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Finishing a Mission, Honoring the Life of a Friend



Three friends set off to finish an epic journey - only two returned. Lives lived to the fullest and forever changed. Marathon cyclists (left to right) Tom Clark, Pete Cornell and Joe Muscato

By Melinda Baird

In late June of 2011, three buddies set off on bicycles from the shores of the Arctic Circle for the cross-continental adventure of a lifetime. The trio would pedal diagonally across the continent from Prudhoe Bay, the northernmost tip of Alaska, to Key West, the southernmost tip of Florida.

A roughly 5,900 mile trek, the journey would be divided into two legs over the course of two summers, with Edmonton, Alberta Canada serving as the midpoint. But, after completing a grueling first leg in 2011 and the bulk of the second leg the following summer, only two of the three made it back home to family and friends.

Approximately 700 miles from reaching the end of the epic journey, one of the three adventurers' lives came to a tragic end. And the two remaining lives will never be quite the same.

Joe Muscato, 60, and Tom Clark, 62, avid cyclists from the Stockbridge area, pedaled an unforgettable 5,200 miles with friend and touring partner Pete Cornell, 64, before the unthinkable happened. Pete, an elite cyclist, was killed just before daybreak on July 26, 2012 when a semi-truck hit him while riding his bike in Dawson, Georgia.

Joe and Tom were also struck from behind by the rig and were thrown into a ditch. Tom suffered extensive injuries requiring weeks of hospitalization while Joe suffered minor physical injuries.

Just four months later, Joe guided Pete's son and non-cyclist Dan Cornell, 41 of South Lyon through the last 700 miles of the original trio's journey. Honoring Dan's request for help in finishing what his dad started, Joe returned to Dawson, Georgia where he last pedaled alongside Pete.

Following Pete's maps, Joe and Dan left Dawson by police escort December 7, 2012 and seven days later entered Key West in bittersweet triumph.

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Congratulations Are In Order...



Congratulations to the Chelsea High School Brass Pass recipients for the first term of 2012-13. These students were able to maintain a 3.5 GPA and have excellent attendance and citizenship. Pictured from back to front and left to right: Josh Tucker, Austin Horn, Max Lonnemo, Tommy Golding, Nicholas Hoffman, Emma Mathis, Grace Menter, Hannah Zoran, Rebecca Gotha, Austin Freeman, Sarah Reiber, Sarah Knicknerbocker, Kelsey Olberg, Jacob Stamper, Shianne Butler, Jenny Gabbard, Nicolas Arons and Rosemary Hintzen. Great job!

Arrests Made In Connection With Alleged Armed Robbery In Stockbridge

By Lynne Beauchamp

Two Stockbridge men were arrested last Thursday in connection with an alleged armed robbery of Hungry Howie's in downtown Stockbridge that took place April 9, 2011. Matthew Klann and Jerome Burger, both 20, were arrested in their shared apartment in the 800 block of Clinton Street.

Stockbridge Village Police Chief Johnnie Torres said police were called to Hungry Howie's after a 911 call from the gas station across the street. The caller, Mathew Klann, then employed by the pizzeria, told dispatchers he had just been robbed. Torres said Klann's statement seemed suspicious. Police secured the scene and brought in K-9 to investigate.

Police believe Klann and Burger and another man traveled to California shortly after Torres approached Klann requesting he submit to a polygraph test. The pair later returned to the Stockbridge area.

Torres indicated several individuals have come forth with information that Klann and Burger together staged the entire crime.

Information suggests that Klann and Burger waited for an opportune moment to stage the armed robbery during a time when customers and other employees were not around. Burger allegedly came in through the side door, took an undetermined amount of cash and left before Klann made the 911 call.

Both were lodged in the Ingham County Jail. Klann is charged with the felony of making a false report of a felony and misdemeanor embezzlement. His bond was set at \$25,000.

Burger is charged with the felony of making a false report of a felony and conspiracy to commit embezzlement. His bond was set at \$15,000.

At press time, neither had posted bail and remained in jail awaiting a court date.

According to Torres, there is no evidence that suggests Burger and Klann were involved in a robbery of a patron outside the same pizzeria that occurred Christmas Eve 2010



Matthew Klann



Jerome Burger

After an extensive investigation Stockbridge Village Police arrested Matthew Klann and Jerome Burger Thursday, December 20 for a staged armed robbery that occurred in 2011.

Photo by Lynne Beauchamp

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Obituaries

Charles C. "Chuck" Wilson Chelsea Michigan

Passed away at age 77, Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born August 24, 1935 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the son of Ralph and Agnes (Bachman) Wilson. Chuck had lived in the area since 1973, coming from Ann Arbor, and graduated from University High School in 1952 followed by two years of college. He was a past Inverness Country Club Men's Club Champion and thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie of his poker friends and golfing buddies at Inverness. Chuck was also a Kiwanian of Ann Arbor, a member of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors, Wisconsin Board of Architects and Professional Engineers, and was a registered land surveyor in Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

In 1977 he established C. Wilson and Associates in Chelsea and in 2002 he sold the business back to his employees.

July 2, 1960 he married Tanya "Toni" Poe and she survives. Also surviving are two sons, David (Denise) Wilson of Commerce Township and Steven Wilson of Delray Beach, Florida; his step-



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brother, Larry Wilson of Florida; two grandchildren, Lauren and Jacob Wilson; and his niece Carlin and two nephews, Mike and Jeff.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Barbara Kuehn.

Mass took place Saturday, December 22, 2012 from St. Mary Catholic Church, Chelsea with Rev. Dr. William J. Turner presiding. Burial followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Chelsea. Expressions of sympathy may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or to the Chelsea Health Center, 14700 E. Old US-12, Chelsea, in care of Dr. James Peggs, who has been an invaluable friend and physician.

Verglenda Salyer Chelsea Michigan

Passed away at age 86, Thursday, December 20, 2012, surrounded by her loving family. She was born May 2, 1926 in Royalton, Kentucky, the daughter of Sheridan and Rebecca (Fletcher) Marshall. She moved to Michigan at the age of 12 and called Chelsea home for more than 60 years.

February 26, 1944, she married the love of her life, Alonzo Ford Salyer, and together they celebrated nine beautiful children. Verglenda touched the lives of many people with her smile, generosity, and warm heart. Her love for the Lord shined in everything she did, singing his praises until the very end. She cherished every moment with her family, loved each one unconditionally, and leaves a legacy of honor and faithfulness.

She was privileged to work at Chelsea Milling Company for 37 years, retiring in 1990. She enjoyed gardening, canning, baking, sewing, the many vacations to Florida, her "cowboys" and most of all music and praises unto the Lord. She was a founding member of the Trinity Pentecostal House of Prayer.

Verglenda is preceded in death by her parents, Sheridan and Rebecca; her husband, Alonzo; her children: Donald Ray Salyer, Sheila Salyer, Barbara Salyer, Linda Diane Salyer, and Mary Susan Salyer; her brothers, Ronald Marshall



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and Carl Marshall; and her sisters, Mildred (Marshall) Pinks and Dorothy (Risner) Little.

She is survived by her daughters: Kathleen (Chalmer) Dyer of Kalamazoo, Michigan, Charlotte (Greg) Craft of Chelsea, Michigan, Karen Salyer of Jackson, Michigan, and Donna Rowe (Jim Richmond) of Jackson, Michigan; her sister, best friend, and closest confidante, Kathleen Salyer of Chelsea, Michigan; and her sister Opal Risner and brother Ellis Marshall, both of Orangeville, Michigan.

