



Enbridge Pipeline Work Continues Not Fast Enough For Some Residents

By Lynne Beauchamp



While the Brimhalls' sign has come down their struggle continues. Enbridge representatives ask for patience.
Photo by Lynne Beauchamp

"I have not had any complaints about Enbridge," reported White Oak Township Zoning Administrator Ken Chamberlain during last week's regular township meeting. Enbridge began replacing Line 6B through White Oak

Township earlier this summer. White Oak resident Richard Morrison offered a difference of opinion. He stated that he has not been pleased with Enbridge since they started pipeline work on his property in July. He and his wife Margaret own 76 acres north and south of Cooper Road.

They purchased the property in the 1970's. It is land that had been in Margaret's family for generations.

The property includes wetlands, rolling hills, a pond, fields and a wooded area. Currently, that view has been obstructed by a pipeline running down the middle of the property, leaving the back wooded acreage inaccessible to the Morrisons while the pipeline remains above ground.

While Enbridge asked for another 25 feet of right of way and another 60 feet for temporary work space from landowners along the line, Richard stated he felt he was misled. He said that additional

workspace has been used as a staging area to access other property along the line.

According to Richard, they did sign a contract, or face eminent domain proceedings, with Enbridge for land use but he did not to disclose the dollar amount out of embarrassment. "We just want them [Enbridge] to be done and leave us alone."

Tom and Carol Brimhall moved to their 38-acre property on M-52 in White Oak Township in 1998. They were aware a pipeline ran through their property when the land was purchased. They say that did not concern them at the time.

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Countywide Transit System Stalled by Lack of Participation

By Melinda Baird

Since the City of Ann Arbor drove the final nail in the coffin of a proposed countywide transit system by terminating their agreement with Ann Arbor Transit Authority, Dexter Village Council members discussed expanding their own transit services in the area. "I don't feel bad about this and I still support the eventual countywide system, but our own services may be all we need for a long time," said Trustee and President of the Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) Board of Directors Jim Carson during the November 12 council meeting.

Carson reported that WAVE, whose services and funding will remain intact, would consider a request from the village for extra services as long as the village funds those expansions. According to Carson, the greatest transit need in the area is expanded hours for the Community Connector—an inter-urban express route provided by WAVE that links Chelsea with Dexter and Ann Arbor.

Currently, the bus passes through the Dexter area every two hours from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., but Carson believes the run needs to be increased to every hour. "People could reliably use it to go to work, school, the hospital and possibly the airport," said Carson of the proposed increase in service.

He suggested council members consider applying for a federal grant to fund the purchase of a second Community Connector bus so that hourly runs could be implemented. He said the cost of maintenance and driver compensation for a second bus is not yet calculated but "wouldn't be more than double" of the current cost. Currently, the village pays \$12,000 to WAVE for Community Connector services and \$10,000 for door-to-door services annually.

"If there's going to be a modification, I would hope it is sooner than later given gas prices, wear and tear on roads and environmental impact," said trustee Paul Cousins in favor of the expanded services.

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Chelsea's Hometown Holiday Weekend A Festival of Fun for the Whole Family

The Annual Chelsea Hometown Holiday, weekend celebration that traditionally kicks off the holiday season in Chelsea, this year marks the 25th consecutive year. The event takes place the weekend of November 30 - December 2 and is sponsored in part by Key Bank, Chelsea Teddy Bear Company and Lake Trust Credit Union.

Beginning Friday night when Santa Claus arrives to light the giant Christmas tree at Pierce Park, children will have a chance to sit on the big fella's lap and share their wish list at Santa's workshop at the Depot. "This is a true local celebration," said Pierce.

Among the many attractions throughout the weekend there will be the 8th annual Holiday Light Parade along Main Street, on Saturday evening followed by a community sing and afterglow party at Chelsea

Teddy Bear Company. "The parade and sing-along after really represent the holiday spirit here in Chelsea," added Pierce. "It doesn't get much warmer or fuzzier than that event."

There are several activities that were new last year that are returning including the Chelsea District Library's Teen & Tween Gift making session Saturday from 2 until 3:30pm. The younger kids (pre-K to 5th grade) have the opportunity to shop for those on their list at the Children's Christmas Bazaar at the First United Methodist Church also on Saturday (must sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/201268). This event filled up very fast last year. The church will also host two Gingerbread House Workshops, also very popular, from 11:30a-12:30p and 12:30-1:30p.

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By Lucy Silverio

Replacing long-time Chelsea Downtown Development Authority member Palmer Morrel-Samuels could prove to be a challenge for Mayor Jason Lindauer. During the regular CDDA meeting last Thursday, Lindauer said he has asked three people in the last two weeks to join, and all have declined.

Morrel-Samuels resigned in protest September 20th after casting the lone dissenting vote among CDDA members to demolish the Daniels Showroom portion of the Longworth complex. Cathy Bean of Preservation Chelsea suggested it would be nice to have a resident fill the position on the board made up solely of business owners. A resident could be chosen as long as they live within the CDDA district. A map is available at www.city-chelsea.org.

"It sounds very simple. Just get some people, yea or nay, have a popularity contest," said Lindauer. "But believe me, you cannot imagine how

much time I have put in trying to find, solicit, interview, talk to, discuss with, etc...and it goes on for weeks and months. Of all the things that I do as mayor I commit more time to filling board positions than you can imagine. And no one is calling and asking."

Discussion turned to the Longworth Complex, which is slated for specific clean up and rehab by the CDDA in order to once again be presented for bids to developers. Authority treasurer Mark Heydrauff requested a plan be developed regarding the scope of work the CDDA may do themselves on all sides including the back alley. The project will be discussed at a December work session.

Board members voted unanimously to move forward with remediation of lead and asbestos at the Longworth building if grant money is still available. They also voted unanimously to conduct a traffic study of the Jackson corridor, which includes the complex at a cost not to exceed \$7,250.

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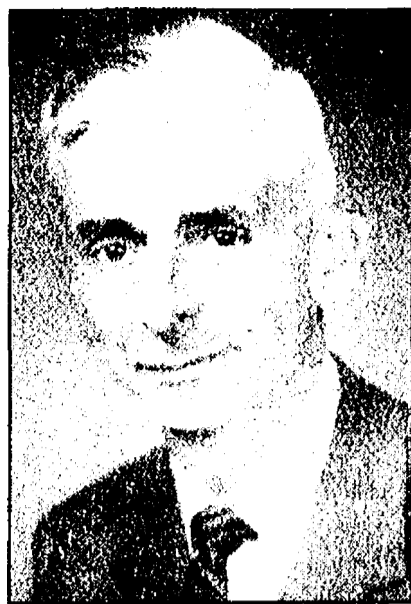
Kenneth C. Runciman Chelsea Michigan

Passed away peacefully Wednesday, November 14, 2012 in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin where his family had gathered to be with him - one month after turning 100 years old. He was born on October 14, 1912 in Waterloo, Michigan to Claude and Mary (Gorton) Runciman.

After graduating from - Michigan State College in 1935, he married the love of his life, Frances M. Kandlehner, whom he met in the fourth grade, on October 21, 1936, in the Kandlehner family home on South Street in Chelsea. She preceded him in death in July, 2009. They had two children, Frances Kay (John) Suffron of Presque Isle, Wisconsin and David Frederick Runciman, who also preceded him in death in April, 1971. Ken was responsible for the grounds at Ypsilanti State Hospital until World War II, when he worked on aircraft instrumentation at the bomber plant at Willow Run Airport. Following the war, he worked for the Michigan Department of Conservation Parks Division until he founded K.C. Runciman Landscape Architects in 1946, becoming the first landscape architect in the Ann Arbor area with a degree in that field.

He continued in the profession he loved for 43 years, before retiring in 1989. He greatly appreciated his collaboration with his associate landscape architects, as well as several aspiring ones whom he mentored over the years. He loved his work and enjoyed creating beautiful spaces for residents and businesses in Ann Arbor, Saline, Dexter, and Chelsea, including the Chelsea Community Hospital and what was once the "new" high school on Washington Street in Chelsea.

