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Spotlight on United Way



The Chelsea United Way's 2009-2010 campaign is underway and is led by President Rick Eder, who along with his siblings, have made community service a family tradition. They have given more than 15 years of service to the Chelsea United Way and he hopes his children will have the same passion for Chelsea. The Eder family includes Rick (left to right), children Corynne and Ben, and wife Kim.

Eder family keeps on giving back

By Shawn Personke
 Guest Writer

Rick Eder is continuing an Eder family tradition. Now in his fourth year as a Chelsea United Way board member, Eder was asked to serve by his brother Tim, whose tenure lasted six years. That's 10 years of Eder service to the Chelsea United Way.

And add sister LouAnn's six years, and we're quickly closing in on two decades of community service.

Eder said the reason he and his family contribute to their community is because they are proud of Chelsea and the way the community looks after each other. And Chelsea United Way is a great example of this type of caring.

"Chelsea United Way is all about supporting those in need in this local area," said Eder, who owns and operates the Farm Bureau Insurance office in Chelsea. "When we meet with our member agencies and they ask us for allocations, as a board, we are really asking ourselves, 'How does this organization help the people of Chelsea?'"

Eder adds that when people donate to Chelsea United Way, they can be sure that their money is going directly to local agencies, such as Parents as Teachers, Faith in Action, the Chelsea Senior Center, the Chelsea Rec Council, and others.

"Many of the larger United

Way organizations have paid staff, but Chelsea United Way does not," said Eder. "An all-volunteer board serves to ensure donations are used to benefit this community."

Eder grew up in Chelsea, a sixth generation native. Through a genealogy project his son prepared for a school project, they determined his children are also ninth generation Chelsea natives, related to Chelsea's founding founder, Elisha Congdon, through his wife Kim Forner's family.

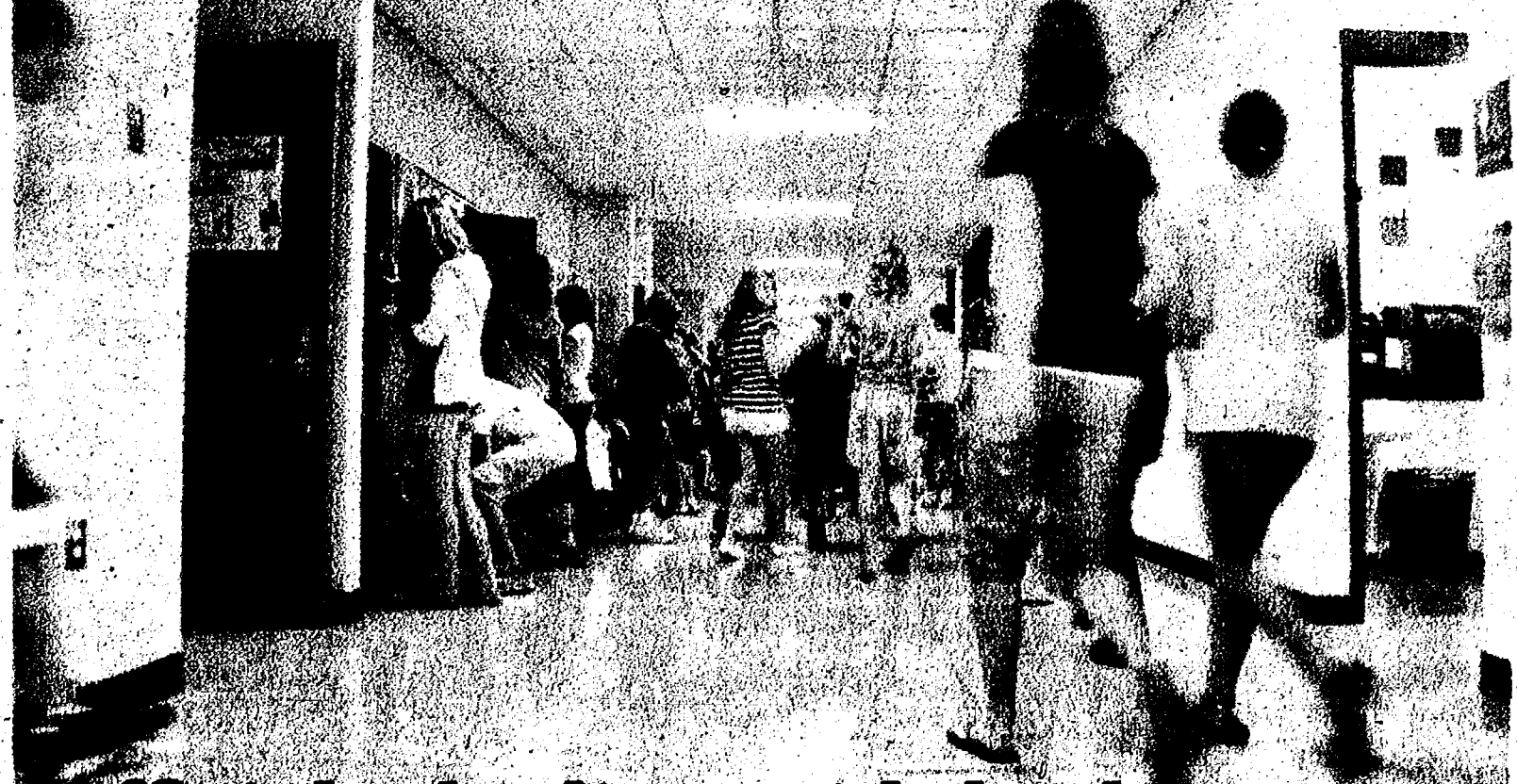
These roots are a part of the reason Eder gives where he lives, as the Chelsea United Way slogan encourages.

"As a community, we have to take care of each other," he says. "Kim and I decided before we were married this is where we wanted to live. We've never considered moving. We have two kids, Ben in fourth grade and Corynne in eighth grade. I hope they will have the same passion for this community when they become adults. It's important to me to see this community survive and take care of one another."

Chelsea United Way launched their 2009-10 campaign in September. Chelsea United Way is a locally run chapter with a volunteer board of directors who support local service agencies.

For more information, visit www.chelseaunderway.org

Our School's financial woes



Officials dealing with budget cuts

By Crystal Hayduk
 Special Writer

It was standing-room only as the Chelsea School District Board of Education met Monday evening, with concerned community members, parents, students and teachers attending to express their pleas for the programs that they believe make Chelsea schools excellent.

Public input began with Chelsea Education Association President Chris Kochan, who said that the teachers have always trusted the board in the past, but now feel disheartened and under attack.

Dawn Putnam, CHS English teacher, spoke on behalf of the reading apprenticeship program and presented documented evidence of the tremendous gains made by students in the program after only two years.

Other teachers and community members also spoke. Seven high school students addressed the board with heartfelt stories about the way in which teachers and programs have positively affected their lives.

Said Jake Prince: "Mr. Catherman is my role model. I've learned so much from this man, I can't even tell

you. It's changed my life dramatically."

Maya Evans said: "(The art teachers) buy supplies with their own money to make sure we have what we need."

Devyn Bauer said: "Thanks to the Academic Learning Lab I've made huge improvements in my grades, and now I realize I can make it in this world."

The board unanimously passed the State Aid Operating Loan Resolution.

Teresa Zigman, executive director of finance, said that borrowing does cost the district money (\$22,000 to borrow \$2 million for 90 days),

so the goal is to not borrow funds unless it is absolutely necessary.

Superintendent David Killips presented information to the board about the district's current financial status, as well as several courses dependent upon different potential scenarios, such as whether district budget reductions are made now or later, the amount of further state cuts, and projected increases in expenses for 2010-11.

Killips also revisited the current brainstormed list

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Is 'schools of choice' a choice for Chelsea?

By Crystal Hayduk
 Special Writer

Since the State School Aid Act provisions 105 and 105c have permitted the option of Schools of Choice in 1996, there have been proponents and opponents. But with the latest round of budget cuts from the state, there are more residents wondering if the local economic difficulties might be solved if the Chelsea School District were to enroll students from other districts. The simple answer is that there is no

simple answer. Lynn Bolman, assistant superintendent of Chelsea School District, said that there are many factors to consider before a district should make the decision to participate in schools of choice. Michigan has set forth specific rules and guidelines for schools who participate in choice.

Whether becoming a School of Choice will solve financial problems or create more of a burden is probably anybody's best guess. While increas-

ing the number of students within the district will increase the dollar amount received from the state, it is possible that the district could lose money overall.

Teresa Zigman, Chelsea School District's executive director of finance, explained, "The funding the district would receive is unknown until a student is enrolled. The state will give the district either the per pupil amount for

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Dexter resident reports on life in Peace Corps



Thomas E. Leonard, 21, of Dexter, was accepted into the Peace Corps and departed for Niger in July to begin pre-service training as a community and youth education Peace Corps Volunteer. Upon graduation from volunteer training in September, Leonard's work will include raising awareness about girl's education, running after-school clubs and working with out-of-school youth.

Leonard is the son of Peggy and Carl Leonard and a graduate of Dexter High School. He attended Hillsdale College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in French, graduating in 2009. Leonard previously worked as an adult basic education tutor, a teaching assistant in

Taiwan, and a discussion class leader at Access International in Ann Arbor.

Leonard will write articles exclusively for the Dexter Leader on his activities with the Peace Corps. The following is his first in the series.

By Thomas Leonard

Sitting in the Air France jet with its super-cooled cabin and extensive in-flight multimedia collection, it was hard to believe that I was flying over the Sahara Desert. That is, until I switched off the movie I was watching to observe the under-wing cameras.

Being used to a patchwork quilt of farms seen from the

side window I was met instead with Martian red. Even as the plane approached the runway only occasional trees and huts broke the ubiquitous Sahelian landscape. The sweltering blanket of sun and heat that greeted us as we stepped down onto the tarmac at the Niamey Airport did little to reverse our impressions as it appeared the Red Planet had found its earthly counterpart in the country of Niger.

That was July 9, 2009. As I write at the end of October, the passing rainy season with its humidity, clouds and beautiful green growth is giving way to dry, cloudless skies and dusty winds, the redness already

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News in Brief

Holiday Concert

The Chelsea High School Chamber Choir will host a Holiday Concert at 7 p.m., Dec. 4 at the Chelsea First United Methodist Church. The show, under the direction of Steve Hinz, is free.

Giving back

Chelsea is a dedicated and giving community. Because of this generosity, the Chelsea Hometown Holiday Committee would like to invite residents to participate in a brand new feature to the Hometown Holiday Parade on Saturday, Dec. 5.

The Hometown Holiday Committee, in partnership with Faith in Action, would like to encourage everyone to bring a non-perishable food item (no glass please) to the Hometown Holiday Parade and donate it to Faith in Action volunteers who will be marching in the parade. Students from Chelsea High School clubs will eagerly collect your much-needed donations from the Faith in Action float all along the parade route. Items especially needed are: canned meat, boxed baking mixes, laundry soap, and hygiene products.

Youth Theater

The Chelsea Area Players Youth Theater presents "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson. This family comedy has been a favorite of young readers the world over since 1972. Funny, memorable and outrageous, it is the story of a family of incorrigible chil-

dren, the Herdmans, who discover the Christmas story for the first time and in so doing help everyone else rediscover its true meaning.

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The shows will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4; and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 and Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Beach Middle School Auditorium, 445 Mayer Drive, Chelsea.

Tickets are \$5 general admission. Available at Chelsea Pharmacy, on line at www.chelseareplayers.org, or by calling 1-800-838-8006. The show will be available at the door.

CHS Madrigal Dinner

Chelsea High School Choirs, under the direction of Steven Hinz, present their 18th annual Madrigal Dinner on Dec. 11 and 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Pierce Lake Elementary in Chelsea. Mark your calendars now and make reservations online at chelsea.k12.mi.us/madrigaldinner or by calling Barbara Obenchain 734-475-9211. The cost is \$25 per person.

Free concerts

The Chelsea Chamber Players will present two free classical music concerts on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 and 7 p.m. in the historic Chelsea Depot in downtown Chelsea. This concert will feature works by Felix Mendelssohn, Francois Couperin, Antonio Vivaldi, and William Grant Still and performed by the professional CCP

string musicians accompanied by 19 local high school musicians.

A Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long will follow each concert for those interested in joining the orchestra. This program is presented as part of the Chelsea Home Town Holidays celebration and is open to all ages.

Donations will be accepted and refreshments will be served during a reception following each performance.

Visit the CCP Web site at www.chelseachamberplayers.com for complete program information.

'Around Town with Linda'

"Around Town with Linda" will feature Michelle McClellan, historian and preservation advocate, beginning today. "Around Town with Linda" features interviews

conducted by the local host Linda Meloche. The show airs daily on Channel 18 at 7:30 a.m., noon, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

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Residents give thanks on Thanksgiving

By Lisa Allmendinger
Heritage Newspapers

Heritage Newspapers asked local officials, residents and business owners in our coverage area to weigh in on what they were thankful for this year.

Here's what the Ann Arbor City Council had to say during a break in the Nov. 16 City Council meeting.

Mayor John Hieftje says, "I am thankful for the health and happiness of my family."

Fifth Ward council member Mike Anglin says, "I'm thankful for the involvement of people in the Fifth Ward; their involvement, volunteerism and I'm appreciative of their activism."

Fellow Fifth Ward council member Carsten Hohnke says, "I'm thankful that my son (Oscar) is happy and healthy; his first birthday is the day before Thanksgiving this year."

Fourth Ward council mem-

ber Marcia Higgins says, "I'm thankful my daughter is still alive because that might not be true tomorrow."

Margie Teall, also a council member from the Fourth Ward, says, "My youngest daughter turned 16 today and she got her driver's license; she took her friend to McDonald's and returned safely on her maiden flight."

Stephen Kunselman, a Third Ward council member, says, "I'm glad to be back on City Council and I'm thankful to serve."

Fellow Third Ward council member Christopher Taylor says "I'm thankful for my family and the affection of friends."

In the Second Ward, council member Tony Derezinski says, "We're leaving in interesting times, and I'm thankful to be participating in critical decision making."

Stephen Rapundalo, also a Second Ward council member, says, "I'm thankful for good health and family."

In the First Ward, council member Sandi Smith says, "My mom had surgery and it's been a rough year. I'm thankful that my mom will be home (in Northville) for Thanksgiving."

Sabra Briere, also a First Ward council member, says "I'm thankful for the 25 neighbors who come for Thanksgiving. There's no drama, just good food and we've been doing it for 20 years."

John Hansen, interim president of the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce, says, "I'm thankful for this job that allows me to be all over town. It's exciting and I'm going to miss it."

From around Belleville and other parts of Washtenaw County, here are more comments.

Roy Acho, owner of the Five Star Market in Belleville, says he is thankful for the health and well-being of his family.

Kathleen Cline, the deputy clerk for Van Buren Township, is most thankful for her family.

Shannon Moore, owner of Photography by Shannon in Belleville, is most thankful for healthy kids.

Mike Windiate, owner of Belleville Pro Hardware in Belleville, says he's most thankful for good health and his family.

"I'm thankful for living in a vibrant community with historic architecture, a major university and some really great friends," says Paul Schreiber, mayor of Ypsilanti.

"I am most thankful for my wife, Cynthia, and my family. Right after that, I am thankful I have a job to support them and that I live in a country of religious freedom," says Paul Henning, communications specialist with the Van Buren School District.

Manchester Village President Pat Vaillencourt says, "I'm very thankful for my family and friends, and the community I live in. I'm also thankful for Dwayne, who is a very understanding husband."

Manchester resident Sharon Curtis says, "I am thankful for the health and well-being of my family and friends, and



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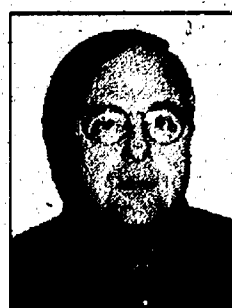
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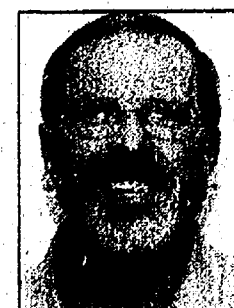
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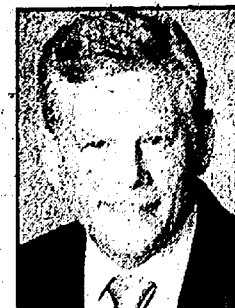
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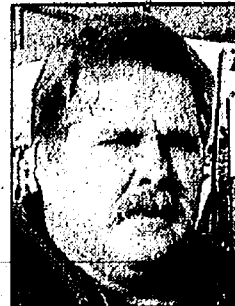
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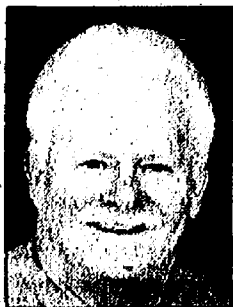
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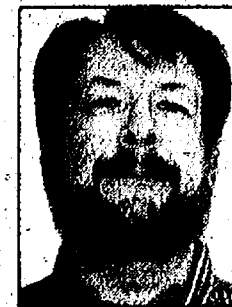
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especially thankful to be living in Manchester, where there are so many wonderful volunteers who make this community such a special place."

Suzi Mazur, senior branch office manager at Edward Jones in Manchester, says, "I am most thankful for my family and friends. Their friendship (and some timely chocolate) provides me with a lot of happiness and helps to make the stressful times more bearable."

Dexter Village Council member Jim Carson says, "I'm grateful for the fact that I'm over the swine flu and that my family didn't get it."

Larry Cobler, president of the Dexter Board of Education, offered a three-fold thanks. "Personally, I'm thankful for my health. As a cancer survivor, I'm happy for every day I get to live with my family."

"Professionally, I'm thankful for bosses who know my strengths and let me do work that takes advantage of them and that I enjoy immensely."

"Socially, I'm thankful for a community like Dexter that puts its heart and soul behind the schoolchildren and for our service organizations that selflessly give of their time to help others."

Dexter Village Council member Donna Fisher says, "I'm thankful for good health for myself and my daughter's improving health."

Washtenaw County Commissioner Mark Ouimet of Scio Township, says, "I'm thankful for my wife, Donna; my daughter, Courtney; my daughter-in-law, Kelly; my son, Mark; and my grandson, Trey, who is 4 years old and the light of my life."

In Saline, Marilyn Hollister, a Saline resident, says, "I'm thankful for my family, friends, my health and that I live in Saline. I think Saline is a wonderful place to live."

Michael Weber, another Saline resident, says, "I'm thankful."

Marty Flint, owner of Excalibur Barber Shop in Saline, says, "I'm thankful for all my loyal customers. I've been in business here for 42 years."

Jill Berki, Saline resident and store clerk at Cobblestone Rose in Saline, says, "I'm thankful for many things, but I'm mostly thankful for my family's health."

Carole Shannon, owner of the Hungry Howie's in Milan, says, "I'm thankful for my family and friends."

Michelle Wade, optician at Fountain Optometry Family Eye Care in Milan, says, "I'm thankful for my new home this year."

Deanna Manor, florist at Milan Floral, says "I'm thankful for my family, friends and good health."

Sharon Linden, a Milan resident, says, "I am thankful I wake up every morning with my good health. I've been a respiratory therapist at Mott Children's Hospital for 35 years and I see so many sick people."

Nancy Tetens, principal at Symons Elementary School

in Milan, says, "I am thankful for my family and friends, my health and living in a wonderful community like Milan."

Chelsea Area Fire Authority Fire Chief Jim Payeur says, "Along with my family and friends, I am thankful to all the residents in the Chelsea Area Fire Authority District for approving the millage, so we can continue providing top-notch fire coverage for the area."

Frank Hammer, Chelsea City Council member, says, "I'm thankful that the city of Chelsea is in reasonably good financial shape and have a majority of its citizens who believe in this city and are committed to it."

John Hanifan, Chelsea city manager, says, "I'm thankful to work for a community that is unafraid to meet the great challenges of our time head-on."

Also in Chelsea, Beth Giesky, a Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department sergeant, says she's thankful "for everything."

Mike Jackson, owner of Vogel and Fosters says, "That Chelsea is so welcoming to businesses."

Chelsea Police Chief Ed Toth says he's thankful "that all of the officers working here are healthy."

Woman needs help finding adopted family

By Terry Jacoby
Heritage Newspapers

Thanksgiving is a time for family reunions. For Heidi Sager, whose life has been surrounded by adoption, she would be more than thankful if she could locate a few of her long lost family members.

"My mother was adopted, my mother gave me up when I was 3 and her adoptive parents raised me, and she also gave up my younger two brothers who were later adopted," says Heidi, who now lives in Texas. "I started searching for my family about two years ago. After the loss of my grandparents, I was left feeling like I had no real family."

Sager was able to reunite with the father she never knew but was left feeling like the search was not

over. Sager still had questions she wanted answers to. She wanted to know the reasons behind her mother's adoption. She wanted to know if she had any "birth family" out there. She wanted to know how to connect her mom with lost brothers and sisters.

Sager soon discovered that her mother was one of seven children and that her birth mother passed away leaving her father to care for all seven kids. About a year later, the state removed all seven children from his care, saying he couldn't provide proper care for them.

"I know at first my mother and three of her sisters went to a foster home together, but then all got separated," she said. "One by one, they went to different foster homes."

Sager was able to track down the two oldest siblings because they never got adopted so their names never changed. She also was able to find her youngest uncle. His adoptive parents kept his first and middle name.

But then the search stalled. "I have searched for my other two aunts and uncle but haven't gotten any leads," she says. "We have been unable to find any thing on them. If you don't have a last name, it makes searching for some one nearly impossible."

Sager believes Washtenaw County is a good place to expand her search.

"My mother and her siblings were living in Traverse City at the time they were taken from their birth father," she says. "Their mother passed in Traverse City

And they went to Traverse City schools."

"Sadly, my grandfather passed away in 2002 before I was able to find him. All I have now is my great aunt from my grandmother's side. My one aunt was adopted threw Wayne County and my other aunt and uncle were adopted through Washtenaw County."

Her one aunt's birth name was Roxanne Hunt and she was born on March 31, 1960 in Traverse City. Her adoption was final through Washtenaw County in June 1970.

Her other aunt's birth name was Tina Marie Hunt and she was born on March 20, 1957 in Traverse City. She was placed with an adoptive family in May 1969 and the adoption was final in June 1970. Her adoption was through Wayne

County

Her uncle's birth name was Keith Merritt Hunt and he was born on Dec. 7, 1958 in Traverse City and placed with his adoptive family on Jan. 9, 1970. His adoptive father majored in chemistry in college and worked in the auto industry as a plastic engineer. The adoptive mother was a junior high school teacher.

The Hunt family's birth mother was Elsie J. Hunt, who passed away in 1964, days after having her youngest child.

"I hope someone in Washtenaw County may have some information to help me locate my family," Sager said.

If anyone has any information, they should e-mail Sager at eagar_heidi@yahoo.com.



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Legacy Land Conservancy securing future

By Sarah Walsanen
Special Writer

Fallen leaves blanket the forest floor, making everything quiet. The only reminder of the city is the traffic noise in the near distance.

Come spring, ducks and swans will swim among the trees, as a result of a vernal pond, and frogs and salamanders will lay their eggs in the water beneath their webbed feet.

This land is the Lloyd and Mabel Johnson Preserve, an area of land in Ann Arbor that is protected by Legacy Land Conservancy. Legacy, formerly known as Washtenaw Land Trust, has been working to protect nature and farmland in southern Michigan for 38 years. By the end of the year, Legacy will have protected close to 4,000 acres of land.

"We're protecting the lands right here in your back yard," said Susan Lackey, executive director for Legacy Land Conservancy.

Suzie Heiney, development and communications director for Legacy Land Conservancy, said one of the great things about the Johnson Preserve is that you can be in the city, but still get away to nature.

"It's so close to where so many people live," Heiney said.

The Johnson Preserve is located off of Platt Road, just south of Lillie South Park near the cell phone tower. Originally, the land was a 95-acre parcel, half woods and half farmland, Lackey said. Legacy wanted to find a way to restore the farmland, so it sought out different partnerships with other organizations. Now, a portion of the land is being farmed, another portion is home to Therapeutic Riding and the wooded area is becoming a nature trail, which is open to the public.

Volunteers have been working to put in a nature trail around a buttonbush swamp. The trail is being formed by hand and permanent trail markers won't be installed until Legacy has seen how wet the land is in the spring. A vernal pond forms in the spring and then goes away. The trail should be finished, followed by a dedication, in the spring.

"All of these things take time to evolve," Lackey said.

The Johnson Preserve is among 50 conservation easements that Legacy protects.

"We protect food, water and nature," Lackey said. "That really is the guts of what we do."

Landowners who think they



Photos by Sara Walsanen

Suzie Heiney, Legacy Land Conservancy development and communications director, looks out at the farmed portioned land of the Johnson Preserve.

have something that should be protected forever may contact Legacy and then set up a time to meet and see the land. The landowner is responsible for an appraisal and attorney costs.

"Once it's protected, it's protected forever," Lackey said. "We're committed to perpetuity."

"The thing they (landowners) have in common is their love for the land," Heiney said.

Legacy Land Conservancy is accredited, meaning a third party has looked at everything it does to make sure the group is

meeting the highest standards. It is one of the first conservancies to become accredited in the nation, the first conservancy in the state and the first conservancy to have farmland purchasing rights, Lackey said.

For those interested in learning more about protecting land, visit www.legacylandconservancy.org.

Legacy is always looking for volunteers to do clerical work, take photos of land for documentation purposes, man tables at events or go out and cut trails and remove invasive species.

For a full listing of volunteer opportunities, contact Legacy and ask to be on its monthly e-mail update.

To make a donation, contact Legacy or visit its Web site. The organization has giving levels from \$50 to \$10,000, but will take any donation, large or small.

Legacy also has a "forever fund," which ensures that land will be protected forever. Donations for the forever fund are welcome, as well.



Suzie Heiney is development and communications director for Legacy Land Conservancy and works to protect land in Southern Michigan.

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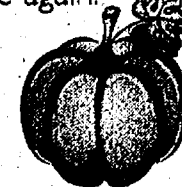
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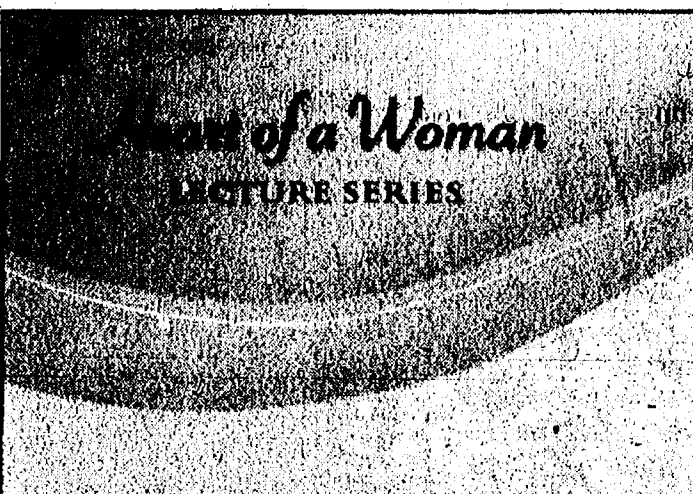
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This week's question

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Passion for reading fueled by school book fairs, mom

Sometimes while out on assignment, I'm transported back to a previous life.

Not in a mystical or talks-with-spirits kind of way; rather in an "I remember doing this when I was a kid" kind of way.

Last week, I was taken back to elementary school.

For some of you, that might mean a one-room schoolhouse. Although I'm too young to personally have lived through that period of time, I've read about it.

And I've retold people's stories describing what it was like to learn in a classroom heated by a wood stove, or have a pig-tail dipped in an inkwell.

On the other hand, there's nothing like having lived through an event and then writing about it years later.

Such was the case recently when I walked into Logan Elementary School. As I entered the school to cover another assignment, I spied the Scholastic Book Fair and was instantly reminded of my favorite time during my early school days.

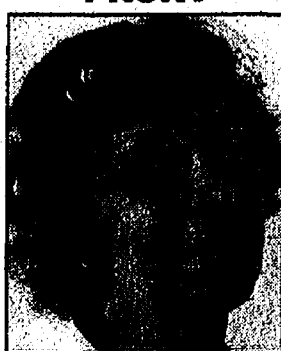
Some personal history is needed here. My mom was a kindergarten teacher and a voracious reader. I not only learned to read at a very early age, but also I lived in a home filled with books.

So when my school book fair rolled

around each year, I was truly a kid in a literary candy shop. My book choices, like those of my classmates, were placed in separate piles awaiting our parents' arrival.

My pile towered over all the other kids. And I couldn't wait until the end of the school day when my mom would arrive so she could pay for them, and I could start reading.

HOME FRONT



LISA ALLMENDINGER

I distinctly remember her writing checks for more than \$100, which was a huge amount back in the early '60s.

Yup, I was one of the lucky kids. My mom would pay for all those books, and I would grab one and start reading it to her as we drove home.

I'd pick a "skinny" one, which I knew I could read from cover to cover before we arrived at the garage door.

My mom and I would read many of those books together, sometimes acting out the stories. Other times, we'd turn them into art projects.

So earlier this month, when I saw the excitement of those Logan students turned loose to peruse hundreds and hundreds of books, I was transported back to those amazing days of my childhood — and a time when someone else paid for the books.

The authors and titles have changed over the years, but the looks on those inquisitive little faces was a mirror image of mine at

My mom was a kindergarten teacher and a voracious reader. I not only learned to read at a very early age, but also I lived in a home filled with books.

their age.

Those book shelves were, and still are, my oysters.

Each night, after I've written my newspaper stories for the day, I turn to the stories of other writers.

I'm immediately whisked into their worlds, where I reside until my eyes begin to close and I drift off to sleep.

After attending that book fair, I plan to pick up one of the books I loved as a child and read it out loud to my dogs.

Then I'm going to turn the story into an art project, and put the finished project on my refrigerator — just like my mom did when I was in elementary school.

Although she died when I was just 15 years old, I'm sure she'll appreciate my grown-up efforts, which were ignited by her love of reading and fueled by those annual Scholastic book fairs.

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OUR TAKE: Editorial Honor Flights meaningful for our veterans

Time's running out for the men and women who fought in World War II to visit the memorial in their honor in Washington, D.C.

And, unfortunately, so is the money to send those veterans who can't get there on their own.

Getting these aging people to Washington at no cost to them has been the task of a number of Honor Flight organizations across the country, including Honor Flight Michigan.

The Michigan chapter has been raising funds, arranging flights, meals, buses, T-shirts and volunteer staff — guardians who have accompanied veterans on the one-day flights at their own expense — since they began in 2007, three years after the memorial was completed and opened.

When it was first formed late in 2006, there was an expectation that 500 to 1,000 war veterans in this area might wish to go. Since the first flight, more than 1,100 have made the trip. That's less than the number of veterans of that war who die each day.

One of the guardians is Cathy Kavanaugh, a reporter for Journal Register newspapers in Michigan, which includes this newspaper. She has made several trips and has covered activities of Honor Flight Michigan since it was formed.

She was on a recent trip and wrote about the reactions of some of the 39 men and one woman in their 80s and 90s whom she accompanied.

She wrote about Malcom Ketelan, age 84, who stood in front of a wall of 4,000 gold stars, each representing 100 lives lost in the war, and recalled burying six friends at sea on the USS Massachusetts in the Pacific Theater. It was the most powerful moment of the trip for him.

Another, Vayden King of Warren, was saddened that the World War II Memorial was the last of those commemorating America's wars to be built.

"They built memorials for Vietnam and Korea and then they got to us," he said.

King's right. There are indeed powerful memorials to past wars, including that spare, half-sunken memorial to those who died in Vietnam. Years after that, after the hows, whats and wheres of a World War II memorial had been decided, the design was considered by many as somehow deficient.

The critics never looked at it, however, through the eyes of the men and women it was designed to honor. For them, it hits all the right notes: the deaths — too many to name as on that Vietnam memorial, the theaters of war, the states and even the territories from which our force of 16 million people was formed.

Fundraising has slowed in recent months as so many other pressing needs cry out for help. There are two more trips scheduled this year, none until next spring.

Contributions are still being accepted, and there are occasional fundraising events.

Those millions of people who served in our armed forces in World War II made enormous sacrifices in the defense of their nation. We haven't yet thanked them enough. Too many we fear, don't know why they should.

For information on how to donate, go online to honorflight-michigan.com.

YOUR VOICE: Letters to the Editor

Embrace Christ on his birthday this year

With the holiday season approaching, I know we will all be busy preparing for the holidays. There are so many things we must do — send out Christmas cards, buy gifts for our family and friends, put up the Christmas tree and let's not forget all the goodies we all like to eat.

The little ones are excited and can't wait for Santa to come on Christmas morning. This can be a very busy and enjoyable time for family and friends.

This all sounds so great, but are we missing the real meaning of Christmas? We all know what the real celebration is supposed to be about — Christ's birthday. Think back to last Christmas. Did you think about Jesus or did you just start ripping open the gifts?

I know for my family Christmas morning is a big rush. We get up early, open gifts and rush to be at my husband's parents house by 7 a.m. to open gifts. Christmas morning has just become a big rush of things we have to do and places we have to go to.

I go to church. I have accepted Jesus as my savior. I know I am going to heaven when I die. I pray all the time. I try to live a Christian life, but on Christ's birthday I am so busy I hardly have time to think of him. I want to try and change that this year.

Along with the gifts and every thing else we do on Christmas, I want to remember the real meaning of Christmas. I plan on starting out my Christmas morning by praying before we open our gifts. Each of us will take turns telling each other what we are thankful to God for this year. Then we will tell him

what gift we are going to give him on his birthday. Maybe I will try to read my bible more.

We will then open our gift and than go to my husband's parents house. I also plan on having a birthday cake that says "Happy Birthday Jesus" on it.

Why should his birthday be any different than mine? The entire reason for Christmas is the love of God. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son to die on the cross for our sins so that everyone who believes in him should not perish but may have eternal life."

