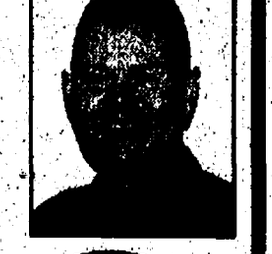
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Lady Bulldogs race to first at Hudson Invite

By Terry Jacoby
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The Chelsea girls' cross country team took first place at Saturday's Hudson Invitational with 88 points. Homer was second with 96 points in the 16-team field which included four teams from Ohio.

"We ran very well," said Chelsea coach Pat Clarker. "We were focused as a team and performed well."

The sophomore dynamic duo of Artemis Eyster and Maegen Hopkins led the way for the Bulldogs placing 6thth and 10th respectively with new PR's.

Freshman Karana Wickens had her best race, cutting 30 seconds off her previous best time to finish 14th. Senior Lindsey Hopkins ran her best time of the season to finish 28th. Junior Madison Nelson ran a season PR to place 30th.

Kennedy Aldrich was 36th in 21:42 and Lauren O'Toole was 39th in 21:48.

"It was a good day to run and the team ran well," Clarke said. "We had six of the seven girls run PR's. We continue to improve which is our goal for each meet. I just hope that we can continue on this course of improvement throughout the rest of the season."

In the JV race, Maria Osentoski was third (22:06), Ella Fritzemeier was fourth (22:11) and Sandra Gofton was eighth (22:19). Gwen Hubbard was 14th in 23:07, Dana Porter was 18th in 23:15, Makayla Bradley was 19th (23:16), Nora Dobos was 52nd (24:45) and Liz Boyce was 88th (29:54).



Photo by Terry Jacoby

Coach Laura Cleveland has her club circling the wagons for the end of the season.

Hitting their stride

Bulldogs knock off SEC rival Lincoln

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The Chelsea volleyball team overcame a rough start last Tuesday to beat visiting Lincoln.

The Bulldogs lost the opener 26-24.

The host Bulldogs quickly got their act together and won three straight, dominating all three games. Chelsea won 25-12, 25-13 and 25-12 to close out the contest.

"We came out flat in the first game and we were down quickly with the first server, due to poor passing and execution," Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland said. "The girls came out in the next three sets and passed better and were able to gain control with a more efficient offense."

Shianne Butler led Chelsea with 11 kills. Laural Hall had nine kills and Rylee Rosentreter had seven kills. Mary Kelleher led the Bulldogs with 35 assists.

The Bulldogs will participate at the Mt. Morris Tournament on Saturday.

Mark your calendar

The rivalry match is just around the corner. The Chelsea Bulldogs will host the Dexter Dreadnaughts in a volleyball showdown in the first and only SEC matchup between the two teams. The Dreads beat the Bulldogs earlier in the year in a close match at a tournament. Chelsea will try to even the score on Tuesday, Oct. 16. The varsity game begins at 7 p.m.

Bulldogs finish solid eighth at Portage Invite

The Chelsea boys' cross country team placed eighth at the Portage Invitational on Saturday. St. Clair took first with 89 points with St. Joseph second (106) and Linden third (128) in the 36-team field.

The Bulldogs finished with 245 points.

"We talked about our mental focus and toughness all week, and these guys responded with flair," said Chelsea coach Eric Swager. "We had 16 of 21 runners turn in lifetime best performances - many of them running PRs of 30 seconds or more. It goes to show what happens when we hone our will and take our performance to a higher level."

Boys cross country

In the varsity race, Austin Horn was 14th with a time of 16:05 to lead the Bulldogs. The rest of the Chelsea lineup featured:

36. Jacob Stubbs 1635; 39. Bram Parkinson 16:38; 68. David Trimas 17:01; 93. Tony Vermilye 17:20; 119. Charlie Miller 17:36; 137. Jack Abernethy 17:50; 138. Roy Schmidt 19:38; 193. Connor Heaney 20:26: 213. Evan Mongie 20:41; 282. Sean Lyons 22:03; 297. Josh Cole 22:34; 314. Drew Sujec 23:22; and 321. Austin Reardon 23:55.

"The team race was basically an early state meet," Swager said. "The top seven ranked teams, and 12 of the top 15 were in this race. We made a strong showing, although we are missing a couple of our key runners due to injury."

Horn ran like a man possessed, while Bram Parkinson hammered the middle of the race for the second straight week. Those two, as well as Jacob Stubbs, earned varsity medals.

"David Trimas flirted with the 17 minute barrier for the first time, and with a more controlled first mile, I am convinced he will shatter that barrier," Swager said. "Tony Vermilye and Charlie Miller turned in tough efforts as seniors."

The following runners participated in the JV race for Chelsea: 12. Avery Osentoski 17:50; 33. Miles Fischer 18:15; 42. Adam Bowersox 18:20; 51. Matt Proegler 18:30; 71. Kyle McGregor 18:58; 84. Mitchell Henschel 19:06; 124. Sebastian Suntheimer 19:30.

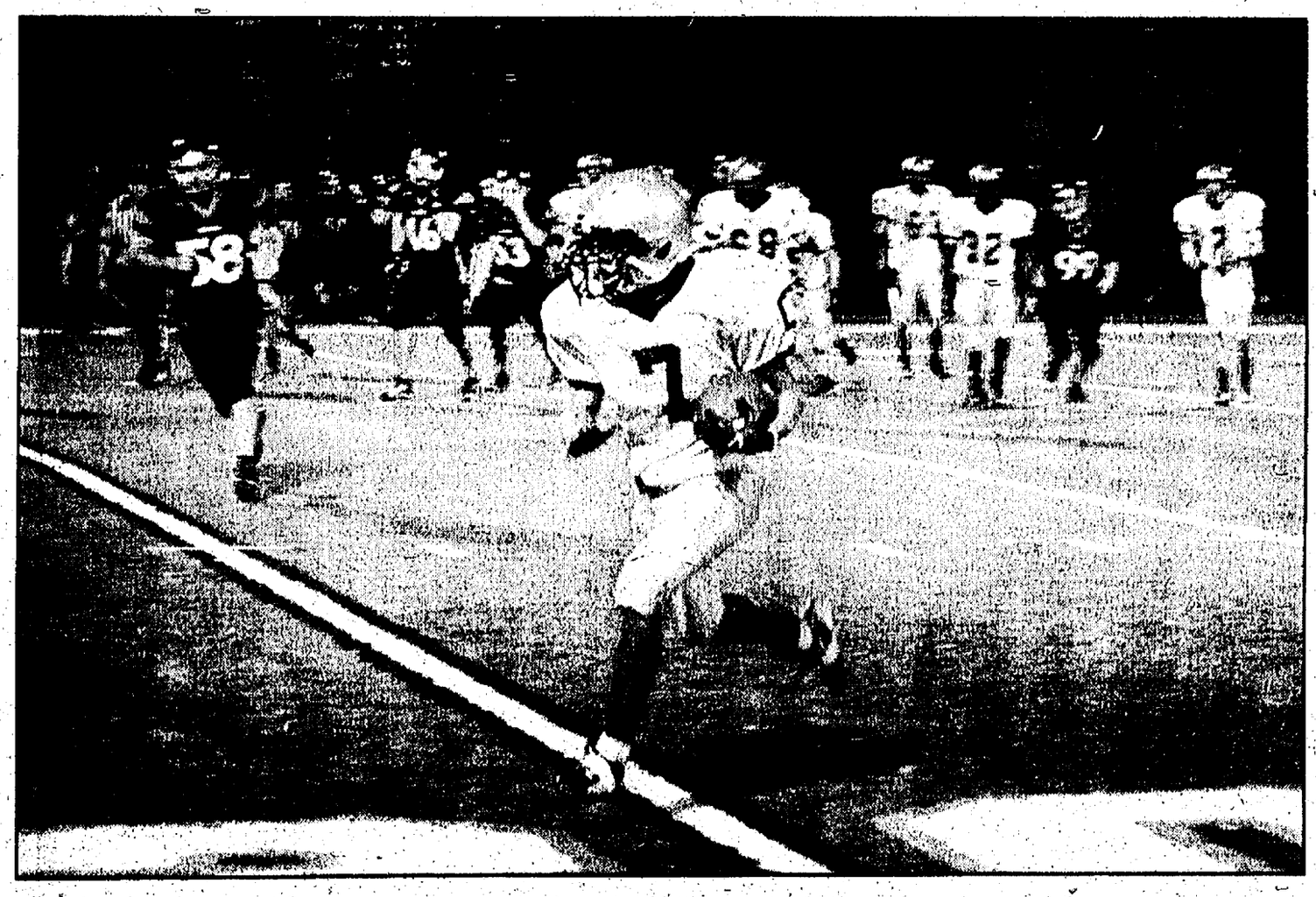


Photo by Todd Ortbring

Chelsea's Jeremy Policht heads for open field last week.

Junior varsity football team wins fourth in a row, 32-13

The Chelsea JV football team extended their winning streak to four last Thursday with a convincing 32-13 road victory over previously unbeaten Tecumseh. And, they did it in convincing fashion with a ball control offense and hard hitting defense.

"Our kids really believe in themselves at this point of the season," said Chelsea coach Chris Orlandi, whose team scored only six points in an 0-3 start to the season. "I never would have thought we would rattle off four straight wins by scoring 149 points. Part of that is our schedule, but another part of that is hard work from practice paying off and believing in what we sell in our program.

"If we can beat Dexter next week, we will have wins over all our competitors in the SEC White. It's been a great run."

The great run started 30 seconds into the second quarter on Thursday when halfback Kenny McDowell raced 61 yards untouched down the sideline to give the Bulldogs a 6-0 lead. The first play from scrimmage after the kickoff, Tecumseh's QB broke free and scampered 78 yards to take a 7-6 lead.

