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# DDA sets special assessment district

By Sean Dalton
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The Chelsea City Council reappointed three Downtown Development Authority members and established a special assessment district.

City Councilmember Rod Anderson brought items related to the city's Downtown Development Authority to the council's attention.

Three items on the city council's agenda for the regular meeting Tuesday involved the reappointment of three DDA members – Peter Flintoft, Tim Merkel, and Patti Schwarz – and the establishment of a special assessment district at 119 S. Main St. to repay $82,325 to the city for water and sewer upgrades.

Those upgrades are being subsidized at the property, owned by Flintoft's company HWF Enterprises, LLC, with zero percent financing from the DDA as part of its "Utility Upgrade Assistance program," which was introduced and passed by the DDA after Flintoft's appointment as DDA President in 2011.

■ **Council appoints Dustin Sunthemier as new member. See story on page 3-A.**

The matter was brought up by a resident during council comment last month, but this time Anderson stepped out into the open to voice his concerns, stopping short of making any accusations.

"I want to preface this by saying that I think that the individuals involved here on the DDA submitted for approval and individuals coming on board are doing a terrific job," he said. "The DDA is very successful (but) the DDA's objectives aren't necessarily the same as the goals of the city of Chelsea.

"The DDA's goals are related to the district's commercial viability, historical flavor and parking. Those are different (goals) from the city as a whole."

Anderson pointed to the way the law is written, as it pertains to the statutes that define downtown development authorities and give them their powers.

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## Dasher, Dancer, Donner and Blitzen?

No and there isn't a Rudolph in there either! These cute "reindeer" are Chelsea Community Preschool students (from left) A.J. Smith, Kendra Smith, Dutch Kisselburg and Alexis Pond. The children recently celebrated the holidays with parties at school. More pictures are on page 1-B.

# Schools, including Chelsea, review security

By Danny Shaw
Heritage Media

In the wake of a shooting in Connecticut that claimed the lives of 20 children at Sandy Hook Elementary School, local school districts are offering counseling services for students and insight into security protocols for parents and community members.

Several districts, including Milan, Saline, Manchester and Ann Arbor, sent emails to parents and staff members regarding school security measures and addressed last week's tragic event.

"These types of events are just impossible to explain," wrote Liz Margolis, director of communications for Ann Arbor Public Schools, in an email sent district-wide. According to the email, AAPS is "very well prepared for a wide variety of emergencies" through its safety plans, which have been professionally reviewed thanks to two federal Readiness Emergency Management for Schools grants.

The emergency plans have also been coordinated and reviewed with the Ann Arbor Police Department, Margolis wrote.

Saline Area Schools Superintendent Scot Graden also sent a similar email.

Just as AAPS, Saline has partnered in the past with local police departments to help craft safety plans and participate in training exercises.

The district also had a lockdown drill scheduled for this week that will be postponed until after the holidays. "We didn't want to alarm the students so close to the tragedy," Graden said.

Counselors are also available to speak with students and staff. Graden said one of the responsibilities of the staff within the district is to recognize signs of emotional trauma of a student or fellow teacher.

"We have several counselors in place, in terms of supporting them," he said. "The staff is taking it particularly hard. It's so tragic."

Chelsea School District Superintendent Andy Ingall also voiced his deepest sympathies to those affected by the tragedy in Newton, Conn.

Ingall said the school psychiatrist, counselors, social workers and teachers are on stand-by within the various Chelsea schools to speak with students or staff in need.

Various retirees have even offered their time as volunteers to help increase an adult presence for support throughout the district, according to Ingall.

He said the district's crisis and emergency management plans are thorough and well rehearsed, but last week's events are cause to re-evaluate procedures.

"This terrible tragedy will certainly cause us to take another look at our plans to make sure we've done everything we can to be prepared and secure," Ingall said.

"We'll be paying close attention to the experts, including local law enforcement, as we learn about new recommendations and procedures."

In Manchester, Superintendent Cherie Vannatter is helping to spread the word about various state and federal resources parents and staff could look to for communicating with their children about such events.

Manchester High School also observed a moment of silence for the children and adults killed last week.

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# Olson, Rutledge disagree on merits of right-to-work legislation

## *Rutledge calls it a 'cowardly vote'*

By Jim Pruitt
Heritage Media

Washtenaw County legislators voted along party lines as several big issues came up for a vote in the lame-duck session.

From right to work to the new emergency manager law, local lawmakers were consistent in their votes to achieve final passage. The Legislature concluded its year early Friday after a marathon session that began a day earlier.

According to the Associated Press, the Republican-controlled Michigan Legislature sent dozens of bills to Gov. Rick Snyder's desk, capping a busy week in which Michigan became the 24th right-to-work state.

Bills awaiting the Republican governor's signature include a revised emergency manager bill that requires financially troubled local governments to choose one of four state-imposed remedies and replaces a similar law rejected last month by voters.

The difference in views cannot be more clearly stated than with the right-to-work legislation. The House passed the bill 58-52, with six Republicans crossing party lines to vote against it.

Rep. Rick Olson, R-55th District, said he sees right to work as a concept embodied in the First Amendment of the Constitution. He sees the law as giving people the freedom to work anyplace they choose, whether there's a union or not.

"It's the freedom of association," he said. "It focuses on the worker."

His support for right-to-work legislation has been on record ever since he ran for the House in 2010.

"We had it on our campaign website," he said. "It's not something I hid. It's why the Democrats spent $700,000 trying to defeat me."

The speed at which the bill cleared the House was a good sign that the people understood the issue because it was a simple one, he said.

The opposition mounted by unions and other labor supporters, which became violent at times, showed to Olson they had lost the argument and had to resort to causing mayhem, he said.

That included the destruction of a tent set up by Americans for Prosperity, a Fox news contributor being attacked and crowds trying to get into the legislative chambers.

"People rushed the Senate floor," Olson said. "That goes a little too far."

Olson said he supports the right to protest peacefully, but not when those protests turn violent.

On the other side, Democrat David Rutledge, who represents Ypsilanti Township, said the Republican majority's rush on getting bills passed this past week, saddened him because it goes against the process he has followed in his time at the Capitol.

"I respect the process," he said. "The law puts process and procedures in place to protect fairness, especially in a body like this."

The problem for Rutledge is that the majority suspended all the rules to get these bills through. Those rules call for legislation to go to committee so the proposals can be properly vetted and corrected, he said.

The closing of the chambers bothered Rutledge, as well. While he doesn't ascribe to violence, he thinks the public should have been allowed in to see the proceedings. The minority leadership went to an Ingham County judge to get a court order forcing the doors open.

"I refer to this as a cowardly vote," Rutledge said. "If you are on the side of right, you don't have to hide. You should let the light of day shine on the locked doors.

"These are tough times. People would expect a fair hearing on the issue."

Rutledge said he heard from Republicans that the Democrats tried similar tactics when they had the majority. He said he would have stood up to his party on that count.

As for the merits of the right-to-work legislation, Rutledge said it is not about freedom of choice for workers, but of free-loading.

"Under right to work, people who enjoy the benefits of union negotiations don't have to be members," he said. "They receive all of it, whether they are dues payers or not.

"My Republican colleagues say it's freedom of choice, but freedom isn't free."

Rutledge said freedoms are limited all the time, including a law that prohibits him from seeking a fourth term and another that will not allow him to choose whether to wear a seat belt.

Rutledge doesn't agree with Snyder's position that by making Michigan a right-to-work state, it will become more competitive with Indiana, which just became right to work last year.

For 60 years, unions have enjoyed the fruits of their negotiations, which have pulled many people up into the middle class, he said. And since Michigan is the state where unions were born, taking that away makes no sense, he said.

"Why would we turn our state into something like Indiana," he said.

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# WCC student is top welder in national competition

A Washtenaw Community College welding student with Saline ties won first place in the American Welding Society SkillsUSA U.S. Invitational Weld Trials in Las Vegas in early December.

Alex Pazkowski, a Saline High School graduate, will compete with the second- and third-place winners from that competition at a welding run-off in Daytona, Fla., in February 2013. The winner of that competition will go on to represent the United States at international competition in Leipzig, Germany later that year.

"I feel relieved to have this competition behind me, and I'm glad that I did as well as I did," said Pazkowski in a news release.

"Last year I placed in the top three of the weld off, but lost in the international pre-trial in Kansas City. I feel like I have some unfinished business to attend to. It's good to be going back to take care of it."

This isn't the first big win for Pazkowski, who has represented WCC in competition since 2009. He won a gold medal in the 2010 SkillsUSA national welding competition, continuing a long tradition of WCC state, national, and international welding champions.

WCC's dominance in welding competition and its exemplary dedication to promoting the image of welding led to the college being named 2012 Educational Institution of the Year by the American Welding Society and the Welding Equipment Manufacturers Committee.

Every two years, hundreds of young welders from 51 member countries or regions demonstrate their skills in the WorldSkills Competition.

Pazkowski is already preparing for the February contest in Daytona. If he wins, he advances to the international contest in Germany.

A serious competitor, Pazkowski can be found in the welding lab from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, perfecting his technique and assisting his instructors in teaching other WCC students the craft. It is the constant pursuit of a flawless weld that keeps him focused and motivated.

"You can never really make a perfect weld," he said. "But it's the never-ending goose chase that is really what keeps me going."

Once the practice and competitions are over, Pazkowski said he would like a career in application engineering, but his ultimate goal is to become a teacher like the men and women at WCC who have inspired him.

At the last Milan Terra Techs 4-H meeting of the year, local 4-H'ers stuffed bags with personal hygiene items such as shampoo, combs and other toiletries to donate to Aid in Milan. Members also colored the bags so they would be appealing to recipients. Pictured, in back, are Zack Swartz (left), treasurer; Ian Darling, vice president; Jakob Walther, Dayton Darling and Simon Darling; in front, Alicia Hartman (left), Gabby Hartman and Minnie Hartman, Clay Baker, president; Paige and Collin Swope, and Brittnee Stralnic, secretary, are not pictured.

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# Dustin Sunthemier chosen to fill council seat

By Sean Dalton
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The Chelsea City Council chose Dustin Sunthemier to replace Kent Martinez-Kratz.

Sunthemier

Martinez-Kratz was elected in November to the District 1 County Commissioner seat currently held by Rob Turner.

Suntheimier, a University of Michigan pathology department employee who moved his family to Chelsea in 2002, received 5 out of a possible 7 votes to succeed Martinez-Kratz Jan. 8.

Councilmember and former Chelsea Mayor Ann Feeney praised the candidates that were before council Tuesday.

"I just want to say how pleased I was with the candidates and hope those who didn't make it this time will consider it in the fall," Feeney said in reference to next year's election, at which time five seats including the mayor's position will be in the hands of Chelsea's voters.

Feeney and fellow Councilmember Frank Hammer are retiring from serving on council, leaving those seats open as incumbent free races.

Mayor Jason Lindauer pointed out that two of the four council seats will be for four year terms and the other two will be two year terms.

"There is ample opportunity as we witnessed this time around, this city has great candidates to assist in the process," he said.

Sunthemier is an eager newcomer to local politics, having currently served as treasurer of the board of Chelsea's lacrosse association, which operates independently of the school district.

He has also been a member of the Cub Scouts committee and is a member of Chelsea's Masonic lodge, or Olive Lodge #156.

He says his primary drive right now is preserving what he loves about Chelsea.

"We moved out of Ann Arbor to Chelsea for the smaller community and a better place to raise the kids," Sunthemier explained. "I want to keep this going for my kids so they know that they've got a nice place to raise their kids someday too, as well as for the other folks who move to Chelsea."

He has three children: a son, 16 years old; and two daughters, 8 and 10 years old.

Sunthemier said he has been paying attention to Chelsea city government and matters related to the business community for quite some time.

He was particularly pleased with the new police station built on South Main next to Chelsea State Bank.

"That's a public safety issue and is a direct contribution to the safety of the citizens of Chelsea ... I'm very much in support of that," Sunthemier said.

He added that he is still looking under the hood of the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority and is not prepared to speak about it directly, but he has an interest in learning about the relationship between the city council and DDA.

He praised Frank Hammer's work on the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority.

"That has been spectacular," Sunthemier said. "I'm glad to see Chelsea stepping up and taking advantage of the resources that it has. I think that's a wonderful example of how the board is taking action."

Sunthemier also expressed a desire to retain his newly acquired seat past the cessation of Martinez-Kratz's term.

"I want to be involved – this is going to be a learning curve for me going into November," Sunthemier said. "This is going to be an opportunity for me to build for when I actually have to run and put in for a candidacy and go through the election."

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## DDA

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He proposed a remedy that could be introduced into the process of appointing and reappointing DDA members, as was done Tuesday night – Flintoft, Merkel, and Schwarz were reappointed with Anderson being the only dissenting vote, as a means of protesting what he described as a flawed process.

He pointed to an undefined city government effort to include more public citizen representation on the DDA, either by requiring DDA members to be city residents as well, or the city council making a point in the appointment and reappointment process to apportion a certain percentage of the DDA board to Chelsea citizens who may not be business owners.

"I believe we have a board that is oriented towards the district almost entirely ... citizens provide a more diverse viewpoint."

Anderson said that he feels some of the issues, such as the DDA's – erroneous according to him – statement on its website that the DDA doesn't cost taxpayers any additional money, general transparency issues and appearances of conflicting interests could be remedied by such a change in how the city handles its DDA.

"I also have to say that there is the appearance, by some, of a conflict of interest in the way that the REU program was developed," Anderson added. "I don't believe there is an actual (conflict of interest), but I can understand where some people might think that's the case," adding that he feels that the current DDA board makeup is capable and acting according to both good faith and the letter of the law.

Despite that qualifying statement, Anderson went on to discuss how Flintoft's service as city attorney and DDA chairman appear to some in the community as a conflict of interest.

"Chairman of the DDA is a policy position and I believe that there's an issue with that and (the) advisory position as city attorney," Anderson added.

Mayor Jason Lindauer interrupted Anderson during his time using the floor to speak his mind about the DDA, urging him to "hurry up," to which Anderson responded sternly that he has the floor.

Councilmember Cheri Albertson spoke after Anderson, stating that she was afraid to talk, without specifying whether Anderson or Lindauer were the reason for her hesitation.

"What gets overlooked is the legislative mandate of the DDA is primarily economic development ... I don't think that the length of Chelsea's DDA has reached a limit and I think that's evidenced by the new restaurant going in on Main Street, the microbrewery opening soon and all of these (developments) relevant to the economic development of Chelsea."

She did agree with Anderson that the administrative processes of the DDA could be more transparent.

Councilmember Ann Feeney, who was on the DDA for 15 years, said she had no problem with a share of the DDA representation being somehow earmarked for regular citizens to "leaven the DDA's decision-making," as Anderson put it during his statements earlier in the meeting.

The owner of Smokehouse 52 BBQ will have to pay the more than $82,000 loan off over a 12 year period. Once the work is done, if the restaurant doesn't open, the business-owner will owe the full amount right away, according to Hanifan.

Flintoft, Merkel and Schwarz's new terms will begin after their current terms expire on Dec. 31. Morrel-Samuels' seat was filled by Chris Martinson at the same meeting until Dec. 31. A DDA member's term is for three years.


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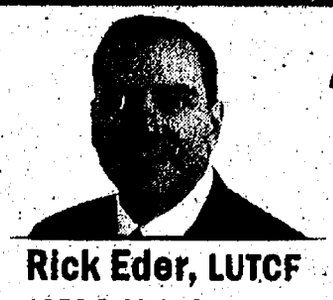
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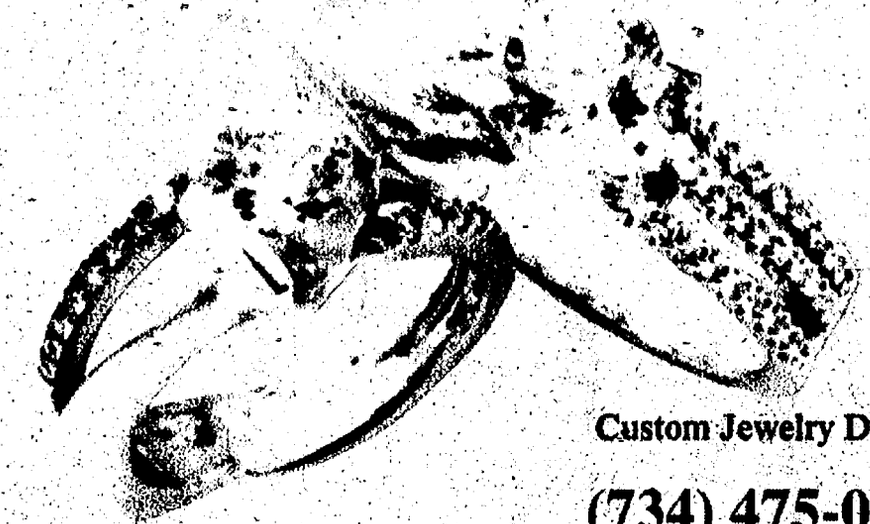
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Manufacturers and merchants depend heavily on this season to boost their financial picture.

We know all too well, though, that for many – for probably far more than we realize – this is not the best time of the year. For those who are by themselves and generally feel lonely, their sense of loneliness is only exaggerated when they see the excitement of others around them. For those who have lost loved ones, the absence of those loved ones is felt more at this time than at other times; this is even more true if a loved one happens to have passed away during this season. And for many whose lives have gone in a direction they didn't expect, this time of year is filled with regret, as they look back on happier times and better Christmases of the past.

The truth is, even for those who have the most enjoyable holiday season, it's over so quickly. And then we're faced with the next two dreary months that many of us wish weren't even on the calendar.

If we would really think about it, a lot of us would agree that Christmas can't really deliver on its promises, and can't possibly live up to our high expectations.

Unless – unless we approach Christmas from a totally different point of view. If we understand that the primary point of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of God's Son into this world, we can't be disappointed. If we believe that we and everyone in this world were headed for eternal misery because of our sinfulness, but that Jesus was born in Bethlehem to save us from that, then Christmas will always deliver on its promises. When we consider the fact that God loved the world so much that He became one of us, to live a perfect life as our Substitute, and to suffer and die in order to destroy death for us, then Christmas gives us something that can't be taken away from us.

Christmas might be the ideal time for us to identify those who are lonely or troubled and do what we can to show some love and friendship, and make the season better for them.

Most of all, Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of our Savior, and to let the world know that, because of His coming, we have the free gift of eternal life to look forward to. One day in heaven we *will* enjoy the hap-happiest time and season ever, and it will never end.

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**ONLINE POLL QUESTION**

How do you feel about the lame-duck session in the state House?

A. Pleased
B. Disgusted
C. Disappointed
D. No opinion

# Too young, too soon to die

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Why? That's a good question that will never be answered in cases of suicide.

Everybody wants to know why somebody commits suicide. Why now? Why didn't we see it coming? Why didn't they seek help? Why couldn't I have helped him or her? Why couldn't I have seen them hurting before? Why didn't I ask if they were OK?

People of Milan lost a great friend last week in student T.J. Smith. He is the sixth teenager who lost his life in a manner of a couple years in Milan.

Folks, this needs to open your eyes. We are not paying close attention and we need to. Sure, not all of them were suicides — three out of the six were — but to me, three is more than enough.

This isn't just a Milan issue. Suicide appears to be increasing across America. But if a small town can decrease its numbers, than I'm sure, it can happen across America, as well.

Now you're probably wondering how we can do that.

We have signs, posters and "friendly" people to talk to at school, but that's at school. Students only spend about half a day on school grounds. It's the other half of our time where we, as a community, need to start chipping in.

I believe the Milan school district needs some improvement, as well. Not many teenagers actually read the posters or the information about suicide prevention. They walk past it toward the ones about Homecoming, yearbook and prom tickets. I know I did.

Are the annual "stop bullying" and "suicide prevention" presentations enough?

People of Milan, to put an end to this dramatic increase in suicides, don't you think we need to change a few things? Starting with more presentations at the school, maybe? How about instead of posters, something else that works? We need something that gives teens a reason to look at it, to read it, to be interested in it enough to not walk past and ignore.

Get to know your students better on an individual basis. If students knew school officials, even teachers, better I think they would feel more comfortable approaching them and talking to them. I would, and I know other students would, too.

So what happens when students come home from school? Parents, this is your part. Listen when they tell you they are "fine." Listen when they come to you for help. Watch as they start to discontinue things they loved to do and stop hanging out with friends.

Speak up when you feel like something is wrong and ask them if they're OK. Don't be afraid that you may be invading their space or that they won't come and talk to you if you do keep bugging them. Keep bugging them. Keep showing you care.

Milan, whatever we are trying to do now to help prevent suicides from happening, it doesn't appear to be working. We need to change. We need to wake up. Let's decrease the suicide number and let's start with our small town of Milan.

Alyssa Stuart is a former Milan High School student now living in Germany. She can be reached at stuart.alyssa@yahoo.com.

**OUR TAKE: Editorial**

# Naming Lottery winners right thing to do

At first glance, a proposal to allow multistate lottery winners in Michigan to remain anonymous may sound good.

But, to paraphrase football replays: Upon our further review, the decision is overruled.

Yes, we know that winners of most Michigan-only lottery games can request their names be withheld from the public. But we disagree with that.

It's not a question of a winner not wanting others to know he or she just won millions. We see it as government transparency.

The lottery rakes in millions – more than $727 million last fiscal year – for the Michigan School Aid Fund. And the lottery bureau is a state agency.

Our lottery players – and other state taxpayers – deserve to know how the money is being allocated and to whom.

The press conference with Lapeer resident Donald Lawson, when he claimed his $337 million Powerball jackpot, certainly spurred ticket sales.

And there was no harm to Lawson, who seemed to enjoy the spotlight when introduced at the press conference.

We agree with the Senate Fiscal Agency, which says the legislation, if enacted, would decrease media coverage and the promotional impact of prizes. That would result in fewer ticket sales.

It doesn't come as a surprise to us that the anti-disclosure proposal is sponsored by Sen. Tory Rocca, a Sterling Heights Republican.

Rocca has the reputation of purposely avoiding the media. He seldom returns phone calls, doesn't answer election questionnaires and won't return emails.

The Senate passed the legislation by a 35-2 vote. We can only hope the House is more reasonable.

—Digital First Media

# Violent protests unacceptable, hurt union cause

The demonstrations in Lansing against the new right-to-work law in Michigan were sadly reminiscent of the widespread violent protests against the Vietnam War in the 1970s.

We would have thought Americans had learned better in the nearly four decades since that war ended, but apparently some have not.

Collective bargaining and union membership has been a mainstay in Michigan since protests against General Motors Corp. in Flint and the Ford Motor Co. in River Rouge by what became the United Auto Workers since the mid-1930s.

Michigan is considered the birthplace of collective bargaining and peaceful structured contract talks that led to pacts that are agreeable to both sides.

Many can argue that unions helped create the middle class, especially for upskilled laborers. Organized labor's influence was extensive, especially in the auto plants, the Teamsters Union for truck drivers, the AFSCME for public workers and for teachers through the Michigan Education Association.

However, our culture changed and it followed within the past several years that 23 states became right-to-work states. That means a worker doesn't have to join a union and pay union members fees and dues to be employed at a company where there is a union presence.

A worker now can decide on his or her own whether to join a union and pay union dues.

What happened when Michigan became the 24th state in the union to become a right-to-work state was a particularly bitter blow to unions.

Unions have had their members donate toward political causes for decades. These causes generally were liberal or for Democratic Party issues.

The House and Senate vote in Michigan was an especially bitter pill for the unions to swallow because it certainly will not be as easy to raise millions of dollars that unions can use to buy commercials for Democratic candidates.

In one particularly violent action Dec. 11, those protesting right-to-work legislation pulled out knives and cut down a "worker freedom" white tent that was near the Capitol during the protests. This occurred when seniors were unable to get out of the tent before it was ripped to shreds by cursing protesters.

Violence begets violence. It never makes its point because the people only remember the sounds of people screaming and showing rage.

The right to protest is one of the fundamental freedoms we enjoy. But no one has the right to commit violence on another human being or tear down or burn buildings to make their point.

It's possible a new Legislature sometime in the future may reverse the right-to-work law, although this is unlikely in the near future, but the screaming unruly crowd that had to be controlled by state police on horses and by pepper gas doesn't push forward the union agenda.

Union rights in Michigan took a step backward, not because of the new legislation, but because of the unacceptable mob behavior of protesters.

—Digital First Media

## Your Voice: Letters to the Editor

### Unresolved issues remain from school board campaign

"To the victor go the spoils" in the recent Ann Arbor Public Schools board member election.

However, a quartet of relevant issues I raised during my campaign remain disappointingly not pursued by the board, the news media, the Parent-Teacher Organization council, the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Area Chamber of Commerce board monitoring the local business climate, the Ann Arbor Education Association and other community interest groups.

1. How is the school board addressing its own No. 1 priority for the 2012-2013 academic year of the lack of mutual trust and respect among trustees?

2. When it was revealed at a fall 2012 board meeting by a district department chair that the textbook utilized in a biology was 10 years out of date, the board president expressed frustration about the administration's failure to respond to her previous requests for a list of district classroom texts and their date of publication. Has the requested information been compiled, addressed and published?

3. A former member of the Ann Arbor Police Department suggested the district's carte blanche elimination of a police presence in the three largest high schools may have contributed to a volatile atmosphere at the after-game melee of the Pioneer and Huron High School football teams that the special-trained officers formerly in the schools would have anticipated.

4. When the Huron Valley Labor Council issues an endorsement of a first-time board candidate with no elective office experience, does not that unprecedented action speak volumes about the board's labor relationship, which affects job growth in the local economy?

Board members, school support groups and the news media, "What saith you?"

Dale R. Leslie
Ann Arbor

### Facts are lacking in state's motorcycle helmet debate

A recent mlive.com series on motorcycles and helmet laws in Michigan called "Uneasy Riders" made me just a little "uneasy."

As a motorcycle enthusiast who wears a helmet, this series of articles and opinions contained no specific facts on the helmet vs. no helmet debate.

Helmets may not prevent fatalities, and a helmetless rider may have a fatal accident without a head injury being the cause. Michigan apparently has no way to distinguish the difference.

The articles merely continue to fuel the debate rather than accurately quantify it.

I will further advance that the series contributes to the debate in an inflammatory manner by mainly concentrating on riders rather than the many variables involved in two-wheels vs. four-wheel collisions.

I would suggest that this helmet/no helmet debate be put aside and specific focus be put on driver safety, distracted driving, more aggressive patrol enforcement and the installation traffic cameras at intersections.

If folks want to debate a helmet issue and its costs, I would suggest contact sports such as football. This "sport" pits vulnerable children against one another in physical confrontations, just for entertainment, and not transportation. But then, I don't want to knock heads with sports enthusiasts.