This is his gift to us. What will you give to God this Christmas? If you haven't already accepted his gift, then you are rejecting the most important gift that will ever be offered to you. If you haven't taken the time to really get to know Jesus, then make that your goal this year.

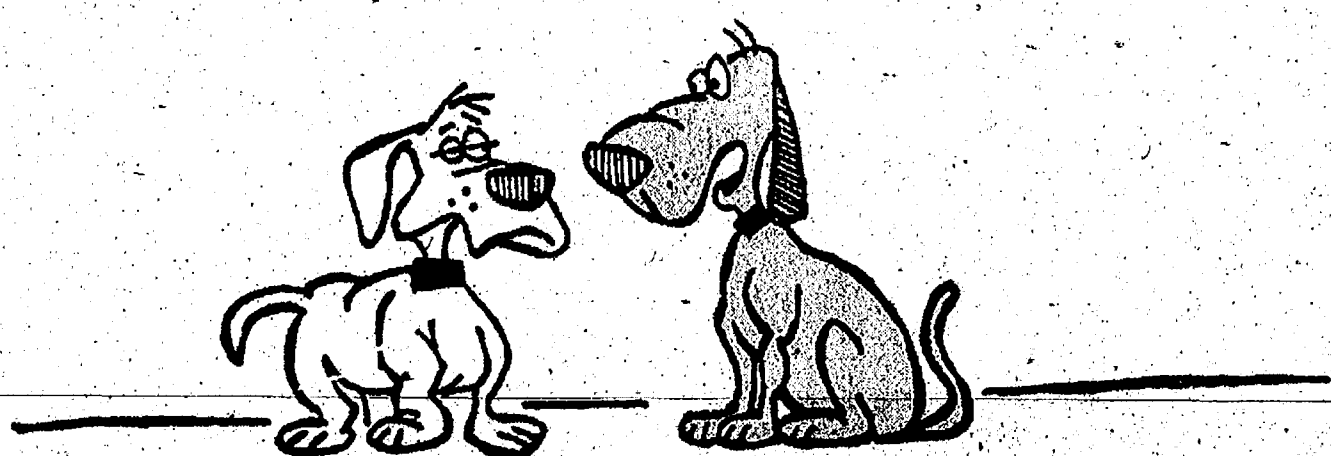
Accept Jesus as your savior and get to know him. God wants you and all your family and friends to be with him in heaven when you die. That is his plan for you. The question is what is your plan for your eternity?

I was reading a book on the Fourth of July this year called "The Purpose of Christmas" by Rick Warren and I realize I am so busy on Christmas that I am forgetting the most important part of Christmas. No one will ever be able to give you a gift like God has. God's gift of love can never be taken away from us. He has given us salvation and eternal life.

Let's not forget what the real meaning of Christmas is. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May God bless our country and take care of us all.

Tina Mae Wilson
New Boston

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"IT JUST DOESN'T SEEM FAIR TO CHASE THE MAILMAN DURING HOLIDAY CATALOG SEASON."

GUEST COLUMN: By Michael McVey

Challenge about changing habits

Get writing! On day 18 of my involvement in the National Novel Writing Month, it finally happened, the habit kicked in.

I was shuffling into the kitchen at the same time I do every morning doing the same thing I do every morning, getting coffee ready. When I glanced at the clock, my first thought was that I had 30 minutes of free time, so I had better sit down and write.

Where did that come from? Later in the day, after I had finished my 1,666 words, I did

a little research on habits. Research suggests that it takes about 21 days for a physical

action to become a habit. I suspect that works with activities that have very few moving parts. Deciding to go to the gym every morning is just fine, but that entails getting clothes together, getting into the car, accounting for weekly schedule variations, and more.

Some well-toned gym rat friends told me they reduce the number of links in the chain. I should have my gym clothes ready to go every morning so I

won't be distracted by finding matching white socks.

The other trick is motivation. Motivation can take the form of images — the thought of your gym membership wasting away, you fitting into your swimsuit, tight pants hanging in the closet; those sorts of things.

So writing every day at the same time has very few moving parts — open laptop, open novel file and then start writing. Not too many links there. Quite doable.

The second part to developing a habit is motivation. This is National Novel Writing Month and it is my first time as a participant. There are more than 850 novel writers just in the Ann Arbor area. Around the world, last year, more than

119,000 people signed up for the marathon and almost 22,000 made it to the end.

I am willing to wager that most of those novels were abysmal. But that wasn't the point. Those of us who make it to the end of the journey, 50,000 words, can take heart that they have written more words of fiction in one month than most people do in their lives.

They can also take heart in the fact that they have developed a daily habit that will help them overcome a personal inertia standing in the way of that novel they always knew they could write.

Now, back to writing. Saline resident Michael McVey can be reached at mcveym@gmail.com.



MICHAEL MCVEY

Environmentally minded

Huron River Watershed Council sells rain barrels

By Lisa Allmendinger
A2 Journal

Brad Densen of Ann Arbor was one of the people in the tri-county area who purchased rain barrels during the Huron River Watershed Council sale Oct. 25.

He says the water comes rushing down from the downspouts of his older home and has left divots in his yard.

With the help of two rain barrels, he hopes to capture that runoff in the 60-gallon containers and then use it to water his flower gardens.

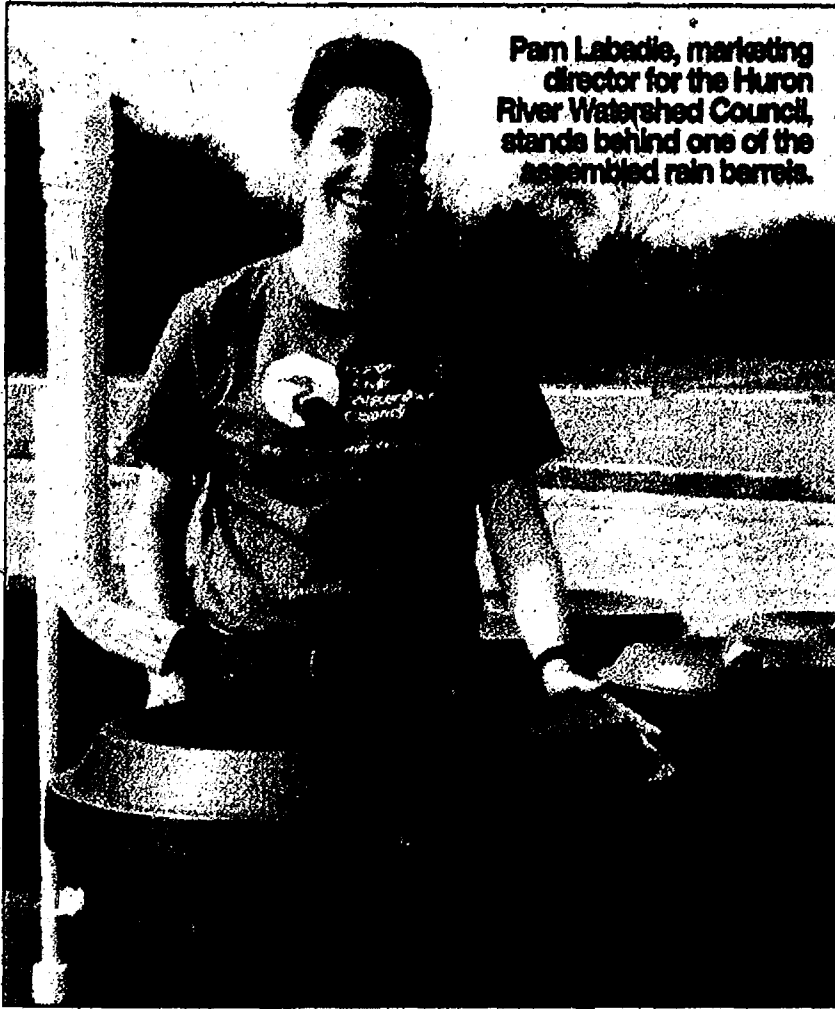
The 31-inch tall by 28-inch wide barrels are manufactured by RainBarrelUSA from North Carolina and were sold for \$95 each.

Steve Lorenz of Ann Arbor, who also picked up one of the 180 rain barrels, said: "I've been intending to do this for a while."

Lorenz said he and his wife grow lots of vegetables, so the rain water will be used to make their gardens grow.

David Nestor and Laura Leonard of Dexter arrived in a pick-up truck to get two dark green barrels for Leonard's parents.

"They'll be collecting rain water for gardens in Dexter,"



Pam Labadie, marketing director for the Huron River Watershed Council, stands behind one of the assembled rain barrels.

Nestor said. According to information from the Ecology Center, collecting

rainwater during dry months is an ancient practice that dates back 2,000 years.

"With the rising cost of municipal

water and drought restrictions now facing much of the United States during the summer months, more and more homeowners in our modern society are turning to the harvesting of rainwater to save money and protect this precious natural resource," according to information on the Ecology Center Web site.

Within the first 45 minutes of the pick-up time, 80 of the 180 barrels were gone, said Pam Labadie, marketing director for the watershed council.

"Rain barrels reduce pollution of the Huron River and prevent flooding," Labadie said.

When properly installed, rain barrels collect run-off from rooftops and allow you to redirect it to gardens and soil where it can be infiltrated by plants and soil instead of washing over pavement, she said.

They also slow the rapid flow of water that enters the Huron during heavy rains, helping to prevent volatile fluctuations that cause erosion, Labadie said.

Residents from Chelsea, Dexter, Saline, Livonia, Milford, Whitmore Lake, Monroe, Milan, Ypsilanti and Farmington Hills, among other cities and towns, took advantage of the sale.



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Thank you

To the Editor: A big thank you to friends and supporters in and around the Dexter community for coming to Terry B's on Saturday, Nov. 7.

It was an opportunity to raise awareness about extreme poverty and preventable disease in Africa, the causes that Dexter High School freshman Laurence Carolin holds most dear.

Thank you to Kate and Terry Braciszewski for generously opening their restaurant up as the venue for a fundraiser that night for Nothing But Nets, an initiative of the United Nations Foundation, that works to save lives by preventing malaria.

Thank you also to the staff of Terry B's for their efforts as well as to Executive Chef Doug Hewitt Jr., who created an entree that evening in Laurence's honor, with all the proceeds going to Nothing But Nets.

Thank you to Mark Quigley, of Banfi Vintners, for donating wine that evening, for which all proceeds also went to Nothing But Nets, and to local businesses including 21st Century Laser, Adair Printing, Huron Camera and Pack and Mail Plus for services donated.

In addition, the owners of Terry B's matched the funds raised on Nov. 7 for a total donation of \$5,000 to Nothing But Nets.

For Laurence, a 15-year-old with an inoperable, malignant brain tumor, raising awareness about poverty and disease has become a wish-come-true.

Thank you for making a difference.

Lisa Carolin
Ann Arbor

Down on deer display

To the Editor: Is anyone else who lives in or drives through Dexter repulsed by the huge group of dead deer hanging near the road on Main Street?

When I called Mill Creek Sports, they were totally surprised that I was bothered by it, and implied that this tradition was supported by most people. I'm just wondering if that is true.

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EMU ATHLETICS PREPARES FOR BUSY TWO WEEKS

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YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) — The Eastern Michigan University athletics program will provide plenty of home competition over the next two weeks heading into final exams on campus.

The EMU men's and women's basketball teams, the men's wrestling squad, and the men's and women's swimming and diving programs will all have home events from Nov. 28-Dec. 12.

The football squad is slated to close out its 2009 season the Friday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 27, with a 2 p.m. road game at the University of Akron. That game will be played in Akron's brand-new InfoCision Stadium on the Akron campus.

Once that football game is played, EMU fans will have a hoops bonanza with three straight games in the Convocation Center.

Head Coach **Charles E. Ramsay's** men's basketball team will start the action with a Saturday, Nov. 28, 2 p.m. home tilt against Davenport College.

Head Coach **AnnMarie Gilbert's** women's basketball Eagles will then square off against Missouri State at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, in the Convocation Center.

Action continues Monday, Nov. 30, in the Convo when the men's hoops crew will host Canisius at 7 p.m.

Head Coach **Derek DelPorto's** wrestling team will host the Big Ten's Michigan State University Spartans in a Thursday, Dec. 3, dual meet in Bowen Field House. That matchup is slated to begin at 7 p.m.

From Bowen, the action swings over to the Michael H. Jones Natatorium where the men's and women's swimming and diving teams will host the two-day EMU Invitational, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4-5. Action is scheduled to be held at 3:30 p.m. each day.

Its back to the Convocation Center after that as the women's team is set to host Rochester College, Wednesday, Dec. 9, in a noon "Education Day" start with local elementary students attending as the guests of EMU. The men's hoops squad returns for a Saturday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. home battle with James Madison.

EMU HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS (Nov. 28-Dec. 12)

Nov. 28	Men's Basketball	Davenport	2 p.m.
Nov. 29	Women's Basketball	Missouri State	2 p.m.
Nov. 30	Men's Basketball	Canisius	7 p.m.
Dec. 3	Wrestling	Michigan State	7 p.m.
Dec. 4	M&W Swimming	EMU Invitational	3:30 p.m.
	(EMU, Allegheny, Wayne State, Findlay, Calvin, Waterloo, Toledo, Michigan, Kalamazoo)		
Dec. 5	M&W Swimming	EMU Invitational	3:30 p.m.
	(EMU, Allegheny, Wayne State, Findlay, Calvin, Waterloo, Toledo, Michigan, Kalamazoo)		
Dec. 9	Women's Basketball	Rochester	Noon
Dec. 12	Men's Basketball	James Madison	7 p.m.

All EMU men's and women's basketball games are played in the Convocation; All EMU men's and women's swimming meets are held in the Michael H. Jones Natatorium; The Dec. 3 wrestling meet will be in Bowen Field House.

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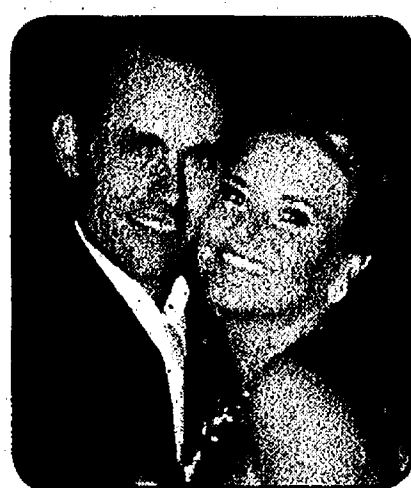
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WEDDINGS

**Nicholas, Krips**

Allyse Nicholas of Commerce Township, daughter of Fred and Annise Nicholas of Saline, and Timothy Patrick Krips of Commerce Township, son of Donna Krips of Brighton and Tim and Tracey Krips of Walled Lake, were married Sept. 5 on the grounds of the home of the bride's parents in Saline.

The maid of honor was Bev Moyer of Novi, friend of the bride. The bridesmaid was Sara Dandy of West Bloomfield, friend of the bride. Readers were Jenny Baumann of South Lyon, sister of the groom; and Jill Clark of Santa Margarita, Calif., sister of the groom.

The best man was Bill Krips of Brighton, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Chris Clark of Royal Oak, friend of the groom. Ushers were Fred Nicholas of Ann Arbor, Mike Nicholas of Milan and Paul Nicholas of Pinckney. All are brothers of the bride.

The bride is a graduate of Saline High School and of Eastern Michigan University.

The groom is a graduate of Brighton High School and of Michigan State University and Lawrence Tech.

The ceremony was held at 9 p.m. on the grounds of the home of the bride's parents in Saline under a full moon. The reception followed, with a full moon theme.

The wedding arch was a rustic structure hand made by the bride's brother, Mike.

Out of town guests included Len and Sylvia Bell of Peebles, Scotland; Carmen Davidson of Barcelona, Spain; Anita Wilson of Bonita Springs, Fla.; Tyra Wiatrak of Tampa, Fla.; Kendra Ver Beek of Midlothian, Va.; Jill, Sierra and Ella Clark of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.; Pat Pelletier of Charleston, S.C.; Mike and Judy Krips of Houston, Texas; and Dave and Sandi Surma of Rolling Prairie, Ind.

The couple honeymooned in Aruba and now resides in Commerce Township.

**Gephart-Gerweck**

Jill Elizabeth Gephart of Dundee, daughter of Tom and Julie Gephart of Dundee, married Jeffrey Charles Gerweck of Maybee, son of Tom Gerweck and the late Sandra Gerweck of Maybee, Aug. 14.

Grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Johnson of Milan, were in attendance at the ceremony, held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Maybee. A reception followed at Grafton Hall in Carleton.

The maid of honor was Corey Pence of Frisco, Texas, friend of the bride. The bridesmaid was Valerie Johnson of Ann Arbor, friend of the bride. Junior bridesmaids were Michaela Gerweck and Emily Gerweck, daughters of the groom.

The best man was Joe Gerweck of Dundee, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Justin Gephart of Dundee, brother of the bride; Greg Gerweck of Monroe, uncle of the groom; and David Nelson of Franklin, Tenn., brother-in-law of the groom.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Dundee High School and a 2006 graduate of the University of Toledo. She is an eighth-grade social studies teacher at Milan Middle School.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Monroe High School and attended Monroe County Community College. He is owner/operator of Gerweck Construction Co. in Maybee.

The couple honeymooned at Riviera Maya in Mexico and now resides in Maybee.



Death Notices

HERITAGE NEWSPAPERS



BAASKE, MARILYN JEAN, age 84; of Tecumseh; died Wednesday, November 18, 2009, in Flower Hospital, Sylvania, OH. She was born October 4, 1925, in Ann Arbor, the daughter of Frederick and Alice (McKinley) Meyer. On May 31, 1947, she was married to Arthur Baaske and he survives. Marilyn was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, where she sang in the choir. She had been a Bell Telephone Operator in Ann Arbor, worked for Double A Products in Manchester and then was a teacher's aide at Porter Center for more than 10 years. She was a member of the American Legion and Herrick Medical Center Auxiliaries, the 50+ Exercise Club and delivered Meals on Wheels. Marilyn was a supporter of the Tecumseh Center for the Arts and was a Girl Scout Leader and a Cub Scout Den Mother. Her family was the love of her life, as was her church and friends. She enjoyed travelling, flower gardening and cooking. In addition to her husband, Arthur, Marilyn is survived by one son, Bruce (Denise) Baaske of Tecumseh; two daughters, Linda (Chuck) Iott of Deersfield and Susan (John) Gibson of Tecumseh; eight grandchildren, James and Jennifer Baaske, Kevin Iott, Shane, Sarah, Justin, Marisa and Alyssa Gibson. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Kevin; one brother, Marvin Meyer, and two sisters, Helen Knickerbocker and Joanne Eversole. Marilyn will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Visitation was on Sunday, November 22, 2009, at the Tecumseh Chapel of Handler Funeral Homes from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. The Funeral Service was on Monday, November 23, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Tecumseh with Rev. Richard Web officiating. Visitation was at the church from 10 a.m. until service time. Burial followed in Brookside Cemetery in Tecumseh. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church or to the Charity of Donor's Choice. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.handlerfuneralhomes.com.

MCLEOD, JON A., of Dexter, MI; passed away November 4, 2009; at the age of 45. He is survived by his parents, Patrick and Nancy (Gable) McLeod; brother, Dean McLeod; sister, Diane Bach; and niece, Angie; and nephew, Anthony Bach. A Memorial Service was held at Hosmer-Muehlhig Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Humane Society.

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BOLOG, CHARLES, of London Twp., MI; age 63; died Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at home. He was born March 27, 1946, in Milan, MI, to Andrew "Specs" and Agnes (Mayher) Bolog. Chuck graduated from Milan High School and then served in the Air Force from 1966-1970. Charles served as past Commander of the American Legion #268 of Milan and worked for FCI in Milan, retiring in 1999. He is survived by a brother, Gerald (Marcia) Bolog of Milan; sister, Linda Kranz of Willis; sister-in-law, Joyce Hearn; brother-in-law, John Kennedy; nieces and nephews, Robert (Beth) Bolog, Susan (Rick) Bayne, Rick (Patrice) Bolog, Dave Bolog, Tammy McElyea, Rhonda (Eric) Yates and Tim (Tammy) Bolog; a special cousin, Doug (Cheryl) Mayher; several great nieces and nephews; and his dog, Pita. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, JoAnn Kennedy, brothers, Andy, Jr. and Richard, and a nephew, Philip Lambert. Visitation was Thursday, November 19, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan where Services were held Friday, November 20, at 1:30 p.m. followed by Military Honors under the auspices of the Washtenaw County Veterans Honor Guard. Contributions may be made to the American Legion #268 of Milan. www.ochalekstark.com

BORSO, ALBERT, of London Twp., MI; age 76; died Friday, November 20, 2009, at Arbor Hospice. He was born in London Township on May 5, 1933, to Steve and Julia (Kovacs) Borso. Al graduated from Milan High School in 1951, was employed with Ford Motor-Ypsilanti Plant for 41 years, until 1997 and enjoyed farming. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Evonne (Miller) son, Karl (Jennifer); daughter, Kathryn (William) Orwig; five grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret (Frank) Ziegler and Helen (Douglas) Edwards. Preceded in death by six brothers and a sister. Visitation was at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday, 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral was 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Milan Baptist Church; In State 10 to 11 a.m. Burial Marble Park Cemetery, Milan. Contributions to the Milan Baptist Church or Arbor Hospice. www.ochalekstark.com

PUSTAY, LITKE, LORRAINE D., of Dexter, MI; in loving memory of our mom, grandmother and friend; at the age of 83; passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at her home. She was born on May 29, 1926, in Ann Arbor, MI, to William and Rosa (Rahr) Haynes. Lorraine was the "glue of the family" and enjoyed socializing with family and friends and card playing with area seniors. She was a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor. She is survived by her children, Leslie (Edward) Birchmeier, Gerri (Jeff) VanDoren and Becky (John) Chamberlin; grandchildren, Jennifer, Jessica, Monica, Nathan, Elizabeth, Rosemary, Lauretta and Kason; great grandchildren, Alice, Shelby, Natalie and Blake; and a brother, Roland Haynes. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Harold R. Litke and Joseph Pustay. A service was held at Hosmer-Muehlhig Funeral Chapel. Burial has taken place at Washtenaw Memorial Park. Lorraine, dearly loved, will be greatly missed! Memorials may be made to the Dexter Senior Center.



BUSHA, RICHARD THOMAS, of Saline, MI; age 61; passed away Friday, November 20, 2009, after a brief battle with cancer. He was born March 22, 1948, in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of Cliff and Julie (McGuire) Busha. On August 24, 1968, he married Linda Lambarth at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Saline, MI and she survives; other survivors in addition to his wife include four children, Troy (Tracy) Busha, Shelly (John) Butler, Jill (Dave) Collins and Jaime Busha; he is also survived by seven grandchildren, Jacob and Sydney Lopez, Savannah and Bobby Butler, Lauren and Ava Collins and Teddy Bowman; parents, Cliff and Julie Busha; brothers, Mike and Gary (Becky) Busha; two nieces; and two nephews. Funeral Services were held at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Saline on Monday, November 23, 2009, at 11 a.m. with Pastor William F. Natsis officiating. Burial took place at the Lodi Twp. Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church or to Arbor Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home, where friends please calling on Sunday, November 22, 2009, between the hours of 2 and 8 p.m. and also at the Church on Monday, November 23, 2009, from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. To sign Richard's guestbook or to leave a memory please visit www.rbfhsalaine.com or www.mlive.com

EDWARDS, HENRIETTA, of Saline, MI (formerly of Milan); age 90; passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness, surrounded by her family on November 21, 2009, at Saline Evangelical Home. She was born October 27, 1919, in Petersburg, MI, to Isaac and Anna (Diab) Beverly. On September 10, 1938, she married Kenneth M. Edwards and he survives; also surviving are one son, Paul Edwards, and his wife, Gayle, of Fort Myers, FL; a daughter, Diane A. Vickers, and her husband, Brooks, of Royal Oak, MI; six grandchildren, Simon Ahlborn and her husband, David, of Providence, RI; Nicolas Jackiw and his wife, Nathalie, of Vancouver, BC; James Edwards of Columbus, TN; Mark Edwards and his wife, Jennifer, of Greenwich, NY; Zachary Vickers of Royal Oak, MI; and Ian Vickers of Royal Oak; as well as five great-grandsons; and four great-granddaughters; Henrietta is also survived by her sisters, Margaret, Mary and Barbara; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter, Sharon A. Jackiw, three brothers and a sister. Funeral Service was held Wednesday, November 25, at Milan Baptist Church, 31 Ferman St. Burial followed in Marble Park Cemetery. www.ochalekstark.com



ENGELBERT, DENNIS J., of Chelsea, MI; age 89; died Friday, November 20, 2009; at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI after a brief illness and surrounded by his family. He was born July 27, 1920 in Albion, Nebraska, the son of John and Eunice Engelbert. Dennis was one of nine children and has two surviving sisters. He had four children with his predeceased wife, Alvina (Brassow) Engelbert and they survive, John Engelbert of Chelsea, Janet (Ray) Feldkamp of Milan, Douglas (Nancy) Engelbert of Caledonia and Marlene (Bernard) Roulo of Brooklyn. He is survived by his current wife, Catherine (Kay) Engelbert and her children, Lawrny (Sharon) Steiner of Saline, Jim (Sue) Steiner of Whitmore Lake and Jane (Kevin) Beasley of Ann Arbor. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Dennis was a proud, hard-working farmer who had never ending devotion to his family. We love you, Dad! Dennis was an active member of the St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, past president of the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau, a current member of the Rogers Corners Farm Bureau and a life member of the Tri County Sportsman Club, where he loved to dance. Funeral Services will be held at St. Thomas Lutheran Church on Tuesday November 24, 2009 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Charles Schulz officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Thomas Lutheran Church cemetery. Visitation will be held at the Robison-Bahnmiller Funeral Home in Saline on Monday November 23, 2009 between the hours of 2 to 8 p.m. and from the church on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 from 10 a.m. until time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Thomas Lutheran Church. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church.

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TRIPP, EDWARD C., of Pinckney, MI; age 59; died November 18, 2009. He was born February 12, 1950 in Ann Arbor, MI the son of James and Esther (Barger) Tripp. On July 3, 1993 in Gregory, MI Edward married his loving wife of 16 years, Judy (Phillips) Tripp. Ed was a perfectionist as a Fiberglass Specialist and was sought out by many to work on their Corvettes. He was employed with Rumpy Chevrolet and Robert's Paint and Body before his retirement in 2003 and was a member of the Hudson Mills Engine Club. In addition to his wife Judy he is survived by his children Jason (Kimberly) Tripp, Cynthia (Christopher) Hines, Kristine Tripp, Jerrod and Jamie Hopkins; his grandchildren Joshua Hines, Jordan Hopkins and Jaden Brown; and his siblings Rodger Tripp and Linda Sjoström. His parents preceded him in death. The family will gather with friends on Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel. A Healing Farewell was held 11 a.m. Monday, November 23, 2009 at Borek Jennings with visitation from 10 a.m. until time of service. Memorial contributions are suggested to family for future designation. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Ed's family by calling 877-231-7900 or visit his guestbook at www.borekjenning.com

ZIELINSKI, EDWARD, age 85; of Manchester; passed away at home on November 17, 2009. He was born on October 23, 1924 in Detroit, MI, the son of Nicholas and Anna (Pyzik) Zielinski. On July 6, 1946 he married Jennie Polkowski in Detroit, MI and she preceded him in death. Mr. Zielinski was a member of St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Manchester. He was also a member of the Polish Legion of American Vets #75 and Tin Can Sailors. Ed was musical, enjoyed bowling, golfing and going to the casinos with his sons in his leisure time. Ed is survived by his children Donna (Chuck) Mallard of Garden City, MI, Lawrence Zielinski of Manchester, MI, Michael (Elaina) Zielinski of Belleville, MI, Gregory (Debra) Zielinski of Manchester, MI, Gina (Brent) Jennings of Manchester, MI; and brother Chester Zielinski of Henderson, NV; 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. In addition to his wife he was preceded in death by his grandson Michael Zielinski, 1 brother and 2 sisters. In honor of Mr. Zielinski, memorial donations may be given to the P.L.V.A. # 75 Envelopes will be available at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Jenter Chapel, Manchester, MI where family will receive friends on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. with a Scripture Service at 6 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be on Friday, November 20, 2009 beginning at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. Fortunato Turati S.C. officiating. Interment St. Mary Roman Catholic Cemetery. Please sign Mr. Zielinski's guestbook at www.borekjenning.com or leave a message of comfort for his family by calling 877-231-7900.

Aldi opens discount grocery store in Ann Arbor

By Lisa Allmendinger
A2 Journal

Aldi opened its 50th discount grocery store in Michigan with an Ann Arbor location Nov. 19. The store replaced seven commercial buildings at the corner of Maple and Dexter roads, and included an environmental clean-up of the contaminated property.

"This is the first brownfield remediation site in the Ann Arbor City limits," said David Kapusansky, Aldi's real estate director.

There is special landscaping to reduce run-off and rain gardens were placed along the property line adjacent to the residential neighborhood it abuts.

It was developed by Rene Papo of Ann Arbor and Magellan Properties, and built by A.R. Brouwer of Dexter.

The light and airy 18,600-square foot store is about 8 to 9 percent larger than Aldi usually builds, said Kapusansky, adding that the company was looking for an Ann Arbor location, something near a retail section of town.

Aldi's 2340 Dexter Road location is in close proximity to two strip malls, upscale grocery store Plum Market and K-Mart, and Knight's restaurant is next door.

"If you build it, they will come," Ann Arbor Chamber Interim President John Hansen said in his short opening remarks at the store's ribbon cutting ceremony.

Store manager Shawn Catlett of Milan was given the honor of snipping the purple ribbon in front of a crowd of more than 100 people who had gathered in the 100-space parking lot to get their first look inside the no-frills grocery store.

"What we offer is very different," said Tricia Snider, director of operations for Aldi.

"We offer the best quality for the least money," she said.

In fact, Aldi takes it a step further. The store offers a double-quality guarantee.

"If not satisfied, we will replace the item and give back the money," she said.

There is a special section in



Fast Facts

- Aldi, international grocery chain, Ann Arbor location, 50th Michigan store; 80 stores in the United States
- Address: 2340 Dexter Road, Ann Arbor
- German origins, first U.S. store opened in 1976 in southwest Iowa
- Sells primarily private-label Aldi items, under select brand names
- Privately owned; does not disclose financial information
- Provides quality food at lowest possible prices
- Employs about 12 people at the new store
- Hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday
- Does not accept credit cards or checks; does accept cash and debit cards
- Bring own carryout bags, or purchase them in the store
- Use of shopping carts costs 25 cents, which is refunded
- Customers pack own groceries
- 100 parking spaces

the store near the center that offers a weekly value. The items change each Sunday — many are seasonal — and are only available while supplies last.

"This is an asset to the community," said Mike Anglin, Fifth Ward council member, in whose ward the store is located.

"It's reflective of a greater need for quality food at affordable prices," he said.

With Thanksgiving and its grand opening in mind, the store is offering a 3-pound bag of yams for 99 cents, a bag of celery or

small peeled carrots for 49 cents. A large bag of cranberries is 89 cents.

"We want to be able to feed a family of four for under \$30," Snider said. "That's Aldi. That's what we do."

Produce prices were what caught the attention of Marcia Major of Ann Arbor.

"I'm looking around and the produce prices look good," she said, while tasting some of the free samples that were offered.

"I've been waiting for this," Ann Arbor resident Nancy Major said of the store's opening, which

has been in the works for two years.

Also different than other grocery stores is the shopping cart system. For those who have been to Europe, it's a similar concept. A customer pays a small rental fee to use the cart and gets the money back when the cart is returned.

"This is another way to pass on savings," says Snider, who demonstrated placing a quarter in a slot, which unlocked a grocery cart.

"Carts don't gather in the parking lot or cause damage to cars," she says.

Customers should bring cash or a debit card because checks and credit cards are not accepted.

In addition, shoppers pack their own groceries and should bring personal shopping bags, or purchase reusable ones inside the store.

About a dozen employees have been hired at the store.

The store will be closed on both Thanksgiving and Christmas, but open New Year's Day.

"We're excited to be here in Ann Arbor," said Carrie Cohoon, district manager.

Lisa Allmendinger can be reached at 1-877-995-NEWS (6397) or at lallmendinger@heritage.com.



ABOVE: A ribbon cutting was held last week at Aldi, a discount grocery store in Ann Arbor.

AT LEFT: Shawn Catlett of Milan, store manager at Aldi, has worked for the company for more than five years. He checks out a pineapple.



Tricia Snider (left), director of operations at Aldi; Carrie Cohoon, district manager; and Shawn Catlett of Milan, store manager, stand in the produce section of the new Aldi grocery store in Ann Arbor.

Helping MDA



Saline High School's DECA club, consisting of 76 marketing members this year, organized a benefit concert Oct. 20 to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and Saline DECA. Megan Nye, a senior at Saline High School, opened for the nationally touring band, We The Living. The masters of ceremony were second-year marketing students Sean Cope and Deming Wilke, both seniors. Committee members pictured with the band are Whitney Webb, Stephanie Olson, Deming Wilke, Sean Cope, Andrew Hanna, Josh Collins, Becky Stubler, Miranda Welch, Tori Deal, Nicolette Seigerson, Sarah Martyn, Ariana Wellings, Catherine Bernard, Lauren Leslie, Markus Hwang and David Stall. The concert attracted 350 people, enabling DECA to donate \$1,408 to the MDA. DECA is still taking donations. In addition, \$961 will assist all members in defraying costs toward their District Conference in January at Eastern Michigan University.