She will be missed dearly by her 12 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Service took place Saturday, December 22, 2012 from the Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea with Rev. Susan O'Bryan officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea.

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Lawrence C. Holmes Munith, Michigan

Passed away at age 68, Wednesday, December 19, 2012. He was born November 4, 1944 in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, the son of LaVerne Holmes and Beatrice Kikendall-Vargo.

He loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren. He is survived by three children: Tracy (Duke) Raphael of Burkesville, Kentucky, Robert Holmes of Jackson, and Kimberly (Dean) Rowe of Michigan Center; four grandchildren: T.J., Teddy, Daniel, and Sarah; four great-grandchildren: Quinn, Tad, Lillian, and Dale; and his dogs, Kodi, Tippy, and long lost stray Bebs.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge. In Larry's memory, say cheers to Dad and have a Miller Lite.

Richard Warren Weitzel Chelsea Michigan

Passed away at age 91, Friday, December 21, 2012 at the Arbor Hospice Residence in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

He was born and raised in Springfield, Massachusetts, the son of Dr. Walter J. and Mabel M. (Thiele) Weitzel. He moved to Michigan seven years ago, coming from Laurinburg, North Carolina, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Chelsea. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II and was discharged in August 1945 as a Master Sergeant. He worked for Borden Inc. in Columbus, Ohio as a Chemical & Fire Safety Engineer, retiring in 1984.

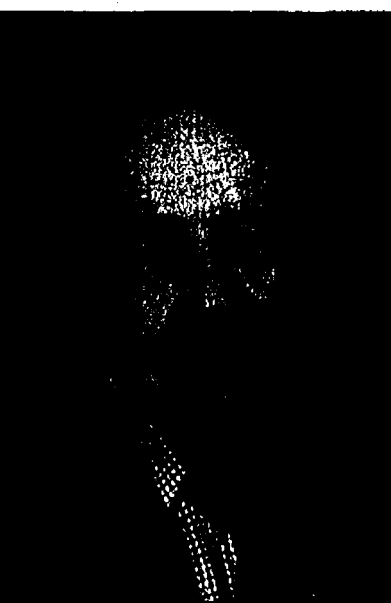
He married Ruby A. Mabes in Danville, Virginia, November 8, 1952. She preceded him in death on June 23, 2011.

Surviving are two daughters, Margaret Thiele of Chelsea and Nancy Mastie of Ann Arbor; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Lucille Weitzel.

A Memorial Service will take place in Rochester, New York at a later date. Private interment will take place at Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester, New York.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Arbor Hospice Foundation.

Arrangements by Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home, Chelsea.



POLICE BEAT

Pinckney Village Police

12/17 Two-car property damage accident, W. Main Street
Home invasion, Brentwood Drive
12/18 Suspicious vehicle, Magic Street
Criminal sexual conduct investigation (location not published)
12/19 Check on welfare of driver, vehicle weaving, 69-year-old Tustin man lost, officer assisted with finding a motel for subject, W. Main Street at W. Unadilla Street
Welfare check, Mann Street
Domestic dispute, Pearl Street
Assisted Unadilla Township Police Department with arrest of Blackman Township man for possession of marijuana and illegal prescription drugs, Kaiser Road near Hadley
Domestic violence investigation, W. Depot Street
12/20 Death investigation, Elizabeth Street
12/21 Assist to EMS and Putnam Township Fire Department with medical emergency, W. Hamburg Street
12/22 23-year-old Putnam Township woman arrested and release for driving while license suspended and having a failure to appear warrant from Romulus District Court, E. Main Street
Two-car property damage accident, E. Main Street near Pumpkin Lane

Unadilla Township Police

12/16 Assisted Unadilla Township Fire Department with smoke investigation, Williamsville Road
12/17 Dog bite investigation, Main Street
Landlord tenant dispute, Main Street
Suspicious male walking on Wasson Road
12/18 44-year-old Blackman Township man arrested for possession of marijuana and illegal prescription drugs and violating a no contact bond order, Kaiser Road near Hadley
Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department with medical emergency, W. M-36
12/19 Landlord tenant dispute, Main Street
12/20 34-year-old Unadilla Township man arrested for having failure to appear warrant from Howell District Court, Doyle Road
Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department for minor child cutting themselves, patient transported to hospital for further examination (location not published)
Citizen assist at police station, domestic dispute, Commerce Township
Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department with medical emergency, Barton Road
12/21 Jack-knifed semi-tractor-trailer accident investigation involving 30 to 80 gallons of diesel fuel spilled onto shoulder of road, 54-year-old Olivet man issued citation for not having valid insurance and leaking fuel onto roadway, Main Street near Carr
Loose cows on roadway, Dutton Road near Dexter Trail
Assisted fire department with removal of tree blocking roadway, Dutton Road near Deep Valley
12/22 Assisted Unadilla Township Fire Department with diesel fuel clean up detail, Main Street
Open door investigation, Gregory Road
Assist to EMS and Unadilla Township Fire Department with subject requesting to go to hospital for drinking problem (location not published)

Chelsea City Police

12/19 800 block of Darwin Drive, a complainant came into the Chelsea Police Department to report that he had just discovered a large dollar purchase had been made using his debit/credit card from an online retailer. The case remains open pending further investigation.
12/18 7pm, 300 block of Fairways Lane, officers responded to the report of a credit card fraud complaint. The complainant stated that he had discovered that 3 separate fraudulent transactions had recently occurred on his credit card. The case remains open pending further investigation.
12/20 11pm, dispatch was notified by Farmington Hills Police Department that they had a subject in custody on a warrant out of our department. The suspect a 19 year old Whitmore Lake woman was placed under arrest for failing to appear on a minor in possession of alcohol case. The subject was transported to the Washtenaw County Jail where she will be held pending her court hearing.
12/21 300 block of E Middle Street, a complainant came into the Chelsea Police Department to report that his residence which is under construction, had been broken into. The complainant stated that the rear door had been forced opened sometime either in the evening hours of December 12th or the early morning hours of December 13th. The complainant stated that no property appeared to be missing at the time of the complaint.

Eileen L. "Mary" Salyer East Lansing Michigan Formerly of Chelsea, Michigan And Salyersville Kentucky

Passed away at age 82, Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at Timber Ridge Senior Assisted Living Facility in East Lansing. She was born April 8, 1930 in Royalton, Kentucky, the daughter of Henry and Maggie (Elam) Lewis.

Eileen was a member of Chelsea First United Methodist Church. She was retired from Federal Screw Works in Chelsea. She enjoyed her time in Sarasota, Florida, as well as gardening, flowers, and cooking.

July 1, 1946, she married Marvin E. Salyer, and he preceded her in death on June 30, 2010.

Survivors include a daughter, Denise (Michael) Long of Chelsea, grandchildren, Katy (Derek) Summers of Holland, Michigan, Cara Long of Kalamazoo, Scott (Amy) Long of Longmont, Colorado, as well as devoted extended family members, Sheila (Michael) Hughes of East Lansing; grandchildren, Andrew (Penny) Hughes, Geoffrey



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(Katie) Hughes, Sean (Tiffany) Hughes; great-grandchildren, Sarah and Mitchell Long, Alex and Andrew Jr. Hughes, Olivia and Michael Hughes; two brothers, Joe (Linda) Lewis of New Mexico, John David Lewis of DeLand, Florida and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Keith E. Salyer in 1972, as well as her parents, a brother, Paul Lewis, and a sister, Clara Madge Scott. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the extremely devoted caregivers at Timber Ridge Assisted Living Facility.