Frank Dalimonte
Ann Arbor

Photo by Chris Nelson

**Carrie and Jamie (right) Gorga of Ypsilanti pose with their 6-year-old son, Fin, and Santa Claus at Briarwood Mall's Caring Santa event Dec. 9.**

# 'Caring Santa' visits with special-needs kids at mall

## *Children get individualized attention*

By Chris Nelson
Heritage Media

More than 30 families with special-needs children and young adults had the opportunity to have very special photos taken with Santa Claus Dec. 9 at Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor.

The event, known as Caring Santa, was tailored specifically for children with sensory, physical and developmental special needs, giving them the chance to meet Santa Claus in a calmer setting than the usual backdrop of a busy shopping mall.

"The Caring Santa program brings a lot of joy to children with special needs, and to see that happen at our mall is truly an honor," said Denise Murray, director of marketing and business development at Briarwood Mall, 100 Briarwood Circle, in Ann Arbor.

"We are creating an environment for special-needs children to be able to have an opportunity to enjoy a visit with Santa in a traditional environment in a situation that would be most comfortable for them, and provide a good social outlet for the parents, as well," Murray said.

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This has been possible through a partnership between Briarwood Mall's owner, Simon Property Group Inc., and AbilityPath.org, an online community designed to provide advice and support from a variety of professionals for parents of children with special needs.

Murray said Simon Property Group Inc. has been coordinating with AbilityPath.org for the past couple of years, and they expanded to 50 properties last year.

"We added another 81 properties this year. We (Briarwood Mall) are the only location this year in Michigan," she said.

AbilityPath.org was created by the nonprofit special-needs organization, Community Gatepath. According to the Community Gatepath website, the organization helps "children and adults with disabilities achieve personal goals and live full and productive lives in school, the community, home and the workplace."

Caring Santa took place on Sunday morning during private hours before

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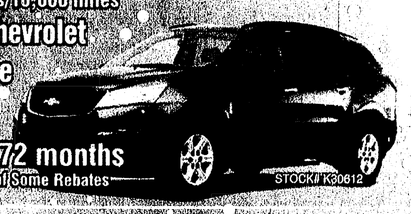

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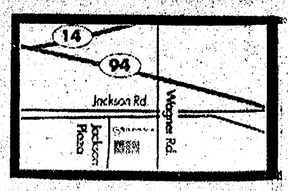


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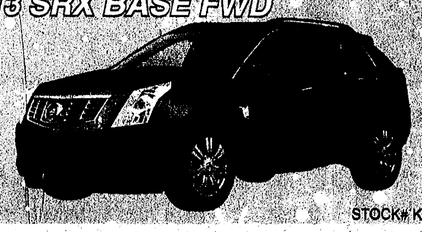

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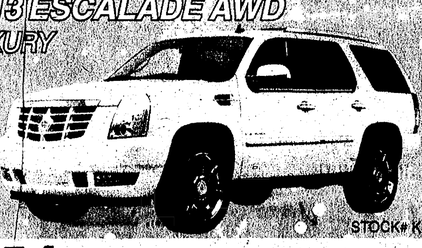

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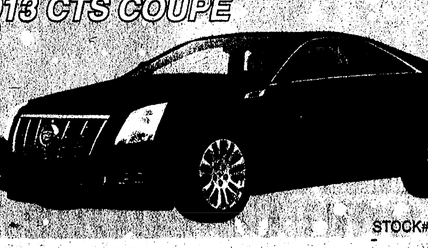

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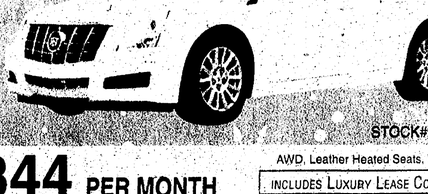

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## SANTA

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the majority of the mall opened to the public. Mall music was silenced during the visiting period. Long lines of children waiting to see Santa Claus were also eliminated through the use of a number system and reservations.

Activity tables were set up with Crayons and paper, so children could write letters to Santa Claus and drop them into his colorful mailbox just a few feet away.

Shianna Fedorko, 2, of Ypsilanti thought one letter wasn't enough for Santa Claus. Fedorko put at least three letters into the slot, and clapped her hands victoriously as they disappeared.

IPI Photography, a member of WorldWide Photography, took professional photographs of the families using special lighting to avoid creating bright flashes. The staff also donated a free 5-by-7 photograph to each family.

Jamie and Carrie Gorga, residents of Ypsilanti, brought their 6-year-old son, Fin, to see Santa Claus. Fin smiled as he gave Old St. Nick his wish list.

"He wants a pair of Green Bay Packers pajamas for Christmas," said Fin's father, Jamie Gorga. "He's a bit of a football nut."

Jamie Gorga expressed his appreciation for Caring Santa.

"I think it's fantastic to give the kids with special needs an opportunity to spend some time with Santa," Gorga said. "I feel pretty good about it."

About 10 volunteers from the Washtenaw County Health Department's Children's Special Health Care Services donated their time to aid in the Caring Santa event.

"We're very fortunate to have the Washtenaw County Health Department volunteer to come out and assist us throughout this day to help make the experience as enjoyable as possible for the children and their parents," Murray said.

Murray said feedback on this year's Caring Santa is important.

"We want to create this nice environment, and if this is something that people are responsive to, we would really like input, so that we can make it a better experience as years go by."

> "We are creating an environment for special-needs children to be able to have an opportunity to enjoy a visit with Santa in a traditional environment in a situation that would be most comfortable for them, and provide a good social outlet for the parents."
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Shianna Fedorko, 2, mails a letter to Santa at Briarwood Mall's Caring Santa event Dec. 9.


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# HAVING A BALL

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**John Jonna, owner of Ann Arbor's Vinology, auctioned his services as a sommelier to the highest bidding table for the evening. The lucky table (above) was celebrating their ladies night out. American Red Cross Ball guests Dr. Chris and Mary Newton (right) were among some 200 people who attended the black-tie event.**

The American Red Cross presented its fifth annual Ball Nov. 3 at Barton Hills Country Club in Ann Arbor. Guests enjoyed fine wines, an elegant dinner, an extravagant live auction and dancing. Dr. Levi and Maria Thompson served as Ball co-chairs. The black-tie event was attended by more than 200 people. Money raised from will be invested in the community by funding Red Cross services to Washtenaw and Lenawee County residents

**Event leadership included Ball co-chairs Dr. Levi (back, left) and Maria Thompson, Alan Barr and Donna Duvin, chief executive officer of the Washtenaw-Lenawee chapter of the Red Cross.**

**Collette and Darnell Jackson take a turn on the dance floor at the fifth annual Ball Nov. 3 at Barton Hills Country Club in Ann Arbor.**

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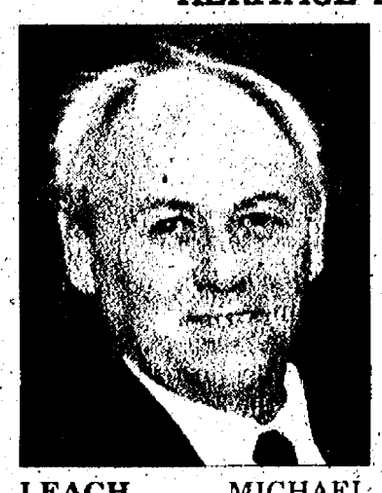
**ADELSTEIN**, IRENE ESTHER; age 93; passed away on December 5, 2012; surrounded with the presence and love of her four children. She was married to Meyer D. Adelstein in 1953 and widowed in 1963. She is survived by her children, Marilyn Wanderer (Harry), Paul Druker (Laura), Beverly Schuelke (Danny), and Mark Adelstein. Irene as a young woman was a teacher in a school for blind children in Boston, MA. During W.W.II she worked in a tire factory. Later, after she was widowed she worked and retired from Crowley's in Livonia, MI. Her final 24 years were spent in Belleville, MI. She adored all of her grandchildren, Danny, Jill, Samuel, Molly, Joshua, Adrianne, Emily, Matthew, Michael, Adam, Melissa and Jessica. She had 18 great grandchildren as well, that were all very special to her. She was a wonderful mother who we all referred to as "the Queen". She was sometimes tough, but mostly kind and always generous. She loved playing cards and especially liked to win! She loved gardening, traveling, and reading. She was everything to all of us and we will miss her smile, her laugh, and her loving ways forever. Contributions may be made to The Disabled Veterans Association or The Humane Society of Michigan.

**HALE**, GENEVIEVE B.; Saline, MI; age 91; passed away on December 13, 2012 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after a short illness. She was born May 21, 1921 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Stanislaus and Barbara (Zymula) Solak. On August 31, 1946 in Detroit, MI, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church she married Raymond P. Hale and he preceded her in death on October 22, 1992. Genevieve was a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline, MI and worked as a registered nurse in Detroit. She also managed the office at Hale Plastic Molds for many years. Survivors include her son, James A. (Gloria S.) Hale of Saline, MI; her daughter, Jacqueline A. Hale of Saline, MI; and her sister-in-law, Joyce Ustarbowski. She was preceded in death in addition to her husband by her parents, her sister, Marianne Taube, and her cousin Virginia Hale. A Mass of the Resurrection will take place on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the St. Andrew Catholic Church in Saline, MI, with Rev. Fr. William Stevenson and Rev. Fr. David Rosenberg, celebrants. Private Burial will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the church or to a charity of one's choice. Envelopes will be available at the church where friends may begin calling on Monday, December 17, 2012, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to the **Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home** of Saline. To leave a memory, for more information or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com



**LEACH**, MICHAEL VERN; 65; passed away on Sunday, December 9, 2012 after a courageous battle with cancer. Mike is survived by devoted daughters, Brandy Johnson and Robin Leach; grandson, Garrett Johnson; granddaughter, Avery Johnson; mother, Helen; brother, Daniel (Maria); sister, Debbie (Brad) Cogan; nephews, Mike (Kristi), Chris (Konnie); niece, Jennifer and several great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Vern Leach. Mike also leaves many lifelong friends who brought meaning, fun and laughter to his life. Mike served his country in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Japan, Thailand, and other exotic places. After 40 years, he could still speak Thai and loved to order food in the native tongue in a Thai restaurant. After returning home, he spent his career as a photographer and business owner. After retiring from Chrysler, Mike enjoyed spending time in Northern Michigan, fishing, camping, snowmobiling, riding his Harley, and just spending quiet time with his family and friends. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and teaching them how to annoy their mother. They love their "Papa" and will cherish the time he spent with them. Mike's sense of humor and appreciation for life touched many people, especially in difficult times. Mike will be greatly missed as a loving father, beloved Papa, loving son, loyal brother and good friend to many. To honor Mike's wishes, cremation has taken place. The family will hold a Private Remembrance Service at a later date. For those wishing to honor Mike's memory, the family suggests making a donation to the charity of your choice and enjoying yourself at Buffalo Wild Wings (he dares you to try the Habenero Wings). Arrangements by **Chas. J. Burden & Son Funeral Home**, Jackson. www.chasjburden.com

**WIEDMAYER**, ELEANOR M.; Saline, MI; age 77; passed away on Saturday, December 15, 2012; at Arbor Hospice Residence, Pittsfield Township, MI. She was born April 4, 1935, in Pigeon, MI, the foster daughter of Fred and Nina (Riley) Arend of Saline. She graduated from Saline High School and worked for the Saline Savings Bank (now Comerica Bank) until her marriage to Norman R. Wiedmayer on July 19, 1958; then helping with his business until he passed away on April 7, 2003. She was a member of St. James United Church of Christ in Saline Township. Eleanor enjoyed crafts, bowling, crocheting, pretzel making, and helping at the Saline Community Fair and volunteering at the Saline Hospital Auxiliary. She is survived by two nephews, Larry (Margaret) Wiedmayer of Grass Lake, MI, Richard (Janet) Wiedmayer of Ann Arbor, MI; one niece, Alice (Richard) Teutsch of Naperville, IL; two Godchildren, Daniel Arend of Saline and Amanda Conger; and several great nieces and great nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband; two foster brothers, Bruce Arend and Lewis O'Mara. Cremation has taken place. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, December 21, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the **Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home**, Saline with Rev. Wallace Tatara, officiating. Burial will follow at St. James Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. James United Church of Christ and envelopes will be available at the funeral home where friends may begin calling on Friday, December 21, 2012 from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. To leave a memory, for more information or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com Funeral Home, Inc.

**LUCKHARDT**, LORI LYNN; Pinckney, MI. Lori was born in Ann Arbor to Norman and Wilma (Hertler) Luckhardt in 1957 and a lifelong resident of Dexter. She graduated with honors from Dexter High School in 1975. Following graduation she joined Drs. Butler and Fink in Ann Arbor. Lori went to work for to the group now known as Michigan Heart in Ann Arbor as a medical biller. Growing up Lori played piano and was involved with 4-H in sewing, knitting, and crocheting as well as showing sheep and rabbits. She continued to sew and crochet throughout her life creating afghan's for family and friends. She became a skilled artisan of stained glass creating many beautiful pieces. Lori was also an avid reader and could always be found wrapped in an afghan surrounded by books and magazines. She was very caring and giving to everyone she met and this extended to all her pets. Lori was a member of St. Andrews United Church of Christ in Dexter where she was baptized, confirmed and married in 1989. She is survived by her son, Kyle Gorny, and Kyle's father, Patrick Gorny, Jr., of Dexter; a sister, Ruth Luckhardt, of Dexter; and her dog, Rascal; along with aunts, uncles and cousins in the Saline area. She is preceded in death by her parents; and several aunts, uncles and a cousin. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2013, at 11 a.m. at St. Andrews UCC in Dexter with Rev. Larry VanSlambrook officiating. A private Burial was held at Arborcrest Memorial Park in Ann Arbor. Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Rd, Ann Arbor, 48105 or St. Andrews UCC, 7610 Ann Arbor St, Dexter, 48130. Arrangements by **Cole Funeral Chapel**.

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# Hannah's Christmas Carol

## Chapter 1 - It's Christmastime!

Hannah is a 10-year-old with curly brown hair who loves her family; her friends; her lazy dog, Chewie; and her spunky cat, Roxie. She is in fifth grade and a good student — she gets mostly As and some Bs. She's also a good friend to just about all of the boys and girls in her class. She's a good girl at home, too, almost always doing what her parents ask of her, even if she doesn't like it.

That's especially true when she has to clean her room. She'll do it, but she certainly doesn't like it. Besides, it's never that messy. She knows where everything is and which piles of clothes are clean and which piles are dirty. Why can't her parents understand that?

One of Hannah's favorite activities is reading, and she enjoys playing softball in the summer and going to dance class in the winter. But probably her most favorite thing of all is Christmas! The decorations, the excitement, the presents, the cookies — it's all one big bundle of fun.

Every year, Santa brings her a bunch of presents, and always a really special one. One year it was an American Girl doll named Samantha, two years ago it was her first two-wheeled bike, and last year it was an iPod.

This year, she's hoping she might get her very own cellphone — then she'd be like some of the other kids in her class.

Like kids everywhere, Hannah and her brothers, Luke, 7, and 5-year-old Ben, pore through the newspaper ads and big catalogs once they arrive in the mail. But it's the toy commercials on TV that seem to get most of their attention. Her brothers like to blurt out, "Oooh, Santa, gimme that!" whenever a toy commercial comes on. It's like a game to them. The first one to say "gimme that" gets it, and apparently you score extra points if you're also the loudest.

All of this is research, of course, for writing their wish lists, which Hannah and her brothers take with them when they visit Santa at the mall. Like all other kids, Hannah and her brothers wait in a line that takes forever, get upset when mom won't let them sit on the floor because they are wearing their church clothes and nearly freak out when they actually get to sit on the big guy's lap.

When it's finally her turn, Hannah sits on Santa's lap to tell him what she wants for Christmas. Other kids read from their list, but not Hannah — she always has it memorized. She still brings it along because after sitting on Santa's lap and smiling for the picture, Hannah and her brothers drop their Wish Lists into the special mailbox that somehow sends them to the North Pole, where Santa's elves are busy making toys and singing Christmas songs.

The other part about Christmas Hannah likes is all the special programs on TV. Her favorite is "The Polar Express." She really enjoys reading the book, and when the movie came out she begged her parents to take her to see it. They went the day after Thanksgiving, and even though dad fell asleep, Hannah was amazed at how her favorite book came to life — especially the scene on the train where the waiters dance around to bring everyone their hot chocolate.

Hannah also likes some of the old Christmas shows, like "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." They're kind of like cartoons, but not really. Hannah's mom and dad really like those specials, so they always watch them when they're on TV.

Her friends all like "Polar Express" and "Rudolph," and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," too. There are a few others, like "The Year Without a Santa Claus" and even "Little Drummer Boy." But one they all agree they don't like is "A Christmas Carol." For one, it's boring and it's more for grown-ups. For two, that's the play their teacher, Mrs. Kosey, is making them perform this year for the school's Winter Pageant.

Why can't her class just sing Christmas carols, like what Luke and Ben are doing? That's what she used to do when she was in kindergarten and second grade. Of course, the teachers probably do that because Luke and Ben and everyone in their classes are spazzing out constantly. They're so excited they're climbing the walls — no, they really are. Luke got into trouble with dad because he got caught climbing the hallway walls at home. The footprints underneath last year's family portrait gave it away.

Climbing the walls ... that's how Hannah usually is this time of year.

Oh, Christmastime is still her favorite time of the year.

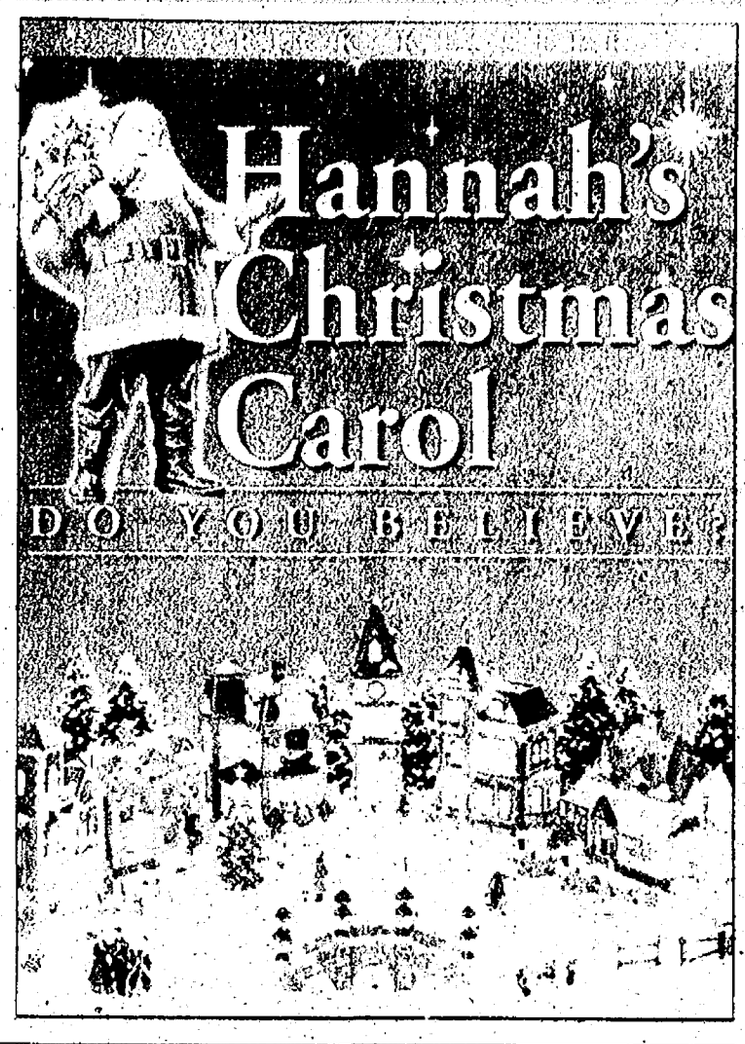
But she's just not as excited this year.

This year Hannah is confused, afraid and kind of sad. You see, some of her friends at school have been talking about how Santa isn't real, and that only children still believe in him.

Fifth-graders, being the oldest kids in elementary school, don't believe in such childish fantasies. And the particular group of kids who've been talking the most, and the loudest, about such things is headed by Amanda Crumple.

**Editor's Note**: We are pleased to bring you a holiday treat. "Hannah's Christmas Carol" is a series which follows 10-year-old Hannah who, at the prodding of the school bully, is wavering in her belief of Santa Claus. Just like Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol" — which her class is performing for their school's winter pageant — Hannah is escorted to Christmases Past, Present and Future by two elves from the E.I.E.I.O. (Elvish Intervention & Indoctrination Order). Will the journey reinforce her belief in Santa?

The stories published in the newspaper are excerpted from "Hannah's Christmas Carol," an ebook written by Patrick Kessler and available at www.booktango.com and soon all major ebook online retailers.



## Chapter 2 - Amanda Crumple and The Pack

Every school has a bully and at Douglass Elementary School, her name is Amanda Crumple.

She's stuck-up, ornery and the most obnoxious bully ever. She's bigger than everyone else. She's louder than everyone else. And she's just plain old mean.

Even the boys are afraid of her. But maybe that's because she's bigger than them, too.

It's not that she will beat you up -- no one actually has ever seen Amanda beat someone up, although Hannah is pretty sure she could if she ever tried -- it's her bossy attitude. She wants everything done her way no matter what.

She also has the mouth to go with the attitude. She's as loud as thunder -- even the playground moms use her to tell all the other kids it's time to go in.

One time Amanda Crumple decided that the girls should take over the playground's four-square from the boys. No one knows why she wanted to do that, but she did. So the girls marched over and Amanda, in her loudest, most obnoxious voice ever, demanded they get a chance to play. Well, after they picked their chins up off the ground, the boys just walked away. They said something like, "Fine, we were done playing anyway," and shuffled over to the tetherball.

But leaders aren't leaders unless they have followers, and Amanda Crumple has three followers -- Cindy, Allie and Kristen. They even have a name -- "The Pack." Whatever Amanda says, they follow along like little puppy dogs. That's why they're her Pack.

Amanda and The Pack are inseparable. They always sit at the same table in the cafeteria and troll the playground like a roving mob at recess. They even are in the same dance class at Miss Penelope's Dance Academy. Amanda and The Pack practice their dance routine almost every recess in the weeks leading up to their dance recital.

Oh, it's not because they need to practice, it's because they love the attention. Usually it's only the younger girls who watch, but sometimes even Jacob Johnson and other fifth-grade boys just happen to be standing nearby and just happen to all be staring in their general direction. That's when Amanda and The Pack really turn it up a notch, kicking their legs and shaking their hips and flipping their hair like, like ... well, it's enough to make you want to throw up in your mouth.

The Pack joins whatever it is Amanda happens to be doing. They are always laughing at her lame jokes and chiming in whenever she starts teasing someone. Heaven forbid if you're the target of Amanda and The Pack. They won't stop until you're crying, running away or both. And if you're not the target ... well, you're better off just keeping your mouth shut and staying out of it.

Hannah once made the mistake of not staying out of it. One day, during recess, Amanda was spouting off about how nobody should be friends with Julie Simpson because she was wearing the same blue-and-white Aeropostale shirt that Amanda was wearing. Of course, The Pack quickly jumped on the bandwagon, saying Julie was ugly and Julie was dumb and ... well, just stupid stuff, really.

It made Hannah upset, and she just couldn't take it anymore.

"Stop it!" Hannah yelled. "Julie is not ugly and she's not dumb and she's our friend. Why are you being so mean? Can't you just be happy that someone else thinks that shirt is nice, too?"

Well, you would have thought Hannah said Amanda should kiss Billy Buckley. On the mouth.

Amanda and The Pack turned on Hannah something fierce. For the rest of that day and part of the next, Hannah was teased relentlessly. The worst was in the bathroom, when Amanda and The Pack whispered to each other, then pointed at Hannah and laughed. Over and over again. Hannah ran out, barely able to hold back the tears. She didn't want Amanda to see her cry. But she did cry. She cried as soon as she got home that day.

The teasing continued the next day, at least until lunch when Jerry Kowalczyk tripped and fell. His cafeteria tray went sprawling across the floor and milk spilled on the lunch lady with the big hair. It was the talk of the whole school for the rest of the day.

That was only last year. Since then, neither Hannah nor anyone else has dared go against Amanda and The Pack.

Until now.

Amanda and The Pack are holding court on the playground again, this time going on and on about something that is making Hannah shake with rage.

They are insisting Santa Claus isn't real.

"It's just a big lie," Amanda offers. "Something parents made up so kids will behave."

"Yeah, he isn't real," The Pack squeals in unison.

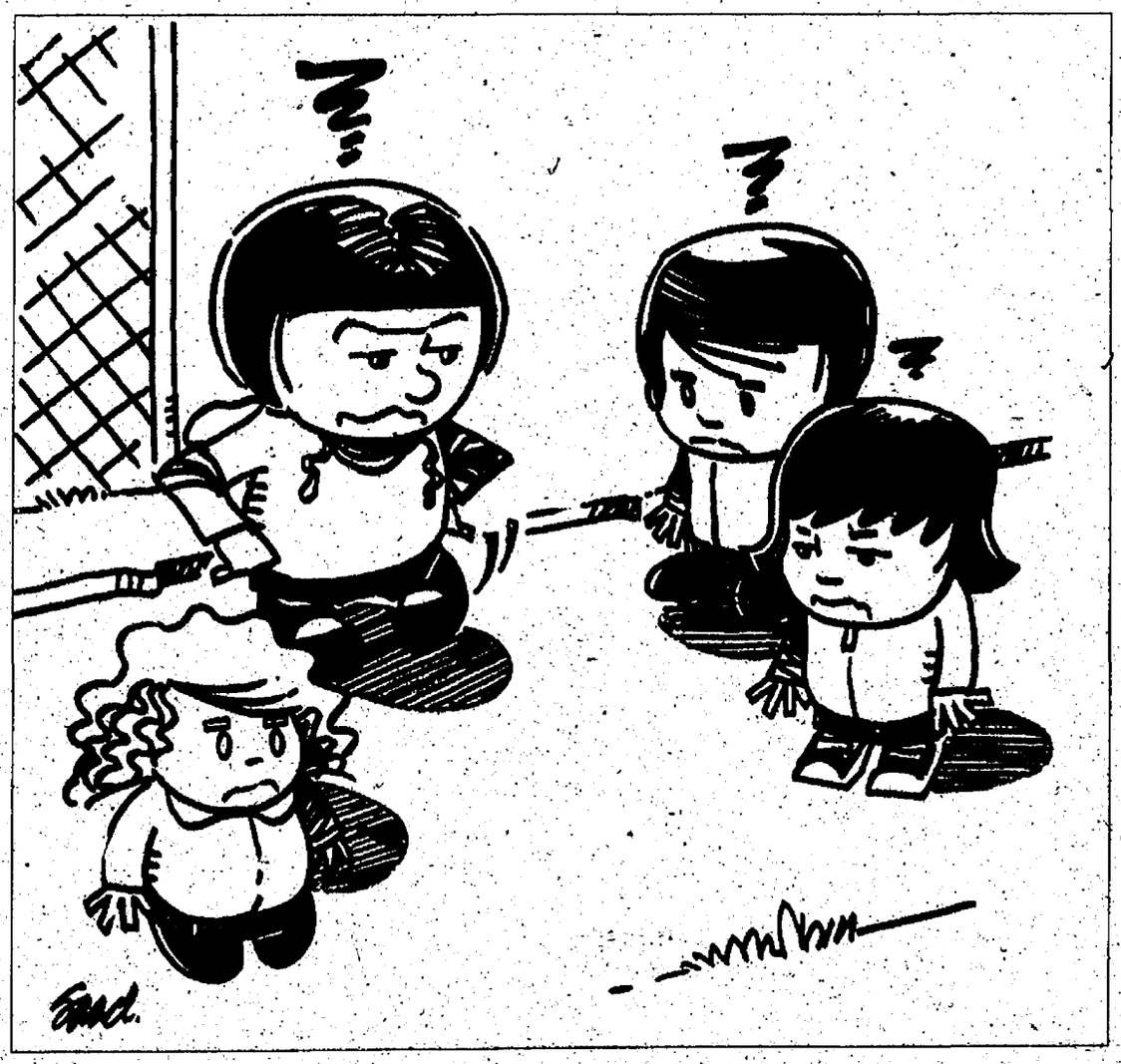
Hannah is livid. She can hardly stand it. She wants to yell "No way! You're wrong! Santa is real! My Mom and Dad would never lie to me! Especially about something as important as that!"