Ken was a unique and gentle person, quick to smile and often with a mischievous sparkle in his eyes. Kind, hard-working, honest and full of life, he enjoyed travelling and was



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able to take some wonderful trips, both in the U.S. and abroad. He drew much joy from the many friendships he made during his lifetime and was perhaps best known for his love of his home on South Street, the dogwood he planted in the backyard, church life, the game of Bridge, his golf game, watching college sports, his genuine friendliness, and his full head of white hair! His was truly a long life well lived! Ken's family and friends brought him great joy and pride and he was loved and will be tremendously missed by his surviving relatives: daughter Kay Suffron and son-in-law John, granddaughter Heather Suffron and brother Robert Brown of Jackson.

A Memorial Service will take place Friday, November 30, 2012 at 3pm from the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea. The family will receive visitors from 2pm until the hour of service.

Donations may be given in Ken's memory to the First Congregational Church, Chelsea, the Salvation Army, the Alzheimer's Association or to a charity of one's choice. The family would like to thank all their loved ones for their support, as well as the staff at Towsley Village (Chelsea Retirement Community) and Our Home K-Care in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin for their kind care during his last few years with us.

Bertha E. Gillmore St. Johns Michigan Formerly of Gregory

Passed away at age 96, Saturday morning November 17, 2012 at the Hazel I. Findlay Country Manor in St. Johns. She was born December 4, 1915 in Glendive, Montana, the daughter of Joseph and Emma May (Hiatt) Thomas.

For nearly 82 years she lived in the Stockbridge and Gregory areas and was the past Unadilla Township Treasurer for many years. She loved to play bridge and was a charter member of the Gregory Bridge Club. Working in her yard, camping, and traveling with her family and her grandchildren she truly loved. April 14, 1934 she married Millard L. Gillmore and he preceded her in death in 1980.

Surviving are two daughters Marcia (John) Johnston of Texas, and Diane (Daniel) Noble of Stockbridge; one sister Marjorie Barbour of St. Johns; four grandchildren John Johnston, Stacy Wright, Tracy Warren, and Wendy Garrison; and eight great-grandchildren, Zachary, Devin, Dezi, Brendan, Ethan, Haley, Jayden, and Avery. She was preceded in



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death by her siblings Edith Devereaux, Dutch and Clyde Thomas, Celia Clark, Hazel Crockett and an infant sister.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 11am from the Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge with Pastor Brian Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery, Stockbridge.

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Husband and Wife Arrested

From Chief Tom Cottrell

A traffic stop originating in Munith last Thursday night landed a husband and wife in jail on Friday for a list of misdemeanor charges. The stop began after Waterloo Officers noticed a car being driven in Munith with improper plates.

During the investigation the officers noticed some anomalies with the insurance certificate provided. As a result, the car was impounded and a hold placed on it for proper plates and insurance.

On Friday, November 16 the couple contacted the police and wanted to get their car released from impound. When they arrived at the Waterloo Police Station they provided new paperwork just received from the Secretary of State and a proof of insurance.

The proof of insurance was examined and found to be identical to the document provided the previous evening. A quick call to the Insurance company based in Ohio revealed the policy never existed and the car was never insured.

As a result, the man and wife were arrested and with the assistance of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office were both taken to jail. The husband, a 51 year old Munith man, was charged by the county prosecutor with five misdemeanors including having an invalid insurance certificate, operating a car without insurance, operating an unregistered car, and operating a car with improper plates. The 51 year old wife was charged with providing a false insurance certificate as the car and plates were in her name.

The case was turned over to the Secretary of State for further action as the pair had provided false certification in order to obtain the registration plates.

Both were released Friday afternoon on personal recognizance bonds. The car is still being held without bond.

POLICE BEAT

Stockbridge Village Police

11/12 ~ 6:15pm, unwanted subject in the 200 block of S. Williams. The subject, a 53 yr old Pinckney man, was escorted off the property.
 ~ 9:30pm, assist SAESA in the 200 block of S. Williams on a report of a 51 yr old man there who was found unresponsive. He was later transported to an area hospital.
 11/13 ~ 8:30am, larceny complaint in the 100 block of Price. This complaint is under investigation.
 ~ 1:45pm, return call of an unwanted subject in the 200 block of S. Williams. The subject, a 53 year old Pinckney man, was escorted off the property again. Management notified.
 11/14 11:45pm, assist SAESA in the 800 block of S. Clinton with a 48 year old Stockbridge man who had fallen and needed help getting up off the floor. No injuries reported.
 11/15 ~ 6:30pm, assist Unadilla Township Police and Michigan State Police in the 19000 block of Doyle Road on a search warrant.
 11/16 ~ 5:50pm alarm in the 1000 block of S. Clinton. Owner was on-site and notified. No crime.
 11/17 6:20pm, investigation of a possible stolen vehicle complaint originating in Sandusky, Michigan. The victim of a possible stolen vehicle called and advised the vehicle was left at the Stockbridge Police Department. Officers responded to investigate and determined the complaint was civil; not criminal. The vehicle was released to the owner.
 ~ 9:30pm, complaint of a subject sleeping inside his truck in the 600 block of W. Main. Officers responded and found the subject, a 51 year old South Lyon man, to be operating while intoxicated. He was arrested and lodged in the Ingham County Jail.

Unadilla Township Police

11/11 ~ Domestic dispute, Doyle Road
 ~ Domestic assault, Livermore Road
 ~ Suspicious vehicle parked in church parking lot, W. M-36
 ~ Car vs. tree rollover accident, Dexter Trail
 11/12 ~ Car vs. deer property damage accident, M-36 near Dexter Trail
 ~ Suspicious vehicle driving in field, Williamsville Road
 11/13 ~ Cows in roadway, Gregory Road near Berkshire Drive
 11/14 ~ Welfare check, Kuhn Street
 11/15 ~ Police executed drug search warrant, Doyle Road
 11/16 ~ Subject driving through field, Doyle Road
 ~ Car vs. deer property damage accident, M-36 at Spears Road
 ~ Vehicle driving left of center, M-36
 11/17 ~ Two Pit Bulls running at large, Wasson Road
 ~ Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department with medical emergency, M-36 at Spears Road
 ~ Suspicious vehicle parked in roadway with dome light on, Bowditch Road
 ~ Shots fired complaint, Stockbridge Street

Pinckney Village Police

11/11 Assist to Unadilla Township Police Department with domestic assault investigation, Livermore Road
 ~ Failure to control dog, Vincent Street
 ~ Domestic dispute, Pearl Street
 ~ Ordinance investigation, loud party disturbance, Turtle Trace
 11/12 ~ 42-year-old Hamburg Township woman arrested for misdemeanor warrant, Pearl Street
 ~ Assist to Michigan State Police with domestic assault investigation, Spears Road
 ~ Two Rotweillers running at large, Putnam Street
 11/13 ~ Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department with medical emergency, E. Main Street
 ~ Parking complaint, E. Main Street
 11/14 ~ Vehicle impounded for not having insurance and expired plates, E. Main Street near Pearl Street
 ~ Two-car property damage accident, Dexter-Pinckney Road near Village limit
 ~ Suspicious text messages, E. Hamburg Street
 11/15 ~ Assisted Unadilla Township Police Department with execution of drug search warrant, Doyle Road
 11/16 ~ Assisted Hamburg Township Police Department with investigation of in-progress B&E, E. M-36
 ~ Ordinance violation, subject hunting within Village limits, Mower Road
 ~ Two Rotweillers running at large, Putnam Street
 11/17 ~ Assisted Hamburg Township Police Department with stolen car investigation, Whitewood Road