The teams traded punts the next few series until Grant Ortbring fell on a Tecumseh fumble. The Dawgs moved the ball down field and scored when running back Ty Nelson racked up the first of his three TD's on a 10-yard run. The successful two-point conversion gave Chelsea a 14-7 lead that stood until halftime.

The young Bulldogs took the second half kick and drove down the field into scoring position again. This time, QB Cam Starkey covered the last two yards for his first score putting Chelsea up 20-7 with just over 9 minutes left in the third quarter.

The remainder of the quarter belonged to the defenses. Chelsea continuously forced their rivals into third down and long situations and multiple punts. Meanwhile, Nelson behind his offensive line, was handling the work load on offense finishing with 23 carries against the physical Tecumseh opponents.

The Indians did score late in the third quarter to slice the Bulldog lead to 20-13.

In the final quarter, Chelsea had all of the momentum on its side. Nelson scored on a 4-yard run to put the Dawgs in total control 26-13. Midway through the stanza and after a stalled Bulldog drive, Tecumseh fumbled a Bulldog punt inside the 5 yard line which was recovered by Ben Whitesall.

One play later, Nelson capped the scoring for the night as he carried several Tecumseh players into the end zone for the final score.

Tecumseh mounted one last drive but was thwarted when Jacob Dobberstein intercepted a pass at the goal line. The Bulldogs were able to convert a third and long to keep the ball, thanks in part to center Tony Nichol nabbing a Bulldog fumble and advancing a few extra yards for a first down. Chelsea was able to run out the clock to end the game.

Aside from the one long TD run, the defense did an excellent job stopping a team which had been scoring some 30-40 points per game. The tacklers were led by Jacob Rhodes and Mason Bailey who also had a fumble recovery, followed by Colin Steinhauer, Kolten Savery and Ortbring. Also contributing with multiple tackles were Dobberstein, Bryan Evans, Quinn Kelly, Whitesall, Zach Trester, and Dustin Beckett who also broke up several pass plays.

The offense churned out over 200 yards rushing with 91 coming from Nelson and 76 from McDowell. Jeremy Policht had 31 yards on 6 carries while Beckett, Starkey and Daniel Klink also carried the ball for the Bulldogs. Starkey completed 7 of 15 passes for 91 yards. His favorite targets were McDowell, Policht, Evans and Daniel Lindauer.

The Chelsea team is to be commended for their sportsmanship and self control in what ended up being a very "chippy" game.

The Bulldogs hit the road again next week to take on their crosstown rivals at Dexter.

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all my other sports, loved it and have been playing ever since."

She said she loves the up-tempo, high-energy side of the sport.

"I like how after every ball is another ball and you can't dwell on the past," she said. "If you make a mistake, you have to shake it off and play the next ball."

It helps too to have teammates there to pick you up if you do make a mistake or get down on yourself. And the Bulldogs have showed this season to have a team that supports one another.

"You can have all the talent in the world, but if you don't act like one unit you won't get anywhere," she said. "We are getting a lot better on defense. And we have some people that can really put the ball down."

Butler does get a little break from the sport in November and December. But she would play every day if she could. Travel volleyball is a big part of her life.

"Club volleyball is a lot more competitive, especially playing time between the girls," Butler said. "But it's also very rewarding. You get to travel all over and get really close with girls from other schools."

Butler's ultimate goal is to get a scholarship and continue playing at the college level. It's a sport and passion she has no intention of giving up anytime soon.

Frosh football wins again

In a game between two 6-0 freshmen football teams, Chelsea defeated host Tecumseh 25-22.

Chelsea led 18-0 at halftime thanks in part to a consistent defensive effort kept Tecumseh from moving the ball. Sean Cox had an interception that he returned to the Tecumseh 3-yard line.

Chelsea touchdowns came on a pass from Justice Staton to Graham Kuras of 20 yards and two 1-yard QB sneaks by Staton.

"Our offensive line played its best half of the season," said Chelsea coach Dennis Strzyzewski. "Tecumseh is very big and fast for a freshman team, and those guys up front allowed us to move the ball well in the first half."

In the second half, Tecumseh got the momentum, and they came all the way back to take the lead 22-18 with 5 minutes to play. Chelsea then drove 55 yards for the winning score, a Staton to Noah Van Reesma pass that was completed with 45 seconds left in the game.

"Our kids did a great job of playing through adversity," Strzyzewski said. "We had two touchdowns called back, and we gave up a big lead, but the kids kept playing hard. Coach French put the kids in position to get a stop, and they executed. Then our offense managed to make some plays and finish the game."

Jacob Grob had 90 yards on 12 carries to lead Chelsea. Staton was 17-24 for 171 yards and 2 passing scores. Van Reesema had 6 catches for 100 yards and a TD. Zach Bennett had 15 tackles, Trey Seitz had an interception, and the two defensive tackles, Jonathan King and Tyler McTaggert, did a great job of leading the defense up front.

Chelsea next plays at Dexter on Thursday.

Volleyball team splits pair

Chelsea's seventh-grade Blue volleyball team improved to 4-2 with a win at Tecumseh and a loss at home to Bedford last week.

In the Tecumseh match, Chelsea won the first game 25-17, lost the second 14-25 and won the third 25-19.

Paige Romelhardt led the way with nine serve points, followed by Alise Hale with seven, Zoe Steigerwald and Peyton Vandegrift each with five, Emily Griggs, Sydney Hines and Melissa Jolly each with two and Emma Verrette with one.

In the Bedford match, Chelsea won the first game 25-18, lost the second 7-25 and lost the third 14-25.

Griggs led with nine serves, Steigerwald had six, Hines five, Vandegrift and Hale each had four.

Whippets in cruise control

Washtenaw tops Dexter in crucial D-3 field hockey matchup

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

It was a big game for a lot of reasons. But the biggest had to do with controlling your own destiny.

The Washtenaw Whippets hosted rival Dexter on Tuesday night in a Division 3 field hockey showdown. Not only was it the big Chelsea-Dexter rivalry match, but it also would put the winner in the driver's seat to win the Division 3 title.

And both teams played like there was a lot on the line.

Despite being outplayed in the first half, the Whippets kept the Dreadnaughts off the scoreboard and came out playing much better in the second half. They scored midway through the half to take a 1-0 lead and added another goal a few minutes later to knock off Dexter 2-0.

"This was a frustrating loss for us," said Dexter coach Craig Flocken. "When you go from controlling your own destiny to having to rely upon others, it never feels good. We were hoping to keep ourselves in the running for a D-3 title but this loss really limits our chances."

And it puts the Whippets in the lead with an impressive 10-1-1 record. They haven't lost since falling to Ann Arbor Huron on Aug. 27.

Kayla Hewitt ended the scoreless game when she scored at the 18:48 mark of the second half to give the Whippets a 1-0 lead.

"It was kind of a breakaway and I just got around a few people and instead of shooting like I normally do, I just decided to go around the goalie instead," she said.

That goal was obviously huge.

"That first goal really hyped the whole team up," Hewitt said. "And we started playing a lot better after that."

A few minutes later, at 13:36, Maggie Cole made it 2-0.

"It's kind of embarrassing," Cole said when asked to describe her goal. "I was dribbling down and shot it but I whiffed it. But I got it back and scored."

It was pretty obvious that the Whippets played much better in the second half.

"We all communicated better and Kayla's goal got us psyched and we started to play a lot better," she said.

And what about beating Dexter?

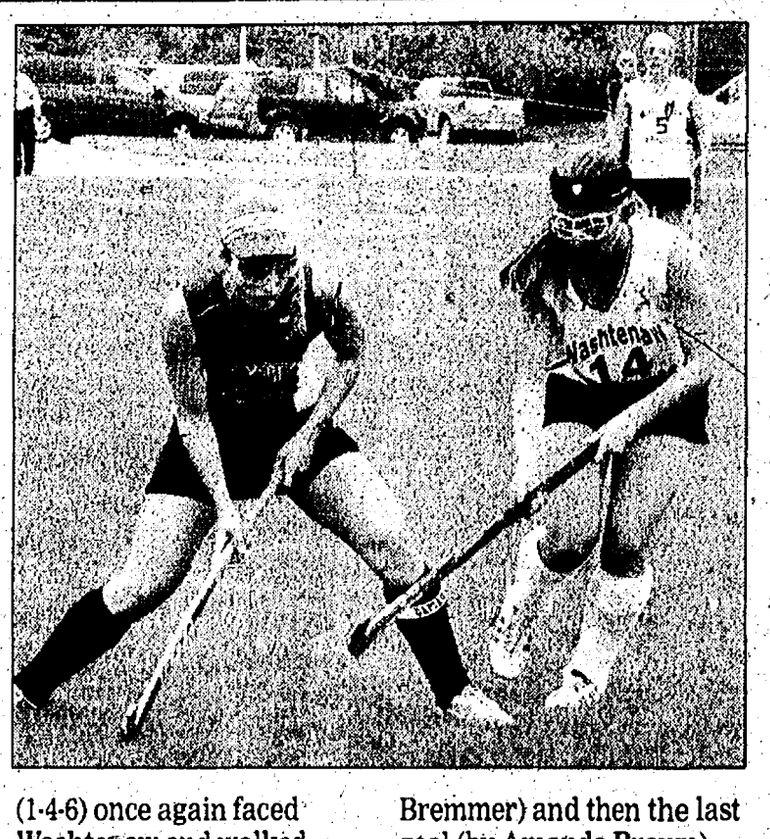
"I'm so happy," Cole said.

The Whippets had 10 shots on goal, compared to four for the Dreads. But Dexter had seven corners to only two for the Whippets.