But Hannah keeps quiet. The other girls keep quiet, too.

The rest of that day and night, all Hannah could think about is what Amanda said: Santa Claus was a big, fat lie.

"Whatever!" Hannah says to herself. "What does she know? Santa is real. He's as real as anything. He lives in the North Pole. His elves make toys all year so he can deliver them on Christmas night. To every single kid in the whole world. In one night. On flying reindeer. Just like all the shows on TV."

"Amanda Crumple doesn't know what she's talking about," Hannah concludes.



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# Local students place in NFL Punt, Pass & Kick championship

Saline Parks and Recreation recently recognized three Washtenaw County athletes for their outstanding performance at the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Championship held Dec. 2 at Ford Field.

Connor Alderman of Ann Arbor took first place in the category for boys ages 6 and 7, while Logan Evans of Ann Arbor took first place in the category for boys ages 10 and 11.

Vincent Patteri of Saline took fourth place in the category for boys ages 12 and 13.

Alderman and Evans are now waiting to find out if their scores will qualify them to advance to the National Championship held in January at an AFC NFL playoff game.

Only the top four scorers from all first place finalists in each age/gender division can advance. All 32 NFL teams host a team championship.

This fall, 104 communities throughout the state of Michigan hosted a local NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Competition.

Winners of the local competitions in each age group then advanced to one of eight sectional competitions held in early October.

The top four sectional winners with the best score in each age division converged at Ford Field for the 26th Annual Michigan NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Detroit Lions team state championship Dec. 2.

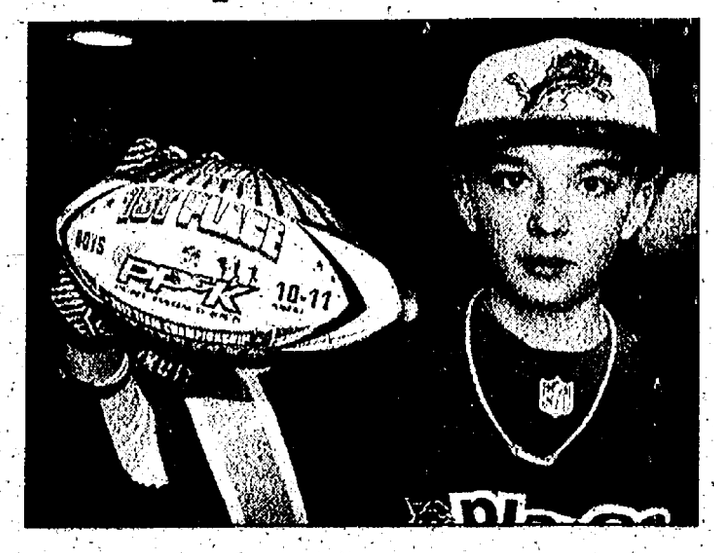
The Punt, Pass and Kick competition is open to all boys and girls ages 6 through 15 who want to show their talents in punting, place kicking and passing a football.

Each participant is allowed one punt, one pass and one place kick. Scores are based on both distance and accuracy.

Saline Parks and Recreation hosted both a local competition in September as well as one of the eigh sectionals in October.

Carla Scruggs, Saline Parks and Recreation director, has been involved with the Punt, Pass and Kick program at both a local and state level for the past 23 years.

Sunshine Lambert, recreation supervisor, has been involved at the state level since 2008 and at the local level since 2000.



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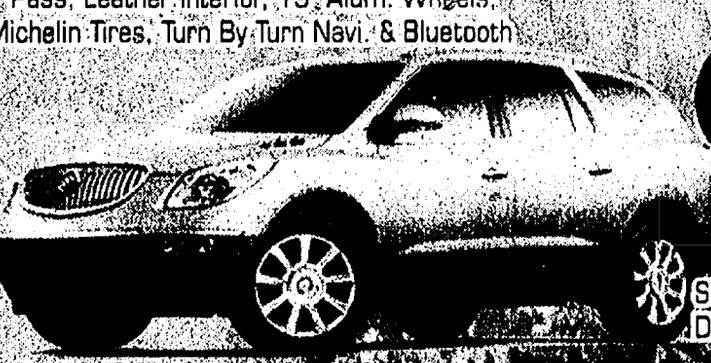

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INTERMEDIATE

# Daycroft Montessori pupils play sushi chefs for a day

Pupils in fifth and sixth grade at Daycroft Montessori School of Ann Arbor were able to try their hands at the challenges of authentic sushi preparation Nov. 29 at Daycroft's elementary campus on Zeeb Road.

The pupils cut avocados and crab meat. They peeled, seeded and diced cucumbers. Then they layered these ingredients using bamboo mats – sometimes with the rice outside, sometimes inside. The result: handmade California rolls.

Best of all, the children were able to sample their sushi creations. Pupils with a taste for the hot and spicy tried their rolls with a touch of wasabi.

Along the way, the children explored the history of sushi, from its ancient origins in Southeast Asia to its contemporary popularity throughout the world.

The event was the school's second-annual sushi-making session.

Amy Morrell – who, along with Niki Buchanan, co-teaches the combined fifth-sixth grade classroom at Daycroft – told how the event first came about and how it has already grown.

"Sydney Taylor, who was in fifth grade last year, had mentioned to the class how they make sushi as a family activity in her home," Morrell said in a news release.

"She said that maybe her mom could come in and show us all how it's done. It turned out to be such a big hit that the class asked if we could do it again this year."

Sydney's mother, Christine Gregory, is the assistant dean for pupil affairs at the University of Michigan's Law School.

She said, "Cooking and eating together is a big part of our family culture. It's one of the ways we express our love for each other. Sydney had the idea of sharing this with the class. Plus, sushi is one of her absolute favorite things to eat."

This year, Gregory was joined in the sushi-making lesson by Sydney's grandmother, Chong Suk Gregory, who is Korean. The two taught the pupils some Korean words and phrases, along with how to prepare sushi.

"We give our pupils hands-on experiences whenever we can," said Buchanan.

"We also welcome parents to come in and share their special skills and knowledge. This way they become even more directly involved in their children's learning."

Morrell added that cultural studies are a major part of a Daycroft education.

"We explore the world's traditions and help our pupils become global citizens," she said.

For more information about Daycroft Montessori School, visit www.daycroft.org.

## WEDDING

### Getzloff-Platt

Neena Kristine Getzloff, daughter of Rob and Leigh Getzloff of Wilson, and Kyle Robert Piatt, son of Michelle and Michael Lance of Manchester and Kent Piatt of Pontiac, were married June 2 at First United Methodist Church in Escanaba, in a ceremony officiated by the Rev. Margery Host.

The maid of honor was Amber Schram, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Nicole Fournier, Jenilee Pellegrini and Nicole Pischel, all friends of the bride, as well as Katie Piatt, Jordyn Smith and Catherine Olschanski, all cousins of the groom.

The best man was Scott Clark, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Dustin Getzloff, brother of the bride, Nick Pellegrini, friend of the groom, Dave Ashby, friend of the groom, Nick Piatt, cousin of the groom, Stephan Olschanski, cousin of the groom, and Darius Nichols, cousin of the bride.

The flower girl was Shayna Hruska, cousin of the bride. The ring-bearers were Logan and Jefferson Getzloff, cousins of the bride.

The bride is a 2009 graduate of Bayde Noc Community College in Escanaba, where she earned a degree in nursing. She is a registered nurse and case manager at Order of St. Francis Home Care and Hospice Care.

The groom is a 2009 graduate of Northern Michigan University, where he earned a degree in criminal justice. He is employed as a police officer with city of Menominee.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the Bark River Senior Center, and the couple spent their honeymoon at the Riveria Maya. The couple now resides in Wilson.

## Fuller reappointed road commissioner

The Washtenaw County Road Commission Dec. 5 announced the reappointment of Douglas Fuller to the Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners for a new six-year term as a road commissioner.

Fuller's term will run from Jan. 1, 2013, to Dec. 31, 2018.

Road commission officials said they looked forward to working with Fuller over the next six years as they continue to look at opportunities to improve efficiencies, promote positive employee relations and secure additional outside funding revenues.

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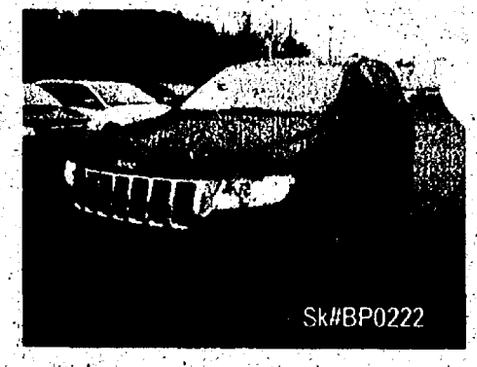

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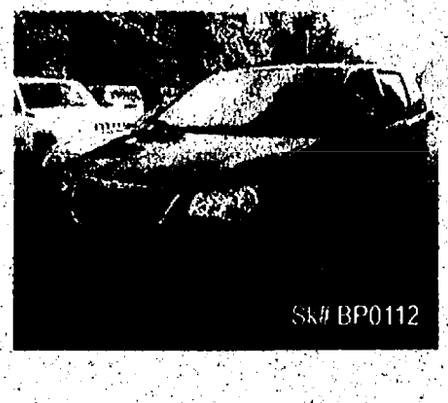

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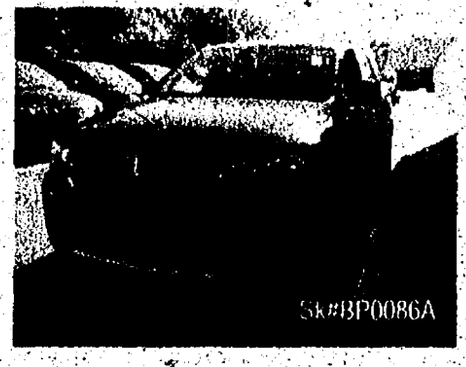

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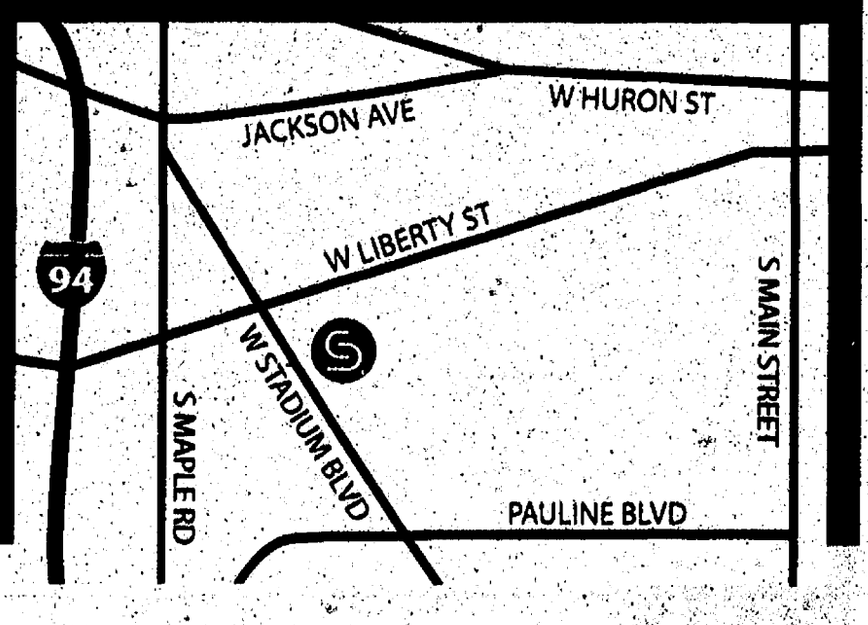


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# Jake Vershum turns 12 on date 12-12-12

## *Boy receives gifts every day for 12 days*

By Jim Pruitt
Heritage Media

**Jake Vershum poses with the Ninja LEGO, his favorite character in the franchise of interlocking toys. His family took him to a LEGO festival in Novi recently for his birthday. Jake turned 12 on Dec. 12, 2012.**

Birthdays are always special. But for Jake Vershum of Manchester, his 12th birthday had extra flair as he celebrated 12-12-12.

The date itself is random, and the significance is pertinent mostly to Jake and his family.

But how cool is it to turn 12 years old on the 12th day of the 12th month of the 12th year of the new millennium?

Jake's mom, Barb, said they figured out the coolness of the date when Jake was born in 2000. The family typically doesn't play the lottery, but with these numbers, who can say?

The family celebrated Jake's birthday with a party Dec. 9 and celebrated with friends last weekend. The mid-week timing of the actual birthday during a school week put the brakes on anything special, Vershum said.

"We'll send some treats with him at school," she said before his birthday.

Jake is in the sixth grade at St. Stephen school in Adrian. He plays soccer and recently won a green belt in tae kwon do.

As a twist to the "Twelve Days of Christmas," Vershum began giving a special gift every day since Dec. 1 to her son. He received 12 things, then 11 and so on, she said.

"For the last 10 days, he has been excited to see what gift he will get on the countdown to the 12th of December," Vershum said earlier this week. "We got him six $1 bills and then we got him five bananas for the five golden rings. Today we got him three Michigan candy bars.

"Tomorrow will be two of his favorite T-shirts."

"On his birthday, we'll get him one big thing."

Vershum has a relative who also celebrated a birthday Dec. 12, but the relative isn't turning 12, which makes it extra special for Jake. Last year, Vershum had a former co-worker who had a daughter who turned 11 on Nov. 11.

Jake is a big fan of LEGOs, so the family attended the LEGO Fest in Novi earlier this fall as part of his birthday celebration.

"He can't get enough LEGOs," Vershum said. "Every year he grows and sells vegetables to buy more LEGOs."

He is also saving for his first car, a Camaro, his mom said.

The family attends Trinity Lutheran Church in Saline, where Jake is involved in a youth group.

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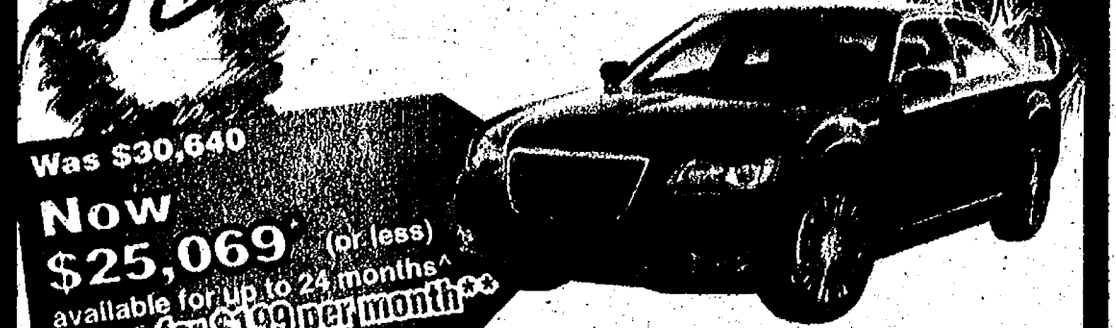

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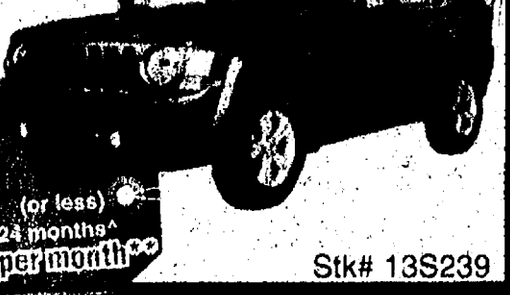

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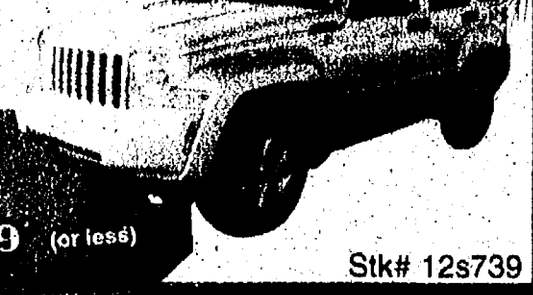

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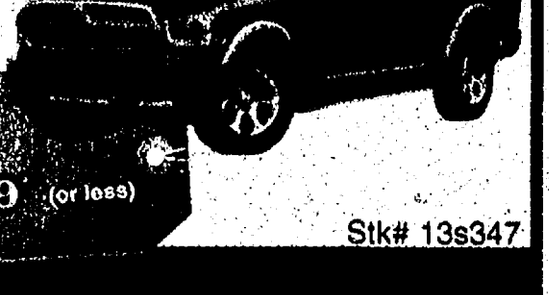

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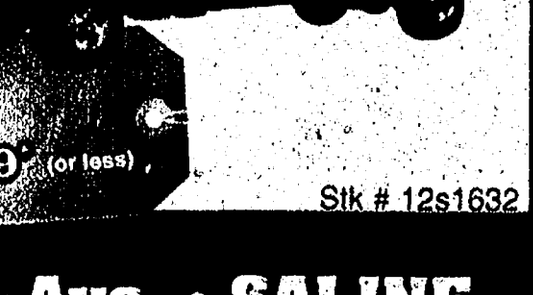

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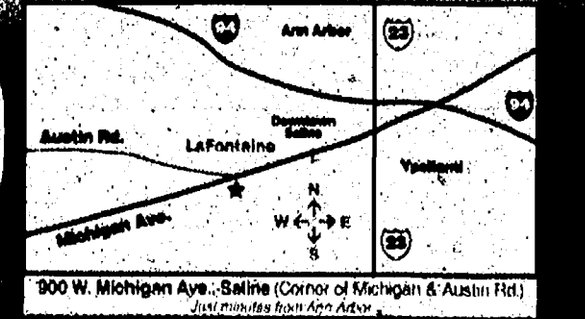


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**Police have released surveillance images of suspects in connection to at least 45 church break-ins since August in southeast Michigan and northern Ohio.**

# Police release photos of church burglary suspects

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

Multiple law enforcement agencies are continuing to investigate a series of burglaries targeting churches in southeast Michigan and northern Ohio.

At least 45 breaking-and-entering cases have been reported since August throughout this region, according to a crime bulletin.

Several have occurred in Washtenaw County, particularly on the west side of the county, while others reportedly have happened in Genesee, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Livingston and Monroe counties.

Police have released surveillance images of suspects wanted in connection to the break-ins.

Anyone who is able to help police identify the suspects are asked to call their local law enforcement agency, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAKUP, or the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office confidential tip line at 734-973-7711.

The sheriff's office is continuing to investigate the church break-ins.

Sheriff deputies recently responded a burglary alarm at about 2 a.m. Nov. 26 at Word of Deliverance Church, 1005 Midway St., in Ypsilanti Township.

It was determined the suspect or suspects responsible were able to gain entry to the church, according to the sheriff's office, but it appeared they were scared off by the alarm and nothing was stolen.

On Thanksgiving, burglars targeted two churches on Tuttle Hill Road in London Township in Monroe County. Some cash was reportedly stolen from both Bethlehem Temple Church and St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church.

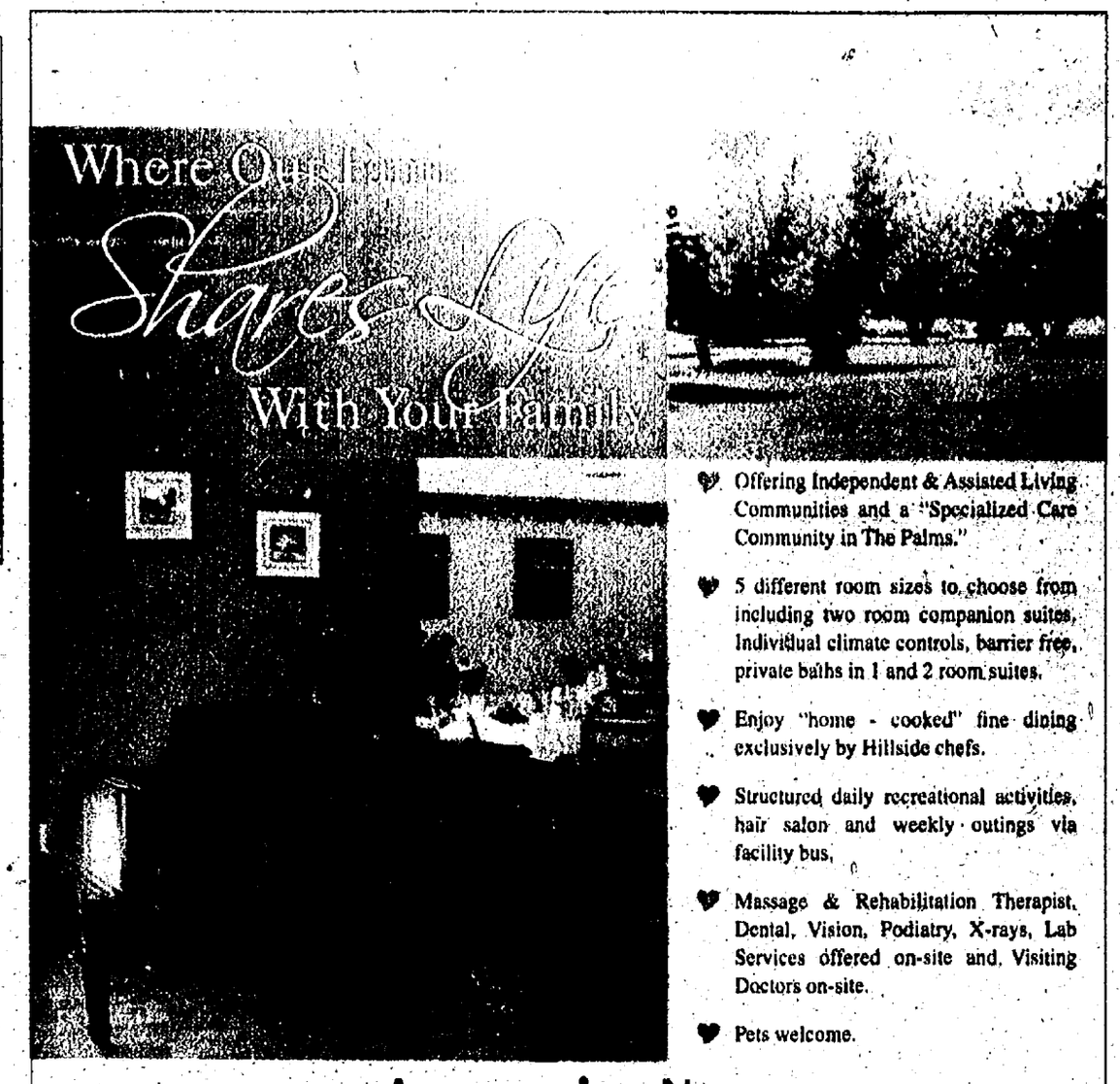
Some of the previously reported break-ins in Washtenaw County include at St. Vladimir Orthodox Church in Lima Township, Clinton Church of God in Bridgewater Township, Bethel United Church of Christ in Freedom Township, St. John's Lutheran Church in Bridgewater Township and Salem Lutheran Church in Scio Township.

An alarm went off at about 2 a.m. Nov. 12 at St. Vladimir Orthodox Church, 9900 Jackson Road, according to the sheriff's office. Deputies were dispatched to the church and they discovered a window had been broken and someone had entered illegally.

The suspect or suspects responsible rummaged through the church's main office and stole an unknown amount of cash from a box containing special services donations, which are received at weddings and funerals.

The next most recent crime occurred Oct. 30 when someone riffled through the offices of the Clinton Church of God, 13080 Clinton Road, according to the sheriff's office. The suspect or suspects responsible entered the building through a window, but it is believed nothing was stolen from the Bridgewater Township church.