Chelsea City Police

11/12 ~ 10:45am, Chelsea Police received a call from a complainant who stated sometime between November 8-9 an unknown subject entered the building and stole a large amount of welding equipment and other miscellaneous items. At the time of the suspected theft the business was open and normal business operations were taken place. There were no signs of forced entry into the building that could be observed by the officer. Some of the missing items were recovered on November 12th by the Chelsea Police Department while conducting the investigation; the case will continue to remain open pending further investigation.
 11/13 ~ 10:50pm, S. Main at Middle Street, while officers were on routine patrol at approximately 10:10 pm, they observed a vehicle driving down the roadway with a broken taillight and noticed the vehicles license plate was hanging by 1 bolt. Officers stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver. It was observed in plain sight that there was a large brown bag that contained what appeared to be a large number of syringes, as well as a red sharps container typically used for disposing of used hypodermic needles. Contact was made with the driver, a 22 year old Manchester man and after questioning the subject he stated that he had used heroin within the last 8 hours or so. After further investigation the driver was taken into custody for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of narcotics. The subject was transported to the Chelsea Hospital for a blood draw to determine the amount of drugs in his system at the time. The case remains open pending laboratory analysis by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab and warrant authorization by the Washtenaw County Prosecutors Office.
 11/15 ~ 9:10pm, 600 block of N. Main Street, at approximately 9pm officers responded to the report of a larceny from a residence. The complainant stated that his son, who does not live at the residence, came over and took a large quantity of food from the residence left the area. The complainant stated that he called his son and asked him if he had taken the items and his son stated "I got you" and disconnected the phone. Case remains pending Washtenaw County Prosecutors review for warrant authorization.

Waterloo Township Police

11/13 ~ Cited a Minnesota Semi Driver for bypassing the scales after he was found driving on Waterloo-Munith Road near Mt. Hope at 11:40am.
 11/14 ~ Arrested a Stockbridge woman who claimed to be a paralegal for driving on a suspended drivers license, unregistered vehicle, and improper license plate display and took her to jail.
 ~ Responded to a personal injury traffic crash on Seymour near List Road where a car hit a tree trying to avoid a deer.
 11/15 ~ Impounded a gray Jeep after doing a vehicle investigation on Hannewald Road at an abandoned house. The jeep was found to have expired plates and no insurance.
 ~ Responded to a domestic dispute at an address on Trist Road at 10:16am
 ~ Searched the area of M-52 near Hill Road for an injured deer and someone wanting to claim it at 1:40pm
 ~ Issued a killed deer permit to a man on Wilmore Road at 4:02 pm.
 ~ Impounded a car with improper plates and no insurance from a traffic stop originating from a violation on Main Street in Munith at 11:05pm
 11/16 ~ Assisted a Sheriff Unit on a physical domestic call at an address on Coon Hill Road at 7:26am
 ~ Arrested a pair at the police office for a slew of misdemeanors related to a forged insurance certificate. Took both to jail. See related story.
 ~ Issued a killed deer permit to a by a passer after a car-deer crash at 5:50pm
 ~ Impounded a car seen driving on Glenn Road near Mt. Hope for improper plates and no insurance at 10:03 pm
 11-18 ~ Assisted MSP on a domestic situation that originated in Stockbridge and ended up on Kennedy Road at 2:21 pm

Edna M. Brown Chelsea Michigan

Peacefully passed away at age 92 at home surrounded by her family November 17, 2012. She was born September 1, 1920 in Shaftsbury, Michigan the daughter of Frederick and Ada Maud (Pascoe) Stone.

She married her beloved William D. Brown November 25, 1939. Edna was a homemaker, raising eight children. She loved canning and baking. She did bake up a storm.

Edna is survived by her sister Ruth Guenther of Chelsea, and her sister-in-law Adeline Stone of Chelsea; her children William F. (Helen) Brown of Norvel, Beverly A. (Arthur) Haab of Manchester, Robert L. (Lynn) Brown of Jackson, Mary Jane (Mark) Luckhardt of Manchester, Thomas Brown of Chelsea, Shirley England of Noblesville, Indiana, John E. (Pamela) Brown of Chelsea, 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband William Brown, her five brothers, her daughter Barbara K. (William)



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Gaddis, and her granddaughter Devonna L. Belows.

Edna enjoyed reading, puzzle books, her soaps and watching the Tigers "WIN". She also enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, especially her long time friend Geraldine Gieske.

A Graveside Service took place at Oak Grove Cemetery Tuesday, November 20, 2012.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice of Ann Arbor, 3840 Packard Road, Suite 260, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

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Robotics Team Steps Closer to Next Mission to the Republic of Palau

From Alex Noffsinger

The Stockbridge Advanced Underwater Robotics (ROV) Team movie fundraiser November 9 at Heritage Elementary brought in more than \$3,000 for the team. They hosted more than 140 people from the community for a showing of "Last Flight Home,"

a documentary highlighting the BentProp Project.

Directed by Jennifer Powers and Daniel T. O'Brien, the film features Dr. Pat Scannon and his small team of self-funded citizens who search for and recover the remains of World War II MIA's and aircraft on and offshore the Palau Islands.

The documentary was filmed over the span of six years and seven missions to Palau.

All proceeds are going towards the Stockbridge ROV Team's upcoming trip to Palau to work alongside the BentProp Team for the second time. The trip is planned for March and April of 2013.



Pictured above is team member Buck Poszywak explaining the ROV. The underwater robot team uses in Palau, to Stockbridge High School sophomores Jamie Cool and Maddy Armstrong.

Holiday Greens Market

The Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 425's Annual Holiday Greens Market, a big fundraiser for the troop, begins this Saturday. They are selling wreaths, swags, garlands, grave blankets, hanging baskets and more. The market takes place November 24 and Saturday, December 1, running both days from 9am until 1pm at the Chelsea State Bank parking lot on the corner of Old US 12 and Main St. (M-52.)

Chelsea Boy Scout Troop 425 is a Chelsea/Stockbridge troop with boys from both towns. By shopping their Greens Market for your holiday decorating, you ensure they can continue their scouting activities, especially the annual Summer Camp. Last year the market helped send almost 40 boys to camp.



Chelsea - Stockbridge Troop 425 member

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From the Department of Natural Resources

The Michigan Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and Natural Resources (DNR) are urging hunters and farmers to shoot feral swine and report any sightings. Feral swine are defined as free-ranging wild pigs, not owned by any person.

"As the fall crop harvest continues, we expect farmers to come across feral swine. These animals may transmit disease to domestic pigs and cause extensive crop damage for Michigan's farming families," said State Veterinarian Dr. Steven Halstead. "Farmers can help manage this problem by shooting feral swine. Additionally, I urge any owners of swine that may be loose to gather them immediately if they don't want to be fined for livestock running at large."

Feral swine are known to carry the Pseudorabies virus (PRV), which primarily causes newborn piglets to die. Older pigs can survive infection and become carriers of the virus for life.

"Feral swine are a significant risk to Michigan's wildlife, ecosystems, and agricultural resources, and they are a

serious threat to humans and wildlife, said DNR Deputy Director Bill Moritz. "We encourage hunters to take feral swine in the wild when they encounter them. Doing so helps us manage and protect the state's natural resources."

Private land owners may shoot or trap-and-remove feral swine at any time. In Michigan, hunters with a valid hunting license of any type can shoot feral swine. "Hunters often ask about the risk of consuming feral swine. Although the diseases associated with live feral swine are of serious concern to livestock owners and to natural resource managers, it is highly unlikely a person will contract an illness by eating thoroughly cooked meat of feral swine," said Dr. Halstead. "Natural parasites such as trichinella may be found in wild pig meats. Cooking meats to an internal temperature of 170.6°F will kill this parasite, this temperature will kill viruses and bacteria as well."

Anyone who sees or shoots feral swine, please contact: the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services at: Nathan.A.Newman@aphis.usda.gov or by contacting the office at 517-336-1928. Please provide the date of observation or take, name and address, phone number and email. Please note the crossroads, the county and the nearest city. Be prepared to provide the number of animals, the type (adults or piglets) and if crop damage was observed.