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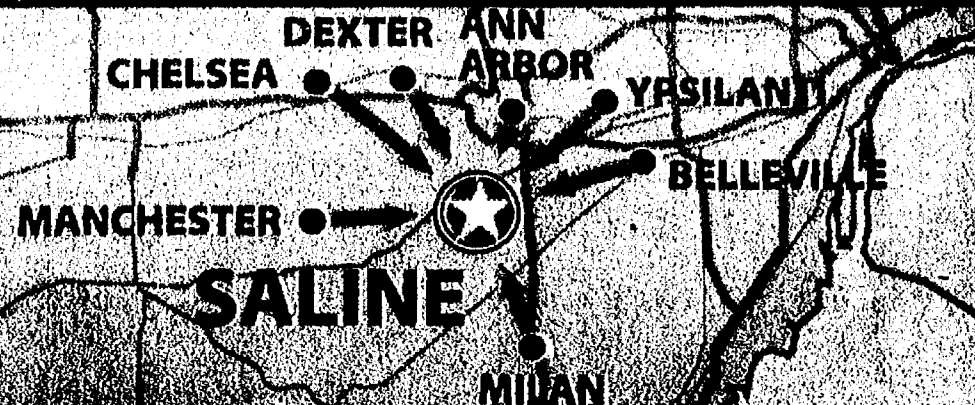
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INSIDE LOOK: SCHOOL FINANCIAL CRISIS CHOICE

What's next?

Chelsea School officials are looking for ways to save money and meet the new budget requirements for not only this year but next year. Here are a few of the things being discussed:

ELEMENTARY

Increase Class Sizes
- K-2 27:1, \$195,000, 3 Teachers
- 3-6 30:1, \$260,000, 4 Teachers
Clerks - reduction of time, \$13,000, implemented 2009-10
ECSE to North Creek Field Trips, \$0, Already eliminated
Closing of a school, \$300,000
5th Grade Music, \$30,000
Special Education Staff
Return to half-time kindergarten, \$260,000
Specials reduction or elimination, \$260,000
Eliminate 6th grade laptops
Reading Recovery, \$65,000

SECONDARY

Participation Fee - 80% @ \$75, \$150,
- Athletics
- All extra-curriculars, \$135,000
Increase Class Size 30:1 Ratio, \$390,000, 6 Teachers
Schedule B, \$106,000
- Linked to Curricular, \$29,000
Special Education Staff
Media Specialist, \$65,000
Eliminate Teaming at BMS, No savings, but may increase scheduling options
CHS to seven-hour day, \$160,000
Music reduction - no dual staff, \$80,000
CHS to six-hour day, \$90,000
No Consortium class offerings, \$178,000
Reduce number of lunch hours at CHS
Reading Apprenticeship, \$35,000

ADMINISTRATION

Reduce Administration, \$142,000 to \$290,000
- Athletic Director/Asst. Principal
Contracting of Services, \$40,000, implemented 7/1/09
Curriculum Budget (NWEA), \$25,000, Not ARRA fundable
Insurance Deductible Payment - 50%, \$10,000, implemented 09/10
Cassidy Lake Supervision, \$20,000, M. Kopolka as of 9/1/09
Principals cover two buildings at elementary level
Eliminate Curricular Budget, \$80,000

ATHLETICS

One-way transportation, \$10,000
Freshman Sports, \$30,000
All Athletics, \$578,000
Athletic Trainer - Part Time, \$5,000, eliminated 09/10

TRANSPORTATION

Bus Route Reductions
- No city busing
- Decrease number of stops
- Decrease number of routes, \$35,000, 3 drivers, 1 monitor 9/8/09
Eliminate all busing, \$1,300,000, Special Educ. required
Privatization Study
Combine Transportation and Operations Depts.

OPERATIONS

Overtime, \$20,000
Rental Fees Policy
Maintenance Person, \$67,000
Privatization Study
Reduce upkeep of grounds
Reduction in snow removal
Reduce heat on weekends, \$10,000
Replace Exterior Light Poles

OTHER

Eliminate Pre-school (indirect), \$30,000
Eliminate Community Education, \$15,000
Adult Youth and Enhancement Coordinator, \$10,000, altered to No Worker Left Behind 9/1/09
Reduce Building Supply Budgets - 10%, \$35,000, implemented 09/10
Health Supplies/Tissues, \$12,000
Technology Assistant, \$87,000
Examine Schools of Choice, Revenue enhancement
Health Care Revisions - All Employees, \$180,000
Privatization Study of Food Service
Wage concession/adjustment, \$250,000
Closing some WSEC buildings
No employee holiday gathering, \$1,200
Reduction of days at Pre-school
Anti-virus protections, \$5,000
Additional 10% reduction in all supply budgets, \$50,000
Increase Fees for Community Education @ 10%, \$15,000
Maintenance Supplies, \$50,000
Add onto Pierce Lake, not South Meadows
Ask residents to donate, Revenue enhancement
Furlough Days for concessions

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our district or the per pupil amount for the district in which the student resides, whichever is lower."

State-aid funding is variable between districts, if students from districts that are funded at a lower rate choose to come to Chelsea, and if the cost to educate those students is more than what is received, then the district could be worse off financially. Bollman stated that once a district becomes a school of choice, students who want to enroll must be accepted provided there is room in the grade level that student will enter. If more students wish to enroll than the district has space for, students are chosen through a lottery system and others are placed on a wait list.

A district may not grant or refuse enrollment based on religion, race, sex, athletic ability, or any other aspect of discrimination. Additionally, once a student is accepted, that student must be allowed to continue until graduation, unless expelled for disciplinary reasons.

Bollman went on to say that the only exception to enrollment allowance is for severe discipline problems. Enrollment may be refused if a student has been suspended within the last two years or if the student has ever been expelled from any school.

Prior to his position in Chelsea, Bollman was superintendent of the Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District, which participated in Schools of Choice. "In my experience there, it worked, but it was more a convenience thing than anything else," he said. "The people there who feared it found that there was nothing to fear; and those who thought it would save them found out it didn't."

According to Geraldine Allen at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, of the 10 school districts within the county, eight participate in Schools of Choice to at least some degree.

"Ann Arbor's School of Choice is Stone School, an alternative high school," she said. "Saline has some limited choice. Dexter and Chelsea are the only schools within the county that do not offer choice at all. But, it is an annual decision to continue to accept new students, so it's hard to say what will happen from year to year."

Allen pointed out that there are several factors that parents consider when choosing a school. Two factors are the child's educational needs and interests. "Each district offers core classes, but a district may offer a specific program that excels over others," she said. Environment is important to some parents. "They might be specifically looking for their child to be educated in

Schools of Choice

State School Aid Act provisions in effect since 1996.

Section 105 permits local school districts to enroll students who reside in other districts within the same intermediate school district.

Section 105c permits local school districts to enroll students who reside in a district within a bordering intermediate school district. If a district decides to participate in either 105 or 105c (or both) it must abide by specific rules in the legislation including, but not limited to, the following:

- Notify the public that it is accepting applications; when and how to submit applications.
- Determine the number of positions available for non-resident students.
- Determine which students will be offered enrollment and notify parents. If there are fewer applicants than open positions, all eligible applicants must be accepted.
- Provide information about transportation; however, districts are not required to provide transportation for students.
- If a student is eligible for special education programs and services or has a disability, implement an Individualized Education Plan for the student; if enrolled under 105c, there must be a written agreement between the districts regarding payment for the added costs of special education programs and services.
- Accepted students must be allowed to continue to attend until high school graduation, unless expelled for disciplinary reasons.
- Districts that enroll non-resident students will receive the lesser of their own foundation allowance or the foundation allowance of the district of residence.

a school that is rural, urban, or suburban."

Capacity is another variable, according to Allen. If a parent of a first grade student, for example, wants her child to attend Manchester Schools, but there are no spots for any first grade students to enroll, then that parent must make a different choice. "Schools of Choice are most efficient when a district already has the infrastructure and staff in place to be able to accept a number of students," she said.

The Ypsilanti School District has been enrolling students from other districts since the inception of Schools of Choice in 1996. "We started out with 63 kids enrolled from other districts, so we felt it was successful even then," said John Fulton, Executive Director of Human Resources for the district. "Now, we have over 1,000 students that are from outside our district. That is about 25% of our total student population."

Fulton said that although the district has had to close a few buildings, the increased number of students has allowed them to keep open five elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school.

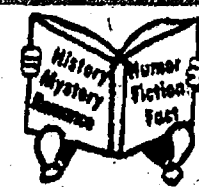
Fulton believes that there are several reasons that parents enroll their children in Ypsilanti School District, including the excellence of the Perry Childhood Development Center, the fine and performing arts programs, and convenience for parents who either work or utilize child care in Ypsilanti. "Remember that with Schools of Choice, transportation is not provided, so it is up to the parents to take care of that," he said. "They choose what they can do."

Marketing becomes an additional cost to the districts that belong to Schools of Choice. "If you have

a good product, you market it highly," said Fulton. "Our district spends between \$30,000 and \$40,000 a year on marketing. But for us, that is only about the cost of an additional five students. It is well worth the added costs for us."

Chelsea School District Board of Education President Laurel McDewitt said that the board is not for or against Schools of Choice. "We're middle-of-the-road on the issue," she said. "Participating in Schools of Choice is on the budget options list as a possible source of revenue and will be discussed. In the past, we've based our decision on this matter on community opinion and feedback."

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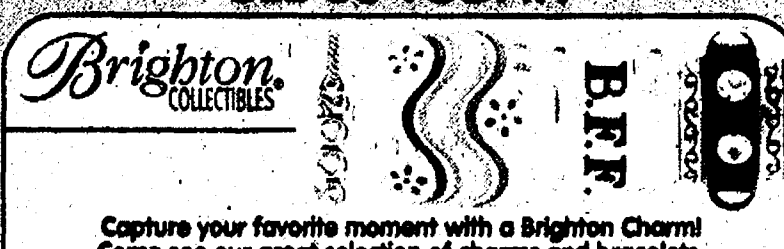
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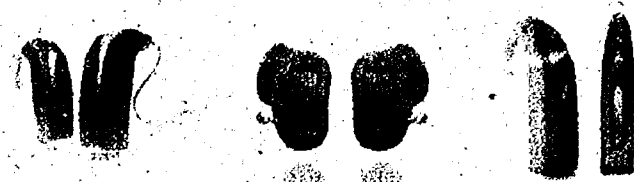
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Chelsea Area Police Briefs

A customer tried spending counterfeit money at Polly's Country Market at 1 p.m. on Nov. 11.

The manager on duty called Chelsea Police Department from the 1200 block S. Main grocery store when her employee made her aware of the situation.

The employee told officers that he discovered that the money was counterfeit when applying a money pen to it.

Chelsea police officers confiscated the ten-dollar bill as evidence and questioned the man who tried spending it.

He told officers that he did not know the money was counterfeit and that he was not intentionally trying to pass it off as real.

Officers confiscated the money and handed it over to the U.S. Secret Service, as is standard procedure when local law enforcement discover and confiscate counterfeit bills.

A man entered Chelsea Police Department to report that he and his mother and girlfriend had been harassed on the morning of Nov. 13.

He came into the station at 10:20 a.m. and told officers that a neighbor who lives down his street had come into his place of employment brandishing an ice pick and threatening to slash tires or "(do) whatever (he has) to," while looking threateningly at him.

A previous confrontation had taken place several months ago, during which the man approached the complainant in the recycling section of a local grocery store. The man lobbed accusations of spraying chemicals into his residence, which had

caused him and his children respiratory troubles.

Chelsea police officers did find an incident report filed in connection with the alleged chemical spraying.

When confronted about the retaliatory threats and stalking, the man told police that he did not make any threats, even though the officers hadn't even mentioned threats being made at that point in their interaction.

The officers asked where the ice pick was and the man had it on his person, to which he responded with a confused shake of his head, a gesture towards his vehicle and a verbal response that he wasn't carrying the ice pick on his person.

He told officers that the complainant was exaggerating and that the coworkers who witnessed the confrontation were embellishing the story.

Chelsea police made the man sign a trespass form and ordered him to stay away from the complainant and his work place in the future.

A 300 block Grant Street resident's grandmother called Chelsea police to report a domestic assault at noon on Nov. 13.

The husband involved in the incident greeted officers at the door. They asked him to step outside to talk while the wife stayed inside.

Officers and Child Protective Services had been to the residence the night before to order the couple to "straighten up" their home if they wanted to keep their

children.

The incident caused tension that resulted in ongoing verbal arguments until the morning that police were called.

Officers were advised by CPS that the couple had a "lengthy history" with them and that the incident would be put on file, although the couple wasn't held responsible for a further CPS violation, because the children were not present during the incident that morning.

Chelsea patrol officers pulled over a suspicious vehicle at 5 p.m. Nov. 14 when an officer noted that a black Dodge Caliber was traveling on Freer Road with expired tabs.

Even though the tabs said "NOV" on them the officer decided to run the plate since the month was already halfway over.

The plate came up "no record," after which the officer pulled the vehicle over.

Upon approaching the vehicle the officer noticed that black electrical tape was being used to alter some of the lettering of the license plate.

The owner's information showed when the correct plate was entered into the Law Enforcement Information Network.

When the officer approached the driver and confronted him about the tape, he became angry and said that his kids must have done it as a practical joke.

He and his son, the other driver of the vehicle, both came back with valid driving credentials and no warrants.

Officers questioned the son and father at the station, after discovering suspicious items inside of the vehicle.

Police and the Washtenaw County prosecutor's office are reviewing the case.

A tradition of kindness



This year the third graders in Mr. Strong's class from Pierce Lake Elementary will keep a tradition that started six years ago. They will collect non-perishable food items for the Food Gatherers pantry. When they deliver it after school on Nov. 23 they will have the opportunity to stock the shelves and see how the food pantry helps the areas many folks in need. They will learn first hand that their schools motto "kindness counts" is this year, more important than ever.

BUDGET

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of expenses for budget line items.

"We have a saying around here that there are no sacred cows," he said. "We are accepting any ideas submitted to us, provided that it's legal. They can be emailed to me, or given to school staff to be passed on anonymously."

Killips reviewed information from the state as well as the University of Michigan Economic Report that was released Nov. 20, which projects Michigan's peak unemployment to occur in 2010 at 15.8 percent, and to improve very slowly over the course of years.

Much discussion between board members and administration ensued, especially in regards to whether the board should maintain their directive to the district to maintain a Fund Equity account of 15 percent of the total budget.

Zigman addressed the question of whether it is possible for community members to make monetary donations to the district, in light of the failed WISD

Important dates

Board meeting: Monday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Washington Street Education Center.

Public forums: For the purpose of community communication will take place on Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 8:30 a.m. at the Washington Street Education Center.

enhancement millage. "Yes, people can make donations, but they must be undirected," she said. "They cannot specify how the money is to be spent; but they can take a deduction on their income tax for the donation."

Board member Rob Turner shared his feelings regarding mid-year cuts. "I'm sharing my heart - I'd like to keep the Fund Equity at 15%, but in a way that doesn't affect the kids in the classroom mid-year," he said. "That could be devastating to a child."

Board President Laurel McDevitt agreed with Turner. "Affecting the children is not remotely on our minds. We put the programs in place for a rea-

son - because we care about the children and their needs."

Board member Steve Olsen pointed out that the "big ticket" items would be impossible to implement mid-year, in any case.

Although the work session lasted nearly four hours, the only final decision made during the meeting was to impose concessions on the non-union district employees. They will take a 1.25-percent pay reduction beginning in January, and be expected to contribute to health

insurance (\$500 for an individual and \$1,000 for a family).

Union employees were asked to consider the possibility of concessions. In exchange for work furlough on Dec. 21-22. The district has not yet heard back from union representatives.

Lynn Bollman, assistant superintendent, presented information on Schools of Choice to the board.

Further discussion and decisions regarding the district's budget will be ongoing.

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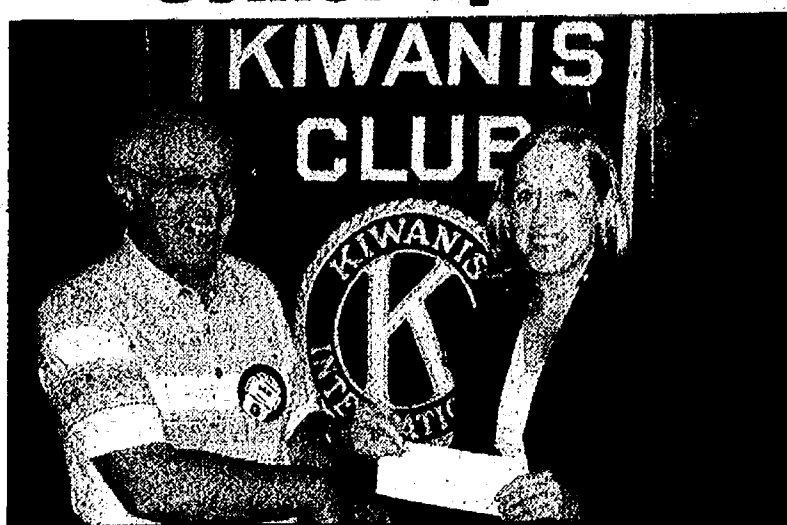
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Senior update



On Nov. 2, Lindsay Bacon with the Chelsea Senior Center was the guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club of Chelsea's meeting. Lindsay updated the club with regard to the activities and plans for the Senior Center. Kiwanian Don Cole is pictured here with Lindsay making a contribution to the organization.

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Daniels family gets behind Chelsea marketing effort

By Sean Dalton
Heritage Newspapers

Earlier this month the City Council agreed to match \$25,000 in DDA funding for a marketing effort that some Chelsea business owners feel is necessary to preserve the area's prosperity.

Now Bob Daniels, owner of the Chelsea Lumber Co., and a small group of powerful local interests has gotten behind the effort that started as a joint venture between the Chelsea Downtown Development Authority and the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Part of what we're trying to do is create an environment to help show businesses in town that we're going to be progressive in doing things to help the

business community," said DDA President Mike Jackson, who also owns Vogel's & Foster's on Main Street. Daniels and his group got behind the project three weeks ago, after hearing that more Chelsea business closures may follow the holiday season next January, according to Jackson.

Chelsea has already lost several businesses, including the Palmer Ford new vehicle business and Cranesbill Books.

Too many empty and shuttered storefronts is a problem that Daniels was largely responsible for addressing 20 years ago.

"He's responsible for energizing this town 20 years ago starting with the streetscape project," Jackson said. "He brought the

Common Grill and did a lot of great things."

The next step after several committee meetings and shoring up \$50,000 in financial backing is to meet with business owners in the coming weeks to communicate what is happening and to seek new ideas.

The marketing committee has a number of ideas and could include hiring a professional marketing firm to get involved.

Daniels' involvement also spells a possibility to receive support from the state.

"There are members of Daniels' group who are talking to members of congress to see if there are any funds from the stimulus money that we could apply for," Jackson said.

"Apparently, only 20 percent of that has been spent. We don't know if we'll get any, but we're not going to get it if we don't at least ask for it."

Committee members are also looking to area community foundations for financial assistance, as Jackson approximates that in order to be successful the marketing effort will need at least \$200,000 behind it.

What the plan could entail includes a number of ideas, ranging from a marketing campaign in which local figures visibly and publically pledge to spend \$1,000 in Chelsea this holiday season to launches of Facebook and Twitter accounts that would be used to reach customers through social networking online.

Jackson also describes a similar campaign in which people are asked to envision three of their favorite shops in Chelsea closed down and gone forever, followed by consciously spending \$50 per month at each.

"We want to make a positive statement that there's a lot of options in Chelsea," Jackson said. "You can do most or all of your shopping for the holidays in Chelsea. There are a lot of great products and great service."

He estimates that more than twice as much money spent locally goes back into the community compared to shopping at "big box" retailers that compete with smaller local businesses from a more regional perch.

In addition to ingraining the value of shopping in Chelsea into the minds of consumers, the marketing committee is also considering how to network Chelsea businesses and encourage owners to take advantage of marketing and planning courses offered for free at McKim's Chelsea District Library.

Jackson, who will also become chamber president next year, said that a key initiative is getting the chamber's budget balanced so the staff can be maintained.

"We don't have any staff on the DDA, so we need the chamber's fulltime director and two part time staff to direct questions and phone calls to," Jackson said.

'Best year ever' North Creek Food Drive collects success

By Crystal Hayduk
Special Writer

Despite the tough economy, the annual North Creek Elementary School food drive for Faith In Action was overwhelmingly successful. The second grade student government representatives worked hard to raise awareness and to encourage students to donate non-perishable food items during the drive, which took place from Nov. 5-18.

"Our kids worked so hard for this cause and got an overflowing abundance of food for FIA," said secretary Becky Morse. "They collected more than they ever have in all the years I've been here. It was amazing."

Morse thinks it is possible that the exceptional response this year was due to feelings of gratitude for the ability to donate.

"Perhaps they felt 'next year this (needing food donations) could be us,'" she said.

The parents who helped the children to pack and deliver the food were Tracy Dickinson, Kim Dosey, Jeffrey Fitch, Tony Iannelli, Tammy Mason, Tara Tokarski, and Morse's husband, Dennis.



North Creek 2nd grade student government representatives (and siblings) back left to right: Allison Hale, Cassidy Tokarski, Griffen Tokarski, Jaron Iannelli, Zachary Dosey, Maddie Scheese, Riley Sumner, Morgan DeVoe, Michael Mason, Christopher White, Ethan Litzinger, Andrew Mitchell, Josiah Fitch, and Megan Fletcher. Front left to right: Mitchell Dickinson, Brynn Vandegrift, and Sawyer Northrup. Missing from the photo are Hunter Allen, Landon Rauch, and Devin Stiltner.

"We couldn't be happier and it's always fun when the kids come," said FIA Director Nancy Paul. "Kids just understand the simplicity of needing food."

Paul added that young people are vital to FIA's ability to provide food.

"Schools and youth groups donate a great deal," she said. "And the Scouts singlehandedly are responsible for the lion's share of the food we are able to provide."

But regardless of the current

bounty at the pantry with the holidays around the corner, Paul realizes that donations tend to diminish in January, and she hopes it will not be a difficult winter.

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Chamber honors leaders on Dec. 16

The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with The Chelsea Standard will host its annual Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Chelsea Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center.

Tickets available at the offices of the City of Chelsea and Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce. Reservations must be made no later than Dec. 10. Make checks payable to the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, 310 N. Main St., Suite 120, Chelsea, MI 48118.

For more information on tickets, call 1-734-475-1145. Nancy Harris, founder of Hearts Community Service, is the recipient of the 2009 Citizen of the Year Award. Hearts Community Service is a non-denominational organization that provides free services to those in need. Her motto is "Help the homeless, aid in emergencies, clothe the needy and welcome a stranger."

This year, the Citizen of the Year committee is honoring two longtime community contributors: Will Johnson and Bill Chandler.

Johnson has served the community of Chelsea in countless ways over the years. As president of Chelsea Community Hospital for 23 years, he provided a vision and innovative leadership that few could replicate. As a result, he turned a struggling small hospital into a highly successful and financially strong medical center that continues to thrive today.

As a result of his creativity and commitment to quality CH was named one of the top 100 hospitals in the nation. His commitment to quality, a spirit of collaboration, and partnership with the community distinguished his successful career.

Bill Chandler is one of Chelsea's citizens who has quietly provided mentoring and support to the community for many years. While teaching school in Milan, Chandler started a work-study program in the Chelsea school district.

In 1980, along with residents Blake Thompson, Ron Mead and Chief McDougall, Chandler was instrumental in establishing a "Help Line" for persons whose depression was taking over their lives. The "Help Line" is still in existence today.

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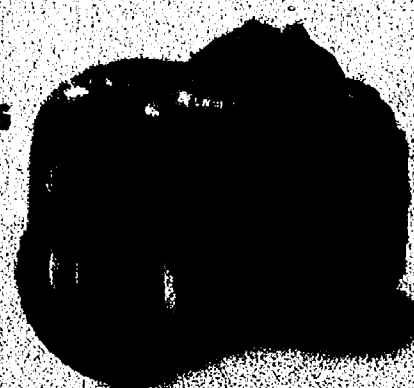


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**Friday, December 4th thru
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

Time	Location	Event Description
All day	Various Chelsea Merchants	Gingerbread House Displays
9:30 AM - 8:00 PM	The Village Shoppe of Chelsea	"Holiday Open House" with Hot Chocolate and Food Samplings
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Gigi's Flowers	"Feed the Birds"! Make-and-Take Pinecone & Peanut Butter Bird Ornament. Back by popular demand!
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Winans Jewelry	"Troll Bead Bracelet Free Raffle" - to celebrate the arrival of Troll Beads® & bracelets (compare to Pandora® & Chameleon® beads), they are raffling a free bracelet! Come in to register!
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10:00 AM - 9:00 PM	The Mission Marketplace	"A Hot & Jazzy Christmas"! Enjoy free fair trade chocolate samplings, organic spicy hot cocoa & mulled cider, jazz-infused holiday music, holiday traditions from around the world, holiday Crèche unveiling, and hot sales on selected items. www.themissionmarketplace.org .
12:00 - 5:00 PM	Uptown Antiques	Receive a free ornament with \$10 purchase or an "Angel by Marj Daniels" with \$25 purchase
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM	La Jolla Fine Jewelry	Enjoy Cookies and Sparkling Cider
6:00 - 6:30 PM	Pierce Park	"Tree Lighting Ceremony" sponsored by Chelsea Rotary. Santa arrives in the American Legion Voiture 957 Train!
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Main Street in Chelsea	Luminaries - Sponsored by Girl Scouts & Cub Scouts.
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Downtown Chelsea	Carolers will fill the air with Christmas Spirit!
6:30 - 7:30 PM	Palmer Ford	Live Nativity Scene - Bring a "Toys for Tots" gift! "Srsly" will deliver toys to central Chelsea location.
6:30 - 8:30 PM	Chelsea Depot	Visits with Santa! "Santa's Workshop" with children's crafts. Sponsored by Chelsea Children's Co-Op
6:30 - 8:30 PM	Chelsea Depot	Storytelling in the American Legion Voiture 957 Train. Sponsored by Chelsea District Library
6:30 - 8:30 PM	Chelsea Teddy Bear Company	Christmas Cookie Decorating!
7:00 - 7:45 PM	First United Methodist Church	"Hometown Holidays Concert" presented by Chelsea High School Chamber Choir
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Chelsea District Library	"Common Chords" - bell choir
7:00 - 10:00 PM	Zou Zou's Café	Free Live Musical Entertainment - "Mike Beattie"
7:00 - 11:00 PM	Clocktower Building	Alzheimer's Association presents a "Holiday Garage Sale" featuring crafts, direct sales, and garage sale items. For more information, please contact Kim at 734-475-7043 or kim.covert@alz.org .
7:00 PM	Chelsea High School Auditorium	***"Nutcracker Ballet" presented by the Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan. Please see www.youthdancetheatre.org for more information.
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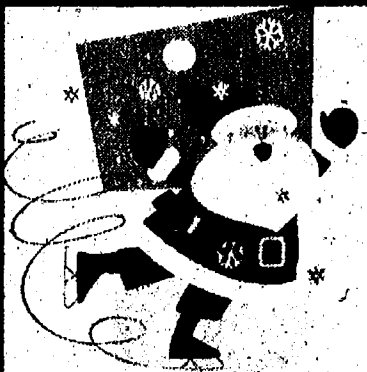


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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

Time

All day
8:30 - 10:30 AM

Location

Various Chelsea Merchants
Chelsea Comfort Inn &
Village Conference Center

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Chelsea State Bank

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Clocktower Building

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Chelsea Village Hardware

9:30 AM - 8:00 PM

The Village Shoppe of Chelsea

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Gigi's Flowers

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Chelsea Fairgrounds
- Service Building

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Waterloo Farm Museum

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

La Jolla Fine Jewelry

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Dayspring Gifts

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Winans Jewelry

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Vogel's & Fosters

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

The Mission Marketplace

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Pierce's Pastries Plus

11:00 AM, 1 & 3 PM

The Chelsea Teddy Bear Company

12:00 - 3:00 PM

Chelsea Center for the Arts

12:00 - 5:00 PM

Uptown Antiques

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Chelsea Center for the Arts

1:00 - 3:00 PM

River Gallery

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Chelsea Teddy Bear Company

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Chelsea District Library

2:00 PM

Beach Middle School

2:00 & 7:00 PM

Chelsea High School Auditorium

3:00 PM

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The Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory

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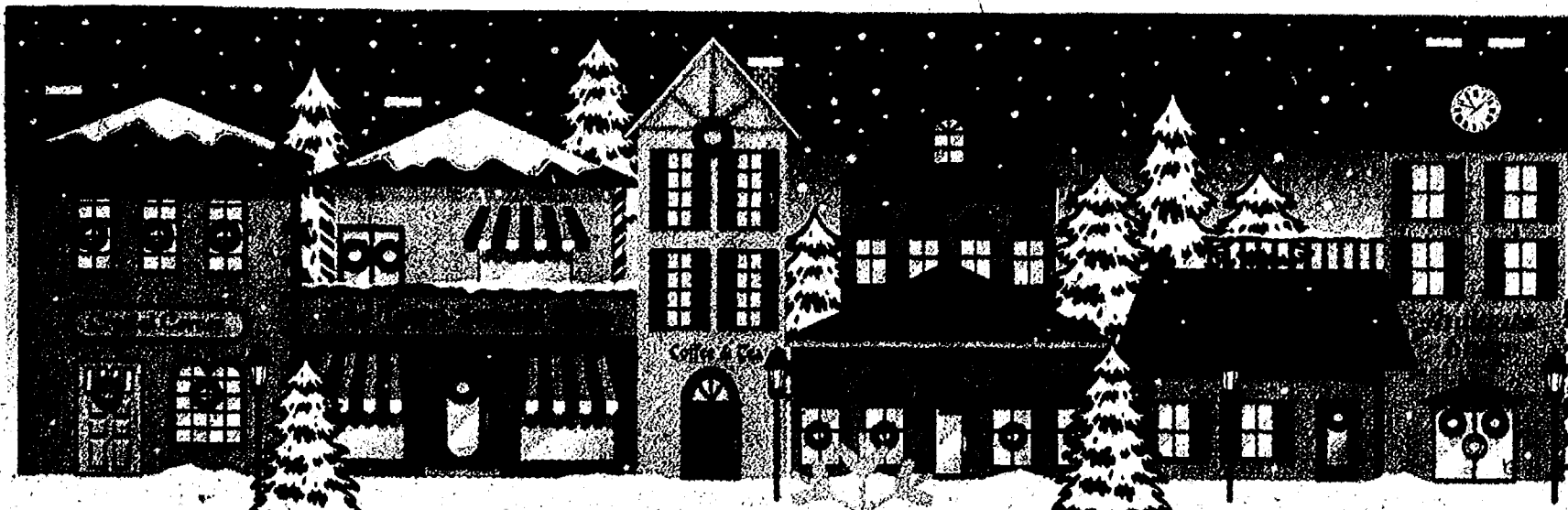
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11:00 AM & 1:00 PM	Chelsea Comfort Inn & Village Conference Center	***"Holiday Buffet with Santa" - Reservations are recommended. Please call 734-433-8000 for reservations and additional information.
12:00 - 4:00 PM	Vogel's & Foster's	Come see the new "Brighton Concept Store" within their store highlighting jewelry, charms, small leathers & belts, shoes, and Brighton Bags!
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12:00 - 5:00 PM	Uptown Antiques	Receive a free ornament with \$10 purchase or an "Angel by Marj Daniels" with \$25 purchase
2:00 PM	Beach Middle School	***"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" - Chelsea Area Players presents this favorite family comedy! Tickets are \$5 - available at Chelsea Pharmacy, by calling 800-838-8006, online at www.chelseareplayers.org , and at the door.
2:00 PM	Chelsea High School Auditorium	***"Nutcracker Ballet" presented by the Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan. A "Sugar Plum Tea" will be held prior to the matinee at 12:30 PM. Please see www.youthdancetheatre.org for more information.
3:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Chelsea Depot	"Holiday Concert" with Chelsea Chamber Players
6:30 PM	Chelsea Retirement Community Chapel	"Holiday Festival of Lessons and Carols" presented by Chelsea Area Churches

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ADMISSION: All events are free unless otherwise noted.

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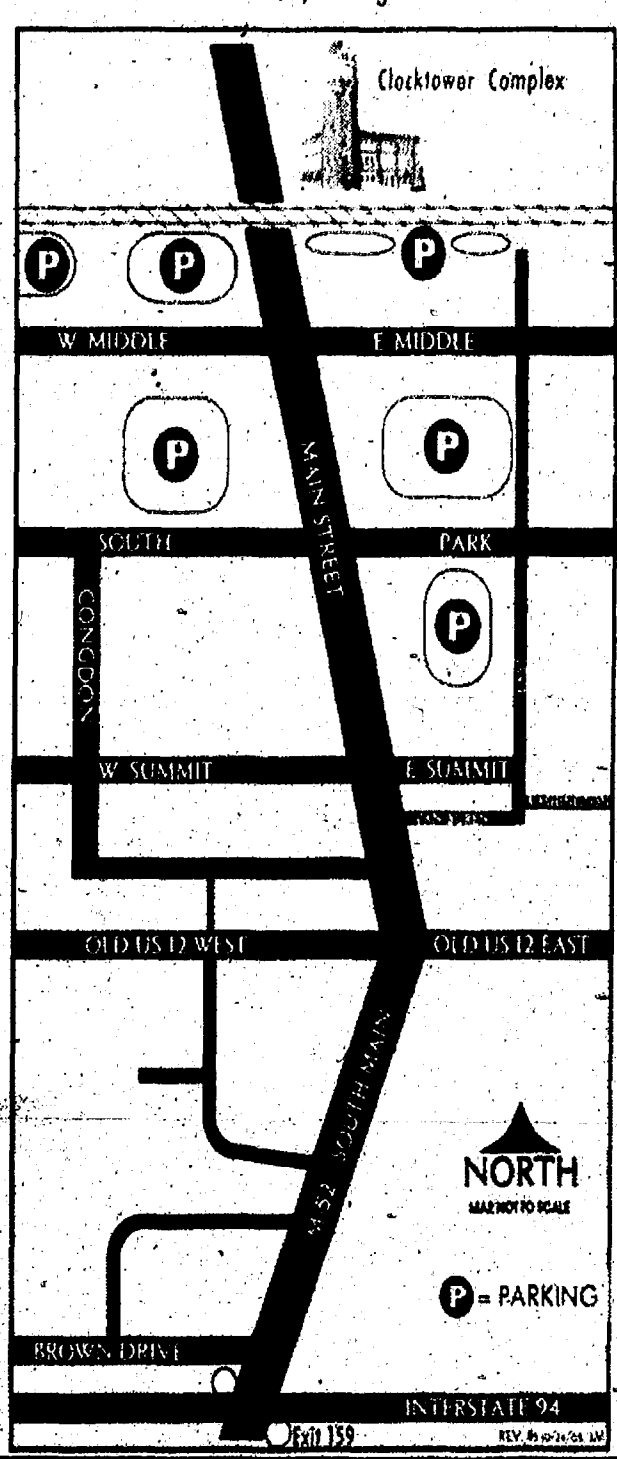
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FROM PAGE 1-A

stealing back lost ground. My two-year adventure as a Peace Corps Community and Youth Education volunteer in Larba Birno, Niger has barely passed its first month. But before one is to obtain the title of PCV (Peace Corps Volunteer) one must run the Peace Corps' version of Boot Camp: Pre-service Training (PST).