A memorial service will take place at a later date. Private burial will take place at Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea First United Methodist Church, 128 Park Street Chelsea, MI 48118.

Arrangements by Cole Funeral Chapel.

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Five Reasons Not to Be a "Do-It-Yourself" Investor

Submitted by Edward Jones

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County Road Commission Halts Installation of Dexter's Warning Sirens

By Melinda Baird

Dexter Township residents will have to wait a little longer than anticipated for all sixteen outdoor warning sirens to be installed throughout the township. Although the installation process was nearly complete as of December 18, contractor Front Line Plus, Inc. workers were literally told to "pack it up and go home" by the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) with two left to install, reported township clerk Harley Rider at the December 9 board meeting.

The Frontline crew had already installed fourteen of the sixteen sirens when the WCRC instructed them to cease all installation due to the lack of appropriate permits. The remaining two sirens, designated for McGuiness Road and the intersection of Fleming Road and Dexter-Pinckney Road, are assembled and sitting in storage, said Rider.

He strongly disagreed with WCRC's action, saying Frontline had numerous verbal contacts with WCRC to ensure the project's timeline for installation was mutually agreeable.

Rider reported both he and Frontline provided the county with all of the requested documentation, including

permit applications, location maps, addresses of homes located near the sirens, and longitude and latitude coordinates for the siren sites. "[Frontline] checked in with the county once again on December 10 and received assurance that everybody was still on track for December 14 installation," said Rider. "They gave us no cause for concern. We had every assurance to move forward."

WCRC representative Matthew MacDonnell said there was a miscommunication between Frontline and the county because "sirens were going up in locations that were undesirable to us and before we issued permits." MacDonnell said the WCRC had approved only five of the thirteen permits for sirens located near roads in the county's right-of-way, and that the remaining proposed siren locations did not meet the county's setback requirements. Public utilities are required to be 28 feet from the center line of the roadway, said MacDonnell.

WCRC has since approved all permits, however, Frontline Plus, Inc., a Minnesota-based company, will not be available to return to Dexter until January. Further, MacDonnell said the county will reassess

the locations of the sirens and send a written letter to the township advising which sirens need to be relocated.

"It doesn't make sense," said Rider. "We went through the map thoroughly with the road commission."

In similar news, acquisition of property at 11485 North Territorial—the proposed future home of the voter backed fire substation—is also on hold while Supervisor Pat Kelly waits for a response from property owners PJK Dexter, LLC.

An offer on the property was tabled at the November 20 regular meeting when Trustee Carl Lesser requested clarification of the purchase agreement executed October 1 from township attorney Peter Flintoft. Upon receiving Flintoft's opinion, the board voted 6-1 to authorize Kelly to finalize the purchase at a special meeting November 30. However, Kelly reported the property owner has not returned her phone calls to date. The majority of board members agreed their next move is for Kelly to send a written letter to PJK Dexter, LLC expressing their continued interest in the property under the original terms. "Doing things orally just doesn't work," commented newly elected trustee Bill Gajewski.

Meanwhile, Public Safety Advisory Committee member Dominic Treglia suggested looking for other potential properties for the substation. "I don't want this to delay construction. That wouldn't be fair to the firefighters. Just give us the word and we can start working on this tomorrow."

An Annual Tradition of Giving



Volunteers from Dexter Area Fire Department, American Legion of Dexter and Dexter Schools met bright and early Saturday morning to help distribute food and Christmas presents to about 54 families in the Dexter area. The Christmas project, a partnership between Dexter Family Services and Faith in Action, has been an annual tradition for at least twenty years, said Jane Boyce of Dexter Family Services. All goods were donated by Dexter community members, including Christmas gifts, non-perishable food, and gift certificates for fresh food products.

Chelsea Senior Center Awarded Grant to Improve Accessibility

From Trinh Pifer

With almost 700 members, the Chelsea Senior Center has been a growing community asset for over 30 years. Last week the senior center was awarded a \$14,000 grant from the Helen McCalla Trust Fund to install automatic handicap accessible doors inside the center.

Providing 30-40 programs every week that support the needs of older adults, the Chelsea Senior Center (CSC) will now be more accessible. "This facility improvement will help us meet the needs of our diverse senior population. We have some seniors with limited mobility who come to the center daily for lunch, exercise and to connect with others," said Trinh Pifer, CSC Executive Director. "This improved access will provide them greater independence. We are really thankful to the Helen McCalla Trust Fund for their support."

The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm and is located at 512 Washington Street (on the Washington Street Education

Center campus). Information about programs and services can be found at www.chelseaseniors.org or by calling 734-475-9242.

Jack-Knifed Truck Spills Fuel in Unadilla Township

From Police Chief William Cook

Unadilla Township Police responded to the report of a jack-knifed truck Friday at 5:22 pm in the area of Doyle and Holmes Road. The commercial truck was located by the officer on duty in Gregory on Main Street near Carr after the driver pulled onto the northbound shoulder of the road.

The driver, a 54-year-old Hanover man, stated when he was driving eastbound on M-106, he attempted to make a left turn northbound onto Holmes Road when he lost control of his semi-tractor-trailer and the truck jack knifed.

The side of the trailer punctured a driver side fuel tank resulting in several gallons of diesel fuel leaking onto the roadway. The township officer requested a motor carrier officer from the Michigan State Police respond to the scene to inspect the truck for safety violations.

The driver was issued a citations for failing to have a valid insurance certificate and leaking fuel onto the roadway.

The truck was towed from the scene by Randy's Service. Young's Environmental Clean Up was called out to clean up the diesel fuel spill from the roadway. Clean-up crews were on scene until 12:30 Saturday morning.

The tractor and trailer were owned by the McConnell & Scully Oil Well Co. in Homer, Michigan. The incident was investigated by Unadilla police and fire departments, and the Michigan State Police.

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Putnam Township's Portion Of Lakelands Trail Project Out To Bid

By Lynne Beauchamp

After many months of planning and enduring what seemed to be never ending obstacles in upgrading the Lakelands Trail - grant applications and approvals, bridge building specifications, trail width specifications, postponed tree removal along the trail due to an endangered Indiana Bat - Putnam Township officials announced last week that MDOT (Michigan Department of Transportation) has finally put the construction of Putnam

Township's portion of the trail up for bid.

In an article that appeared in The Sun Times in October, members of the township's Lakelands Trail Committee Norm Klein (Putnam Township Trustee) and Pat Carney (Putnam Township Treasurer) voiced frustrations with MDOT's delayed timeline of beginning work on the project.

"For us to follow MDOT's procedures...if we follow their timeline; publish it in the paper,

get the bids in, award the contract

- we miss the construction window to remove the trees before spring. We are going to delay this right out of being able to afford it," Klein was quoted in the article.

"Right now MDOT is giving us a hang up on specs for the bridges [to be built on the trail]; because of that hang up we can't bid the project now in this window. Once we miss this window, it goes to next year and by the time we advertise the bid, award the bids

on their [MDOT's] timeline we are past the deadline for taking down the trees," Carney was quoted in that same article.

During the time that followed, Klein and Carney indicated the township board corresponded with MDOT through a letter and through meetings voicing their concerns over the project's timeline. In the meantime, MDOT officials read The Sun Times article mentioned above, acted upon the comments that were made and waived some of the requirements holding up the bidding process. They were pleased to announce MDOT "stepped up" and made an all out effort to get the project out for bid.