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Dexter COMMUNITY

Water Polo Sixth At State Finals

The Dexter boys' water polo team came home with a sixth place finish at the state finals at East Grand Rapids last weekend. The Dreadnaughts opened the tournament against the states top ranked and eventual state champion Rockford and came up short in a 14-1 loss. Michael Garcia scored the lone goal for the Dreads as they trailed 7-1 after one period and never got close. Dexter bounced back to defeat Okemos 8-6 in the consolation bracket. The teams were tied at 6 after the periods, but the Dreads pulled it out with a pair of goals in the 4th. Max Merriman led the offense with 4 goals, while Garcia scored 2. Filip Osterlund and Cody Durham also scored for Dexter. In the fifth place match Dexter came up on the short end of a 7-2 loss to Hudsonville. Hudsonville led 5-1 at halftime and the Dreads could not rally in the second half. Jack Donevan and Rob Zofchak scored goals for the Dreads. Dexter finished its season with a 16-23 overall record.

Hockey Teams Kickoff Season

The Pinckney and Dexter hockey teams kicked off their seasons last week with some early season matches. Dexter opened the season by going 1-2 for the week including 0-2 at the Dread Invitational. The Dreadnaughts opened the week with an impressive 9-1 win over Milford Wednesday night. After Milford scored the first goal, the Dreads poured it on as they scored seven times before the end of the first period. Patrick Gronvall started the onslaught just a minute after the Milford goal, while Tristin Rojeck made it 2-1 just 50 seconds later. Gronvall would finish the night with 2 goals and 2 assists, while Cameron Milne also added 2 goals and an assist. Ben Grover added a goal and 2 assists and Blake Miller a goal and 3 assists. Stavros Vorias and Freddy Burke also scored goals, while Alec Brice, Joey Bartlett, Bryan Tuzinowski, Sean Fitzimmons, and Burke collected assists. Zach Richards earned the win in net for Dexter. The Dreads hosted the Dread Invitational this past weekend and did not fare well. Dexter opened the tourney by falling to Jenison 6-2. After a scoreless first, Miller put the Dreads on top 1-0, but it was all Jenison from there as the Wildcats scored four times for a 4-1 lead after two periods. Milne scored for the Dreads in the third, but they could not rally. Dexter fell to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard 6-4 in the consolation final. No stats were available. Pinckney opened its season with a 8-1 loss to Berkley. The Pirates played shorthanded as six players were out with injuries or for disciplinary reasons. Berkley controlled from the start and built an 8-0 lead before Connor Jenkins scored late in the third for the Pirates to break up the shutout. Pinckney will take part in the Cadillac tournament this weekend.

Sports by Mike "Willie" Williamson

PINCKNEY COMMUNITY

Area Swimmers Compete At State Finals

Swimmers from the Dexter and Pinckney girls' swim teams took part in the Division 2 state finals at Oakland University this past weekend and the Dreadnaughts came home 15th and the Pirates 29th out of 49 schools with swimmers at the event. Dexter was led by the fifth place finish of Bridget Morgan in the 500 freestyle. She also finished 13th in the 200 free and was a member of the 400 freestyle relay team that finished 12th along with Allison Franz, Reagan Maisch, and Sarah Daugherty. Lizzy Merriman posted a pair of 13th place finishes in the 200 IM and the 100 breast stroke and Morgan Cole was 14th in the 500 free. The 200 free relay team of Franz, Daugherty, Tracy Koenn, and Morgan finished 13th. Pinckney was led by the 14th place finish of Carolyn Kehn in the 100 free. She was also a member of the 200 free relay team, along with Anna Serino, Kimmy Swanson, and Emma Kehn that finished 16th.

Dexter Village Council

Continued from the Front Page In other Council news, members agreed to enter into a two-year lease with Scot Thomas of Hotel Hickman Wild West Adventure for 8050 Main Street. A barbecue joint specializing in southern-style comfort food, the restaurant won over a previous council proposal for public restroom facilities to inhabit the vacant space. Council members will join a growing number of local municipalities in welcoming a Red Barrel to the community in late January or early February of 2013. The secure barrel will provide a receptacle for disposal of unwanted prescription drugs. Dexter Farmer's Market and Community Garden coordinator Melissa Kesterson said she is handing over responsibility of the operation to Todd and Olga Osten. In its third year of existence, the community garden is flourishing Kesterson reported. "The Ostens have a solid roadmap in place," she added. Kesterson is moving from the Dexter area in December. "We've been unbelievably lucky to have had her," said Cousins. "She is a premier person." Council unanimously approved the purchase of a \$3,515 speed display unit from Radarsign for use in various locations throughout the village.

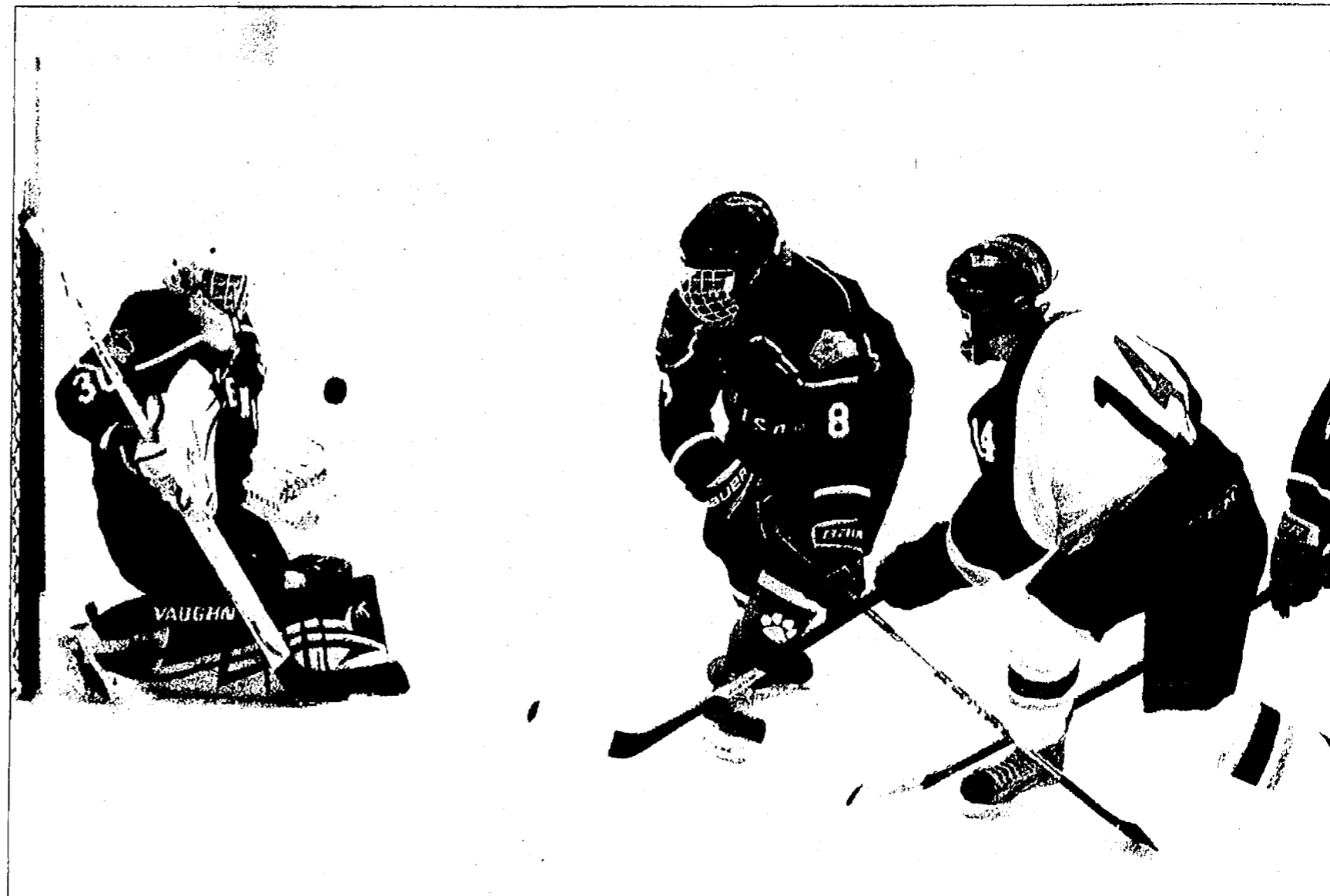
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Joey Barlett gets a shot on goal. Photo by Dawn Miller