Sgt. Keith Flores of the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office has said one way the sheriff's office is responding is by conducting regular checks of local churches.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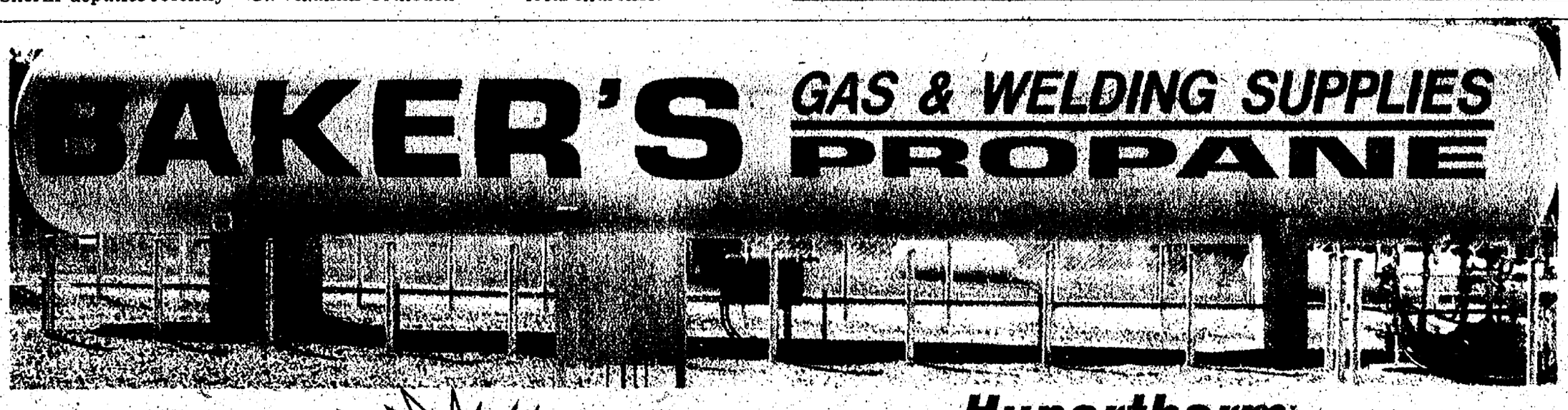


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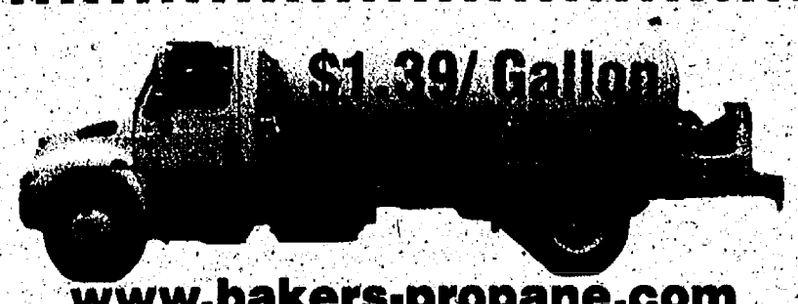


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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Friday

■ Celebrate the season with other seniors at noon. Enjoy a delicious holiday meal, friendship, and a Christmas carol sing along led by Angelo Angelocci and Jack Merkel. This event is sponsored by the Mitchell family and the Chelsea School District. Call (734) 475-9242 to reserve your space for this annual community gathering. Suggested donation is $5.

## Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1

■ The Dexter District Library is closed.

## Tuesday

■ The Huron-Clinton Metroparks, including Hudson Mills in Dexter, will waive vehicle entry fees and boat launch fees on Christmas Day. For more information, call the Huron-Clinton Metroparks at1-800-477-2757 or visit www.metroparks.com.

■ Faith in Action's Community Christmas Dinner will be held on Christmas Day at 1 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church. The dinner is free to anyone in the area who would enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner but might be celebrating with family on alternate dates or might have no one locally to celebrate with. Attendees are asked to bring a salad or dessert if they wish. Please call so we have a good head count or to volunteer, at 475-3305. Our Savior Lutheran is located at 1515 S. Main St., next door to McDonalds.

## Wednesday

■ The Purple Rose Theatre Co. has announced an additional performance of Jeff Daniels: Onstage & Unplugged at 8 p.m. All proceeds from Onstage & Unplugged ticket sales support the PRTC's general operations. All performances will be held at The Purple Rose Theatre Co., 137 Park Street, Chelsea. Other performance dates are Dec. 27, 28, 29, and 31. Call (734) 433-7673 for tickets or go online to www.purplerosetheatre.org.

## Friday

■ At 11 a.m., the Dexter District Library will host a movie and popcorn for kids: "Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted." The movie is rated PG and is 93 minutes long.

## Jan. 2

■ Registration begins for Winter Story Times at the Dexter District Library. Toddler Story Times for Ages 18 month to 3 years: will be Monday, Wednesday or Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Times for Ages 3 years to 5 years will be Monday or Thursday at 11:30 a.m. or Tuesday at 1 p.m. The Combined Story Times for Ages 18 months to 5 years will be Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

## Jan. 7

■ The Dexter District Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Please note that this is a change of time. The meetings will continue to be held on the first Monday of the each month.

## Jan. 9

■ Vicki Crupper from the University of Michigan will host a free workshop on financial aid for parents of high school juniors and seniors at 6:30 p.m. in the Chelsea High School Auditorium. No registration is required.

## Jan. 9, Jan. 17, Feb. 6, Feb. 27

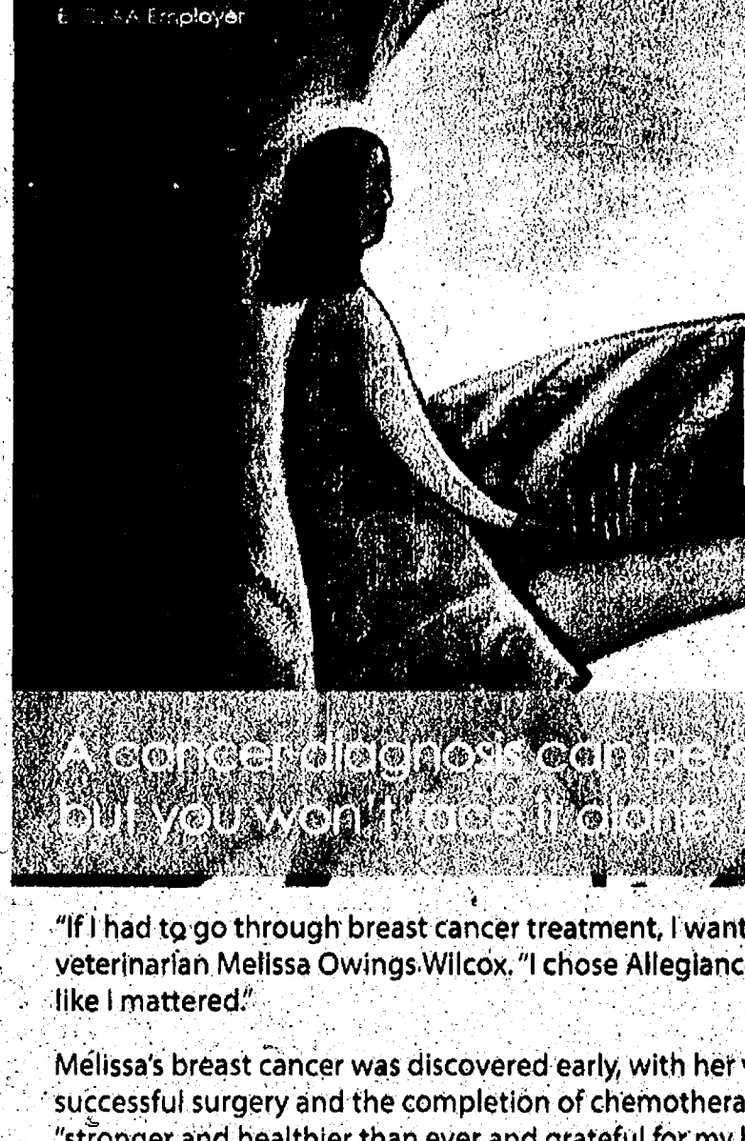
■ The Community Media Lab, located at 215 W. Michigan Ave. in Ypsilanti, offers help on writing press releases, setting up social media accounts, blogging, editing video and creating photo slideshows, among other things, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. April Davis, a marketing specialist with Breakout Marketing Group, will present "Marketing your greatest asset – you" from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 9; Chris Wechner, director of marketing for The Ultimate Analyst, will present "Trix are for kids, but Twitter is not just for playtime," from 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 17; Sarah Rigg, a freelance editor and journalist, will present "Intro to PhotoShop" from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 6; and Wechner will return from 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 27 to lead "Using LinkedIn for intelligent networking — not just resumes."

## Jan. 26

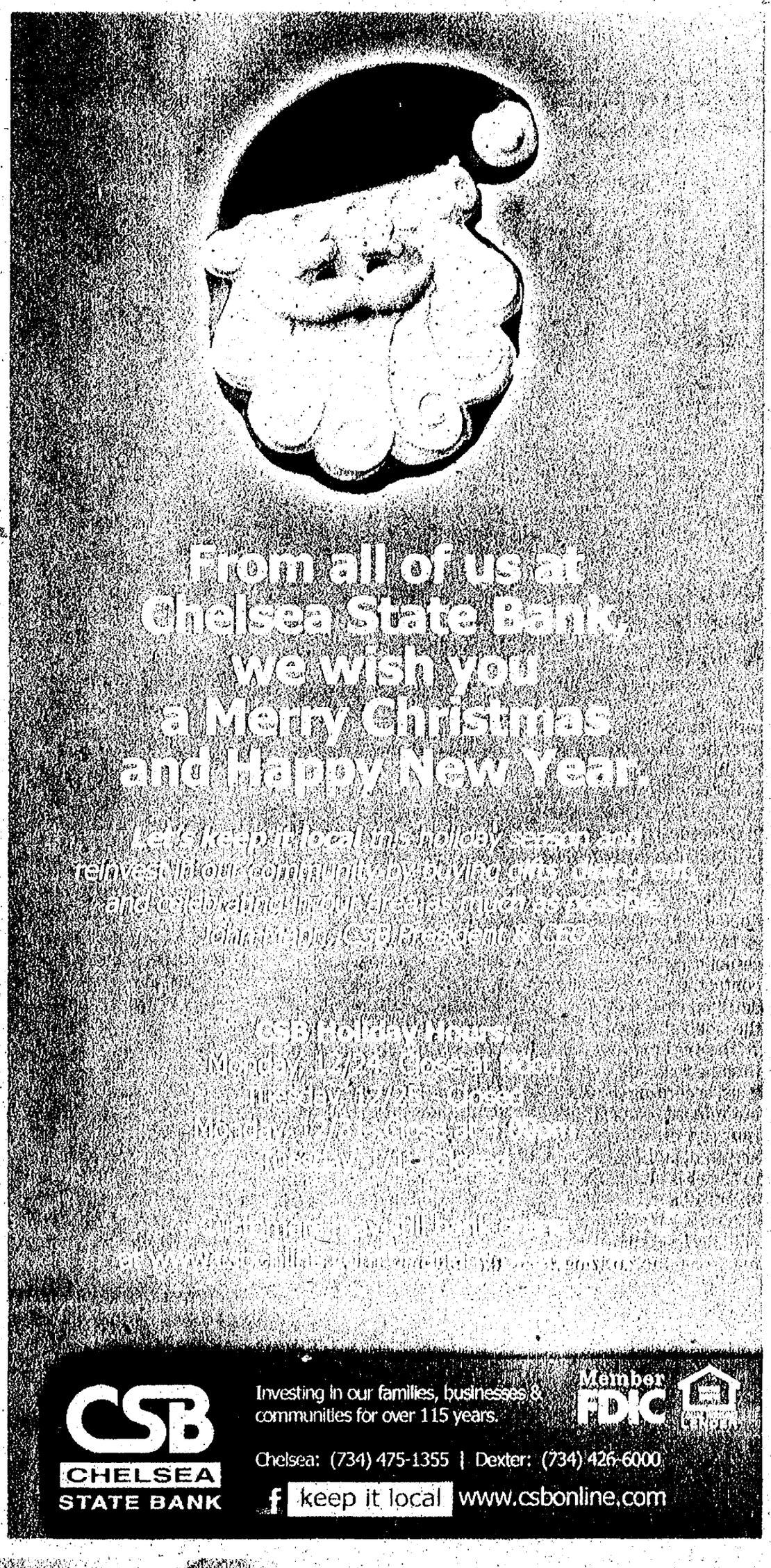
■ A day of winter fun is planned from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hudson Mills Metropark, near Dexter. Try a variety of activities, including snow-shoeing, snowsnake tossing and Klondike racing, and see dog sledding demos or explore your senses on a scavenger hunt! Activities are subject to change, depending on weather conditions. After trying all the activities, kids and their parents can head to the Activity Center to warm up with hot chocolate and make a craft to take home.

## Around Town with Linda

Here is this week's Around Town with Linda: Mike Jackson, owner of Voegl's and Foster's. All past episodes are now available to view on line at http://storiesofchelsea.org. DVD's are available to be checked out at the library.





## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Let's vote Tim Walberg out of office

Now that Barack Obama has been reelected, one thing seems certain: That is continued obstruction from the Republican majority in the House of Representatives. This will be frustrating for many who follow national politics.

But there is one small way we can help make the Congress function better: That is to remove our congressman Tim Walberg from office the next time he runs. Let's not forget, Mr. Walberg was first elected in 2006 in a campaign funded largely by Club for Growth, a business group opposed to union representation for workers, opposed to reasonable limits on pollution, and opposed to taxation and government regulation in any form.

In the last Congress, Mr. Walberg became an enthusiastic supporter of the controversial Ryan budget, which would have concentrated more wealth in the hands of the richest people, eliminated some of our most valued and successful national programs, and failed to come even close to balancing the federal budget. Tim Walberg doesn't represent my interests. And he probably doesn't represent yours, either. We threw him out once already, in 2008. Let's do it again in 2014.

Wayne C. Paty
Chelsea

"If I had to go through breast cancer treatment, I wanted accessibility to my doctors," said Jackson veterinarian Melissa Owings-Wilcox. "I chose Allegiance Health because they always made me feel like I mattered."

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Melissa Owings-Wilcox

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# Demolition moves outside

Photo by Kathleen Murphy

Demolition has moved to the outside of the old Federal Screw Works building in Chelsea. The work is visible from the Congdon Street side of the building, one block behind Main Street. When demolition is complete, the site will be offered for sale, possibly by February or March.

## CRIME BRIEFS

### Man refuses to take breath test, arrested for drunken driving

A 36-year-old Gregory man was arrested Friday night for drunken driving after he refused to take a breath test.

Police first observed his vehicle at about 10:30 p.m. Friday without functioning taillights, according to the Chelsea Police Department.

A traffic stop was conducted at about 900 block of North Main Street. The responding officer made contact with the driver and detected what seemed to be the smell of alcohol.

The driver submitted to some roadside sobriety tests, according to police, but refused to take a preliminary breath test. He was arrested, but he also refused to have his blood drawn for a chemical test.

A search warrant was obtained and signed by a magistrate, authorizing to have the suspect's blood drawn at Chelsea Community Hospital. He was lodged in Washtenaw County Jail after this was done.

The case against him remains open pending laboratory analysis by the Michigan State Police crime lab.

### Change stolen from two unlocked vehicles on Dec. 11

A jar of change ands numerous CDs were reported stolen on Dec. 11 out of a vehicle parked in a resident's driveway.

Someone entered the unlocked vehicle sometime before 5 a.m. that morning in the 100 block of Hayes Street, according to police.

Another unlocked vehicle was entered sometime between 7 p.m. Dec. 10 and 6 a.m. Dec. 11 while parked in a driveway in the 100 block of South Street.

The owner told police the only thing she noticed missing from inside was a roll of quarters, according to police.

### Smash and grab theft reported

A woman told police Friday afternoon that someone smashed her vehicle's driver-side window and stole her purse.

The vehicle was parked between 6:30-8 p.m. Friday in the 14000 block of West Old US-12, according to Chelsea police.

No suspects had been identified at the time of the larceny victim's report.

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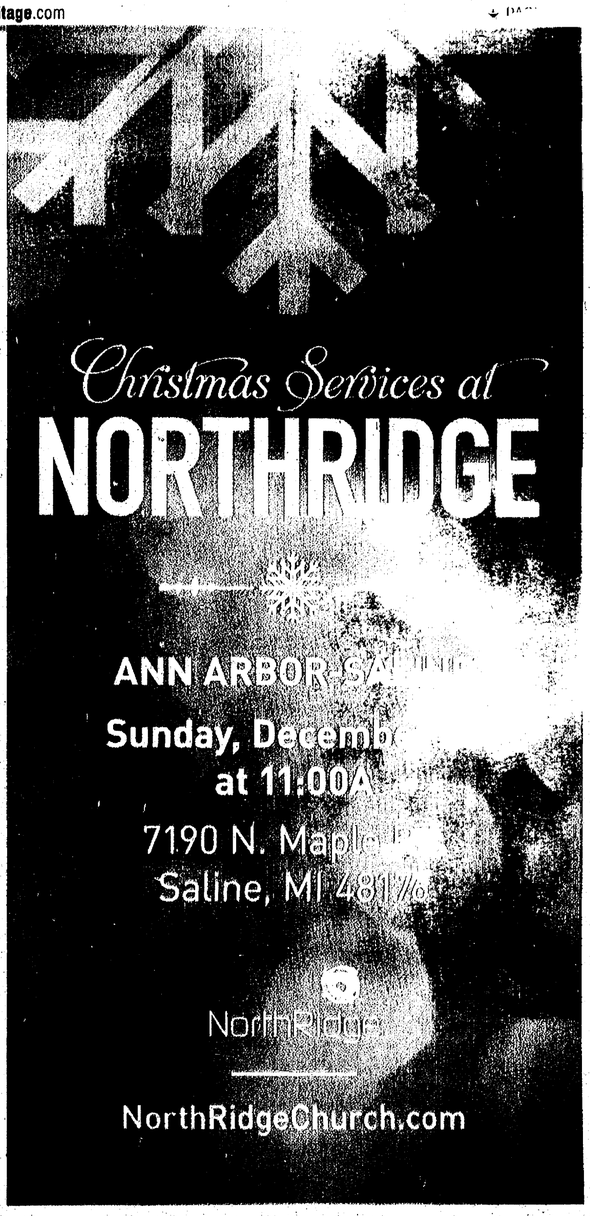
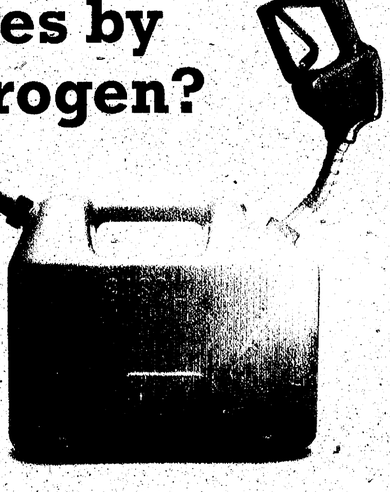



Did you know metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer tumors can help fuel themselves by producing androgen?



Research shows that metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) tumors are capable of producing their own androgen, which can help fuel their survival. This information could help in managing your mCRPC. The more you know about the disease, the better equipped you are to discuss it with your doctor.

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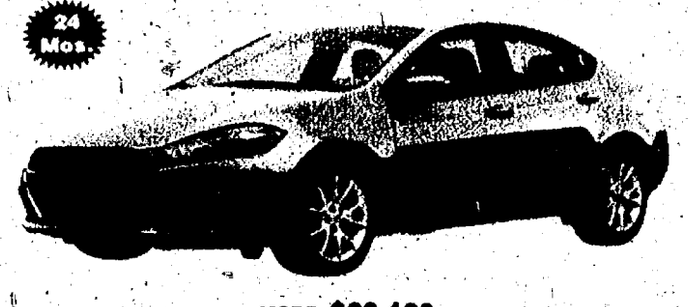

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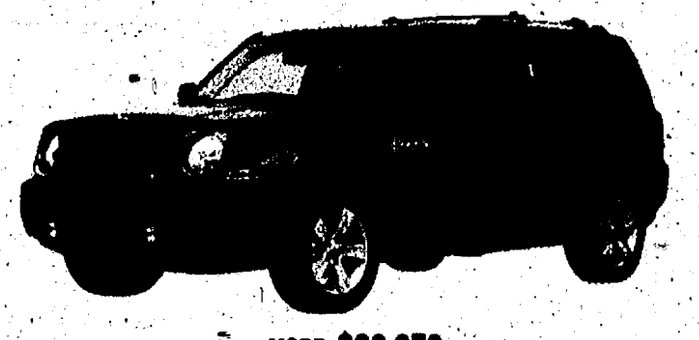

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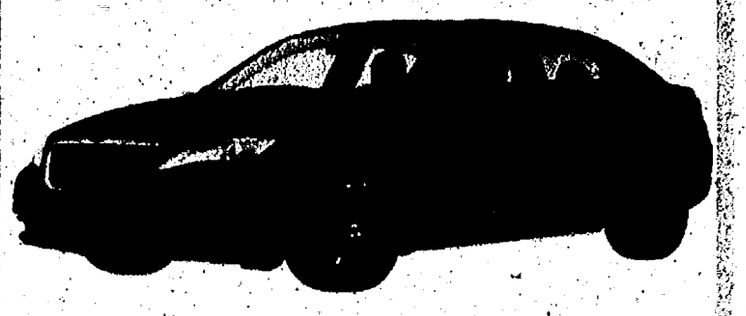

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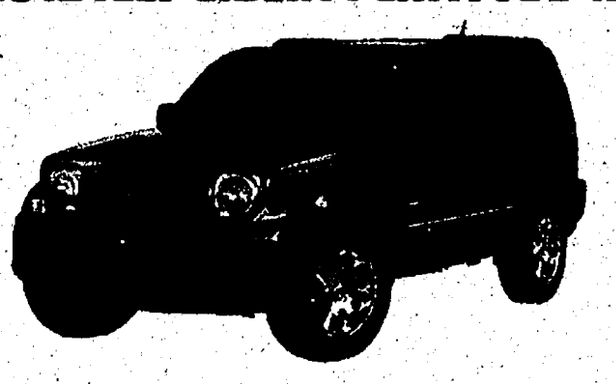

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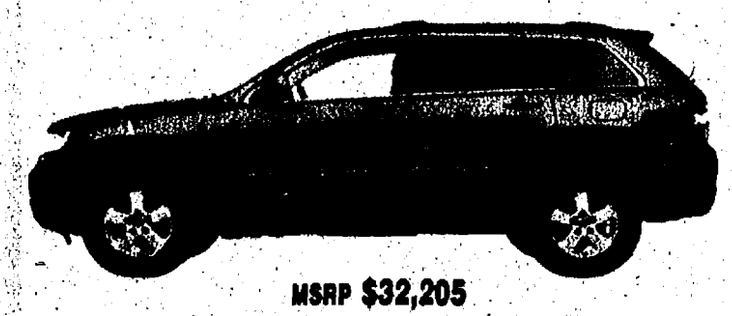

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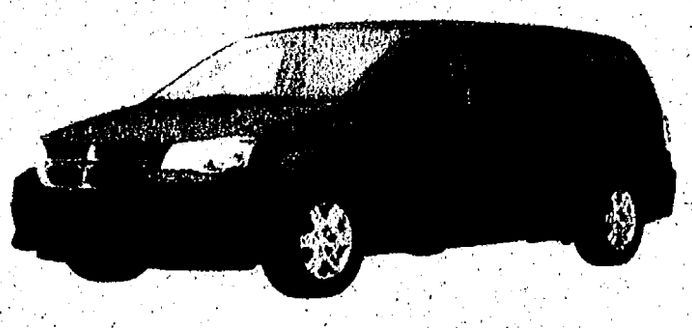

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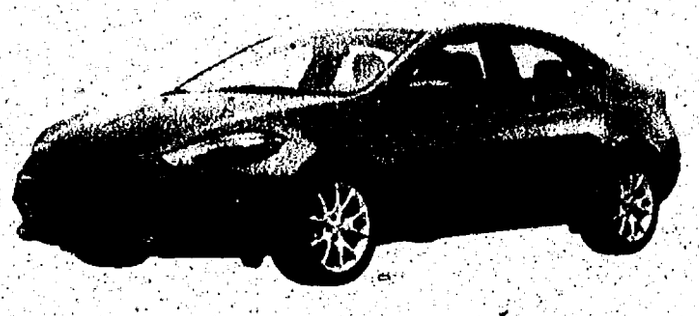

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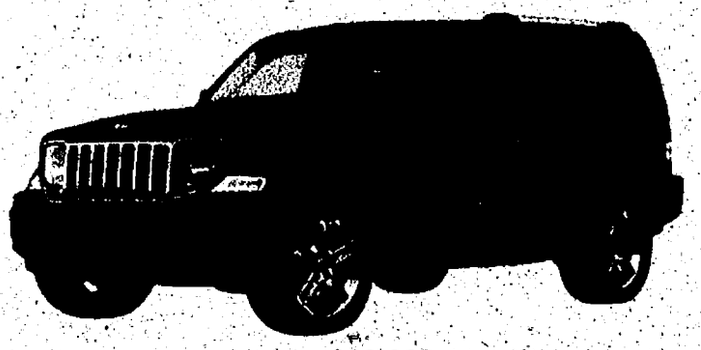

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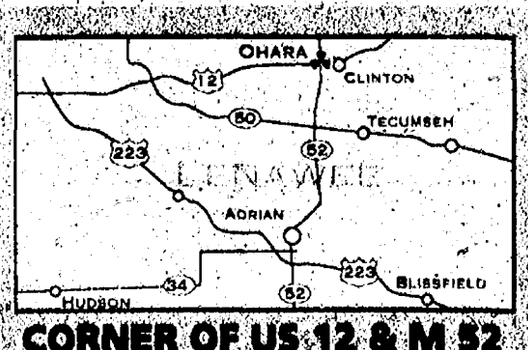


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# COMMUNITY



# Happy kids!

Photo courtesy of Chelsea Community Preschool

Reaching out from the reindeer masks are Kendra Bullen and Dutch Kiesebura (right). (Below): Everett Copeland is all smiles as he poses with Santa during a party at the Chelsea Community Preschool.

# Happy Santa!

Students from the Chelsea Community Preschool got into the holiday spirit early with their annual Christmas parties Dec. 11 and 12. Santa Claus stopped by to hear the holiday wishes of the children, who range in age from 3-5 years old. Santa sang Christmas carols with the children and handed out candy canes.

Photo by Mr. Cecil Bunce Loose Dressed after having a chance to share his [illegible] Christmas with Santa Claus at the Chelsea Community Preschool Christmas party.

# ENTERTAINMENT



## A2SO offers Mozart Birthday Bash, KinderConcerts in New Year

Washtenaw County music-lovers young and old will have several chances to hear performances by the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra in the New Year, including the orchestra's annual Mozart Birthday Bash and a series of KinderConcerts for children.

The orchestra presents its 17th annual Mozart Birthday Bash 8 p.m. Jan. 19, 2013, at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.

"Mozart is one of my favorite composers," said Arie Lipsky, music director and director of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, in a news release.

"He created the greatest body of masterworks the world knows and tonight's concert showcases four treasures: one from his operas, one from his concertos, a brilliant serenade and a delightful symphony."

The program features La Clemenza di Tito Overture, Violin Concerto No. 3in G Minor with guest soloist Yehonatan Berick, Serenata Notturna otherwise known as Serenade No. 6 in D Minor and Symphony No. 25 – the "Haffner."

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's father Leopold takes center stage when the orchestra plays his Concerto for Trumpet in D Major.

Both concertos bring talented soloists to the front of the stage. A2SO Principal Trumpeter and professor of trumpet William Campbell will be the guest soloist for the Concerto for Trumpet, considered one of the most challenging trumpet concertos in the repertoire.

Berick, like Campbell also on faculty at the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance, will play the famous concerto that blends adventurous cadenzas with gypsy-like grace notes.

Single tickets range from $10 to $58. Students receive half off the ticket price in Sections A-D. Senior, group and community orchestra discounts are also available.

To order tickets, patrons may call 994-4801, email tickets@a2so.com or purchase online at www.a2so.com.

The orchestra also recently released a lineup of KinderConcerts from January through May 2013.