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ABOVE: Whippets Jessie Olmsted (No. 8) and Meghan Cole celebrate their 2-0 win over Dexter. RIGHT: The Whippets' Madisen Powell moves in on Dexter's Megan Flocken.



Washtenaw's Hannah Moore and Dexter's Anna Love both played well in goal.

In the first 10 minutes of the game, the Whippets barely got the ball over midfield as Dexter took control early and often in the first half. Dexter's talented Meagan Flocken had several good scoring chances in the first half. One shot whistled just wide and another sailed over the goal on a long shot from center.

Dexter had a really good scoring chance later in the half kicked away by Moore.

The Whippets almost scored late in the first half when there was a scrum right in the goalmouth but somehow Love and the Dexter defense kept the ball from finding the net.

"The coaching staff thought that as a team, we played better overall than when we faced them in Dexter," said Flocken, whose team also lost 2-0 in that first meeting. "But (Tuesday) we failed to capitalize on numerous opportunities. You only get 60 minutes worth of opportunities each game. The chances to score were there. We just couldn't complete any of them within the time given us."

But kudos to the opponent.

"Washtenaw played well and the final score showed it," Flocken said. "They are a good team."

The Dexter JV team (1-4-6) once again faced Washtenaw and walked away its second 2-2 tie this season.

Dexter had the game's first goal (by Sam Bremmer) and then the last goal (by Amanda Brown) to knot the game. Goalie Joy Hook had several solid saves in the second half to preserve the tie.

Bulldogs hold on for 2-1 victory at Lincoln

By Terry Jacoby
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Chelsea soccer coach Shawn Hayes has been trying to stress to his team that they need to play hard for 80 minutes. After Thursday's game with Lincoln, he may have to repeat the message a few more times.

The Bulldogs played a solid first half against host Lincoln, dominating the first 41 minutes of the soccer game. They led 1-0 at halftime and then took a 2-0 lead in the first minute of the second half.

"And then we started to play a little too comfortable," Hayes said afterwards.

The Railsplitters, meanwhile, turned their game up a notch and the second half was a much more even affair. Lincoln cut the deficit in half but could never get the equalizer despite some good chances and fell 2-1 to the Bulldogs in an SEC matchup.

"A 2-0 lead is one of the most dangerous leads you can have in a game," Hayes said.

And the reason has to do with effort. Some teams start to coast believing the game is in hand but a quick goal by the opponent can suddenly change everything. And that's what happened on Thursday.

"The focus for our team the last couple of weeks is to play the full 80 minutes and capitalize on our opportunities," Hayes said. "We need to improve in those areas going down the stretch if we want to claim that SEC title against Dexter at the end of the season."

Chelsea had several good chances in the second half to put the hosts away but couldn't put the ball in the net. Some of it was the work of Lincoln keeper Aaron Johnson, some of it was the goalpost and some of it was just unlucky.

But Lincoln also had its chances to score at the other end of the field.

"We just played the second half with a little more energy," Lincoln coach Bob Stowe said. "We were playing lethargic in the first half and needed a little more push. And they gave a little more push."

The Railsplitters have been playing well as of late, falling 3-2 to a talented Saline team earlier in the week.

"We just aren't consistent," Stowe said. "We play a great Tuesday night game and then we come out lethargic against a White Division rival."

Chelsea's Bret Croskey gave the visitors a 1-0 lead at 28:58 of the first half. The senior midfielder came in one-on-one with the goalie and banked it off the far right post for the game's first goal.

At the 11 minute mark, Chelsea's Nic Arons let one fly from close range that Johnson saved to keep it a one-goal game. Less than a minute into the second half, Chelsea's Kevin Fournier broke in on the Lincoln goal. Johnson charged out of his net and Fournier pushed it by the sliding keeper to make it 2-0.

Luke Heumann helped set up the goal with some aggressive play just outside the 18-yard box.

At 25:31 of the second half, Lincoln's Michael Winters took a nice through ball and flicked it over the head of Chelsea goalie Michael Beneteau, who had come charging out of the net. The ball rolled into the open net and suddenly it was a 2-1 game.

Just a few minutes later, Winters had a similar play, but this time his shot rolled just wide of the post.

Both teams had good chances in the second half but the Bulldogs were able to hold on for the 2-1 win.

The Bulldogs will host Dexter at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday in what should end up being for the SEC White Division title. Chelsea will play at Milan in the first round of the districts on Monday, Oct. 15.

The Splitters will open up district play on Monday, Oct. 15 at Ann Arbor Huron.







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TOP: Chelsea's Ryan Hilbert heads up field in last week's win over Lincoln.

MIDDLE: Chelsea's Kevin Fournier scores the Bulldog's second goal of the game.

LEFT: Chelsea's Bret Croskey scores the game's first goal against Lincoln on Thursday.

Bulldogs top Monroe

By Terry Jacoby
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The Chelsea soccer team defeated Monroe on Tuesday 2-0 at Custer Field in Monroe.

After starting the game strong with lots of possession and five shots on goal in the first 10 minutes of play, the Bulldogs finally got on the board with less than 5 minutes in the first half. Chelsea's Craig Keyes sent a nice cross in which deflected awkwardly off the head of teammate, Luke Heumann, and sailed over the reach of the Trojan goalkeeper's hands.

"Luke actually meant to flick the ball on to a teammate but the ball came off his head funny and caught everyone off guard," Chelsea coach Shawn Hayes said. "It was a bit of luck on our side with that one."

Monroe played a tough second half limiting Chelsea's chances until late in the game when Chelsea's Nick Brodbeck found teammate Ryan Hilbert off a throw in for a nice breakaway goal to put the final stamp on the game.

Michael Beneteau recorded the shutout for the Bulldogs facing eight shots.

Whippets whip GP Liggett, 7-1

The Washtenaw Whippets improved their season record to 11-1-1 and further their quest of obtaining the Division III title. The Whippets traveled to Grosse Pointe to play University of Liggett and returned with a 7-1 victory.

In an effort to build squad depth, several players played in new positions. It took a while for the team to develop their collective mind and demonstrate their trademark rapid passing skills. Maggie Cole scored the only goal of the half, unassisted with 14:40 remaining in the half.

Following the halftime break, the Whippets took the field with full charge. Maggie Cole scored again with an assist from Jessie Olmsted. Julia Porter followed with a hard shot for a goal off a nice pass from Meghan Cole.

Maggie Cole continued the scoring, putting in another nice pass from Olmsted.

Porter then fielded a pass from Meghan Cole and demonstrated a sweet reverse sweep goal. Maggie Cole continued her run, scoring her forth goal of the game off a pass from Porter. Teddi Reynolds got into the action, scoring the last Whippet goal of the night.

Following a defensive muddle, with Whippet goalie, Hannah Moore, flat on her back, Liggett scored their only goal of the contest.

The week of Oct. 8 Whippets will play their final regular season games before heading into state playoffs.

Swimming

Bulldogs drop times in loss to A2 Skyline

By Terry Jacoby
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The Bulldogs dueled Ann Arbor Skyline last Thursday night and fell to the Eagles 126-60. Despite the loss, the Bulldogs did turn in some impressive times.

To begin the meet, the 200 medley relay team of Maddie Doman, Camden Dammeyer, River Jensen and Hannah Mahalak finished third in 2:07.26 while the team of Rachel Valek, Grace Elie, Meryl McDonnell and Lauren Olk took fourth with a time of 2:16.59. In the 200 freestyle, Jillian Dixon finished third with a time of 2:13.18. Katie Olsen touched fourth with a time of 2:15.20 and Sydney Hodel took sixth with a 2:20.77.

In the 200 individual medley, Dammeyer led the charge for the Bulldogs, taking third with a 2:32.37, while Doman touched fifth in 2:46.28 and Olk placed sixth in 2:55.59. Jensen finished second in the 50 freestyle with a time of 27.15, while Mahalak took fifth with a 28.70 and Grace Elie placed sixth with a 30.58.

The Bulldog divers took Chelsea's only first-place finish, with Wilhelmina Francisco scoring 181.05. Sarah Carrara took third with a score of 168.65 and Kayla Whipple finished fourth with 148.10 points.

The 100 butterfly finished with Olsen in third place with a final time of 1:14.65, while Hodel placed fourth with a 1:15.84 and McDonnell placed fifth with 1:17.75.

In the 100 freestyle, Jensen led the Bulldogs with a third place finish and a time of 1:00.08. Valek touched fifth with a final time of 1:04.43 and Mahalak finished sixth with a 1:06.76.

Olk finished second in the 500 freestyle, touching in 6:22.03, while Emily Simons took fourth in 6:37.96 and Rachel Fredericks finished fifth with a 6:45.54.

In the 200 freestyle relay Jensen, Dixon, Mahalak and Olsen finished second, with a final time of 1:52.01. The team of Hodel, Margaret Lindauer, Mare Almhiemid and Simons touched third with a time of 2:02.92 and the team of Maria Elie, Whipple, Grace Elie and Fredericks placed fifth with a time of 2:12.79.