The skyrocketing growth of the millet stalks around Peace Corps' training site mirrored the learning curve of myself and 30 other Americans spending nine weeks absorbing all the Nigerien language and culture as they could manage. Although grueling for the body and mind, PST resembled summer camp more than any military training - volleyball games on the training site, sleeping outside and taking bucket showers. VATs (volunteer assistant trainers) acting like camp counselors in the role of mentors - many opportunities for 'stage' bonding were presented to us.

Still, some things were unique to Niger or to Peace Corps: frank and casual discussions about gastrointestinal troubles, learning how to survive a bush taxi or bus ride without losing too much circulation, getting overly sick or getting overly ripped off ... in other words, no matter how much you try to stay safe and healthy, you sometimes have to "roll with the punches."

All the fun and games were

soon over. In no time flat, we found ourselves in traditional Nigerien garb at the American embassy, swearing in front of the American Ambassador and the Nigerien Foreign Minister. Less than 40 hours later we found ourselves saying goodbye for the last time until the new year and our three week-long inter-service Training.

The 30 of us were split into regions - six of us would go to the region of Tillabéri and would receive a new team, make a new set of friends - and make a new town into a hometown, for two years. The Tillabéri region is located in western Niger, covering Niger's northern portion of the Niger River valley, abutting the countries of Mali and Burkina Faso to the north and west.

My village, called Larba Birno, is located roughly 40 miles north of Niamey along the Niger River and about 10 miles west of the Niger (or simply, "the River" to Nigeriens) along its seasonal tributary, the Sirba.

I have spent only a month and a half in Larba, though it seems hard to describe my stay in such terms. This is to say that in many senses, time as it is measured in "The West" (the Gregorian calendar is even called 'foreign time') - hours, weeks and months - does not seem to carry much weight. As with the Muslim prayer calls and holidays, the sun is used to measure the days and the moon for the months; market days take care of separating the weeks.

If it is true that Niger is one of the few Peace Corps coun-

tries where PCVs can still live "back to nature," one can still find exceptions. For an education volunteer, normally placed in large towns with much scholastic infrastructure, my post is very rural: Larba is not its own commune - our mayor is in a town about 15 miles away.

All the same, modernity has hit Niger in a hurry: in the span of a few years nearly the whole country has cell phone coverage. A Canadian gold mining company located about 45 miles down the dirt road leading to Burkina Faso brought electricity to Larba in 2007. Although a minority of my villagers have electric lighting and only a handful have televisions, those who do have them also have DVD, CD, VCD, MP4, etc. players. The discs to be found in on Niamey streets play dozens of music videos and films from China, India, Nigeria and the US in a single disc. It is almost as if decades upon decades, even centuries, of technology have been leapfrogged, giving villagers modern entertainment while they continue to use handmade farming tools, drive ox carts, get water from wells and pumps, pound grain with mortar and pestle, and cook over open fires.

For the next few months I will discover more about my village and my life in Larba as I prepare to begin projects after the conclusion of IST at the end of January. I expect to be surprised, as I was when I first stepped foot in the Red Country.



Silver Maples welcomes Denise Rhode

Digital Photographer Denise Rhode opened an exhibit of her work in the Maples Gallery at Silver Maples of Chelsea this week. The exhibit will run through Jan. 2, 2010. Rhode, a graduate of Rutgers University, has exhibited in New York City, the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, the Peach Tree Plaza in Atlanta, the Kodak Pavillion at Disney World's Epcot Center, the University of Michigan Hospital, as well as many other shows and art fairs. She has won the Planned Parenthood Poster Design and the Best of Show at the Ann Arbor Recycled Art Exhibit. Silver Maples is a non-profit retirement community offering independent, villa, and assisted living apartments, and is located at 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI. For more information, call (734) 475-4111 or visit www.silvermaples.org.



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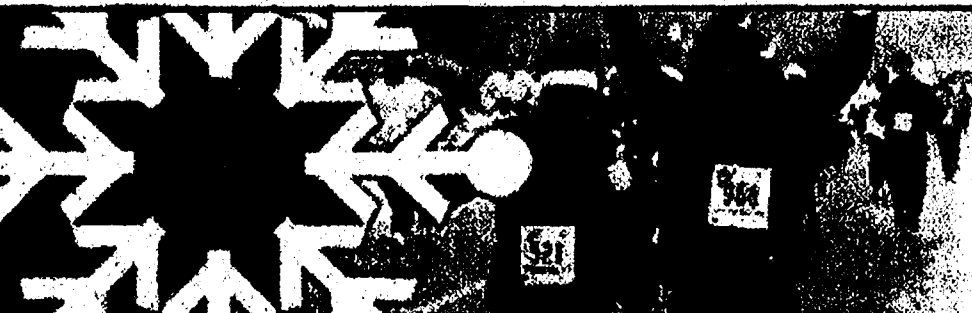
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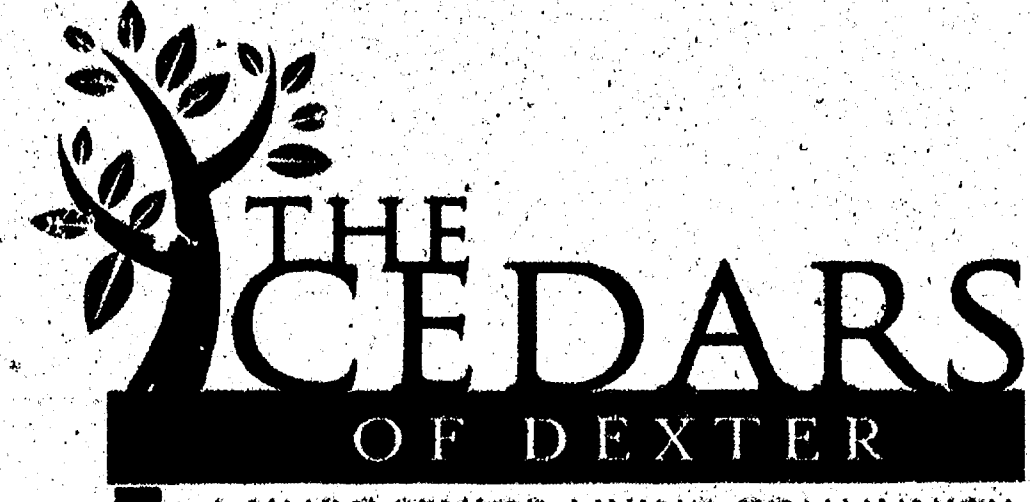
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Kendall Thompson WR
Lincoln

A sophomore wide receiver, Thompson was among the area's best this season. Despite a broken hand, which cost him two games and limited his play for the season's final three contests, Thompson still managed to gain 722 receiving yards and score eight touchdowns. For his efforts, he earned first team All-Southeastern Conference White Division recognition.



James Gentle WR
Saline

Gentle quickly established himself as Saline's go-to receiver. Because of his outstanding season, Gentle earned the Hornets' Most Valuable Offensive Receiver Award at the team's banquet this year. For the season, Gentle had 36 catches for 474 yards. He had 108 yards receiving against league champion Temperance Bedford. Also a dangerous special teams player, Gentle amassed 283 yards on punt returns this season. He earned All-Southeastern Conference Red Division honorable mention accolades.

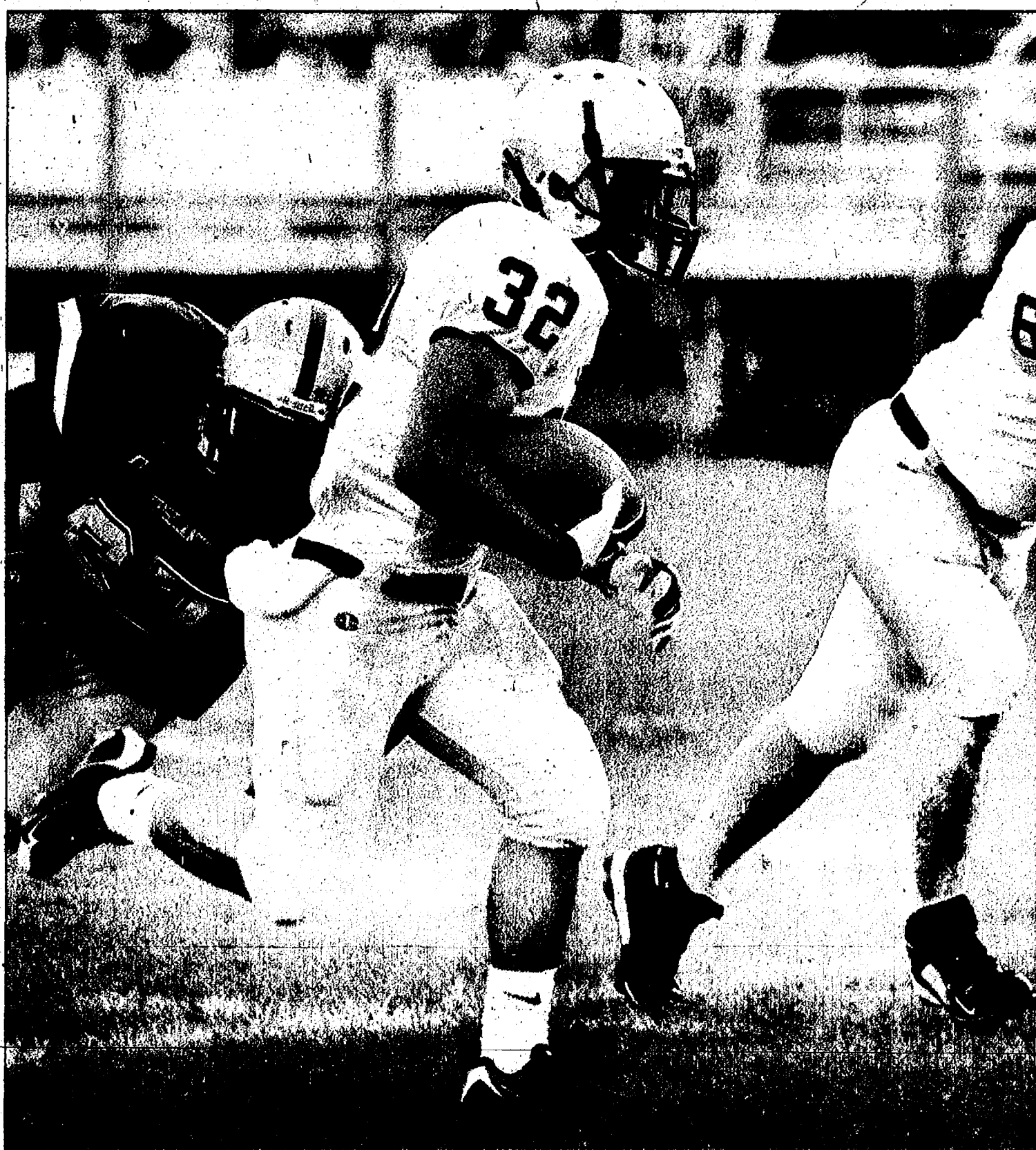


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Chelsea senior halfback Nick Hill gained 1,900 yards and scored 32 touchdowns this season earning him All-Heritage Newspapers-West Offensive Player of the Year honors.

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OL-Paul Ulisse-6-0, 240-Sr.-Chelsea
OL-Sean Domas-6-1, 230-Sr.-Milan
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UT-Andrew Dillon-6-3, 215-Sr.-Lincoln
KR-Chris LaBelle-5-7, 155-Sr.-Milan
PK-Mike Sclater-6-0, 180-Sr.-Saline

Dion Leonard TE
Willow Run

As a senior tight end, Leonard had 18 career touchdown receptions. According to Willow Run coach Rufus Pinkins, the Flyers won every game Leonard started. Leonard had 59 career catches from his tight end position. Defensively as an end, he was a fierce pass rusher with 12 sacks.



Sean Domas OL
Milan

Domas helped open holes for a Milan run game that gained over 2,500 yards this season. A versatile lineman, Domas played center and guard for the Big Reds. He also was a stout defensive tackle for Milan, becoming a starter on that side of the ball for the Big Reds three weeks into the year. His defensive contributions helped Milan earn three shutouts. A very physical player, Domas was the emotional leader for the Big Reds.



Thom Box OL
Milan

A three-year starter for the Big Reds, Box was a dominant force this season along both sides of the line of scrimmage. A returning first team All-Heritage Newspapers-West selection, Box is a devastating drive blocker and boot blocker. He bench presses 375 pounds and runs a 4.9 40-yard dash. He is a two-way starter for Milan and an extremely physical player, occupying two and sometimes three blockers at once from his nose tackle position.



Terrance North OL
Lincoln

A three-year starter for the Splitters, North was named first team All-Southeastern Conference White Division for the second year in a row this season. He was also a presence on the defensive line for Lincoln. North was the Splitters' left tackle for the last two years. "Terrance is an excellent pass protector and finally became the physical run blocker as a senior we knew he could be," said Lincoln coach Chris Westfall.



Ryan Wesley OL
Dexter

Wesley has been a mainstay up front for the Dreadnaughts the past two years. Behind Wesley, who bench presses 305 pounds and squats 435 pounds, Dexter averaged 300 yards of total offense this season, including 1,265 yards on the ground. "He was the leader of the offensive line," said Dexter coach Tom Barbieri. "We pulled him on a lot of trap plays." Hope College and Western Michigan University are two of the schools recruiting Wesley.



Paul Ulisse OL
Chelsea

One of the main reasons for All-State running back Nick Hill's 1,900 yards rushing and 32 touchdowns this season, Ulisse more often than not helped open gaping holes up front. A powerful and explosive technician along the line of scrimmage, Ulisse used football smarts and brute force to move opposing defensive linemen and create space for Hill and other Chelsea backs this year. Ulisse used quick feet and leverage to control defenders lined up across from him this season.



Logan Zigila QB
Manchester

A senior captain and two-year varsity starter, Zigila engineered a balanced offense that scored 306 points (25.5 per game) on the season and helped the Flying Dutchmen to the outright Cascades Conference title. Zigila finished with an 81.8 quarterback rating as he threw for 1,925 yards with 15 touchdowns and eight interceptions. He spread the ball around, too, as 14 different receivers finished with multiple catches for the year.



Nick Hill RB
Chelsea

One of the state's top players, Hill finished the season with 1,900 yards rushing on 257 attempts with 32 touchdowns. He averaged 7.4 yards a carry and 172.7 yards a game this past year for the Bulldogs. Hill was a threat to score from anywhere on the field. He also had nine receptions this season for 35 yards and one TD. He ended the year with 2,175 all-purpose yards, including 120 yards on punt returns and 120 yards on kickoff returns.



Sequoyah Burke-Combs RB
Dexter

A bruising, hard-running, physical player, Burke-Combs is one of the area's top juniors. Already being recruited by Cincinnati, Grand Valley State University and Central Michigan University, Burke-Combs rushed for 780 yards on 157 carries with six touchdowns this season. As a receiver, he had 17 catches for 153 yards. "He runs with speed and power," said Dexter coach Tom Barbieri. "He's a workhorse for us."



Andrew Dillon UT
Lincoln

A four-time All-Southeastern Conference White Division selection, Dillon was one of the area's most versatile players. A quarterback and defensive back, Dillon also punted (35-yard average) and, at times, played linebacker for the Splitters. "His 2,000 total yards were 76 percent of the team's offense," said Lincoln coach Chris Westfall. A three-sport standout for Lincoln, Dillon is also a Division I college prospect in basketball and baseball.



Chris LaBelle KR
Milan

LaBelle was a two-way starter for the Big Reds this season. At running back, the senior captain rushed for 922 yards on 168 carries this year, including a school record 53 carries in the regular season finale against Belleville. In the game against the Tigers, LaBelle gained 307 yards. A game-breaker in every sense of the word, LaBelle was a dangerous kickoff return man, as well, averaging 30.3 yards a return, including runs of 89 and 85 yards.



Mike Sclater PK
Saline

A reliable kicker for the Hornets, Sclater converted 19 extra points this season. He had an 83 percent accuracy rate this year. Sclater also had four successful field goals this season, giving him 80 percent accuracy. Also a punter, his longest kick for the Hornets amounted to 62 yards. This season, he averaged 35 yards per punt. Sclater added 31 points for Saline throughout the year from special teams.



ALL-AREA FOOTBALL TEAM: DEFENSE

*Ismail named
Heritage West
Defensive Player of
the Year*

Ryan Hasten Milan DL

A first team All-Huron League player, Hasten put up some impressive numbers from his defensive end spot this season for the Big Reds. With 79 stops, Hasten was Milan's leading tackler this year. Seemingly always in the opponents' backfield this season, Hasten recorded 13 tackles for loss and eight quarterback sacks. A two-year starter for the Big Reds, Hasten bench presses 315 pounds and runs a 4.6 40-yard dash.



Garret Davis Willow Run DL

Davis finished the season with 104 tackles. Besides being a powerful run-plugger up front, Davis also used his athleticism and quickness to record 40 career sacks. Davis, a three-year captain for the Flyers, was just as capable on the offensive side of the ball, as well. "He is an excellent down field blocker," said Willow Run coach Rufus Pipkins. Iowa, Wisconsin and most Mid-American Conference schools are recruiting Davis.



Blake Blaha Chelsea DL

A first team All-Southeastern Conference White Division pick, Blaha was a constant disturber up front all season for the Bulldogs. A rock along the line of scrimmage, Blaha finished with 18.5 tackles, including five tackles for loss, one sack and one fumble recovery this year.



Mason Mabry Dexter LB

Dexter's playmaker on defense, Mabry, who runs a 4.7 40-yard dash, was consistently around the football this past season. He led the Dreamknights with 32 tackles despite missing one game. He broke a school record, which stood for 41 years, by making 24 tackles in a single game against Tecumseh this season. He intercepted one pass this year returning it 30 yards for a touchdown. He had one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and three quarterback sacks.



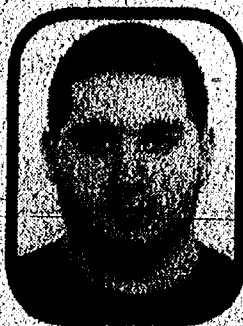
Eugene Anderson Belleville DB

A first team All-Western Wayne Athletic Conference selection, Anderson was all over the field this season for the Tigers. With 38 tackles and two interceptions, Anderson was an impact player for Belleville. "He played outstanding in the secondary for us," said Belleville coach Bob LaPointe.



Dylan Neff Manchester DL

One of the strongest defensive linemen in the region, the junior anchored a Manchester defense that held opponents to 12.25 points per game. Neff led the Dutchmen with 7.5 sacks and eight tackles for loss. He was sixth on the team with 48 tackles, forced two fumbles, and had a blocked kick in the season-opening victory Aug. 28 against Clinton and broke up a pass.



Brent Schriber Manchester LB

The senior enjoyed a breakout season with the Flying Dutchmen, leading the team with 32 tackles. Schriber also had 4.5 sacks, five tackles for loss, one interception and a pass break up. His blocked field goal in the final minute Oct. 30 sealed a 10-8 victory for the Dutchmen over Grass Lake in the opening round of the Division 6 state playoffs.



Zach Giller Chelsea DB

A first team All-Southeastern Conference White Division pick, Giller roamed the defensive secondary as a safety this season for Chelsea. With a 4.5 40-yard dash speed, Giller was able to cover a lot of ground quickly for the Bulldogs, intercepting one pass and making 25.5 tackles this year.



Antonio James Belleville LB

A strong presence in the middle for the Belleville defense, James was a big-time hitter for the Tigers this season. With 49 tackles on the year, James proved tough to block. Also a talented guard on offense, James helped Belleville win three games this year, after consecutive winless seasons.



Devontaye Hinton Willow Run DB

Somewhat of a sleeper before the season started, Hinton really came into his own this year as a wide receiver and strong safety. A three-year starter for Willow Run, Hinton picked off 10 passes this season, returning two for touchdowns in eight games for the Flyers. A quick player, with excellent football instincts, Hinton was one of the hardest hitters on the Willow Run squad. This past season, he recorded 77 tackles.



Cory Davis Saline DB

A first team All-Southeastern Conference Red Division pick, Davis was Saline's leader in the secondary this season. One of the Hornets' best when it came to creating turnovers, Davis forced four fumbles and had one tackle for loss. He also recorded 23 solo tackles and 20 assists. Off the field, Davis also excels in the classroom earning a spot on the All-SEC Academic team this year.

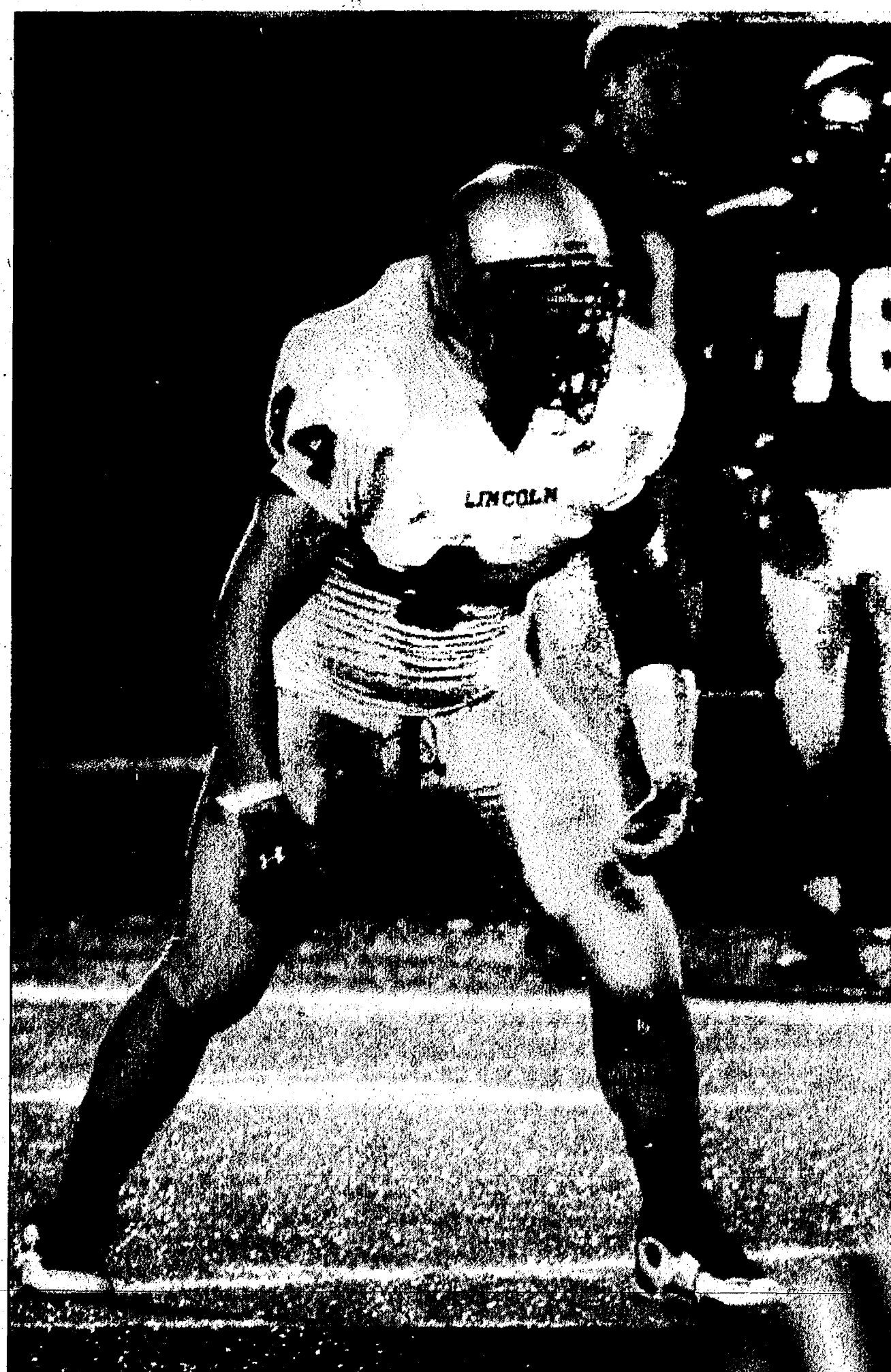


First Team Defense

DL-Blake Blaha-6-2, 230-Sr., Chelsea
DL-Garret Davis-6-4, 280-Sr., Willow Run
DL-Dylan Neff-6-0, 280-Jr., Manchester
DL-Ryan Hasten-6-2, 207-Sr., Milan
LB-Mason Mabry-6-1, 200-Sr., Dexter
LB-Samir Ismail-6-1, 225-Sr., Lincoln
LB-Antonio James-6-1, 220-Sr., Belleville
LB-Brent Schriber-6-0, 185-Sr., Manchester
DB-Devontaye Hinton-6-2, 185-Sr., Willow Run
DB-Cory Davis-5-8, 180-Sr., Saline
DB-Terrance Moore-6-0, 185-Sr., Ypsilanti
DB-Eugene Anderson-5-7, 145-Sr., Belleville
DB-Zach Giller-6-2, 195-Sr., Chelsea
P-Rob Carver-6-3, 185-Sr., Manchester

Honorable Mention

Belleville: Reggie Addison-FB-LB-5-9, 190-Sr., Brian Bishop-TE-6-1, 190-Jr., John Curtis-OL-6-3, 210-Sr., Antonio LaBoda-RB-LB-6-0, 200-Sr., Dustin Staton-OL-6-0, 290-Sr.
Chelsea: Nigel Schuh-TE-6-0, 210-Sr., Tim Shoemaker-OL-6-0, 205-Sr., Travis Ostrowski-DL-6-1, 200-Sr., Trevor Mattson-LB-5-10, 185-Sr., Scott Devol-LB-6-0, 170-Sr., Dakota Cooley-DB-5-9, 165-Sr., Dexter: Alex McMurray-QB-6-2, 200-Sr., Travis Chaffee-WR-5-9, 165-Jr., Dillon Kipke-LB-6-2, 190-Sr., Henry Haley-DB-RB-5-11, 180-Sr., Mike Kedroske-WR-6-2, 190-Sr., Alex Dobbs-WR-5-10, 165-Sr., Mike Ferguson-OL-5-10, 225-Sr., Lincoln: Ryan Bottorff-WR-DB-5-11, 185-Sr., George Miller-RB-5-9, 180-Sr., Manchester: Josh Blades-WR-6-4, 180, D.J. Hone-RB-6-0, 180-Sr., Clayton Every-DB-5-11, 205-Sr., Corwin Every-WR-5-11, 185-Sr., Ben Stachnik-DL-6-1, 200-Jr., Kevin Mulcare-LB-5-10, 165-Sr., Chris Margraves-LB-5-9, 175-Jr., Jimmy Hamilton-WR-5-10, 160-Sr., Brandon Skener-RB-KR-5-10, 160-Sr., Milan: Deandre Mitchell-DL-6-1, 203-Jr., Joe Dunn-LB-FB-6-0, 207-Jr., Grant Karr-QB-5-10, 155-Sr., Saline: Matt Needham-LB-5-9, 180-Sr., Garrett Gordon-RB-5-10, 180-Jr., Josh Redies-OL-5-11, 225-Sr., Mark Sheridan-DB-5-8, 165-Sr., Willow Run: Johnny Brown-FB-5-9, 190-Sr., Jalen Griffin-QB-DB-5-11, 190-Jr., William Meadows-LB-5-8, 190-Jr., Chervaz Sims-RB-5-7, 165-Jr., D'Andre Thompson-WR-5-11, 170-Sr., Ypsilanti: Cortez Calhoun-RB-6-1, 185-Sr., David Davis-DL-5-6, 245-Sr., Marquez Gollman-LB-6-0, 171-Jr., Arnie Lincoln-OL-DL-6-2, 247-Sr., Harrison Porterfield-DB-5-9, 155-Jr., Trey Sweeney-LB-5-11, 215-Jr., Josh Whitfield-TE-DE-6-4, 210-Sr.



Lincoln senior middle linebacker Samir Ismail was named All-Heritage Newspapers-West Defensive Player of the Year. The Splitter captain was a four-year varsity performer for Lincoln.

Samir Ismail Lincoln LB

With a motor that never stopped, Ismail made tackles from sideline to sideline this year for the Splitters. After a rough junior season was shortened because of injuries, Ismail, a senior captain for Lincoln, finished his high school career strong by being named to the All-Southeastern Conference White Division first team this past year. "He is one of the most physical linebackers in this area," said Lincoln coach Chris Westfall.



Terrance Moore Ypsilanti DB

A do-it-all type of player for Ypsilanti, Moore was a standout not only in the secondary for the Phoenix, but also at quarterback. A first team All-Southeastern Conference White Division pick, Moore was a true leader on and off the field for Ypsilanti this season. As a quarterback, Moore had 903 yards passing with six touchdowns, while on the ground he finished with 505 yards rushing and 11 touchdowns this year.



Rob Carver Manchester P

The senior kicker helped the Manchester defense make things difficult for opponents with booming punts. Carver had 22 punts for 761 yards (34.6 per punt), including a season-long 45-yarder. He often pinned the opposing offense inside the red zone, including one kick inside the 5-yard line. As a defensive end, Carver had two sacks, including a safety in the Division 6 district final against Clinton, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and one pass break up.



Manchester's Gall selected as Coach of the Year

By Ed Palino

Heritage Newspapers

The way Manchester varsity football coach Wes Gall sees it, the success of the last two seasons can be attributed to everyone from his upperclassmen to his coaching staff.

And after a season of redemption in 2008, the complete team effort motto helped the Flying Dutchmen reach even more success this season.

A year ago, Manchester returned to the playoffs after sharing the Cascades Conference title. This year, the Dutchmen hit the 10-win mark for the first time since 2005 and rolled to the outright league championship. In



Gall

the Division 6 state playoffs, Manchester rode a stingy defense to capture its second straight district title and berth in the regional championship game.

For his efforts, Gall was selected as the All-Heritage West Region Coach of the Year for the second straight year. He is the first coach in the area to earn the Coach of the Year honor in consecutive years.

Gall was quick to spread the credit throughout the members of his program.

"It's an honor to be named Coach of the Year but it's really my coaching staff and kids that make this award an honor," Gall said. "I look at this as the staff getting the award because they volunteer their time for the love of the game and the kids, and it should be an honor to them knowing they're also responsible for it."

Coming off a 9-3 season with a deep core of returning skill players, the Dutchmen entered the season among high expectations. Manchester received a scare in the season opener against Clinton, as it was held off

the scoreboard until the fourth quarter. A Logan Zigila-to-Corwin Every touchdown pass and a blocked kick sealed a 20-14 double-overtime Manchester victory.

From there, the Dutchmen went on a torrid pace, winning their next seven games. Included in that was a 21-14 victory over Addison, and a 29-6 homecoming win over Grass Lake.

"It started in the Clinton game against a good team," Gall said. "That win was important to get us pointed in the right direction. The conference gave us some good tests and we measured up."

The Dutchmen showed their mettle Oct. 16 at East Jackson, overcoming six turnovers to

score a 28-12 victory that clinched the outright Cascades title. The regular season closed with a tough 25-18 loss to Hillsdale, but Manchester would recover to make a run in the playoffs.

"We had four fine captains and 16 returning lettermen, and we definitely built on those guys," Gall said. "They helped the underclassmen along and kept the group motivated. I'm fortunate to have coached young men who understand and believe in what we teach."

The Dutchmen also had to overcome a rash of injuries to key players in the final weeks of the regular season. Several players, including Zigila, receiver Jimmy

Hamilton and running back D.J. Hone played through injuries, while a knee injury kept Every out of the playoffs.

"We got hit big by injuries, and we had the flu go through the team," Gall said. "But the rest of the kids measured up well, and I'm very proud of them."

The Dutchmen opened the playoffs with a 10-8 victory over Grass Lake. A week later, Manchester held Clinton to negative-45 yards rushing en route to an 11-0 victory.

Manchester was eliminated the next week with a loss to Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

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Nick Hill: Mr. Excitement

By Don Richter

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If you've felt an extra strong breeze recently, it's not because the seasons are changing. No, more than anything what you're likely experiencing is a collective sigh of relief from defensive coordinators all over Washtenaw County.

With Chelsea's Division 3 district final loss against Adrian Nov. 6, Nick Hill's high school football career officially came to an end. Because of that fact, opposing coaches throughout the area can now breathe easier. The days and nights of game-planning for Hill and fretting over how to stop him are over.