KinderConcerts are free, 30-minute concerts designed especially for children 2-6 years old, held in Ann Arbor, Dexter and Ypsilanti District Library branches.

Barbara Sturgis-Everett, principal second violinist in the A2SO, joins child movement specialist Gari Stein and piano collaborationist Kathryn Goodson, for a guided introduction to the most well-known instrument of the orchestra – the violin.

The youngest listeners will hear a variety of classical music genres and moods while they dance a tango, wave colorful scarves to the music and shower the library with snowflakes.

Performances are at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. at the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti District Libraries and at 10 a.m. at the Dexter District Library. Doors open 20 minutes prior to each performance.

Featured performers and dates are:

Violin with Barbara Sturgis-Everett Jan. 25 at Ann Arbor District Library, Jan. 25 through 28 at Dexter District Library and Feb. 9 at Ypsilanti District Library.

French horn with Kurt Civilette May 10 at the Ann Arbor District Library, May 11 at Dexter District Library and May 13 at Ypsilanti District Library.

For more information, email info@a2so.com or visit www.a2so.com.

## New comedy by Jeff Daniels premieres at Purple Rose Jan. 10

The Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea will present the world premiere production of a new comedy by Jeff Daniels, "The Meaning of Almost Everything," starting Jan. 10, 2013, and running for nine weeks, through March 9.

Eight low-priced preview shows will be performed Jan. 10 through 17, with a press opening Jan. 18. Regular performances for the duration of the run are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, with 3 p.m. matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays.

All performances will be held at The Purple Rose Theatre Company, 137 Park St., Chelsea.

Directed by Guy Sanville, the cast includes Matthew Gwynn of Farmington and Michael Brian Ogden of Berkley.

The 15th play penned by Purple Rose founder and actor Jeff Daniels, "The Meaning of Almost Everything" has elements of slapstick, vaudeville, tragedy and farce.

The story follows two men, "A" and "B," who exist in an undefined place and time, a place of safety and comfort, but also a place where nothing happens.

One man wants to remain. The other isn't so sure. Through their feats of daring and sometimes cowardice, they stumble through the darkness to find the big answers to life's big questions.

"I've never been one to think whatever may come after this life will be better," Daniels said when asked about the impetus for writing the play.

"One can always hope and pray and believe, sure, but given the choice between the known and the unknown, frankly, it seems a lot of us would rather just stay put, thank you very much. That's the 'what if?' that drove the writing on this one.

"How do we turn this life of ours into an everlasting one? Forget leaving a legacy or living on in other people's memories, I mean staying put. Right here, right now, forever and ever. That it doesn't work that way is the conflict in the play — and in us."

"The Meaning of Almost Everything" contains adult language and content.

Ticket reservations can be made by calling The Purple Rose Theatre Company Box Office at 734-433-7673 or online at www.purplerosetheatre.org.

## Performance Network Theatre presents 'Brill' Jan. 10

Performance Network Theatre will present the world premiere of "Brill," a play with music written by Ann Arbor playwright David Wells, with music by Frank Allison 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10, 2013, at the Performance Network Theatre, 120 E. Huron St., in Ann Arbor.

The comedic play, directed by David Wolber and starring Phil Powers and Sarah Ann Leahy, takes place in 1959 at the world-famous Brill Building in Manhattan, where a musician could write, produce and promote his material all within one building.

Wells was selected to showcase his play "Brill" at Performance Network Theatre's Fireside Festival of New Works in 2011 as a staged reading starring Powers and Leahy.

The script was so well received by the audience that Performance Network Theatre added the piece to the 2012-2013 main-stage season.

"The Brill Building in the 1950s was wall-to-wall music, and it just seemed like this amazing backdrop for a story about songwriters, especially when one of them is a big band songwriter who's watching this new thing called rock-and-roll put him out of business," Wells said.

In this comedy set in 1959, a washed up Big Band songwriter faces the inevitability of rock and roll when a young woman shows up at his office with her guitar, her aspirations, and more than a few secrets.

Can this odd couple make beautiful music together - or will their culture clash land one of them out on the streets?

"Performance Network Theatre's support of new work is incredibly valuable and important, and I can't wait to see how the play continues to develop during rehearsals," Wells said.

The Jan. 10 performance is a pay-what-you-can show, with a suggested donation of $15.

Tickets can be ordered by calling Performance Network's Box Office at 663-0681, online at performancenetwork.org or at Performance Network Theatre one hour before a performance.

In conjunction with the performance, Performance Network Theatre and the Ann Arbor District Library will host a night of Big Band music featuring The Paul Keller Orchestra, at 7 p.m. Jan. 7 in the Multi-Purpose room at the library's main branch downtown.

Cast members and Performance Network staff will provide an introduction to "Brill" during the library concert.

Since its inception in 1989 by string bassist, composer and arranger Paul Keller, the Paul Keller Orchestra has accepted, among other awards, the 2003 and 2007 Detroit Music Awards for Best Big Band.

The orchestra has recorded seven CDs, undertaken two European tours and performed at many Michigan music festivals.

The public is invited to enjoy a free evening of music from the big band era and learn more about the play.

Additionally, audiences will be able to learn more about Wells' process of writing the play during a "Cultural Conversations" event 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3. An in-depth discussion will be led by Carla Milarch.

## THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

### CHELSEA

#### Thursday, Dec. 20

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

#### Friday, Dec. 21

■ **Christmas Celebration and Community Lunch**
Noon Friday: Chelsea Senior Center, 512 E. Washington St. $5 suggested donation. 475-9242.

■ **Winter Solstice Sing**
7 p.m. Friday: Michigan Friends Center, 7448 Clark Lake Road. Donation. Preregistration requested. 475-0942.

#### Saturday, Dec. 22

■ **Chelsea Chess Club**
3 p.m. Saturday: Wendy's, 1640 Commerce Park Drive. Free. 475-1583.

■ **DJ Skate**
7:15 p.m. Saturday: Arctic Coliseum, 501 Coliseum Drive. $5 (ages 14 and younger, $3) admission, $3 skate rental. 433-4444.

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#### Thursday, Dec. 20

■ **International Neighbors**
1 p.m. Thursday: Westminster Presbyterian Church Hall, 1500 Scio Church Road. Free. 995-1645.

■ **"Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings"**
7 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. Saturday, Sunday: Encore, 3126 Broad St. 268-6200.

#### Saturday, Dec. 22

■ **Draw Doubles: Disc Golf Club**
Noon Saturday: Hudson Mills Metropark, 8801 North Territorial Road. $7 per player; free for spectators, $5 vehicle fee. 449-4300.

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#### Friday, Dec. 21

■ **One Earth One Voice Global Sing: Good Earth Singers**
7 p.m. Friday: First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, 4001 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Free. 426-7818.

#### Saturday, Dec. 22

■ **Contra and Square Dance**
8 p.m. Saturday: Concourse Hall, 4531 Concourse Drive. $10 (members $9; students $5). 994-6494.

#### Monday, Dec. 24

■ **Line Dancing**
6:30 p.m. Monday: American Legion Hall, 320 W. Michigan Ave. $7. 429-4840.

#### Wednesday, Dec. 26

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

### YPSILANTI

#### Thursday, Dec. 20

■ **The Killers**
8 p.m. Thursday: EMU Convocation Center, 799 N. Hewitt Road. $32.50 to $59.50 in advance at the EMU Convocation Center, at tiesto.com, and the door. 487-2282.

■ **"The Hollow": PTD Productions**
8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday: Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St. 483-7345.

#### Friday, Dec. 21

■ **"Wolf Cry Wolf": New Theatre Project**
8 p.m. Friday through Sunday: Mix Performance Space, 130 W. Michigan Ave. 645-9776.

#### Sunday, Dec. 23

■ **Puppet Show**
3:30 p.m. Sunday: Dreamland Theater, 26 N. Washington St. $5 (ages 3 and younger, free). 657-2337.

# 'The Hobbit' provides a ponderous journey

By Charlie McCollum
Digital First Media

There are some truly wondrous things to behold in "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," director Peter Jackson's return to J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth.

The scenery, whether real or CGI, is as stunning as it was in Jackson's "Lord of the Rings" trilogy. All the dwarfs, trolls, elves, Orcs, goblins and Hobbits are still marvelous bits of movie magic. The battle scenes (and there are lot of them in "The Hobbit") are gripping set pieces.

It's clear from the beginning that Jackson has lost none of his visual flair or his abilities with special effects, over the years between the final installment of "Rings" and this new excursion into the land of Tolkien's imagination. What has gone MIA: Jackson's grip on how to tell a story.

The underlying problem with "The Hobbit" is how Jackson and fellow writers Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens and Guillermo del Toro chose to handle the source material. "The Lord of the Rings" was a dense, 1,359-page, three-book epic that dealt with a grim battle to save a whole world. "The Hobbit" is a beloved, 287-page children's novel with a generally lighthearted tone and a simple story line about a young Hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, who joins some dwarfs in a quest to free their homeland from the dragon Smaug.

But Jackson and company have seen fit to expand what could have been a fine two-hour or so movie into three films, the first of which clocks in at a hefty 2 hours and 49 minutes (not counting the nearly 20 minutes of end credits).

To beef up the slight tale, they have taken moments encapsulated in one sentence and turned them into full scenes, too many of which feel like outtakes from a DVD set. They have taken characters that are mere footnotes in Tolkien's text — Azog, a particularly brutish orc, and Radagast the Brown, a nature-loving wizard — and turned them into major figures. And they have dropped in major characters from the "Rings" movies: Frodo Baggins, the elf queen Galadriel, the elf Lord Elrond and the wizard Saruman.

**'The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey'**

2 1/2 stars

Rating: PG-13 (for violent battle scenes and scary images)

Cast: Martin Freeman, Ian McKellan, Richard Armitage and Ian Holm

Director: Peter Jackson

Running time: 2 hours, 49 minutes

Perhaps more important, the filmmakers have changed the movie's tone, with much of the lighter material overwhelmed by the battle and chase scenes, making it more like "Lord of the Rings." Even a major "Hobbit" character — Thorin Oakenshield, the dwarf leader — has been changed from a pompous, comical figure into a warrior king a la Viggo Mortensen's Aragon in "Rings."

The result is serious story bloat and a rather ponderous beginning to the "Hobbit" trilogy.

That does not mean the film is without its virtues and engaging moments. Middle Earth truly does come to life throughout the film, whether it is the beautiful and peaceful land of the elves or the ravaged mountain of the dwarfs. The Great Goblin may bear a bit of a resemblance to Jabba the Hutt in "Star Wars" but he's a memorable character as voiced by Barry Humphries (aka Dame Edna). Ian McKellen remains an imposing presence as Gandalf, the Grey Wizard.

In Martin Freeman, Jackson may have found the perfect Bilbo Baggins. Freeman is a delight as a quirky Watson to Benedict Cumberbatch's Holmes in the BBC's new "Sherlock" and he blossoms in the role of Bilbo. He even looks like a younger Ian Holm who played the older Bilbo in "Rings" and reprises his role in "The Hobbit."

Freeman also gets to share the very best scene in the film: the first encounter between Bilbo and Gollum, the emaciated figure who was once the Hobbit Smeagol until he fell under the influence of the ring (yes, that ring). Andy Serkis' performance as Gollum is just as brilliant as it was in the "Rings" and the CGI is even better. Since you know where the scene is leading, it has real punch, the kind of emotional impact that is lacking in much of the movie.

It may be a bit unfair but Jackson has practically invited a comparison between the "Hobbit" trilogy and the second set of "Star Wars" films from George Lucas. Is "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" as bad as "Phantom Menace"? Absolutely not, but it has none of the charm and appeal of Tolkien's book — and it does not bode particularly well for what eventually be nine hours of filmmaking.

In a bit of irony, Bilbo Baggins says at the end of the movie: "I do believe the worst is behind us." We can only hope so.

# Saline NHS students collect food for needy

In the spirit of holiday giving, Saline High School National Honor Society students held their annual canned food drive for Saline Area Social Service earlier this month.

The dreary weather that Mother Nature dished out was not enough to stop the 134 students who participated in the event that has become the hallmark of the organization's various service projects.

Members went door-to-door in the city of Saline to collect donations of canned goods, nonperishable foods, and household items that will be distributed to the area's families in need.

"The NHS members demonstrated true character, compassion and concern Saturday morning. I am so proud of their commitment and hard work on this worthwhile project to help make our community a better place to live," NHS faculty advisor Mark Messmore said in a news release.

Messmore accepted responsibility for the group this year. A history and Spanish teacher, as well as former NHS president himself, Messmore said he is pleased that his students organized and executed a successful event.

After all of the 5,414 donations were collected and delivered to the Saline Area Social Service office, NHS officers organized the products and stacked the shelves of the agency's storage room.

"We worked really well together and had fun in the process," said Saline High School senior Lindsey Talcott, the current NHS president. "Everyone went home that day feeling gratified that we could do something to help others, since that is what NHS is all about."

Students who wish to be considered for induction into NHS must have a 3.7 un-weighted grade point average and receive excellent references from their classroom teachers.

The organization completes a number of service projects throughout the year, including raking fall leaves for senior citizens, working at the Empty Bowls event at the high school, supervising elementary students at the Heritage Movie Night and making holiday cards for patients at Mott Children's Hospital.

Don Dersnah, director of Saline Area Social Service, said the agency is currently serving 150 households, including 198 children.

"We are so grateful to have NHS provide this help every year," Dersnah said. "The food from the food drive helps stock our pantry shelves well into the new year."


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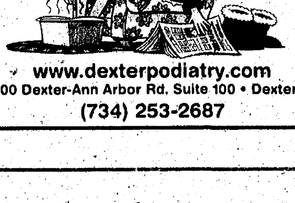
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# Gov. Snyder appoints 7 to domestic violence board

An executive order signed in early December by Gov. Rick Snyder establishes within the state Department of Human Services the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board to help better protect victims and prevent future crimes.

Among those appointed to the board was Judge Elizabeth Pollard Hines of Ann Arbor and James Fink, a lawyer from Ypsilanti.

Executive Order 2012-17 abolishes the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board and replaces it with the new board to address the shifting focus and duties. Concurrently, the governor appointed members to the new board.

Snyder addressed the need for expanded attention to sexual assault in Michigan in his special message on public safety last March.

The governor said a collaborative effort will ensure that the best tools are available to hold offenders accountable as well as in the equally important effort to help in the recovery and health and wellness of sexual assault victims.

A comprehensive approach is also needed in solving domestic violence and sexual assault crimes, he said.

"Domestic and sexual violence are serious crimes that threaten victims and impact both their physical and mental health and well-being," Snyder said.

"We must take a comprehensive approach to protect domestic violence and sexual abuse victims today and prevent victimizations tomorrow, and I am confident the new board will be effective in those efforts."

Under EO 2012-17, the board will be comprised of seven members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the state Senate.

It coordinates and monitors programs and services for the prevention of domestic and sexual violence and the treatment of victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Besides Pollard Hines and Fink, others appointed to the new board are Jeffrey Sauter, Yvonne Brantley, Kathryn Hoover, Jeffrie Cape and Cris Mary Sullivan.

Sauter, of Grand Ledge, is the Eaton County prosecuting attorney.

He has served in various capacities with the Eaton County Prosecuting Attorney's office and the Hubbard Law Firm.

He serves on the State Drug Court Advisory Committee, the board of directors of the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals and the board of directors of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan.

Sauter holds a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

He will serve a three-year term expiring Dec. 4, 2015.

Pollard Hines, of Ann Arbor, is the chief district court judge of the 15th District Court.

Previously she served as the assistant prosecuting attorney of Washtenaw County and has spent more than 30 years handling cases involving family violence.

Hines earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

She will serve a three-year term expiring Dec. 4, 2015.

Brantley, of Bay City, is a Michigan State Police community service trooper based at the Tri- City Post.

She has been active in the Bay County Women's Shelter and Domestic Violence Response Team and has trained in various aspects of domestic violence.

Brantley holds an associate degree in applied arts in criminal justice from Delta College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University.

She will serve a three-year term expiring Dec. 4, 2015.

Hoover, of Fenton, is a guidance counselor at Richfield Public School Academy in Flint.

She implemented the comprehensive guidance program, established a girls leadership club and developed a student leadership and mentoring model.

Hoover previously served as a guidance counselor at West Catholic High School, as an educational consultant at Kent Intermediate School District and as a middle/high school prevention instructor and crisis counselor for the Pregnancy Resource Center in Grand Rapids.

She is a national delegate for VISION 2020 representing Michigan women and the field of education and was nominated as "Teacher of the Year" by the Michigan Association of Public School Academies in 2010.

Hoover earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Oakland University and a master's degree in school counseling from Grand Valley State University.

She will serve a two-year term expiring Dec. 4, 2014.

Cape, of West Bloomfield, is the director of Charron Services. She is a licensed master social worker and is a member of the Batterer Intervention Coalition of Michigan.

She earned a bachelor's degree in communication from the University of Illinois and master's degree in social administration with a concentration in direct service, family and child specialization from Case Western Reserve University.

She will serve a one-year term expiring Dec. 4, 2013.

Fink, of Ypsilanti, is an attorney with Fink & Valvo.

He served more than 20 years in the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, where he worked his way up through the ranks to become commander. He also served as an officer in the Eastern Michigan University Police Department.

Fink earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Eastern Michigan University and a degree from Detroit College of Law.

He will serve a one-year term expiring Dec. 4, 2013.

Sullivan, of Potterville, will serve as chairwoman of the board. She is the associate chair of the Psychology Department at Michigan State University and also serves as the director of the MSU Violence Against Women Research & Outreach Initiative.

Sullivan earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's and doctorate degree in ecological community psychology, all from Michigan State University.

She will serve a one-year term expiring Dec. 4, 2013.

All appointments to the board are subject to the advice and consent of the state Senate.

The full text of executive order 2012-17 may be read on the governor's website.

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> **GOV. RICK SNYDER**

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# Police warn residents to be on lookout for text message scams

By Ben Baird
Heritage Media

The Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety is advising area residents to be cautious of text message scams, including a recent trend of messages offering free gift cards.

The advisory presents a scenario in which a text message is received claiming the recipient won a gift card to a major retailer like Best Buy, Target or Walmart. Typically the scam message offer instructions to go to a website and enter a PIN to get the card, according to the Department of Public Safety.

The website link will direct the recipient to a scam website that will look authentic, such as a scam for a Best Buy gift card linking to a website that uses Best Buy's proper company colors and logo from its actual website. Police advise resident to ignore instructions in the message to text STOP or NO to prevent further messages, as scammers can use this ploy to confirm they found an active phone number. Texts can be forwarded to 7726, which spells spam on most number pads. This alerts the cell phone service to block further texts from the sender's number.

The advisory message states: "As always, if you think getting a free $1,000 gift card seems too good to be true, it probably is." Another type of text message scam is a type of phishing where the recipient is asked to provide sensitive personal or financial information from a sender claiming to be a business like a cellphone company, according to the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety. Police say cellphone providers will not ask customers to verify sensitive personal information in an unsolicited text message. For more information on this topic, police suggest visiting the Better Business Bureau website for its scam alert information at www.bbb.org/scam-stopper.


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# Civil Air Patrol Squadron reflects over past year

## *Group marks 71 years of helping others*

By Rita Fischer
Guest Writer

Civil Air Patrol is the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force created by the office of Civil Defense Dec. 1 1941, one week before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. As the organization marks its 71-year anniversary, the reason for its birth – aid to others – still remains today.

The organization, which has a squadron based in Washtenaw County, was formed to provide civilian air support to aid the war effort during World War II through border and costal patrols.

Civil Air Patrol, which is organized as a nonprofit organization, has three missions – emergency services, cadet programs and aerospace education.

While the Civil Air Patrol is no longer involved in direct combat activities, it's now so much more. Its Emergency Services division teaches cadets from the area as young as age 12 what to do to assist the public in the event of a disaster and how to conduct a search and rescue mission.

For example, the Civil Air Patrol was called out to assist people with a tornado in Dexter earlier this year, but was not needed. Other units across the United States help out by looking for lost loved ones, downed planes and in even larger disasters such as Hurricane Sandy.

The Kevin Adams Memorial Ann Arbor Squadron celebrated its two-year anniversary this year with many activities for the cadets to gain more experience. They learned how to land a helicopter in the event of an emergency and how to carry a person on a stretcher.

To learn more about aerospace, a group of 60 cadets from Lower Michigan went on an overnight trip recently to Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio to visit the second largest of the world's display of military aircraft and history.

During the summer, many cadets attended encampment at Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center. They went up in a glider and flew in a Cessna for the first time. The cadet program teaches cadets to be the leaders of tomorrow and work as a team.

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Cadet Airman Simon Joshua of Ypsilanti has been in the program for nearly six months. He attended his first encampment and has since taken on the job of the cadet supply officer, helping cadets get their uniforms and encouraging other cadets along the way. Joshua said the Civil Air Patrol has helped him learn better time management skills.

"I joined because it looked like a fun opportunity," he said. "I love airplanes. I hope to maybe be a pilot someday or join the Navy and be a flight surgeon."

Airman Aliyah Grove of Chelsea is one of four siblings who joined the Ann Arbor squadron. Aliyah Grove likes to fly, be with friends and learn new things. She aspires to be a barrel racer, which is pretty close to flying.

"I really enjoyed encampment. We did evening physical training and we played drill games with the other flights," she said.

Airman Jacob Grove is grateful to the Civil Air Patrol for the leadership skills he is learning.

"I plan to learn more about wilderness survival, and I love to teach. So, my dream job would be a firearms instructor," he said.

The Ann Arbor squadron meets from 7 to 9 p.m. every Thursday at the Ann Arbor Airport basement and the second Thursday of the month at the Red Cross on Packard road.

The cadets are trying to get new Color Guard equipment so that they may provide Color Guard services for anyone who requests it.

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AGENDA

1) Public Hearing for Zoning Ordinance Amendment Concerning Special Event Facilities

**Molly Robinson, Chairperson**
**Dexter Township Planning Commission**

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**SYNOPSIS OF ACTION TAKEN**
**AT THE REGULAR MEETING**
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012**

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY**
Prior to the meeting the following Village Officials were sworn in for four-year terms:
Shawn Keough - Village President; Paul Cousins - Village Trustee; Julie Knight - Village Trustee; Joe Semifero - Village Trustee.
**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.
**ROLL CALL:** President Keough, Carson, Cousins, Fisher, Knight, Semifero, Tell.
President Keough presented outgoing Trustee Jim Smith with a proclamation thanking him for his service to the community.
**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
Motion Fisher; support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 12, 2012.
Unanimous voice vote for approval
**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
Motion Tell; support Knight to approve the agenda as presented
Unanimous voice vote for approval
**PUBLIC HEARINGS**
Northern United Brewing Company request for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption
Hearing was opened at 7:36 pm. Tony Grant, representing Northern United located at 2319 Bishop Circle East addressed Council regarding the tax exemption request; giving an overview of the project and the status of its completion. The public hearing was closed at 7:38 pm
Motion Fisher; support Semifero to adopt the Resolution as presented granting Northern United Brewing Company, 2319 Bishop Circle East, Dexter an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for 6 (six) years $1,572,762 in real property and 7 (seven) years for $1,620,000 in personal property.
Ayes: Fisher, Knight, Cousins, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries
**CONSENT AGENDA**
Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of $258,123.06
Motion Fisher; support Tell to approve Item 1 of the Consent Agenda.
Unanimous voice vote for approval
**OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:**
Motion Semifero, support Tell to adopt the Resolution to Opt-Out of the Countywide Transit Authority.
Ayes: Knight, Cousins, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Keough
Nays: None
Absent: None
**NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:**
Motion Tell; support Semifero that based on the information provided by the applicant and the provisions set forth in Section 21.04E9, Site Plan Extensions and the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Village Council moves to approve the applicant's request to extend the Mill Creek Terrace final site plan until December 1, 2014 based on the current economic conditions.
Ayes: Cousins, Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Knight, Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries
**CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND PENDING LITIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH MCL 15.268**
Motion Fisher; support Cousins to go into Closed Session at 8:52 PM for the purpose of discussing the potential purchase of property and pending litigation in accordance with MCL 15.268.
Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Carson, Fisher, Knight, Cousins, Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries
Motion Fisher; support Knight to leave closed session at 9:48 PM.
Ayes: Tell, Carson, Fisher, Knight, Cousins, Semifero, Keough
Nays: None
Motion carries
Motion Semifero, support Carson to authorize the attorney to proceed as directed in closed session.
Ayes: Carson, Fisher, Knight, Cousins, Semifero, Tell, Keough
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**ADJOURNMENT**
Motion Carson; support Semifero to adjourn at 9:50 PM.
Unanimous voice vote for approval
Respectfully submitted, Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager, Village of Dexter
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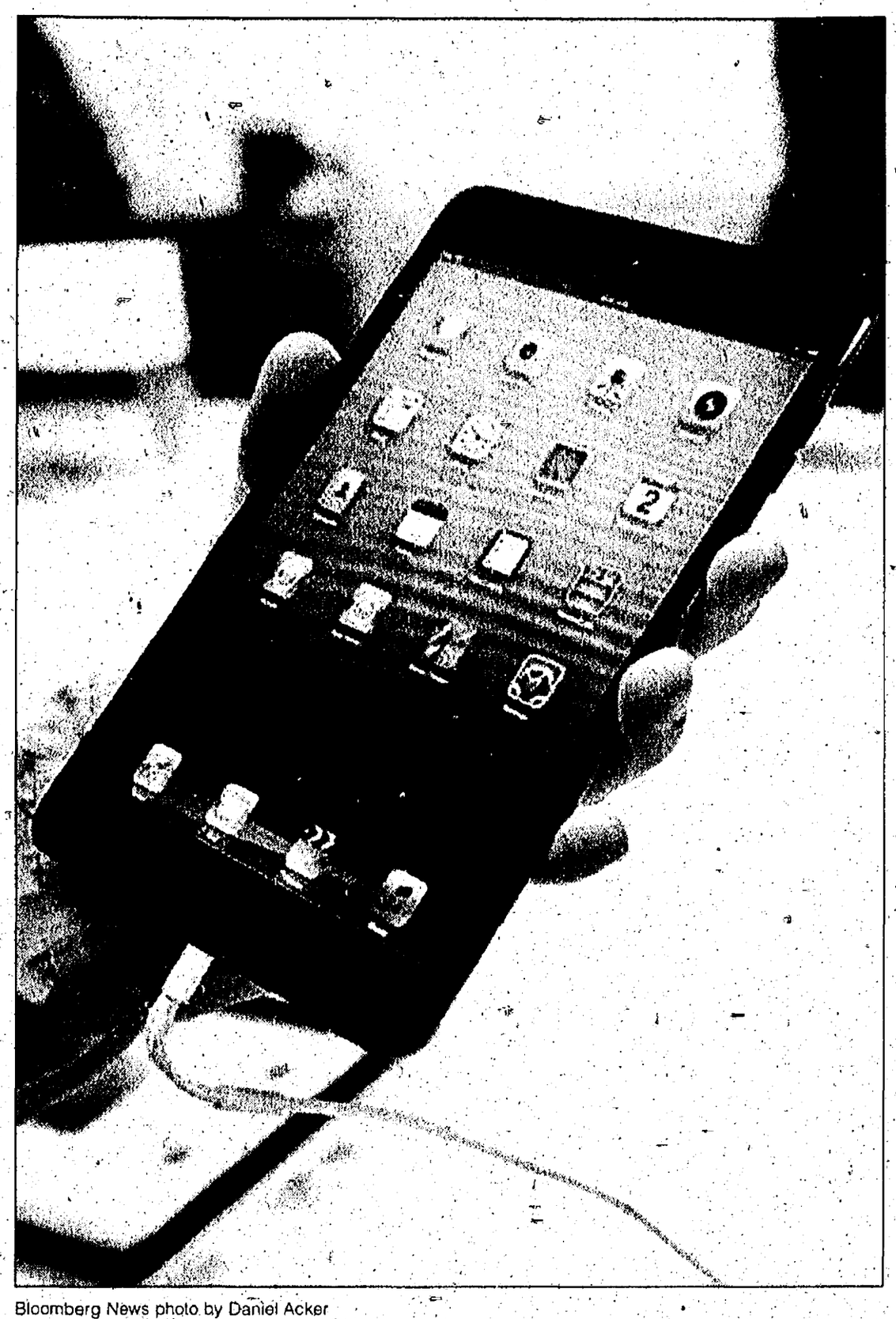