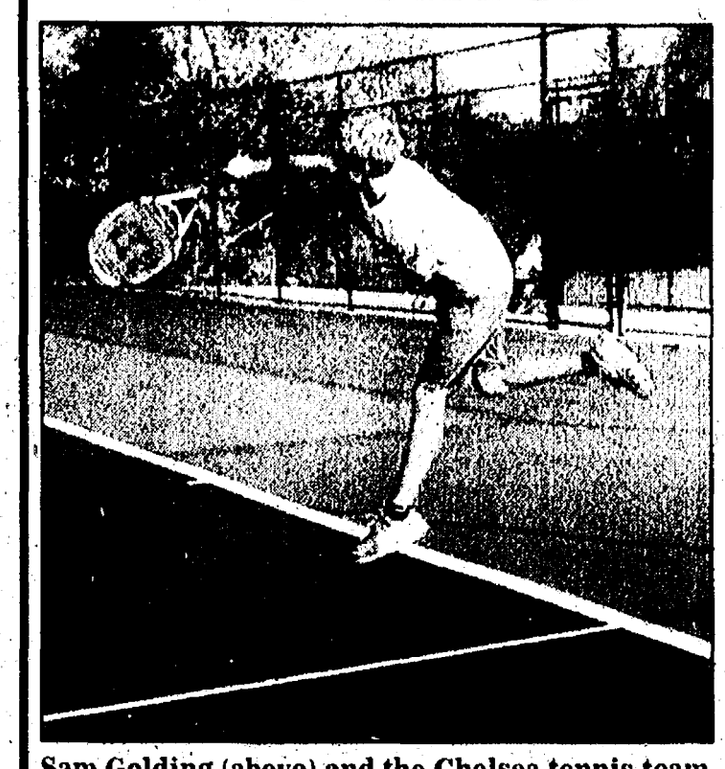
Doman once again led the team in the 100 backstroke, taking second place with a final time of 1:06.00. Valek took fifth with a 1:12.80 and McDonnell placed sixth with a 1:19.19.

In the 100 breaststroke, Dixon finished fourth with a time of 1:20.12, while Dammeyer took fifth with a 1:21.19 and Maria Elie placed sixth with a 1:30.38.

The meet finished up with the 400 freestyle relay of Olsen, Hodel, Dixon and Dammeyer placing third with a 4:13.25. The team of Fredericks, Simons, Lindauer and Maria Elie took fourth with a final time of 4:57.61.

The swim and dive team will next square off at home on Thursday at Ypsilanti-Lincoln.

SEC Silver



Sam Golding (above) and the Chelsea tennis team finished second to Dexter at last week's SEC White Tournament at Lincoln HS.

Greeley takes over Cleary soccer

Tom Greeley, head coach of the Dexter Rush Soccer Club and the Chelsea Soccer Club, was named the first-ever men's soccer coach at Cleary University.

Cleary reintroduced athletics this year after a more than 50 year hiatus. Currently, men's and women's cross country and men's and women's golf teams compete in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association.

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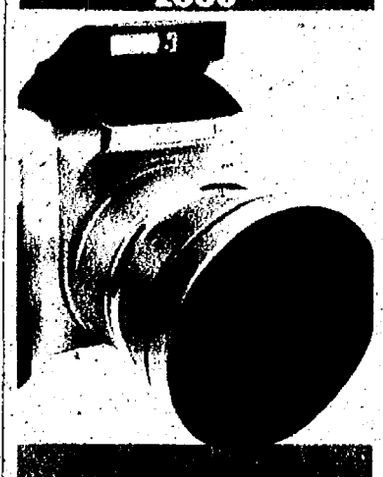
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14 Teen's skin woe
15 Tyrannize
17 "Let's Make a ___"
18 Tooth coating
19 Spectra automaker
21 Faux -
22 Part of A.D.
26 Seethes
29 Prohibit
30 Moines lead-in
31 Bohemian
32 Festive
33 Dog bane
34 Born
35 Understood
36 Toboggans
37 "Blueberry Hill" singer
39 Whatever number
40 Pie ingredient?
41 Praying bug
45 "- and Circumstance"
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50 Actress Falco
51 Kazakhstan's - Sea
52 Mainlander's memento
53 Healthy
54 Longings
55 Recipe meas.

DOWN
1 Helper
2 Any minute now
3 Cougar
4 Son of Aphrodite
5 Gas, oil, et al.
6 Before
7 9-to-5 period, e.g.
8 Sir's counterpart
9 Expert
10 "CSI" evidence
11 Lamprey, for one
16 Suggest
20 Charged bit
23 Between jobs
24 Gotta have
25 "Handsome - ..."
26 Musical combo
27 Sandwich cookie
28 Particular
29 Cudgel
32 Farewell address?
33 Swashbuckling movie star
35 Wildebeest
36 Escargots
38 Urge on
39 Jordan's capital
42 Pinball no-no
43 Clinches
44 Omit
45 Church seating
46 Idolater's writing
47 Wire measure
49 Galena, for one

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.
Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by MARK S. SYLVAIN and BRANDY SYLVAIN a/k/a BRANDY N. SYLVAIN, 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 "Mortgagee"), dated May 4, 2004, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Washtenaw County, Michigan on May 7, 2004, in Liber 4387, Page 891, as amended by an agreement for reamortization dated May 28, 2010, recorded June 15, 2010, in Liber 4793, Page 921, Washtenaw County Records (the "Mortgage"). By reason of such default, the Mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage due and payable forthwith. Mortgagee is the owner of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage.
As of the date of this Notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of One Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety One and 38/100 Dollars ($173,591.38). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage or any part thereof.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance, premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the main lobby of the Circuit Courthouse, Huron Street entrance in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Thursday the 15th day of November, 2012, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The premises covered by the Mortgage are situated in the Village of Manchester, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, and are described as follows:
Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of Section 1, Town 4 South, Range 3 East, Manchester Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan; thence North 02°01'50" West 817.37 feet along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section; thence North 72°39'20" West 579.56 feet along the centerline of M-52; thence South 83°07'40" West 539.05 feet continuing along said centerline; thence North 11°39'30" West 683.02 feet along the centerline of Hibbard Street; thence North 80°50'15" East 245.26 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 14°51'45" West 160.45 feet; thence North 78°04'15" East 101.53 feet along the Southerly right of way line of Duncan Street; thence South 14°51'45" East 165.38 feet; thence South 80°50'15" West 101.90 feet to the Point of Beginning, said parcel being part of Lots 7 and 8, Block 6, Granger and Morgan's Addition, as recorded in Liber 41 of Deeds, Page 766, Washtenaw County Records, and part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 1, Town 4 South, Range 3 East, Village of Manchester, Washtenaw County, Michigan.

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Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale, unless the premises are abandoned. If the premises are abandoned, the redemption period will be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or upon expiration of fifteen (15) days after the Mortgagor is given notice pursuant to MCLA §600.3241a(b) that the premises are considered abandoned and Mortgagor, Mortgagor's heirs, executor, or administrator, or a person lawfully claiming from or under one (1) of them has not given the written notice required by MCLA §600.3241a(c) stating that the premises are not abandoned.
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Mortgagee

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ALLEN PARK 3 family sale 15537 Harrison Oct. 12-13 9-4p, & No early birds please.

ALLEN PARK: 8054 Robinson Ave., Oct. 10-13, 9-4pm. Tables, clothing, glassware, dresser & misc. items

BROWNSTOWN 19208 Pine Ledge Oct 11-12, 10am-2pm Furniture, crafts, etc

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Garage/Rummage Sales 2160

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TAYLOR: Moving Sale 13383 Mortenview Dr near Community College, Oct 11-13, 9-6pm

TAYLOR: Moving Sale, - 25935 Brest, off Beechdaily 30 Yrs if stuff 8-4p Thur. & Fri. Oct-11-12 furn., lawn, patio, etc

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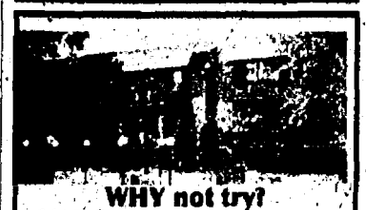
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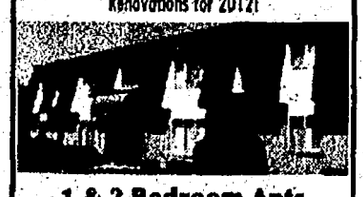
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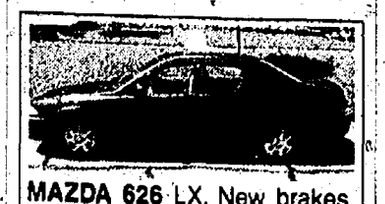
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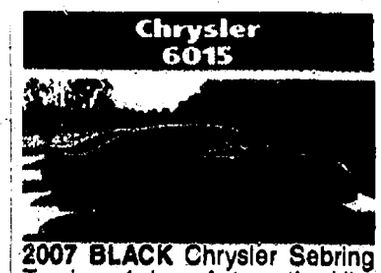
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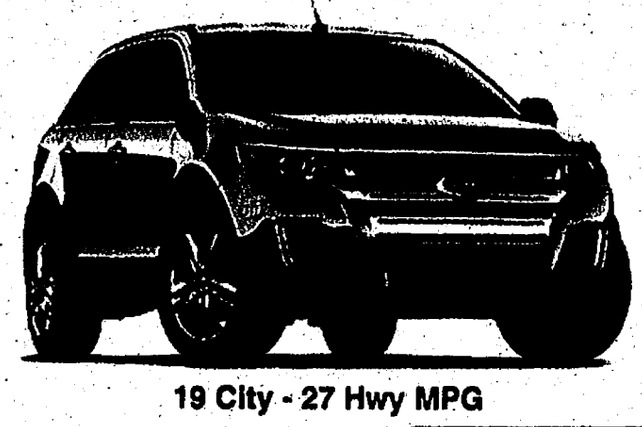


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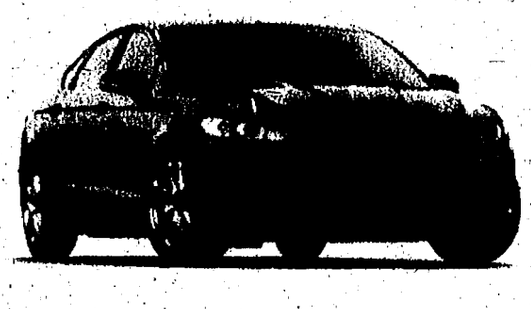