The project bid information is available at <http://mdotwas1.mdot.state.mi.us/public/eprop/login/> which includes 6.17 miles of asphalt on a non motorized path; concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk and ramps; replacement of timber bridges and tree clearing.

In other Putnam Township news - during the December regular board meeting, after a public hearing, Putnam Township adopted the Pinckney-Putnam Parks and Recreation Master Plan with a few adjustments to wording of the document.

According to Township Supervisor, Ron Rau, the current Recreation Plan will end this December and the new plan is necessary to apply for recreation grants over the next 5 years.

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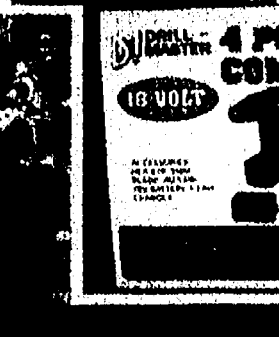
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PINCKNEY COMMUNITY

Pirate Cagers Split Pair

The Pinckney boys' basketball team split a pair of games last week to even its record at 2-2 overall on the season. The Pirates opened the week by defeating Waterford Kettering 52-42.

Sam Black led the team with 21 points, while Jordan Welser added 13 for Pinckney.

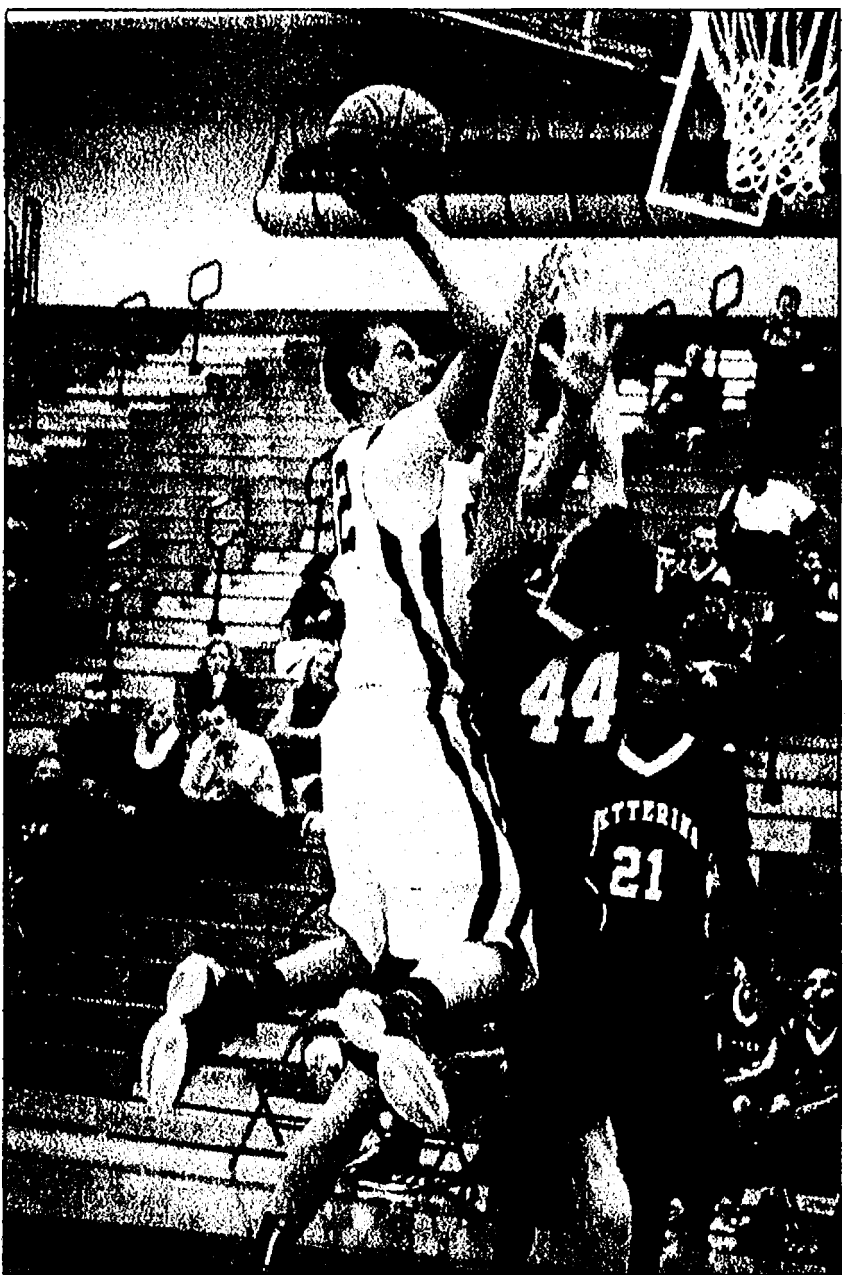
The Pirates then dropped a 64-53 decision to a tough South Lyon team Thursday night.

Black led the team with 18 points.

The Pirates will take part in the Chelsea Holiday tournament Thursday and Friday. The team will take on Ann Arbor Pioneer in the semifinals Thursday night at 6:30 PM.



Connor Stephens takes the shot. Photo by Dawn Miller



Jordan Welser contributed 13 points to the Pirates win over Waterford Kettering. Photo by Dawn Miller

Pioneer Serves Bulldogs First Loss in Hockey

On Wednesday, December 19 the Bulldogs hosted Ann Arbor Pioneer to the Arctic Coliseum where Ann Arbor pounced on Chelsea.

From the start of the first period, Ann Arbor was all over the Bulldogs, holding possession most of the first two periods, where the scored remained at 0-0.

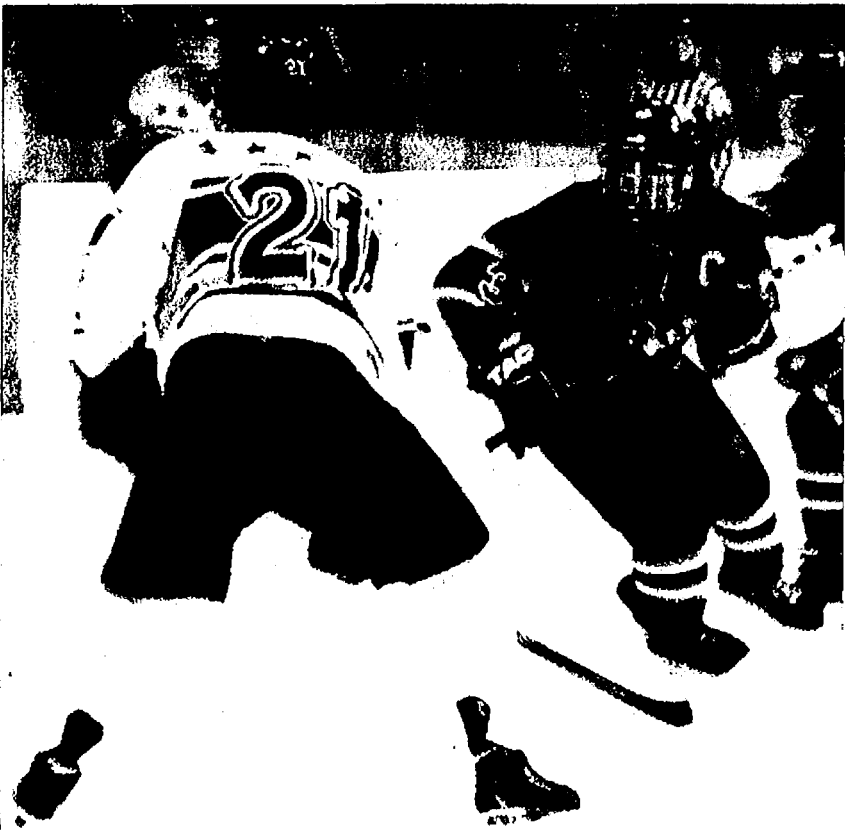
In the third period, it was the Pioneers who scored first, second and third to go ahead 3-0 with seven minutes left in the game.