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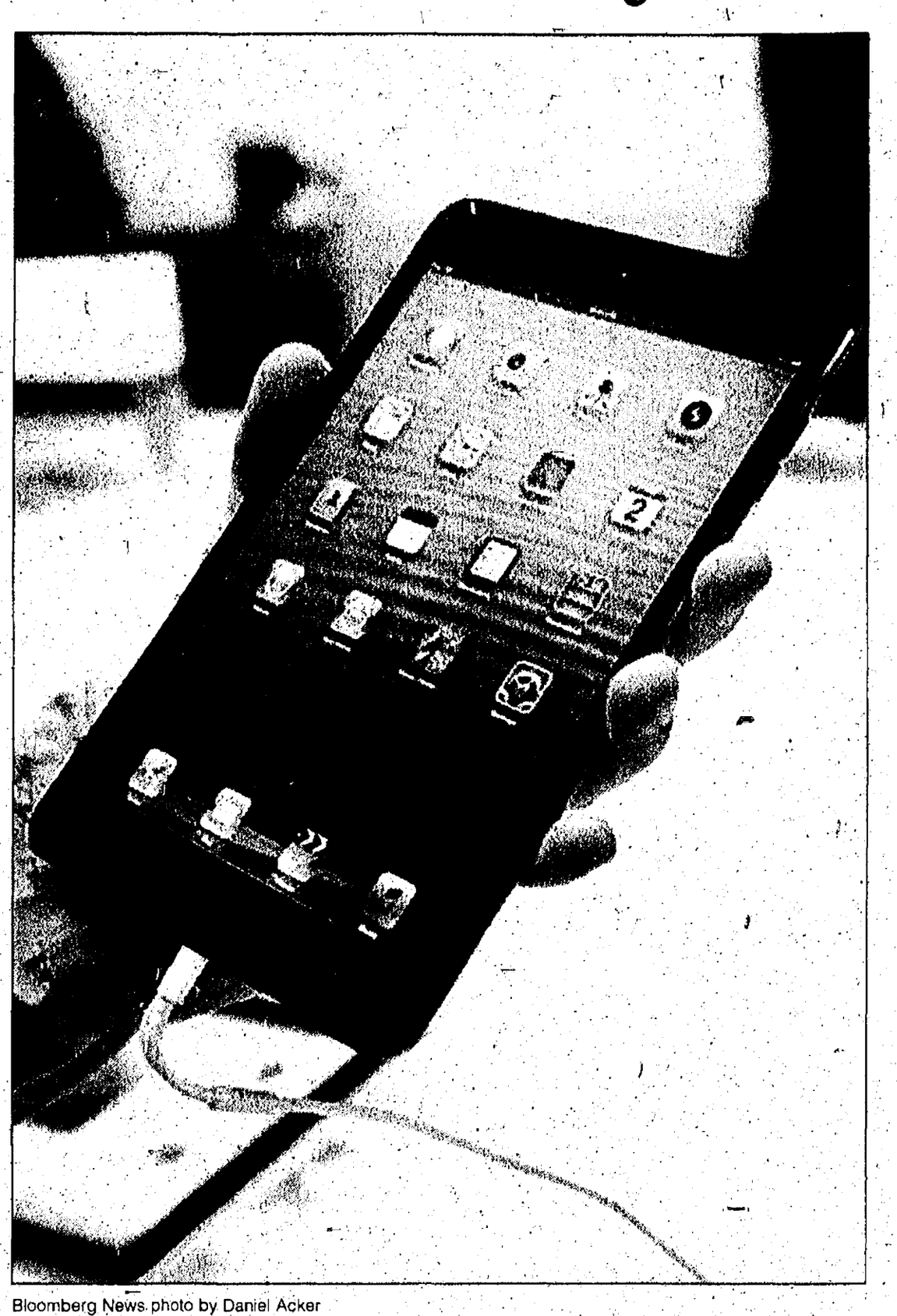

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### Notices 1030

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**SALES ASSISTANT**

**Automotive Manufacturing and Distribution facility located west of Ann Arbor is seeking an individual whose primary responsibilities will involve assisting the Sales Department in various customer service and sales support activities.**

**Desired candidate must have excellent communications and analytical skills, be proficient in Microsoft Office and possess a background in customer service. A college degree in a related field preferred. Fluency in Japanese would be a plus.**

**Qualified applicants may send their resume to: hr@dextech.net**

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### General Employment 4020

Seeking detail oriented person for **PART-TIME OFFICE MANAGER POSITION** at Lyndon Township Hall. Skills should include experience using Word, Excel, Internet, Web design, E-mail, and a variety of office equipment. Hours of work are Tuesday through Thursday, 9 AM to Noon, approximately 6-25 hrs per week with some evening hours to record minutes of Board, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings. If interested, mail/fax/email your resume to Linda Reilly, Clerk, Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118, no later than December 31, 2012. Phone - 734.475.2401. FAX - 734.475.2251. E-mail clerk-lyndon@twp-lyndon.org

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**PHARMA SALES**

**Growth co. seeks entry level rep for Detroit territory. Salary, bonuses, expenses, ins. 4 year degree req. Reply to hrdept@ocusoft.com**

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### Celebrations 1020

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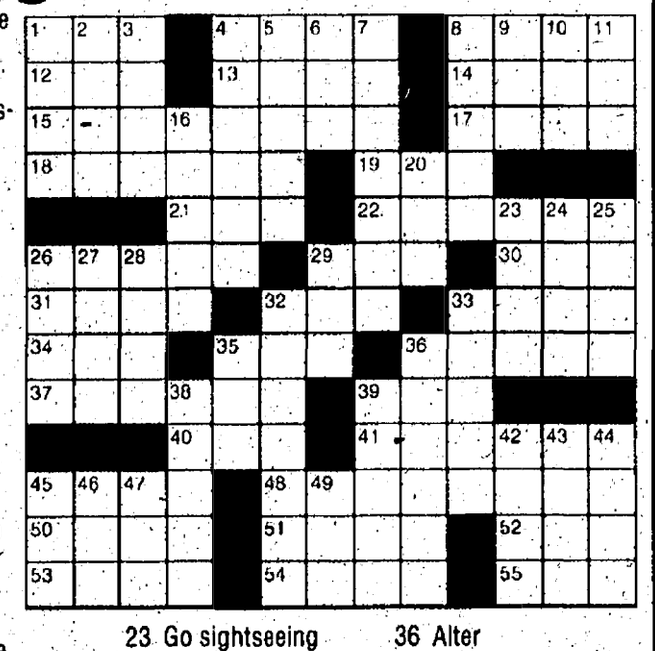

**ACROSS**
1 First name of 7-Down
4 Baseball stats
8 Crock-Pot contents
12 Unclose, poetically
13 Not procrastinating
14 "National Treasure" star
15 A-ha's megahit
17 Desire
18 "2001: A Space Odyssey" author
19 Symbol of intrigue
21 Corn spike
22 Online gamer's icon
26 Gee follower
29 Underwear with underwire
30 Inseparable
31 Castle protection
32 Decay
33 Snips
34 Hooter
35 Fellow
36 Insertion mark
37 Holy
39 Actor McBride
40 Comic Philips
41 Molest
45 Donkey's pin-on?
48 1989 Morgan Freeman movie
50 "- Karenina"
51 Obnoxiously proper sort
52 "Monkey suit"
53 Hoodoo
54 Tortoise's rival
55 Pigs' digs

**DOWN**
1 Mil. training grp.
2 October birthstone
3 Prefix meaning "10"
4 Water pipe
5 Central
6 Curry-or Conway
7 "Maggie May" singer
8 Diving gear
9 Pitch
10 Early bird?
11 Tiny
16 Upright
20 Actress Longoria
23 Go sightseeing
24 Initial stake
25 Whatever's left over
26 Andy's pal
27 "The Music Man" setting
28 Body powder
29 Tarzan's son
32 Santa's guide
33 Egypt's capital
35 Jewel
36 Alter
38 Take it easy
39 Lead the meeting
42 Picnic invaders
43 Filth
44 Alluring
45 - Mahal
46 Singer DiFranco
47 Hostel
49 Historic time

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### Miscellaneous for Sale 2190

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## MACHINE OPERATOR

**Tier 1 automotive supplier located west of Ann Arbor, MI has immediate openings for Machine operators. Primary responsibilities include but not limited to machine set-up, palletizing cartons & performing manual adjustments on packaging machines. Material handling duties including driving a hi-lo. Duties require repetitive lifting up to forty (40) pounds and constant standing and moving around work area.**

**Good mechanical aptitude, knowledge of micrometers, calipers and quality procedures desired as well as discipline to follow set procedures and work instructions. Overtime and shift work available.**

**Future advancement opportunities in cold heading operations, thread rolling set-up and shipping may be available.**

**Excellent wages and benefits, including tuition reimbursement.**

**Qualified applicants may mail or email resume to:**
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Attn: Human Resources
HR@dextech.net www.dextech.net

**Applicants extended a job offer will be req'd to take & pass drug screening**

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## QUALITY CONTROL MANAGER

**Automotive Fastener Manufacturer located west of Ann Arbor, MI seeks a Quality Control Manager.**

**Responsibilities include management of the Quality systems, design and documentation of quality controls, internal and external audits, follow-up of preventive and corrective action requests, and oversight of inspection, calibration and testing.**

**Knowledge of quality methods using TS16949 terminology and familiarity with mechanical systems is required. Ideal candidate should have a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering, knowledge of laboratory equipment and a minimum of 3 years related work experience, including management experience. Must possess excellent communication, analytical and organizational skills and work well in a team environment.**

**Competitive wages are commensurate with experience. Excellent benefit package included. Applicants extended job offers will be required to take and pass a drug screening.**

**Qualified applicants may send resume to or apply online to:**

**DEXTECH**
Attn: Human Resources
2110 Bishop Circle E, Dexter, MI 48130
HR@dextech.net

Bargain Hunters Free

## Bulletin Board

***Merchandise for Sale $100 & less**

*No more than 2 items per ad (each item must be priced under $100)

**CHOOSE ONE:**

☐ Wednesday News-Herald/Press & Guide ☐ Sunday News-Herald/Press & Guide
☐ Ile Camera ☐ Monroe Guardian
☐ Western Region (Belleville, Chelsea, Dexter, Manchester, Milan, Saline, Ypsilanti)
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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ For Office Use Only _____

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**1 Heritage Dr., Ste. 100, Southgate, MI 48195**

## Merchandise 2000

## Appliances 2020

**GE ELECTRIC** stove, white, great condition $100. GE over the range microwave, white $75. Call: (313)-388-9733

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## Jewelry/Apparel 2170

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## Miscellaneous for Sale 2190

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**MAPLE CORNER** hutch 6'x4' glass top good cond. $250. Microlite mobility chair exc. cond. retails new $2000, will sell $400 734-284-1681

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## Miscellaneous for Sale 2190

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## Pets 3020

**"CASH** PAID for Diabetic Test Strips. Will pay up to $20 per box per 100." Local, Jim: 1-313-459-0213; 24/7 avail.

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**AKC PUGS** 8 weeks old. 2 females, $350 ea. 313-293-8095

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Sat. 1/19; 10am-2pm
Dundee Tractor Supply
Sun. 12/23; 9:30-1pm
Rockwood Love My Pets
Wed. 1/2; 10am-1pm
Wed. 1/9; 10am-1pm
Mon. 1/21; 5:30pm-8pm
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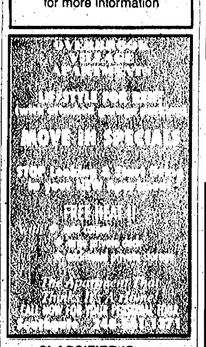

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## Sales/Marketing 4140

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### Digital Sales Account Manager

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Summary of responsibilities:

- Ensure that the assigned team meets and/or exceeds digital revenue expectations.
- Train and assist Multimedia Account Executives by developing comprehensive, individual account plans to achieve high level of territory penetration.
- Ensure that sales reps present appropriate products and services to the clients, by evaluating and reviewing all pitch decks.
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DFM publishes award-winning content (47 Pulitzers) that amasses and engages a nationwide audience via 800 multi-media platforms including web, mobile, social, and print.

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- St. Paul Pioneer Press
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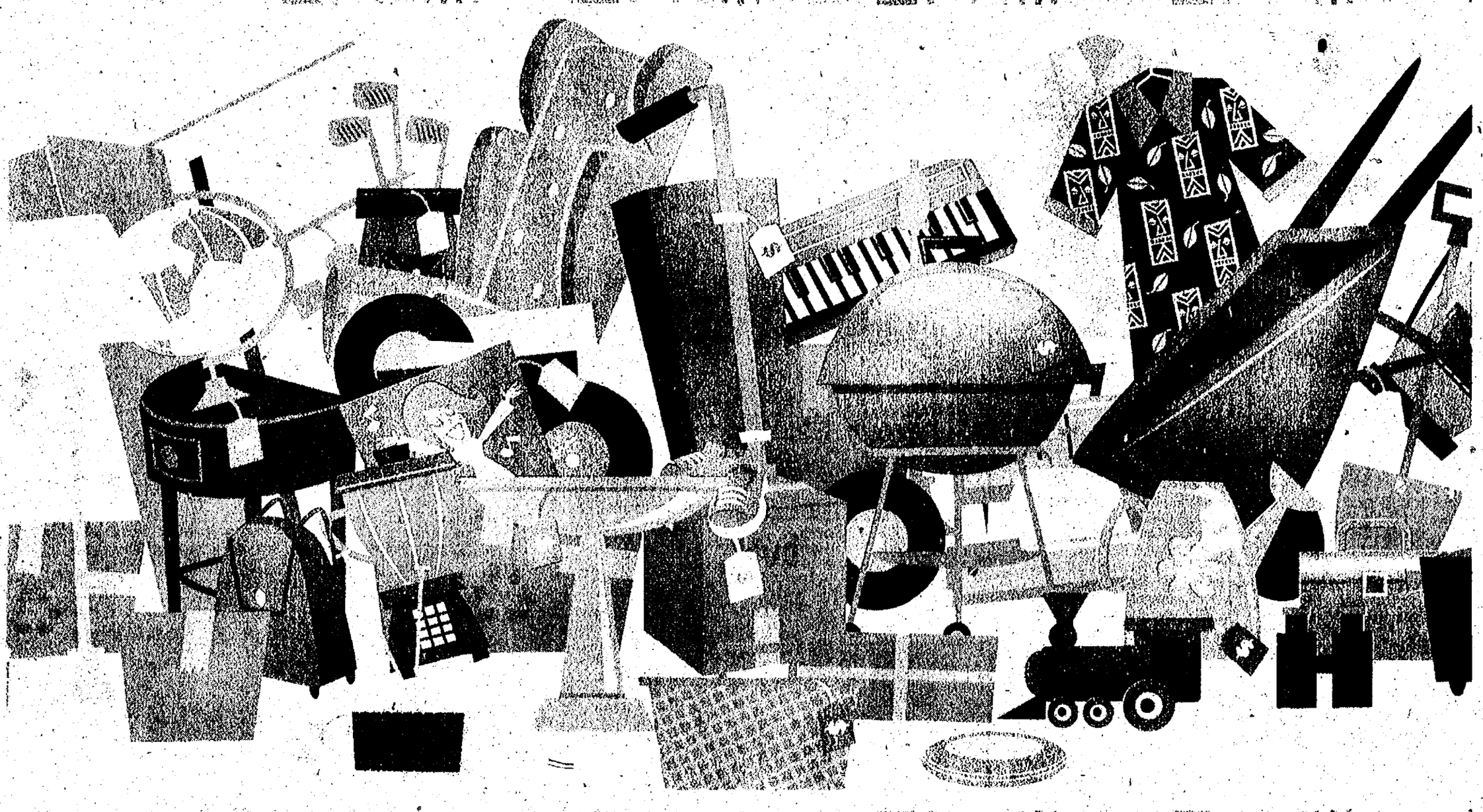

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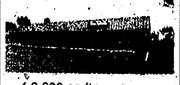

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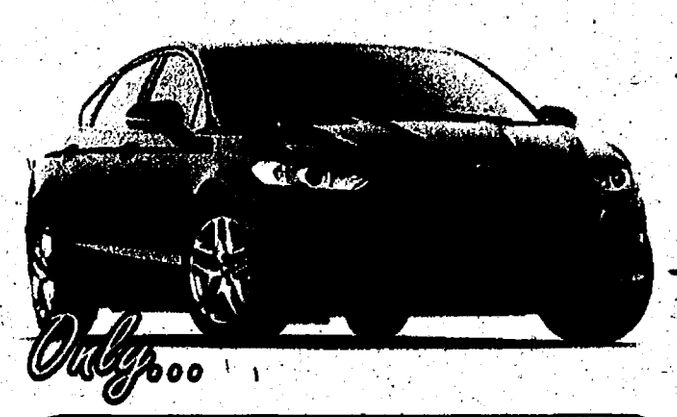

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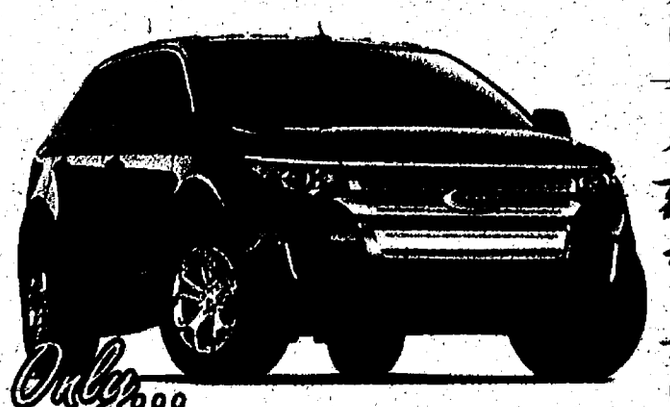

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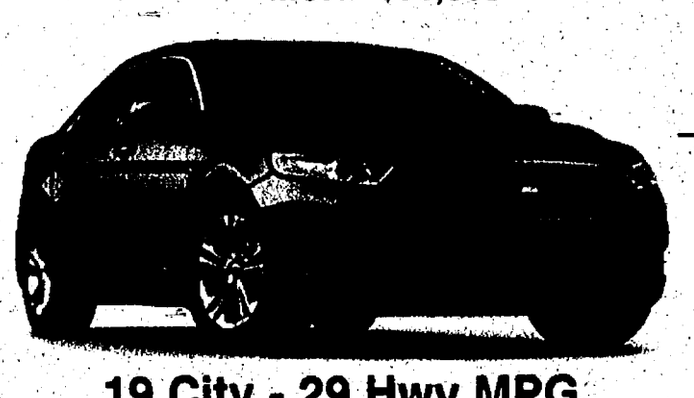

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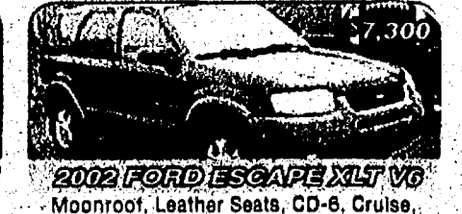

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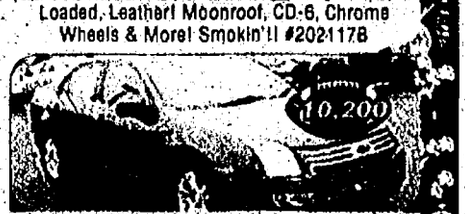

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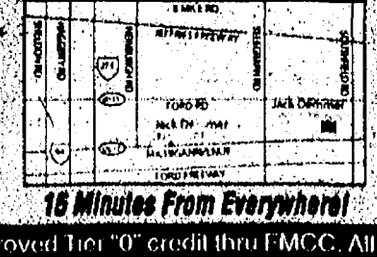

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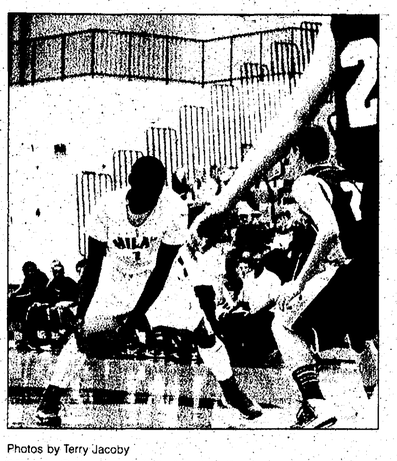

Photos by Terry Jacoby

**Milan's CJ Turnage is in his fourth season on varsity.**

## Do Big Reds have what it takes to reach next level?

JAKE'S TAKE

TERRY JACOBY

There is no doubt that the Milan boys' basketball team is good. But how good?

That question will be answered over the next few months. Following the Big Reds' home opening win over Chelsea a few weeks back, there was the typical breaking down of a team. Some suggested that Milan only has one really good player and a couple "so-so" players while other opinions suggested that they have two really good players and a couple of "so-so" players.

Then there was this: "They will win their league easily but won't get out of districts."

Milan plays in one of the toughest districts in the state, featuring teams such as Ypsilanti and Bedford, so whatever team escapes will have to play exceptionally well. And the district again appears loaded with strong teams, including Milan.

But first things first. And for the Big Reds and coach Josh Tropea that means two things. Winning the league and getting better every time they step on the floor, a scary thought considering how good they looked in the first few days of December.

"We are a pretty good team (now) but we can be one of the better teams in the area if we get some consistent play off the bench," Tropea said. "We have a really good starting five, but now we are looking for what other guys are going to step up each night."

Against Chelsea, the entire bench stepped up, which gives Tropea choices. And coaches just love choices.

"We will be pretty tough if the bench plays like (they did against Chelsea)," Tropea says.

One of Milan's go-to players this year will be senior CJ Turnage, who wears the fitting No. 1 on the back of his jersey and is beginning his fourth season on varsity.

"It's hard to believe it's been four years, but I've come a long way," says Turnage, who can handle the ball, shoot, rebound and play defense. He's turned himself into an all-around player.

"This year I am a lot better," he said with that big smile that's as electrifying as one of his dunks. "I have a lot more confidence now and can do a lot more things on the court."

Joining him on the court is Latin Davis, who is only a sophomore but is already standing out after playing his freshman year on varsity.

"We don't really have any goals except to get better and better every day," Davis says. "We want the starters to push the bench and the bench to push the starters."

Tropea says that Davis is light years ahead of other kids his age when it comes to basketball IQ.

"He has been playing AAU since fourth grade," Tropea

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# Dawgs pin down rare win over Bedford

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

Even the coach couldn't remember.

"I know it's been a long, long time," said Chelsea wrestling coach Kerry Kargel when asked about the last time Chelsea defeated state-powerhouse Bedford in wrestling. "It's been so long, I've forgotten. It's been at least 15 years."

The Bulldogs' 34-33 win over Bedford on Thursday at Adrian should give the Dawgs reason to believe.

"It's a great win," Kargel said. "Anytime you beat a team of that quality, it's a positive for our kids. It should give us a lot of confidence and it proves we can compete with the best."

Chelsea pulled off some close wins over the Kicking Mules to boot them into the win column.

At 103 pounds, Tristan Koch won in a pin in 29 seconds. At 125 pounds, Jacob Grob won 9-7. At 130 pounds, Nate Miller won with a pin in 32 seconds. Steven Bleise won 17-4 at 135 pounds and Avery Osentoski won on a pin in 3:45.

At 160 pounds, Dan Wisniewski won 7-5 in overtime.

Luke St. Pierre won 10-3 at 189 pounds and Mike Hovater pinned his opponent in 1:09 at 215 pounds.

The Bulldogs also knocked out Adrian on Thursday with a 52-30 victory.

Koch (103 pounds), Bleise (135), Travis Nichols (140), Alonzo Taylor (152), St. Pierre (189) and Hovater (215) all won on pins.

Parker Dye won 11-3 at 119 pounds and Wisniewski won on a void at 160.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs competed in the 10-team Coldwater Invitational.

"We get to see schools we usually don't see until the state meet so it gives us a good indication of where we are at," Kargel said. "It's good to see the competition and how we match up."

The Bulldogs lost to Hastings (36-30) and Parma Western (42-20).

Chelsea defeated Sturgis (45-36), Coldwater (42-35) and Mattawan (47-32).

Miller, Bleise and Hovater pinned down 5-0 records on the day. Osentoski and St. Pierre went 4-1.

Koch, Will McEachern, Alan Longworth and Brandon Cameron-Gaffield each won three matches.

Taylor won two matches and Ryan Eisley won once.

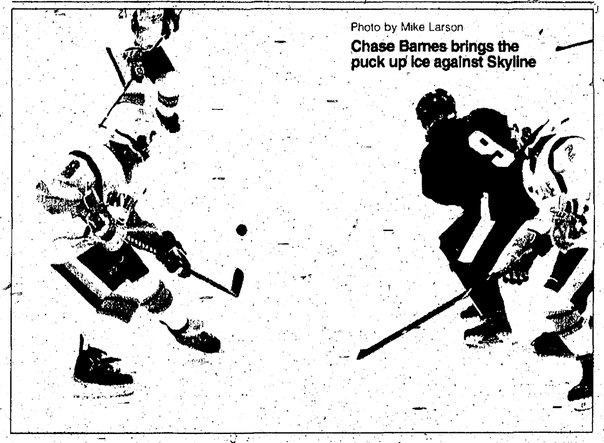

Photo by Mike Larson

**Chase Barnes brings the puck up ice against Skyline**

## Barnes and Bulldogs 'Chase' perfection

By Mike Larson
Special Writer

Chase Barnes has some high expectations for his Chelsea hockey team. He and his teammates strive for perfection when they take to the ice.