Arguably the county's most explosive and talented offensive player in recent memory, Hill (6-foot-8, 185 pounds) ended his prep career with 6,780 yards rushing and 93 touchdowns. Both marks are Chelsea school records. Hill's yardage total is fifth all-time in Michigan high school football history.

Because of his extraordinary skills on the gridiron, Hill, who'll play for Michigan State University next season, has been named Heritage Newspapers West Offensive Player of the Year. He shared the same honor with Saline All-State wide receiver Evan Kourtjian last season.

"I credit all of my yards to my teammates," said Hill, who runs a 4.4 40-yard dash and can bench press 325 pounds. "Without them, I couldn't have done any of this."

What Hill has done is become the first ever three-time All-Heritage Newspapers-West selection. Though the teams haven't officially come out yet, you can rest assured Hill will become a 2-time All-State pick by the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press. Already this season, the Associated Press chose Hill as its Division 3 and 4 Player of the Year.

"He is a great player and person," said Chelsea coach Brad Bush. "He has been one of the

great players in school history. We wish him the best at MSU."

This past season, Hill rushed for 1,900 yards on 257 carries and scored 32 touchdowns. He averaged 173 yards per game and 7.4 yards every time he touched the ball. His longest run for a score this season was 78 yards. Receiving-wise, Hill caught nine passes for 35 yards and one TD. He totaled 2,175 all-purpose yards this year, including 120 yards each on punt returns and kickoffs.

Hill, who graduated high school Nov. 24, is enrolling early at Michigan State.

"I'll be starting classes at MSU Jan. 4," Hill said. "I'm excited."

Opposing coaches around the Southeastern Conference and throughout the area are excited, too, but for a different reason — the Nick Hill era has finally concluded. With Hill moving on to the bright lights and grand stage of the Big Ten, they can now maybe get some sleep at night.

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Samii Ismail: Heart and Soul

By Dave Merchant

Heritage Newspapers

You can bet No. 44 on the Lincoln football team will be hard to replace next season.

Splitter linebacker Samii Ismail was one of the toughest defensive players in the area this year. His bone-crushing hits will be reverberating throughout the Lincoln football stadium for years to come. Because of his sideline-to-sideline tackling ability and his fierce, intense nature on the gridiron, Ismail was named Heritage Newspapers-West Defensive Player of the Year.

Ismail started playing football in second grade. He has been cleaning the clocks of opposing ball carriers ever since.

Ismail discovered the linebacker position in sixth grade. Three years later, he was suiting up for the Splitter varsity squad as a freshman. Jason Malloy (now interim coach at Ypsilanti) coached Ismail his first season, while current Lincoln coach Chris Westfall coached him the rest of his prep career.

Ismail (6-foot-1, 225 pounds)

gave a quick, definitive answer as to why he enjoys playing linebacker.

"I love to hit," he said. "I play my best on defense."

Ismail said one of his favorite memories of this past season was versus Ypsilanti when he and teammate Ryan Bottorff both laid a hit on a hapless Phoenix running back.

Ismail said he'd miss quite a few things about playing football for Lincoln.

"Andrew Dillon (Lincoln teammate) was one of the best players in the area," he said. "I was blessed to play with him. I guess, though, what I am going to miss most is playing under the lights on Friday night and the atmosphere and going out on the field as a captain and running back."

Ismail's junior season was cut short two games into the year when he broke his foot in practice. A special moment for him was having his family come from three hours away to watch him play against Dexter (Lincoln won that game).

Ismail said everything has

come full circle and he was able to close out his final season as a Splitter in style.

"My job is to fill the holes and hit the guards," he said. "My senior year has been the most special. I loved being the heart and soul of the defense."

His parents Al and Myrma Ismail are very proud of him, as are his older sister Malak and younger sister Dunia.

Ismail said he hopes to walk-on at Wayne State University and play football for the Warriors next season. He said he plans to study physical therapy or become a physician's assistant.

Westfall said he was very impressed with the play of Ismail throughout his career.

"Samii has been one of our most committed players since arriving at Lincoln three years ago," he said. "So it is easy to see all of his work pay off. He is a natural leader and was selected as a captain in a nearly unanimous vote of his teammates."

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Program encourages kids to learn about wildlife

Everyone in America knows the most popular turkey season is Thanksgiving, when millions of birds are placed on dining tables for an annual feast across the country. And the second most popular turkey season is in spring, mid-April through May, when wild turkey becomes the only game in town for hunters.

But there is a third popular turkey season, which is going on right now: It's the Wild Turkey Cooperator Patch design competition, currently under way through a joint effort of the DNR, the National Wild Turkey Federation and Michigan State University.

First, a little history: Back in 1972, when Department of Natural Resources wildlife officials were trying to come up with an incentive to convince more deer hunters to bring their animals into voluntary check stations for data collection, they thought up awarding a patch to anyone who cooperated. The patches became all the rage; it didn't take long before DNR officials knew they had a hit on their hands.

On the coattails of the Successful Deer Hunter Patch program, the DNR created a similar patch program for turkeys in 1988. Before long, wildlife staffers had seen enough birds at field office check stations that they began accepting wing-tip and breast feathers by mail in return for the patch, which had a simple message: wild turkey management.

It's an important message since wild turkeys, once numerous throughout southern Michigan, had been wiped out by the early 1900s. Today's large, widespread turkey population was rebuilt from scratch using birds imported from other states for seed and a large-scale instate trap-and-transfer program.

But there was a problem with the mail-in patch offer; the patches became so desirable to collectors that some folks began submitting feathers solely to obtain the patch, making the collected data suspect at best. More sophisticated mail survey techniques made it

unnecessary for wildlife biologists to examine turkey feathers in order to gather harvest data. Coupled with increasing costs of producing the patches, the program was considered ripe for mothballs.

But turkey hunters weren't overjoyed by that idea, and the Michigan Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation stepped in with an alternative proposal: How about a new program that included the opportunity for citizens to design the patch?

Since then, the Michigan branch of the NWTFF has helped coordinate what is known as the "Wild Turkey Cooperator Patch," and citizens no longer need to be successful hunters to get them. Anyone can purchase the patches directly from the NWTFF for \$5 and young hunters (ages 10-17) who have a valid turkey hunting license can get a patch for free, just for the asking. Instructions on how to obtain a patch can be found in both the spring and fall wild turkey hunting guides.

Money raised by the sale of turkey patches is used to fund wild turkey-related projects in Michigan.

The contest for the 2011 patch competition already is under way, and students from grades K-12 are invited to submit a design to adorn next season's patch.

The rules are fairly simple: Submissions must include a rendering of an Eastern wild turkey -- or components of wild turkeys -- that can be easily reproduced as a patch. The black-and-white or color artwork can be in any medium (oils, chalk, crayon, whatever) and the shape of the patch is part of the design contest. All that is required is the art be submitted on an 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch piece of paper and include the lettering: "Wild Turkey Cooperator, 2011, Michigan Department of Natural Resources" somewhere on the patch.

All entries must be received no later than Jan. 9, 2010, at Turkey Patch Contest, 160 Agricultural Hall, Michigan State University, East

Lansing, MI 48823-1039.

Cash prizes of up to \$100 are awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners.

Last year's winning design (for the 2010 patch) was submitted by Casey Van Der Graaf, a then eighth grader at Walden Middle School in Lake Orion. Van Der Graaf's design, rendered in colored pencil, is of a turkey's tail fan. He based the design on a turkey tail fan he has on display in his bedroom, from a bird taken by his grandfather.

"My grandpa hunts turkeys every year," Van Der Graaf explained. "And I knew about the patches because I hunt deer. I looked at (the turkey fan) and I didn't see any patches that looked like that, so that's what I did."

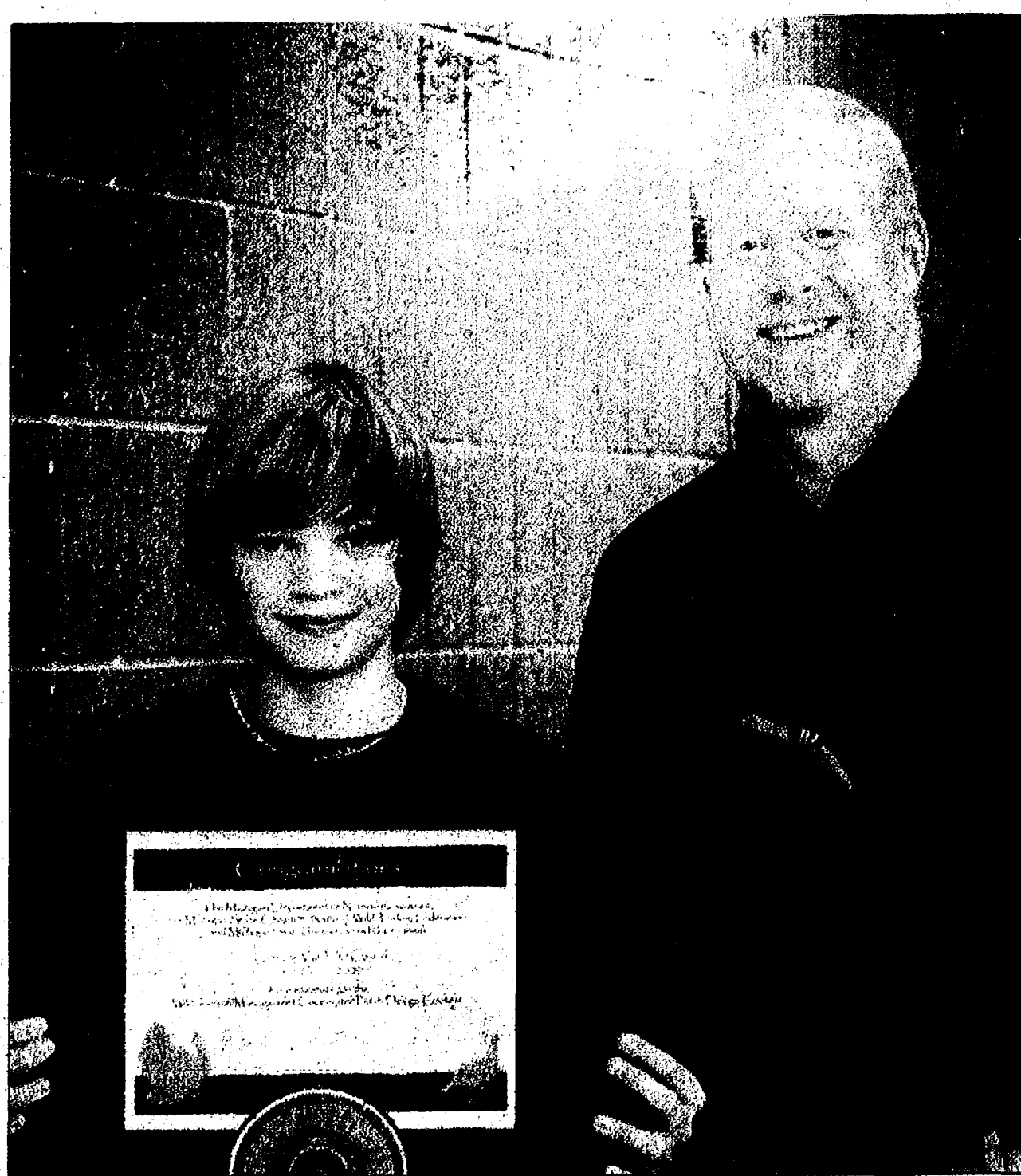
But a chance to earn extra credit from his science teacher for entering the contest is what helped inspire Van Der Graaf to submit his design. And that might have been the end of it except that Van Der Graaf won the contest.

"I was surprised," he said. "I thought I had a good design, but I'd forgotten about it."

Jon Gray hadn't forgotten about it. An eighth-grade science teacher -- and turkey hunter -- in Lake Orion who likes to incorporate some natural resources conservation into his science classes, Gray has been here before. One of his students won the competition in 2007, and he's had other students place over the past six years he's been encouraging them to enter the contest.

"They get pretty creative," Gray said. The National Turkey Federation thinks Gray is pretty creative himself. He was honored by the group as the 2009 Conservation Educator of the Year, an honor he found out about right about the same time he found out one of his students had won the art contest for a second time.

For a complete list of contest rules and to see what past winning entries look like, visit the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr/hunting and click on "Wild Turkey" in the Game Species section.



Jon Gray (right), an eighth-grade science teacher at Walden Middle School in Lake Orion, has encouraged his students to enter the turkey patch design competition for the past six years. This year's winner, Casey Van Der Graaf, is the second of Gray's students to win the contest, which is a joint effort of the DNR, the National Wild Turkey Federation and Michigan State University.

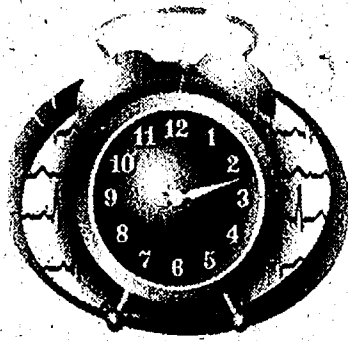


Thirty-seven deer were brought to the Mill Creek Sports Center's buck pole Nov. 15 through 17 in Dexter. Standing in front of the buck pole last week were Brandon Adams (left), Larry Adams, Alex Adams, Connie Ledwidge and Ray Kroeske, owner of Mill Creek Sports Center.

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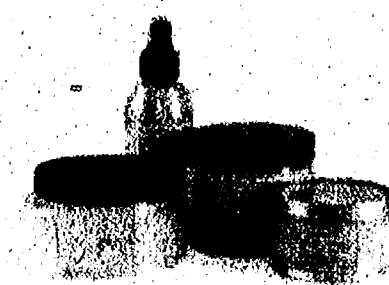
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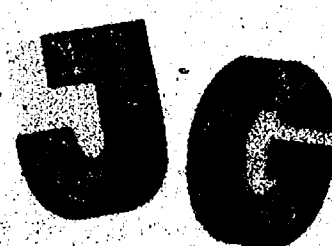


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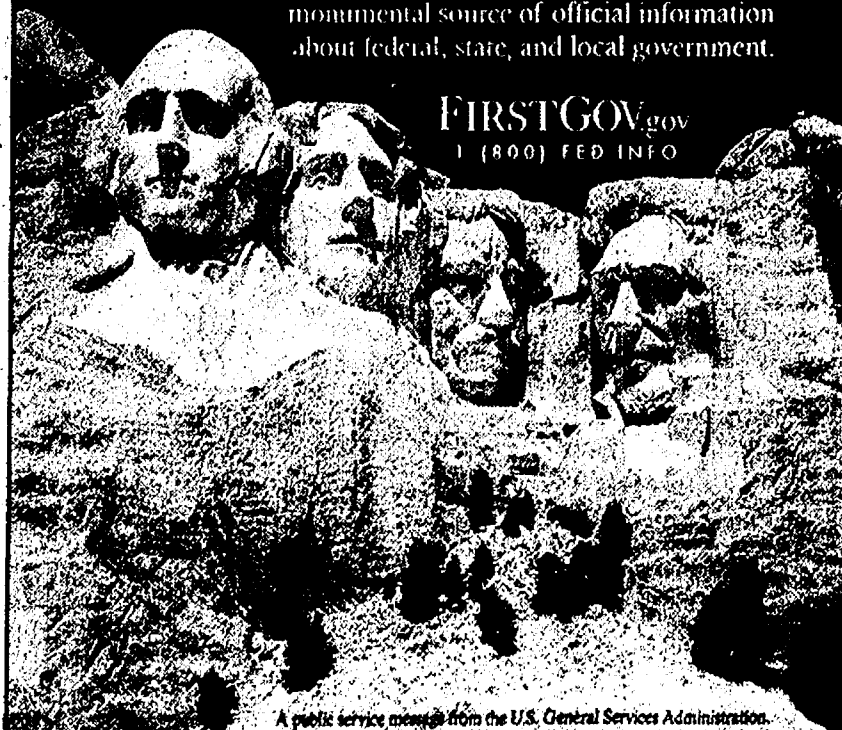
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I like sports like the next guy, but can't imagine going to every single football, baseball, basketball, soccer and hockey game and having to write about it week after week. Oh yeah, don't forget wrestling, too, and all the other high school athletics.

You might think Don also likes to hunt since he's a sporting expert. But he doesn't hunt. Quite frankly, he doesn't like it or understand it, although he's a good sport about it -- no pun intended.

Don is like many non-hunters who scratch their heads as to why people like me hunt. I can't tell you how many times I've told Don about an exciting hunting experience only to have him give me that nodding smile. You know the smile. It's the one that a mother might give to their child who brings in a dead mouse from outside. Why hunt when there's a perfectly good grocery store right down the street, right?

I have many reasons for hunting, but I think that's a story for another day. I promise to elaborate on this issue soon.

I've asked Don to go hunting with me since last fall. He finally agreed to come along on a bow hunt last week and I couldn't have been happier. I wanted Don to see what hunting was really like, not the assumed version that so many people imagine.

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hunting. It requires a tremendous amount of scouting, practice and patience, patience, patience.

I picked a location that has high deer numbers. I told Don that it's one thing to see a deer in your yard in a non-hunting environment. It's those sightings that make most non-hunters think deer hunting is easy. It's one thing to see a deer in passing.

It's another when you go out for the expressed intent in harvesting that animal. There's a sense of purpose and responsibility we carry on our shoulders as hunters that non-hunters don't necessarily see or understand.

Anyway, I was trying to explain this to Don while heading out to our hunting location.

I wanted Don to truly understand how difficult it is to harvest a deer, turkey or whatever animal it is we're pursuing. In other words, it's much harder than it seems. I can't tell you how many times I've gone hunting for hours on end and not seen a single deer.

We walked through the woods and made it to my ladder stand that seats two — barely. It was too close for

comfort, but Don braved the elements 18-feet in the air. Don was nervous, but enjoyed the views from being high in a tree. We experienced panoramic views and a beautiful sky.

Don said he knew he wasn't in Kansas anymore when he learned he was going to sit in a tree stand.

"I thought it was just going to be a simple couple of hours in a blind, watching the wildlife go by," he said. "When I learned I was literally going up a tree, I sort of had second thoughts. But, it actually turned out to be a lot of fun."

We saw a doe within a few minutes of being in our stand. She was about 140 yards out on the other end of the field, but it was awesome nonetheless. She was there and then drifted back into the woods. It's tough being a host because you don't want to get skunked -- especially taking someone hunting for the first time.

Don and I whispered from time to time, but I enjoyed the silence, too. We had other deer come into the field and it was exciting for me to watch them mill around. It seemed as though Don was having a good time, as well.

We had moments of excitement when a doe or two would step out into the field in front of us. Then things would calm down again and we'd hang out and enjoy the scenery. Then it happened.

Before I knew it an 8-point buck showed up to my left at about 80 yards. He came in on a trot right for us and I couldn't believe my luck. Many things were racing through my mind.

How would Don react to me shooting a deer?

Would he be upset or excited for me?

Will the buck stop on its own or will I have to whistle at it?

How is my stance, is my release on the bow string?

Is Don in my way, will he be in my way as I try to shoot?

Will I even get to shoot?

The buck continued to come in and I pulled my bow back into full draw. Then something happened that has never happened before in a hunting situation. My arrow

fell off its arrow rest and I had to let off from full draw. What the heck... why did that happen?

I quickly put my arrow on the arrow rest and went into full draw again. The buck wasn't going to stop so I whistled at him. This beautiful and majestic 8-point stopped broadside right in front of me at 25 yards. He looked right at Don and me when I pulled the trigger.

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shot at him but he pretty much laughed at me by this point.

Don said he was silently rooting for the buck.

"I was actually saying a little prayer for the buck," he said. "That could be why you missed."

Oh yeah, who ever said deer hunting is easy obviously doesn't hunt.

My heart is racing now as I relive this experience — it's also breaking because I missed.

I hope Don enjoyed himself. "It definitely was a different experience for me," Richter

said. "But the sunset was something else and seeing deer so close in their natural environment was pretty awe-inspiring, as well."

I do hope Don will hunt with me again sometime. What do you think Don, sound interesting?

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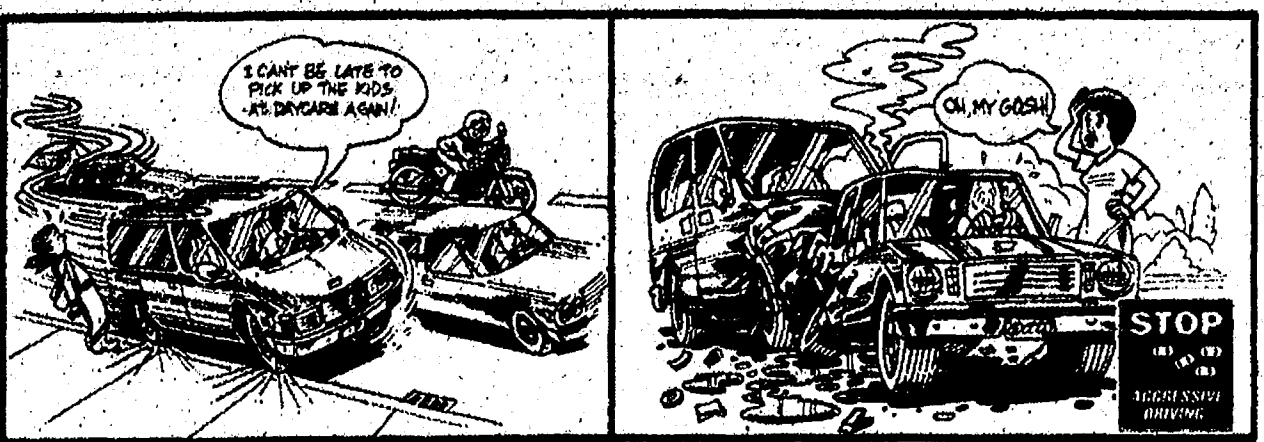
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Don't forget to remember your Creator

By Jeff Crowder

I wonder if other parents fight the same fights with their kids that we fight with ours.

Do you ever tell your kids to remember to do something? And when you tell them that, do they ever respond, "Yeah, I know?" And after they have told you that they know, do they fail to do it anyway?

Maddening, isn't it? As every parent knows, sometimes "Remember" doesn't simply mean to not forget or to know you've heard it before. Sometimes "remember" means to act. Pick up your shoes. Put

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your dishes into the dishwasher. Hang up your clothes. Do your homework. "Yeah, I know."

One of my favorite passages in all of the Bible is in Exodus 2:24. The Hebrew people have been enslaved. Generation after generation is born into captivity. They must have begun to feel like this was their lot in life forever. They cried out to God. And nothing seems to be happening. He was like the teenager: They

told Him, but he wasn't responding.

Amidst years and years of inactivity, one little, seemingly harmless verse shows up.

God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. "Big deal!"

You ask, "Who cares if God simply remembers?"

Oh, but that isn't the end. The remembering means God is getting ready to act. Things are about to change.

And God isn't the only one who is called to remember. In the Book of Ecclesiastes we read...

"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them.'"

Remember him - before the silver cord is severed, or the golden bowl is broken; before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, or the wheel broken at the well, and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it."

(Ecclesiastes 12:1, 6-7)
What does all that mean? Read what one scholar writes about this passage:

"Solomon urged people to live responsibly before death comes. He refers to two common figures of light ('golden lamp') and water (see Ps. 38:9-9 for a similar use of those two figures). The dissolution of the body is suggested by light being extinguished: the silver cord holding a golden bowl (in which the light burns) snaps and the bowl is broken. Death is also referred to by water being unavailable: the pitcher which holds water is shattered and the wheel by which it is drawn from the well is broken." (Donald Glenn)
Someday your life will end. Don't wait till the silver cord

breaks and the bowl shatters. Remember your Creator now. Learn who your Creator is. Discover what your Creator is like. Begin to reflect your Creator's character in the world. Begin to live out the destiny for which you were born. Don't forget to remember.

One day the spirit will return to God who gave it. I want to plan ahead and be ready for the day I'll give an account for this life I've been given. How 'bout you?

Jeff Crowder is the pastor at The Church of the Nazarene in Chelsea.



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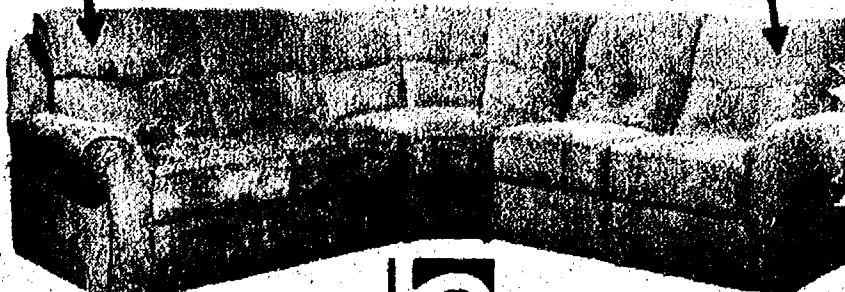
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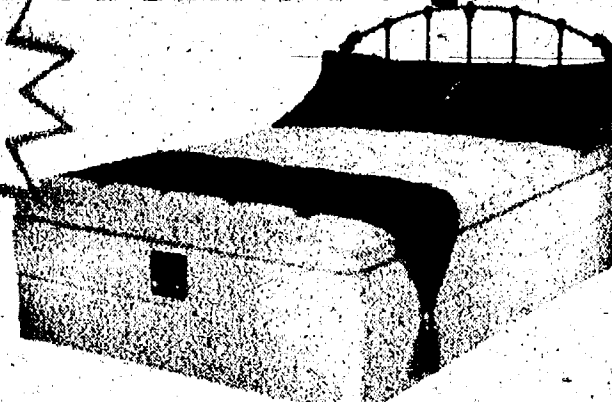
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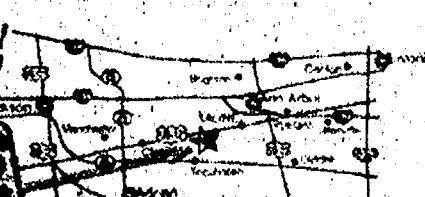
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Pastor brings a 'Spark' to Zion Lutheran Church

By Alana West
Special Writer

The family and friends of Doris Sparks knew that someday the word Rev. would appear before her name.

"Apparently, there was an arrow above my head that I didn't see," said Sparks, the pastor at Zion Lutheran Church of Chelsea.

When she mentioned the idea of attending seminary to her husband, Terry, he said, "If you had gone when I first thought you should, you would already be done."

Her three children said basically the same thing: "Well, duh?" when she asked them.

Her congregation sent in the necessary forms stating that they felt she had been called to become a minister before she had even completed her application. In the Lutheran ministry, it is not enough to say you want to become a minister, Sparks said. It is essential that your congregation also supports you as a candidate.

"I was left without a leg to stand on," said Sparks.

Sparks said that she had always been involved at church, from preaching to serving in the women's organizations, to Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

"If it was something to do with church, I'd already done it," she said.

The discussion of whether she should become a minister began for Sparks when churches in Kentucky and Indiana, where she was originally from, were looking for lay interim pastors to serve as substitutes for pastors on vacation. Her pastor suggested that she attend the training program for this venture, and when she did, she was told that those who attended the program were considered candidates for the ordained ministry.

That started her thinking, and questioning, which led her, eventually, to enrolling in a seminary in Ohio in 2000. It meant plenty of sacrifices on her part, as she had to stay on campus during the week to attend classes. Her third year she spent as an interim pastor in Blissfield, Mich.

"If my husband hadn't recognized that he was to support me, I wouldn't have been able to do it," she said.

She recently celebrated her five-year anniversary as an ordained minister, spending those five years, as a pastor at Zion.

The church began as a congregation in 1867, she said. "They made the commitment to build a brick church. They worshiped there from 1867 to 1974," said Sparks of the original church which stands across the road from the current modern building built in the seventies and added onto in stages.

She said that the original church was an offshoot of St. Thomas Lutheran Church, and that St. John's United Church of Christ, just a stone's throw away, is also an offshoot of Zion.

"I heard that St. John's broke off from here because this congregation wanted to stay with

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baked bread, and they wanted wafers. So they went down the road, and then a new pastor came here and told us to have wafers, so we did," said Sparks. She said she had never liked the use of fresh bread because it made crumbs, and the idea that the body of Christ could become crumbs on the floor has never appealed to her.

Sparks said she is thankful and awestruck at all times about her career.

"I'm here because I am called here," she said.

"Knowing where you are supposed to be is a good feeling."

Currently she is on the Manchester Ministerim, the Chelsea Senior Center Board, and the Ann Arbor Cluster of ELCA Pastors. Her church supports the Lutheran Social Service, the Chelsea Hospital, a missionary in Lithuania, and works with the Campus Crusade for Christ. There is a food pantry at the church which can be given to those in need. The women make quilts to send overseas. They send health kits and school kits every year.

Sparks said people should always be awed by what God calls them to be, no matter what their occupation. One of her favorite roles as minister is the children's sermon, because she never knows what they are going to say, or what is going to happen.

"It's always exciting," she said. "I work hard to know their names, even the names of their stuffed animals."

She said her grandfather may have been an influence on her. Sparks has three brothers, and on Sundays, when the family had dinner together, she remembers her grandfather praying fervently that one of his grandsons would grow up



Zion Lutheran Church of Chelsea Pastor Doris Sparks recently celebrated five years of being an ordained minister.

and become a minister.

"It was God's sense of humor that that prayer was answered, but not quite the way he anticipated," said Sparks.

She said she has listened to many pastor's call stories.

"The mimic Moses and the burning bush," she said. "They all say, 'You can't mean me. I'm too old.' I was going to be 50 at the time."

Then the Lutheran Magazine came out with a cover story of a woman who was ordained at the age of 87.

"I was saying I can't do this because I'm too old, and four people gave me a copy of the magazine," she said. "All things began to fall by the wayside."

She said she considered the ministry to be the culmination to all of the things she has done in life, all put together in

sales representative for a business at that time that had her working 80 hour weeks and never seemed satisfied with anyone's work. One day, she couldn't do it anymore.

"How I got over that, I can only say by the grace of God," she said. At the time, she couldn't concentrate on a book, but she could read a Psalm about David in the pit of despair. But even this "dark night of the soul" which she calls it has prepared her to be a better minister.

"I have a comprehension of people who are in pain that comes from the fire of walking down that road," she said. "When I think about it, I can't imagine that time again. Things are so different now."

But she feels that she has a better connection with people who are going through rough situations similar to her experience. Elderly people often have a period of depression following a stroke, she said. She can empathize with them and connect with them, she added.

"But I wouldn't want to go through it again," she said.

She feels that God is a part of her life all the time, turning her attention to the glory of creation, and protecting her from harm.

She doesn't believe in coincidences, and illustrates her belief with a story of one day

when she told her husband to take the back roads one day when they were driving from Ann Arbor.

"Usually I like to get from point A to point B as fast as possible," she said. As they drove through the countryside, the car tire suddenly blew out.

"If we had been doing 70 on the Interstate, that would not have been pretty," she said. As it was, friends spotted their predicament on the road, helped them change their tire, and they were soon on their way again.

"You cannot convince me that God is not active in all we do," she said, adding that she was glad that she had decided to follow her impulse, which she felt was a message from God, and take the back roads.

She has also had urges to call people, only to find out after she has called them that it is their birthday.

"You also get a sense that you should go somewhere, or should do something, and it is exactly what you should do," she said. "You learn to listen to this."

Her favorite Bible verse is Psalm 46:10, which states, "Be still and know that I am God."

"It's comforting to know someone else is in charge," she said. "We're good at telling God what we want from him, but not very good at listening to what God wants for us."

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The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Chelsea/Dexter drop-off locations are:
Edward Jones, 1100 S. Main Street, Chelsea.
Chelsea Chevrolet Buick, 1500 S. Main Street, Chelsea.
Wackenhut Gardens, 11511 Jackson Road, Dexter.
Chelsea Village Hardware, 110 N. Main Street, Chelsea.

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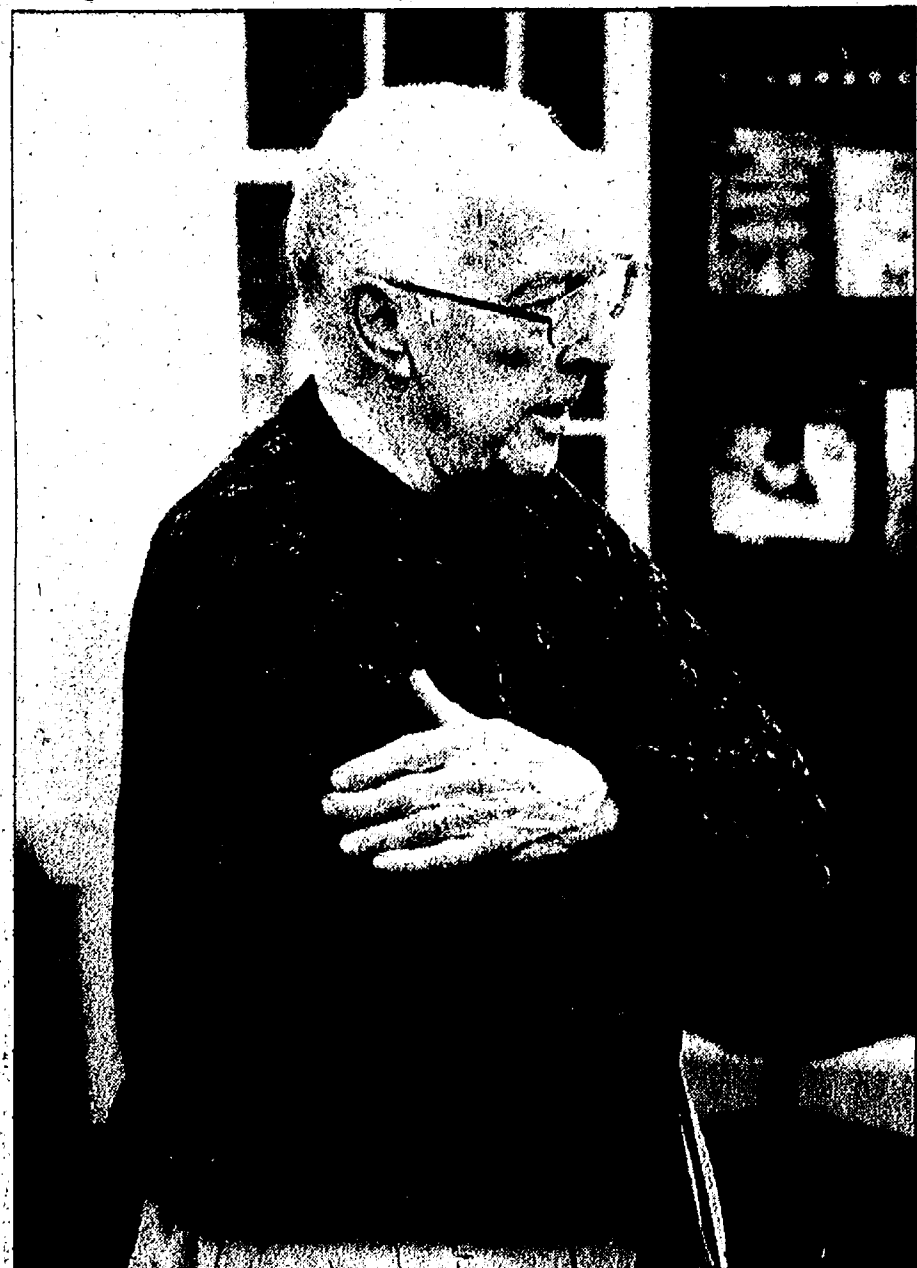


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Veteran George Winans talks about the war.