With 52 seconds left in the game, Jacob Dobberstein slipped one passed Ann Arbor to get Chelsea on the board. Assisting Dobberstein were Jake Ryan and Taylor Atchley.

The team will take some time off before they face off with Flint Powers Catholic on January 5, 2013 at home. Game time 7pm.



Jake Ryan goes after the puck in front of the net. Photo by Donna Smallwood



Deep in their opponent's zone. Taylor Atchley waits for the pass. Photo by Donna Smallwood

Bulldogs Take Ann Arbor Huron Quad

The Chelsea boys wrestling team participated at the Ann Arbor Huron Quad last week Wednesday where they took the win 2-0. Rounding out the top five where Ann Arbor Skyline in second place (1-1), Ypsilanti in third (1-1) and Ann Arbor Huron (0-2) in last.

Chelsea had ten wrestlers who remained undefeated for the night, Mike Hovater (215lb), Luke St. Pierre (189lb), Noah Manley (171lb), Dan Wisniewski (160lb), Allen Longworth (152lb), David St. Pierre (145lb), Avery Osentoski (140lb), Steve Bleise (135lb), Will McEachern (125lb) and Brandon Cameron (119lb).

Two athletes qualified for states this time around, Steve Bleise and Mike Hovater, who is the third ranked wrestler in the state for Division II.

Pirate Hockey Rallies for Tie

The Pinckney hockey team battled back from three goals deficit twice to come from behind to tie Walled Lake Central 4-4 last week to improve to 6-2-1 overall and 4-0-1 in the KLAA.

The Pirates fell behind 3-0 and 4-1 before they scored three straight goals, including the game equalizer with just over nine minutes left in the second period.

Cooper Jenkins scored a pair of goals, while Pat Rogowski and Brandon Okurowski scored single goals for the Pirates.

Pinckney Girls' Drop Two

The Pinckney girls' basketball team dropped a pair of games last week and saw its record fall to 1-4 overall on the season.

The Pirates opened the week by falling to Waterford Kettering 56-36.

Pinckney kept the game close until the fourth quarter trailing just 40-31 entering the final period, but Kettering outscored the Pirates 16-5 in the final stanza to put the game away.

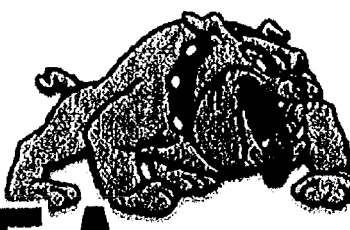
Pinckney was led by Maddy Harris with nine points.

The Pirates dropped their second match of the week Thursday night to South Lyon 54-34.

Pinckney came out fast on offense, putting 11 points up in the first quarter, but had no answer on defense as South Lyon scored 16 in the first and 15 in the second for a 31-18 halftime lead.

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CHELSEA COMMUNITY Girl Hoopster Get Two Wins

Tuesday night the Chelsea girls' basketball team traveled to Adrian to take on the Maples. They won the game 50-13.

They took the lead in the first period 16-3 and kept Adrian at those three points going into the half 26-3.

The team didn't let up on the Maples and only allowed them to score eleven points in the second half to take the win.

Senior Riley Singleton scoring 14 points was the team high. Grace Sauers had nine points and Bailey Darwin had eight points.

Friday, December 21 the team hosted Ann Arbor Huron

and added another win to their record.

First period action had Chelsea up 13-8 going into the second period. In the second, they let up just enough for the River Rats to come within one point at the half.

In the third period, Huron played hard to tie the game at the end of the period. Chelsea came back in the fourth and took the win, nabbing 16 points in the fourth to win the game 50-45.

The team will host Pinckney on December 27 during their annual holiday tournament. Game time 5pm.

Boys Basketball vs Huron

Friday, December 21 the Chelsea boys' basketball team traveled to Ann Arbor Huron to take on the River Rats. They lost with a disappointing 71-35 score.

From the first period, the team just wasn't matching up with Huron, only racking up 11 points to Huron's 21 points.

It didn't end there.

The Bulldogs only managed 9 points in the second period and went into halftime behind Huron 35-20.

In the third period, Ann Arbor had fire under them, pounding out 19 points and holding Chelsea to only one point in third.

Chelsea managed to come back a bit in the fourth period with 14 points, but it wasn't enough. Ann Arbor put up another 16 points in the fourth to win the game 71-35.

The team will host Salem on Thursday, December 27 at their annual holiday tournament. They will also play on Friday, December 28. Game time 6:30pm. Team to be announced.



Logan Brown goes for a jump shot from the corner. Photo by Donna Smallwood

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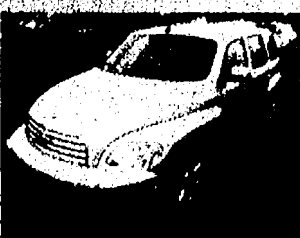


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Wrestlers Drop Two

The Pinckney wrestling team dropped a pair of close KLAA matches last week falling to Walled Lake Central 37-30 and White Lake Lakeland 36-27.

Picking up pins against WL Central were Gerry Mitchell at 130, Aaron Kowalski at 145, and Zachary Sieler at 285. Ben Randall won a decision at 135, and Brendon Davis won a tiebreaker at 160.

Against Lakeland, Brian Valentine picked up the lone pin for the Pirates at 119. Hayden Kinjowski won his match at 112 in sudden death, while Paul Moenart won by tiebreaker at 145 and Davis won a decision at 160.

The Pirates hosted the Season's Beatings Duals Invitational Saturday and finished with a 1-4 record against some very tough competition.

Pinckney defeated Fenton 66-12 and fell to DeWitt 43-27, Monroe 56-24, Detroit Catholic Central 67-9, and Rochester Adams 33-28.

Sieler led the squad by going 4-0 on the day at 285, while Davis went 4-1 at 160.

Randall (130), Rory Poszywak (152), Kinjowski (112), and Jack Dunn (171) picked up two wins each, while John Tasic won a single match at 112.

Sports by Mike "Willie" Williamson



Stockbridge COMMUNITY Panthers Knock Off Northwest

The Stockbridge boys' basketball team finally put four strong quarters of basketball together in one game for the first time this season and the Panthers came away with its first win 64-51 - its first win - over Jackson Northwest Tuesday night.

The Panthers had strong games in their first three contests, but had a weak quarter in each one that cost them.

The offense clicked from the start, led by Marcus Prigge.

Prigge had a monster night with a double-double of 21 points and 21 rebounds. He also added three assists and two blocks.

The Panthers led 17-16 after one period, but built a lead in the second, outscoring Northwest 36-27 at halftime.

The Mounties kept it close and cut it to 49-42 after three, but Stockbridge capitalized

on some missed free throws by Northwest to put the game away in the fourth.

Kaleb Grammer and Jonathan Mason each scored 12, while Skeeter Ballagh scored 10.