This pursuit of perfection was evident last Wednesday after the Bulldogs outplayed the Skyline Eagles in a 9-1 game, which was stopped after two periods because of the lopsided score.

Despite the dominating win, after the game, Barnes wasn't talking about the win, or the fact that he scored two goals in the victory.

Instead, Barnes was focused not on what the team did right, but what they needed to work on.

"We kind of fell apart a little bit in the first few minutes of the game," Barnes said. "I'm not sure what happened. We just need to tighten up a little bit."

Fell apart in the first few minutes?

Chelsea scored five unanswered goals in the first 11 minutes of the game, and then took a dominating 6-1 lead into the first intermission.

It was a great performance, and Chelsea seemed to be better in almost every facet of the game. However, Barnes, and many of his teammates were more focused on the little things.

"We had a good game, but we can do better," Barnes said. "We need to do better at coming out of the gate and being focused."

It's that kind of mentality that has made Chelsea one of the better high school hockey teams in the area. As of Dec. 3, the Bulldogs were not ranked in the latest Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association's top 10, but if the Bulldogs keep playing at the level they have been playing at this season, there is little doubt they will be soon.

Chelsea is undefeated right now, with seven straight wins to start the season, and many of their wins have been just as lopsided as the Skyline game.

In seven contests this season, Chelsea has outscored opponents 53-9.

"Our goal this season is to come out and play hard every time we take

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### TUESDAY 12/18

**BOYS HOOPS:** Huron vs. Belleville

**BOYS HOOPS:** Willow Run at Dexter

**GIRLS HOOPS:** Skyline vs. Pioneer

### WEDNESDAY 12/19

**HOCKEY:** Skyline vs. Dexter

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** Adrian at Saline

### FRIDAY 12/21

**BOYS HOOPS:** Huron vs. Chelsea

**BOYS HOOPS:** Pioneer vs. Lincoln

**BOYS HOOPS:** Dexter at Skyline

**BOYS HOOPS:** Ypsilanti at Saline

**GIRLS HOOPS:** Saline at Ypsilanti

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# Washtenaw Blue Junior Wolverines score big season

By Terry Jacoby
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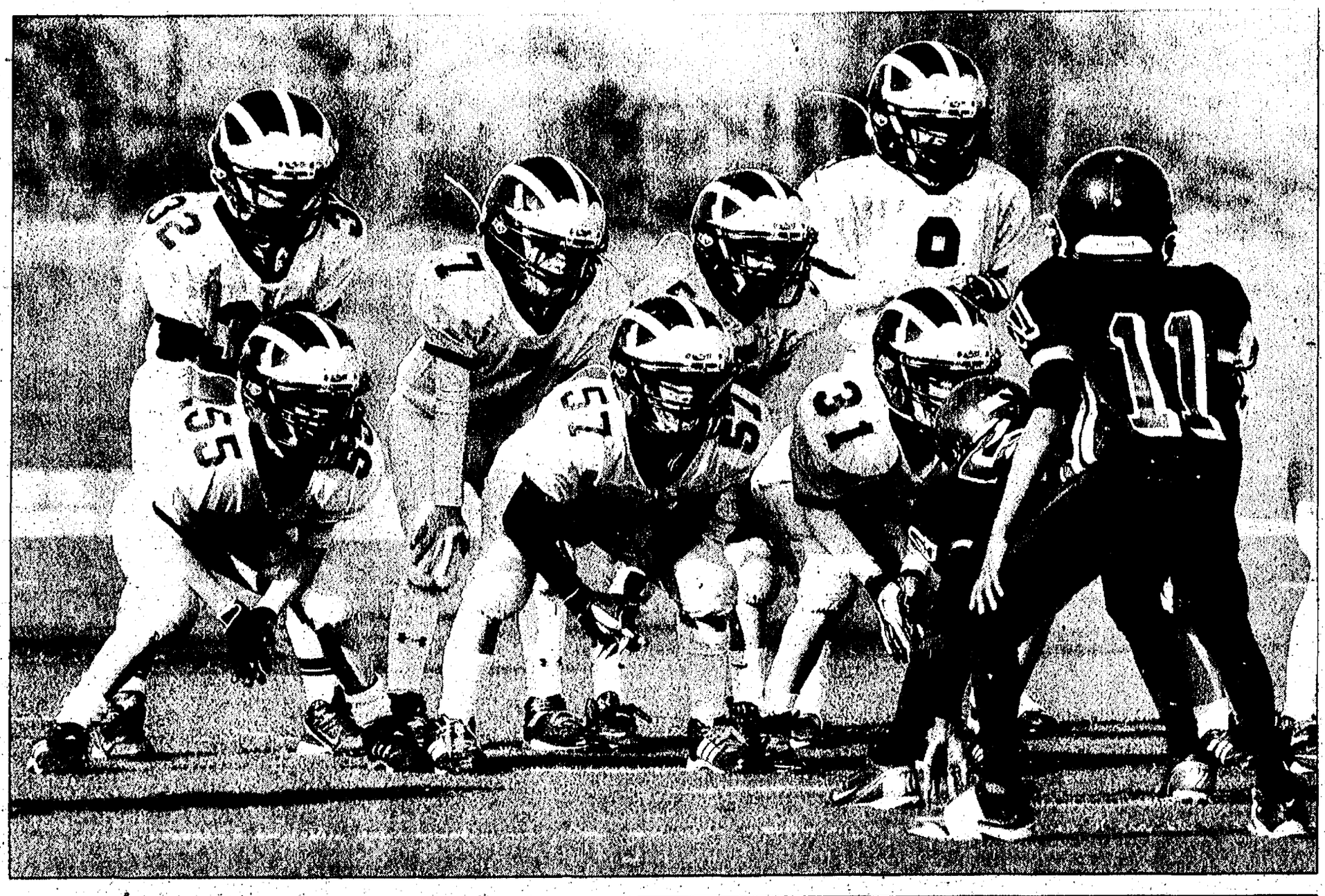


The Washtenaw Blue Junior Wolverines, not to be confused with their crosstown brother team the Maize, feature three teams, consisting of a Freshman, JV, and Varsity based on age and weight. Players come from Ann Arbor, Saline, Dexter, Chelsea and other Washtenaw County communities.

The Blue varsity team went 7-1 this year, losing in the playoffs. The JV went 7-1 as well and lost in their division championship game.

The freshman team, consisting of 3-4th grade boys, went undefeated in league play, won their division and the inaugural Super Peanut Bowl.

The League has two divisions (AFC and NFC) and typically the better teams are in the NFC. The placement depends on the cumulative record of the varsity, JV and freshman teams from the year before. This allows for more equal play between teams of similar abilities.

The Blue played this year in the AFC, but obviously did very well. For the first time ever, the league decided to implement a Super Peanut Bowel. In the past, the season would end after the division championship, called the Peanut Bowel. After winning the division, the Blue had one more week of practice, and finished with an undefeated season.

Preseason practice started in the middle of August. Once school started, the team shifted to Tuesday-Friday practices.

Games were typically played on Saturdays on the Blue's home field at Skyline HS.

The team played against teams from Wyandotte, Riverview, Southgate, Melvindale, Dearborn Heights, Taylor, and Lincoln Park at home and away. The freshman team gained more than 3,000 rushing yards and 389 passing yards. They had over 33 rushing touchdowns, as well as nine passing touchdowns.

The season ended on Nov. 17.

The head coach was Jim Kinsherf, a former Notre Dame player, under Lou Holtz. Kinsherf was responsible for organizing the practices and what offense and defense the team would run, and everything else a head coach gets stuck with. Kinsherf also is the president of the entire Washtenaw Blue team program.

Chris Easthope was the defensive coordinator. John Rotche was the special teams coach. And Nick Mosher and Luis Gago assisted on both sides of the ball.

Coaches made sure every player on the team had the opportunity to carry the ball in a game during the season. He made sure each boy had the chance to be a team captain. He also ensured (with the help of Nick) that each boy got their minimum number of plays.

By league requirements, each boy must have five plays a half.

The Blue started with 28 players and ended with 28 players. There were nine returning veterans, the rest were playing football for the first time. The coaches stressed the importance of the boys being student/athletes, proper blocking and tackling technique, working together, working at getting better, and staying committed. Most importantly, the boys had fun, enjoyed coming to practice, and had a great experience they will remember for a longtime.

WJF Blue Football & Cheer is a non-profit organization that provides football and cheer programs for young people in Ann Arbor and neighboring communities in western Washtenaw County with over 100 active participants ages 7-13.

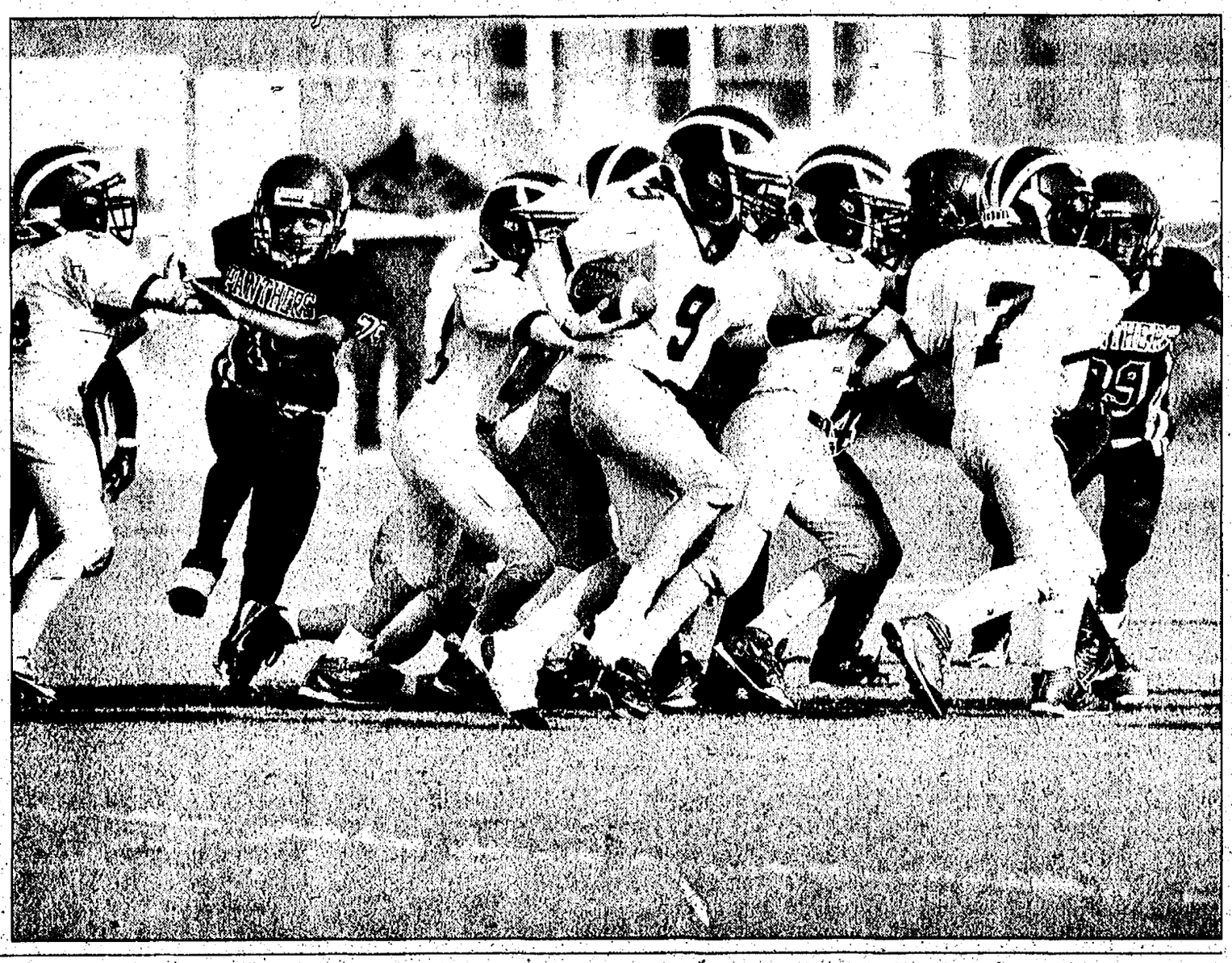


Photo by Terry Jacoby

**Dexter's Megan Flocken was one of many local field hockey players scoring a spot on the All-State team.**

## Local players dominate All-State field hockey team

The Fall 2012 Michigan High School Field Hockey Association Division All Stars was recently announced and the team features a number of local players. The Washtenaw Whippets, this year's Division III champs, placed three on the team: Maggie Cole, Madeline Inglis and Meghan Cole. Dexter's Megan Flocken and Anna Love along with Skyline's Sanna Fraleigh and Kayla Harding also made the D-3 team.

Here are the complete teams:

**Division I All Division Team**
AA Pioneer - Eliza Stein, Shelby Supica, Tess Thompson
AA Huron - Katie Yeatts, Cassie Ammerman
Marian - Caroline Biehl, Anna Reinhart
Ladywood - Christina Meyer, Briana Sultana
Mercy - Madeline McClain, Margaret Reaume
Grosse Pointe South - Lilly Sterr

**Division II All Division Team**
Novi - Lauren Brown, Sofi Mosso, Megan Paul
East Grand Rapids - Kristy Allen, Anna Petko
Greenhills - Maeven Barry, Sarah Menzies
Saline - Annie Carter, Sarah Ball
Academy of Sacred Heart - Marissa Ray
Detroit Country Day - Kelsey Thomas, Danielle Elliott

**Division III All Division Team**
Washtenaw Whippets - Maggie Cole, Madeline Inglis
AA Skyline - Sanna Fraleigh, Kayla Harding
Cranbrook-Kingswood - Miranda Scott, Keiko DeClerk
Dexter - Megan Flocken, Anna Love
Grosse Pointe North - Sarah Richardson
University Liggett School - Jacqueline Diggs, Ashley Webster

**Division I Honorable Mention**
AA Huron - Keeley Erhardt
Marian - Elle Flynn
Ladywood - Stephanie Mackley
Mercy - Alycia Bellino
Grosse Pointe South - Amanda Heidt

**Division I - Honorable Mention**
Novi - Haley Notarantonio
East Grand Rapids - Emily French
Greenhills - Zoe Chrissos
Saline - Samantha Dicks
Academy of Sacred Heart - Bailey Seklar
Detroit Country Day - Salena Sikand

**Division III - Honorable Mention**
Washtenaw Whippets - Meghan Cole
AA Skyline - Rachel Wilke
Cranbrook-Kingswood - Julia Rogers
Dexter - Megan Cansfield
Grosse Pointe North - Anna Giordana, Marissa Stinson

# HOCKEY: Dawgs keep on rolling

The Chelsea hockey team took its 8-0 record up north to Gaylord to compete in a 12-team event at the Otsego Sports Complex on Friday and Saturday. The two-day event featured six games each day.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs scored an impressive 2-0 win over Cheboygan.

Junior Charlie Miller recorded the shut-out with 23 saves.

After a scoreless first period, Eric Newman put Chelsea on the board with a power-play goal with 6:57 to play in the second period. Tyler Fullerton and Jacob Ryan had assists.

In the third period, Jacob Dobberstein scored an unassisted goal with 5:32 left to play in the game.

The trip opened with a 5-5 tie with Dearborn Divine Child on Friday. While they didn't get the win, the Bulldogs rallied from 4-2 down in the third period to salvage the tie.

Trailing by two goals, Taylor Atchley scored his third of the game with 14:59 left to play in the game to make it 4-3. Less than a minute later, Ryan scored (with an assist from Caleb Bentley) to tie the game at 4-4. With 8:45 to play, Divine Child took a 5-4 lead.

But Ryan netted his second goal with 4:21 left to play to even the score at 5-5. Dobberstein and Atchley picked up assists. Atchley gave Chelsea a 1-0 lead with 13:20 left in the first period with assists from Alec Daman and Fullerton. The junior scored again midway through the second period to tie the game at 2-2. Josh Cogswell and Ryan had assists.

Miller made 26 saves for Chelsea.

## Dawgs win 3-1

At least this one was close.

After blowing out most of their first seven opponents, the Chelsea Bulldogs skated to a 3-1 win Wednesday night on the road against Davison.

The Bulldogs took a 3-1 lead in the second period and goalie Charlie Miller and the Dawgs defense did the rest as they improved to 8-0 overall.

Miller, a junior, recorded 10 saves in the win.

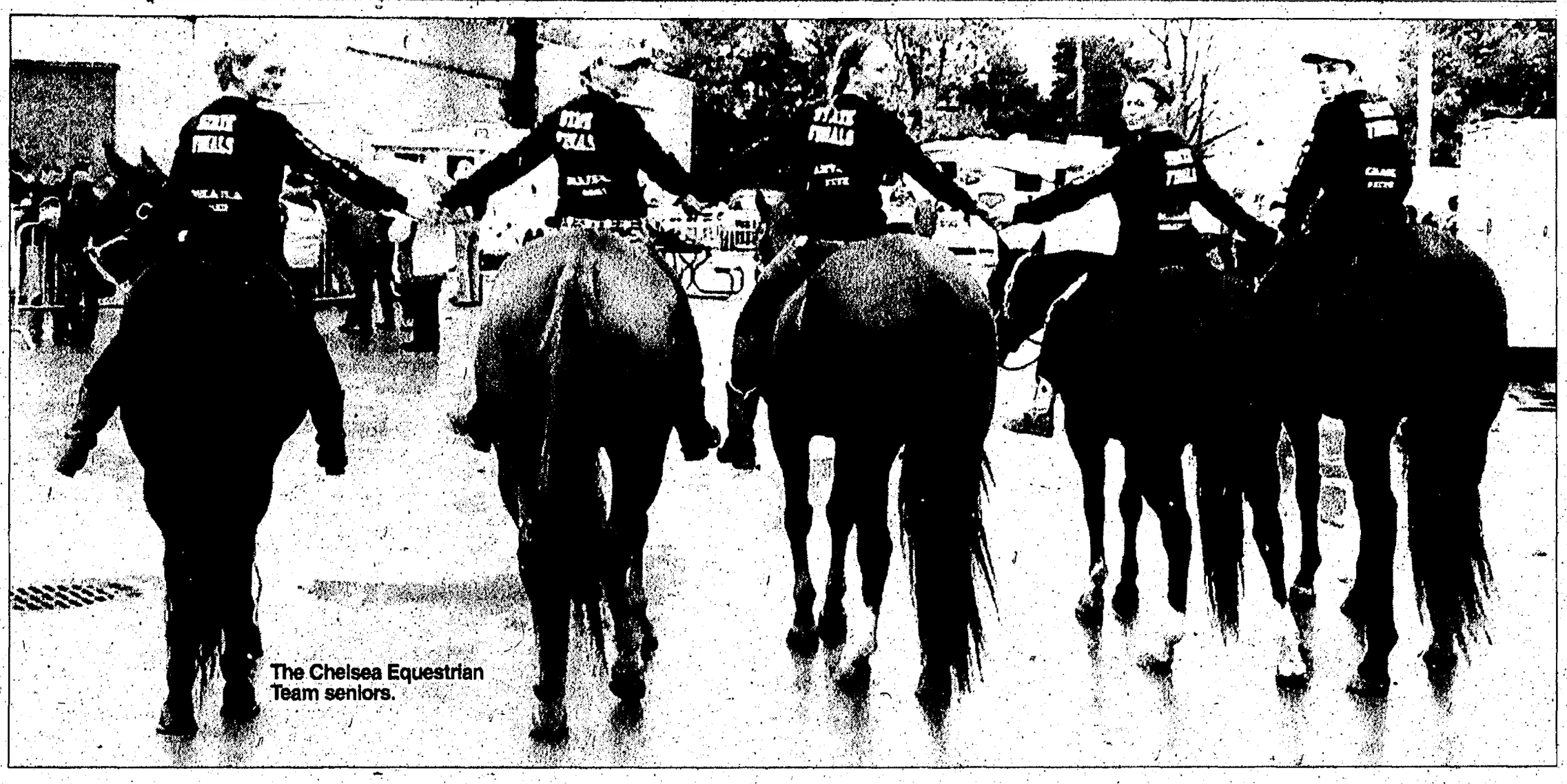
After falling behind 1-0 on a power-play goal, Taylor Atchley scored at 4:16 of the first period to even the game at 1-1. Brody Layher and Jacob Dobberstein each picked up the assists.

Chelsea scored two second-period goals. The first came at 10:27 when Dobberstein netted a power-play goal with assists from Joey Olmsted and Caleb Bentley.

Layher scored with 1:27 left in the period with an assist from Dobberstein.

The Bulldogs play at Divine Child on Friday and at Cheboygan on Saturday.

Tyler Fullerton



The Chelsea Equestrian Team seniors.

# No horsing around for this Chelsea team

The Chelsea HS equestrian team concluded a very successful season in October. The Division A, Region 4, 11 member team brought talent, enthusiasm, skills, and the performance needed to be a winning team.

Chelsea placed first at Districts held in Mason and were Reserve Grand Champions at Regionals.

CHS placed fourth out of 10 Division A teams at the State Meet held in Midland in October.

This was the third time the team has qualified to compete in the State Meet in the last four years under the direction of Coach Lucy Heimerdinger. This year's assistant coaches were Jane Barnes, Julie Agar and Lynn Lesko.

It's clear that Chelsea's equestrian riders "don't just horse around." They are very dedicated athletes. They practice long hours with the team or on their own, work with private trainers, often compete in other shows, and must develop a strong working relationship with their horses to be a successful team.

Unlike other sports, equestrian involves several types of riding disciplines. Often times the kids have to ride in disciplines they may not love, but are ask to ride for the team's winning success.

Riders competed in three disciplines, Western, English and Saddle Seat and rode in classes such as showmanship, equitation, bareback riding, pattern work, jumping, reining, trail, and contesting which involves, barrel racing, flags, two man relay, and stake race.

For Chelsea, the success started with a dedicated senior class.

"Senior captain Micayla Zynda is an extremely talented and accomplished performer, she is the most valuable rider on the team," said Heimerdinger.

Micayla placed in 46 out of 56 classes she competed in this past season with 21 first places.

"She is an outstanding young lady who I believe will succeed in anything she does," Heimerdinger said. "She is a very focused, masterful rider and has developed an outstanding relationship with her horse and this is evident in her consistent placings. Micayla stands up to the competition year after year."

Micayla plans to ride for West Virginia University's equestrian team next year.

Heimerdinger described senior co-captain Anyssa Marsh as "a wonderful young lady with so much potential to be a leader."

"She works very hard with her horse Pete and it certainly showed this year," Heimerdinger said.

Throughout the season, Anyssa competed in 61 classes and placed in 35. She placed first in four of her classes. Anyssa exudes enthusiasm and is always the head cheerleader for teammates when she is not in the arena. Her positive attitude shines through in everything she does. Anyssa will continue to show next year.

Senior co-captain Hannah Linteau was slowed down by some extraordinary health circumstances this year.

"Throughout the season and illness, Hannah's dedication to her team never wavered," Heimerdinger said. "She was either in the stalls assisting and supporting other riders, at the rail cheering teammates on, or at practice pushing herself to be well enough to compete."

No one worked harder to compete than Hannah this year. When she was able to compete she gave it her all. "She is one young lady that will do anything for her team and coach, and ask for nothing in return," Heimerdinger said. Hannah is also part of the Michigan High School Rodeo Association and will continue to compete on that team until August of 2013.

Senior Chase Barnes "is such a character and amazing to watch on his horse Patty," Heimerdinger said. "Chase trained hard this year with his horse and it was evident in his dependable high performances."

Out of 42 classes throughout the season he placed in 27 with five first places and two honorable mentions. "Chase is a strong competitive rider with a positive attitude that draws others toward him," Heimerdinger said.

Senior Morgan Baldwin is extremely exciting to watch in the speed classes. She participated in 28 classes, placed in 23 and took first in 18. At the meets, other schools watch her hoping for a mistake and cheering her on at the same time.

"Her high powered performance in speed classes never lets up," Heimerdinger said. "She has a remarkable competitive edge that is unrelenting. Everyone knows Morgan and anxiously awaits her thrilling rides."

The only junior on the team was Weston Barnes. "This young man has a great sense of humor," Heimerdinger said. "Weston worked hard with his young horse and trainer this year. The two of them make a great team."

Weston participated in 55 classes, placed in 30 with two first places. Weston is a capable dependable rider.

Sophomore Grant Allen is one of the quiet ones you have to watch out for. This year was Grant's first year in speed classes. It was awesome to watch him improve this season. His riding skills, balance, speed and confidence grew over the season. Watch out in 2013 for Grant.

Sophomore Jacob Lahti is the only member this year who didn't own his own horse. With the support of Coach Lucy (she loaned him a horse) he was able to compete in Saddle seat, Western and English showmanship. "Jacob takes his job on the team seriously," said Heimerdinger. "He is the team assistant to the captains. He puts his heart and soul into his classes and he is our fundraising king."

A newcomer to the team was sophomore Tony Nichol. "You know someone is dedicated to this sport when they ride their horse to practice which took over an hour," said Heimerdinger. "Not only was he new to riding he learned fast and improved with every practice. He is always willing to help and has a great attitude all the time."

Coach Heimerdinger described freshman Taylor Schrock by stating, "This young lady is a very talented rider." Taylor was the rookie to watch as she consistently placed. "She was always in a good mood, willing to help, and an extremely hard working rider," said Heimerdinger.

The other awesome freshman rider was Jordan Hirst. "If you ever want to see someone that loves to ride and overcomes difficult situations she's the one to watch," said Heimerdinger. Jordan's horse Fancy was sometimes difficult in the ring. Jordan always kept her cool and good attitude while smiling all the way. "She never let the judges see her sweat as she navigated Fancy into position. That is an important ingredient in a great rider," said Heimerdinger.

This was a truly amazing year for all the riders. A lot of hard work and dedication goes in to a winning team as evidenced by each rider's personal accomplishments. This could not occur if it wasn't for the efforts and time commitment put in from all the coaches, riders, and parents. Community support enables this team to continue to thrive.

If you want to be a part of the Chelsea equestrian team, contact coach Lucy Heimerdinger at lheimer311@gmail.com

## The 2012 Chelsea Equestrian Team

# Gold Champions!

Chelsea Chief's Gold Squirt Team took first place at the Eddie Edgar Thanksgiving Tournament in Livonia. The team won five out of five games, beating Livonia Knights 7 to 4 in the finals. Pictures are front row: Nolan Foster and Caleb Kril; second row: Nick Walling, Jack Capper, Kegan Bunting, Andrew Schultz, Spencer Konz and Nolan Wheeler; third row: David Clarke, Dylan Leighton, Tyler Valik, Cayden Brush, Cade McCrate and Brendan Westcott; back row: Coaches Troy McCrate, Ryan Valik, Tom Capper and Chris Brush.