Giving Back To The Community Town Hall Players Next Production To Benefit Local Charity

By Lynne Beauchamp
The end of the year is drawing near and the Town Hall Players (THP) are ending the season with "The Christmas Show" featuring Charles Schultz's "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" with a musical number of "Heat Miser/Snow Miser" from "The Year without a Santa Claus." The cast features over 65 school-aged children and is directed by John Sturtevant with assistants Sarah Lewis and Barb Krusinski. THP producer for "The Christmas Show" Kristeen Webb, said this is the perfect time to help raise funds for local charity, Stockbridge Community Outreach. "A lot of us are right there at the edge and are going to need help. Some people are one accident away, one car repair away and we want them to know that their community, their friends are here to help," she explained. THP will donate \$2 to Outreach for every ticket sold for "The Christmas Show". There will be a raffle during the last performance and all money raised will be donated as well. A coat drive and food drive will also take place during the show. THP's "The Christmas Show" will be performed at Stockbridge Heritage Elementary December 14-16 and tickets are scheduled to go on sale this week at Stockbridge Pharmacy. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Donations (items or funds) are being sought for the raffle. Contact Kristeen Webb at 517-488-6666 to donate.

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The Bulldogs started their season last Friday night where they took on the Canton Chiefs, slamming them 7-2.

In the first period, Chelsea came out with a point to prove by managing to keep the puck in their opponents zone for most of the period. Jake Ryan got the first goal on the night with a pass from Connor Carry, putting Chelsea on the scoreboard first.

Canton took penalty after penalty in the second period to keep the Bulldogs on the power play. This led Chelsea to rack up two more goals in the second. First, an unassisted goal by Jake Ryan and the other by Brody Layher. Eric Newman and Taylor Atchley took the assists on the Layher goal.

In the third period, Chelsea took complete control of the game by putting four goals in the net. Caleb Bentley's power play goal within the first 37 seconds gave the team what they needed to keep the pressure on Canton. Jake Ryan got a hat trick with his third goal at the five minute mark. Taylor Atchley and Tyler Fullerton added

the final two goals in third, giving the Bulldogs a huge win to start their season.

Connor Carry, Brody Layher and Taylor Atchley led the team with two assists each, while Eric Newman, Jacob Dobberstein and Joey Olmsted each had one assist.

The Bulldogs will host cross town rivals Dexter on December 1 at the Arctic Coliseum. Game time 6pm.



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Charlie Miller had 27 saves against Canton High School in their season opener. Photo by Donna Smallwood

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Chelsea Downtown Development

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In other downtown Chelsea news, holiday lighting was strung last weekend. The Chelsea Chamber of Commerce is planning Hometown Holiday festivities for the weekend of November 30, including the annual holiday light parade that takes place December 1 at 6pm. Chamber President Bob Pierce said they are still looking for floats and participants.



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Chelsea Becomes School of Choice for One to Receive State Incentive of \$125,000

By Lucy Silverio

The Chelsea School District (CSD) Board of Education voted 6-1 to become a school of choice during its regular meeting November 12. The proposal, recommended by Superintendent Andy Ingall, is for one seat to be open to a K-8 student in the Virtual Learning Academy Consortium (VLAC). Becoming a school of choice, even on such a limited basis, fulfills a best practices incentive by the state, putting the district in the position to collect \$54 in additional per pupil funding netting the district \$125,000 for achieving seven of eight of the state's best practices.

During the October board meeting Ingall talked about the possibility of offering several spots through VLAC to out of district students, but the general sentiment was that this would be unpopular with constituents. This is the first time the district has offered school of choice openings and the selection process, if there are applicants, will be by lottery. Applications must be received at the CSD central office, 500 Washington Street, Chelsea 48118 by 3pm November 21. Applications are available through the district website: www.chelsea.k12.mi.us or from the central office Monday through Friday, 8am - 4pm.

The seat is available to any K-8 child in contiguous districts, which includes all of the Sun Times readership area. VLAC is an on-line program that complies with Michigan Department of Education standards. Students enrolled in

the program study off-site and are supplied with computers, printer/scanners, Internet access, books and equipment for science experiments. Parents and students work with an online educator to follow the curriculum. For information about the program call (888) 638-8949.

Board member Jon Bentley asked if the criteria for the student could be restricted to only the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) and not include other counties. Ingall responded that typically a limited offering of school of choice included other ISD's. The CSD will still be considered a school of choice even if no one seeks the opening.

"What happens if a student decides to pullout of that program and wants to enroll in the Chelsea Schools?" asked board member Tammy Lehman. "They are ours," responded Ingall. "Even if the student were in this program and stayed in it all the way till eighth grade, Chelsea High School is an option. If a third grader completed the program this year and said that was great but he or she would like to do fourth grade in Chelsea Schools, they would be eligible." He added that out of district transportation is not provided.

Board member Lehman cast the lone dissenting vote.

Olsen warned that the direction of the current Michigan legislature is for public education to become increasingly choice driven and school of choice options might become the norm.

Chelsea Teddy Bear Company Raising Money for Faith in Action

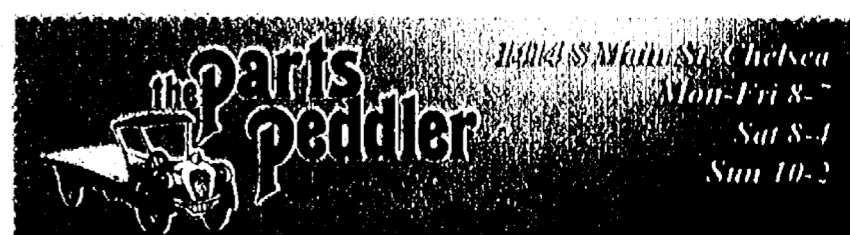
The Chelsea Teddy Bear Company has filled a huge bag with more than \$900 worth of teddy bears and other merchandise as part of a holiday fundraiser that will benefit Faith in Action.

Anybody can enter to win the bag by visiting the Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory at 400 N. Main Street in Chelsea. Each entry is \$1 and a person can enter as many times as they would like.

The goal is to reach 2,000 entries by the drawing date which is December 1. The drawing will take place during the Chelsea Hometown Holiday Community Sing that takes place at the Chelsea Teddy Bear Company following the annual Chelsea Light Parade.

In addition to the Bag O' Bears drawing, the Chelsea Teddy Bear Company is hosting the annual bear cub run also December 1. Several children, one each from grades K-5 will be chosen at random to enter the store and warehouse and take as many Teddy bears as possible before time runs out. If they can carry it, they can keep it!

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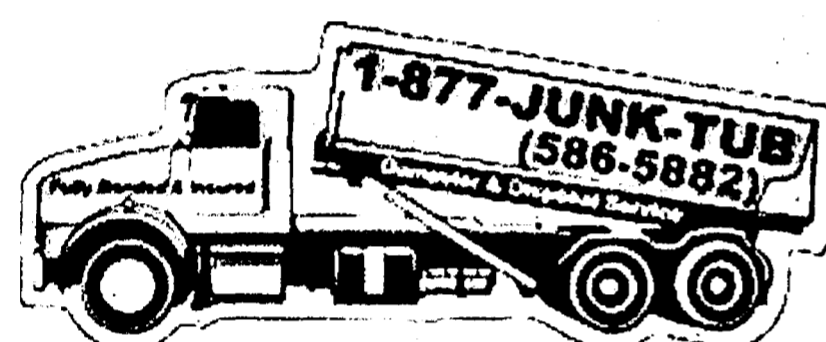
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Enbridge Work Continues

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But now their mature apple, oak and maple trees - reasons they purchased the property - have begun to disappear due to Enbridge work.