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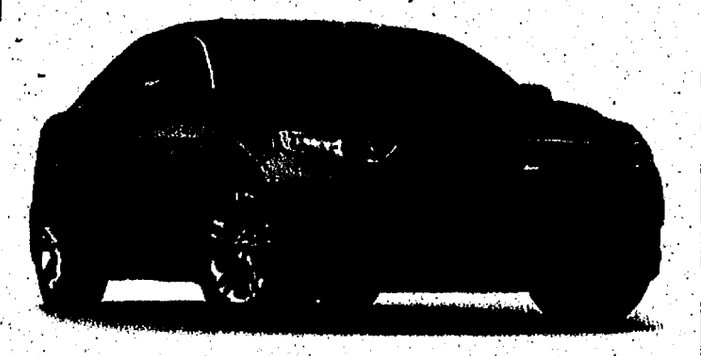
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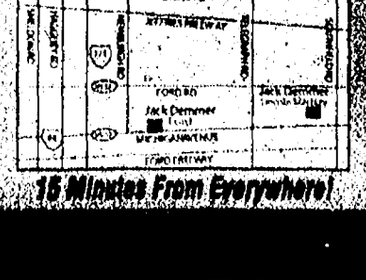
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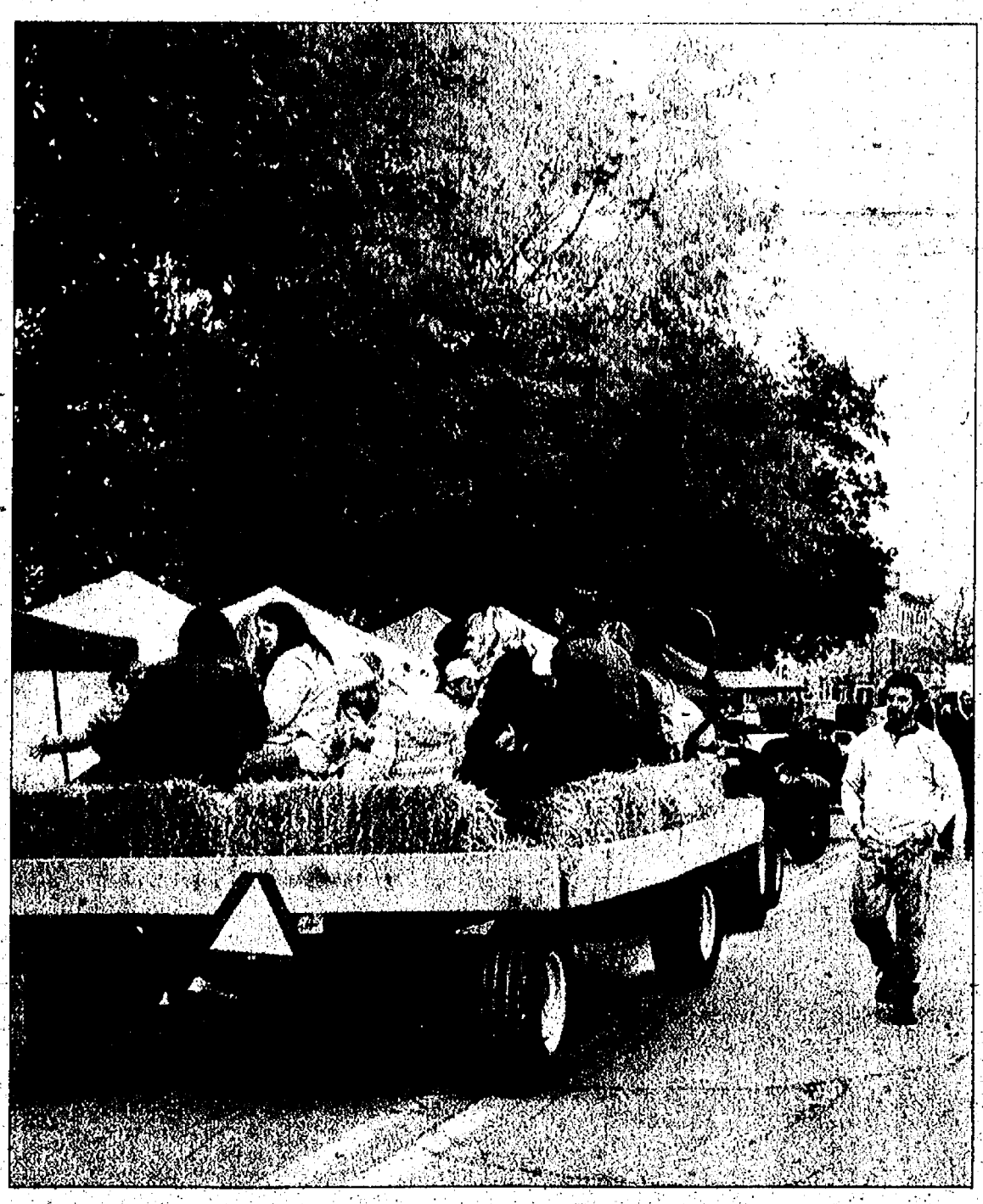
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COMMUNITY

Apple Dazzlefests in autumn



Arts and crafts were available for kids at the festival



A hayride takes off to the Dexter Cider Mill.



The Gilbert family poses after a hayride.



Pumpkin bowling was a popular attraction.



The Dexter Lions Club mascot waves hello.



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THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

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Noon Saturday. Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road, Waterloo Recreation Area. Free. $10 vehicle entrance fee. 475-3170.

Sunday, Oct. 14

■ Pioneer Day
Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Waterloo Area Farm Museum, 9998 Waterloo-Munith Road, Waterloo Recreation Area. Grounds admission $5 (ages 5 through 12, $2; ages 4 and younger, free). 517-596-2254.

Monday, Oct. 15

■ Friends of McKune Mystery Book Club
7 p.m. Monday. Breakaway Restaurant, Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Drive. Free. 475-7035.

DEXTER

Thursday, Oct. 11

■ "The Fantasticks"
7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Encore Musical Theater Co., 3126 Broad St. $28 (members and seniors, $25; groups of 10 or more, $22) at theencoretheatre.org and at the door. 268-6200.

Saturday, Oct. 13

■ Wellness Walk: Dexter Wellness Coalition
9 a.m. Saturday. Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. 426-4477.

■ Chicken Broil
11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall, 8265 Dexter-Chelsea Road. $9. 426-5558.

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

Sunday, Oct. 14

■ "The Big Sit"
Washtenaw Audubon Society
5 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings Road. Free. 665-3120.

■ Monster Ann Arbor Record & CD Collector's Show: Wildwood Records
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road. $3 admission (ages 10 and younger, free). 574-329-1483.

MILAN

Tuesday, Oct. 16

■ Polka Jam Session
7 p.m. Tuesday. American Legion Hall, 44 Wabash St. Free. 529-3903.

SALINE

Thursday, Oct. 11

■ Fall Migration: Nichols Arboretum - Washtenaw Audubon Society
8 to 11 a.m. Thursday. Meet in the cul-de-sac at the end of Riverview, off Geddes near the east end of Dow Field, in Ann Arbor. Free. 677-3275.

■ Business Enterprise Awards Gala: Saline Area Chamber of Commerce
6 p.m. Thursday. Stonebridge Golf Club, 1825 Clubhouse Drive. $45/person. 429-4494.

■ New Horizons Band
7 p.m. Tuesday and 1 p.m. Thursday. Liberty School band room, 7265 Saline-Ann Arbor Road. Free. 429-1742.

Friday, Oct. 12

■ Corn Maze: Talladay Farms
6 to 10 p.m. Friday, 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday. 6270 Judd Road. $6 per maze ($10 for both). talladayfarms.com 645-1791.

Saturday, Oct. 13

■ Woodcarving Show: Saline Woodcarvers
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. UAW Hall, 601 Woodland Drive. Admission $2. 944-1918.

■ Bag of Books Sale
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. 944-0625.

Sunday, Oct. 14

■ Saline Singles Dinner Outing
7 p.m. Sunday. Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor. Pay for your own dinner. 769-5210. SalineSingles.com

Wednesday, Oct. 17

■ Saline Woodcarvers
6 p.m. Wednesday. Saline Area Senior Center, 7190 N. Maple Road. Free. 944-1918.

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Thursday, Oct. 11

■ Tiesto
7 p.m. Thursday. Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, 799 N. Hewitt Road. $30 to $40 at the Center, tiesto.com, and at the door. 487-2282.

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■ EMU Symphony Orchestra
7:30 p.m. Friday. Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, West Cross at College Place. Free. 487-2282.

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■ Country Fair
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Wiard's Orchards, 5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti. $13.50. 390-9211.

Sunday, Oct. 14

■ Walk to End Alzheimer's
1 p.m. Sunday. Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Road, Ann Arbor. Donation. Advance registration at alz.org/mglc. 800-272-3900.

■ Washtenaw/Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk
2 p.m. Sunday. Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. churchworldservice.org. 663-1870.

Heritage Media wins 14 state press awards

Heritage Media-West, part of the Journal Register Co. and Digital First Media, has won 14 awards in the Michigan Press Association's 2012 Better Newspaper Contest.

The competition, which had 2,776 entries submitted by 109 Michigan newspapers, was judged by members of the North Carolina Press Association. Heritage Media-West competed in Class A Weekly, a classification for newspapers with a circulation of 25,000 or more. It was bumped up from Class C, which it had competed in prior to 2011, because it shares resources with other JRC publications.

The Saline Reporter took home five awards, The Dexter Leader captured three, The Chelsea Standard won three, The Milan News-Leader grabbed two and The Manchester Enterprise garnered one.