Conner Knepley added four, and Devin Allen three points and four assists.

The Panthers dropped to 0-3 in the CAAC, falling to LCC 40-37 Friday night.

LCC led 10-4 after one period, but Stockbridge rallied to take a 19-17 halftime lead.

The game remained tight in the third and LCC tied it at 29 after three.

The Cougars pulled the game out by outscoring the Panthers 11-8 in the final quarter.

Allen led the team with 11 points, while Ballagh added nine. Prigge finished with 8 points and 11 rebounds, while Grammer chipped in with four.



Marcus Prigge played a stellar game contributing 21 points and 21 rebounds as the Panthers defeated Jackson Northwest.
Photo by Mike Williamson



Jonathan Mason drives home the score.
Photo by Mike Williamson

Lady Panthers Get By LCC

The Stockbridge girls' basketball team's game Friday night had a little bit of everything that a fan could want. The Panthers rallied from an early deficit, took a double-digit lead and then had to hold on in the end to claim a 53-48 win over Lansing Catholic Central.

The Panthers struggled in the first quarter as the Cougars took an 8-2 lead after one period.

The offense was able to get on track in the second scoring 16 points for an 18-16 halftime lead.



Devin Allen takes the shot with a pack of Mounties on his heels.
Photo by Mike Williamson

Stockbridge exploded for 20 third quarter points and extended its lead to 10 38-28 entering the final period.

LCC made a run in the fourth and put up 20 points in the final period, but the Panthers were able to hold them off and pick up their second win in the season.

Kelsey Crockett had a big game with a double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Tara Hall was a force inside with a team high 21 points. Brianna Baldrige added 7 points, Audra Goodlock 6, and Breanna Taylor 5. Taylor also had 7 steals and 4 assists for the Panthers.

Sports by Mike "Willie" Williamson



Dexter COMMUNITY Lady Dreads Sweeps Two

The Dexter girls' varsity basketball team continued its early season roll as the Dreadnaughts improved to 6-0 on the season after a pair of wins this week.

The Dreadnaughts opened the week by knocking off previously undefeated Ypsilanti Lincoln 46-30.

Dexter dominated Lincoln from the start, taking a commanding 16-6 lead after one period.

The lead grew to 28-12 at halftime and slammed the door with a 16-2 run in the third for a 44-14 lead.

Lincoln chipped away at the lead with a 16-2 run in the fourth, but the Dreadnaughts were in total control.

Riley McDonald and Crystal Kedroske led the team with 10 points each. Teia McGahey added eight points, while Emma Kill and Kathryn Pisano scored 6 each.

The Dreads made it six straight wins with a 60-38 win over Ann Arbor Skyline Friday night.

Skyline played the Dreads tough in the first half, but Dexter still held a 30-21 halftime lead.

The Dreadnaughts put the game away by outscoring Skyline 17-4 in the third for a 47-25 lead.

Kedroske led the team with 15 points, while Kill and Taylor Olson scored 11 each. McGahey chipped in with 10 points and McDonald six.



Emma Kill scored 6 points as the Dreads take down Ypsilanti.
Photo by Dawn Miller



Kathryn Pisano makes the shot on the way to the victory.
Photo by Dawn Miller

Dexter Icers Beat Skyline

Tristen Rojeck scored the game winning goal with just over three minutes left in the game as the Dexter hockey team defeated Ann Arbor Skyline 3-2 last week.

Rojeck's game winner came just 12 seconds after Skyline had tied the game at two after rallying from a two goal deficit to tie the Dreadnaughts.

Hunter Bisson put the Dreads up 1-2 at the 12 minute mark of the first period with assists going to Ben Grover and Rojeck.

Dexter made it 2-0 when Drew Glapa scored on a pass from Stavros Vorias.

The 2-0 lead lasted until late in the third, when Skyline scored two goals in under a minute with four minutes left, but Rojeck answered just seconds later.

Dexter dominated the match, outshooting Skyline 41-18. Zach Richards stopped 16 shots in net for the Dreadnaughts.

Dread Hoops Clip Willow Run

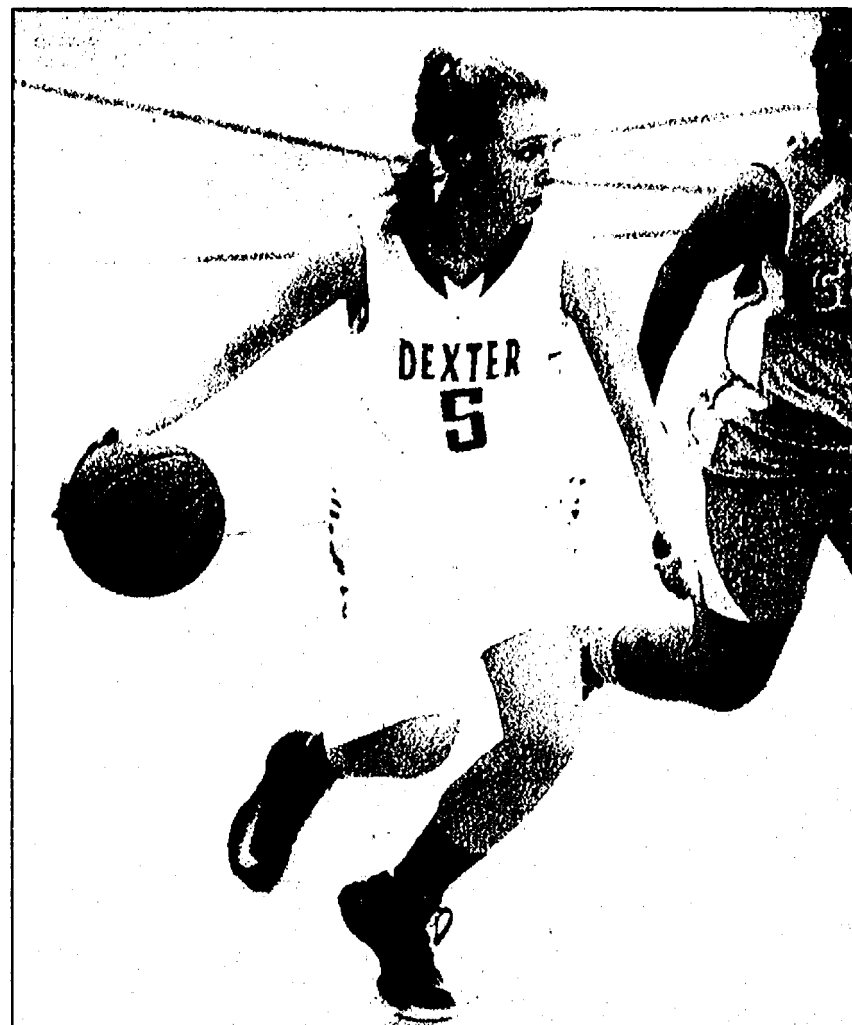
The Dexter boys' basketball team took an early first quarter lead against Willow Run and was able to hold on and eventually pull away as the Dreadnaughts beat the Flyers 45-29 last week.

The Dreadnaughts took a 12-4 lead after one period and led 24-16 at halftime.

Dexter extended the lead to 31-21 after three and put the game away with a 14-8 run in the fourth.

Derek Seidl led the Dreads with 18 points. Brandon Bellottie finished with 8, Adam Sikorski 6, and Andy McWilliams and Ben Kill four each.