The Brimhalls' take pride in the land they own and aim to preserve it for future generations. Their small farm is environmentally verified in the Farmstead System by the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (M.A.E.A.P.) which addresses environmental risks that include proper storage of pesticides and the safe handling of fuels with the focus on protecting surface and ground water (visit www.maeap.org for more information on MAEAP).

The animals on the farm - chickens, ducks, peahens, goats, cats and dogs - serve as rehabilitation for autistic children providing a calm and nurturing environment.

According to the Brimhalls, Michigan Public Service Commission gave Enbridge the right to eminent domain on their property where it went through condemnation proceedings (the right of the government to appropriate private property for public use).

The Brimhalls posted a sign of protest along M-52 regarding the condemnation, but White Oak Township officials forced them to remove it. According to Zoning Administrator Kenneth Chamberlain, the

Brimhalls did not have a permit for placing the sign along the M-52 easement of their property.

"It was not a legal sign based on the content and look of the sign," he said.

The Brimhalls indicated they have been compensated for the use of their land by Enbridge - a total of around \$13,000 - but say the fight is not about the money. It's the loss of the mature trees that are not replaceable. They claim they have spent approximately \$50,000 in protecting what they could.

Enbridge spokesperson Jason Mansum said 6B Pipeline construction through White Oak Township is scheduled to be completed in February of 2013 and restoration work will take place that spring.

"We are doing our best to get the job done," said Mansum. "We appreciate patience."

According to Enbridge, crews take the necessary steps in building a replacement pipeline in order to avoid repairing existing segments. He indicated Phase II of the project - parts of the pipeline west of the Stockbridge Station and east of Ortonville, Michigan should begin in the spring of 2013 pending regulatory approvals.

Chelsea's Hometown Holiday Festival

Continued from the Front Page

Families can decorate their own custom gingerbread house (FREE- reservations needed by calling the Chamber office @ 475-1145).

There are many other free concerts scheduled around town. If they didn't get enough of Santa on Friday night, kids and their families are invited to have a free breakfast with Santa on Saturday morning at the Chelsea Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center, courtesy of Lake Trust Credit Union. Just down the road from there at the Chelsea Fair Grounds service building, dozens of local artists and crafters will show and sell their work at All The Trimmings Artisans Holiday Show from 10am to 4pm.

Sunday features musical concerts throughout the day including the Chelsea Chamber Players performing two free

holiday shows at the First United Methodist Church 3pm and 7pm and local church choirs singing holiday songs at the Festival of Lessons & Carols at the Chelsea Retirement Center Chapel at 6:30pm.

Chelsea will be all decked out in holiday splendor to warm hearts and get everyone in the holiday spirit. Many of the local merchants will be open late all weekend for shopping. Free gift wrapping, refreshments, demonstrations and entertainment will be available at select stores.

Chelsea's talented Youth Dance Theater will be performing the classic holiday ballet The Nutcracker the weekend after Hometown Holiday this year. There are five shows scheduled at the high school December 7-9.

For more information and a detailed list of events and activities click on chelseafestivals.com or call 734-475-1145. A brochure is available for download at that website.

Along with KeyBank, Chelsea Teddy Bear Company and Lake Trust Credit Union, Chelsea Hometown Holiday is generously sponsored and organized by co-sponsors Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. In-kind sponsors include Chelsea Update, Chelsea District Library, Chelsea Comfort Inn & Conference Center, The Chelsea Standard, City of Chelsea, Chelsea McDonald's, Chelsea Rotary, Chelsea State Bank, Merkel Furniture & Carpet One, Chelsea First United Methodist Church, Chelsea Public Schools, and the Chelsea local Girl, Cub and Boy Scouts.

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Chelsea Community Hospital Open House to Highlight New Construction and Services

From Jennifer Berry

After years of planning, construction and hard work, Chelsea Community Hospital (CCH) is proud to unveil its new facility December 9. Designed for the comfort and convenience of patients and visitors, the facility offers state-of-the-art medical care.

The hospital invites everybody to attend the public open house from noon to 5pm. Valet parking will be available.

The new facility, just weeks from completion, includes a 54-bed addition which makes all the hospital's rooms private. The new building also includes an expanded emergency department, diagnostic imaging areas, outpatient rehabilitation/therapy and a new main entrance that includes a café, gift shop, and meeting rooms. The funds for the construction are a result of the hospital's 2009 merger with St. Joseph Mercy Health System.

Patients and families will enjoy specially selected local artwork in the rooms and halls, peaceful wooded views from windows throughout the building and a picturesque courtyard with sculptures, benches, and a variety of flowers and trees.

In addition, since all rooms will now be private, each one offers ample space for patients and their guests, whether in the new or existing facility. Plenty of close, convenient parking is always available near the main entrance, surgery, and emergency department.

Patients and families also can easily move between the new and existing facilities with the use of indoor or outdoor corridors, creating a seamless experience no matter what services are needed at CCH.

"This is a monumental time in the history of our hospital," said Nancy Graebner, President and CEO of CCH. "This facility is the largest project ever for our hospital and the entire city. I encourage those who have not seen the amazing progress to attend our open house on December 9, or visit our website or Facebook page. We are proud of the new level of comfort and convenience this will bring to our patients and families. Everything was done with their needs in mind."

CCH will begin renovations to the existing facility next year, as well as an addition for a comprehensive Cancer Center that will include radiation oncology. The hospital opened its new Infusion Center in November 2010 and the Cancer Center will allow CCH to expand upon those services and provide a full spectrum of cancer care close to home.

In order to provide uninterrupted care and minimal disruption, the hospital will move its departments in stages spread out over several weeks. The emergency department, diagnostic imaging and rehabilitation departments will each move into their new spaces beginning in December 2012. The inpatient rooms will move in January 2013.

"One of the things we hear so often is that our campus is so beautiful and peaceful, helping patients and families with healing," Graebner added. "From the beginning of this project, we knew we had to preserve that feeling of peace and serenity that has been part of our culture for 40 years. I believe we have done that with our new facility. It allows us to continue doing what we do best - providing exceptional medical care to our communities - while in a state-of-the-art environment. In the end, that is what it's all about."

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A Local Family Is Upset About Enbridge's Plans

From the Bradley family kitchen window of their Lyndon Township home you can see well maintained rows of garden, still green with the seasons' last Kale, the swing set on the hill where the children play, and beyond that, the trees. But today there is a new view - white and orange flags parading down the middle of the yard marking the route for the new Enbridge 79 crude oil pipeline to be installed. The pipeline will travel from Stockbridge through Washtenaw County. We have been in discussion with Enbridge's Land Contract Manager for several months about the pipeline work. Their property line meets up with the Consumer's Energy powerline easement on which the pipeline will be built.

We lease the easement land from Consumer's for gardening and farm animal use.

Although the easement is quite wide, the pipeline is scheduled to be built just 10 feet from the property line, which runs right through our backyard. We have requested that Enbridge use a technique where they bore or drill underneath an area, usually a paved road or wetland, and pull the pipe through to minimize damage to the property instead of clear cutting the trees and digging an open trench. Enbridge is already planning to use this drilling method through the wetland adjacent to the property and possibly under the road in front of our home - but has not been willing to extend the bore several hundred feet under the backyard.

It's about 20 feet from our deck and will run between the deck and the swing set where the children play. We understand it's on easement land, but if they do an open trench the backyard will be completely demolished. The swing set and kids play area will have to be moved, the forest of trees we have between us and the Consumer's powerline will be cut down, the garden soil we have worked so hard to cultivate over the past six years will be dug up and there will be heavy equipment, machinery and men working right in our backyard!

All we asked was for them to look at our unique circumstances, the fact there is real people, a real family, living here 20 feet from the line and to please consider boring under since they will already have the equipment here for boring under the wetland. It's only a few hundred feet.

But to them it's black and

white. It's on the easement and they want to just come in with bulldozers and clear cut it all.

Enbridge has been running ads locally touting the benefits of the new pipeline and the great customer service they provide for homeowners. The most recent one features a property owner stating his satisfaction working with Enbridge in regards to a pipeline running through his property. The title reads "Respectful, Responsive, and Fair."