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The Manchester Enterprise won second place and The Chelsea Standard grabbed third place for General Excellence, competing among 10 entries.

In Spot News, The Dexter Leader grabbed top honors, among 16 entries, with a first-place win for its coverage of the tornado. Staff contributing to the effort and recognized were Searl Dalton, Erica McClain, David Veselenak, Amy Bell, Krista Gjestland, Ben Baird, James David Dickson and Michelle Rogers.

The Saline Reporter captured both second and third place, among 30 entries, for Enterprise Reporting. "A Look Inside Our Downtowns," "Downtowns looking to fill vacancies" and "Preserving the character of downtown" brought second place to contributors Veselenak, Gjestland, McClain, Bell and Joe Gray. The piece "Remembering 9/11" by Dickson, Gerald LaVaute, Bell and freelance writer Donna Iadipaolo garnered third.

The Chelsea Standard was recognized for design, winning third place, among eight entries, for work by McClain, Gray and Carrie Kennedy.

The Milan News-Leader won third place, among 26 entries, for Feature Story with the regional story, "The people you meet at the marijuana dispensary," by Dickson. Judges wrote, "The reporter took you inside a medical marijuana 'store' and really put a face – multiple ones – on the issue. Solid reporting and crisp writing."

First place for Editorial Pages was presented to The Saline Reporter. There were six entries and only first and second place were awarded. The County Press in Lapeer took second.

Second place was awarded to The Dexter Leader for News Picture by Bell, whose photograph, "Rebounding," was part of The Dexter Leader's tornado coverage. There were 17 entries.

Another first place was awarded to The Saline Reporter for Sports Editor Terry Jacoby's piece, "Keith Long – and Straight." Jacoby's work was among 20 entries. Judges wrote, "The writer hits this flag with a well-written feature on a friendly golfer and the family ties that keep him in the fairway for life."

Third place in Sports Feature was awarded to Randy Castro for "On his way back" in The Saline Reporter. Judges wrote, "Intriguing look into an unusual commitment on the part of a former major leaguer determined to work his way back to the team he loves."

Castro also took home third place, among 12 entries, for "Pitch & Katch" in The Milan News-Leader. Judges wrote, "A well-written story that gives a good feel for the pitcher, Hoffman, and what makes her tick. Nice range of detail."

Freelance photographer Burrill String won second place, among 18 entries, for "A Day for Veterans" published in The Chelsea Standard.

Other JRC publications won awards in the contest, including The News-Herald of Southgate, which was named Newspaper of the Year in Class A Weekly.



Award winners include, in back, Joe Gray (left), Carrie Kennedy, Amy Bell, Erica McClain and Krista Gjestland; in front, Michelle Rogers, Tanya Wildt, Ben Baird and David Veselenak. Among the most noteworthy awards was for Best Multimedia Presentation, a new category in which news organizations of all sizes submitted entries. The Dexter Leader won second place with its video, "Even after the Dexter tornado, the community stays strong." There were 15 entries. The Detroit Free Press won first and third in the category.

'The Master' is a masterpiece; 'Dredd' not dreadful

MOVIE REVIEW



RYAN MICHAELS

Paul Thomas Anderson has crafted a work that both elates me and condemns me. I'll explain.

Anderson is, unquestionably, the most seminal figure in my current appreciation of cinema. For years, he's steadily climbed the echelon of America's great directors, and with 2007's exclamation-point of a film in "There Will Be Blood," in my eyes, he perched himself at the top.

I'm as passionate and rapturous about Anderson as I am about any other artistic figure, well, ever.

Though his films vary from three-hour epics about the 70s adult-film industry to focused explorations of Reno gamblers to idiosyncratic, quietly haunting Adam Sandler comedies, there's a very clear thematic throughline, connecting all of his work — wounded souls finding compassion in makeshift families.

His new work, "The Master", has arrived with the sort of fervent anticipation and giddy buzz reserved for the biggest of cinematic heavyweights, perhaps, because it's up there.

"The Master" is massive. There's no getting around that. Filmed with the 65mm cameras used for the likes of big-budget, classic screen-epics "Lawrence of Arabia" and "2001: A Space Odyssey," it's a film with impossibly gorgeous sights and eerily evocative lighting and color-schemes.

And what does Anderson choose to point these great, attentive tools at? A face.

But not a typical face, alas. Joaquin Phoenix's contorted mannerisms would be striking even if they weren't in the wake of his faux-public-meltdown three years back.

Phoenix delivers what surely will go down as 2012's finest performance, navigating us through a dense labyrinth of tics and twitches.

The end result is more than a character; it's an enduring image, one that will gnaw away at your psyche as it has mine.

He plays Freddie Quell, a man who makes absolutely no effort to hide his animalistic urges. To call him odd is to understate the matter.

In post-World War II California, he's one of many, many soldiers who has emerged as deeply disturbed and erratic — in particular, Freddie is a sex addict, a man whose slurred speech lays bare his innermost feelings, and one with an odd talent for making potent alcohol out of the oddest ingredients — paint thinner, rocket fuel and rubbing alcohol included.

But after one of these concoctions kills a co-worker, Freddie flees, eventually stowing aboard an upscale steam-liner.

Aboard is a self-described "writer, doctor, nuclear physicist, theoretical philosopher [..] and deeply inquisitive man", Lancaster Dodd.

Played by Philip Seymour Hoffman in a totally immersive, transcendent performance that would anchor any other film, Dodd is actually something of a supporting player in "The Master," despite being the title character.

Dodd, alongside his devoted wife Peggy (Amy Adams, who masterfully subverts her cheery, matriarchal image to play a two-faced control freak), is in the throes of creating a spiritual movement called "The Cause."

The exact specifics of the Cause don't matter much, just that it allegedly holds the secret to unlocking past lives and experiences, in order to enrich our own. What matters is that Dodd takes Freddie under his wing, creating a relationship with both tense undertones and a certain odd perversity.

In one scene, Dodd, to "break" Freddie into the Cause, asks a series of repeating questions that progress from innocuous to downright dangerous. It's a little self-contained work of absolutely flaming urgency, as riveting as any scene in any film in any year.

In the end, it really encapsulates all that I treasure in "The Master" — technical mastery, layered thematic subtext, and the absolutely mad eyes of an actor who, like the Phoenix, has risen again.

It's been said that this is a bold work of tonal and paced originality, but to say this implies a rhythm that runs through it all. I'm not sure Anderson has one.

The film churns along like a broken staccato pattern whose elements are stripped as it progresses. We begin with a firm grasp on narrative and character, yet exit the theater with nothing but questions.

I have stated that "The Master" elates and condemns me. But how can it possibly comment on me?

Because, perhaps behind the iron curtain, "The Master" is Anderson's reflection on the role of the filmmaker in our lives — just like his Lancaster Dodd, they're eager, skilled charlatans who twist our realities and turn our emotions. But it cannot be done without consent, not without the Freddies of the world who seek escape from the demons of the past and the worries of the future.

Whether escape is sought in a bottle's bottom or in a theater's top row, it's all the same. "The Master" explores why we need others — be it an institution or a man — to fulfill ourselves.

Like the best of novels, there's so much more to discover and so many more nuances to pick up, making repeat visits just as essential as the first. But as of this writing, this is the American film of the year.

I give it a grade of A.

"Dredd" is a taut and tight thrill ride

It's not a good year to be Sylvester Stallone, taking into account the tragic passing of his son, the slavish self-mockery of his all-star action sequel "Expendables 2" and the fact that the most notorious flop of his career has just been revitalized into a high-wired, uber-violent, candy-colored rush of a film.

Rough stuff.

The 1995 film "Judge Dredd" has long been reviled for its blank treatment of the character (whose name gives the film its title), and so director Pete Travis has set forth to portray a bare-bones, brutal version of the comic-book icon.

Set in a tumultuous, post-nuclear future, "Judges" like Dredd are a hybrid of judge, jury and executioner in one, deployed by the government to sentence and execute criminals on the spot of their crime.

Dredd is completely dedicated to his job, which requires him to be alternately firm and agile, stoic yet violent. In fact, we never see Dredd outside of his job, although this is probably because "Dredd" takes place over a 24-hour period.

This lean approach completely reverses what we tend to associate with genre films these days: rather than the sprawling yet half-cooked nature of most sci-fi/action works, "Dredd" is taut and tight.

By confining itself in time and space (more on that later), the tension is higher and the stakes more clearly understood.

The film's premise is simple. A crime lord – an attractive woman named "Mama" in a clever subversion of macho expectations – dominates over a 200-story tower, where her crazed, drug-pushing thugs intimidate the thousands of residents into silence.

Dredd aims to take these guys down, with an up-and-coming rookie, Cassandra, tagging along because of the value of her psychic abilities.

The film, then, becomes a simple progression from the bottom of the tower to the top, one that isn't unlike this year's Indonesian actioner "The Raid." But where "The Raid" thrived off of a raw, ragged energy and hand-to-hand combat, "Dredd" is a glitzy, mega-watt, $45 million B-movie.

The performances are strong and authoritative. Karl Urban, often seen on the sidelines of franchises like "Bourne," "Lord of the Rings" and "Star Trek", is given the headlining role he's always deserved. The dude kills it.

Given some pretty imposing constraints — his eyes are never shown during the film, he's often given ridiculous dialogue to deliver in a Christian Bale-esque voice, and a skintight armor suit — Urban is really phenomenal.

Olivia Thirlby, long the indie darling of films like "Juno" and "The Wackness," is given the opportunity to cut loose and blow stuff up. Her character, unquestionably the most relatable of the duo, is a fascinating contradiction.