A Village at War

Chelsea's memories of World War II

The entire panorama of World War II can be pieced together by the experiences of Chelsea's veterans, who fought in the Pacific, Atlantic, Asia, and Africa, on the seas, on the ground, and in the air. Chelsea had conscientious objectors, nurses, WACS, WAVES, a War Department attorney, two generals, several prisoners of war, farmers

factories that supplied war material, and a mill that supplied flour for C- and K-rations. To commemorate Armistice Day, veterans and citizens recently came together to share World War II memories with author Cynthia Furlong Reynolds and some of Chelsea's veterans. The event was part of a documentary film project sponsored by the Chelsea District Library.



Veteran Lawrence Ogden.

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Civil War re-enactor George Till.



Author Cynthia Furlong-Reynolds.



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Area

Free concert

The Stockbridge Area Arts Council is sponsoring a free Christmas Concert by Barons of Brass at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Historic Stockbridge Township Hall in downtown Stockbridge. Doors will be open for seating at 3:30 p.m.

Chelsea

Chelsea District Library

For more information, call 475-8732.

Dec. 1: Babytime. Every Tuesday from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Drop-in for ages 0-24 months. Babytime is the place to introduce your baby to the world of books and reading. Bring a friend!

Dec. 1: Nutcracker Storytime from 6:30-7 p.m. Drop-in for ages 3-8. Join us for a very special storytime, complete with ballet dancers from Chelsea's Youth Dance Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker." This program is presented in partnership with Youth Dance Theatre of Michigan.

Dec. 1: Introduction to Online Health Resources from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Registration. Find out how to access reliable healthcare and medical information using the library's databases and free Web sites. Basic knowledge of computers needed.

Dec. 3: International Book Club meets the first Thursday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Registration.

Join us as we feature books that take you to cultures around the globe. Reserved copies are available for participants; please sign up to get your copy. December's book will be "They Poured Fire on Us From the Sky" by Alephonsion Deng.

Dec. 4: Toddler time, formerly known as Babytime Plus meets the first & third Fridays of every month from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Drop-in for ages 20-36 months. Toddler time is an early literacy program for toddlers who are getting ready to move from Babytime to library Storytime. Learn about letters and numbers, colors, shapes and all that fun stuff! Don't worry, there will still be plenty of time for playing with toys!

Dec. 4: Great Books at Chelsea Senior Center. 1 p.m. Registration. Join in on great book discussions led by library and senior center staff. Reserved copies are available for participants; please sign up to get your copy. December's book will be "My Life in France" by Julia Child.

Dec. 4: Common Chords. 7 - 8 p.m. Drop-in. The Common Chords hand bell choir will perform a holiday concert as part of Chelsea's Hometown Holidays celebration. Join us for music and good cheer to kick off a great Chelsea tradition.

Dec. 5: Hometown Holidays: Gingerbread Houses. 2-3:30 p.m. Registration. Families can decorate a holiday gingerbread house with frosting and candles. One kit supplied per family. Call the library to reserve a house for your family. This program is presented in partnership with Chelsea's Annual Hometown Holidays.

Washtenaw County Legal Notice:

Washtenaw County Purchasing Division is issuing a Request for Proposal for Substance Abuse Recovery Oriented System of Care Services. Detailed specifications may be obtained at the Washtenaw County Finance/Purchasing Department located at 220 North Main Street, Room B-35, Lower Level, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. RFP #508 Due: Friday, January 15, 2010 by 3:00pm local time. For more information, please call (734) 222-8760 or logon to our website at <http://bids.washtenaw.org> and click on "open bids".

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Act 344 of the Public Acts of 1982 that a REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS session held on November 18, 2009, will be available for public inspection and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at the Office of the County Clerk/Register, Suite 120, 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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Extended run

'Escanaba' will continue to Jan. 23

The Purple Rose Theatre Co. recently announced a five-week performance extension of Jeff Daniels' "Escanaba." Originally scheduled to close on Dec. 19, "Escanaba" will now run until Jan. 23. Performances for the remainder of the engagement will be Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. with some variance for the holidays and some added performances including an exclusive discounted student matinee at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13. All performances are at the Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park Street.

Chelsea Senior Center

Located at 512 Washington Street. Call 475-9242 for program registration and advance lunch reservation. Chelsea School District, through the Washtenaw County Senior Nutrition Program, serves a delicious lunch five days a week. Entrée listed, lunch includes salad bar and dessert.

Every day: Fitness, coffee and snacks, friendly conversation, support, resources, walking. Drop in 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or visit our Web site at www.chelseaseniors.org

Tomorrow: Senior Center closed for Thanksgiving weekend

Sunday: Vienna Boys Choir trip 3 p.m.

Monday: Bingo 9 a.m.; Enhance Fitness 10:30 a.m.; Pizza party lunch at noon; Hand and Foot 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday: Enhance Fitness 9 a.m.; Mah Jongg 9 a.m.; Free Blood Pressure check 10 a.m.; Wood Carving 10 a.m.; Crafts - Pomander 10 a.m.; Paying for Long Term Care 10:30 a.m.; Beef Pot Pies lunch at noon; Quilting for Charity 1 p.m.; Wil Fit 1 p.m.; Euchre 6:30 p.m.; Clogging 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Foot Care by appointment; Stained Glass class 9:30 a.m.; Enhance Fitness 10:30 a.m.; Stuffed cabbage lunch at noon; Square Dancing 12:30 p.m.; Deb Bauer presents investing for your grandchildren 1 p.m.; Pinochle 1 p.m.; Scrabble 1 p.m.; Bowling at Chelsea Lanes 1 p.m.

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NOTICE OF VARIANCE HEARING

An application has been filed by MARGARET BAUER of 410 GARFIELD STREET, CHELSEA for a variance from the requirements of Section 4.05C2a of Ordinance No. 78 (Zoning Ordinance) to REDUCE THE FRONT YARD SETBACK FROM 20 FT. TO 5 FT. 2 INCHES TO ALLOW FOR THE EXTENSION OF A FRONT PORCH.

The property is described as follows:

TAX CODE: #06-06-12-433-014
410 GARFIELD STREET,
CHELSEA, MICHIGAN

Pursuant to the procedure for a variance request, a Notice of Hearing shall be given and will be served personally or by mail at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such hearing, upon the party or parties making the request for appeal, and all owners of record of property located within three hundred (300) feet of such premises in question.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodation to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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SYNOPSIS OF UNAPPROVED MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Lima Township Board was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on November 9, 2009 and opened with the Pledge to the Flag. Present were Supervisor Unterbrink, Clerk Bareis, Treasurer Havens, Trustees McKenzie and Laler, and Zoning Administrator Frislinger. Also present Commissioner Mark Ainsworth, Dan Myers of Washtenaw County Public Works and several residents and guests.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laler to amend the agenda adding the minutes of the November 9, 2009 Special Meeting/Work Session, for approval. Motion carried.

Motion by Laler supported by Havens to approve the minutes with correction of October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting and Special Meeting/Work Session of October 28, 2009 and November 9, 2009. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was received.

The Zoning Administrator issued permits for one new home, one pole barn and one final inspection.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laler to approve the additional work to complete the demolition project.

located at 400 Congdon Street in Chelsea. For more information, call 734-433-2787 or log onto www.chelseacenterforthearts.org.

Dexter

Classical Bells

St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, and St. James' Episcopal Church will be sponsoring the group, Classical Bells, a handbell choir, in a program of holiday music. They will be performing at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. This marks the group's first performance in the Dexter area, and it should be a holiday treat for both young and old. St. Andrew's is located at 7610 Ann Arbor St., in Dexter. There will be a free-will offering at the door. For more information, call 426-8610.

'Santa Central'

Hudson Mills Metropark will host "Santa Central" from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 13. Children can visit Santa Central and play reindeer games, enjoy a hayride and snack, and share their wish list with Santa. Tickets are \$6/child, under 1 free. This includes one complimentary photo per family; additional photos are \$2 each. Admission is by advance ticket purchase only. Tickets are available for purchase at the park office. For additional information, contact the Hudson Mills Metropark at 800-477-3191 or

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You are herein notified that a hearing will be held by the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 5:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Chelsea City Offices, located in the Chelsea Bank Building, 305 S. Main Street, Suite 100 (lower level conference room), to consider objections to said request.

The petition is on file in the office of the Planning and Zoning Department, 305 S. Main St., Suite 100, Chelsea and may be examined prior to the date of the hearing.

Persons requiring reasonable accommodation to disabilities in order that the hearing be accessible to them, are requested to notify the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman no later than five (5) business days prior to the date of the hearing of such disability.

DONALD T. OSBORNE, CHAIRMAN
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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including removing and backfilling the culvert at a cost of \$900.00, removing and backfilling the septic tanks at a cost of \$1250.00, and tree trimming at \$200.00. The maple tree east of the house is to remain. Motion carried.

Motion by Bareis supported by Laler to table the resolution supporting CAPT/DART, to the December meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laler to table the proposed Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance, and return it to the Planning Commission to review amendments discussed. Motion carried.

Motion by Unterbrink supported by Laler to table the Resolution to Initiate a Project to Maintain and Improve a Resource Recovery System through the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works to the December meeting, for more information. Motion carried.

Motion by McKenzie supported by Laler to pay bills as presented, plus any others as required. Motion carried.

Motion by Laler supported by Havens to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene R. Bareis, Clerk
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734-426-8211. Hope Bezzig of Dexter spent some time with Santa Claus last year.

Artistic

Dexter's fine gift and art gallery features only Michigan artists and their unique work. It is located on the corner of Broad and Main streets in beautiful, historic downtown Dexter. It is owned and operated by local artists Lisa Wandres and Pam O'Hara. For more information, call (734) 426-1500.

Dexter Senior Center

7720 Ann Arbor Street. Call (734) 426-7737. NOTE: Luncheons are complete - main dish listed

\$2.50 minimum donation - reservations day ahead by noon - call 426-5397

Tomorrow: Noon to 2 p.m. "Seniors Get Stuffed" at the Center. For the 10th year in a row, on the day after

Thanksgiving, seniors 55 years of age or older or disabled are invited to gather at the Dexter Senior Center to "Get Stuffed." It's an annual event where community leaders and local business folks serve a traditional Thanksgiving dinner feast to the seniors of the Dexter area. Guests can enjoy a dinner including turkey and all the trimmings provided by Busch's food market and prepared by the Lighthouse staff and kitchen crew from St. Andrew's United Church of Christ.

The dinner is free and the Dexter Lions Club, Kiwanis Club of Dexter, Boy Scout Troop No. 477, Dexter High School Key Club and other volunteers make

this event possible. There will be no regular programs at the Center that day and the WAVE bus will not be operating. If you come with a driver, the driver eats free. Those who are homebound can have dinner delivered by calling Cindy at 426-5397.

Dexter District Library

The Dexter District Library is located at 3255 Alpine Street in Dexter. All Library programs are free and open to the public. For more information, call 734-426-4477.

Saturday: 2 - 4 p.m. Drop-in Rock Band II for ages 10 and up.

Tuesday: 7 - 8 p.m. Drop-in Sip 'n' Stitch for Teens and adults

Wednesday: Therapeutic Massage with Eileen Bristol from "RelaxStation." For adults.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: 6:30 p.m. Family Movie and Popcorn Night. "The Muppet Christmas Carol." For all ages.

Thursday, Dec. 10: 3 p.m. Mosaic Tile Workshop for teens. Registration required.

Saturday, Dec. 12: Holiday Card Making Workshop for ages 8-12. Registration.

Parks

Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center, 17030 Bush Road in the Waterloo Recreation Area near Chelsea. Call 734-475-3170. Sky Cross Country. Saturday, Jan. 16. 2 p.m. Join us for a class on the basics of cross-country skiing. Following the class, we will take a refreshing ski tour of the trails near the

Discovery Center. After our ski, enjoy hot chocolate and coffee while finding out about the best skiing opportunities in our Michigan State Parks.

Hudson Mills Metropark

8801 N. Territorial Road, Dexter. For additional information or to register for programs, call 1-800-477-3191.

Jan. 2: Bird Hike 8 a.m. Winter birds are worth getting out to see! Join us for our monthly morning bird hike. Bring your binoculars and make sure to dress for the weather. No prior birding experience required. There is a fee of \$2 per person. Call (734) 426-8211 to register.

Sounds & Sights CD

"The Best of Sounds & Sights - Volume 1 - 2009" CD is now available. The cost is \$5 and all proceeds go to Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights. Artists such as Bill Bynum, Matt Watroba, Coconut Radio, Royal Garden Trio, Black Train, Kitty Donohoe and more are featured. These unique CDs are available at the Chamber office. For more information, call 433-2787 or visit www.chelseacenterforthearts.org.

SCIO TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

MEETING TO BE HELD AT SCIO TOWNSHIP 827 N. Zeeb Road ANN ARBOR MI 48103

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the Scio Township Zoning Board of Appeals will be held at the Township Hall, 827 N. Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. During this meeting the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the following matters pursuant to the Scio Township Codified Zoning Ordinance of 2008, as amended:

A. Variance # 1528, by William Conlin, for Jackson Madison LLC, regarding property code # H-08-23-400-019, 3900 Jackson Road, requests to allow a business center wall sign rather than a free standing sign. Business center signs are to be freestanding, pursuant to Section 36-371(2)a, of the Scio Township Codified Zoning Ordinance.

B. Variance # 1529, by Louis Johnson, for Wexford-Gallery Park LLC, regarding multiple property addresses (even 5570-5574, odd 5591-5597, and odd 5601-5615 and even 5602-5610 Gallery Park Drive) requests 15 foot rather than the required 30 foot end to end setback for multi-family buildings, pursuant to Section 36-132(2)b.2, of the Scio Township Codified Zoning Ordinance.

Persons or their duly appointed representative having interest in said applications shall there and then be heard at the above described meetings or adjournment thereof relative to any matters that should come before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Details concerning the aforementioned matters may be examined by interested persons and written comments will be received at the Scio Township Offices at 827 N. Zeeb Road during office hours, weekdays, between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to participate. Accommodations, including sign language interpreters, may be arranged by contacting the Scio Township's Clerk at the 734-665-2123 during the above hours, at least seven days in advance.

Nancy C. Hedberg, Clerk
Scio Township

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Summary of Action of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting November 17, 2009

Called to order at 7:02 PM

Members Present: Supervisor Kelly, Treasurer Kooyers, Clerk Rider, Trustees Brushaber, Knight, Lesser, and Maciejewski

Absent: None

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, along with gross November payroll of \$22,142.39; General Fund bills of \$35,908.59; Fire Fund bills of \$5,971.88; Police Fund bills of \$36,972.75.

The board tabled a request by the Chelsea Area Construction Agency (CACA) for a loan, but approved a resolution to adopt an amendment to Ordinance #25, Dexter Township Sewer Use Ordinance, for the Sewer District of the Multi Lakes Area Water & Sewer Authority.

The Board also approved a resolution to initiate a project to maintain and improve a resource recovery system through the Washtenaw County Board of Public Works, the proposed improvement for the Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA). The Board also approved a resolution in support of Scio Township's request to Washtenaw County to add three contract deputies.

The Board agreed to contract with Absolute Computer Service for service to the Township's computer network and agreed to contract with Terry May for "Handy Man" work around the Township Hall. Also, the consensus of the Board was that the Township would send out new assessment notices, even though not required by law, as most assessments were decreasing.

The Board discussed, but did not take action on: Regional Fire Department meetings and Township Hall storm water drainage repair.

Treasurer Kooyers also informed the Board that the Township would no longer be able to issue dog licenses. Townships would be permitted to collect the money, but the County would issue all licenses.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM. Respectfully submitted, Harley B. Rider, Clerk, Dexter Township

Summary approved by Pat Kelly, Supervisor, Dexter Township

This Summary of the November 17, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees was prepared by Harley B. Rider, Dexter Township Clerk, and approved by Pat Kelly, Dexter Township Supervisor, in accordance with the provisions of MCL 172.05. A draft of the full minutes of the November 17, 2009 Regular meeting of the Township Board is available for examination at the Township Hall during regular business hours (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday) except on the dates of the Board meeting. The full minutes of the November 17, 2009 Regular meeting of the Dexter Township Board of Trustees will be presented at the December 15, 2009 Regular meeting for review and approval by the Board. Following approval the full minutes will be posted on the Township's web site www.twp-dexter.org.

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AMENDMENT TO LYNDON TOWNSHIP SEWER USE ORDINANCE FOR THE SEWER DISTRICT OF THE MULTI LAKES AREA WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. 46 - E

The Lyndon Township Sewer Use Ordinance No. 46 enacted pursuant to the authority of Act 246 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended, Act 191 of the Public Acts of 1989, as amended, Act 235 of the Public Acts of 1993, as amended, and Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, for the area served by the Multi Lakes Area Water and Sewer Authority to regulate private and public sewers, sewer connections, industrial waste pretreatment facilities and discharge of industrial waste into the Multi-Lakes Water and Sewer Authority, publicly-operated treatment works and to provide for pollutant limitations, data collection, monitoring and sampling and to preserve, promote and protect the health, safety and general welfare of the persons and property within Lyndon Township; to provide for the enforcement hereof; and to provide penalties and remedies for the violation hereof, and to amend certain provisions regarding the determination of equivalent residential unit and the metering of flow and imposition of additional charges.

The Township of Lyndon, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, ordains:

Sec. 1.0 Amendment

The Lyndon Township, Sewer Use Ordinance, No. 46, adopted September 10, 1996, and as amended in 2001, March 22, 2007, and May 12, 2009, is hereby amended by the addition, modification, and substitution of the provisions of this Amendment:

Sec. 8.2 Discharge Pollutant Limitations is amended by the deletion of the present provision and the substitution in its place and stead of the following provision:

8.2.1 Unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent, no discharge wastewater shall contain in excess of the following:

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| a) | ND ¹ | mg/L arsenic |
| b) | 0.0025 | mg/l cadmium |
| c) | 230 | mg/L chloride |
| d) | ND mg/l | chromium (total) |
| e) | .05 | mg/l copper |
| f) | 0.10 | mg/l cyanides |
| g) | 0.002 | mg/l lead |
| h) | ND ² | mg/l mercury |
| i) | ND | mg/l nickel |
| j) | ND | mg/l silver |
| k) | 120 | mg/l sodium |
| l) | ND | mg/l zinc |

where: ND¹ indicates non-detectable per the practical level of quantification for U.S. EPA Method 206.2, unless a higher detection level is appropriate because of demonstrated sample matrix interference; and

ND² indicates non-detectable per the practical level of quantification for U.S. EPA Method 245.1, unless a higher detection level is appropriate because of demonstrated sample matrix interference.

Sec. 2.0. Reaffirmation of Sewer Use Ordinance. The remaining Sections of Ordinance No. 46 and all amendments are hereby ratified and reaffirmed to the extent not inconsistent herewith.

Sec. 3.0. The within amending ordinance shall be effective twenty (30) days after adoption and publication as provided by law.

STATE OF MICHIGAN (COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)

I, LINDA REILLY, Clerk of the Township of Lyndon, a Michigan Township, do hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Lyndon Township Board, held at the Lyndon Town Hall, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48118, in said Township at 7:00 PM, Eastern Daylight Time, on the 10th day of November, 2009, that the above Ordinance was adopted and that the following Members were present: John Francis, Linda Reilly, Mary Jane Maze, Robert Mester, and Marc Keezer.

The following members were absent: None

That upon motion made by Francis and seconded by Mester, said Ordinance was adopted on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Francis, Keezer, Maze, Mester, Reilly

NAYS: None

I further certify that I caused a true copy of said Ordinance to be published in the Heritage Newspaper, a newspaper circulated in the Township of Lyndon, and that said Ordinance and the record of publication was duly recorded in the Book of Ordinances of the Township of Lyndon and is available for public use and inspection at the office of the Lyndon Township Clerk, 17751 N. Territorial Road, Chelsea, Michigan 48118 during regular business hours.

Adoption: November 10, 2009. Published: November 26, 2009. Effective: December 10, 2009. Linda Reilly, Township Clerk

Published November 26, 2009

Many Dexter, Chelsea home sales remain unchanged

CHARTING Our Real Estate



By CHRISTINE FITZSIMONS

A recent press release from the Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors reports that the number of residential sales reported in September 2009 remained unchanged from the same period in 2008, at a total of 13 units. The average sale price saw a slight increase, however, from \$254,561 to \$266,107.

A total of 28 new listings came on the market during this same period, up one unit from the preceding year although the average list price was down from \$411,007 to \$327,035. Condo sales in Dexter remained unchanged from a year ago with just one unit being sold. Two new condo listings came on the market compared to one last year.

Chelsea home sales also remained unchanged with 11 units sold in September both this year and last. The average sales price was down, however, from \$213,454 to \$176,610. The number of new listings coming on the market also remained unchanged at 27 units with the average list price down from \$332,725 to \$318,061.

In the Chelsea condo market, a total of five units were reported sold compared to one a year ago with an average sales price of \$113,000 compared to \$185,000. A total of four new listings were reported with an average list price of \$110,975 versus seven units with an average list price of \$190,842 a year ago.

Overall, the AABOR reports an 8 percent increase in residential home sales and a 53 percent increase in condominium sales over the same period a year ago. It credits this increase to the current low interest rates, the

INDIVIDUAL DEXTER AND CHELSEA HOME/CONDO SALES: SEPTEMBER 2009

School	Str #	Street Name	Final List Price	Sold Price
Chelsea	67	W Cedar Lake Road	29,900	24,000
Chelsea	518	Garfield	39,900	36,500
Chelsea	750	Taylor	44,900	35,000
Chelsea	116	N East	49,900	50,000
Chelsea	120	South	119,900	125,000
Chelsea	1231	Machnik	124,900	113,716
Chelsea	1231	Ridge	125,000	157,500
Chelsea	1402	Carston	170,000	173,000
Chelsea	28	Cavanaugh Lake Road	199,900	188,000
Chelsea	1343	Auston Ln	219,000	219,000
Chelsea	64	Chestnut	275,000	242,500
Chelsea	13525	Redmonds Hill Ct	334,000	325,000
Chelsea	677	S Freer	495,000	476,500
Chelsea	1457	Duncan	85,000	80,000
Chelsea	637	W Fieldstone Circle	89,900	90,000
Chelsea	768	Fieldstone Circle West	104,900	93,000
Chelsea	629	Fieldstone Circle W	149,000	142,000
Chelsea	233	Pierce Lake Rd.	165,000	160,000
Dexter	8601	Orchard	69,900	65,000
Dexter	7945	Second St	118,900	114,500
Dexter	3701	Meadow View	150,000	154,500
Dexter	7427	Wall	150,000	136,000
Dexter	3538	Noble	187,700	188,500
Dexter	8049	Beechwood	189,000	189,000
Dexter	8386	Redwood Trail	189,000	189,000
Dexter	8280	Gregory Road	198,900	198,900
Dexter	9479	Huron	209,000	200,000
Dexter	3231	Boulder Ct	209,000	195,000
Dexter	11535	East	229,000	218,900
Dexter	8561	Parkridge Ct	239,900	195,000
Dexter	6922	North Meadows Way	399,900	355,000
Dexter	4648	Kestrel Ct	475,000	438,000
Dexter	5097	Winona	479,000	430,000
Dexter	3663	Briarlee	698,000	665,000
Dexter	5578	Point Pelee	140,000	140,000
Dexter	3446	Huron View Court	199,900	199,000

Based on information from the Ann Arbor Area Board of REALTORS® Multiple Listing Service for the period August 1st, 2009 through August 31st, 2009. Christine Fitzsimons has lived in the local area since 1997 and has three children in the Dexter Schools. She can be contacted at the offices of Edward Surovell Realtors at (734) 475-3737 or directly at (734) 417-5803. Her website is: www.LittleGreenRealEstateMachine.com.

\$8,000 tax rebate for first-time homebuyers and inventory affordability. AABOR reports on sales statistics for the following school

districts: Chelsea, Manchester, Dexter, Whitmore Lake, Saline, Lincoln Consolidated, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.

Christine Fitzsimons is a realtor with Edward Surovell Realtors. She can be reached at 1-734-417-5803.

Birth announcement

Parents Eric and Amy LeFurge of Jacksonville, N.C. announce the birth of their son, Andrew David LeFurge, who was born on Sept. 29, 2009. Andrew David weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long. He was born at Onslow Memorial Hospital.

His mother's maiden name is Shettleroe. Andrew David's grandparents are Rusty and Kay LeFurge of Chelsea and Toby and Linda Shettleroe of Whittaker. His great grandfather is Henry Buss of Chelsea.

That's what your parents told you when you were a kid. Shouldn't you tell your children?

Each year thousands of children suffer unnecessary sports-related eye injuries - bruised eyes, scraped or torn corneas, detached retinas and eye hemorrhaging.

Vision Council of America, a nonprofit trade association representing the optical industry, wants parents to know that wearing protective

November 10, 2009

The regular meeting of the Sylvan Township Board was held November 10, 2009 at 7pm at the Sylvan Township Hall, 18027 Old US 12, Chelsea, MI 48118.

Members present: Supervisor Lange, Clerk Koch, Treasurer Grau, Trustee Lesser and Cooper.

Also present: Mike & Judy Slocum, Tom Caplis, Rick & Jamie Brandon, Mike Juresek, Don Schoenberg, Ellen Fox and Ron Richards.

The meeting was called to order and the pledge recited.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Grau to approve minutes. Carried.

Motion by Koch, seconded by Lesser to pay bills as presented. Carried.

Public Participation: Judy Slocum asked for clarification on the CACA loan request. Rick Brandon reiterated his concerns on 511 Glazier and will follow up with a letter to the Board.

Ellen Fox of Municipal Code Corporation gave a brief presentation on Codification of our Ordinance Book.

No Public Hearings.

The report from Zoning Inspector Caplis showed 2 zoning compliance permits, 4 enforcement actions and 0 Certificate of Occupancy for October 2009.

Clerk Koch reported on the WWRA meeting. A packet was provided to the Board on concerns regarding WWRA Articles of Incorporation which are not being followed by the WWRA Board. Koch asked for support from the board to be sure that the Articles are followed. For example: WWRA board members have been taking compensation for attending meeting in the amount of \$75 per meeting. The Articles prohibit such compensation. The Articles provide for the WWRA Budget to be submitted to each constituent Municipality on or before November 1 of each calendar year. This was not provided at the 10/31/09 meeting. The Articles also provide that all checks and other forms of withdrawal be signed by the

Chairman and either the Treasurer or Secretary. Currently only one signature is being used. Koch also questioned the creation of a Recording Secretary position with pay of \$100/meeting - take minutes. The Resolution presented to the Township for consideration of the expansion of the facility and an additional assessment was not acted on until more information is presented the Board.

Treasurer Grau reported on the CACA meeting.

Trustee Lesser reported on problems getting the WAVE information for their monthly meeting.

No Old Business.

New Business:

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Koch to not be the Collector of Chelsea Springs delinquent electric bills for the City of Chelsea. Carried.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Lesser to support the Resolution For New Winter Tax Due Date, dated October 3, 2006 in support of the Treasurer's request to collect 1% between February 14 and February 28. Carried.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Cooper to go into Closed Session to discuss a confidential written legal opinion from the Township's Attorney and trial or settlement strategy with the Township Attorney regarding the 2 pending lawsuits, NDC and Magellan vs. Sylvan Township, and in doing so in open session would have a detrimental financial impact on the Township's train or settlement position.

Open session returned at 8:30pm.

Motion by Lesser, seconded by Cooper to proceed in accordance with the Attorney's recommendation made in closed session.

Motion by Cooper, seconded by Lesser to adjourn. Carried.

LuAnn S. Koch
Sylvan Township Clerk

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sudoku solutions

Puzzles by Pappapoulos

Easy #27

6	8	6	4	1	7	9	2	3
4	7	9	2	5	3	1	8	6
2	3	1	8	9	7	4	5	6
8	2	7	8	3	4	6	5	1
5	6	9	7	1	4	3	2	8
3	1	4	5	6	2	8	7	9
1	4	2	3	9	6	8	7	5
7	6	8	1	2	5	3	9	4
5	9	3	7	4	8	2	1	6

EASY #27

Medium #27

3	5	1	4	8	6	7	9	2
2	9	8	1	7	5	3	4	6
7	4	6	9	3	2	5	8	1
1	6	2	8	9	3	4	7	5
8	3	5	2	4	7	6	1	9
4	7	9	6	5	1	8	2	3
6	1	9	7	2	8	5	4	3
5	8	4	3	1	9	2	6	7
9	2	7	6	4	1	3	8	5

MEDIUM #27

NOTICE OF HEARING CONCERNING PUBLIC CORPORATIONS TO BE ASSESSED AND APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS OF LOCATING AND ESTABLISHING THE ALLEN CREEK STADIUM BOULEVARD SUFFOLK TO HUTCHINS DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 20 of Act 40, of Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended, necessary proceedings have been taken for cleaning out, relocating, widening, deepening, straightening, tiling, extending or relocating along a highway, constructing branches, relief drains or connections to the Allen Creek Drain known as the Allen Creek Stadium Boulevard Suffolk to Hutchins Drain Project, the location thereof to be as follows described in Attachment 1.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Drainage Board for said drain determined that the following public corporations should be assessed for the cost of said project, to wit:

City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, at large, for benefits to public health: .96.10 %

STATE OF MICHIGAN, Department of Transportation for benefits to State Highways: .3.90 %

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the cost of improvement of the Allen Creek Stadium Boulevard Suffolk to Hutchins Drain, the necessity of which will be determined by the Drainage Board on December 10, 2009, has been tentatively apportioned as follows, to wit:

City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, at large for benefits to public health: .96.10 %

STATE OF MICHIGAN, Department of Transportation for benefits to State Highways: .3.90 %

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Drainage Board for the Allen Creek Stadium Boulevard Suffolk to Hutchins Drain will meet at 4:00 p.m. Michigan Time on the 10th of December, 2009, in the Office of the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner, Western County Service Center, 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Second Floor, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing any objections of public corporations to be assessed, or any taxpayers thereof. No further opportunity for consideration of these matters will be afforded.

This Notice is given by order of the Drainage Board for the Allen Creek Stadium Boulevard Suffolk to Hutchins Drain.

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JANIS A. BOBRIN

Chair of the Drainage Board for the Allen Creek Stadium Boulevard Suffolk to Hutchins Drain.

Dated: 18th of November 2009, DRAIN NAME: Allen Creek

PROJECT NAME: Stadium Boulevard

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Design and Construct Stormwater Management Control Measures.

PROJECT LOCATION: Commencing at a point at the SE Corner of Section 32 T2S, R6E Thence north along the east line of said section 2160.99 feet; thence S 87-23-52.24 W 318.839 feet to the point of beginning; thence following fifty-seven (57) courses; Thence S 63-58-32.19 E 32.228 Feet; Thence S 68-31-40.64 E 447.401 Feet; Thence S 72-9-30.09 E 518.553 Feet; Thence S 73-38-59.78 E 162.422 Feet; Thence S 73-38-48.61 E 204.335 Feet; Thence S 73-25-44.39 E 254.119 Feet; Thence S 87-51-12.86 E 318.253 Feet; Thence N 86-47-51.51 E 475.452 Feet; Thence N 87-33-54.49 E 1172.951 Feet; Thence N 87-33-55.39 E 971.671 Feet; Thence N 87-27-37.71 E 946.77 Feet; Thence N 87-21-50.82 E 598.844 Feet; Thence N 87-55-40.25 E 293.936 Feet; Thence S 58-10-5.23 E 149.216 Feet; Thence S 80-44-23.59 E 45.656 Feet; Thence S 74-46-7.06 E 74.072 Feet; Thence S 71-43-23.55 E 93.639 Feet; Thence S 63-31-32.47 E 127.076 Feet; Thence S 56-19-21.12 E 88.775 Feet; Thence S 49-49-39.30 E 94.188 Feet; Thence S 43-32-28.60 E 63.687 Feet; Thence S 39-49-28.64 E 408.521 Feet; Thence S 39-18-41.39 E 704.336 Feet; Thence S 39-19-34.00 E 356.964 Feet; Thence N 87-28-59.81 E 189.723 Feet; Thence N 38-28-28.03 W 561.194 Feet; Thence N 39-10-2.04 W 619.878 Feet; Thence N 39-50-49.77 W 418.062 Feet; Thence N 43-52-53.41 W 79.331 Feet; Thence N 50-5-49.79 W 112.379 Feet; Thence N 56-38-14.80 W 107.231 Feet; Thence N 63-31-37.80 W 138.927 Feet; Thence N 67-33-4.35 W 9.532 Feet; Thence N 71-5-34.55 W 86.349 Feet; Thence N 74-25-40.25 W 22.994 Feet; Thence N 75-3-27.10 W 86.795 Feet; Thence N 81-2-11.10 W 82.346 Feet; Thence N 85-51-2.81 W 78.724 Feet; Thence S 88-7-27.04 W 654.702 Feet; Thence S 87-29-10.88 W 774.555 Feet; Thence S 87-16-1.02 W 469.144 Feet; Thence S 87-42-22.30 W 328.794 Feet; Thence S 87-28-59.89 W 641.639 Feet; Thence S 87-33-6.00 W 1189.518 Feet; Thence S 88-50-30.66 W 366.477 Feet; Thence S 88-40-55.99 W 111.968 Feet; Thence N 88-57-0.92 W 124.451 Feet; Thence N 86-57-33.13 W 177.39 Feet; Thence N 84-28-24.87 W 116.016 Feet; Thence N 82-29-02.22 W 120.324 Feet; Thence N 78-57-46.97 W 192.643 Feet; Thence N 74-41-38.13 W 154.138 Feet; Thence N 72-9-28.29 W 513.853 Feet; Thence N 68-30-53.20 W 434.417 Feet; Thence S 80-35-44.75 W 66.353 Feet; Thence S 24-52-14.64 W 41.444 Feet to the point of beginning.