To us, this is not respectful, responsive, nor fair. They have not shown respect for our unique circumstances, our home being so close to the proposed line, nor have they shown respect for the impact this will have on our home, our gardens, our family or our children.

They have not been responsive to our requests to modify the plan by boring under - for just a few hundred additional feet - to minimize impact. They would rather pay damages for the trees they cut than pay a little extra to bore a few more feet and let me keep my yard intact.

And it's not fair to say that cutting a few hundred trees here is the same as cutting a few hundred trees on a 20 acre plot of land - these trees are the only trees we have! Beyond them is a field where the power line runs. They say they will return the land to as-good-as or better condition when they leave but how can you replace a mature tree? How is that fair, to cut down all the trees in someone's backyard? No one knows when Enbridge might be coming through with a safety fence and a crew to start clearing. It could be next week, it could be next month, they won't say. Until then, we are moving what we can from the work area and hoping that somehow one small family's pleas can change the mind of a big corporation like Enbridge.

What if it was you? If your deck was 20 feet from the line? Would you say sure, no problem? Come in with your bulldozers and cut down all my trees. Demolish my backyard and my children's play area. Leave me a pile of topsoil to make up for my desecrated garden and write me a check for the mature forest you cleared. Sounds like a good deal to me! Thanks, Enbridge, you're great!! Go ahead. Look out to your backyard and ask yourself if that seems respectful, responsive, and fair. Brendan and Stacy Bradley Lyndon Township

Let's Not Forget The Hard Work And Dedication Of Bob, LuAnn, Arlene And Reuben

I'd like to take a moment to thank the outgoing Sylvan Township Board Bob Lange, LuAnn Koch, Arlene Grau and Reuben Lesser for their service to our community.

Much has been written lately about their performance in office, a lot of it by folks who only recently started attending Board meetings.

It is important to note that Bob Lange always lead the township meetings as a gentleman with grace and patience. Publicly, Mr. Lange recognized and thanked others for their efforts in regard to township business and activities. Even when meetings became negative with personal attacks to the board, Mr. Lange thanked the public for their feedback. Supervisor Lange and the board honored the democratic process and endured the often mob like rhetoric of several attendees at the public meetings.

How quickly, I wonder, will the newly elected board struggle with decisions that will impact the entire township,

lose sleep over decisions, face public criticism from folks who come with personal agendas. How will they respond when a know it all stands before them with a handful of papers, trying to impress who knows who?

And, heaven forbid, if they fail to meet the expectations of a Johnny come lately group, how will they respond to threats of recall? Will they do it as gracefully as the outgoing board has done? I hope they follow Mr. Lange's example and allow everyone the right to freedom of speech.

Do not mistake the intent of this letter. I sincerely wish the incoming board success as they undertake the difficult role of public office. At the same time, let's not forget the hard work and dedication of Bob, LuAnn, Arlene and Reuben. They are good people; they walked the walk. They deserve to be recognized for the many things they did well, as described in previously published letters.

Dawn Caplis
Sylvan Township Resident

From China to Chelsea, A Dream Comes True

Xiao Xing Jian, owner and award winning chef of China Garden in Chelsea, grew up in China and realized as a young boy that cooking was something he was good at.

"I always like to feed my family great tasting food," he said.

Throughout his youth Xing's cooking skills improved, and he realized that cooking was something he could do well enough to make a living. He cooked in many restaurants in China, fine tuning his culinary skills.

Xing married Sun Ying Jiao and together they had a son, Tony Xiao. The couple dreamed of one day starting their own restaurant.

After having relatives move to America, then come back to tell about the experience, Xing and Sun Ying Jiao began to think about the possibility of going to America as well.

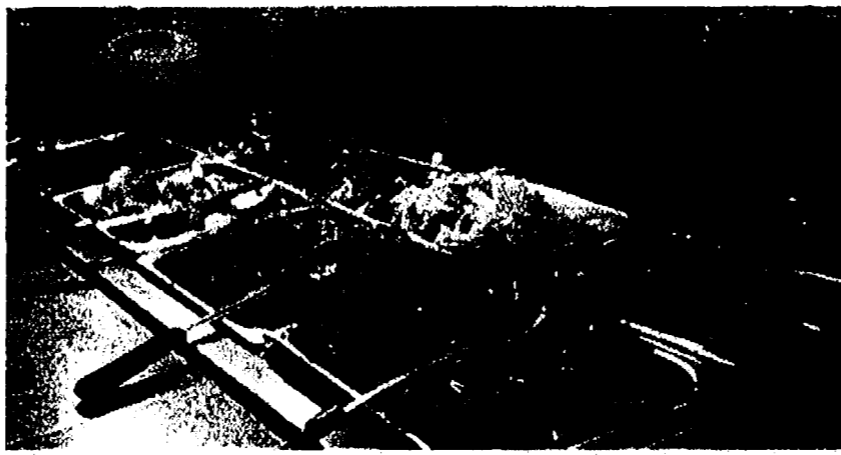
They worked hard and saved their money. Then one evening

Xing's cousin, who had recently returned to China, came by the Xiao home to visit. Over dinner he talked about his life in America. "The fact that there is a place where you could live that doesn't have a million people," said Xing. "And if you found a place that you thought you would like to live you could start a restaurant."

People around the world have come to appreciate the many different flavors of fine Chinese cooking. With the dream of starting their own authentic Chinese restaurant, the couple decided to take the big step and move their family to America.

"Many people in China liked my food and when we would talk to our friends about the opportunity they would always say if the people in America tasted your cooking just once they will come back to your restaurant forever."