Her duty is to blow thugs' faces off with the utmost pragmatism. Her heart says to put them in prison cells. Attention to inner conflicts like this are what subtly grant "Dredd" some humanity. Some.

Many films assume that two people with guns pointed at each other is enough to label as "tension." "Dredd," on the other hand, is constantly ramping up the creativity, throwing in new ideas and gimmicks every other scene.

Consider "Slow Mo." It's a synthetic drug designed by the film's villains that slow the brain's perception of time to about 1 percent, compared to normal.

The film, often during the most frenetic, intense action scenes, will be shown from the "Slo-Mo" perspective of thugs under its influence. The blood-spurts glisten like rubies, the bullets inch by and "Dredd" becomes something a little greater and a little cooler than mere action cinema. The thing comes alive.

I only give this film a lower grade (relatively speaking) because, well, the freakin' title is "Dredd."

My grade: B+.

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The Miss Washtenaw County Scholarship Program has provided more than $150,000 in scholarships to young women in Washtenaw County over the last 20 years.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

CHELSEA

Saturday, Oct. 13

■ Apple Cider Pressing
Noon Saturday: Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road, Waterloo Recreation Area. Free. $10 vehicle entrance fee. 475-3170.

Sunday, Oct. 14

■ Pioneer Day
Noon to 5 p.m. Sunday: Waterloo Area Farm Museum, 9998 Waterloo-Munith Road, Waterloo Recreation Area. Grounds admission $5 (ages 5 through 12, $2; ages 4 and younger, free). 517-596-2254.

Monday, Oct. 15

■ Friends of McKune Mystery Book Club
7 p.m. Monday: Breakaway Restaurant, Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Drive. Free. 475-7035.

DEXTER

Thursday, Oct. 11

■ "The Fantasticks"
7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Encore Musical Theater Co., 3126 Broad St. $28 (members and seniors, $25; groups of 10 or more, $22) at theencoretheatre.org and at the door. 268-6200.

Saturday, Oct. 13

■ Wellness Walk: Dexter Wellness Coalition
9 a.m. Saturday: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St. Free. 426-4477.

■ Chicken Broil
11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Knights of Columbus Banquet Hall, 8265 Dexter-Chelsea Road. $9. 426-5558.

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

Sunday, Oct. 14

■ "The Big Sit"
Washtenaw Audubon Society
5 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday: Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings Road. Free. 665-3120.

■ Monster Ann Arbor Record & CD Collector's Show: Wildwood Records
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday: Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road. $3 admission (ages 10 and younger, free). 574-329-1483.

MILAN

Tuesday, Oct. 16

■ Polka Jam Session
7 p.m. Tuesday: American Legion Hall, 44 Wabash St. Free. 529-3903.

SALINE

Thursday, Oct. 11

■ Fall Migration: Nichols Arboretum - Washtenaw Audubon Society
8 to 11 a.m. Thursday: Meet in the cul-de-sac at the end of Riverview, off Geddes near the east end of Dow Field, in Ann Arbor. Free. 677-3275.

■ Business Enterprise Awards Gala: Saline Area Chamber of Commerce
6 p.m. Thursday: Stonebridge Golf Club, 1825 Clubhouse Drive. $45/person. 429-4494.

■ New Horizons Band
7 p.m. Tuesday and 1 p.m. Thursday: Liberty School band room, 7265 Saline-Ann Arbor Road. Free. 429-1742.

Friday, Oct. 12

■ Corn Maze: Talladay Farms
6 to 10 p.m. Friday, 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday: 6270 Judd Road. $6 per maze ($10 for both). talladayfarms.com 645-1791.

Saturday, Oct. 13

■ Woodcarving Show: Saline Woodcarvers
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday: UAW Hall, 601 Woodland Drive. Admission $2. 944-1918.

■ Bag of Books Sale
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday: Saline District Library, 555 N. Maple Road. 944-0625.

Sunday, Oct. 14

■ Saline Singles Dinner Outing
7 p.m. Sunday: Metzger's German Restaurant, 305 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor. Pay for your own dinner. 769-5210. SalineSingles.com

Wednesday, Oct. 17

■ Saline Woodcarvers
6 p.m. Wednesday: Saline Area Senior Center, 7190 N. Maple Road. Free. 944-1918.

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Thursday, Oct. 11

■ Tiesto
7 p.m. Thursday: Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, 799 N. Hewitt Road. $30 to $40 at the Center, tiesto.com, and at the door. 487-2282.

Friday, Oct. 12

■ EMU Symphony Orchestra
7:30 p.m. Friday: Pease Auditorium, EMU campus, West Cross at College Place. Free. 487-2282.

Saturday, Oct. 13

■ Country Fair
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Wiard's Orchards, 5565 Merritt Road, Ypsilanti. $13.50. 390-9211.

Sunday, Oct. 14

■ Walk to End Alzheimer's
1 p.m. Sunday: Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller Road, Ann Arbor. Donation. Advance registration at alz.org/mglc. 800-272-3900.

■ Washtenaw/Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk
2 p.m. Sunday: Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor. churchworldservice.org. 663-1870.

Heritage Media wins 14 state press awards

Heritage Media-West, part of the Journal Register Co. and Digital First Media, has won 14 awards in the Michigan Press Association's 2012 Better Newspaper Contest.

The competition, which had 2,776 entries submitted by 109 Michigan newspapers, was judged by members of the North Carolina Press Association. Heritage Media-West competed in Class A Weekly, a classification for newspapers with a circulation of 25,000 or more. It was bumped up from Class C, which it had competed in prior to 2011, because it shares resources with other JRC publications.

The Saline Reporter took home five awards, The Dexter Leader captured three, The Chelsea Standard won three, The Milan News-Leader grabbed two and The Manchester Enterprise garnered one.

Among the most noteworthy awards was for Best Multimedia Presentation, a new category in which news organizations of all sizes submitted entries. The Dexter Leader won second place with its video, "Even after the Dexter tornado, the community stays strong." There were 15 entries. The Detroit Free Press won first and third in the category.

The Manchester Enterprise won second place and The Chelsea Standard grabbed third place for General Excellence, competing among 10 entries.

In Spot News, The Dexter Leader grabbed top honors, among 16 entries, with a first-place win for its coverage of the tornado. Staff contributing to the effort and recognized were Sean Dalton, Erica McClain, David Veselenak, Amy Bell, Krista Gjestland, Ben Baird, James David Dickson and Michelle Rogers.

The Saline Reporter captured both second and third place, among 30 entries, for Enterprise Reporting. "A Look Inside Our Downtowns," "Downtowns looking to fill vacancies" and "Preserving the character of downtown" brought second place to contributors Veselenak, Gjestland, McClain, Bell and Joe Gray. The piece "Remembering 9/11" by Dickson, Gerald LaVaute, Bell and freelance writer Donna Iadipaolo garnered third.

The Chelsea Standard was recognized for design, winning third place, among eight entries, for work by McClain, Gray and Carrie Kennedy.

The Milan News-Leader won third place, among 26 entries, for Feature Story with the regional story, "The people you meet at the marijuana dispensary," by Dickson. Judges wrote, "The reporter took you inside a medical marijuana 'store' and really put a face – multiple ones – on the issue. Solid reporting and crisp writing."

First place for Editorial Pages was presented to The Saline Reporter. There were six entries and only first and second place were awarded. The County Press in Lapeer took second.



Award winners include, in back, Joe Gray (left), Carrie Kennedy, Amy Bell, Erica McClain and Krista Gjestland; in front, Michelle Rogers, Tanya Wildt, Ben Baird and David Veselenak. Among the most noteworthy awards was for Best Multimedia Presentation, a new category in which news organizations of all sizes submitted entries. The Dexter Leader won second place with its video, "Even after the Dexter tornado, the community stays strong." There were 15 entries. The Detroit Free Press won first and third in the category.

Second place was awarded to The Dexter Leader for News Picture by Bell, whose photograph, "Rebounding," was part of The Dexter Leader's tornado coverage. There were 17 entries.

Another first place was awarded to The Saline Reporter for Sports Editor Terry Jacoby's piece, "Keith Long – and Straight." Jacoby's work was among 20 entries. Judges wrote, "The writer hits this flag with a well-written feature on a friendly golfer and the family ties that keep him in the fairway for life."

Third place in Sports Feature was awarded to Randy Castro for "On his way back" in The Saline Reporter. Judges wrote, "Intriguing look into an unusual commitment on the part of a former major leaguer determined to work his way back to the team he loves."

Castro also took home third place, among 12 entries, for "Pitch & Katch" in The Milan News-Leader. Judges wrote, "A well-written story that gives a good feel for the pitcher, Hoffman, and what makes her tick. Nice range of detail."

Freelance photographer Burrill String won second place, among 18 entries, for "A Day for Veterans" published in The Chelsea Standard.

Other JRC publications won awards in the contest, including The News-Herald of Southgate, which was named Newspaper of the Year in Class A Weekly.

'The Master' is a masterpiece; 'Dredd' not dreadful

MOVIE REVIEW



RYAN MICHAELS

Paul Thomas Anderson has crafted a work that both elates me and condemns me. I'll explain.

Anderson is, unquestionably, the most seminal figure in my current appreciation of cinema. For years, he's steadily climbed the echelon of America's great directors, and with 2007's exclamation-point of a film in "There Will Be Blood," in my eyes, he perched himself at the top.

I'm as passionate and rapturous about Anderson as I am about any other artistic figure, well, ever.

Though his films vary from three-hour epics about the 70s adult-film industry to focused explorations of Reno gamblers to idiosyncratic, quietly haunting Adam Sandler comedies, there's a very clear thematic throughline, connecting all of his work — wounded souls finding compassion in makeshift families.