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New Exhibit

The River Gallery is hosting an exhibit of works by Barry Avedon from Dec. 2 through Jan. 9. An Opening Reception will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 12 and a panel discussion moderated by Tom Venner will take place at 2 p.m. on Dec. 20.

Avedon admits that he is happiest making art, and that state of mind infuses his paintings and collages. But good work cannot be about happiness alone, which would not sustain our interest or touch us the way it should.

Avedon says it's other things he adds that bring his work into full force: the flavor of Kirchner, Matisse or de Kooning; the interplay of surface and depth; the luminous color and the surprising juxtaposition of images that form his complex compositions. Then we experience what happens when this masterful artist creates - the work becomes rich and resonant, beyond happiness.



Guest artists on the second level include Margaret Davis, Karen Izenberg, Michael Reedy and Richard Washington.

River Gallery Fine Art is committed to researching, exhibiting and placing the best original art available for residential, small business, healthcare and corporate clients. Site survey and recommendations; off site exhibits; installation art programming; appraisals and custom framing.

The Gallery is located at 120 S. Main in Chelsea. For more information, call 1-734-433-0626 or log onto chelsearivergallery.com.

NOTICE OF HEARING CONCERNING PUBLIC CORPORATIONS TO BE ASSESSED AND APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS OF LOCATING AND ESTABLISHING THE ALLEN CREEK WEST PARK DRAIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 20 of Act 40, of Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended, necessary proceedings have been taken for cleaning out, relocating, widening, deepening, straightening, tiling, extending or relocating along a highway, constructing branches, relief drains or connections to the Allen Creek Drain known as the Allen Creek West Park Drain Project, the location thereof to be as described in Attachment 1.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Drainage Board for said drain determined that the following public corporations should be assessed for the cost of said project, to wit:

City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, at large, for benefits to public health: .96.10 %

STATE OF MICHIGAN, Department of Transportation for benefits to State Highways: .3.90 %

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the cost of improvement of the Allen Creek West Park Drain, the necessity of which will be determined by the Drainage Board on December 10, 2009, has been tentatively apportioned as follows, to wit:

City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan, at large for benefits to public health: .96.10 %

STATE OF MICHIGAN, Department of Transportation for benefits to State Highways: .3.90 %

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Drainage Board for the Allen Creek West Park Drain will meet at 4:00 p.m. Michigan Time on the 10th of December, 2009, in the Office of the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner, Western County Service Center, 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Second Floor, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing any objections of public corporations to be assessed, or any taxpayers thereof. No further opportunity for consideration of these matters will be afforded.

This Notice is given by order of the Drainage Board for the Allen Creek West Park Drain.

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JANIS A. BOBRIN

Chair of the Drainage Board for the Allen Creek West Park Drain.

Dated: 18th of November 2009, DRAIN NAME: Allen Creek

PROJECT NAME: West Park

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construction of stormwater control measures to improve downstream water quality.

PROJECT LOCATION: LOT 49 EXC COM NW COR SEC 29 T2S R6E TH S 89 DEG 50 MIN 30 SEC E 478.87 FT TH S 60 DEG 45 MIN 30 SEC E 1049.41 FT FOR POB TH CONT S 60 DEG 45 MIN 30 SEC E 62 FT TH S 29 DEG 14 MIN 30 SEC W 138 FT TH N 29 DEG 45 MIN 30 SEC W 82 FT TH N 29 DEG 14 MIN 30 SEC E 138 FT TO POB ALSO LOTS 49 & 50 ASSASSORS PLAT NO 29 LOTS 1 2 3 RONDE BROS SUB OF THE TOMS ESTATE PBT NW 1/4 SEC 29 T2S R6E SW COR LOT 50 ASSESSOR PLAT NO 20 TH S 84 DEG 05 MIN 30 SEC E 685.67 FT TH S 0 DEG 48 MIN W 85.14 FT TH S 87 DEG 44 MIN E 626.64 FT TH S 60 DEG 44 MIN S 0 SEC E 17.81 FT TH S 88 DEG 30 MIN W 28.8 FT TH S 20 DEG 10 MIN E 110.7 FT TH S 10 DEG 54 MIN 30 SEC W 243.5 FT TH E IN 8L LOT 1 RONDE BROS SUB OF THE TOMS ESTATE 134.65 FT TH SW 1/4 WL CHAPIN ST TO PT 262.94 FT N OF NLY W HURON ST TH N 66 DEG 21 MIN W 89 FT TH N 10 DEG 21 MIN E 16.48 FT TH DEF 89 DEG 29 MIN LT 268.4 FT TH S 169.3 FT TH W 148.85 FT TH S 198.04 FT TH W 12.53 FT TH NLY 172.09 FT TH NWLY 50 FT TH NLY 25.95 FT TH WLY 78.79 FT TH DEF 88 DEG 34 MIN LT 78.79 FT TH DEF 101 DEG 27 MIN RT 198.01 FT TH SW 71.82 FT TH CONT SW 57.81 FT TH DEF 11 FT TH 48 MIN RT 55 FT TH SW 46.5 FT TH SW 66.1 FT TH S 0.51 FT TH W 33.9 FT TH S 167.94 FT TH W 59.12 FT IN NLY W HURON ST TH N 154.27 FT TH W 54 FT TH N 12.67 FT PAR WL SEC 29 TH W 108 FT PAR CL W HURON ST N 31.02 FT TH W 188 FT TO NW COR LOT 1 S MANNS ADD TH N 81 FT IN 4L SEVENTH ST TH E 128.5 FT TH N 44.02 FT TH E 71.11 FT TH N 474.07 FT W TO PT S 0 DEG 33 MIN W 50 FT FROM POB TH N 0 DEG 33 MIN E 50 FT TO POB

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ORDINANCE NO. 25-E

AMENDMENT TO DEXTER TOWNSHIP SEWER USE ORDINANCE FOR THE SEWER DISTRICT OF THE MULTI LAKES AREA WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

The Dexter Township Sewer Use Ordinance No. 25 enacted pursuant to the authority of Act 245 of the Public Acts of 1945, as amended, Act 191 of the Public Acts of 1939, as amended, Act 233 of the Public Acts of 1955, as amended, and Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, for the area served by the Multi-Lakes Area Water and Sewer Authority to regulate private and public sewers, sewer connections, industrial waste pretreatment facilities and discharge of industrial waste into the Multi-Lakes Water and Sewer Authority publicly operated treatment works and to provide for pollutant limitations, data collection, monitoring and sampling and to preserve, promote and protect the health, safety and general welfare of the persons and property within Dexter Township; to provide for the enforcement hereof; and to provide penalties and remedies for the violation hereof; and to amend certain provisions regarding the determination of equivalent residential unit and the metering of flow and imposition of additional charges.

The Township of Dexter, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, ordains:

Sec. 1.0 Amendment

The Dexter Township, Sewer Use Ordinance, No. 25, adopted November 21, 1995, and as amended November 3, 2001 and February 15, 2007, is hereby amended by the addition, modification, and substitution of the provisions of this Amendment:

Sec. 8.2 Discharge Pollutant Limitations

8.2.1 Unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent, no discharge wastewater shall contain in excess of the following:

a) ND*	mg/L arsenic
b) 0.0025	mg/L cadmium
c) 230	mg/L chloride
d) ND	mg/L chromium (total)
e) .05	mg/L copper
f) 0.10	mg/L cyanides
g) 0.002	mg/L lead
h) ND*	mg/L mercury
i) ND	mg/L nickel
j) ND	mg/L silver
k) 120	mg/L sodium
l) ND	mg/L zinc

where: ND* indicates nondetectable per the practical level of quantification for U.S. EPA Method 206.2, unless a higher detection level is appropriate because of demonstrated sample matrix interference; and

ND* indicates nondetectable per the practical level of quantification for U.S. EPA Method 245.1, unless a higher detection level is appropriate because of demonstrated sample matrix interference.

Sec. 2.0 Reaffirmation of Sewer Use Ordinance. The remaining Sections of Ordinance No. 25 and all amendments are hereby ratified and reaffirmed to the extent not inconsistent herewith.

Section 3.0. The within amending ordinance shall be effective twenty (20) days after adoption and publication as provided by law.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW

I, HARLEY B. RIDER, Clerk of the Township of Dexter, a Michigan Township, do hereby certify that at a regular meeting of the Dexter Township Board, held at the Dexter Town Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, Michigan 48130, in said Township at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on the 20th day of October, 2009, that the above Ordinance was adopted and that the following Members were present:

Kelly, Kooyers, Rider, Brushaber, Knight, Lesser, Maciejewski.

The following members were absent: None.

That upon motion made by Rider and seconded by Kooyers, said Ordinance was adopted oathe following roll call vote:

AYES: Maciejewski, Rider, Kelly, Knight, Lesser, Brushaber, Kooyers

NAYS: None

I further certify that on the 26th day of November, 2009, I caused a true copy of said Ordinance to be published in the Dexter Leader and Chelsea Standard, newspapers circulated in the Township of Dexter, and that said Ordinance and the record of publication was duly recorded in the Book of Ordinances of the Township of Dexter, is effective on the 17th day of December, 2009, and is available for public use and inspection at the offices of the Dexter Township Clerk, 8680 Dexter-Pinckney Road, Dexter, Michigan 48130 during regular business hours.

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1000 ANNOUNCEMENTS	3000 ANIMALS	5500 REAL ESTATE FOR SALE	6000 RVs/Trailers	7285 Home Improvement
1010 Adoptions	3010 Horses/Livestock	5510 Open Houses	6100 Service/Repair	7290 Insurance
1020 Celebrations	3020 Pets	5520 Genesee County	6110 Snowmobiles	7300 Lawn Care/Landscaping
1025 Card of Thanks	3030 Pet Services/Supplies	5530 Leape County	6120 Sport Utility	7310 Limousine
1050 Legal Notices		5540 Livingston County	6130 Trucks	7320 Manufactured/Mobile Home Services
1060 Lost	4000 EMPLOYMENT	5550 Macomb County	6140 Vans/Mini	7330 Miscellaneous Services
1070 Found	4010 Accounting/Finance	5555 Monroe County		7340 Moving & Storage
1090 Personals/Announcements	4020 Automotive Employment	5560 Oakland County	7000 BUSINESS SERVICES	7350 Painting & Decorating
	4030 Business Opportunity	5565 St. Clair County	7010 Accounting/Taxes	7360 Photography/Video Services
	4033 Computers/IT	5570 Washtenaw County	7020 Alterations	7365 Plumbing
2000 MERCHANDISE	4036 Dental	5580 Wayne County	7030 Animal/Pest Control	7370 Pool/Spa Installation/Repair
2010 Antiques	4040 Domestic	5585 Wayne County For Sale By Owner	7040 Appliance Repair	7375 Power Washing
2020 Appliances	4045 Driven	5590 Mid-Michigan	7050 Asphalt/Seal Coating	7380 Roofing
2030 Arts/Crafts/Bazaar	4050 Education/Training	5600 Northern Property	7060 Attorneys/Legal	7390 Security
2040 Auction/Estate Sale	4070 Employment Services	5610 Thumb Area	7070 Banquet Halls/Catering	7400 Septic Systems
2050 Bargains	4075 Engineering/Design	5620 Upper Peninsula	7075 Basement Waterproofing	7405 Service Directory
2060 Building Supplies	4080 General Employment	5625 Waterfront	7080 Brick/Block	7410 Siding/Gutters
2070 Business/Office Equipment	4090 Health Care	5630 Western Michigan	7085 Building Construction	7415 Small Engine Repair
2080 Cemetery/Lots	4100 Nursing	5640 Out of State	7090 Cement Work	7420 Snow Removal
2090 Collectibles/Hobbies	4110 Office/Clerical	5650 Commercial/Industrial	7100 Ceramic Tile Installation	7430 Telephone Installation/Repair
2100 Computers	4120 Professional/Management	5660 Condos/Townhouses/Duplexes	7110 Child Care	7440 Towing
2110 Electronics	4130 Restaurant/Hotel	5670 Income Property	7120 Chimney	7450 Tree Service
2115 Farm Equipment	4135 Retail	5680 Manufactured/Mobile Homes	7130 Cleaning/Janitorial Services	7455 Trucking & Hauling
2120 Farm Produce/Flowers/Plants	4140 Sales/Marketing	5690 Loans/Mortgages	7140 Clock Repair	7470 Water/Well Drilling
2130 Lawn/Garden	4150 Skilled/Technical	5700 Real Estate Wanted	7150 Computer/Internet Services	7480 Health/Nutrition
2140 Firewood/Fuel	4160 Situations Wanted	5710 Lots/Vacant Land	7160 Consoles/Adult Care	7490 Welding
2145 Bargain Hunter	4170 Job Fairs		7170 Decks/Patio/Sunrooms	7500 Windows & Doors
2150 Furniture		6000 TRANSPORTATION	7175 Drywall/Plastering	
2160 Garage/Rummage Sales	5000 REAL ESTATE FOR RENT	6005 Auto Auctions	7180 Education/Training	
2170 Jewelry & Apparel	5010 Apartments/Flats	6010 Automobile Financing	7190 Electrical	
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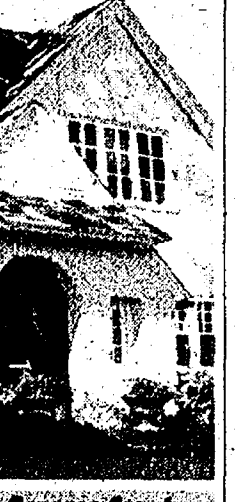
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INSIDE OUR SCHOOLS

A look at the prestigious middle school music programs

Music series

The following is the third in a six-part series looking at the award-winning music programs inside the Chelsea schools.

Oct. 15: K-4th grade music programs

Oct. 20: 5-6th grade music programs

Today: 7-8th grade music programs

Next: 9-12th grade music program - Band

Coming soon: 9-12th grade music program - Choir

Coming soon: 9-12th grade music program - Orchestra



Seventh and eighth-grade orchestra

The middle school years are an exciting time for musical growth and experience in Chelsea.

The 7th and 8th orchestra members enjoy playing music as part of their day. Mr. Peters and Mr. Fritzmeier encourage them to explore and develop their musical interests. The orchestra students play violin, viola, cello and bass and many help supplement the orchestra at various points in the year by playing piano, guitar and percussion.

Students who elect the orchestra class practice every day in 7th grade. This allows markedly faster growth for the orchestra. Seventh-grade orchestra members learn to play in many different key signatures, bowings, and styles and they learn to compose their own music.

Seventh-grade orchestra members practice in unison from method books in order to practice matching sounds. They also practice and learn many five-part arrangements and original compositions for string orchestra in various styles. All 7th grade orchestra students memorize many short pieces throughout the year. Memorizing the "Star Spangled Banner" is a tradition.

In 7th grade, students make their first appearance at the annual Halloween Orchestra Concert where students dress up and create skits to go along with the music. This concert is a highlight of the year for most students. Seventh-grade students also give concerts in December, March and May for parents and friends.

These students have the opportunity of joining the Beach Fiddle Club which meets on Monday afternoons with cadet teachers from the high school's Chelsea House Orchestra. They also have the opportunity to attend a fall Saturday string clinic, play at solo and ensemble, and audition for scholarships to Blue Lake Music Camp. The 7th grade orchestra plays for judges

in March for the Michigan Band Orchestra Association's Orchestra Festival.

Students continue to meet every day for orchestra in the 8th grade. The main difference in the 8th grade is that the music and skills covered are more challenging. Eighth-grade string orchestra members also have the opportunity in the spring to combine with 8th grade band members and perform as a full orchestra. With the support of the Chelsea Music Boosters, the 8th grade orchestras take a field trip each year to hear a professional orchestra. Last year the 8th graders heard the Ann Arbor Symphony play music inspired by the planets in Hill Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan.

Both seventh and eighth grade orchestra members grow tremendously in their two years of music at Beach Middle School. They look forward to making music every day as a part of their middle school life. Many continue to play in high school and all remember the power they felt playing with a large group of string players.

Seventh and eighth-grade band

The 7th and 8th grade bands at Chelsea Beach Middle School are elective classes that enjoy a very high rate of enrollment resultant of students continuing from the 6th grade.

These bands meet every day and the rate of individual development and group improvement is quite dramatic. The performance opportunities increase three fold for the 7th and 8th grade bands. The 6th Grade Band presents three performances, while the 7th and 8th grade bands have nine performances including three parades, an appearance at the annual CHS Marching Band Exhibition, a shared concert with the high school band, a winter concert, two concerts shared with the orchestra and choir, and a performance at MSBOA District Band Festival where the bands are critiqued by four judges and evaluated on their performance abilities.

It is exciting to be a member of the Beach Middle School bands! The students have an opportunity to perform on their instruments in many ways, and experience a variety of performance opportunities.

One way is to attend the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival. This festival provides students the opportunity to perform as a soloist on their instrument or in a small ensemble of two to eight members. The students perform for a trained adjudicator, and receive valuable comments on ways to improve. This performance builds confidence and the students enjoy working in a different setting than the large band setting.

The Beach MS Jazz Band provides another musical opportunity and includes both 7th and 8th grade students. The jazz band is open to all band students even if they don't play a traditional "jazz" instrument. Students work together and learn from one another as well as the director, as they learn jazz concepts and jazz specific performance techniques, while exploring a variety of jazz music.

This group also allows students who might play piano, or bass or guitar to have an opportunity to perform on those instruments as well as their band instrument. It also provides percussionists with the time to learn and develop skills on the drum set.

These many performance opportunities offered to the Beach Middle School Band members provide the students with a well rounded music education that prepares them not only for the high school band experience, but for the skills needed to be successful in life.

The band members learn to be responsible for themselves, for their music, and for their instrument. They learn to work as a team to create an exciting form of communication that is a part of every culture in the world. They learn in a safe environment how to be respectful of everyone's different ability levels and yet still contribute to the wonderful outcome of making beautiful music. Most importantly, none of this could happen without the cohesive music staff and the support of the Chelsea administration, the parents, and the community.

Seventh and eighth-grade choir

Participation in a choir is a crucial part of the school experience where students also forge friendships that change the course of their lives. Discipline, attention to detail, teamwork, and the social value of the experience - combine to improve students' daily lives, in both school and work and in family relationships.

The appeal of singing in a choir is based on the unbeatable opportunity it gives each singer to personally participate in an activity that involves them artistically, builds community, enhances their skills and self-confidence, and results in a product of great beauty. In working toward a beautiful choral sound, members contribute to an artistic product greater than just themselves and their individual voice.

The music experience in the seventh and eighth grade is primarily designed to be a artistic music-making venture in itself. It is also a training ground for many more years of ensemble singing.

Members learn the specific performance techniques associated with the voice, along with the skills necessary for ensemble performance success. Cooperative learning in the music classroom stresses the importance of understanding one's individual role and how that role contributes to the group success, along with the

extra-musical aspects of discipline, self-control, and respect for self and others.

rehearsals and music-making will have these components:

1. Singing. We'll discover choral music of many different styles, building individual skills. Members notice improvement in regards to range, volume, pitch centering and development of color.

2. Development of Reading Skills. The goal is to become an independent musician, by learning solid music reading

skills.

3. A choir has the benefit of text in its form of music-making. A great deal of energy is spent studying the poetry and interpreting the text in relationship to the music.

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Eric Bloch and Elizabeth Mowers perform in "Impossible Marriage" Ann Arbor Civic Theatre.

'Impossible Marriage' hits Civic Theatre

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre's Studio Series presents the quirky Beth Henley comedy, "Impossible Marriage," directed by Sam Zwetchkenbaum and Jean Leverich, Dec. 4 through 12 at 322 W. Ann St. in Ann Arbor. Performances are set 8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$15 for reserved seating.

Tickets are available at the theater office at 322 W. Ann St., by calling the office at 971-2228 or at the door. "Impossible Marriage" is a comedy by award-winning playwright Beth Henley, author of "Crimes of the Heart" and "The Miss Firecracker Contest."

It is spring in the Kingsley family's myste-

rious Savannah garden. As the eccentric family prepares for a wedding of an unlikely couple, their comedic efforts to stop the impending union will either put a stop to the wedding or see it through.

"I love the characters in this play," co-director Sam Zwetchkenbaum said in a news release. "They are unique and complex and very real. The plot is zany and funny, but it's the characters that draw you in and keep you riveted to the story."

"Impossible Marriage is very much Beth Henley's homage to Chekhov," said co-director Jean Leverich. "It's a perfect play for an intimate theater. The proximity of the audience to the stage fosters a real connection between the charac-



Brittany Batell (left), Marc Holland and Ann Marie Mann perform in "Impossible Marriage" Ann Arbor Civic Theatre.

ters and the audience, and there isn't a bad seat in the house."

The cast features Ann Marie Mann as matriarch Kendall, Brittany Batell as her daughter Pandora, Elizabeth Mowers as her other daughter Floral

(played by Holly Hunter in the Broadway production), and Marc Holland as Pandora's intended, Edward. The cast also includes Brandon Derfny as Sidney, Julian Sapala as Jonsey, and Eric Bloch as Reverend Lawrence.

Family Theater Project to produce classic Dec. 5

Saline Community Education's Family Theater Project will present Charles Dickens's "A Christmas Carol" 3 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at Liberty School Auditorium, 7265 Saline-Ann Arbor Road, in Saline.

Tickets are \$5 for general seating and will be available at the door approximately one hour before curtain. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit performing arts students' camp and college scholarship funds.

Family Theater Project is

made possible by a grant from the Saline CARES Advisory Council.

"Some of my most vivid memories as a child are of doing community theater productions with my mom," said Rebecca Groeb-Driskill, founder of the program and artistic director for the production. "I was a shy little girl and my mom pushed me toward the stage as a way to help me come out of my shell."

"In the process of preparing for auditions, attending rehears-

als, learning lines, and performing in front of my family and friends, I learned invaluable lessons about self-expression, risk-taking, creativity, collaboration, leadership, discipline and responsibility. Moreover, the experience provided me with a lifelong passion, hobby and, ultimately, a career that I could continue to share with my mom as I grew older."

The 25-member cast includes Charles Antonelli, Kristin Attig, Peter Attig, Randy Aungst, Kendra Aungst, Matthew

Aungst, Sarah Buntin, Tom Burns, Joy Burns, Dillon Burns, Tate Burns, Ian Burns, Joe Getsov, Eadie Getsov, Tracy Getsov, Lauren Getsov, Bob Kinningsham, William Kinningsham, Mark Pellerin, Caitlin Pellerin, Richie Slater, Cassie Thoms, Gloria Tonks, Kyle Wagner, Elizabeth Weeden and Susan Zill.

For more information about the production, call 429-8000, ext. 2338, or e-mail groebr@saline.k12.mi.us.

THINGS TO DO: REGIONAL CALENDAR

SALINE

Bel Canto Choir Concert

1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel Washtenaw County Chapter meeting and concert by Saline High School Bel Canto Choir, followed by a tea at Brecon Village in Saline. Cost: \$5. Call 483-4933.

Remote-Controlled Car Racing

10:30 a.m. to midnight, Saturday, Washtenaw RC Raceway off-road dirt-track racing for stock and modified model electric trucks and buggies. Spectators welcome. Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Cost \$16 to race. 1-313-565-2815.

DEXTER

'Annie'

8 p.m. Friday through Sunday, and Dec. 3 through 6, Dec. 10 through 13, and Dec. 17 through 19. Encore Musical Theatre

Company, 3126 Broad St., Dexter. Tickets \$28 (members and seniors, \$25; groups of 10 or more, \$22) at theencoretheatre.org and at the door. 268-6200.

Holiday Bazaar

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 5, Dexter Area Museum, 3443 Inverness St., Dexter. Santa will be there 9:30 to noon. Proceeds will support Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum.

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Flute Ensembles

8 p.m. Tuesday, Julie Stone leads the EMU flute choir and small ensembles as they perform a variety of works. Alexander Recital Hall, corner of Lowell and East Circle Drive.

Children's Dance Concerts

10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Dec. 4, the dance program and symphony orchestra present "Cinderella" by Prokofiev in two

identical one-hour programs, especially for students in first through eighth grades. Free admission, but reservations required. Call 487-2448. Pease Auditorium, College Place and West Cross.

'Cinderella'

7 p.m. Dec. 4: Dance majors and the Symphony Orchestra present "Cinderella." Costs \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$6 for children younger than 12. School groups admitted for free, but reservations are required. Call 487-2448. Pease Auditorium, College Place and West Cross.

Codependency

7:30 to 9 p.m. Dec. 15, presentation by Ronald Harrison, chemical dependency therapist. He will present symptoms and progression of codependency and actions to help codependent people to recover. The talk will be held at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center

Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti. It's free and open to the public. No registration required. Certificate to document attendance can be provided. Call Dawn Farm 485-8725, e-mail info@dawnfarm.org or visit www.dawnfarm.org.

'The Prince, the Wolf & the Firebird'

Eastern Michigan University Theatre presents a 90-minute play based on a Russian folktale. 7 p.m. Dec. 4, 5, 10 and 11, and 3 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, 12 in the Quirk Theatre at the intersection of East Circle Drive and Best Hall on EMU Ypsilanti campus. Recommended for students 6 and older. Tickets \$15, \$12 for students, \$9 for Mainstage patrons, and \$7 for ages 6 through 12. Call 487-2282, or stop by the EMU Convocation Center, Student Center, ticket office or Quirk Box Office. Visit www.emutix.com.

Rothbart to perform on stage in Kerrytown

Ann Arbor Civic Theatre will present Davy Rothbart, creator of Found Magazine, in a one-man spoken concert of found letters and notes, written by others and left for the world to consider and enjoy.

There will be two evening performances 7:30 and 10 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Kerrytown Concert House. Tickets are \$20 and \$10 for students. For tickets and information, call 971-2228.

Rothbart is a reporter for the National Public Radio show "This American Life," and author of the story collection "The Lone Surfer of Montana, Kansas." His work has been featured in The New Yorker, and The New York Times, and on "The Late Show with David Letterman." He has made numerous radio and TV appear-

ances in the United States, Canada and Europe. His most recent TV appearance was on ABC's "20/20."

Proceeds from the Found performances go to Ann Arbor Civic Theatre, one of the country's oldest community theaters. Civic's playwrighting project provides writers with the opportunity to see their plays on stage and its youth program, Junior Theatre, provides low-cost opportunities for area youth to participate in and experience live theater.

Found collects found items, such as love letters, birthday cards, kids' homework, to-do lists, ticket stubs, poetry on napkins, doodles — anything that offers a glimpse into someone else's life. The Kerrytown Concert House is located at 415 N. North Ave.

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Tuesday: Restaurant Appreciation Night

Wednesday: Music Trivia with Barry Aherne, 9 p.m.

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'2012' pointless, poorly acted, but...

Hey, I'm Ryan Michaels, a 13-year-old writing movie reviews for Heritage Newspapers. I've been doing it for two years, and enjoy it a lot. Here's my review of "2012."

I walked out of "2012" confused, bored and practically numb to the mindless destruction.

Some end-of-the-world movies blow up a skyscraper and can call itself an epic. "2012" transforms Yellowstone into a volcano, demolishes Los Angeles within 10 minutes and crushes the Vatican, all in the first half of the film.

"2012" is three hours long, and for each hour has a distinct agenda. The first hour "explains" the science behind the end of the world, the second



is, well, the end of the world and the third hour is a (failed)

attempt to become a movie with a "message."

Needless to say, the film tries to be intelligent by presenting some admittedly interesting moral dilemmas, and yet it wants to be dumb enough for a 7-year-old to understand it.

John Cusack stars as Jackson Curtis, a failed novelist who is camping with his family. Due to a massive solar flare, the end of the world is impending and Jackson will do whatever it takes to survive. A sub-plot involves the White House, and its efforts to preserve humanity. (I know the film was made in America, but you'd think a country other than us might bother preserving their species.)

I am of two minds of the destruction on display in

"2012." On one hand, it's easily some of the best special effects ever made. Honestly, I have never seen such realistic, well-done visual effects. (Well, the scenario is ridiculous but the effects look real.) How can you not admire the talent that went into making it?

And, then again, there's the senseless-ness with which the destruction is displayed. In one scene, the main characters charter an airplane to fly out of a sinking Los Angeles. When they're flying away, two large skyscrapers collide into each other and their plane ducks under the collision. Have the people who made this movie lost their minds?

The main characters show seemingly no remorse that basically everyone they've ever known is dead. Showing

millions of men, women and children dying just for a "cool explosion" is stupid, immature, and goes above and beyond tasteless.

Not to mention the fact that "2012" is ridiculously boring. OK, Woody Harrelson being pummeled by a large volcanic eruption looks incredible once. But the explosions lose their "cool" factor after the first three. And there's way more than three in this film. You feel numb to all the death that takes place in the movie, but when you leave you just realize how tasteless it all was as a movie.

"2012" is about as over-the-top and corny as you can get. It is essentially one big contradiction. It exploits the death of billions for the sake of a cool action sequence, and yet tries

to present a message of "hope," and, most laughably, it tries to present a message.

Of course, people will see this film. The director, Roland Emmerich (director of "Independence Day" and "Day After Tomorrow") cannot make a good movie, but he makes big, stupid, crowd-pleasing ones.

"2012" is stupid, pointless, poorly acted and yet masterfully executed in terms of production and visual effects. It's a contender for the worst of the year.

Film critic Ryan Michaels, a student at Emerson School in Ann Arbor and two-time winner of the Michigan Press Association Better Newspaper Contest for his reviews, can be reached through mrogers@heritage.com.

Jay-Z misses big on latest release

'The Blueprint 3' by Jay-Z

Hip-hop has royalty. Snoop Dogg, Tupac, Biggie Smalls and Dr. Dre have all put their names in the history books as some of the best rappers who ever lived. One of the recent inductees into the hip-hop royal family is Jay-Z, who gained fame with several successful CDs and singles.

Jay-Z's 11th album, "The Blueprint 3," recently hit the shelves. The album is the final part of the "Blueprint" trilogy. Jay-Z's huge fame and success has gone to his head and "The Blueprint 3" is proof of that. The lyrics couldn't be more vain and egotistical.

"Thank You" sounds like an acceptance speech from some awards show. "On To The Next One" has one of the most annoying beats of any modern rap song. The guest vocals of Swizz Beats add nothing to an already bad song. "Hate" features the now infamous Kanye West as a guest vocalist. The song feels like a waste of two and half minutes.

"Reminder" may be the single most self-loving song ever made. It oozes vanity. In the song he has the audacity to compare himself to the legendary Beatles. The Fab Four are forever in a different league than any other band and he feels like he's their equals. The only good song on the album is "Empire State Of Mind." It features Alicia Keys as a guest vocalist and her amazing voice is the only redeeming factor.

Jay-Z may be hip-hop royalty, but it's time for this prince to lay down his crown. "The Blueprint 3" may be one of the worst rap CD releases of 2009.

"The Blueprint 3" gets a D.

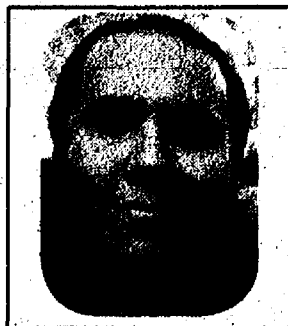
'Blood Of Man' by Mason Jennings

Modern pop rock has a lot of feeling in it. Before it was all based in being catchy and having a good sound. Now the musicians pour their hearts and souls into their music. Mason Jennings is a perfect example of this modern pop rock trend. His music isn't Top 40 worthy but it has more feeling than the most of the Top 40.

Jennings is one of the musicians who combined the styling of folk with the sound of pop. The folk-pop sound is more soulful than pop and more marketable than folk. His also incorporates some elements of experimental music; mostly with various sound effects and background music.

Jennings' eighth album,

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By LEE COPLEY

"Blood Of Man" is now available.

"Blood Of Man" has a soulful and unpolished sound. The soulful part is good, but the unpolished isn't. The tracks show a great potential but are still rough around the edges. "City Of Ghosts" has a great sound, but the vocals are hard to understand over the music. "Black Wind Blowing" is a great song. The lyrics are creative and extremely dark, but they aren't like anything else out there. "Lonely Road" combines slightly upbeat vocals with depressing lyrics. "Sing Out" has great lyrics with a subpar beat and decent vocals. The song gets boring as time progresses. The worst song is "Pittsburgh," which has boring vocals and lyrics that sound like they draw on Jennings' childhood. Jennings has a fair amount of talent, but he had poor production quality. With a little refining and some longer production time, Jennings may be a household name in the future. "Blood Of Man" gets a B.