So in 1999 the family moved to America. For the first year

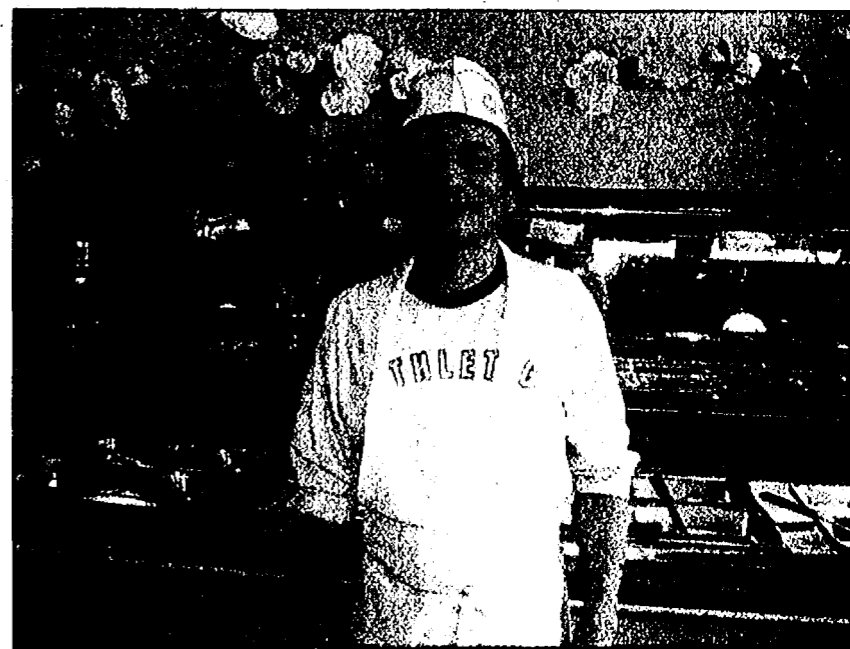


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PUBLIC NOTICES

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOV 13 2012

November 13, 2013 - The regular meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held November 13, 2012 at the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118. Members present: Supervisor Lange, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustee Cooper. Absent Trustee Lesser. Also present: Several residents - The meeting was called to order and the pledge recited. Motion by Grau, seconded by Cooper to approve the regular, special and closed minutes as presented. Carried unanimously. Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to pay bills as presented. Carried unanimously. Lt. McCormick from the Michigan State Police gave an overview on the State Police Operations. The Brighton Post Proper is now responsible for Washtenaw and Livingston County. It is open to the public Monday-Friday 8am to 4pm. There are 3 detachments, Sylvan, Salem and City of Saline. These detachments are not open to the public. You may reach the main post at 810-227-1051. Supervisor Lange reported that the agenda would be amended tonight to delete the appointment to the Water and Sewer Authority. Public Participation. Questions were asked on the Treasurers Report. Patrick Zieske wants on the record that he feels there is an error in the ballot language for the millage. He did a lot of research and has opinions by John Axe. Zieske believes this millage cannot be levied on the 2012 winter tax bill. The report from Zoning Inspector Caplis showed 4 approved zoning permits, 3 denied zoning permits sent to ZBA and all granted, 5 violations for October 2012. Dawn Caplis, Chelsea District Library representative updated the board on several library functions including a new at large member to be appointed. Mike Jurosek, STW&SA Treasurer reminded those who are leaving for the winter to flush their system. No Old Business. New Business. Motion by Lange, seconded by Grau to remove Robert Lange, Arlene Grau and LuAnn Koch as signatories on all Chelsea State Bank accounts, CD's and Safety Deposit Box and on all Keybank accounts. Add Scott Cooper, Rod Branham and Doug Smith as new signatories on same accounts effective November 20, 2012 at 12 noon. Carried unanimously. Motion by Koch, seconded by Grau to adjourn. Carried unanimously. LuAnn S. Koch, Sylvan Township Clerk



Xiao Xing Jian is living the dream

they worked for Xing's cousin while they searched for a place to make their new home and raise their son. "We would go out for drives and see many wonderful things and places along the way," said Xing. "We would always stop at parks and have a picnic lunch. We stopped in Chelsea on a beautiful spring day and the air was fresh and clean the sun was shining bright. We saw a bunch of kids painting a rock in the park. They were having a great time laughing and running around. They came over to us and played with our son. It felt like we had found the spot we could call home."

The family visited Chelsea several more times and with each visit they were more convinced this was the place

they wanted to call home.

The following year Xing and Sun Ying Jiao were blessed with another son, Andy.

"As difficult and hard as it was for us to choose to leave China and come to the United States, we are thankful to live in such a wonderful place as Chelsea," said Xing. "We hope to live up to what our friends in China said to us so long ago - if the people in America tasted your cooking just once they will come back to your restaurant forever. Please come in and try our authentic Chinese Cuisine and find out for yourself."

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Many Big, Unanswered Questions Facing Sylvan Township As They Transitions Into the Future

By Melind Baird

Three long-serving Sylvan Township board members left their respective offices with a looming question still hanging over the township - will the 20 year 4.4 millage narrowly passed by voters in August still go into effect next month considering a recently discovered error in ballot language?

Resident Patrick Zieske posed the question during the November 13 regular board meeting—the last meeting for ousted clerk LuAnn Koch who served in her position for 20 years, supervisor Bob Lange who served 14 years, and treasurer Arlene Grau who served 16 years.

Zieske pointed out a language error in the millage proposal that won by seven votes, saying he wanted to finally bring forth to the public an issue that's been "simmering under the surface."

The ballot language to which Zieske referred read that taxes in the township "will be increased by 4.4 mills for a period of 20 years, 2013 through 2032..." Although residents, township and county officials seemed to understand that, if approved by voters,

levying of the new millage would begin on December 1, 2012, the language does seem to indicate the township must technically wait until December 1, 2013, said Zieske. "I've done extensive research, and everything points to 2013 really meaning 2013."

Part of his research included review of the 2012 Michigan Taxpayers Guide and contact with the Michigan Department of Treasury and Washtenaw County Equalization Department.

Zieske said all sources led him to the conclusion that this winter's tax bill is part of the 2012 tax year, not 2013.

According to the contract between the township and Washtenaw County outlining repayment of the debt service on \$12.5 million in water and sewer bonds, the township's

first payment is May 2013. "Payment in 2013 means collecting money in 2012," said Koch, disagreeing with Zieske.

Lange supported Koch, saying county officials agreed with the township board that collection should begin in the upcoming weeks.

Lange referred to a letter written by attorney John Axe at the request of county officials.

In the letter dated October 12, Axe argues in favor of the county levying the first tax this December, since the ballot language included the amount of revenue (\$780,263.90 based on the taxable value in the township as of December 31, 2011) the township would receive the first year if passed.

Voters were in effect told that the first year's levy would

be made on December 1, 2012 since the number used in the proposal could only apply to that date," wrote Axe. Besides, included Axe, the township/county repayment contract said payments would begin 2013 which could not be made if not levied December 1, 2012.

"My first impulse was to laugh at this letter," admitted Zieske at the meeting.

"Nobody's in the voting booth back-calculating numbers from \$780,263.90 and comparing equalization values!"

Zieske said he raised the issue publicly "so there will be a common understanding of

what the facts are" when the newly elected board is in place.

Zieske said his concern is that if the millage does go on this December's tax bill, residents could potentially challenge the legality of the tax; and if it does not, the county would not receive full payment in May and could, in turn, sue the township.

Finally, the question as to whether the City of Chelsea is liable for any of the \$12.5 million debt based on the fact the bonds to finance the water and sewer projects were sold by the county in 2001—three years prior to the annexation and incorporation of the city—continues to go unanswered.

Supporting Troops & Their Families

From Jean Klark

Thousands of men and women are coming home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and settling back into what we consider to be "normal" life once more here in the U.S. We all know that this adjustment is at best a difficult one.

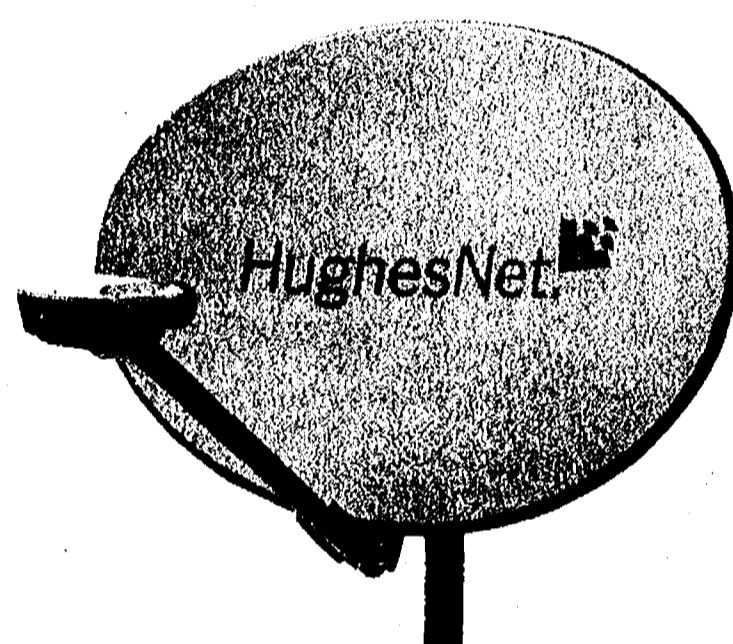
Not only are these individuals separated from the tightly knit bonds of friendship and brotherhood that they have formed as they fought daily for their lives alongside their soldier friends, but when they return home, life as they knew it previously had also changed. And they had changed.

As a first step in understanding the issues involved, The Veterans/Soldiers Group of Dexter United Methodist Church is sponsoring a special event. Chaplain Larry Vollink, M.Div., of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor and Past National Chaplain of The American Legion will present "Spiritual Battles Facing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Military Veterans" at Dexter United Methodist Church Wednesday, November 28, at 7pm. This presentation is free and open to the public. Churches and local groups and individuals in the surrounding communities are encouraged to attend. We hope all will consider the importance of knowing more about this topic as we seek to support our troops and their families.

Discussion and questions will follow Chaplain Vollink's presentation. The event will take place in the church atrium and refreshments will be available. The church is located at 7643 Huron River Drive in Dexter. Questions can be directed to Jean Klark (426-8598) jklark@umich.edu or Kate Sullivan (734) 735-6324 sullivanzk@gmail.com.

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