His new work, "The Master", has arrived with the sort of fervent anticipation and giddy buzz reserved for the biggest of cinematic heavyweights, perhaps, because it's up there.

"The Master" is massive. There's no getting around that. Filmed with the 65mm cameras used for the likes of big-budget, classic-screen-epics "Lawrence of Arabia" and "2001: A Space Odyssey," it's a film with impossibly gorgeous sights and eerily evocative lighting and color-schemes.

And what does Anderson choose to point these great, attentive tools at? A face.

But not a typical face, alas. Joaquin Phoenix's contorted mannerisms would be striking even if they weren't in the wake of his faux-public-meltdown three years back.

Phoenix delivers what surely will go down as 2012's finest performance, navigating us through a dense labyrinth of tics and twitches.

The end result is more than a character; it's an enduring image, one that will gnaw away at your psyche as it has mine.

He plays Freddie Quell, a man who makes absolutely no effort to hide his animalistic urges. To call him odd is to understate the matter.

In post-World War II California, he's one of many, many soldiers who has emerged as deeply disturbed and erratic — in particular, Freddie is a sex addict, a man whose slurred speech lays bare his innermost feelings, and one with an odd talent for making potent alcohol out of the oddest ingredients — paint thinner, rocket fuel and rubbing alcohol included.

But after one of these concoctions kills a co-worker, Freddie flees, eventually stowing aboard an upscale steam-liner.

Aboard is a self-described "writer, doctor, nuclear physicist, theoretical philosopher [..] and deeply inquisitive man", Lancaster Dodd.

Played by Philip Seymour Hoffman in a totally immersive, transcendent performance that would anchor any other film, Dodd is actually something of a supporting player in "The Master," despite being the title character.

Dodd, alongside his devoted wife Peggy (Amy Adams, who masterfully subverts her cheery, matriarchal image to play a two-faced control freak), is in the throes of creating a spiritual movement called "The Cause."

The exact specifics of the Cause don't matter much, just that it allegedly holds the secret to unlocking past lives and experiences, in order to enrich our own. What matters is that Dodd takes Freddie under his wing, creating a relationship with both tense undertones and a certain odd perversity.

In one scene, Dodd, to "break" Freddie into the Cause, asks a series of repeating questions that progress from innocuous to downright dangerous. It's a little self-contained work of absolutely flaming urgency, as riveting as any scene in any film in any year.

In the end, it really encapsulates all that I treasure in "The Master" — technical mastery, layered thematic subtext, and the absolutely mad eyes of an actor who, like the Phoenix, has risen again.

It's been said that this is a bold work of tonal and paced originality, but to say this implies a rhythm that runs through it all. I'm not sure Anderson has one.

The film churns along like a broken staccato pattern whose elements are stripped as it progresses. We begin with a firm grasp on narrative and character, yet exit the theater with nothing but questions.

I have stated that "The Master" elates and condemns me. But how can it possibly comment on me?

Because, perhaps behind the iron curtain, "The Master" is Anderson's reflection on the role of the filmmaker in our lives — just like his Lancaster Dodd, they're eager, skilled charlatans who twist our realities and turn our emotions. But it cannot be done without consent, not without the Freddies of the world who seek escape from the demons of the past and the worries of the future.

Whether escape is sought in a bottle's bottom or in a theater's top row, it's all the same. "The Master" explores why we need others — be it an institution or a man — to fulfill ourselves.

Like the best of novels, there's so much more to discover and so many more nuances to pick up, making repeat visits just as essential as the first. But as of this writing, this is the American film of the year.

I give it a grade of A.

"Dredd" is a taut and tight thrill ride

It's not a good year to be Sylvester Stallone, taking into account the tragic passing of his son, the slavish self-mockery of his all-star action sequel "Expendables 2" and the fact that the most notorious flop of his career has just been revitalized into a high-wired, uber-violent, candy-colored rush of a film.

Rough stuff.

The 1995 film "Judge Dredd" has long been reviled for its blank treatment of the character (whose name gives the film its title), and so director Pete Travis has set forth to portray a bare-bones, brutal version of the comic-book icon.

Set in a tumultuous, post-nuclear future, "Judges" like Dredd are a hybrid of judge, jury and executioner in one, deployed by the government to sentence and execute criminals on the spot of their crime.

Dredd is completely dedicated to his job, which requires him to be alternately firm and agile, stoic yet violent. In fact, we never see Dredd outside of his job, although this is probably because "Dredd" takes place over a 24-hour period.

This lean approach completely reverses what we tend to associate with genre films these days: rather than the sprawling yet half-cooked nature of most sci-fi/action works, "Dredd" is taut and tight.

By confining itself in time and space (more on that later), the tension is higher and the stakes more clearly understood.

The film's premise is simple. A crime lord – an attractive woman named "Mama" in a clever subversion of macho expectations – dominates over a 200-story tower, where her crazed, drug-pushing thugs intimidate the thousands of residents into silence.

Dredd aims to take these guys down, with an up-and-coming rookie, Cassandra, tagging along because of the value of her psychic abilities.

The film, then, becomes a simple progression from the bottom of the tower to the top, one that isn't unlike this year's Indonesian actioner "The Raid." But where "The Raid" thrived off of a raw, ragged energy and hand-to-hand combat, "Dredd" is a glitzy, mega-watt, $45 million B-movie.

The performances are strong and authoritative. Karl Urban, often seen on the sidelines of franchises like "Bourne," "Lord of the Rings" and "Star Trek", is given the headlining role he's always deserved. The dude kills it.

Given some pretty imposing constraints — his eyes are never shown during the film, he's often given ridiculous dialogue to deliver in a Christian Bale-esque voice, and a skintight armor suit — Urban is really phenomenal.

Olivia Thirlby, long the indie darling of films like "Juno" and "The Wackness," is given the opportunity to cut loose and blow stuff up. Her character, unquestionably the most relatable of the duo, is a fascinating contradiction.

Her duty is to blow thugs' faces off with the utmost pragmatism. Her heart says to put them in prison cells. Attention to inner conflicts like this are what subtly grant "Dredd" some humanity. Some.

Many films assume that two people with guns pointed at each other is enough to label as "tension." "Dredd," on the other hand, is constantly ramping up the creativity, throwing in new ideas and gimmicks every other scene.

Consider "Slow Mo." It's a synthetic drug designed by the film's villains that slow the brain's perception of time to about 1 percent, compared to normal.

The film, often during the most frenetic, intense action scenes, will be shown from the "Slo-Mo" perspective of thugs under its influence. The blood-spurts glisten like rubies, the bullets inch by and "Dredd" becomes something a little greater and a little cooler than mere action cinema. The thing comes alive.

I only give this film a lower grade (relatively speaking) because, well, the freakin' title is "Dredd."

My grade: B+.

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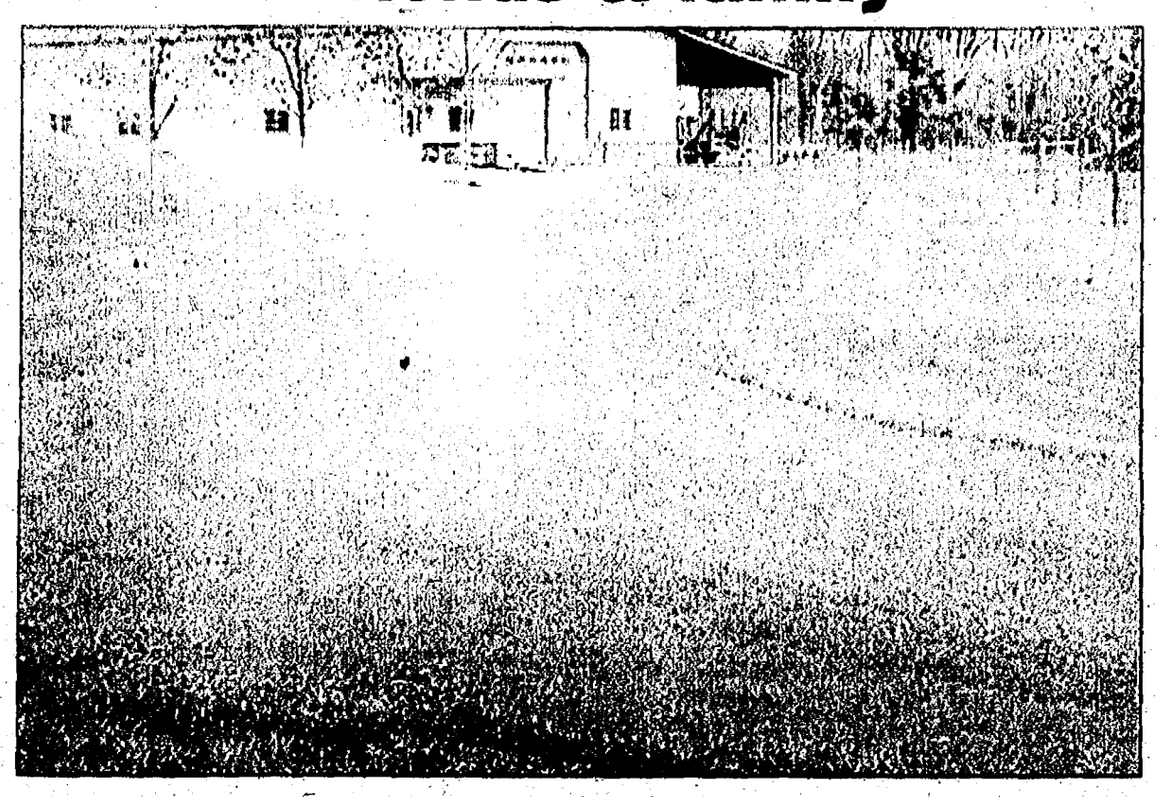
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