The Dreadnaughts game against Ann Arbor Skyline scheduled for Friday night was postponed due to a power outage. The game will be made up February 12 at 7:00 PM at Skyline.



Riley McDonald dribbles down court with a Skyline player ready to snatch the ball.
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Your article in this week's publication "Chelsea City Council Mills Council and DDA Seats" was most interesting. Of particular interest was the brief discussion on whether residents might be a positive addition to the Downtown Development Authority. Several persons spoke favorably in support of this notion. However, it appears that Ms. Parker did not agree and stated, "They do not share the same mind set as a business owner." Just what is the mindset of a business owner? To me it suggests a closed mind, not interested in anyone's suggestions unless the suggestions agree 100 percent with theirs.

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STOCKBRIDGE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Stockbridge Township Board Meeting Minutes - Stockbridge Township Board Meeting on December 17, 2012 was called to order at 7:30 PM. Board members present: Sandra Kay, Terry Sommer, Kris Lauckner, Annabell Howard, and Mary Wilson. Board Member Absent from the table but in the audience: Paul Risner. Board accepted the agenda as presented with the following items added: ceiling tiles in the basement area and the upstairs chairs. Board approved the November 19, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Board approved the December 2012 Financial Report as presented. Board reappointed Barb Krusinski, Mark Baldwin and John Ocwieja to the Board of Appeals. Board appointed Sandra Kay to the Planning Commission. Board reappointed Terry Sommer to the ZBA. Board tabled two appointments. Board approved the renewal of Stockbridge Township Insurance with Burnham and Flower for the year 2013. Board accepted the bid from Kevin Smith on refinishing of the upstairs floor. Board approved Budget Amendment #4. Board paid the December 2012 bills. Board adjourned the Board Meeting. Stockbridge Township December 17, 2012 Board Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM. Complete copies of the minutes are available on the webpage-(stockbridgetownship.com) or at the Stockbridge Township Office. Any question call 517-851-7658. Submitted by: Mary Wilson Stockbridge Township Clerk

WATERLOO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Waterloo Township Board Meeting Minutes, 19 December 2012 7:00 P.M.
11120 Musbach Road, Munith, MI 49259 - Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.
Present: Lance, Richardson, Parks, Kitley, Chief Cottrell, 5 residents. Absent: Walz. * Kitley motioned with support from Richardson to accept the consent agenda as presented. Yes/all; No/none. Absent: Walz. Motion carried. * Kitley motioned with support from Richardson to purchase a new radio for the 2010 police vehicle from KCI for a cost of \$389. Roll call vote: Yes/Lance, Richardson, Parks, Kitley. No/none. Absent: Walz. Motion carried. * Lance motioned with support from Richardson to reappoint Ev Huttenlocher, John Sweet, and Janet Sanders to a 2-year term of the Board of Review Committee. Aye/all; No/none. Motion carried. Absent: Walz. Lance motioned with support from Parks to reappoint Ted Beals and Ev Huttenlocher to the Land Division Committee for 2-year terms. Aye/all; No/none. Absent: Walz. Motion carried. * Kitley motioned with support from Richardson to pay post audit checks in the amount of \$55,080.78; checks for approval in the amount of \$10,949.25 and payroll in the amount of \$14,467.70 for a total of \$80,497.73. Roll call vote: Yes/ Richardson, Parks, Kitley, Lance. No/none. Absent: Walz. Motion carried. * Richardson motioned with support from Lance to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Please note that this is a new date.
Submitted by: Janice Kitley, Waterloo Township Clerk

DNR Seeks Youthful Take On Michigan's Outdoors

Invites Applications To NRC's Youth Conservation Council

What will it take to get new generations of potential hunters, anglers and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts excited about and invested in the future of Michigan's natural resources? The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is going straight to the source - inviting young people between the ages of 14 and 18 who are passionate about the state's great outdoors to apply for membership to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Youth Advisory Council on Fishing, Hunting, Trapping and Conservation. The council - referred to informally as the Youth Conservation Council - was created by NRC resolution earlier this year to provide a forum where a diverse group of conservation-minded youth can share ideas and opinions about the best ways to 1.) protect, promote and enhance the state's outdoor recreation, and 2.) create new opportunities for consumptive (e.g., hunting, fishing, trapping) and non-consumptive (e.g., hiking, wildlife viewing, kayaking) uses of Michigan's natural resources. Members of the council will: Take part in broad-ranging discussions about Michigan's outdoors and the current and future recreation opportunities available statewide; Make recommendations to both the NRC and the DNR about policy, program and legislative changes that members believe will boost young residents' interest and involvement in the outdoors; and Gain valuable leadership skills and public-service experience that will aid them in the future.

Members are expected to participate in at least four meetings each year. Two of them will be offered as weekend training sessions at a state facility; the other two will be shorter meetings with possible attendance through teleconferencing and/or Web-based applications. Applications are available on the DNR website, along with a roster of frequently asked questions that offers more detail about the Youth Conservation Council. Visit www.michigan.gov/dnr, choose Education and Outreach, and then find the Youth Conservation Council information under Programs for Families and Individuals. Completed applications must be postmarked by January 18, 2013, and should be sent to: NRC Youth Conservation Council, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909. According to Ray Rustem, DNR coordinator for the council, the timing couldn't be better. "We're losing a generation of kids who are growing up with

few, if any, experiences in the outdoors," said Rustem. "If these are the people we hope will carry on Michigan's strong tradition of natural resources conservation, the best way to help them forge a connection to the outdoors is to engage kids in conversation. Let's hear what they think. What are the right ways to make the outdoors an accessible, meaningful part of their lifestyle?" Recent studies suggest that kids, on average, spend nearly 53 hours per week using electronic devices. When combined with the time devoted to school and organized activities, there's very little left for unstructured play and exploration outdoors. That's a trend the DNR and NRC hope to reverse with efforts like the Youth Conservation Council. John Matonich, NRC member and chair of the NRC Advisory Committee on Marketing and Outreach, stressed that the Youth Conservation Council is not just for those who hunt and fish. "We want a cross-section of youth that can provide honest, insightful feedback about all aspects of outdoor recreation and involvement - the things they like to do, the things that maybe they've been hesitant to try, and what it will take to replace that hesitation with curiosity and confidence to get outdoors," Matonich said. "Too many of today's kids are missing out on life-changing experiences in the outdoors," he added. "With their help, we urgently want to remedy that."

VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE TRUSTEE POSITION VACANCY

Village of Stockbridge Trustee Vacancy - The Village Council of the Village of Stockbridge is requesting applications for the position of Trustee to fill a vacant seat through November 20, 2014. Please submit a completed application by Wednesday, January 2, 2013 for review. Applicants must attend the January 7, 2013 Regular Village Council meeting to be held at 201 Wood Street, Suite 101, Room #3 at 7:00pm for consideration. Applications available at www.vil.stockbridge.mi.us under Forms.