The owners of Cottage Inn were recently awarded the "Stick of Opportunity" for the highest bid at the Sportsman's dinner. The group features (L-R) Andy Christofferson (assistant varsity coach), Cottage Inn owners Sean and Karen Fosdick and Chelsea lacrosse coach Joe Koengeter.

# Hornets use 15-0 run to race past Chelsea

By Mike Larson
Heritage Media

The Saline boys' basketball team is all about momentum.

After leading all of Thursday night's game against Chelsea, the Hornets started to feel some heat in the second quarter. The Bulldogs started to chip away at Saline's lead, and looked as if they would take the lead before halftime. In fact, Chelsea was within three points of the Hornets with less than a minute left.

And then Saline struck back.

Senior Reese Dils nailed a three pointer as time expired to put Saline up by six. It seemed like an innocent enough shot at the time, but after the break, it proved to be a turning point.

"That was quite a shot and it really changed things for us," Saline coach Eric Williams said. "We really took the momentum from there."

After halftime Saline came out and went on a 15-0 run. From that point, the Hornets cruised to a 54-35 win.

"We played four-minute wars," Williams said. "That's what we say on the sidelines. We want to win every four-minute battle. We did that tonight."

Saline jumped out to a quick lead in the first quarter, leading 14-6 at the end of the frame.

In the second, Chelsea fought back, relying on a huge performance by Luke Hollandsworth, who scored 11 points in the first half.

However, after Dils big three-pointer at the end of the first half, Chelsea never threatened again.

"They are a good basketball team," Chelsea coach Rourke Skelton said of Saline. "They picked up the intensity (in the second half) and we didn't. We have to avoid the breakdowns we had tonight."

Dils was the game's top scorer with 16 points while junior Max Recknagel added 14. Hollandsworth led the way for Chelsea with 14, while senior Logan Brown added 11.

# Chelsea HS lacrosse team hosts, scores successful fundraiser

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The Chelsea lacrosse program held its first Sportsman's dinner fundraiser on Dec. 1 and created the "Stick of Opportunity" as a scholarship program designed to provide players equipment that are not able to afford to purchase their own.

The trophy is an old lacrosse stick with a plaque attached to it and will hang on the wall of the highest bidder from year to year.

The first winner of the stick was Cottage Inn, with the highest bidder of $400.

The Chelsea varsity lacrosse is heading into its sixth season this spring when the games begin in April. Home games are played on the turf football field.

The team's coach Joe Koengeter wants to bring a different type of fundraiser to Chelsea athletics and the Sportsman's Dinner was a huge success with 150 people in attendance and more than a dozen sponsors.

The group raffled off 13 guns, over 25 barrel raffle packages including gift certificates, hunters packages and even a hunters widow's package along with plenty of door prizes. Live auction items included a Chelsea varsity jacket, senior picture session and the "Stick of Opportunity."

The stick will allow players that are not able to afford equipment to apply for a grant that will put cleats on their feet and/or gloves on their hands. The Board of Directors will approve/assign the grant money or provide the equipment so players will be able to play this increasingly popular sport.

Chelsea Cottage Inn will proudly hang the 'Stick of Opportunity' for the next year in their building.

"Karen (Fosdick) never hesitated during the live auction to outbid the current bidder and no doubt understood the meaning of what the 'Stick' would represent," said Craig Olmsted of the Chelsea lacrosse board.

Next year's event will be Sept. 14 at the Chelsea Fairgrounds.

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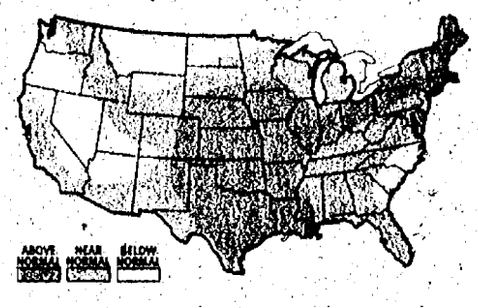

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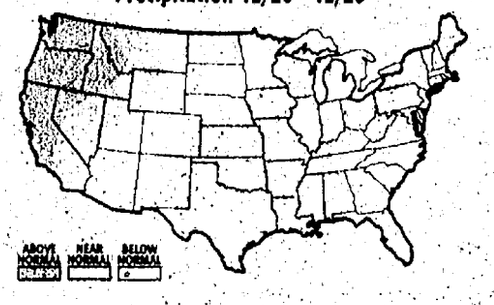

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| High/low for the week | 52°/16° |
| Normal high/low | 36°/21° |
| Average temperature | 35.7° |
| Normal average temperature | 28.4° |
| **Precipitation:** | |
| Total for the week | 0.19" |
| Total for the month | 0.93" |
| Total for the year | 20.30" |
| Normal for the month | 1.29" |
| Normal for the year | 32.13" |

## PAST WEEK'S TEMPS

Temperatures ●High ●Low

| Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. | Mon. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 37 / 22 | 43 / 21 | 44 / 14 | 48 / 22 | 44 / 27 | 52 / 42 | 43 / 39 |

## THIS WEEK'S CONDITIONS

Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature®

| Thu. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 / 36 | 1 / 17 | 1 / 18 | 1 / 17 | 2 / 27 | 1 / 22 | 1 / 17 |

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The patented AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. Shown are the highs for the day.

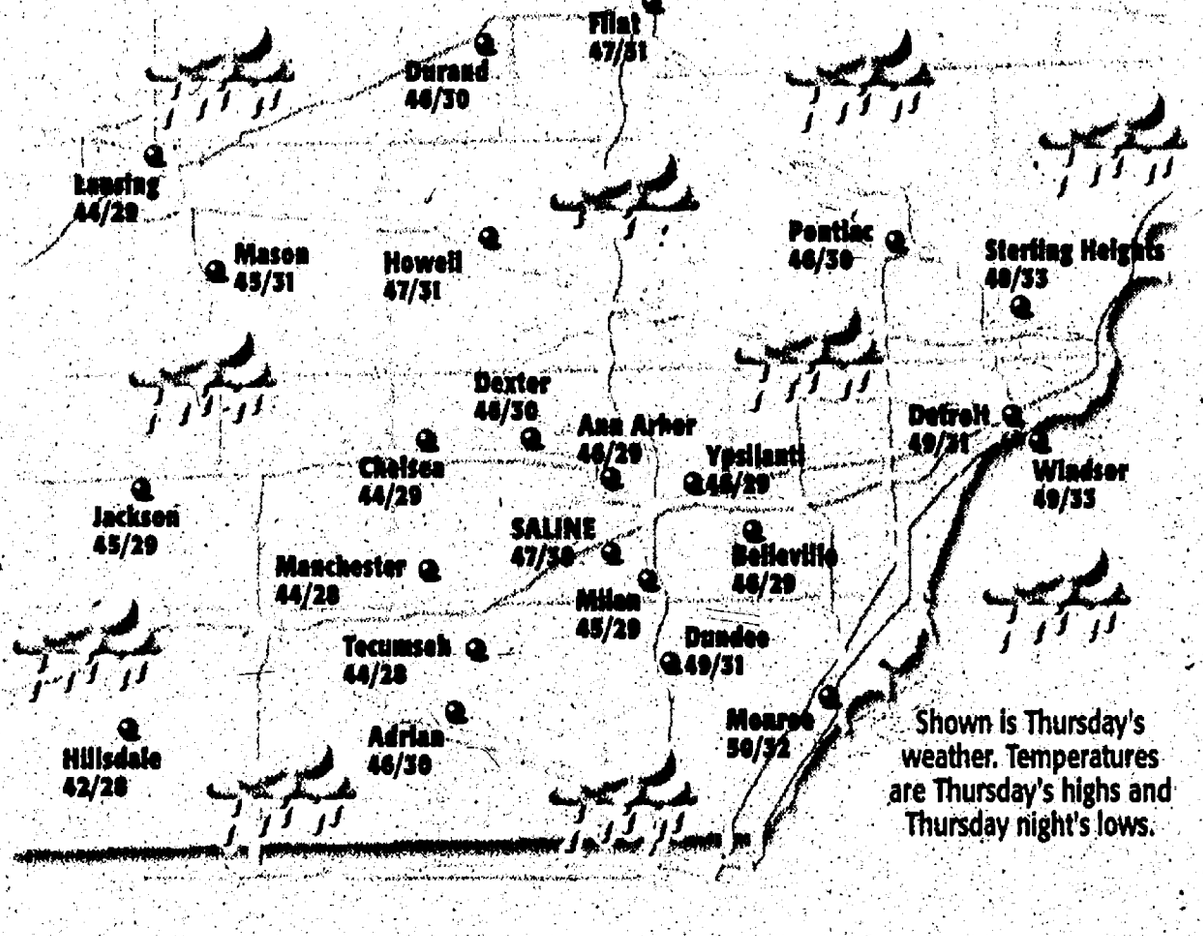
## RIVER LEVELS

| As of 7 a.m. Monday | Flood stage | Current stage |
|---|---|---|
| Ecorse Creek | | |
| Dearborn Heights | -- | 2.39 ft |
| Huron River | | |
| Ann Arbor | 16 ft | 12.26 ft |
| Mallets Creek | | |
| Ann Arbor | -- | 5.05 ft |
| Mill Creek | | |
| Dexter | 12 ft | 6.01 ft |
| River Raisin | | |
| Manchester | -- | 2.55 ft |

## LAKE LEVELS

| Lake | Normal | Current |
|---|---|---|
| Lake Erie | 580.11 ft | 570.15 ft |
| Lake St. Clair | 575 ft | 572.52 ft |

## THE REGION




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

## REGIONAL CITIES

| City | Wed. Hi/Lo/W | Thu. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W | Sat. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adrian | 46/38/pc | 46/30/r | 36/24/sf | 35/23/pc |
| Ann Arbor | 46/35/pc | 46/29/r | 34/23/sf | 34/21/pc |
| Battle Creek | 43/39/pc | 44/29/sn | 33/24/sf | 33/23/pc |
| Bay City | 43/33/pc | 44/30/r | 35/25/sf | 34/24/pc |
| Detroit | 46/38/pc | 49/31/r | 38/25/sf | 35/24/pc |
| Flint | 44/35/pc | 47/31/r | 35/24/sf | 32/22/pc |
| Grand Rapids | 44/38/pc | 45/31/sn | 34/26/sf | 34/25/pc |
| Kalamazoo | 44/39/pc | 45/29/sn | 33/24/sf | 34/24/pc |
| Lansing | 44/36/pc | 44/29/r | 34/24/sf | 33/23/pc |
| Livonia | 45/37/pc | 47/30/r | 37/25/sf | 35/24/pc |

| City | Wed. Hi/Lo/W | Thu. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W | Sat. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Manistee | 40/32/pc | 41/30/sn | 33/24/sf | 31/25/c |
| Midland | 43/33/pc | 44/30/r | 36/24/sf | 34/23/pc |
| Muskegon | 43/37/pc | 45/31/sn | 34/27/sf | 33/27/pc |
| Pontiac | 42/35/pc | 46/30/r | 35/24/sf | 32/22/pc |
| Port Huron | 41/34/pc | 47/32/r | 33/24/sf | 33/23/pc |
| Saginaw | 41/34/pc | 46/31/r | 35/24/sf | 33/22/pc |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 36/28/pc | 35/21/sn | 25/14/sf | 22/11/c |
| Sturgis | 46/40/pc | 45/28/sn | 32/23/sf | 32/22/pc |
| Traverse City | 39/32/pc | 41/29/sn | 33/24/sn | 32/23/c |
| Warren | 45/38/pc | 48/33/r | 36/27/sf | 35/25/pc |

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

## SUN AND MOON

| The Sun | Rise | Set | The Moon | Rise | Set |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thursday | 8:00 a.m. | 5:06 p.m. | Thursday | 12:28 p.m. | 12:40 a.m. |
| Friday | 8:00 a.m. | 5:06 p.m. | Friday | 12:57 p.m. | 1:41 a.m. |
| Saturday | 8:01 a.m. | 5:07 p.m. | Saturday | 1:26 p.m. | 2:41 a.m. |
| Sunday | 8:01 a.m. | 5:07 p.m. | Sunday | 1:59 p.m. | 3:40 a.m. |
| Monday | 8:02 a.m. | 5:08 p.m. | Monday | 2:36 p.m. | 4:37 a.m. |
| Tuesday | 8:02 a.m. | 5:09 p.m. | Tuesday | 3:17 p.m. | 5:33 a.m. |
| Wednesday | 8:03 a.m. | 5:09 p.m. | Wednesday | 4:02 p.m. | 6:25 a.m. |

| First | Full | Last | New |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dec 20 | Dec 28 | Jan 4 | Jan 11 |

## NATIONAL CITIES

| City | Thu. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W | Sat. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 62/31/t | 50/31/s | 54/34/s |
| Boston | 44/41/pc | 49/33/r | 40/28/c |
| Chicago | 45/15/r | 25/17/pc | 27/19/pc |
| Cincinnati | 51/24/r | 32/21/pc | 36/22/s |
| Cleveland | 51/31/r | 38/26/sf | 34/26/c |
| Dallas | 52/30/s | 59/35/s | 63/45/pc |
| Denver | 43/21/s | 48/22/s | 49/21/pc |
| Honolulu | 80/70/pc | 80/70/pc | 79/69/pc |
| Houston | 57/33/s | 57/33/pc | 65/52/pc |
| Kansas City | 30/17/sn | 41/23/s | 44/23/s |
| Las Vegas | 48/34/s | 52/34/pc | 55/40/pc |
| Los Angeles | 68/43/s | 68/42/pc | 68/45/pc |
| Miami | 80/67/s | 74/56/pc | 74/58/s |
| Minneapolis | 21/3/sn | 18/5/pc | 22/5/pc |
| New Orleans | 68/38/t | 55/38/s | 61/45/pc |
| New York City | 46/43/pc | 49/36/r | 41/32/pc |
| Orlando | 80/49/s | 62/40/s | 65/42/s |
| Philadelphia | 48/43/r | 48/35/pc | 41/31/pc |
| Phoenix | 63/41/s | 65/45/s | 70/43/pc |
| Pittsburgh | 52/31/r | 35/27/sf | 33/23/sf |
| St. Louis | 47/22/sn | 41/24/s | 45/24/s |
| San Francisco | 58/50/sh | 56/51/r | 57/49/r |
| Seattle | 41/29/sh | 40/36/sh | 41/29/r |
| Wash., DC | 52/40/r | 48/30/pc | 42/28/pc |

## WORLD CITIES

| City | Thu. Hi/Lo/W | Fri. Hi/Lo/W | Sat. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|---|
| Athens | 50/41/sh | 54/43/sh | 54/43/r |
| Berlin | 34/28/c | 30/27/sn | 30/21/sn |
| Buenos Aires | 83/64/c | 82/67/pc | 84/69/s |
| Cairo | 64/51/s | 64/52/pc | 64/51/pc |
| Calgary | 31/5/pc | 22/10/c | 18/-3/pc |
| Hong Kong | 72/66/pc | 75/64/pc | 72/55/pc |
| Jerusalem | 54/44/sh | 50/44/sh | 53/44/pc |
| Johannesburg | 76/58/t | 74/57/t | 75/58/t |
| London | 50/39/r | 46/41/c | 45/43/r |
| Mexico City | 74/37/pc | 73/36/pc | 76/39/s |
| Montreal | 33/32/pc | 38/24/r | 26/19/sn |
| Moscow | 8/3/c | 9/6/s | 11/6/c |
| Paris | 51/43/r | 48/42/r | 55/52/r |
| Rio de Janeiro | 93/79/t | 94/77/t | 89/75/t |
| Rome | 52/39/pc | 54/41/r | 55/39/s |
| Seoul | 34/21/pc | 37/27/sf | 37/14/c |
| Singapore | 88/77/t | 90/77/t | 88/77/t |
| Sydney | 90/66/pc | 77/68/s | 82/66/pc |
| Tokyo | 48/37/s | 52/37/pc | 48/43/r |
| Warsaw | 21/14/c | 21/18/sn | 23/18/sf |

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# Bulldogs open dual-meet season with easy win

The Chelsea swim and dive team started their dual-meet season last week with a dominating 142-44 win over Pinckney. The Bulldogs qualified for this year's state finals in seven different events with nine different state cuts.

Much has been anticipated from this very talented team as off season preparation began last summer. Though it was expected that Chelsea would have a strong team, what was witnessed Thursday could be an even greater barometer of what the near future holds.

Chelsea got the meet started with a sweep in the first event. It was a tell-tale sign of the depth of this talented young team. Chelsea's A relay swam to a state cut time as Sam Almhiemid, David Alday, Nick Burris and Jonny Mangner blasted to a 1:44.88. Chelsea's B squad was close behind at 1:48.36 as Nick Deppner, Tom Olsen, Logan Simpson and Will Wickens combined for second place. Chelsea's C relay completed the sweep as Dylan Ousley, Zach Ousley, Max Lonnemo and Aunic Goodin stopped the clock at 1:54.64 for third place.

Another sweep came in the next event as the Bulldogs dominated the 200 freestyle. Ben Thoms led the way with a solid 1:59.20 and Jacob Hartman was close behind at 1:59.26. A much improved Drew Deppner finished third at 2:03.22 as the talented trio of sophomores took command of the meet.

David Alday was up again early in the meet and he did not disappoint as the junior standout swam an extremely quick 2:04.91 in the 200 IM to earn his first of three state cut time standards. Nick Burris took third with a career best 2:14.55. He looks to be on pace to make the state finals in the event which will be very important for the team as they prepare for the state finals in March. Sam Almhiemid was fourth with another solid with a career-best 2:15.86.

Chelsea's sprinters accomplished another sweep as Nick Deppner swam a season best of 23.31 just off the state cut time standard of 23.19. Jonny Mangner was second at 24.21. Mangner is much improved from this same time last season and will be a major factor to the team's success as they move forward. Max Lonnemo, another super sophomore, was third at 24.39.

Joe Smith got his second straight 200 plus score in the 1 meter diving. Smith scored 218.25 points. Teammate Jacob Burris was second with 208.70 points. Both sophomores went to last year's state finals and look to be on pace for another fine showing.

Logan Simpson was the top scorer in the 100 butterfly in 59.29. Simpson is one of the seniors that this team looks to for leadership. The talented senior has the ability to swim a variety of events which will become more and more important as the season moves forward. Max Lonnemo was third with a strong 1:00.73. Lonnemo is way ahead of where he was last season and looks to be on pace to make this year's state team. Will Wickens rounded out the scoring for the Bulldogs with a 1:03.82 time which earned him fourth. All three swimmers are major factors in a variety of events especially the sprints.

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> **DAVE JOLLY**
> Chelsea swim and dive coach

Nick Burris was up again in the 100 freestyle and won the event as he bettered his top performance from a year ago. Burris stopped the clock at 51.82 just shy of the state cut. Mangner was close behind for second place at 54.08 and Aunic Goodin was third at 57.23 for another sweep.

Both Mangner and Gooding are key factors to this year's team success and will play heavily in the team's plan to compete for its first SEC Championship that Dexter has dominated since the realignment of the Southeastern Conference. Alday was back up again in the 500 freestyle and was off to the races quick as he swam away from the competition. Alday qualified for his third event for states as he won the event in 5:10.41. Ben Thoms was second with a solid 5:29.46 clocking and freshman Aiden Carry was third in 6:02.18. Carry is one of the talented freshmen that Coach Dave Jolly will be counting on heavily as the season unfolds to give the depth needed to contend with the larger schools in the league.

Chelsea came right back in the sprint relay with yet another win and state cut. Wickens, Simpson, Mangner, and Nick Burris cranked off a solid 1:35.34 combined swim. Carter Engler, Zach McKinley, Sam Beale, and Taylor Mitchell were third as all three first-year swimmers showed what it takes to be competitive in this sport.

"Young talent is where our team strength and focus will be placed this season," said Jolly. "We have the senior leadership and the right combination of underclassmen this season to have something very special."

The next event saw something that was a first for many in attendance. In the varsity heat of the 100 backstroke, all three Chelsea swimmers qualified for the state championships. Sam Almhiemid, an All-State swimmer last year in the event, led the way with a 56.39. Nick Deppner was second with a superior swim of 57.60. He also placed at last year's state championships and is on pace to move into the elite All-State crowd this season. Jacob Hartman was third with a fantastic early season time of 59.16 which gives him a serious shot at placing as well.

What was even more impressive and again shows the overall depth of the team was freshman's Dylan Ousley's performance in the heat just prior. Ousley swam a 1:05.06 which if it weren't for his teammates swims would have taken first.

Tom Olsen, another senior standout, won the 100 breaststroke with a solid 1:09.73. Zach Ousley was second in 1:12.23 and Drew Deppner swam to another career best for the evening in 1:12.50.

"This is the event that we will have to spend considerable attention to as we move forward this season," said Jolly. "All our breaststrokers will have to lock down and work hard to ensure our overall success at SEC's this season."

The last event of the evening was the 400 freestyle relay. The Bulldogs notched another win for the meet and slated two more state cuts in the process. Alday got his fourth and fifth state cuts of the evening as he led off the relay in a blazing 50.98. Simpson, Lonnemo, and Almhiemid finished up the relay with a 3:32.81. Lonnemo was the standout as he swam a career best in the relay of 52.73. A very impressive early season swim for the talented sophomore.

Engler, Goodin, Wickens, and Hartman added an exclamation point to the meet's conclusion as they took second in 3:50.55.

Chelsea has a huge challenge this week as they travel to Ann Arbor Huron to take on the River Rats.

"Both teams are evenly matched early in the season and it will come down to depth and heart," Jolly said. "The second and third guys will be the difference in the meet on Thursday. Our relays will play a huge factor as well. Everyone will have to bring their best in each performance if we will have a chance against Huron. It will boil down to who wants it more."

# Turnovers continue to hurt Lady Dawgs

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Media

The turnovers are piling up and it's starting to tilt the win-loss column in the wrong direction for the Chelsea girls' basketball team.

On Friday, the Bulldogs headed to Lansing Christian and had 25 turnovers in a 46-43 loss. The game was tied 29-29 at halftime. The home team had only seven turnovers in the game. Chelsea falls to 1-3 on the season.

"We need to do a much better job of taking care of the basketball," said Chelsea coach Todd Blomquist.

A pair of seniors led the Bulldogs in scoring. Riley Singleton had 14 points and 12 rebounds to lead the way. Bailey Darwin had 12 points in the loss. Melissa Robards had six points and seven boards.

Earlier in the week, Chelsea fell to Flat Rock, 50-43. The visiting Rams led 39-36 at halftime.

Once again, turnovers were a big reason for Chelsea's troubles. The Bulldogs had 18 turnovers to nine for Flat Rock.

Darwin led the Dawgs with 16 points.

Grace Sauers had 11 points and Singleton had seven points and 10 rebounds in the loss.

Robards had six points and five rebounds.

## Gymnastics star!

Reagan Lehman of Chelsea rocked the St. Nick Invitational Gymnastics Meet in Dekalb, Ill., on Dec. 9. Reagan who trains at Twistars Gymnastics in Diamondale Michigan took first place on bars with 9.35, first place on Beam with a 9.45, fifth on floor with a 9.0 and second on vault with a 9.25. She also took first in all-around with a 37.05.

## CHASE

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the ice," Barnes said. "We've got a lot of potential on this squad, and our goal is to make it to the state finals. It's not going to be easy, but I think we have what it takes."

Barnes is one of 10 seniors on this year's team, and he said that the experienced group of veteran players is a key reason to Chelsea's success.

"As seniors, we have a lot to play for," he said. "This is our last chance. We know that we have to go out and get the job done. We take a lot of pride in playing for this team."

Chelsea coach Don Wright agreed with his senior forward, saying that the seniors on the team are extremely important.

"It's nice to have a group of players with a lot of experience," Wright said. "These guys have played in a lot of games. They hold themselves to a high standard. They want to play the game the right way."

In addition to Barnes, the other seniors on the Chelsea hockey team are Caleb Bentley, Joey Olmstead, Jullian Mountain, Eric Newman, Tyler Fullerton, Jacob Ryan, Brody Layher, Connor Garry and Taylor Atchley.

## REDS

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says. "They played 40 games together over the summer and 20 games last year. These guys are together all the time."

Tropea also is proud of how the two have become leaders of the team.

"When I was in my first year here we went to a basketball camp at Cleveland State and a coach there said he liked my team, but he said you are never going to be great until your best player is your hardest worker. And this year, my two best players are my hardest workers," Tropea said.

"They live in the gym. And when your leaders do that, the others will follow. It's a beautiful thing."

You can beat a lot of high school teams with just one or two really good players. But Milan isn't about just beating a lot of teams. Not anymore. Tropea has built the Big Reds into a program with high expectations and the passion these guys have for the game will only help them raise the bar even higher.

Like Turnage, Davis also has a smile that can light up a gym.

"Yeah, I just love this game," he said with the high beams on. "I want to play it for as long as I can."

How long they play the game this year will depend on a number of factors. But the Big Reds are more than just one or two players. You can't raise the bar to the top without the strength of an entire team and Tropea has plenty of talent to work with, both in the starting five and on the bench.

And that talent has been working hard to help prepare for the challenges ahead.

"We've been conditioning hard so we can be more of a transition team, working on our jump shots and our free throws and our defense," Turnage said. "Everything. We've gotten better in all areas."

In other words, the Big Reds want to be a complete team. They are going to have to be to get where they want to go.


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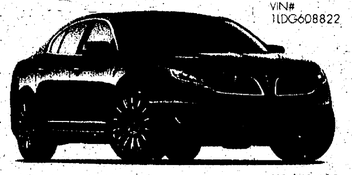

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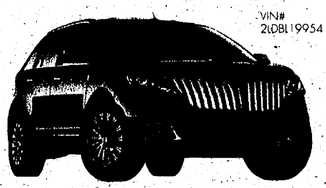

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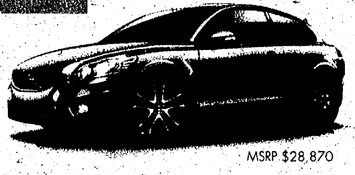

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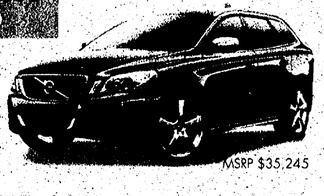

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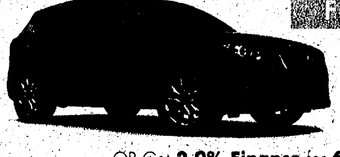

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