Holiday Gala to benefit CCH Chemotherapy Treatment Center

Chelsea Community Hospital will host its Annual Holiday Gala on Saturday, Dec. 12 at The Village Conference Center at the Chelsea Comfort Inn. Proceeds from the Gala will be used to bring additional cancer treatment services to Chelsea Community Hospital.

"For years now, it's been our dream to provide additional follow-up services for the hundreds of cancer patients we treat each year," says Kathleen Griffiths, Chelsea Community Hospital President and CEO. "With every donation received, we come closer to offering patients a wider spectrum of cancer treatment services in the security and comfort of 'their' community hospital."

This year's theme is "Let It Snow!" and the Gala committee has been working hard to transform the Village Conference Center into a white and silver winter wonderland!

The evening includes a pre-gala party, which starts at 6 p.m., followed by a five-course gourmet extravaganza. The John E. Lawrence Jazz Band will provide the evening's entertainment, which includes dancing music following the meal.

"Last year, we moved our event to a larger venue to accommodate our growing guest list, which includes community members, physicians, and hospital staff," says Patty Roberts, special events coordinator. "Our guests have always delighted in the stunning decorations created by our committee, in addition to enjoying a spectacular meal, superb wines, and fantastic dancing music. It's a wonderful way for them to kick off the holiday season and support a great cause at the same time."

To purchase tickets (\$200/person) or for more information on ways to support this event, contact Roberts at (734) 475-4040 (ext. 3542).

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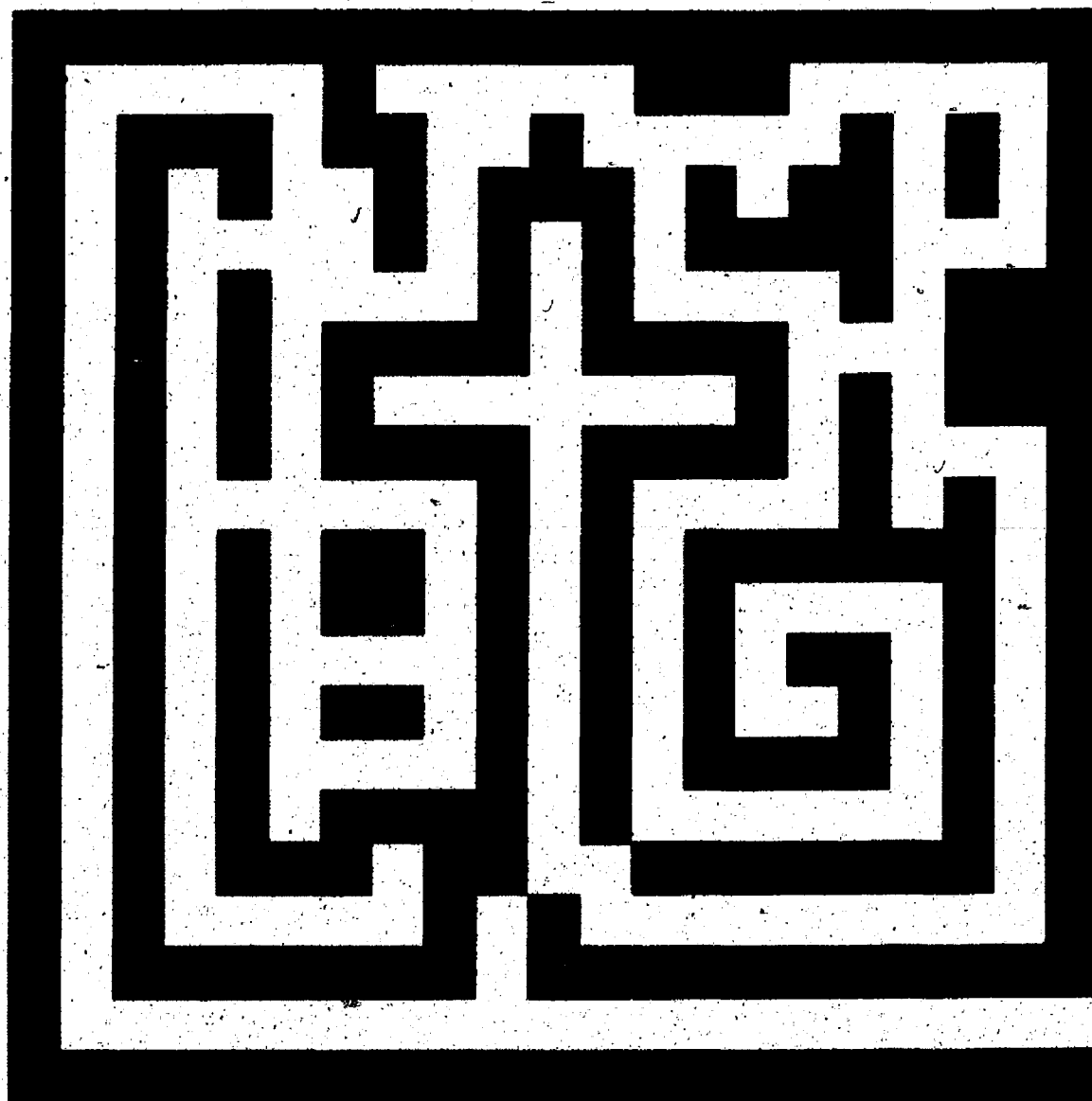
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MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS (R)
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LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (G)
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Panel discusses jail's past, future

By Austen Smith
Heritage Newspapers

As the Washtenaw County Jail continues to undergo construction, adding 112 beds to a facility that has experienced overcrowding, residents gathered Nov. 12 to discuss the challenges and the uncertain future facing the jail.

Sponsored by the Ann Arbor League of Women Voters, a panel consisting of Sheriff Jerry Clayton, Washtenaw County Prosecutor Brian Mackie, Washtenaw County Commissioner Barbara Levin-Bergman and forensic psychiatrist Dr. Christine Negendank took questions from the audience that ranged from funding issues for the jail expansion to addressing the problems of racial profiling and socio-economic challenges for minorities.

The jail expansion has been a controversial sticking point for the county since a millage asking voters to pay 0.75-mill over 20 years that would have generated about \$314 million for expansion and rehabilitation programs was soundly defeated in 2005.

One of the audience members directed his question to Clayton asking him to speak on that issue and where the jail expansion stands now.

Clayton admitted that the financial picture facing the expansion wasn't totally clear, but the sheriff's office had presented a staffing recommendation to the county saying that he was confident in what they have come up with so far.

"All of the financing questions still need to be answered," Clayton said. "We have presented a staffing plan (to the county), and I am sound on those numbers. But what we need to remember is that this is the county's jail; I am responsible for managing it. I fully understand the financial situation of

All of the financing questions still need to be answered.

SHERIFF JERRY CLAYTON

the county right now."

Clayton also spoke to the expanded walkable areas to be included in the construction that will create, what he called, a "social justice campus." In addition, an antiquated booking and intake center will be updated specifically designed to reduce stress and anxiety with new arrests.

These renewed efforts within the sheriff's department are part of an initiative to provide treatment, and reduce stress for inmates and new arrests, which will lead to improving safety at the Hogback Road jail facility, Clayton said.

"We will have processes in place and slowly re-integrate (the inmates) back into society," Clayton said.

As for the strained financial position the county administration is facing, Clayton said he and his staff are always looking out for ways in which the inmates can help recoup some of those costs after they become incarcerated. Clayton said, however, almost 60 percent of the individuals who are sentenced to a jail term are unemployed and they are careful not to heap more stress on an already stressful situation.

"Although you could recoup some of the money, the inmates are already under significant stress. We have to ask, is it worth it to contribute to that stress and possibly create a dangerous situation?" Clayton said. "If there are opportunities to generate some revenue, then we will pursue that."

One way jail staff looks to cut down on the cost of pre-

scription drugs for inmates is by partnering with drug companies to receive discounted medications. When a person is incarcerated in the Washtenaw County Jail, the county automatically incurs the cost for medical treatment and well-being, and Clayton said employing a 24-hour medical staff costs the county about \$1 million per year.

Negendank said the partnerships they have developed with the drug companies have helped out tremendously in curtailing some of those expenses, and Bergman said battling with the medical expenses has been a constant challenge for the county.

"There is no Medicaid once the sheriff admits you into the jail. The county picks up all of that cost," Bergman said. "And a lot of the people who get admitted to the jail don't have any form of insurance whatsoever. It's tough. It is something we constantly battle."

There also was a question directed at racial profiling and what, if anything, can the sheriff's office do to curtail such practices.

Clayton said that he understands the issues surrounding racial profiling and the disproportionate number of minorities incarcerated. He said there is a policy in place and he hopes that all of his deputies follow the guidelines.

"Can I sit here and say that it never happens? No, but that's just the reality," Clayton said.

"Traffic stops should be based on behavior. Whether (the deputy) chooses to search the subject or whether it is an arrestable offense should be based solely on the circumstances. We are not a perfect organization, but we are working to be as fair as we can."

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A panel consisting of Sheriff Jerry Clayton, Washtenaw County Prosecutor Brian Mackie, Washtenaw County Commissioner Barbara Levin-Bergman and forensic psychiatrist Dr. Christine Negendank took questions from the audience at a forum Nov. 12.

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Gift of a Bear helps ailing kids

The University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's and Women's Hospital is launching a new Gift of a Bear Program, which helps comfort young patients and raises money for families in need.

Supporters can purchase a teddy bear outfitted in an "M GO BLUE for Mott" T-shirt for \$25.

Proceeds also will benefit the Family Hope Fund. The fund was established to help families in which a child's

illness has created financial hardships or other types of challenges. For such families, money from the Family Hope Fund to buy food or to pay a house payment or utility bills can make the difference between despair and the strength to cope at a time of great anxiety, according to a press release from the hospital.

"I am thrilled that so many people have the opportunity to help a sick child with a little bear love," said Patricia

Warner, associate director and chief administrative officer at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Women's Hospital.

Once the bears have been purchased, they will be given to patients throughout Mott.

To purchase a bear or for more information about other ways to make a gift to benefit the children who are patients at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, contact Carol McTaggart at 998-6069 or e-mail cmctagg@umich.edu.

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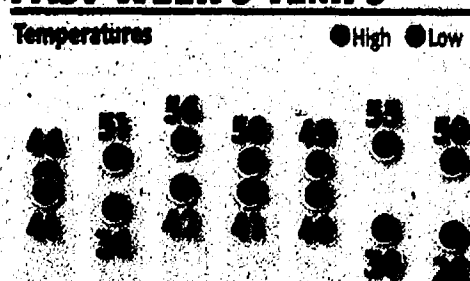
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Statistics for the week ending Sunday, Nov. 22

Temperatures:	
High/low for the week	56°/28°
Normal high/low	45°/31°
Average temperature	43.9°
Normal average temperature	38.1°
Precipitation:	
Total for the week	0.01"
Total for the month	0.03"
Total for the year	28.37"
Normal for the month	2.17"
Normal for the year	31.89"

PAST WEEK'S TEMPS



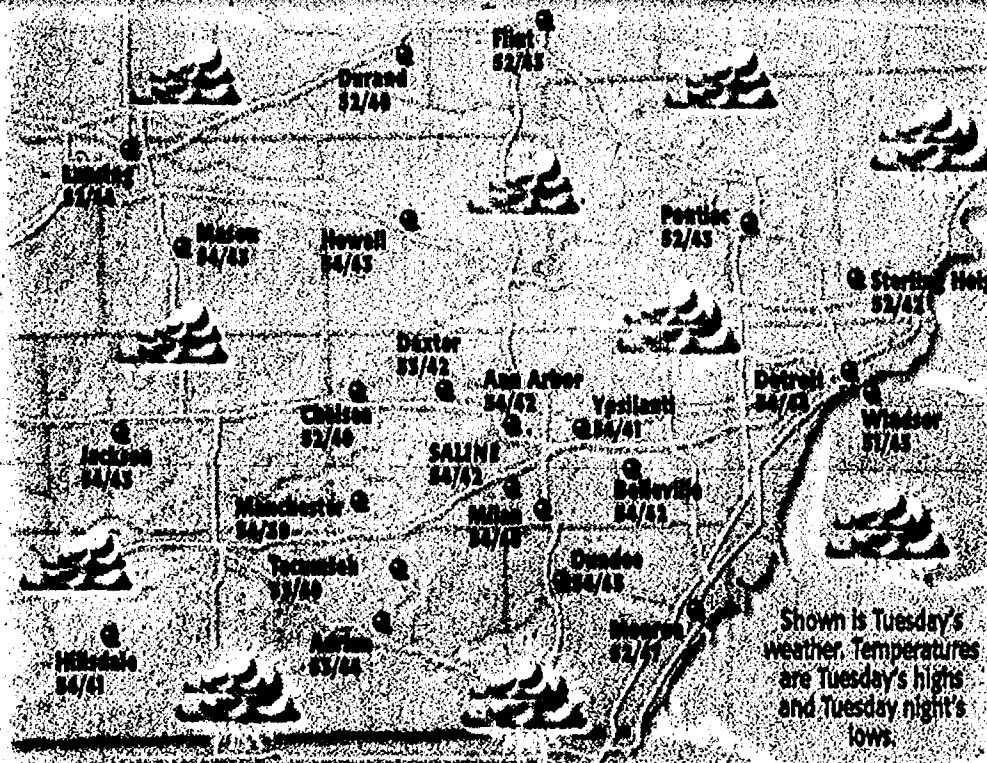
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Weekly UV Index and RealFeel Temperature*

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Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.

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SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Tuesday	7:36 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Wednesday	7:37 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Thursday	7:39 a.m.	5:06 p.m.
Friday	7:40 a.m.	5:06 p.m.
Saturday	7:41 a.m.	5:05 p.m.
Sunday	7:42 a.m.	5:05 p.m.
Monday	7:43 a.m.	5:04 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Tuesday	12:57 p.m.	None
Wednesday	1:18 p.m.	12:24 a.m.
Thursday	1:40 p.m.	1:26 a.m.
Friday	2:02 p.m.	2:29 a.m.
Saturday	2:27 p.m.	3:34 a.m.
Sunday	2:57 p.m.	4:43 a.m.
Monday	3:33 p.m.	5:53 a.m.

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Nov 24

Full

Dec 2

Last

Dec 8

New

Dec 16

RIVER LEVELS

As of 7 a.m. Sunday	Flood stage	Current stage
Ecorse Creek		2.33 ft.
Dearborn Heights		
Huron River	16 ft.	12.83 ft.
Allen Arbor		
Malletts Creek		
Arb Arbor		3.30 ft.
Mill Creek		
Dexter	12 ft.	6.24 ft.
River Raisin		
Manchester		2.79 ft.

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Normal	Current
Lake Erie	580.11 ft.	57.33 ft.
Lake St. Clair	575 ft.	573.91 ft.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	City	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.
Adrian	53/44/c	51/39/sh	49/34/r	Manistee	50/38/c	49/38/sh	48/31/c
Ann Arbor	54/42/c	50/39/sh	43/32/r	Midland	50/38/c	50/34/sh	42/31/c
Berlin	53/43/c	51/38/sh	41/32/r	Muskegon	50/41/c	51/40/sh	43/33/c
Bay City	50/42/c	49/39/sh	43/32/r	Pontiac	52/43/c	53/39/sh	42/35/r
Dearborn	54/44/c	53/41/sh	44/38/r	Port Huron	54/44/c	54/41/sh	45/37/r
Flint	52/43/c	52/40/sh	43/33/r	Saginaw	50/42/c	49/39/sh	43/32/r
Grand Rapids	50/43/c	50/39/sh	45/33/r	Sault Ste. Marie	49/39/c	49/38/sh	43/33/c
Kalamazoo	54/43/c	52/39/sh	42/34/r	Sturgis	54/43/c	51/39/sh	43/34/r
Lansing	52/44/c	52/39/sh	43/33/r	Traverse City	48/43/c	47/38/sh	45/34/c
Livonia	52/41/c	52/37/sh	43/33/r	Warren	52/45/c	52/42/sh	45/37/r

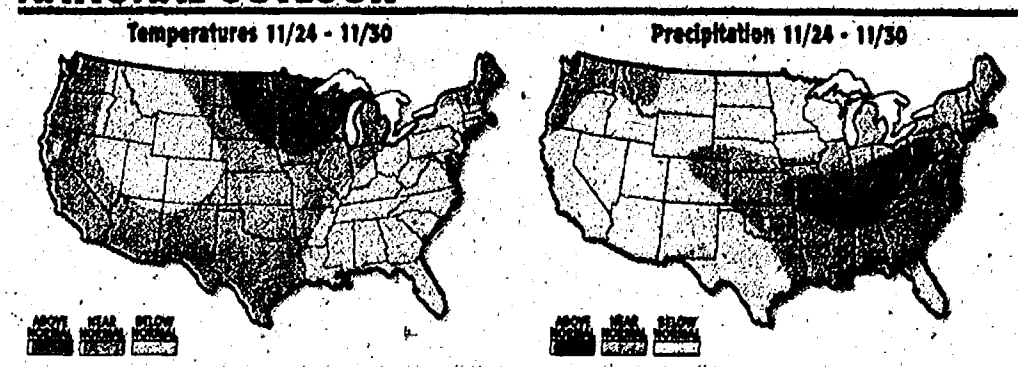
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Berlin	50/45/sh	52/44/pc	46/41/pc	Moscow	41/37/sh	42/29/sh	37/36/f
Buenos Aires	82/63/pc	77/60/r	77/59/pc	Paris	57/43/sh	54/41/r	52/41/c
Cairo	77/59/s	74/58/s	73/55/s	Rio de Janeiro	86/77/s	90/79/pc	92/77/pc
Calgary	39/16/pc	44/26/c	49/17/pc	Rome	57/36/c	53/48/pc	48/30/pc
Hong Kong	77/66/s	77/66/s	73/68/sh	Seoul	57/36/s	54/31/pc	46/25/pc
Jakarta	67/51/pc	62/52/r	60/50/r	Singapore	84/79/r	88/77/pc	88/77/sh
Johannesburg	77/57/r	80/58/pc	84/59/s	Sydney	72/64/sh	79/66/c	84/68/s
London	57/48/sh	52/41/pc	50/39/sh	Tokyo	58/67/r	63/62/r	61/60/pc
Mexico City	73/48/pc	68/48/pc	68/43/pc	Warsaw	47/37/sh	52/39/c	50/36/pc

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	City	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.
Atlanta	53/45/pc	53/48/pc	57/38/r	Miami	84/74/r	82/72/r	83/65/r
Boston	52/42/r	54/42/pc	54/45/c	Minneapolis	48/36/r	44/33/c	41/30/pc
Chicago	52/43/r	48/38/c	43/33/c	New Orleans	72/59/s	68/48/pc	66/43/pc
Cincinnati	60/44/c	53/40/c	46/33/r	New York City	55/45/r	60/48/c	56/46/sh
Cleveland	54/47/c	58/43/c	47/37/r	Orlando	80/64/r	80/64/r	78/55/sh
Dallas	67/41/pc	66/40/s	63/39/s	Philadelphia	58/44/r	60/46/c	58/46/c
Denver	46/20/s	42/22/pc	52/28/s	Phoenix	74/48/s	77/49/s	77/50/s
Honolulu	83/72/s	83/71/pc	82/71/s	Pittsburgh	55/45/c	56/41/c	52/37/r
Houston	70/46/sh	64/44/s	68/44/pc	St. Louis	58/41/r	63/38/c	44/38/pc
Kansas City	48/35/r	50/29/pc	43/29/pc	San Francisco	64/47/s	66/47/s	61/49/pc
Kansas City	64/41/s	66/41/s	66/40/s	Seattle	58/47/r	64/42/r	61/39/r
Los Angeles	79/52/s	82/52/s	82/52/s	Wash., DC	56/46/r	57/47/r	57/45/c

NATIONAL OUTLOOK



November 26, 2009

Each Ram Heavy Duty pickup model serves purpose

By David Schmidt
Journal Register Newspapers

The first new Chrysler vehicle launched under Fiat's ownership happens to be the biggest consumer vehicle they sell — the Ram Heavy Duty pickup truck.

That makes sense. First, it was about ready when they took over, and one guesses the pickup truck won't be phased out in the interest of efficiency. There's a much greater chance you'll be seeing Ram trucks all over the world rather than disappearing, although maybe they'll be called the Fiat Ram. Who knows?

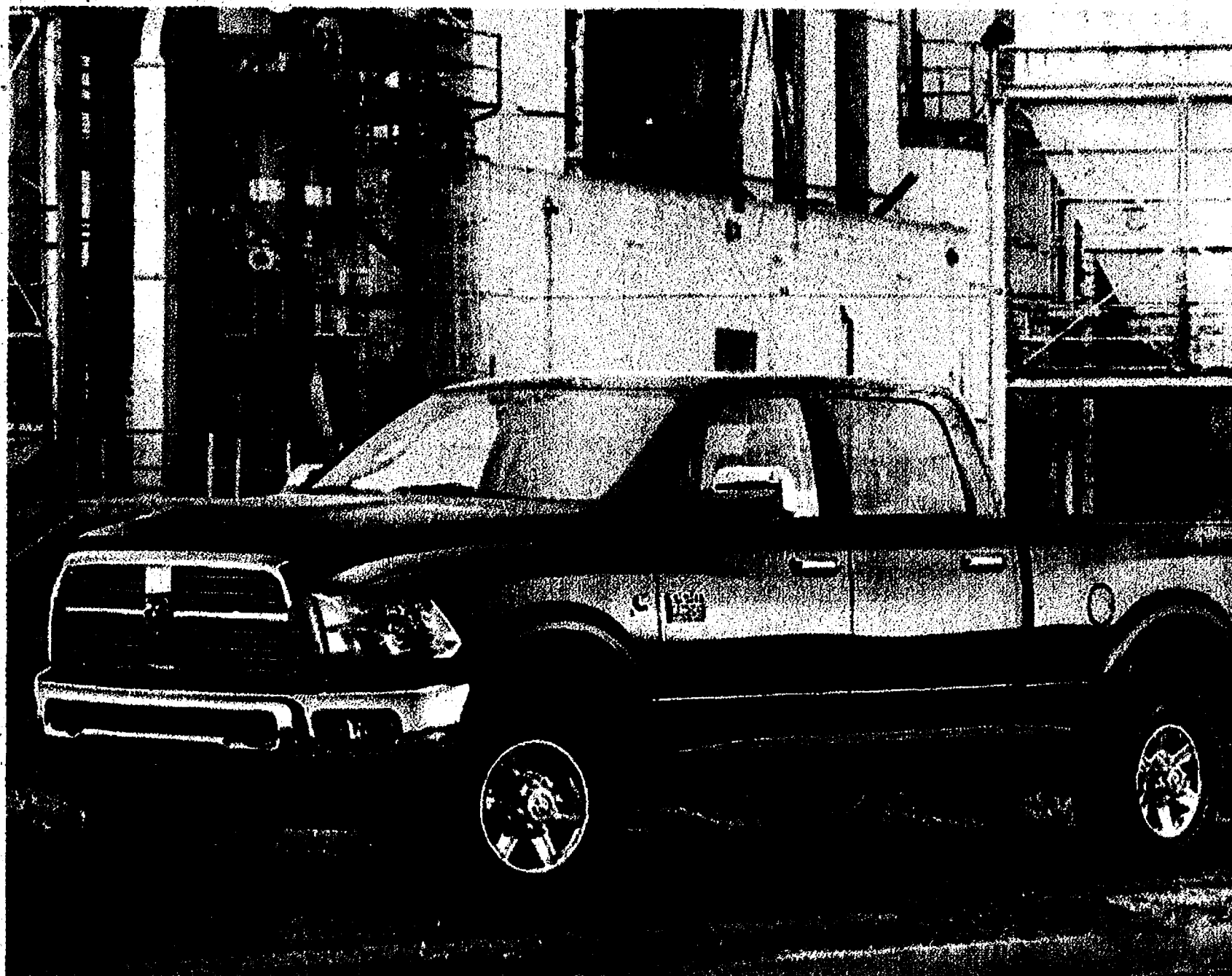
But for now, there's a new big boy on the block.

The Ram Heavy Duty is about capability. These are work trucks, even if the work is play, such as hauling a horse trailer or large boat. And in spite of the tough economic times, Heavy Duty owners need a truck. For all heavy-duty pickup owners, their buying decision is more about how many miles they have on their truck than how old it is.

They fall into one of two non-exclusive categories: the vocational owner works in construction or a manual art — he runs a snowplow, or maybe he owns an artisan business. They use the truck to put food on the table.

The recreational owner appreciates the ability of the fifth-wheel towing system to haul trailers and boats. While these two groups divide out about 50/50, the vocational users are also very likely to be recreational users.

There are two models, the Ram 2500 and the Ram 3500. You can get diesel in both and the Hemi gasoline engine is



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standard. The diesel 3500 is the ultimate tow/haul pickup truck, says Chrysler.

You can get three styles: the regular cab, with its old-fashioned small cab proportions; the Crew Cab, which is the standard choice in this market; and the Mega Cab, which takes interior space to the extreme. For those spending lots of

family recreation time on the highway with a big something behind the truck, this is the model that'll make the family happy and comfortable.

No matter what the cab style, you can get a model with the features and the price tag you want. This lineup starts with the ST, priced at \$28,165, and goes up to the SLT, the Lone

Star, the Power Wagon, the TRX and finally the Laramie.

Each model serves a purpose in the lineup; the Power Wagon is the crazy-capable off-roader while the Laramie hauls lots of luxury around. It's also at the top of the price range, getting close to \$60,000 with extras.

The Laramie Diesel Mega Cab I drove weighs in at 7,835

pounds and had a price tag of \$56,420. It's powered by a 6.7-liter Cummins diesel engine producing 350 hp. and 650 pounds-foot of torque. That's the important number for this truck because it's that torque, particularly at low revs, that eases the process of towing and carrying really heavy things.

On this model, you can get a

heated steering wheel and both heated and ventilated front seats. The poor schmucks in the back have to make do with seats that are merely heated.

The other model I drove was the base model. It had hand-cranked windows and you had to open them to adjust the outside mirrors. It was a regular cab whose Hemi V8 came from the light duty truck, but has had some work. Both that and the Heavy Duty model engines sport 383 hp. and 400 pounds-foot of torque pushed through a five-speed automatic transmission. This engine sounds great and makes the truck quite lively. Not a word you'd think to use about a Heavy Duty pickup, but one that applies in this case.

While driving the base model, the seat was absolutely against the rear of the cab. It had an 8-foot bed, was lively as can be, sounded really great and the price on the sticker was \$28,930 with a base price of \$27,214. It weighed 5,492 pounds.

The Heavy Duty comes with a standard Class IV towing hitch and integrated trailer hookups. Unlike the light-duty Ram 1500, the rear suspension includes leaf springs, meant for handling serious loads safely. To improve the feeling of the springs inside, there's damping between the truck's frame and cab. That reduces the energy that these kinds of springs will transmit along a ladder frame.

So why did Chrysler bring this out now instead of trying to encourage sales of the Ram 1500? Simple. It's an important market. This year, one out of eight vehicles sold in North America is a truck.

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Chevy Equinox poised to become big player for GM

By David Schmidt
Journal Register Newspapers

The Chevrolet Equinox is poised to become a very important player in the Chevrolet lineup, and it's got what's needed to do that.

A new platform, it's giving little away to the imports with which it must compete.

And that's important because the small CUV segment is one that all the manufacturers expect to gain in both volume and importance through the next several years.

When you consider the fuel economy requirements that are coming in the next couple of model years, this is going to be the standard sized sport ute for most of us. Anything bigger is going to be expensive, as those requirements strip them of their power and their size.

And if lots of you buy the Equinox — and I'm talking hundreds of thousands of you — General Motors can be on the road to financial recovery.

While many people talk about the coming Chevrolet Volt electric car as if it's the savior of GM, it isn't.

It may be important in demonstrating that the company can create and produce a vehicle that's on technology's



cutting edge, but it can't be the financial savior.

The price of the Volt is expected to be about 40 grand a pop, and some wonder if GM will even make a true profit at that price. If that's the case, then making it up in volume would just make things worse.

What will help the company is if it brings people into the showrooms to buy cars and trucks that are worth having at a good price, even if they aren't electric.

My first impression getting into the car was that it feels larger than it really is. The interior is spacious and you don't feel you're sitting shoulder-to-shoulder with the person next to you.

The seat is comfortable, nicely adjustable and even has a relaxing softness to it. Hard seats that lock you into place are fine in performance cars, but let's be honest, people who

drive these cars deserve any little comfort they can find in their busy days. Your relationship to the instrument panel feels right.

The rear seats can move fore or aft nearly eight inches, which should keep lanky teenagers from whining when they have to sit back there.

If you move the 60/40-split-back rear seat all the way forward, the cargo area is 31.4 cubic feet. That's a good amount of space, especially if you remember that this vehicle isn't nearly as insensitive to the environment as the ones many new owners are coming out of to buy the new Equinox.

I also liked that the instrument panel has a comfortable look to it. It has an organic feel, with nice curving lines and soft angles. The pattern of the material — it's not leather — appears less tight and abrupt. So there you go, a softer dashboard.

Taurus wagon circuits failing

Q: I have a '96 Taurus wagon with 100,000 miles. Several weeks ago my dome-light, power steering, electric windows and windshield wipers were intermittent and now they quit working. Any suggestions?

— Jim from Melvindale, Mich.

A: If these multiple circuits started intermittently failing, it's probably because a relay somewhere in the system has stopped functioning. You'll need to get a schematic diagram and start tracing where the dome-light, windows and wipers get their power and work through the circuit.

Before doing so, however, check your engine's serpentine belt to make sure it's turning the alternator. You mentioned that your power steering stopped working and that's mechanically operated by a pump driven by the serpentine belt. If the belt's broken, it'll have stopped charging the battery. Everything electrical will fail as the battery discharges.

Q: I've been having problems with my '95 Toyota Corolla for a little over a year now. The original problem started when the car died one night and eventually, it no longer started. I towed it to a mechanic and hinted that it was the fuel pump. The mechanic did a full tune up including plugs, wires, distributor and cap plus a fuel system cleaning (it had about 150k and the plugs and wires were never replaced since my wife bought it at about 75k miles). We got the car back and it ran stronger than ever, but then started to

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randomly sputter under acceleration, as if it wasn't getting fuel. I took it back and they replaced the EGR valve and solenoid, saying the exhaust wasn't recycling correctly, and that's why it sputtered. Still had the problem; they suggested it was a transmission problem, so I took it to a specialist, but nothing was wrong. No one could find the problem. Now I'm just frustrated. I don't mind spending the money to fix it, but the trial and error is getting expensive. The car runs great other than this sputtering during acceleration. Please help.

— Jared W. Parker Ford, Pa.

A: I can only guess at a few possible causes. If the Hall-effect sensor in the distributor hasn't been replaced, it's quite probable that it's heating up and failing to send a spark signal during some conditions. Another possibility is water in the fuel, something highly likely in a car this old with a lot of miles, running in a cold climate.

Before doing anything else, however, you should take the car to a Toyota dealer and pay for a diagnostic scan on your pre-OBDII electronics. There should be some embedded codes that might point to a cause.

Q: My 1999 Audi's alarm system keeps going off on its own. No one's near the car when it happens and all the doors are closed tight. What should I look for as a cause, and how much do you think it would cost to have the system repaired or replaced? I don't want to spend a lot of money.

A: Either a motion sensor or door sensor is failing or misadjusted, or a control relay is locking down intermittently. Frankly, I wouldn't spend a nickel on repairing any alarm system. I've followed the statistics nationwide for many years and car alarms have had virtually no effect on thefts. When a car alarm goes off, it deters honest people but thieves know how to disable them within seconds. The FBI statistics say that more than 80 percent of thieves don't consider an alarm to be worthy of any concern. Most insurance companies keep data on alarms and agree that they are largely ineffective at preventing thefts.

I know this advice will upset a lot of people, but if you can't fix the alarm by readjusting a sensor, you should remove the power supply to the horn/siren.

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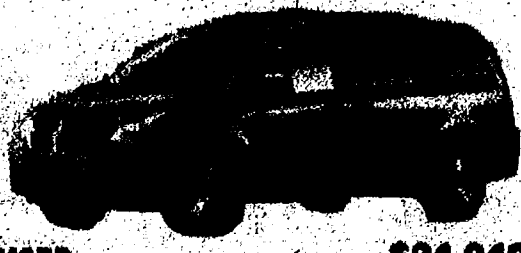
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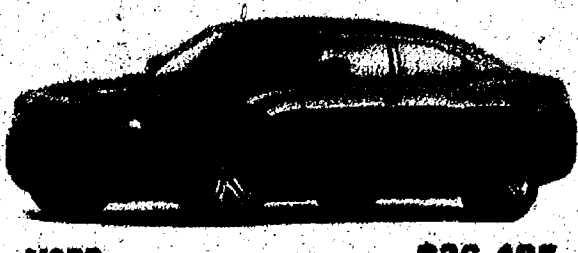
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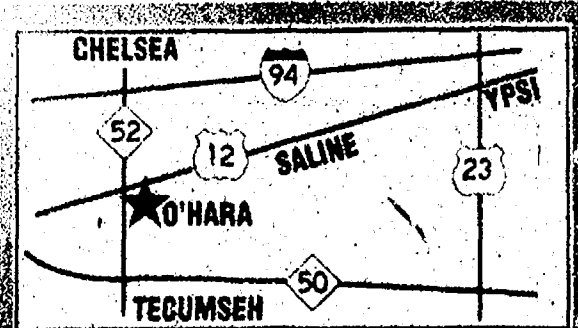


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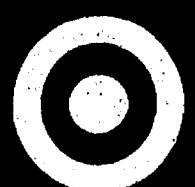
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