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

SYLVAN TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY RESIDENTS RESOLUTION 2012.12.01 - A resolution to set the meeting dates for the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority for 2013. Be it therefore resolved, the Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority, by a vote of the majority at a regularly scheduled and duly noticed meeting held the 12th of December, 2012, establishes the 2013 meeting dates for the Authority as follows: The Authority meets on the second Wednesday of every month at Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US Hwy 12, Chelsea, MI 48118 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting dates are:
January 9, 2013 July 10, 2013
February 13, 2013 August 14, 2013
March 13, 2013 September 11, 2013
April 10, 2013 October 9, 2013
May 8, 2013 November 13, 2013
June 12, 2013 December 11, 2013
2013 Annual Meeting is January 9, 2013.
Be it further resolved that the above 2013 Sylvan Township Water and Sewer Authority meeting schedule shall be posted at the Sylvan Township Hall and published in the Sun Times newspaper and on the Sylvan Township website at www.sylvan-township.org. Resolution offered by board member M. Keezer - Resolution supported by board member: M. Jurosek. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: M. Keezer, M. Jurosek, S. Cooper, R. Branham - Nays: None - Abstain: None - Absent: S. Schulze, D. Laier. The acting chairperson, Michael Jurosek, declared the resolution adopted.
Date: December 12, 2012.
Attested by: Michael Jurosek, Assistant Secretary

LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

LYNDON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM - The Lyndon Township Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM, at the Lyndon Township Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, MI 48118, to consider the zoning variance application of Arthur Farley, 1494 Sugarloaf Lake Road, Chelsea, MI 48118 (parcel number E-05-32-258-030) regarding a side yard setback variance from 5 feet to 3 feet. (Chapter 7, Section 7.04 - Lyndon Township Zoning Ordinance).
Written comments may be sent to: Leslie Briggs, Lyndon Township, 17751 N. Territorial Rd., Chelsea, MI 48118. The ZBA will provide, if time after the request allows, necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Lyndon Township in writing, or phone 734-475-2401. A copy of this notice is on file in the Office of the Clerk.
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Finishing a Mission, Honoring the Life of a Friend

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Veterans of the road, Joe and Pete tackled four previous cross-country bicycle tours together prior to the final tour that was to be Pete's last. It was Tom that was the newcomer to the group and to the extensive mileage to which Joe and Pete were accustomed.

A long-time friend of Joe's, Tom first met Pete at the Anchorage airport on their way to Prudhoe Bay. "I was a bit intimidated," admitted Tom, keenly aware of Pete's high standards for touring partners. "But something snapped, the three of us were a magical blend. We connected instantly and we stayed connected. Everybody took care of everybody."

The threesome successfully navigated the Alaskan wilderness for weeks with no support crew, including the renowned Dalton Highway featured in the History Channel's Ice Road Truckers reality show. They powered up steep grades, traveled across gravel the size of grapes, while enduring flat tires, constant rain, mosquitoes, black flies and the occasional grizzly.

They conquered Atigun Pass, the highest mountain pass in Alaska reaching nearly 5,000 feet where the Dalton crosses the Continental Divide. Arriving in Edmonton six weeks later with 2,500 miles behind them, they said goodbye -- with a promise to meet there again in early July 2012.

Despite a glitch at the airport preventing Joe from meeting Pete and Tom in Edmonton, the three reunited in a matter of days when Joe rode his bike across the border to get to his friends. From Canada, they pointed their bikes south toward Florida and began blazing through one of the hottest U.S. summers in

recorded history. On a mission and in a groove, the comrades were blind-sided with disaster 700 miles from the Florida finish.

While Tom continues to recover physically with the help of physical therapy and at least two upcoming surgeries, both men struggle to heal those injuries that are invisible to the eye.

Reflecting back on the tour, Joe is comforted in his belief that "it is not so much the accomplishment that matters, but the living it day to day." And Joe has a treasure-trove of memories to remind him that he and his friends did, in fact, live their touring days to the fullest.

He laughs remembering the string of 110-plus degree days where highway overpasses were the only available shade -- except for the day, of course, when he and Pete spotted a shade tree on someone's front lawn and made themselves comfortable. It wasn't long before the homeowners approached the two exhausted, dehydrated men with huge glasses of ice water and cheesecake to boot.

He cries when he remembers riding alongside Pete on a rolling Midwest road singing Buddy Holly's "That'll Be the Day."

Joe, a group and personal fitness instructor, and Pete, a three-time NCAA All-American wrestler are both highly goal-oriented men by nature. Often heard quoting Thomas Huxley in saying, "The great end to life is not knowledge, but action," Joe finds the words particularly meaningful today.

The simplicity of Jimmy Buffet's words ring truer for Joe these days as well: "Some of its magic, some of its tragic, but I've had a good life along the way."

Tom likes to remember the day Joe and Pete, after six days of not showering on the Dalton Highway, invited Tom to join them in jumping into a refreshing brook by the side of an Alaskan road, sans clothing. "I said no way and sat on the bank watching the two of them. They got refreshed all right...it was glacier water!"

Tom felt honored to be included in the group and accepted by Pete, even though he kept a consistently slower pace than his friends. He typically would arrive for lunch or the motel several minutes behind the more experienced cyclists, but in the end could match every mile.

From what Joe can tell and unbeknownst to Tom, it was Tom's attitude that played a significant, albeit unwitting role in what seemed like Pete's personal transformation during his last tour. A driven, focused man determined to meet the day's timeline, Pete was different this tour. He was more relaxed, "more in the moment than presiding over the moment," said Joe. It seemed this new friend was giving Pete an enormous gift just by being himself.

After Pete's death, Tom desperately wanted to ride those last 700 miles with Joe and Dan since Dan spoke of the idea in July, but his body was not ready. "I will finish the trip someday. That is my commitment to myself," he vowed.

As for Joe, he's not sure if he'll ever tour again. He usually takes a year off to reflect, but suspects this respite may last indefinitely.

"Maybe a dirt road with no traffic and fat tires on my bike. And I'll take my time," he said wistfully. One got the sense that, well, that'll be the day when he says goodbye.

Rotary Club Welcomes Interesting Guests



Mark Crestwell gave an interesting speech on the "Great Lakes Zoological Society" of which Mark is President. This fascinating reptilian zoo is located in Washtenaw County and is available to all including schools and Birthday parties. Pictured here is Rotarian Ginger Sissom, Mark and Jane Crestwell with Rotary President Elect Bill Hammer. Photo from Rick Taylor

Chelsea Center for the Arts Wins Grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs

Friday, December 7, 2012, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) awarded the Chelsea Center for the Arts (CCA) a grant of \$17,000 for 2013 operations, to support efforts to produce high quality arts programming.

The grant award to the CCA was one of 312 outstanding nonprofit arts and cultural organizations, educational institutions and municipalities in 47 counties to receive MCACA funding totaling \$5,675,400. The MCACA received 401 applications requesting \$8.9 million in support.

"The MCACA's support for Michigan's arts and culture organizations and initiatives is both tremendously generous, and key to the state's cultural

and economic vitality," said Lisa Baylis Gonzalez, Executive Director of the CCA. "And I am delighted that the MCACA is recognizing the role of the Chelsea Center for the Arts and the high quality of its arts programming, with this award. We are grateful to the MCACA, Governor Rick Snyder, and the Michigan legislature for their support and understanding that the arts and culture sector enhances Michigan's communities in so many ways."

MCACA, part of the Michigan Strategic Fund/ Michigan Economic Development Corporation, serves to encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity in Michigan.

For more on its initiatives and programs, visit www.michiganadvantage.org/arts. The Chelsea Center for the Arts, a non-profit community organization founded in 1994 to serve Chelsea and the surrounding areas with the highest quality music and visual art programs, for children, youths, teens, adults and seniors. The mission of the Chelsea Center for the Arts is to enrich the quality of community life through programs that foster the creation, understanding, and enjoyment of the arts. Visit www.chelseacenterforthearts.org to learn more about classes, workshops, lessons, exhibitions, performances, and special events of the CCA.

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